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Drilling a Well



1—Drilling a Well

A kind-hearted factory manager gave 200 kilos of rice to a team of missionaries.

He helped them when they were in need, and then they were able to help him with something he very much needed.

This man had started a car-cleaning business, and had a well dug to provide the water for it.

However, there was a problem with the well for some reason and he couldn't draw any water out of it.

If the well didn't work, this man would have to invest \$4,000 more to drill a new well.

Just thinking about this problem was overwhelming for him, and he was rather concerned.

These missionaries then prayed with him for the Lord to do a miracle and make the well work and have enough water in it.

These missionaries called the factory manager some time later to see how his business was going.

The man said, "You know what happened? Within two hours after praying with you, there was water coming out of the well! It's amazing!"

The missionary replied,

"It's a miracle! You prayed with me and God answered your prayer! If you give to God, you're going to get His blessings!"

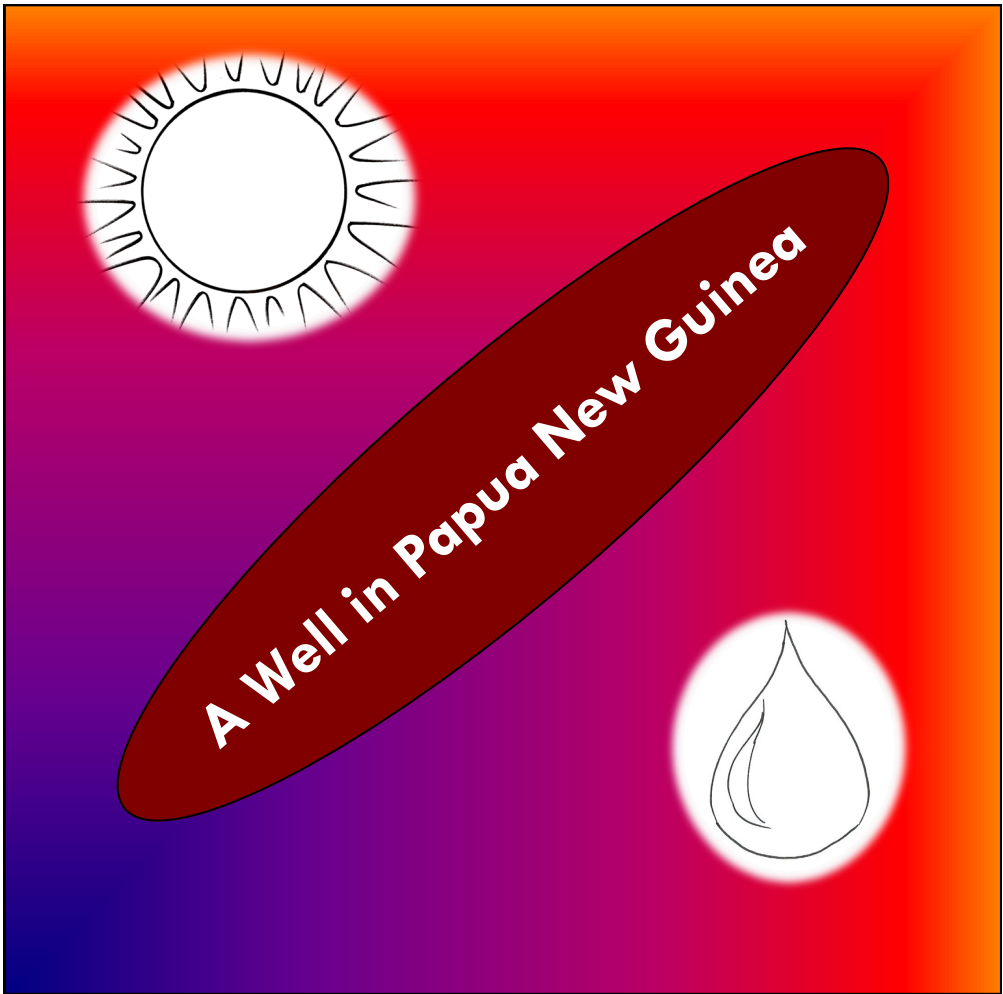
This man was blessed many times over, because he chose to give to God's work and help the missionaries.

“Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.”

(Psalm 41:1)

“For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.”

(Isaiah 41:13)



2—A Well in Papua New Guinea

In 1997, in Papua New Guinea, there was a severe drought. The lack of rain could be noticed in that the rivers were so dry, someone could just walk across the riverbeds.

A lady named Donna Arukua travelled with her team to a village that was far from the nearest river. The well there only had a little water in it, that was getting lower every day.

By the time this lady arrived there was just mud at the bottom at first, and then the well was dry by the evening.

The villagers asked the leader of the team, prophet Kindiwa, to pray for water.

The next morning, a woman went to see if she could find any water at all for her family.

When she looked in the well, a wonderful surprised was discovered. The well was full of clear water, right to the top. It was not muddy or murky at all, like the water usually was.

The only time this well water was clear before was during the rainy season. Yet now, when it hadn't rained for months, in answer to prayer, the well was filled with clear water.

“When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them.”

(Isaiah 41:17)

“They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.”

(Isaiah 49:10)

The Captain and the Quadrant



3—The Captain and the Quadrant

Captain Crosby had been a sailor for many years. On one trip his ship had been sailing for some time through fog.

He really wanted to know if they were in the right position. The only way he could check for sure was to use a quadrant, and he needed to see the sun clearly in order to see what position they were in.

But the fog and clouds and drizzling rain were preventing him. So he went to pray.

He wanted to commit his ship into the hands of the Lord and not carry the worry on his own shoulders.

Captain Crosby asked the Lord to please have the mist, the fog, and the rain all clear away at 12 o'clock, and to make a blue sky with the sun shining.

He went up at 11 o'clock to see, and it was still very drizzly, rainy and cloudy. There wasn't even a hint of the sky clearing.

Captain Crosby went below deck and prayed again.

He came up at 10 minutes to 12:00, and there still had been no change in the weather, but he waited on the Lord for a few more minutes until it was 12 o'clock.

Right at 12 o'clock the mist seemed to have rolled away as if by an invisible hand pushing it away, and the sun shone down clearly from the blue sky!

That man of prayer held his quadrant in his hand. He was so amazed at this miracle he was seeing that he could hardly use the quadrant to check his position.

When he checked it he saw they were just doing fine. They were still on course.

Then as soon as he finished checking the position, the clouds rolled back again, and the drizzling rain resumed, as it had been doing all day.

Captain Crosby was so amazed at that wonderful answer to prayer.

“Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses.”

(Psalms 107:19-20)

“I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.”

(Psalms 116:1-2)

Boy with a Broken Arm



4—Boy with a Broken Arm

A boy had an accident, and the two bones in one of his arms got broken. His dad was a doctor, and his uncle was a surgeon. His uncle set the bones and secured his arm. To help it heal properly the boy's arm needed to have splints put on it, and it would need to be held in a sling. The surgeon uncle said it would need to be this way for at least six weeks. His arm hurt. Going to sleep was uncomfortable; and it was hard to imagine not being able to use it for so long. That night the boy asked Jesus to heal his arm and make it all well again. And that is exactly what happened!

The next morning—the day after his accident—he felt well and healed and asked for the splints and the sling to be removed. The father and uncle, who knew medical conditions told him it was wrong to take it off so soon. He needed to keep it on.

However, the boy was so sure he was healed, that he kept insisting. At last his uncle and father agreed to take them off, so as to prove to the boy that it was not yet healed.

They were sure surprised then to see that the boy's arm, indeed was completely healed! Jesus did a special and fast miracle for him.

**“O Lord my God, I cried unto thee,
and thou hast healed me.”**

(Psalms 30:2)

**“Have mercy upon me, O Lord; for
I am weak: O Lord, heal me.”**

(Psalm 6:2)



5—Lost and Found

For her birthday, the son of a missionary lady had given her some tiny crystal and gold earrings.

She was careful with them, as they were special to her. She didn't wear them very often, and always took them off before showering. Well, one day she forgot, and that's when this miracle happened.

After her shower she touched her ear and noticed that one of the earrings was gone.

She checked the shower, bathroom, and bedroom with no success.

She retraced her steps to all the places in the house that she had been that day, but still couldn't find it.

She then prayed to find it, and searched the bathroom again, then outside the bathroom. When she still couldn't find it she then remembered to praise the Lord for His ability to help her find it again.

“Thank You Jesus for helping me to find it!” she said, praising the Lord in advance!

Then right after that time of praise, she once again walked into the bathroom, and to her amazement, right there on the floor in plain view was the missing earring!

She could hardly believe it, as after her shower she had squeegeed the floor, pushing all the water into the drain and then dry mopped it.

But there lay her earring, in the middle of the floor! Jesus knows tricks!

“I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done it: and I will wait on thy name; for it is good before thy saints.”

(Psalms 52:9)

“The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.”

(Psalms 64:10)

**The Five-Dollar
Gold Piece**



6—The Five-Dollar Gold Piece

A man who loved the Lord, and always tried to give and help others whenever he could, was given a special present. It was a gold coin worth five dollars. It was a very rare, precious thing.

This man decided he wouldn't spend it. He wanted to keep it as a gift of friendship. He put a special marking on it, and kept it in his vest pocket all the time.

One day someone came up to him and said, "We are seeing if anyone could give donations to help make a church in an area where people really need to hear about the Lord."

This man looked in his pants pocket, and found that he had no money left at all.

He had the gold coin gift in his vest pocket, but he completely forgot about it because he decided it wasn't to be used as money, and he wanted to keep it as his special present.

So he honestly had no money to use, and he said, "I am very sorry. I think it's a good idea, but I don't have any money to give you."

The man asking for donations said, "That's alright. I know you would give if you had any." The man got on his horse and rode away, but then all of a sudden remembered the gold coin

in his vest pocket. He thought, “Oh, I told that man I didn’t have any money, when all along I had gold in my pocket. That was not true. I do have money. So I should give it.”

He galloped back, and found the man he had talked with. He thought, “What good is it doing in my pocket? It should be used to help others.” So he gave it to the friend who’d asked for donations, and then went home.

A few days later he stopped at the house of a lady who was very hospitable and took good care of him, giving him food to eat and a place to rest.

He had nothing to give her as he left, and just thanked her and talked with her about the Lord. When he left she slipped into his vest pocket a little folded piece of paper.

She said, "Here's something for your wife."
He didn't know what it was.

When he got home he gave it to his wife. She opened up the paper and inside of it, to their amazement, was the five-dollar gold piece—the exact one he had given.

He knew it, because it had the special marking he'd put on it.

It was the one he had given a few days before. Somehow that coin had made its way back into his vest pocket, by one person giving it to the next, and to the next.

The Lord had let it be given back to him. This man said, “I never gave that money. I just lent it to the Lord and He returned it.”

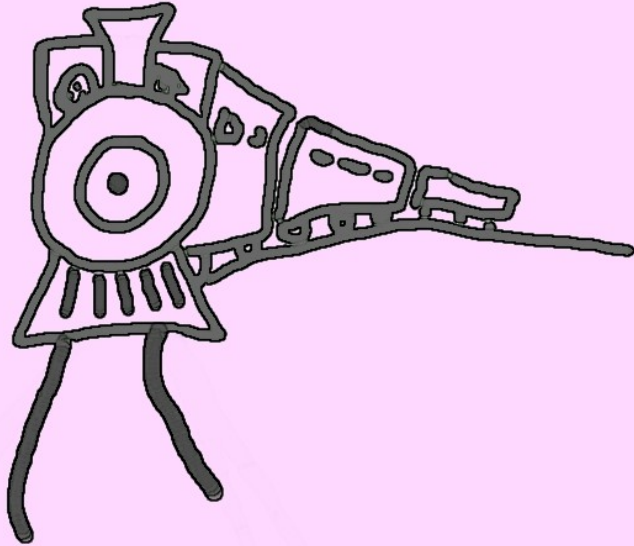
**“He that hath pity upon the poor
lendeth unto the Lord; and that
which he hath given will he pay
him again.”**

(Proverbs 19:17)

**“Distributing to the necessity of
saints; given to hospitality.
Provide things honest in the sight of
all men.”**

(Romans 12:13,17)

The Locomotive



7—The Locomotive

There was a woman with two young daughters who needed to catch a train. Her father was travelling with them also.

The father was crippled and couldn't walk. He needed help to get on and off the train.

They had to take one train and then catch another to get to their destination. But due to some difficulty, the train was off to a very late start and they were running an hour late.

That would mean that when they arrived at the next station they wouldn't be there in time to

get on the next train that they had to. The woman asked the conductor, “Do you think we could stay the night at the train station?”

He said, “Oh, I don’t think so. It would be way too cold. There is no fire to heat the building during the weekend.”

Someone said, “Oh, I’ll help you get to a hotel while you wait until the next day for your train.”

It was a kind offer, but that of course would cost a lot of money for her. What was she to do?

The conductor said, “Well, even if we put all our steam and go as fast as we could, we would probably still be about half an hour late.”

The woman said, “Do you think the train would wait until we get there?”

The conductor said,

“Oh, no. Maybe some other train might, but not this one. That train is always on time. The driver of that train never even waits a second—much less a minute—when he needs to leave. He’s always very prompt.”

The woman then prayed and put her trust in the Lord, and she prayed that the conductor would be able to do all that he could to get them there soon to catch the next train.

Then she felt peace, and she fell asleep as the train continued. When they reached the station they needed to go to catch their next train, to their astonishment they found the conductor of the other train that was always on time, still there.

He came and said, “Why am I waiting? I had this feeling that there was something on your train I was supposed to wait for.”

The conductor of the train that had just arrived said, “Yes, it was for this lady and her father and her two children. That's what you were waiting for.”

A few gentlemen helped her father get off the first train and onto the other one.

They had to walk carefully because the ground was very slippery and icy. The mother and her daughters got on the next train too, as quickly as they could, and she gave the baggage man her bags.

However, she had to do everything rather fast and she forgot to get the little ticket back that

told the number of her bags, so she would be able to pick them up at the next station.

She got on the train and everyone was sitting comfortably, and the conductor who had waited came and said,

“Ma’am, I waited a whole half an hour for you, a thing I’ve never done before since I was a conductor. I never even waited one minute. I know it was your father I was waiting for.”

The woman said, “Praise the Lord!”

The conductor continued, “At the very moment when everyone was on board and I was ready

to start driving there was a feeling that came over me that I never had in my whole life. I just couldn't start. I just couldn't drive. Something kept saying in me, 'You must wait. You must wait for that next train,' and I did, and here you are, all safe."

The lady was so happy. She just praised the Lord and she said, "There's one more thing. When I gave my baggage to the baggage man I didn't get the tickets back. What will I do? I won't be able to get my bags at the other end."

The conductor said, “Oh, here! I actually have them right in my pocket. Here you go!” And he gave her the tickets.

She would have to get the bags on Monday morning because they weren't able to load them at that time, since they were so late leaving already, but she had the tickets and would be able to pick them up after the weekend.

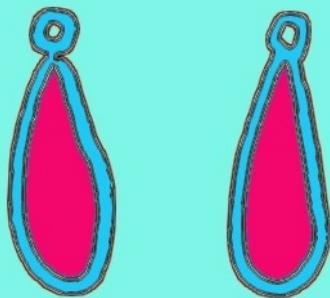
Everything worked out well, and this family made it home safely.

“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

“And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.”

(1 John 5:14-15)

The Earring



8—The Earring

My friend and I were doing our best to be ready for our next clown show.

There were many things to prepare: gathering stuff from upstairs and in the basement, loading it in the van, getting dressed in our clown costumes, and painting our faces, and so forth.

Finally we were ready and were driving off, but to my friend's disappointment, she noticed her earring had fallen off somewhere.

It was a pair of earrings that she was particularly fond of and had for years.

We were driving in someone else's car at that time. In my heart I pled with the Lord to please do a miracle for her somehow. She could really use the encouragement.

I didn't hear anything about it until a week later. My friend told me that someone else who had rode in that car later that day, had found it, even though we hadn't seen it when we looked earlier.

Jesus did such a sweet, caring thing for her.

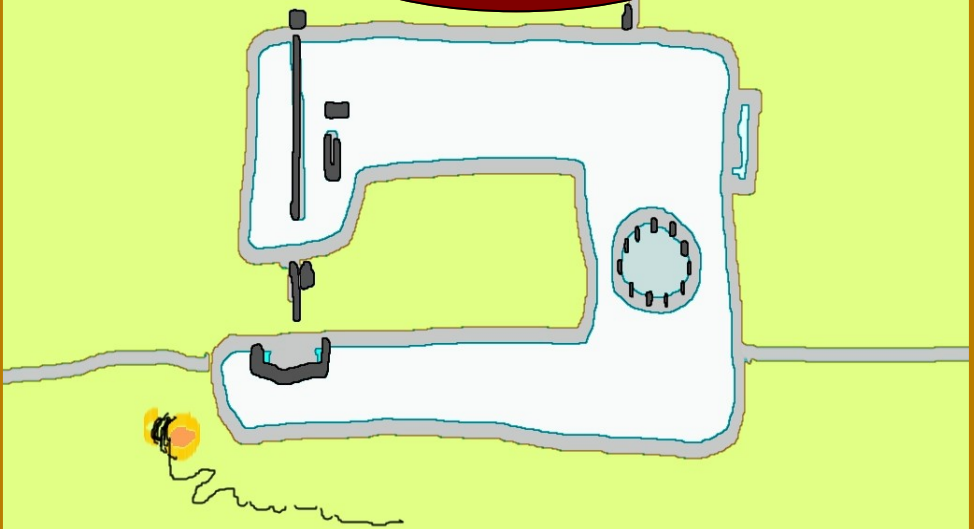
“Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.”

(Jeremiah 29:12)

“Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?”

(Jeremiah 32:27)

Sewing Machine



9—Sewing Machine

One Christmastime a team of children and young people, along with their parents had prepared a nice show.

They were going to perform it to cheer people up during the Christmas season, and tell others about Jesus.

They practiced dances, learned songs, and put together a great performance. All they needed were costumes.

There wasn't much time left before they needed to have everything ready.

An uncle and aunt had moved nearby recently and had a sewing machine.

The aunt could sew and was happy to help make the costumes.

However, during their move, a part of the sewing machine broke, due to rough handling when it was shipped.

This team believed that the Lord could do a miracle and make it work. So they prayed! And the sewing machine worked for two weeks! It kept working as they kept praying for it.

It worked all the way until the costumes were completed.

Then it totally stopped working. There was time then to take the machine to the shop to get fixed.

When the repairman looked at the sewing machine he said that there was a part missing off the tension knob, and that it was totally impossible to use the machine without it!

Yet, through the power of prayer it had worked anyway—for two weeks, during that time when they really needed it to.

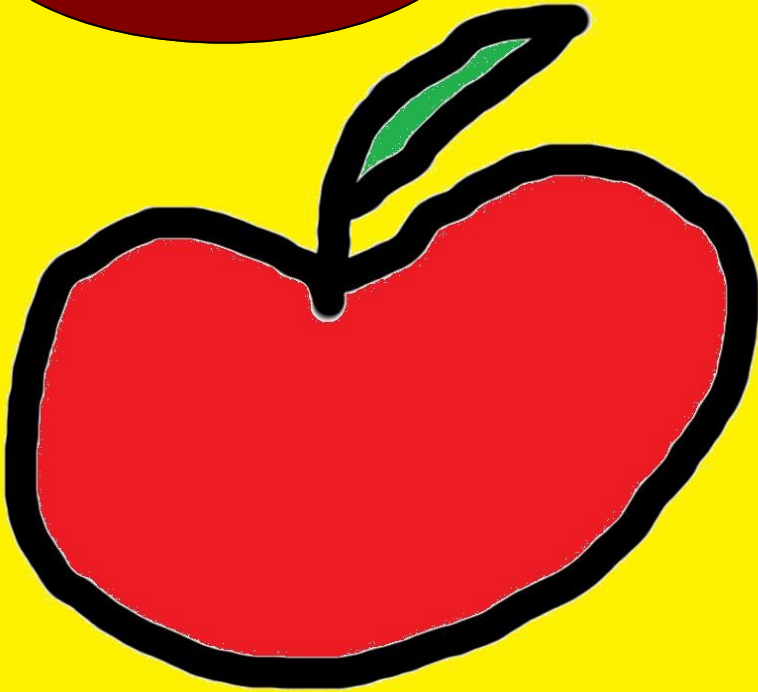
“And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.”

(Matthew 21:22)

“For with God nothing shall be impossible.”

(Luke 1:37)

**A Man with
an Apple**



10—A Man with an Apple

One day Byron and his partner were out telling people about Jesus, and a girl offered him an apple. He put it in his bag. They didn't have much money, and fruit was expensive, so this was appreciated.

Later on that evening, as he was standing in a queue in the big train station waiting to buy the tickets, he was feeling hungry.

He was thinking it would be best if they had another apple, so that both of them could have one each.

“But Lord, how can I get an apple while waiting in this queue?” he thought.

Just then he noticed a little old man with a hat on, coming out of the crowd towards the queue of about 20 people where he was waiting.

The man seemed to know exactly where he was supposed to go, as he came in a straight line directly towards Byron.

The man stopped right in front of him, reached with his hand into his raincoat pocket and took out an apple.

The man then asked in a kind voice, while holding out the fruit, "Would you like this apple?"

The Byron realized that God had heard his prayer and wanted to show His power by performing this little miracle.

He thanked the old man and took the apple, whereupon he smiled, turned around and disappeared in the crowd!

They were both thrilled to see God perform this miracle and answer prayer in such a way.

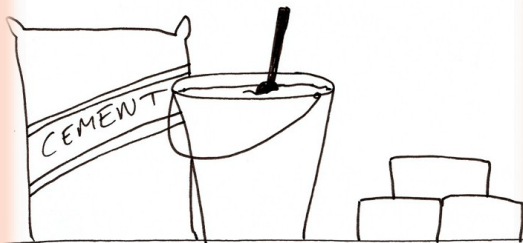
“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.”

(Psalms 23:6)

“O love the Lord, all ye his saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful.”

(Psalms 31:23)

Sandy Supply



11—Sandy Supply

A team in the Galapagos islands were working on building a church. They had to first of all prepare the foundation for the building. They needed sand to mix the concrete for this foundation. However, they found out that there was no sand on this island.

The other option was to grind up the igneous (volcanic) rock with a machine, to use that in place of sand. But at that time the rock grinders were not functioning.

What could they do?

Well, they could keep digging out the place for the foundation for the building, and trust that God would supply what they needed.

God blessed their faith and gave them the sand! As they were digging they suddenly found sand in the ground. It was a sand mine!

Every time they dug out a shovel full of sand, more sand filled the place. God had provided what they needed to do the job.

God owns the world and can supply us with anything that is needed, as we do our best to work hard in our service for Him.

**“Commit thy way unto the Lord;
trust also in him; and he shall bring
it to pass.”**

(Psalm 37:5)

**“For the Lord God is a sun and
shield: the Lord will give grace and
glory: no good thing will he
withhold from them that walk
uprightly.”**

(Psalm 84:11)

**Seeing
Jesus**



12—Seeing Jesus

Victor was an Italian boy, about 10 years old. One night something very special and unusual happened.

He had been learning about Jesus, and the next day was going to attend a ceremony in the church to remember that Jesus had given His life for us all, so we could be saved and live forever with Him in Heaven. This was to be Victor's first Holy Communion.

It was a replication of the last supper that the disciples had with Jesus, where he passed

around a loaf of bread and a glass of wine for all to take part of. Jesus said, “Do this in remembrance of Me”.

So the disciples did; and believers still continue to do this regularly, to this day, about two thousand years later.

The lady—a catholic nun—teaching the children suggested that before the children went to sleep that night, they pray for Jesus to come and sleep with them and be near them.

Victor prayed for this at bed time and then went to sleep.

In the night he woke and saw he had a surprise visitor beside him—it was Jesus! He was happy to see Jesus there, and said hello. Then he peacefully went back to sleep.

It was a memorable and special event, which he always remembers: The night he saw Jesus.

Jesus is always with us, but most of the time we can't see Him. We have faith and believe that the invisible God is caring for us. Jesus likes it that we have faith.

Most people don't get to see Him with their natural eyes.

However, those that trust in Jesus even if they never see Him, will be blessed extra. Jesus will reward those who love and believe in Him by faith.

One day everyone will get to see Him and talk with Him. All who have asked Jesus to come into their heart and forgive them, and who want to be a child of God, will get to live with Him in Heaven forever.

