

# JOY!

## GETTY KIDS DEVOTIONAL

25-DAY ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

DAY 22

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground

*'Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.'*

GENESIS 3:17-18

Our home in Northern Ireland has a big field out the back and our daughters like to hunt for wild flowers. They can sometimes be hard to get to because so many thistles and thorns grow up beside them. No matter how often they are pulled out those weeds keep coming back!

When God first made the earth He planted a perfect garden and Adam and Eve made their home there. When they disobeyed God even the ground was damaged by their sin. Thorns and weeds began to grow making it very hard work to grow food and take care of the land.

The sin in our own hearts is very like the thorns and weeds that grow on the ground. Beside beautiful things like love and joy and kindness ugly thorns of hate and worry and pain grow in us too. Jesus came to remove every thorn and weed. The ones in the fields and the ones in our heart. He helps us see and pull away the weeds of sin. He gives us comfort when we are sad. Because of His death on the cross we have forgiveness and life and hope. One day He will make the earth and us completely new again—every thorn will be gone!



*Father in Heaven,*

*Thank you for forgiving my sin. Thank you for the joy of knowing what is good and right. While we learn and follow You remind us always that one day we will be in a perfect garden again with you!*

*In Jesus name  
Amen*

