



# A Guiding Hand

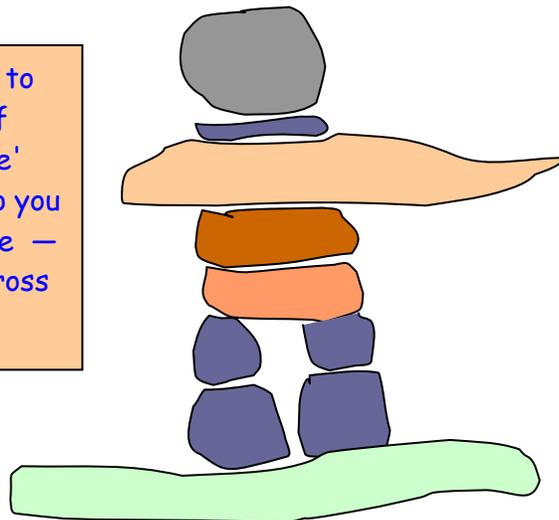
A familiar sight along many northern highways and parks is the **Inukshuk**. An inukshuk is a figure created of stones that resembles a person. Traditionally, people would construct an inukshuk to **give a message** to other travellers.

The message might be:

- Other people are nearby — you are among friends.
  - Go this way to find food.
  - Stay away from this place.
  - You're heading into a valley.

The message would be understood by how the stones were arranged. For example, an extended arm might point which direction to follow. Or arms & legs firmly planted into the soil might mean there was a valley ahead with a choice of two paths to take. A circular space in the middle of the inukshuk meant there would be other signals in the distance to guide you further.

It was a good idea to learn this kind of inukshuk 'language' because it could help you — even save your life — when journeying across rugged lands.



The inukshuk has come to be accepted as a symbol of friendship. It is one of the things that people look forward to seeing in the North.

But as helpful as the inukshuk may be, it can't tell you everything.  
There is only one Guide who is able to do that: **God**.

God has given us the Bible as the ultimate guiding words for our lives.  
God has also sent His Son **Jesus** to save us from harm,  
and His **Holy Spirit** to point us in the right direction.

# GOD - the best Guide!

God's messages to us are always dependable.

- He lets us know He is our friend and guide. And He welcomes us into His family.

*"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." – Romans 10:13*

- He shows us safe paths to follow.

*"He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake." – Psalm 23:3*

- He helps us to stay away from dangerous territory.

*"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.' "*  
– Isaiah 30:21

And, whereas a strong wind or a bulldozer might plough down an inukshuk, **nothing** can destroy God's words. He has made them to last forever!

Next time you see an inukshuk, why not remember the best Guide: the great Lord of heaven, the God who loves you and cares for your future.

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*Dear Lord, thank you that you are my Saviour,  
my Friend, and my Guide. Amen.*  
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