



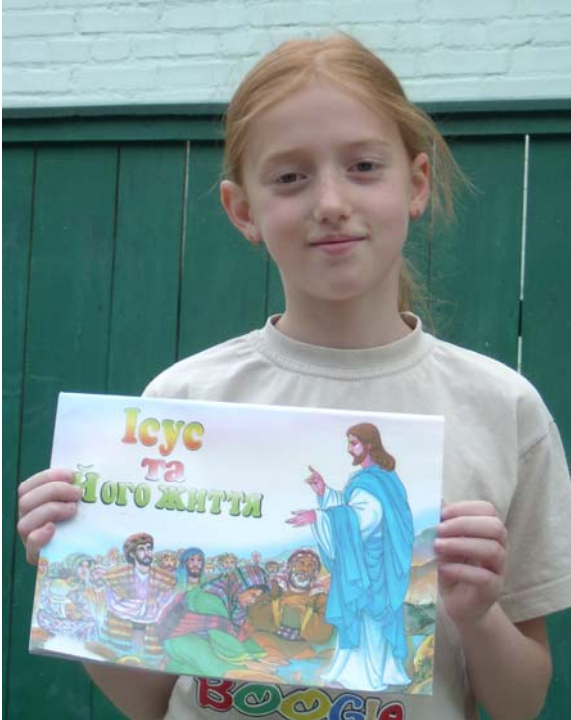
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## Jesus and His Life to Ukrainian Children

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***“Jesus knows my misery,” this is the greatest joy for me now ...***



Can anything else comfort an eleven year old girl who lost her mother just recently? Is there any medicine to heal the girl? She is still a child, who needs her mother so much, and who is overwhelmed by deep grief. How is it possible to give comfort in such challenging life situation?

And yet, Anja, an eleven year old girl from Kiev, Ukraine can confess: It is possible! I received comfort. It is experience of my young life.

Although she lost her mother, Anja has not sunk into despair and hopelessness. In fact, she is experiencing special peace, hope, gratitude and even joy.

Listen attentively to Anja’s testimony and poem that she wrote after having met Jesus by reading *Jesus and His Life*, a book given to her by International Bible Society.

*When my mother passed away I was very, very sad and couldn't find any way to have hope. I was missing her every minute and couldn't stop sorrowing, not even for a minute. But in March of this year, I was given a book at school where I attend. Jesus and His Life is the title. When reading the book I realized that Jesus knew my misery and wanted to help me in my needs. This is the greatest joy for me now. I have hope for the future now, knowing that I can meet my mother in heaven one day. To express my gratefulness I composed a poem:*

*My mother passed away  
I don't feel a profound grief only  
But a gleam of hope I can see now too ...  
She doesn't feel any pain now, I know  
No suffering is hurting her any more*

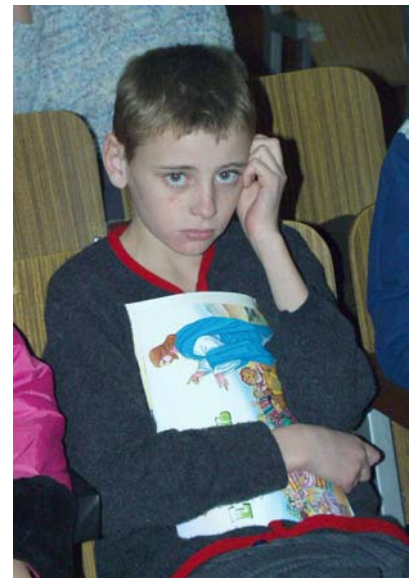
*She was beautiful and wise  
And strained to do her utmost  
To provide for a family  
“Mum, you did well”  
I will tell her when I meet her again  
The deepest thanks to express for all she did*

*To meet my mother and God too  
I will be faithful to our Lord Jesus  
Striving to be a child of good character  
Growing into a fine person  
So my mother would be proud of me*



Anja is still missing the warm embrace of her mother, her sweet voice and kind hands stroking her hair every night before bed. But now Anja knows Jesus and that His kind hands were crucified for her. His sweet voice tells her: “I love you so much, Anja”, she experiences His presence every day. *Jesus and His Life* is not just a title of book for Anja – Jesus is present in her daily life, helping her to face and cope with every daily challenge.

***There are thousands of children in the schools of the Ukraine, receiving hope and joy in Jesus through the pages of the Jesus and His Life book. Yet the needs are enormous for more children’s books. Please join us in praying and giving donations to reach more children for Christ. Then they can declare with Anja, “Jesus knows me and loves me, and that is the source of my joy for everyday life....”***



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