

# WHY DO WE COME AND BUILD THE LITTLE BLUE HOUSES?



*SPECIAL THANKS TO JAY THOMASON*

### **Admit — Believe — Confess**

**Admit** to God that you are a sinner. The first people God created chose to sin and disobey God. Ever since then, all people have chosen to sin and disobey. (Romans 3:23) Tell God you messed up and you are sorry for doing your own thing and turning away from Him through your thoughts, words, and actions. Repent, turn away from your sin. (Acts 3:19; 1 John 1:9) Repent doesn't just mean turning from doing bad things to doing good things. It means turning from sin and even from your own good works and turning to Jesus, trusting only in Him to save you.

**Believe** that Jesus is God's Son and accept God's gift of forgiveness from sin. You must believe that only Jesus can save you and you cannot save yourself from your sin problem—not even by praying to God, going to church, or reading your Bible. Your faith or your trust is only in Jesus and what He did for you through His life, death, and resurrection. (Acts 16:31; Acts 4:12; John 14:6; Ephesians 2:8-9)

**Confess** your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Tell God and tell others what you believe. If Jesus is your Savior, you are trusting only in Him to save you. Jesus is also Lord, which means He is in charge and calling the shots in your life. You can start following Him and doing what He says in the Bible. You are born again into a new life and look forward to being with God forever. (Romans 10:9-10, 13)

**God rules.** The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He is in charge of everything. (Genesis 1:1; Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:16-17)

**We sinned.** Since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God (Romans 3:23). The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death (Romans 6:23).

**God provided.** (John 3:16) God sent His Son, Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

**Jesus gives.** Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18)

**We respond.** We can respond to Jesus. "The ABCs of Becoming a Christian" is a simple tool that helps us remember how to respond when prompted by the Holy Spirit to the gift Jesus offers.

We came to build the little blue houses so we could tell you about the home that will last forever.

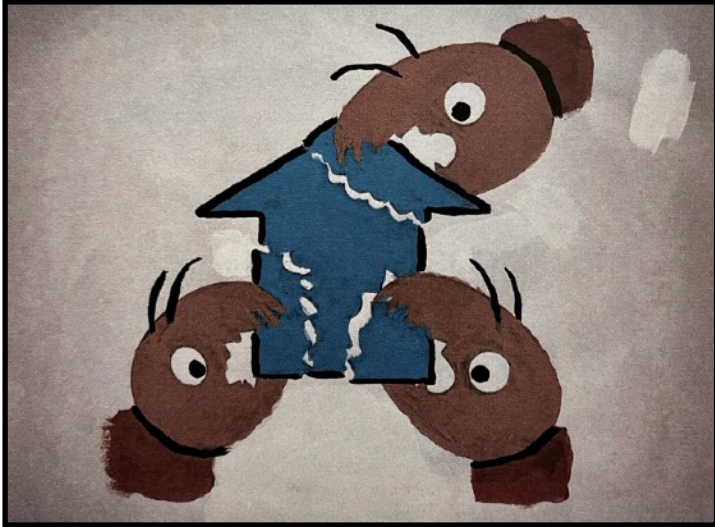


The sad news is, as nice as the new little blue house is, it will not last forever.





Sometimes bad things might happen — like the little blue house gets Chi-Chi bugs that come and eat it!



And sometimes a bad storm could come and blow it down.



Jesus told His friends that His Father’s house is big and that it has many rooms in it. It’s true. He said, “I am going to get that place ready for you. If I go and get your home ready, I will come back and get you so that we can be together.”

Jesus then said, “You know the way where I am going.”

What Jesus said confused them and one of Jesus’ friends, named Thomas, said, “We do not know where you are going so how can we know the way?”

Jesus then said to Thomas, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to God the Father but through me.”

By saying this Jesus made His friends do four things:

1. Think about the house that will last forever and that it is the best place to be after we die.
2. He made them see that they could not go to the house that will last forever without Him.
3. He made them ask how to get to the house that will last forever.
4. He told them the Answer. Believe in God and believe in Jesus... this is Good News!

*Jesus answered him, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one goes to the Father except through me. If you have known me, you will also know my Father. From now on you know Him through me and have seen Him in me.”*

*God’s Word Translation*

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**THE TRUE WAY TO THE HOUSE  
THAT WILL LAST FOREVER**

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Jesus told His very close friends that it was time for Him to leave them. He told them to love each other and that their love for each other would show the world that they followed Jesus.

Peter wanted to know where Jesus was going. Jesus said, “Peter, you cannot come with me right now, but you will come later.” Peter said, “Why can I not go right now with You?! I would die for you!” Jesus questioned Peter by saying, “You will die for Me! Before the rooster crows you will say that you don’t even know me three times.”

Jesus told everyone to not let their hearts be saddened, but to believe in God and believe in Him, Jesus.

One little blue house caught on fire and burned up.



And saddest of all, one time a little blue house was stolen and taken away!



Now, let me tell you about the House that will last forever!



To find this special house that will last forever we have to look in the Bible to find it!



### ***John 13:33-38***

*Jesus said, “Dear children, I will still be with you for a little while. I’m telling you what I told the Jews. You will look for me, but you can’t go where I’m going.*

*I’m giving you a new commandment: Love each other in the same way that I have loved you. Everyone will know that you are my disciples because of your love for each other.”*

*Simon Peter asked Him, “Lord, where are you going?”*

*Jesus answered him, “You can’t follow me now to the place where I’m going. However, you will follow me later.”*

*Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, why can’t I follow you now? I’ll give my life for you.”*

*Jesus replied, “Will you give your life for me? I can guarantee this truth: No rooster will crow until you say three times that you don’t know me.”*

### ***John 14:1-6***

*“Don’t be troubled. Believe in God, and believe in me. My Father’s house has many rooms. If that were not true, would I have told you that I’m going to prepare a place for you? If I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again. Then I will bring you into my presence so that you will be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”*

*Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we don’t know where you’re going. So how can we know the way?”*