

## The Gospel In Ice Cream

I love ice cream! Did you know that ice cream flavors can teach us some wonderful truths about God?

Sometimes I like ice cream in a cone. It **HOLDS** my ice cream. *(put up cone)*. The Bible, God's 1 true Book **HOLDS** some wonderful, sweet truths that He wants us to know.

Do you know when ice cream was invented...when it **BEGAN**. It began several hundred years before Jesus came to the earth. People in China took snow and mixed it with other things like fruit and spices. Sometimes they put a yellow plant in it called saffron...it turned their 'ice cream' bright, golden yellow. This ice cream scoop *(put yellow scoop on)* reminds me of God. Ice cream had a beginning. But God is the **BEGINNER** Who has no beginning *(Revelation 22:13)*. God made a perfect place called Heaven with bright/yellow gold streets. Let's learn some motions about God & His Perfect Home:

God is the Creator... He Loves Me... He's Perfect ...God has a Perfect Home-Heaven: and He wants me to be there *(go over several times with motions)*.

There's another flavor I really like...Can you guess it? Yes, it's chocolate *(put dark scoop on)*. I loved chocolate so much when I was a child. In fact one day I **STOLE** a chocolate candy bar in a drug store. That was a bad choice. What does the Bible call the bad choices we make? Yes, **SIN**. Let's learn some motions about SIN:

Sin is anything I think, say, or do, that breaks God's Laws and makes Him sad *(go over several times with motions)*. Some of God's Laws are called the 10 Commandments. They say Don't Steal, Obey Your Parents, Don't Lie. The Bible says, "All have sinned" *(Romans 3:23)*. The punishment for my sin is separation from God *(go over several times with motions)*. You & I are born selfish: we want **OUR** way not God's Way. Because of our sin we are separated from God. We cannot fix this sin separation by being good. Only God can fix this sin problem. But remember God loves you and wants you with Him. So He made a way to bring you & I to Him by sending Jesus to the earth.

*(put red scoop on)* The color of this tart, red raspberry scoop of ice cream can remind us of Jesus. Jesus is God, the Son. He's always lived. He left the beauty & comfort of Heaven and came to the earth 2,000 years ago. He put on a baby body. Now He had bones and blood like you have in your body. But the major difference is that He never sinned. He grew up living a perfect life. When He was grown He let men nail His dear body onto a wooden cross. He gave His sweet blood as payment for entry into Heaven. He took the punishment of **YOUR** sin separation on Himself. He died then came alive again 3 days later. He's alive now in Heaven with His Father God.

So because of what the Lord Jesus has done *(put clean scoop on)* You don't have to stay separated from God. God can clean you from your dark, dirty sin problem and make you clean and refreshing ( I John 1:9, Acts 3:18-20)

I've tasted the refreshing taste of coconut ice cream. It just made me smile and lick my lips with joy. The BEST joy in the world is when you tell the Lord God that you are truly sorry for your sins, that you believe in Jesus, and know that He comes inside you to stay. Because...

When you believe in Jesus, God puts you in His Hands and He will never leave you *(do 'sin stretch' & bring hands together)*. Let's do that again.

You know **AFTER** you have believed in Jesus, you become God's forever child. He wants you to **GROW** to know Him better.

I've found that a lot of **GROWN UPS** like green mint ice cream *(put green scoop on)* but not a lot of kids do. But think of this green scoop to remind you to **GROW** in Jesus. **HOW** can you grow in Jesus? Just think of the letters in **GROW**: **G**-Go to church...**R**-Read your Bible n Pray...**O**-Obey God...**W**-Witness / Tell others about Jesus.

So next time you eat ice cream and you taste the sweet, wonderful different flavors, see if you can remember these sweet, wonderful truths about our great God.





