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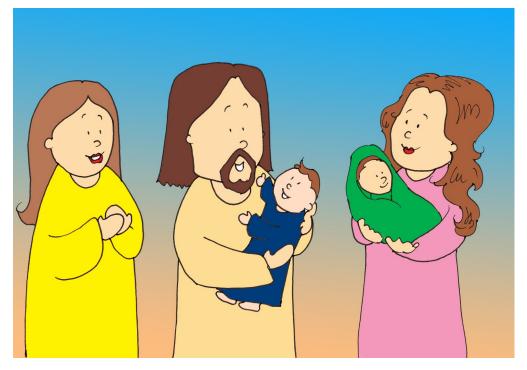
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126.) Jesus and the Children

Children make Jesus so happy! He loves them very much. One day when Jesus was real tired and busy, some mothers brought their children to see Jesus. When Jesus saw the children, He told them to come to Him. It cheered Jesus up to see the children. He was never too busy to take time to talk with them.



Jesus held them in His arms, blessed them, and prayed for them. He wanted everyone to know how much God loved the children—all kinds of children. Jesus said children are very important.



He said that everyone should try to act with the love, joy, faith, and simplicity of a child. If people love and believe in Him, just as the children around Jesus did then, they will get to live in God's Kingdom—Heaven!



127.) Generous Gifts

A woman who loved Jesus very much gave Him a special gift. She poured her most special perfume on Jesus' feet, to show Him her love.

Jesus was thankful that she loved Him, and forgave her for the wrongs she had done. She was so happy that Jesus loved her and that she was forgiven.



A poor woman also gave a generous gift. She only had two little coins left, and gave them as her gift to God. Instead of using them for her own needs, she gave them to those who were serving God.



Jesus noticed her gift and said it was the biggest gift that anyone there had given, because she had given all that she had. God blessed her and took care of her, and gave her what she needed.



128.) Important Things

Mary and Martha had a very special visitor— Jesus. They were getting everything ready for Him and His disciples to be their guests and eat with them. When Jesus sat down and was talking, Mary sat down too, so she could listen and talk with Jesus. She didn't want to miss a single word.



Martha was trying to serve, and care for the visitors. She wanted Mary to come and help her, but Jesus told her that Mary was making a good choice—to first of all spend time with Him.

To take time to listen to His Words was more important than all the other jobs.



Mary and Martha would be happier if they took time with Jesus first of all, and not worry about all that needed to be done. Hearing Jesus' Words is the most important thing. Jesus' Words and love could give them the joy and the strength they needed to do the work afterwards.



129.) Marvellous Moments on a Mountain

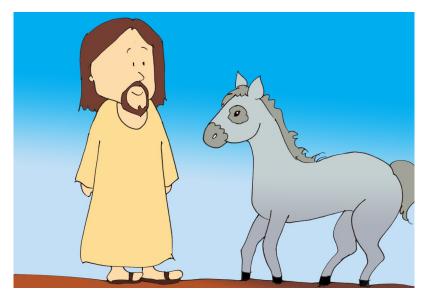
Jesus took some of His disciples to a mountain. He wanted to have time alone with them, to talk and pray. Then a wonderful thing happened! Jesus was changed, and became very white, and bright, and was shining. And there were two visitors from Heaven standing beside Him—Moses and Elijah.



They had lived on Earth before. They were talking with Jesus, and the disciples were amazed! Then God spoke with a clear voice to them, saying "This is My Son! Listen to Him!" It is important that we listen to Jesus, God's Son.



After Moses and Elijah went away, Jesus appeared as a normal man again. The disciples knew that they had seen and experienced a very special thing.



130.) Hosanna

Many people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem and were very excited about seeing Him. Jesus had done many miracles, and they wanted to welcome Him and to celebrate.

Jesus sent His disciples to go and borrow a man's donkey.



The young donkey was given for Jesus to ride on. Jesus was the first person to ever ride it.

To make the pathway extra special, big palm branches were cut down and placed on it. People even put their coats and other pieces of clothing on the path.



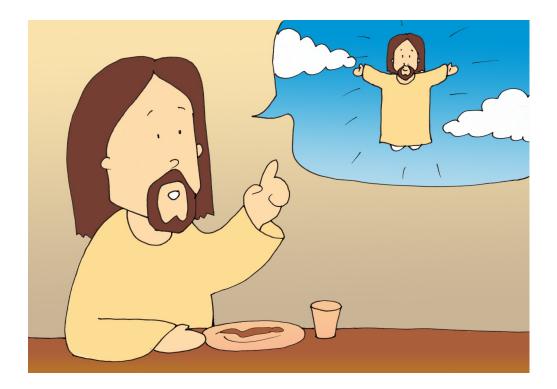
People were shouting out joyfully, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna in the highest!"

It was like a parade for Jesus the King!



131.) Love and Humility

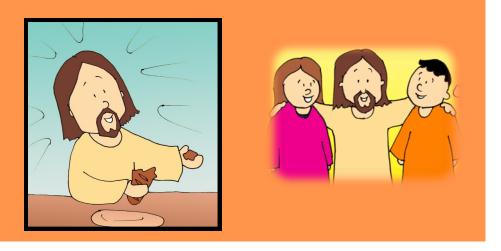
Jesus and His disciples were going to have a special meal. It was to be Jesus' last meal together with them all, before His time as a man on Earth was finished. A man had an upstairs room that he let them use, and Jesus told a few of His disciples to get everything prepared.



As they ate the meal, Jesus talked with them and told them many things. He explained what was going to happen, and how He was going to leave soon.



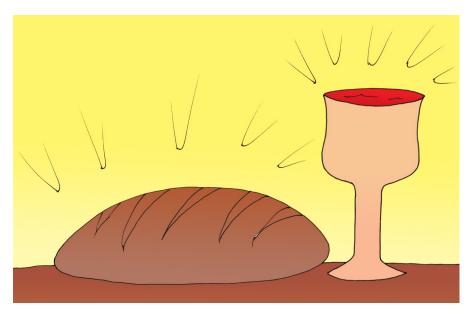
Then Jesus took a bowl of water and a towel, and washed each of the disciples' feet—just like a servant would do. He said, "To be really great, you should care for and help each other, like humble servants. People will know that you are My disciples if you have love for one another."



132.) In Remembrance of Him

During Jesus' last meal with His disciples, Jesus led them in a special ceremony. We call it Communion, or "The Lord's Supper".

Jesus passed around some bread and wine for the disciples to each take a little bite and sip of. It was to remind them of Jesus' gift of love and salvation.



The whole loaf of bread reminds us of how we are all one team together with Jesus, as well as the healing He can give to us when we pray.

The wine reminds us of the eternal life that Jesus gives to us, when we believe on Him, and His wonderful love for us.



Afterwards, Jesus walked with His disciples to a garden where they rested under the trees and stars. In the garden Jesus prayed with all His heart, asking His Father to help Him.



Jesus had a difficult job to do, and He was soon going to leave His friends on Earth for awhile. While Jesus was praying, an angel came to comfort and to strengthen Him.

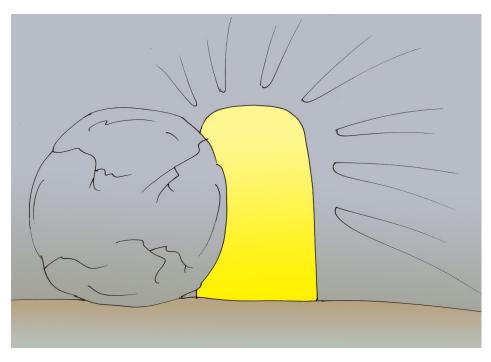


133.) Jesus' Gifts of Love and Life

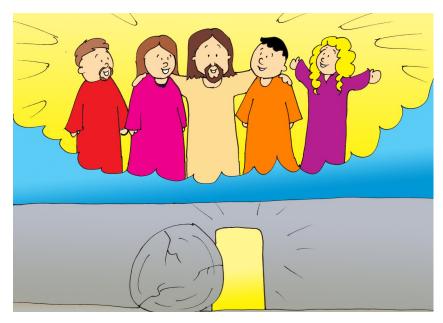
Jesus is God's gift of love to the world—to each person in it. When people choose to do wrong, it separates them from God, and makes God sad. God didn't want us to stay separate from Him, so He chose to forgive us.



God sent His Son Jesus to Earth to bring this gift of eternal life to all who believe on Him and receive His love and forgiveness. Jesus chose to take the punishment for our sins, so that we could be forgiven and allowed to go to Heaven.



Jesus loves us so much that He was willing to give up His life on Earth for us, to die while taking the punishment for us, so that now we can be saved and forgiven. But He rose up alive again! Jesus lives forever, and so will we!



134.) Jesus Is Risen-He Lives Forever!

Jesus' disciples and friends missed Him. Jesus had been gone from them for three days. It seemed they would never see Him again. They forgot that Jesus had promised to see them again with His new Heavenly body—alive forever.

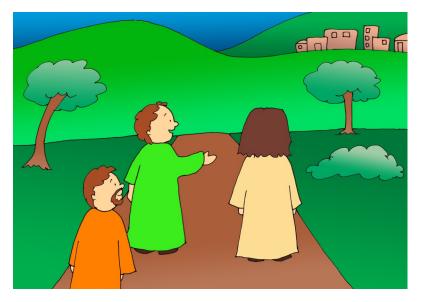


When the women went to see where Jesus' body had been placed after He died, they were surprised to see angels there. The angels said, "Jesus is alive! Go tell all the other disciples."



Later on, Mary Magdalene saw someone in the garden. It was Jesus! He talked to her and she was so very happy to see Him again! He'd given His life on Earth, but had risen and was alive again, by the power of God.

He lives forever, and can be anywhere, anytime, with anyone—even with you, right now!



135.) Walking and Talking

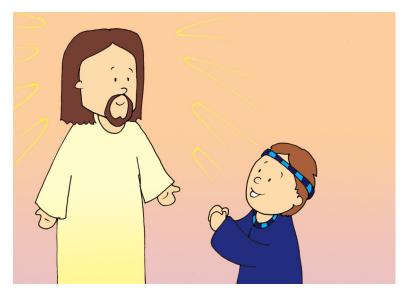
Two of Jesus' disciples were walking and talking, when a man came and walked with them. They talked about Jesus, and how they missed Him. The man walking with them reminded them of the promises in the Bible that told of Jesus rising again.



When they invited this man to come and eat with them, they all of a sudden realized that it was actually Jesus! He surprised and encouraged them, and then disappeared. They were so happy to have seen Jesus!



A little later on, as a group of disciples were together, Jesus surprised them again. He appeared there with them, and ate with them.



136.) Breakfast on the Beach

Jesus appeared to His disciples several times with His new heavenly body. Thomas hadn't yet seen Him, and wondered if it was really true that Jesus had appeared to the disciples. The next time that Jesus appeared to His disciples, Thomas was there, and was glad to see Him again.



On a different day, Peter and some others had gone fishing, but didn't catch anything all night. In the morning, Jesus was on the shore and told them to "Cast their net on the other side." When the disciples did, their net was filled with plenty of fish!



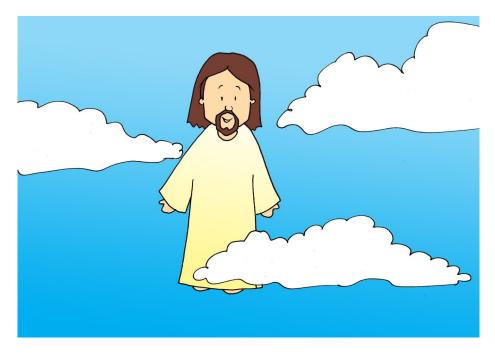
They knew, all of a sudden, that it was Jesus. Peter quickly jumped into the water to go and see Jesus, and the others brought the fish to the shore and then went to talk with Him too.

They saw that Jesus had cooked some fish and bread over a warm fire, and they ate a nice morning breakfast with Jesus.



137.) Clouds

Jesus talked with His disciples, and walked with them to a mountain. The time was coming for Him to be with them—and all of us—in a new way, an invisible way. He gave them some important instructions: To go to Jerusalem and wait for God to send them His Holy Spirit power.



Jesus encouraged them that He would always be with them. As Jesus finished talking with them, He rose up into the clouds and then disappeared. Everyone was looking up to where Jesus had ascended.



Then angels appeared and told them that when Jesus comes to Earth next, He would be coming back in the same way they saw Him taken up—He'd come back in the clouds in a way that all can see Him! The disciples were filled with joy, and went to Jerusalem as Jesus had told them to.