

# The Emperor's son

# HELLO!
## I'm the Emperor's son!



I live in Antarctica, the coldest place on Earth. Last fall my mother and father, along with thousands of other Emperor penguins, left the ocean. They marched day and night for more than a week through snow and wind to this icy place.

A few weeks later, my mother laid one large egg – me! She caught

the egg on her feet, quickly gave it to my father to keep warm in the brood pouch under his belly, then started her long walk back to the ocean to find food.

My father huddled with the huge crowd of other males in the cold (-60 degrees), wind and dark on the open ice for 64 days. He had nothing to eat but snow; his body used blubber for energy. He became very thin and tired, but he kept the egg with me growing inside safe and warm. If an egg is outside the pouch, it could die in just few minutes!



One day in July, my father heard, "chip, chip, CRACK!" I hatched! I heard my father's voice, singing a welcoming song. He fed me the last little bit of "penguin milk" that he had stored deep down in his throat to help me survive my first few days.



After several days, I heard a lot of noise – the mother Emperors had come back! My mother called loudly until she heard my father answer back. With a belly full of food, she saw me for the first time. We were very happy to see each other!



Now it was my father's turn to start on a long walk to the ocean to find food. My father and I sang to each other until he was sure that I knew his voice. I would forever know my father's voice.

My mother and father took turns caring for me until I was four months old. The ice slowly melted and spring came. We all walked the short distance to the sea. Now I spend my days swimming, sliding, playing and catching fish here in the ocean!

The father Emperor Penguin reminds me of **God**. God wants to be your father. He loves you so very much that He gave His Son, **Jesus** for you. He calls to you by name; He wants you to come to Him. He knows your voice and you can learn to know Him.

You need to believe that Jesus was punished for all your **sins** *(the wrong things that you have done)* when He died on the cross. Then you can speak to God as your **Father** and know that you will be with Him forever in heaven.



**God said, "I will be a Father unto you"**

**I Corinthians 6:18**

**For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish but have everlasting life.**

**John 3:16**




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## Emperor Penguin Facts

- **Emperors** are the largest of all penguins.
- **Penguins** have thick feathers and lots of fat under their skin to help keep them warm.
- **They** can dive 565 meters, deeper than any other bird, and stay under for more than 20 minutes.
- **Penguins** have no knees; that's why they waddle!
- **Each** penguin has its own voice; a penguin can recognise the individual sound of its mate and its chick even among thousands of others in the colony.