

He Climbed in with Us

A grandfather found his grandson jumping up and down in his playpen, crying at the top of his voice.

When Johnny saw his grandfather, he reached up his chubby little hands and said, "Out, Gramps, out!"

It was only natural for the grandfather to reach down to lift him out of his predicament, but as he did, the mother of the child stepped up and said, "No, Johnny, you are being punished, so you must stay in."

The grandfather was at a loss to know what to do. The child's tears and his outstretched hands reached deep into his heart. But the mother's firmness in correcting her son must not be taken lightly.

Love, however, found a way.

The grandfather could not take the grandson out of the playpen, so he climbed in with him.

Do you get the analogy?

It is a picture of what Jesus Christ did for us. He climbed in with us.

Jesus, God's Son, left the throne room of heaven for a dark and sinful world. Fully divine, He became fully human when He was born in a stable in Bethlehem, grew into manhood, taught us with His words and His example, and died for our sins on the cross. He took our correction upon Himself.

And we become part of His forever family through confession of our sins and placing our trust in Him. As a result, during your good days and the tough times, Jesus is present. His indwelling Holy Spirit is there to comfort and to guide you.

And the Word (Jesus) became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14 NKJV).

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