

Little Bible Treasures III



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113.) Good Ground

Jesus told a story to show us what having a good heart that is filled with God's Word is like. He told about a farmer planting seeds.

As the farmer sowed the seeds, some fell along the wayside and the birds ate those seeds.

Some seeds fell on rocky ground, and they didn't grow well because there wasn't deep soil for their roots.



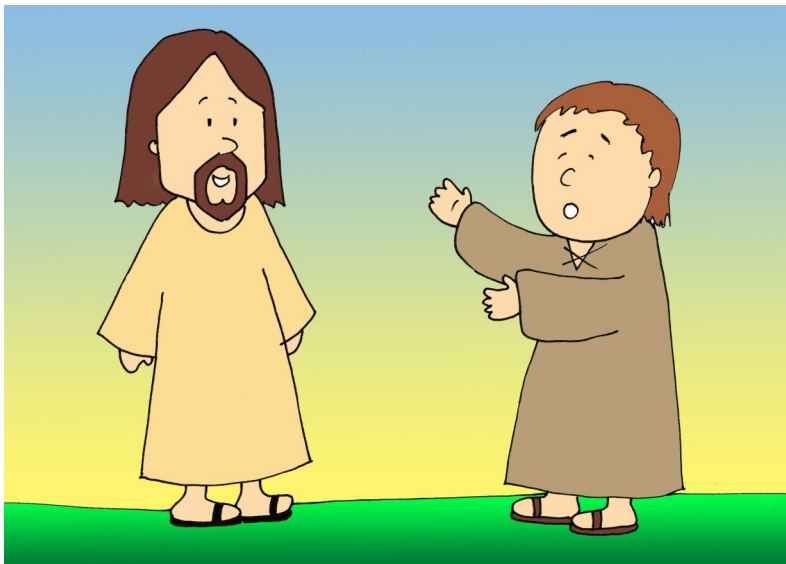
Some seeds fell among the thorns and weeds, and couldn't grow up and bear fruit there. Those ugly plants took all the space and nutrients away from the new little plants.

The seeds that fell on the good soil grew well and strong, and bore lots of fruit.

The farmer was happy.



God's Word is like the seeds. If we have a good heart that is ready to hear and obey God's Word, we can grow up strong and do wonderful things to help Jesus and others. We'll bear the fruit of helping others to know Jesus!



114.) See, Hear, Talk

Bartimaeus was blind, and as he sat on the side of the road asking for people to give him the things he needed, he heard a crowd of people nearby. When Bartimaeus found out that Jesus was walking with that crowd, he called out loudly for Jesus to help him.



"What do you want?" Jesus asked him.

Bartimaeus said, "I want to see!" He had faith Jesus could heal him, and when he opened his eyes, he could see Jesus! He was healed! Bartimaeus loved Jesus and wanted to follow Him.



Another time, a man that couldn't hear or talk was brought to Jesus. Jesus touched his ears and tongue, and then all of a sudden this man could hear everything and could talk, and knew how to speak the language, right then!

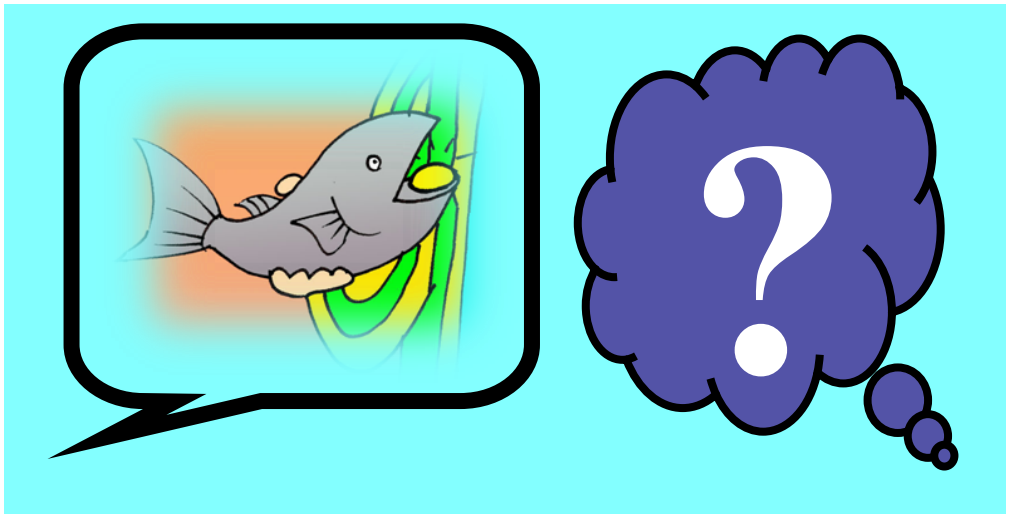
Everyone was surprised and very happy!



115.) Coin in a Fish

When Peter was being asked for money by some temple tax collectors, he didn't know what to do. The tax collectors also wondered if Jesus was going to pay His tax.

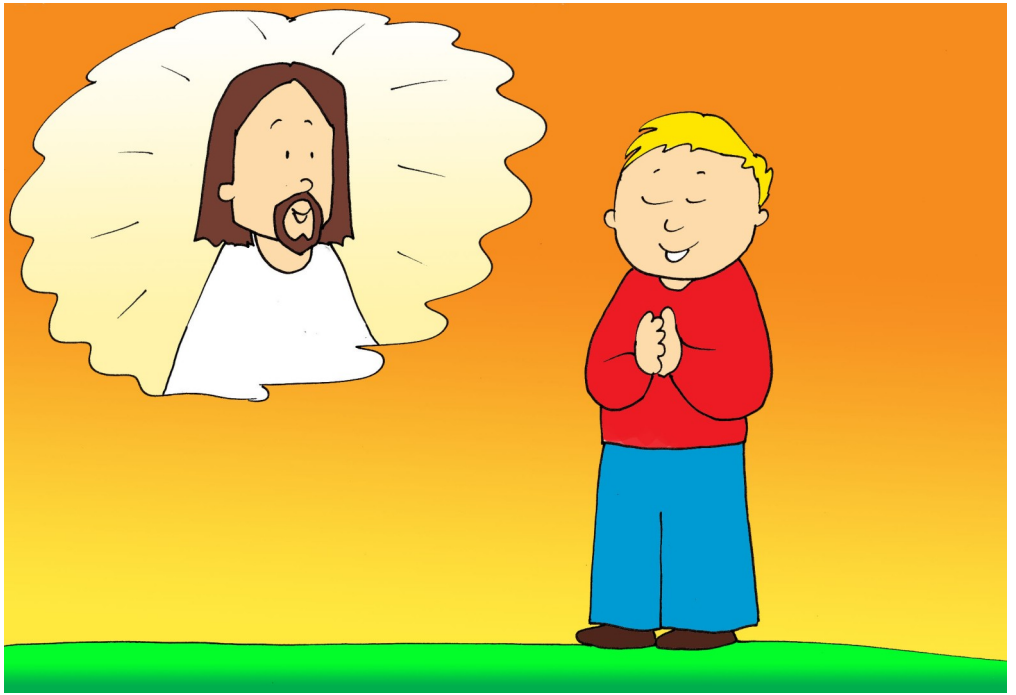
Peter spent all his time helping others and travelling with Jesus as His disciple, and didn't have any coins to give them on that day.



Jesus noticed Peter was feeling troubled about it, and said not to worry. Jesus would do a miracle to supply what was needed to cover the cost of both of their taxes. Jesus told Peter to go fishing with a line and a hook, and to pull up the first fish he caught. There was going to be a surprise in the fish's mouth.



Peter obeyed and when he opened the fish's mouth there was a coin in it! It was just the amount of money they needed to give to the men. Jesus can do anything, and will help to take care of us.

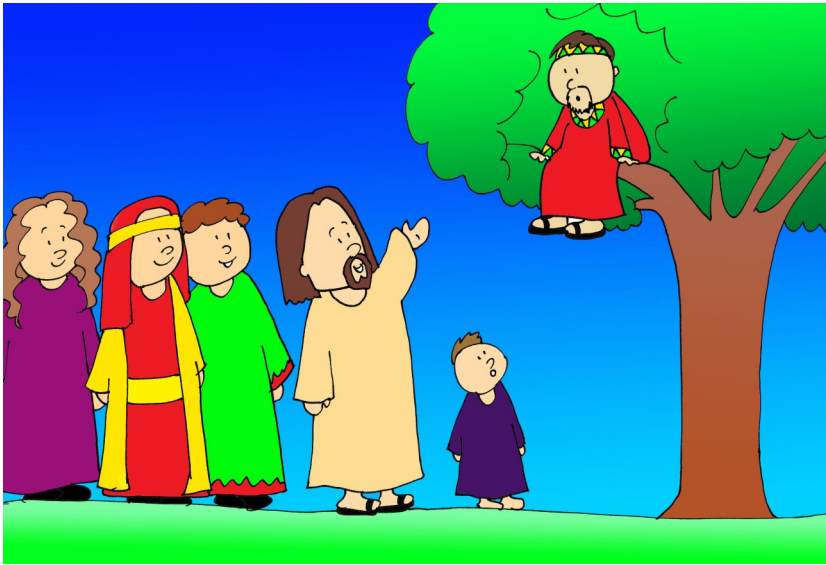


When there is something we need, we can just pray and ask Jesus to help us get it, and then obey whatever He tells us to do. Jesus will supply whatever we need if it's good for us.



116.) Choosing What Is Important

A short little man named Zacchaeus was real sad. He thought that the way to be happy was to get more things for himself, but it wasn't working. Zacchaeus was selfish and took too much from others. No one wanted to visit him because he was unkind, so he was very lonely.



One day when Jesus was walking down the street, Zacchaeus wanted to see Him. Since he was so short, he climbed up into a tree to get a good view. When Jesus was walking past, He stopped and looked up at Zacchaeus and said, "Come down! I want to visit your house today." Zacchaeus was so happy, and very surprised.



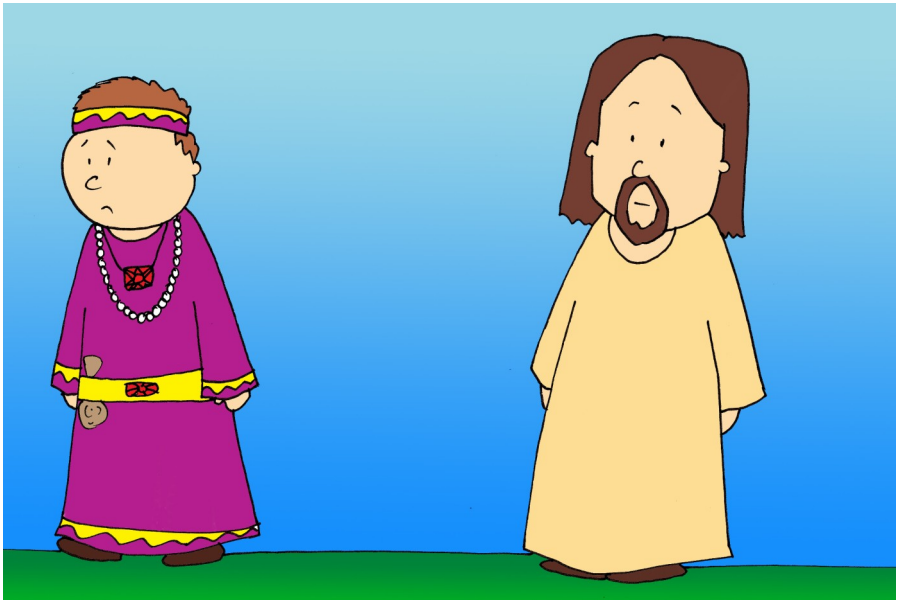
Zacchaeus learned from Jesus that being kind and giving would make him feel happier.

He took half of everything he had and gave it to poor people, and he gave back extra money to those he had taken too much from. People were glad to be friends with this man who had learned the loving ways of Heaven.

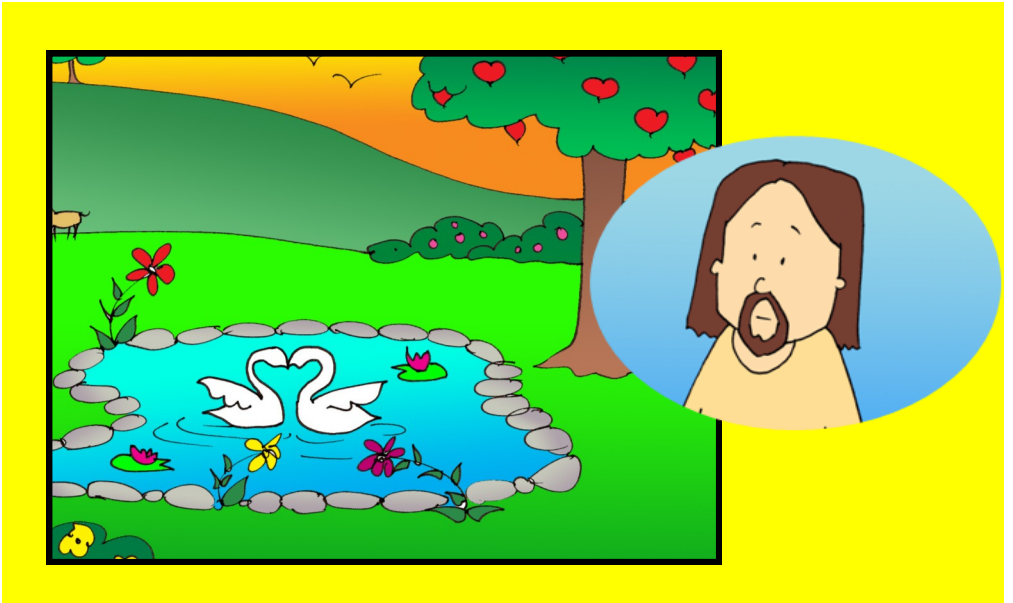


117.) Rich Young Ruler

There was a man who had lots of riches, but he was not happy. Jesus told him that the way to be happy and to please God was to share his riches with those who were poor and in need, and then to come and follow Him.



Jesus invited him to be one of His disciples. If this rich ruler had obeyed what Jesus said, he would have many riches in Heaven. But this man decided to keep all his treasures for himself, and not to follow Jesus. The man felt even sadder then, as he walked back to his house.



Just having a lot of things won't make anyone happy. Jesus was disappointed with this man's decision. Jesus wanted him to be happy, to be a part of His team, and to be able to receive many rewards in Heaven.



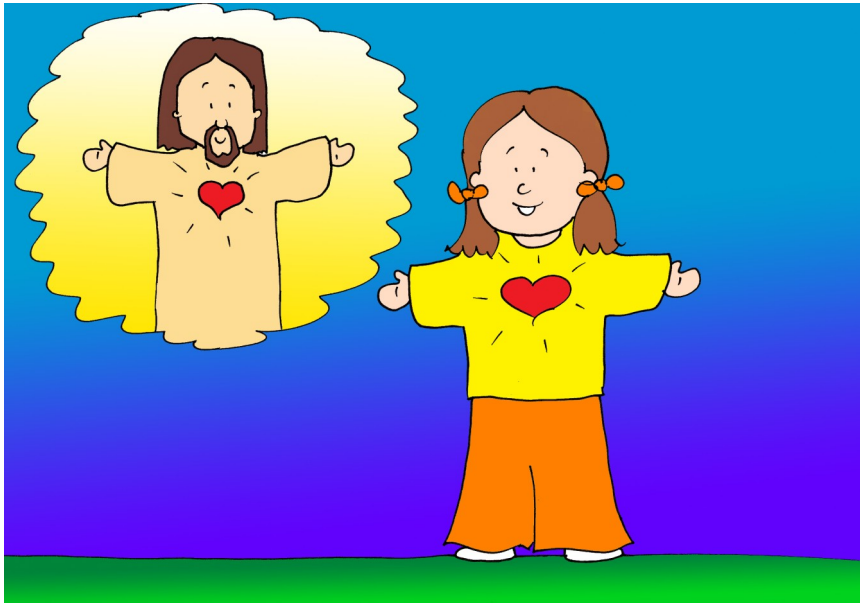
118.) Love and Forgiveness

It can be hard to forgive those who do unkind or saddening things to you, or make things difficult for you. Jesus talked with Peter about how He wants us to forgive those who make mistakes—to not be mad at them, and to give them another chance to do better.



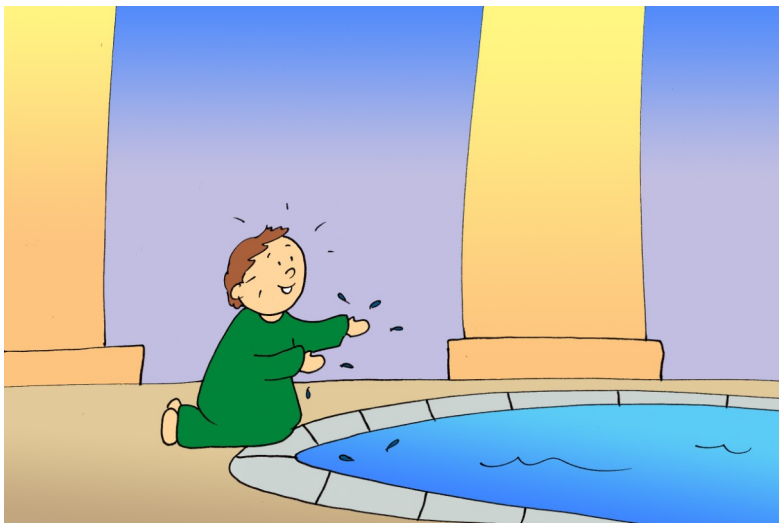
Jesus taught His disciples that when we act loving, caring, and helpful, it will show people that we really are His disciples. If we are rude and selfish, angry and impatient, people won't be able to see a good example of God's love.

To be a true disciple of Jesus we need to show love, just like Him.



We need to forgive and to be patient, gentle, and understanding. And not just one time, but again and again, like Jesus. We can pray for Jesus to give us His love for others.

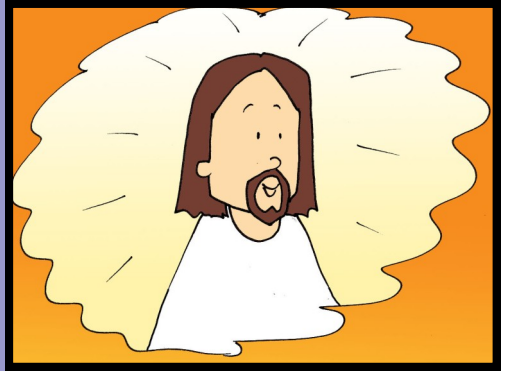
When we show love it makes Jesus very happy, and we will be happier too.



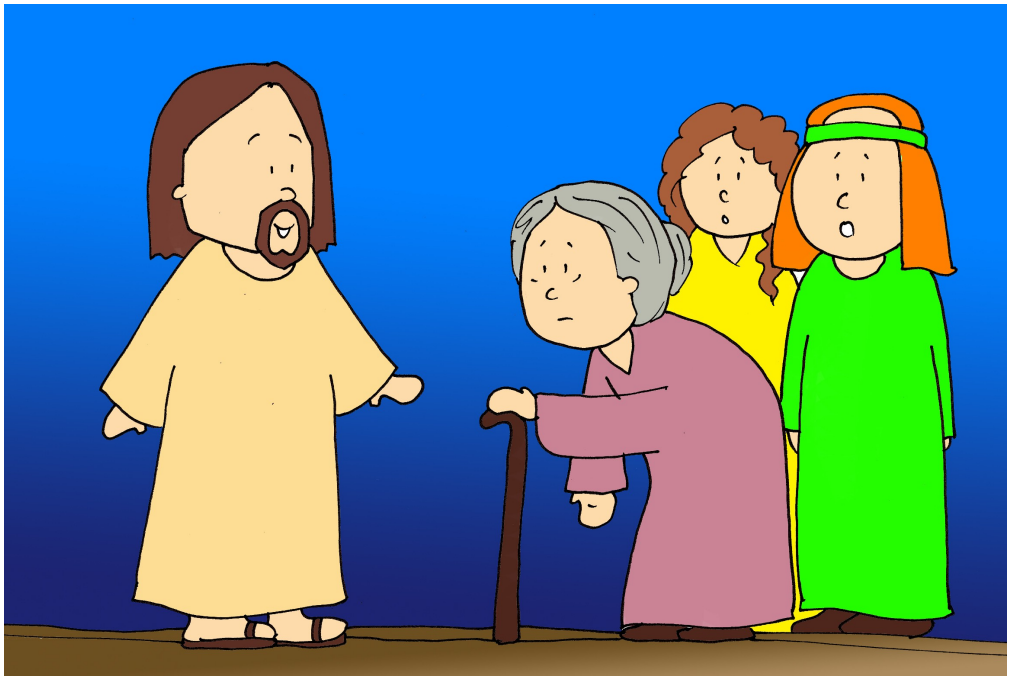
119.) Faith and Freedom

A blind man had sat in a certain place very often. He would go to the same spot for many years, and everyone around knew him.

When Jesus walked past him, He wanted to heal him. Jesus told him to wash his eyes in the pool of Siloam.



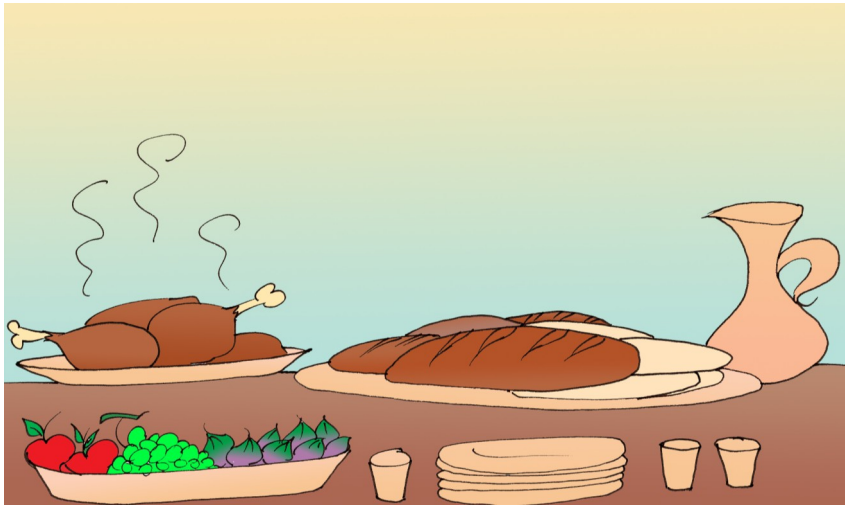
This man had been blind his whole life, but when he obeyed, he was suddenly able to see! When he talked with Jesus later, he believed that Jesus was God's Son.



One time, there was a woman whose back was all curled over and she couldn't stand up properly. Jesus was preaching and stopped right then to heal her.

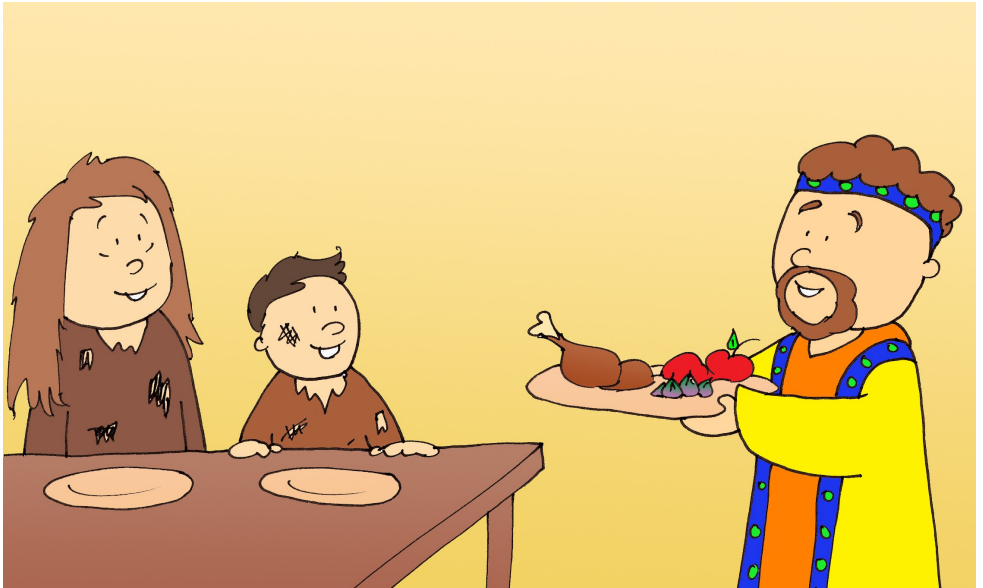


At last she was able to stand up straight and walk normally. It felt so good to be able to move around easily. The people who were listening to Jesus cheered!



120.) Dinner Discussions

A fancy dinner was made, and Jesus and His disciples were invited to eat. Jesus talked to those there at the meal, and told stories that taught them good lessons. Jesus said that if they were invited to a meal, they should be humble and sit in the least fancy seat.



He said to leave the best place for others to sit at, and that they shouldn't think of themselves as the most important person around. Jesus told them to invite the poor people to nice big meals too, and not just their rich friends who would give them good things in return.



To give to someone who can't return anything back to you again is a kind thing to do. Jesus said that being generous to those in need would make God happy. He said that if people would give, they would receive great things in Heaven, because they shared unselfishly with others on Earth.



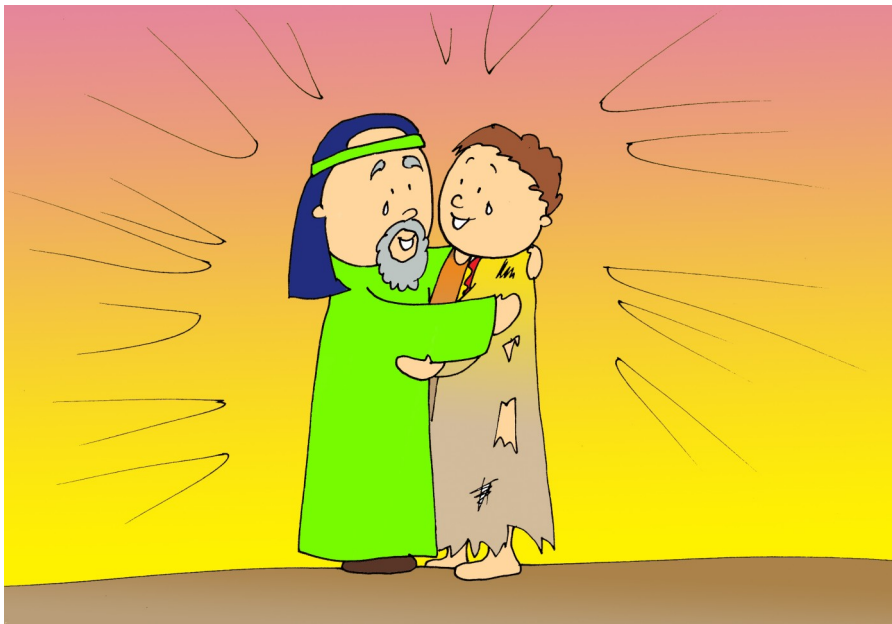
121.) The Father's Love

Jesus told a story to show how much God loves us. The story was about a young man who wanted to go off and live a selfish life.

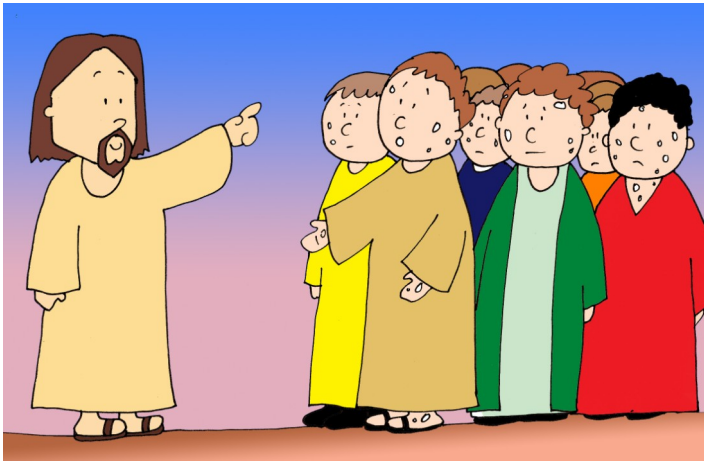
He didn't help his father and brother on the farm. He spent all his money on foolish things.



In the end, he was sad and hungry, and wished he was living with his father again. The sad man didn't know if his father would forgive him for leaving and wasting everything that he had. However, when the father saw his son returning, he ran out to welcome him home.



He loved his son so much and was very glad to see him again. Jesus is like that father, and loves each of us so very much. When we are sorry for the silly and disobedient things we have done, and we choose to be close to Jesus again, He forgives us and is very happy.



122.) Obedience and Gratefulness

Ten very sad men were walking down the road. Their sickness kept them from being around others. But then they saw something wonderful!

Jesus was walking a short distance away, and these men called out loudly for Jesus to heal them. Jesus told them to walk to the priest by faith and tell him that they were healed.



These men obeyed Jesus' instructions right away. They started walking to announce that they were healed, and as soon as they started obeying what Jesus said, they were healed!



One man was so grateful to be healed, that the first person he wanted to see was Jesus.

He ran back to where Jesus was and thanked Him enthusiastically! It made Jesus glad to hear this man saying "Thank you!"

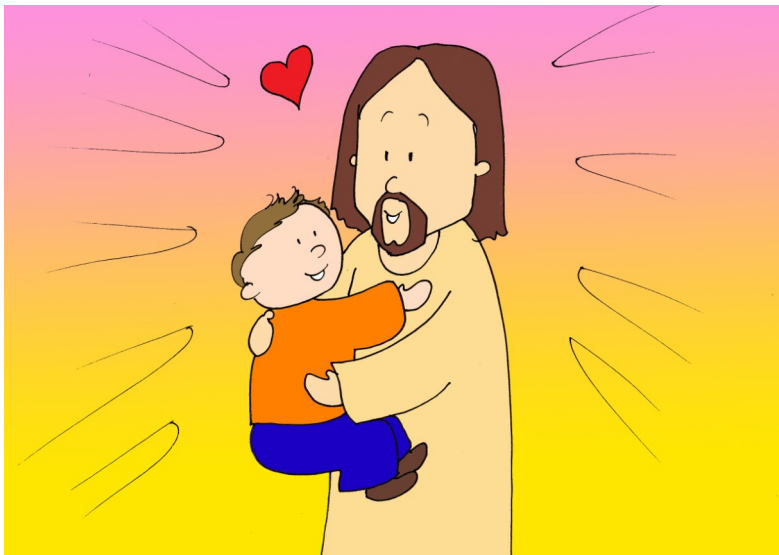


123.) A Good Shepherd

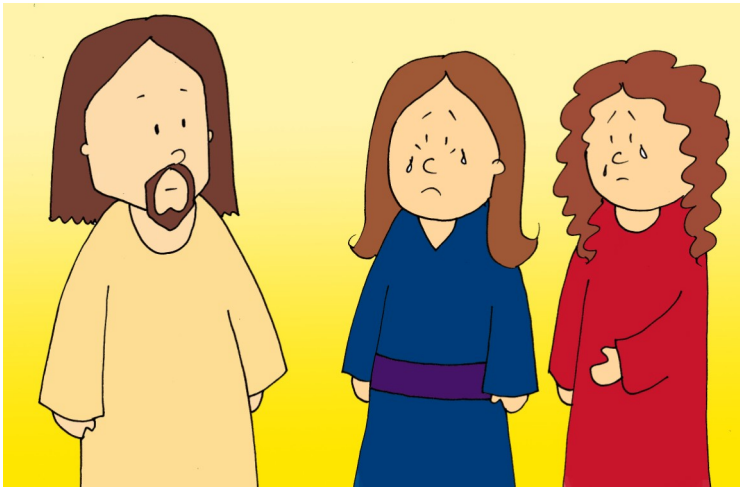
When a sheep is lost, a good shepherd goes to find it. When a sheep is hurt, he helps to bind up the hurt. The shepherd takes the sheep to feed on nice green grass, and brings them to calm and clean pools of water to drink.



Jesus told a story of a shepherd that had one hundred sheep. He took good care of them. One day a sheep strayed and got lost. The shepherd left all the others in the fold to go and search for his one lost sheep. When at last he found it, he was so glad. He called his friends to celebrate!

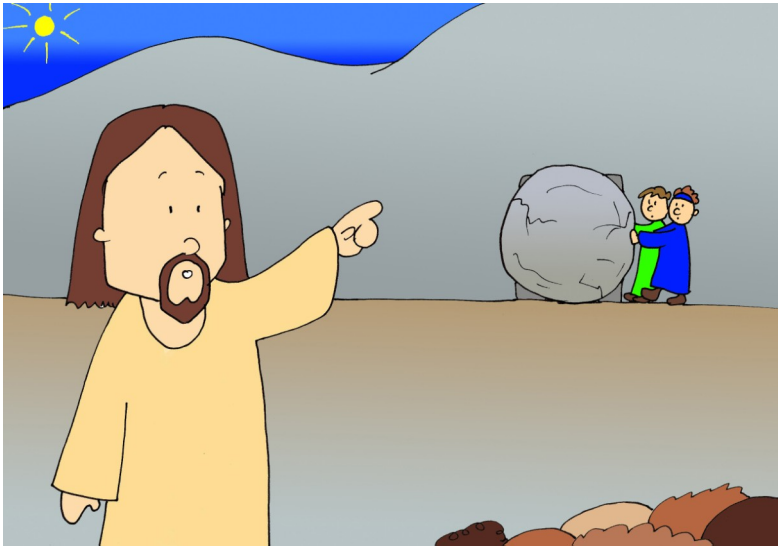


Jesus is like a good and loving shepherd. Jesus loves us so much that He will do whatever is best to keep us safe and close to Him. Jesus is happy when we follow Him closely, listen to His voice, and do what He asks of us. Jesus loves us and wants us to stay close to Him, because then He can take good care of us and we'll be much happier.



124.) Lazarus

Jesus had a friend whose name was Lazarus. Lazarus and his sisters, Mary and Martha, always enjoyed it when Jesus came for a visit. One day Lazarus was very sick, and his sisters asked Jesus to please come. When He arrived at their home, Mary and Martha were crying and very sad because their brother had died.



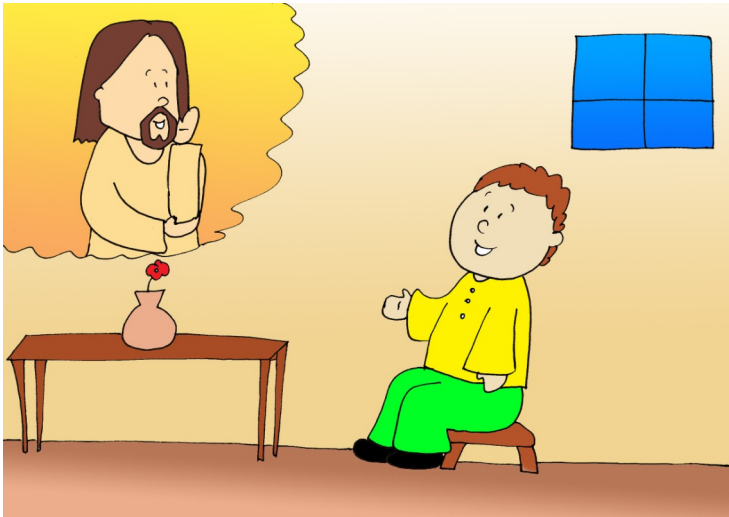
Jesus told them that a big miracle would happen, and that they should have faith. Lazarus was in a grave and a stone was at the entrance. "Roll away the stone!" Jesus instructed. After the people obeyed and rolled it away, Jesus prayed a prayer of thankfulness. He knew His Father in Heaven was going to do a great miracle.



Jesus then shouted out, "Lazarus! Come forth!"
To the astonishment of everyone, Lazarus was
alive again and walked out of the grave to them!

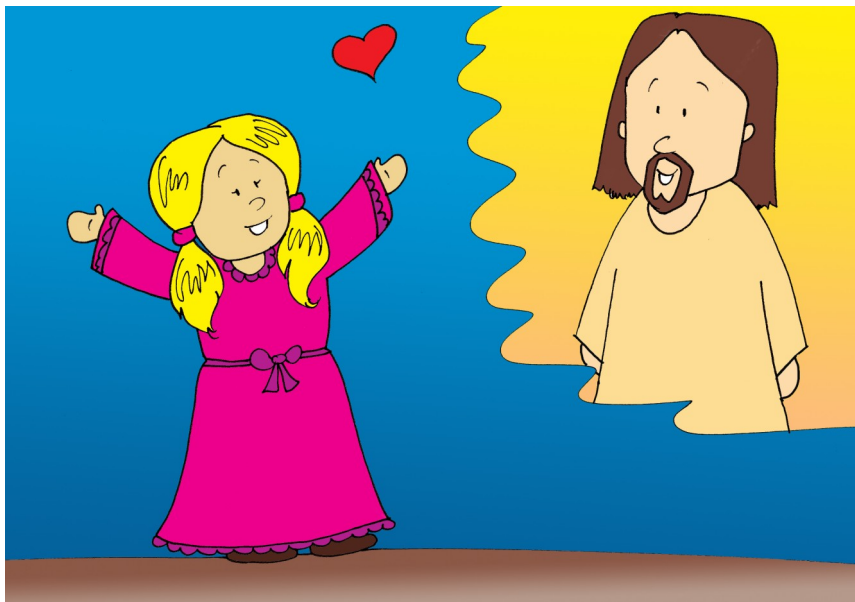
Many people believed in Jesus as a result,
and were glad for this wonderful miracle.

Jesus can do anything!



125.) Heavenly Communication

Jesus taught His disciples a simple prayer to pray, that we call "The Lord's Prayer". It's a great prayer to learn, and to pray. We can also talk to Jesus in our own words, right from our hearts. Whatever words you use, He will be so glad to hear you talking with Him!



Praying is simple. All we need to do is talk to Jesus, and tell Him what we are thinking and needing. Jesus always hears us when we pray, and wants to give us what is best.

When we pray, we can also tell Jesus how thankful we are for all that He has done for us.