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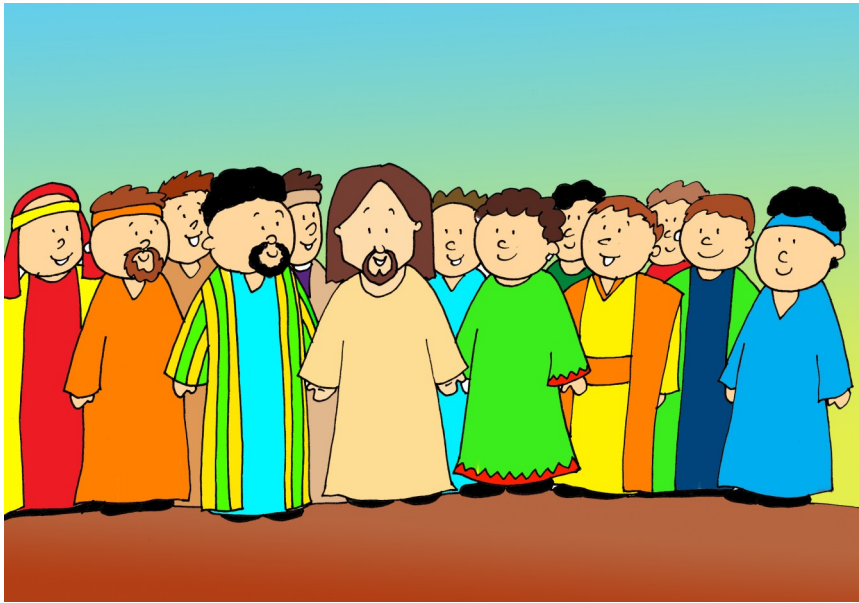
## **101.) Choosing the 12**

Jesus needed a team of willing helpers who would travel around with Him. Jesus was going to train them to do the work of spreading the good news of His love to others.



They would need to have God's power to do the job of telling many people about Jesus, and about Heaven. They would need to spend a lot of time listening to and learning from Jesus.

They would need to be faithful and not give up. Jesus prayed, and then decided on 12 men to be His special close team of disciples.



These disciples were glad to be chosen.

Jesus promised them a big reward in Heaven, and blessings on Earth too, because they followed Him and helped to tell many people about Him and about God's love, even though it was a big and difficult job sometimes.





## 102.) New Life and Living Water

One night, Nicodemus asked Jesus about how to go to Heaven. Jesus answered his questions and told him that receiving God's gift of eternal life is like being born again, like a new child born into God's family. He is our Father in Heaven, and He will let us live with Him forever.



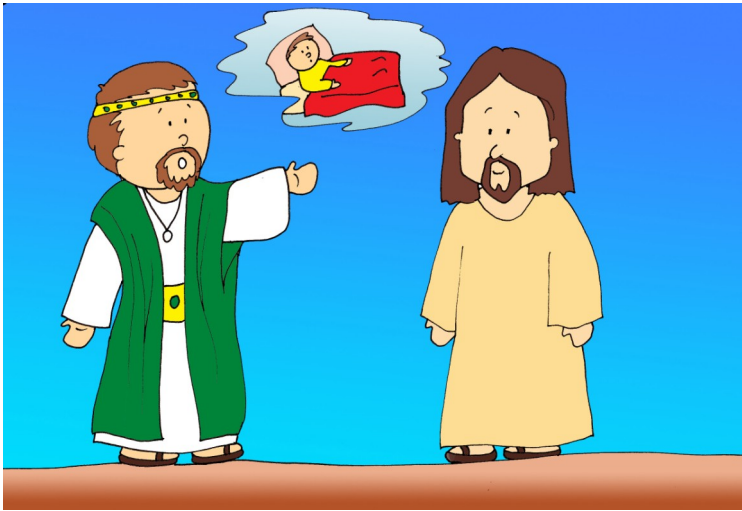
Another day, Jesus and His disciples were travelling through Samaria. Jesus stopped to rest by a well, and a woman came with her pot to get water. The disciples had gone into the town to buy food, and would return to Jesus later.



Jesus asked the woman for some water, and then talked to her about God's love and Spirit. He said it's like refreshing heavenly water!

She believed that Jesus was God's Son and told everyone to come and talk with Him.

Everyone was so happy that Jesus was there, and wanted to hear all that He had to say.



### 103.) Comforting and Restoring

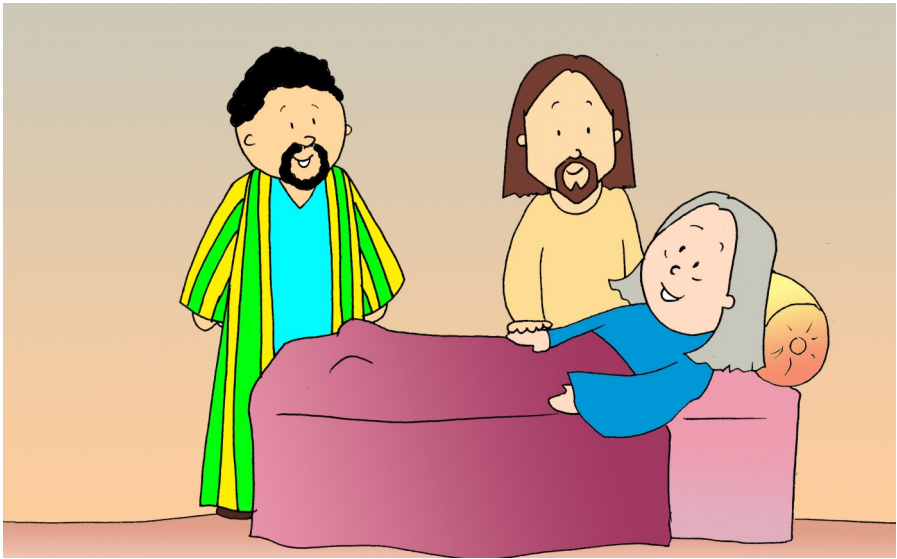
Jesus loves to comfort and heal those who are sick. Jesus can heal anytime and anywhere, even if we can't see Him. We just need to believe by faith and ask for His help. One time a nobleman travelled a long way to find Jesus to ask for His help. This man's son was very sick.



Jesus wanted to heal his child right then, at that moment—even though the boy was far away in his house. Jesus told the nobleman to return home, and that his son was healed. The nobleman showed his faith by obeying and going home. When he arrived, he was so glad to see that his son was healed! Jesus had done the miracle!

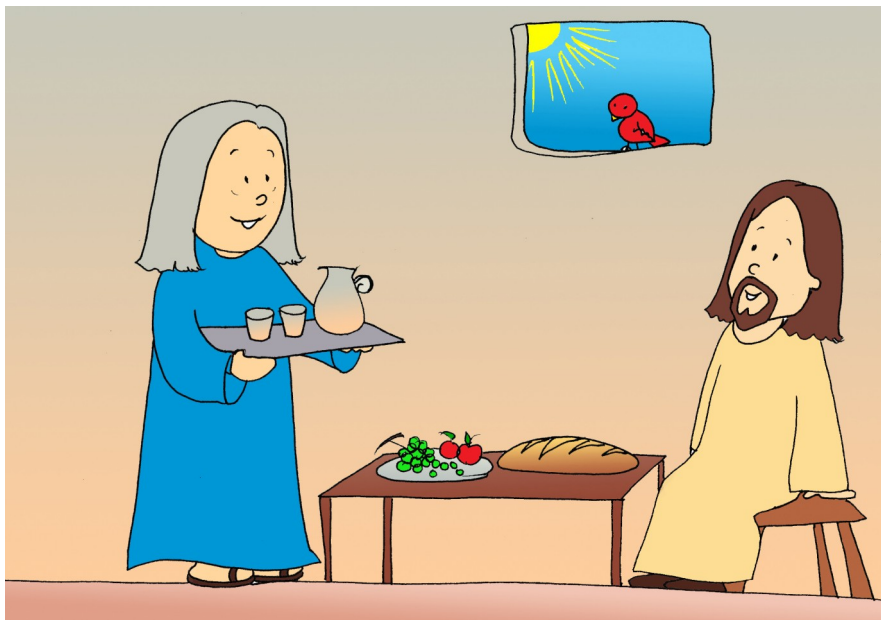


Another time, the servant of an important Roman man was very sick. The man believed that Jesus could heal his servant instantly, without even coming to his house. Jesus was glad to see this man's faith, and healed his servant right at that moment—without even seeing him.



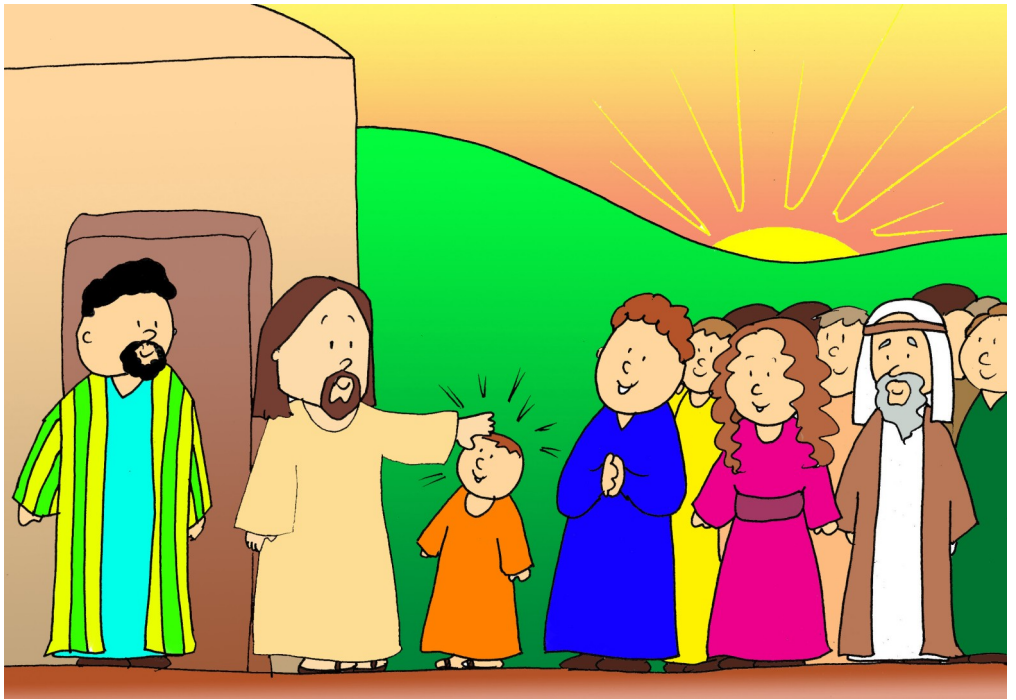
## 104.) Fever Cured Immediately

Jesus and His disciples went to visit Peter's house, where his wife's mother was also living. When they arrived, they found that the woman had a fever and was resting. Jesus touched her hand and healed her. The fever left her body immediately.

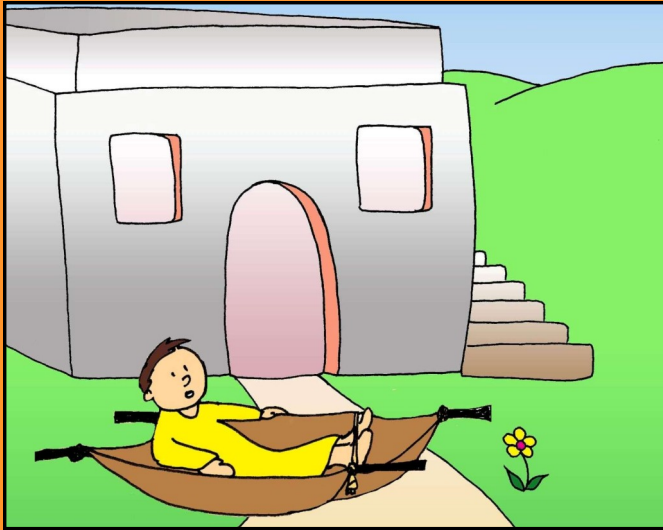


She was so happy, and could then enjoy the visit with Jesus at her house. Eagerly she got up to bring them some food and water, and helped care for them. The woman was happy to help Jesus, as He had a big job to do, and He had healed her.



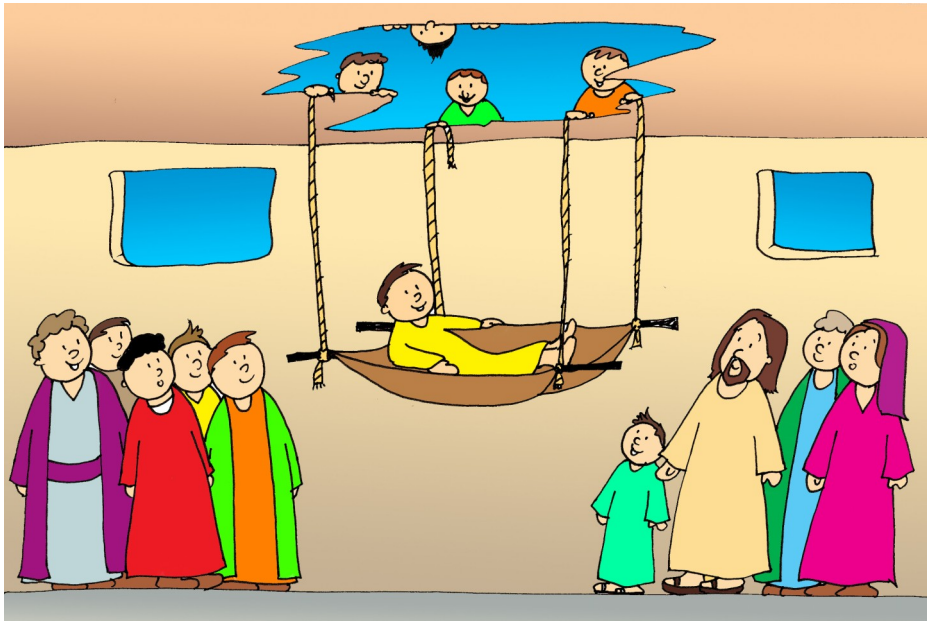


When people heard that Jesus was at Peter's house, they came to the door to be healed by Him. He helped them and healed them all.

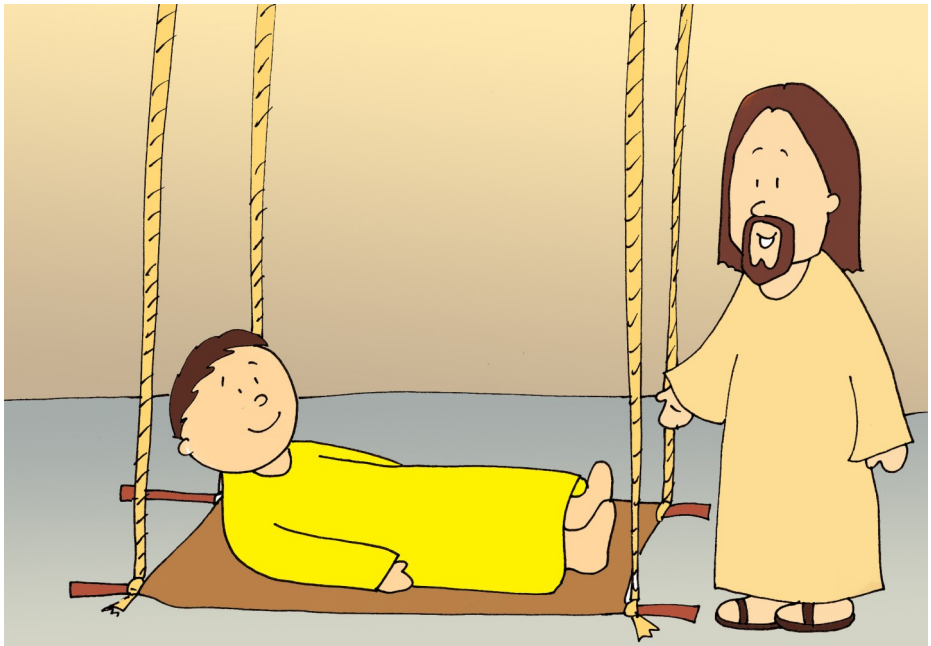


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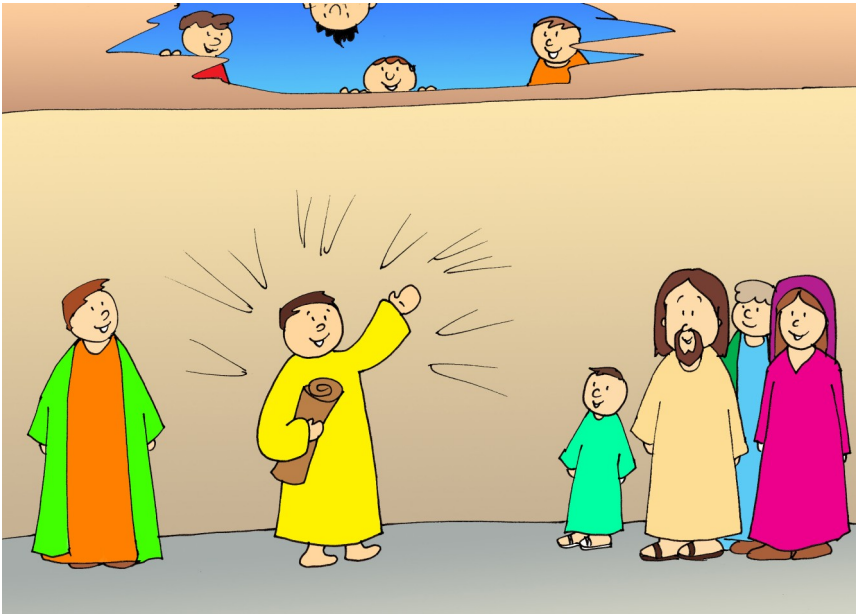
There was a man who couldn't walk or get around on his own. His friends heard that Jesus was speaking in a certain house nearby. Four of them carried this sick man to the house.



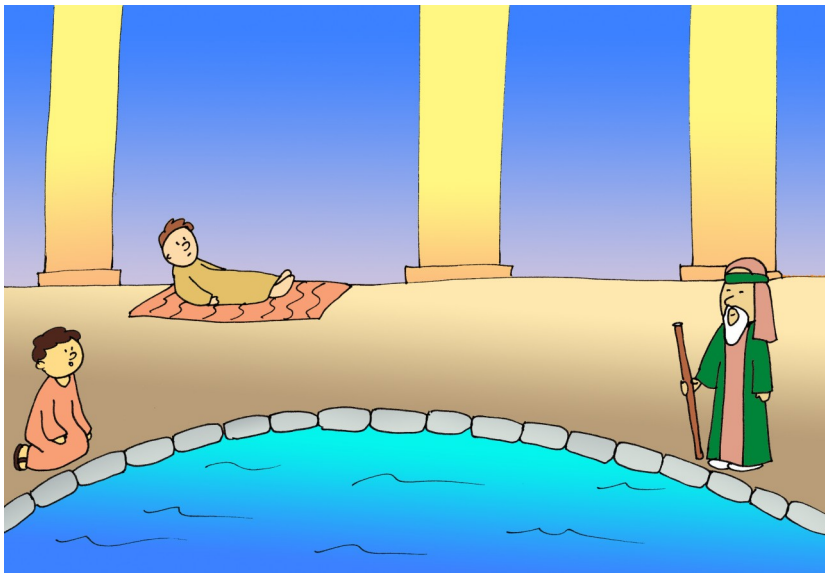
They wanted to ask Jesus to heal him. However, the house was so full of people that they couldn't go in. So up to the roof they went. They made a hole in the roof, and lowered their sick friend down to Jesus, who was in the house.



When Jesus saw how much faith they had, and their willingness to do whatever they needed to do to get healing for their friend, He was pleased to heal him right away. Jesus told this man that he was forgiven for his sins.



Jesus also told him to stand up, pick up his bed, and go home—all on his own. The man was able to walk at last! What a great day it had been. Everyone was amazed! The man happily went home to tell the great news to his family and friends.



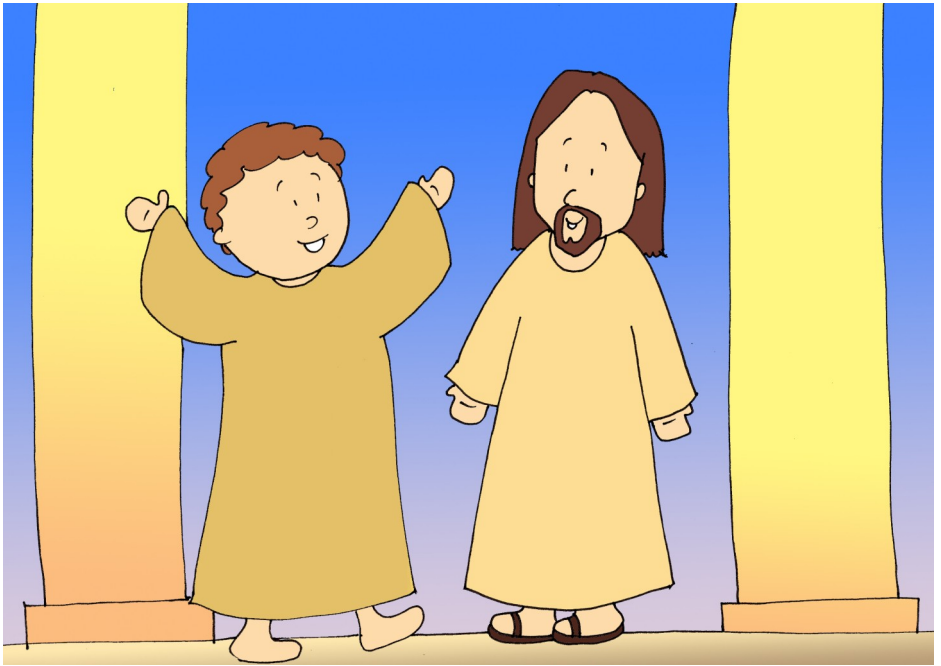
## 106.) Helping and Healing

Beside a certain pool of water, many sick, hurt, and handicapped people were waiting to be healed. They waited for a special time when God sent His angel to put special healing power in the water, and whoever jumped in first received healing.

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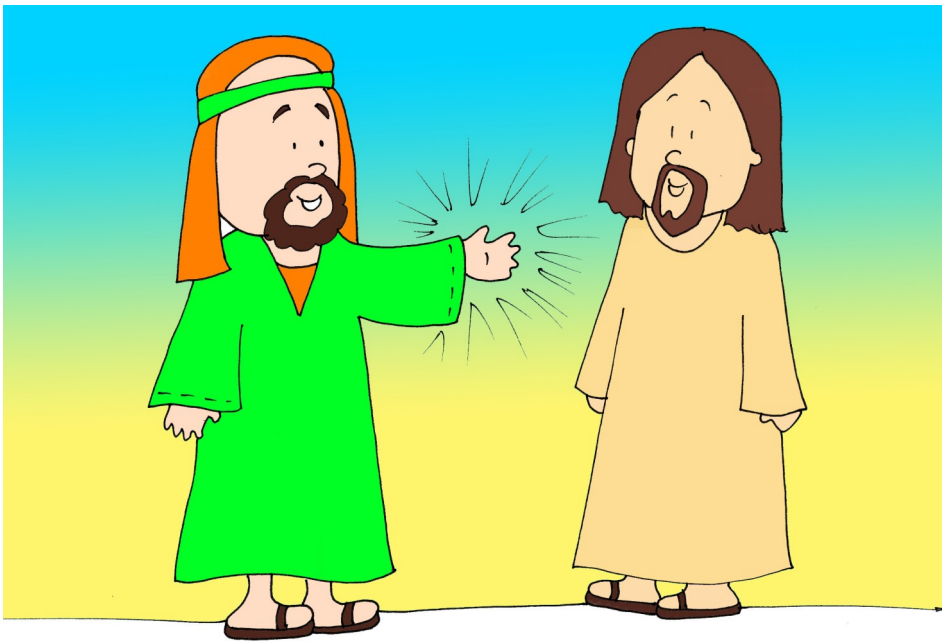
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There was a man who had been waiting for 38 years to get healed, but couldn't move on his own, so he couldn't ever get into the water first. When Jesus passed by, He noticed this man, and went over to him. Jesus talked with the man and asked him if he wanted healing.

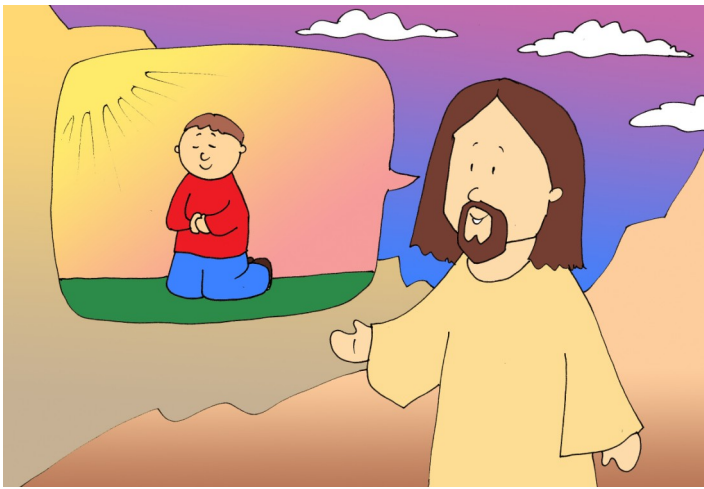


The sick man wanted very much to get healed. Jesus then told the man to just get up, pick up his bed, and walk! The sick man immediately received strength and could move. How very happy he was! It felt great to be healed at last.





Another day, Jesus healed a man who couldn't use one of his hands. It was too weak. Jesus told him to stretch out his hand, and when he did, it became strong and looked as good as his other hand. Now he could clap and rejoice! Jesus had compassion and cared about people.

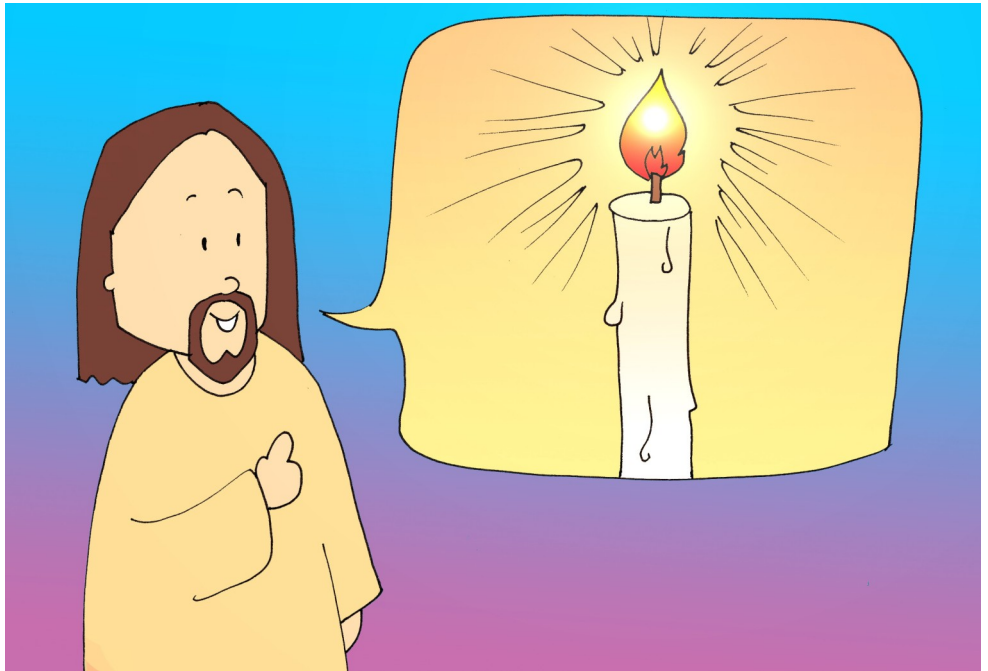


## 107.) Mountain Meetings

One day Jesus and His disciples, and anyone who wanted to listen to Jesus, climbed up a mountain. Jesus told them some special things. He said not to worry so much, but to trust God to take care of them. When you pray to Jesus, He will help to supply just what you need—food and clothes, and whatever you need.



Jesus said to be kind and to treat others with God's love, and then we'll be blessed and rewarded. He said to forgive others, and that God would forgive us.

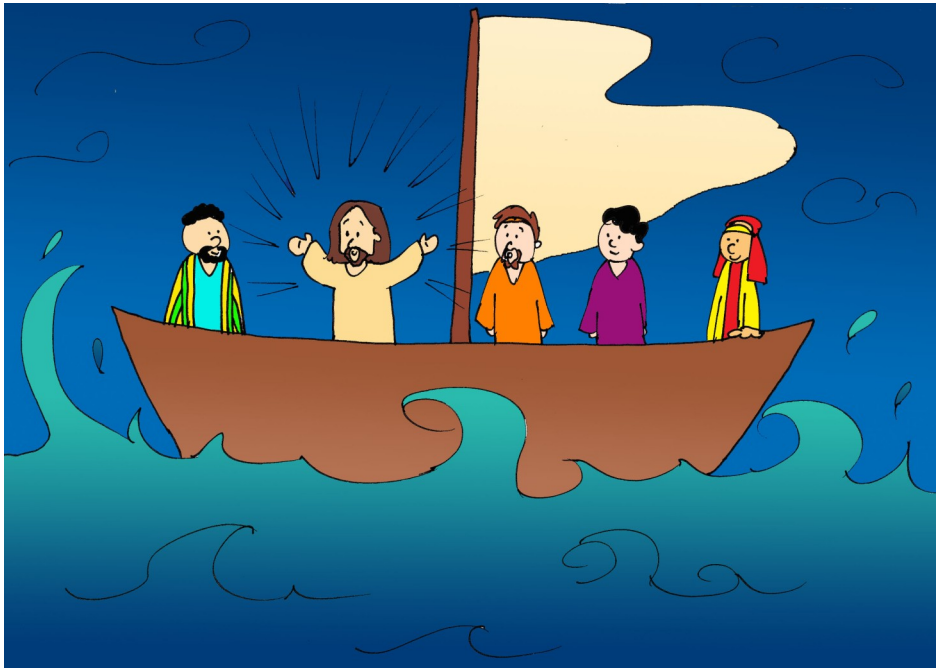


Jesus said that those who love and know Him, and are trying to show and tell others what He is like, are as shining lights in the world. "Let your light shine", He said.



## 108.) Stilling the Storm

Wild and stormy waves were splashing on the boat that Jesus and His disciples were in. Was Jesus worried? No. He was sleeping in the boat, right in the middle of the storm. The disciples wondered what to do. They felt unsafe, so they woke Jesus to help them.

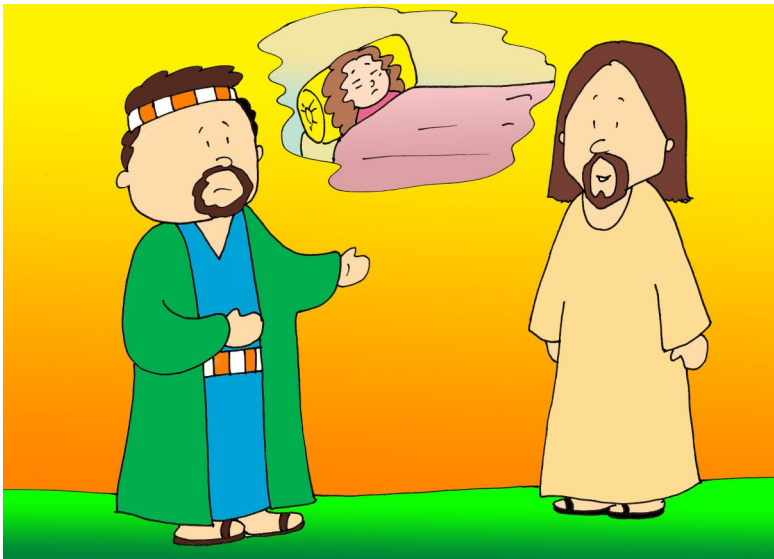


When Jesus saw the wind and waves, He told it all to stop. "Peace, be still!" He said. Immediately the lake was calm, the wind stopped blowing so strongly, and they were at peace and safe. Jesus reminded the disciples to have faith.



The disciples were amazed that Jesus could do this miracle. He could even tell the weather what to do, and stop storms. They knew that Jesus, *God's Son*, could do anything.

Jesus is always with us and nothing is too stormy or too difficult for Him to take care of.

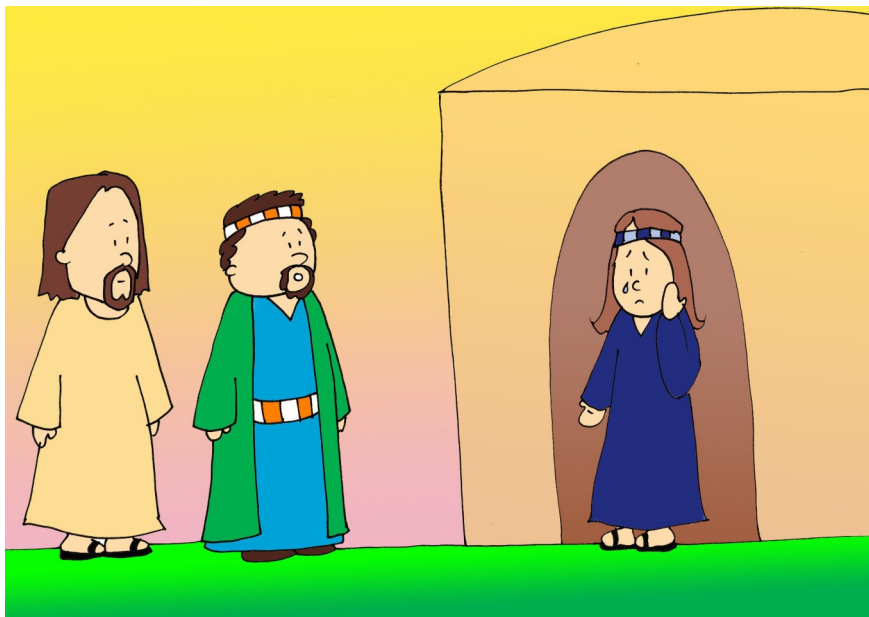


## 109.) Twelve Years

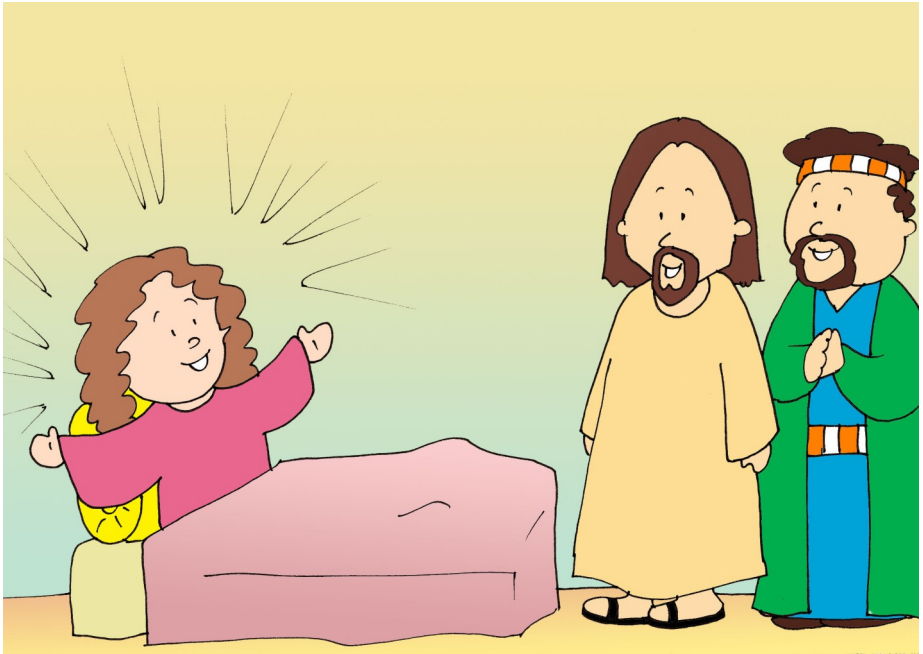
A twelve-year-old girl, who was well-loved by her parents, had suddenly gotten real sick. Her father was an important ruler named Jairus.

He knew that Jesus could help, and quickly went to find Him. He pleaded for Jesus to come and heal his daughter.





Jesus agreed to go to Jairus' house. Those at the house were very sad, as they thought that the girl was no longer alive. Jesus said not to worry because the girl would be fine. Jesus and a few of His disciples went into the house with Jairus and his wife.



When Jesus saw the sick girl lying very still on her bed, He said to her, "Little girl, arise!" And she right away opened her eyes and got up! She was very much alive and well again! Everyone was so happy and amazed.



## 110.) Power to Preach

Jesus gave special power from Heaven to His disciples, because He had an exciting mission for them to do.

He teamed up His disciples two-by-two and sent them out to travel around teaching, preaching, healing, and bringing God's Spirit to those they met.



He said they didn't need to pack anything for their trip, as whatever they needed would be supplied for them as they went along. God would help them to have all that they needed—food, water, places to sleep, protection, warmth, and everything! The disciples obeyed and took their first missionary trip, with God's Spirit empowering them!



When they returned to Jesus after their trip, they had many wonderful stories to tell. Everyone was so happy, as there had been many miracles. It was a wonderful trip! They had all that they needed, just like Jesus promised.



## 111.) Feeding Thousands

Thousands of people came to Jesus to be healed and to listen to Him, but they had no food. Everyone was hungry. One boy had five little loaves of bread and two small fish. He shared them with Jesus, and was surprised when he saw what happened with his lunch.



Jesus prayed and blessed that small bit of food, and when His disciples began handing it out to the crowds, the food just kept multiplying!

It was enough for all the people to have plenty to eat.



That kind boy, who shared his food with Jesus that day, got to eat a good meal and was pleased that Jesus used it to feed all the many other people as well. There were even 12 baskets of food left over!





## **112.) Walking on the Water**

Jesus' disciples were in a boat crossing the lake and it began to get real stormy, but Jesus was on the mountain taking time to pray. When it was time for Jesus to join them, He walked out to them, right on top of the water and crashing waves. It was a miracle!



Peter saw Jesus, and wanted to walk on the water too. Peter said, "If it is You, Jesus, please let me walk on the water and come to You."

Jesus said, "Come!" So Peter began walking on the water over to Jesus!



However, when he started to get worried about the waves and the storm, he started to sink and called for Jesus to help him. Jesus lifted him up and said he needed faith.

When we trust Jesus, He can even help us do things that seem impossible.



## 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.



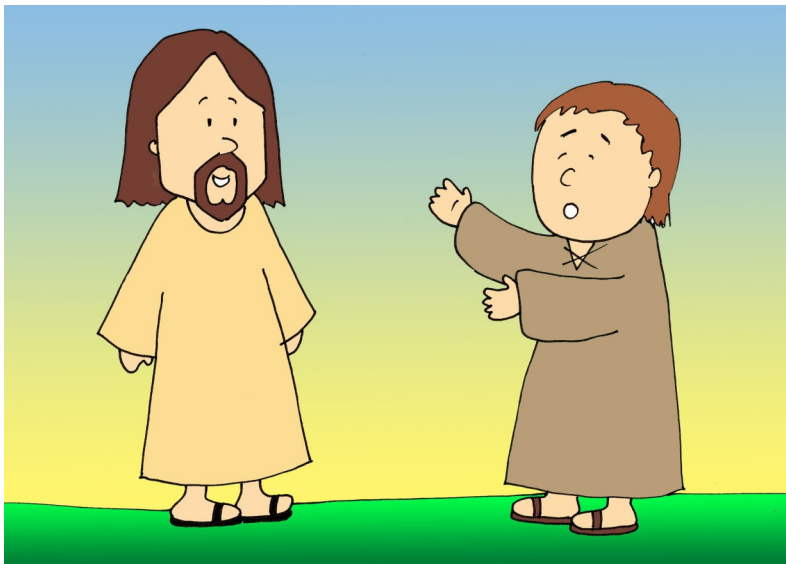
Some seeds fell among the thorns and weeds, and couldn't grow up and bear fruit there. Those ugly plants took all the space and nutrients away from the new little plants.

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!

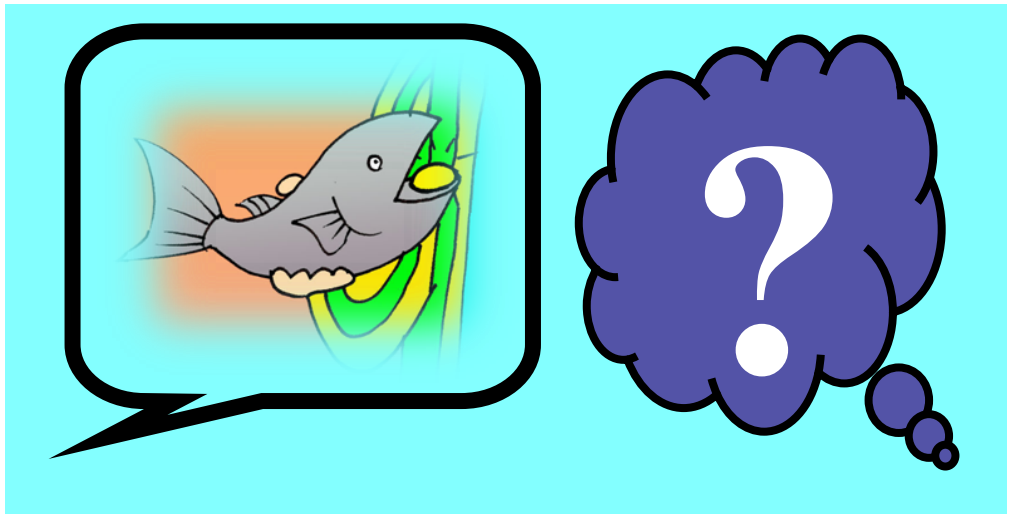
Everyone was surprised and very happy!



## 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.

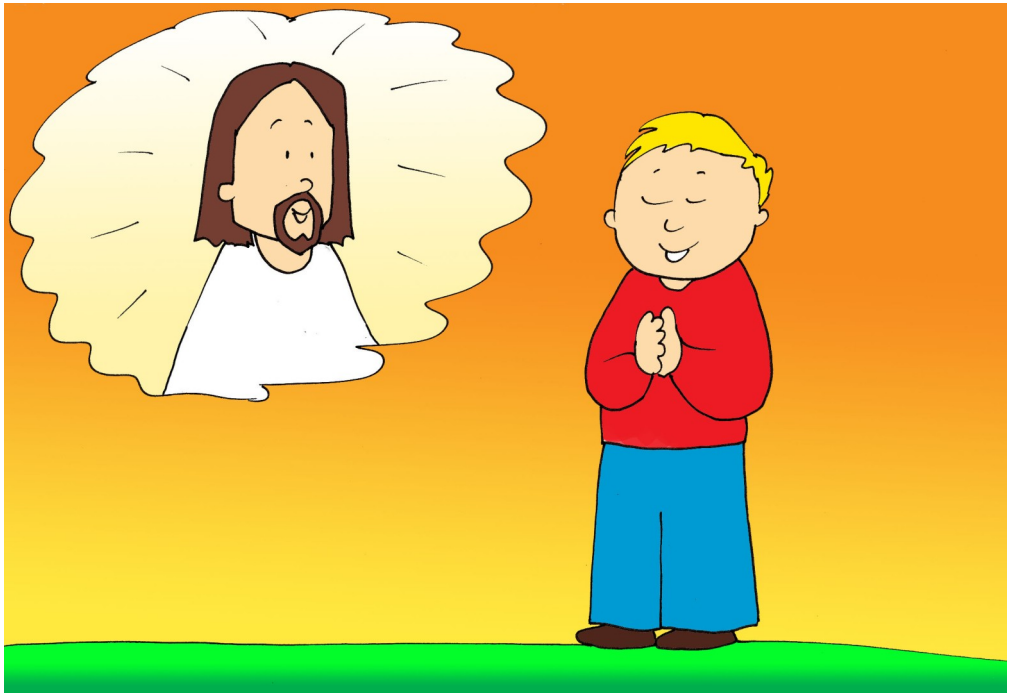
Peter spent all his time helping others and travelling with Jesus as His disciple, and didn't have any coins to give them on that day.



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.

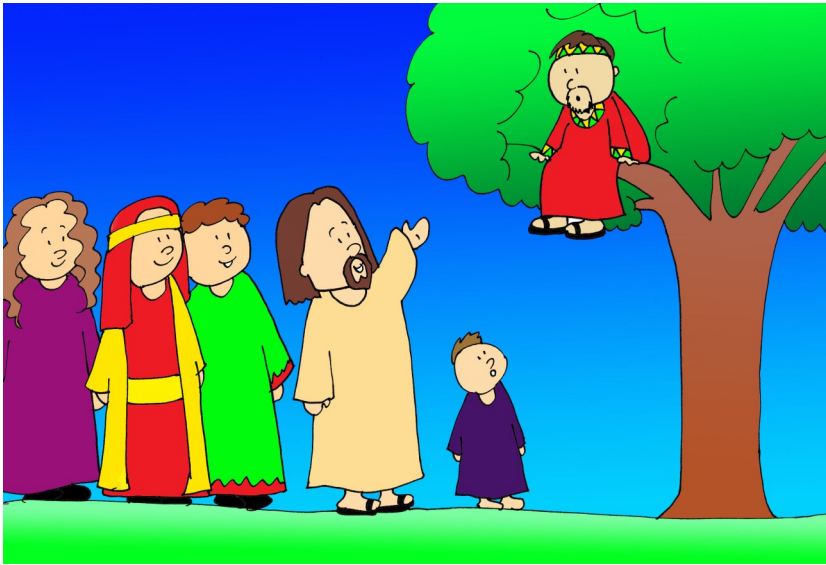


When there is something we need, we can just pray and ask Jesus to help us get it, and then obey whatever He tells us to do. Jesus will supply whatever we need if it's good for us.



## 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.

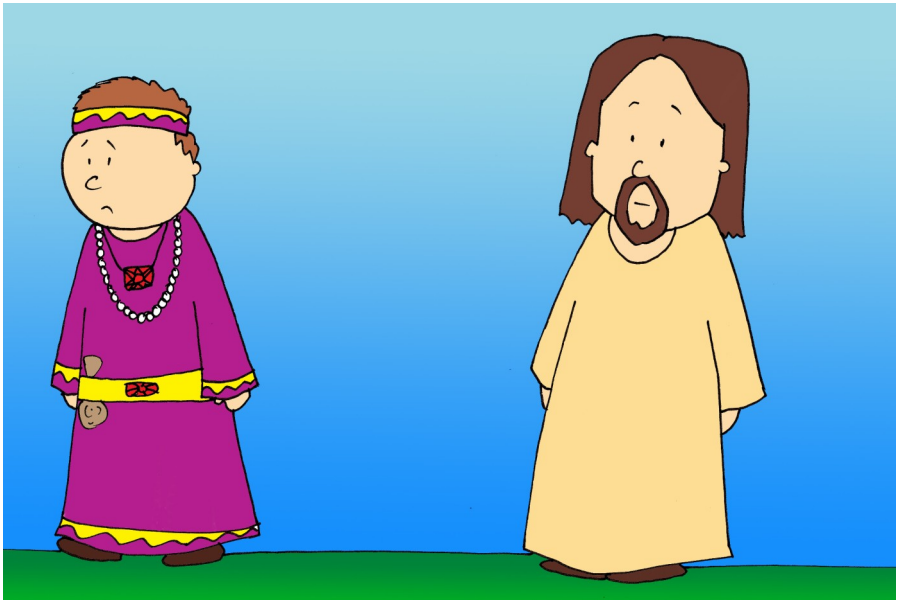
He took half of everything he had and gave it to poor people, and he gave back extra money to those he had taken too much from. People were glad to be friends with this man who had learned the loving ways of Heaven.





## 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.



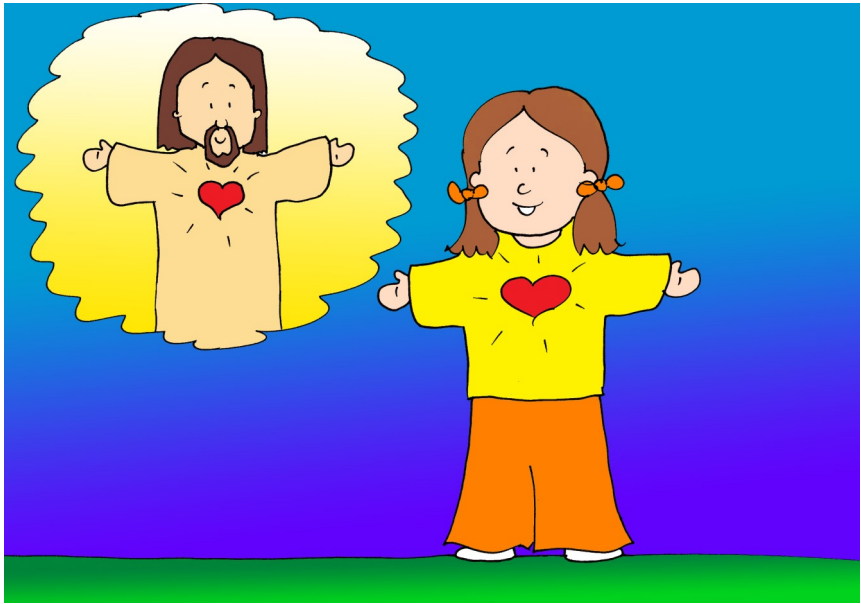
## 118.) Love and Forgiveness

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.



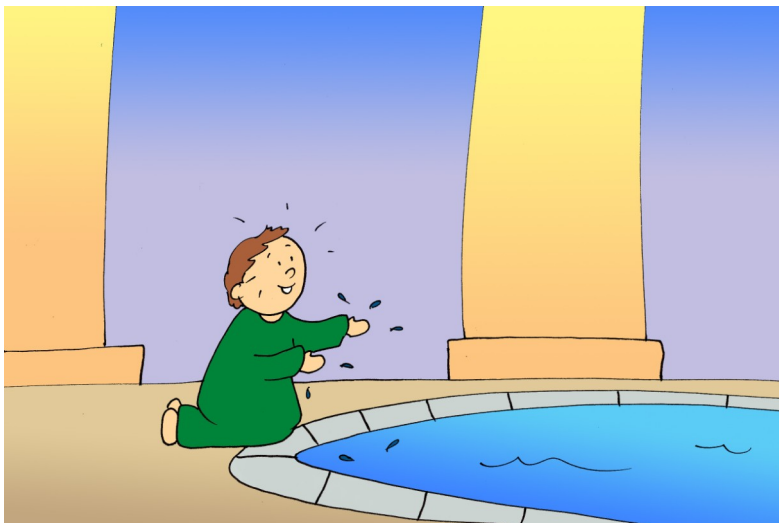
Jesus taught His disciples that when we act loving, caring, and helpful, it will show people that we really are His disciples. If we are rude and selfish, angry and impatient, people won't be able to see a good example of God's love.

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

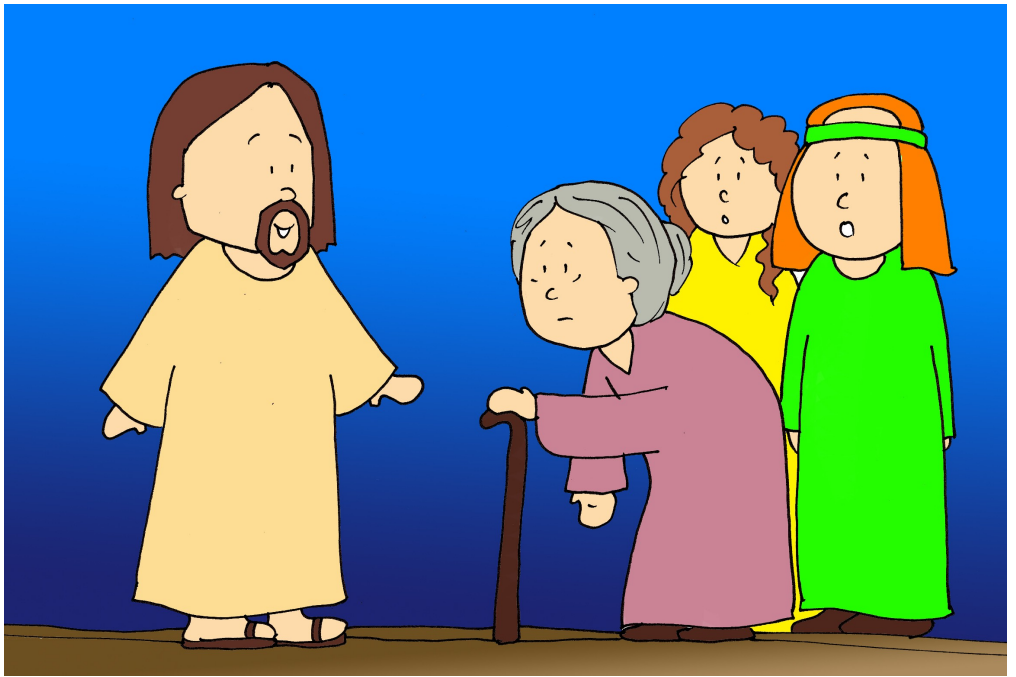
A blind man had sat in a certain place very often. He would go to the same spot for many years, and everyone around knew him.

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.

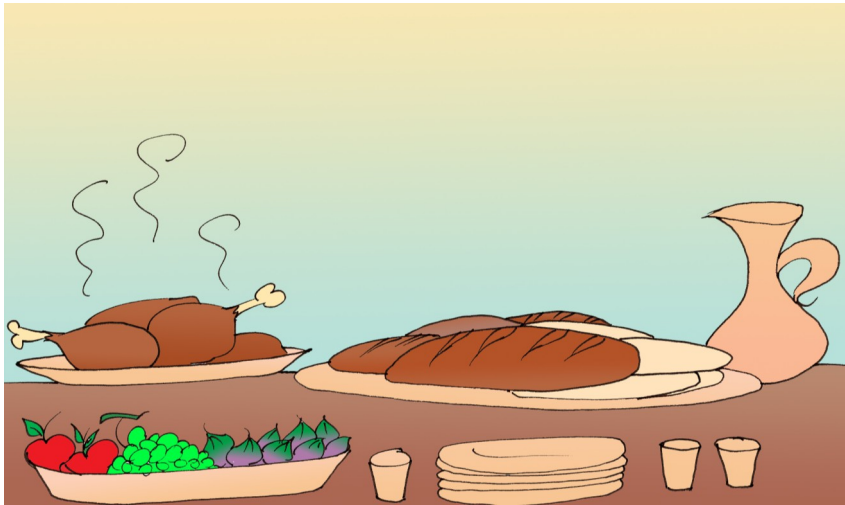




One time, there was a woman whose back was all curled over and she couldn't stand up properly. Jesus was preaching and stopped right then to heal her.

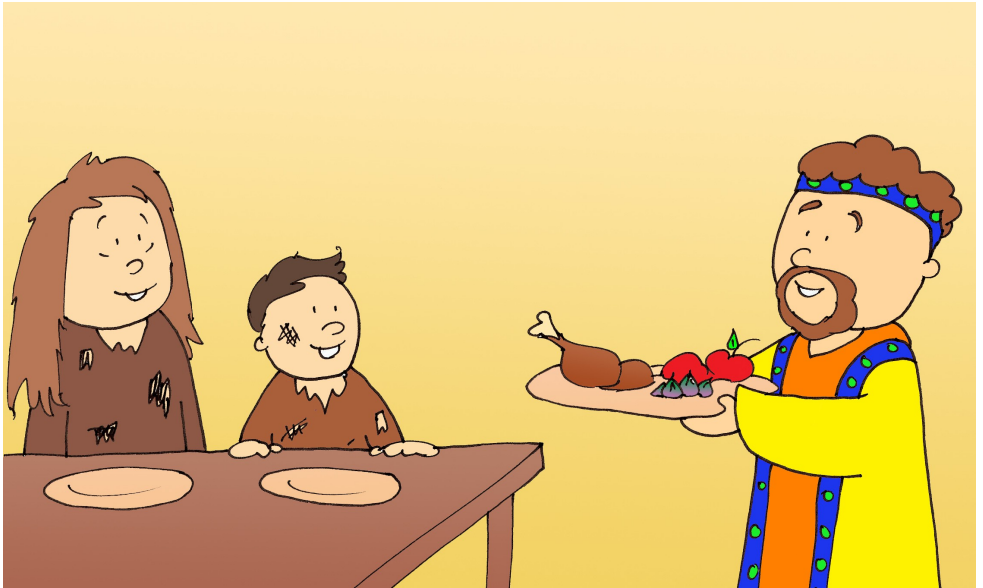


At last she was able to stand up straight and walk normally. It felt so good to be able to move around easily. The people who were listening to Jesus cheered!



## 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.

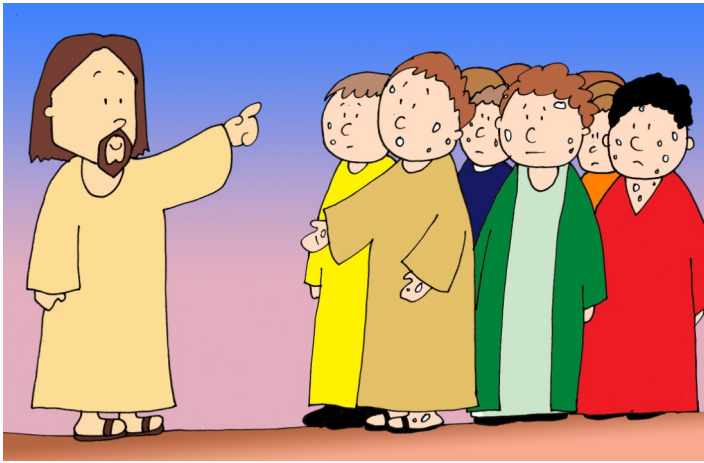


In the end, he was sad and hungry, and wished he was living with his father again. The sad man didn't know if his father would forgive him for leaving and wasting everything that he had. However, when the father saw his son returning, he ran out to welcome him home.



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.

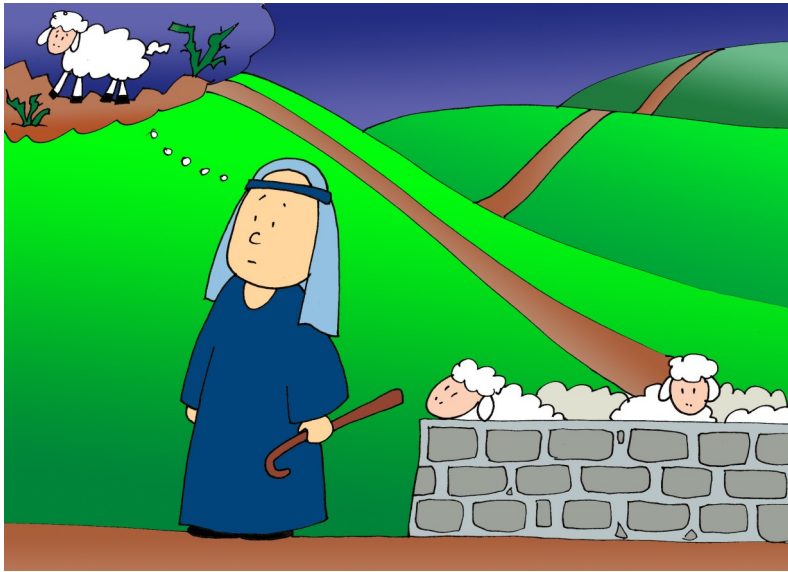


These men obeyed Jesus' instructions right away. They started walking to announce that they were healed, and as soon as they started obeying what Jesus said, they were healed!



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!"

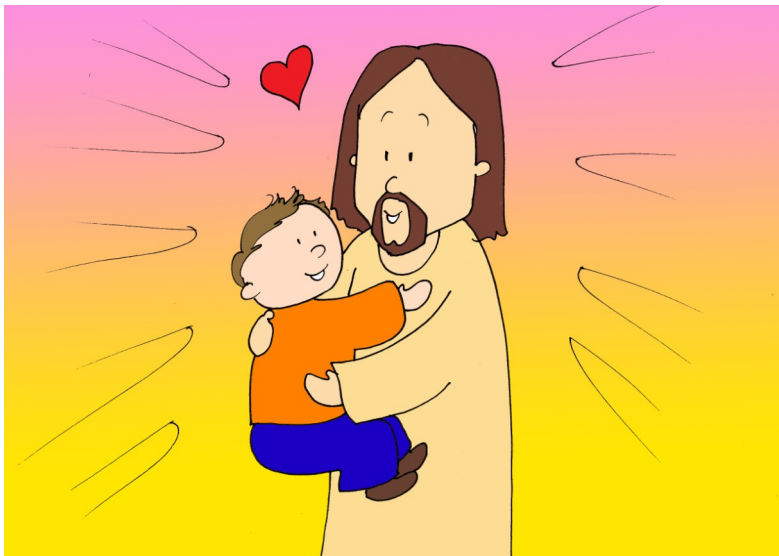


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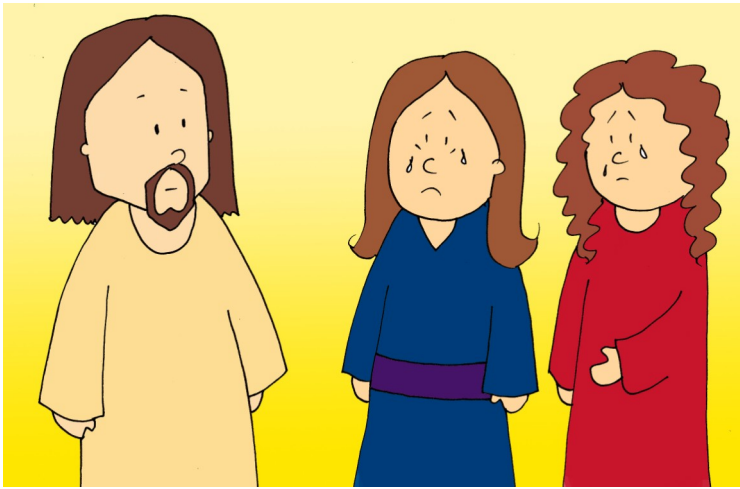
When a sheep is lost, a good shepherd goes to find it. When a sheep is hurt, he helps to bind up the hurt. The shepherd takes the sheep to feed on nice green grass, and brings them to calm and clean pools of water to drink.



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!

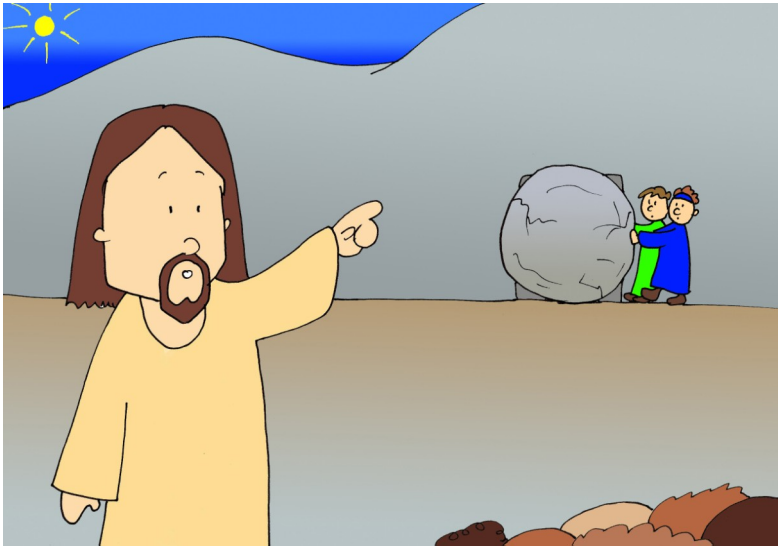


Jesus is like a good and loving shepherd. Jesus loves us so much that He will do whatever is best to keep us safe and close to Him. Jesus is happy when we follow Him closely, listen to His voice, and do what He asks of us. Jesus loves us and wants us to stay close to Him, because then He can take good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

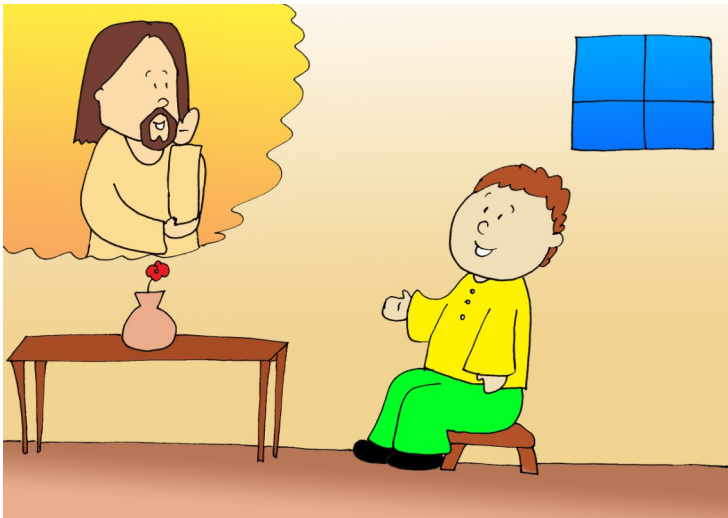




Jesus then shouted out, "Lazarus! Come forth!"  
To the astonishment of everyone, Lazarus was  
alive again and walked out of the grave to them!

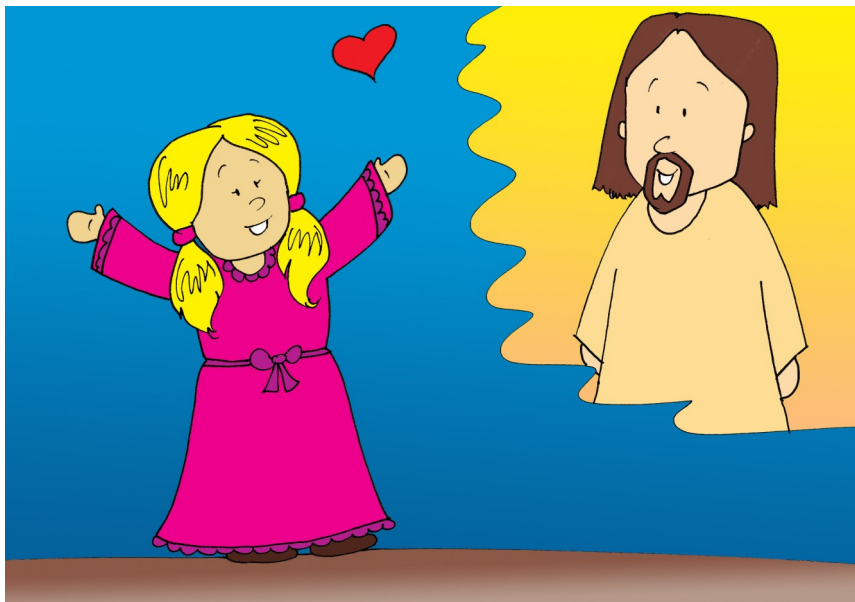
Many people believed in Jesus as a result,  
and were glad for this wonderful miracle.

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!



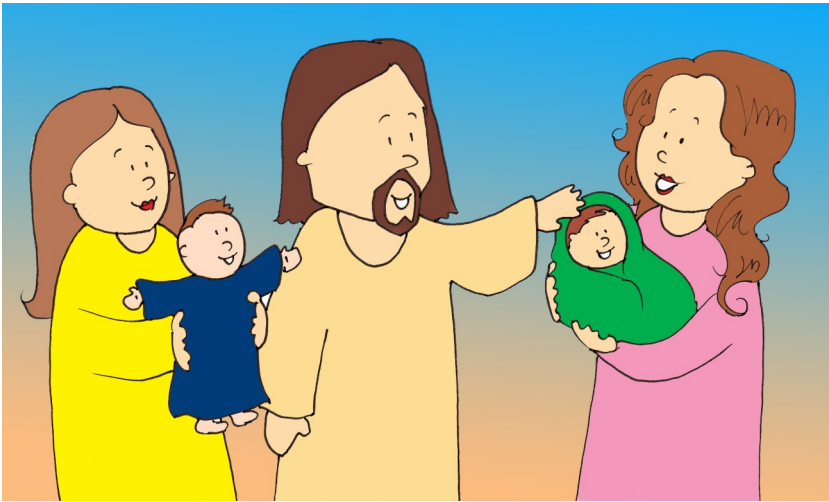
Praying is simple. All we need to do is talk to Jesus, and tell Him what we are thinking and needing. Jesus always hears us when we pray, and wants to give us what is best.

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



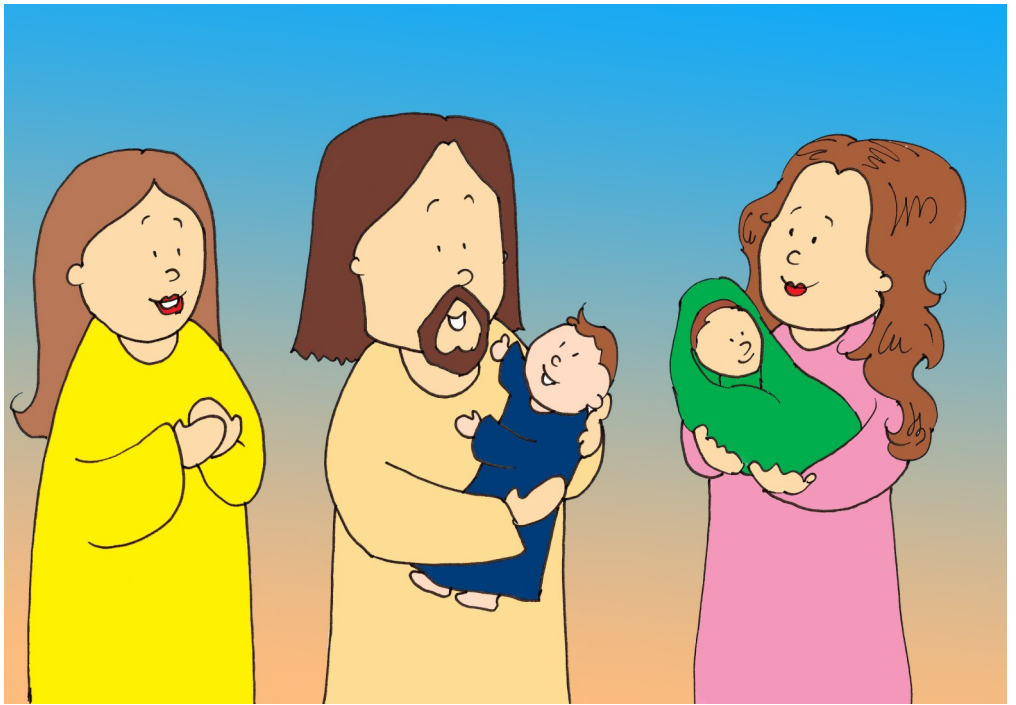
If we believe that He can do amazing things, then it makes Him very glad to give us His help. When our prayers are for things that Jesus knows are good, then He will do those things.

He loves us, and will always do what is best for us and others.

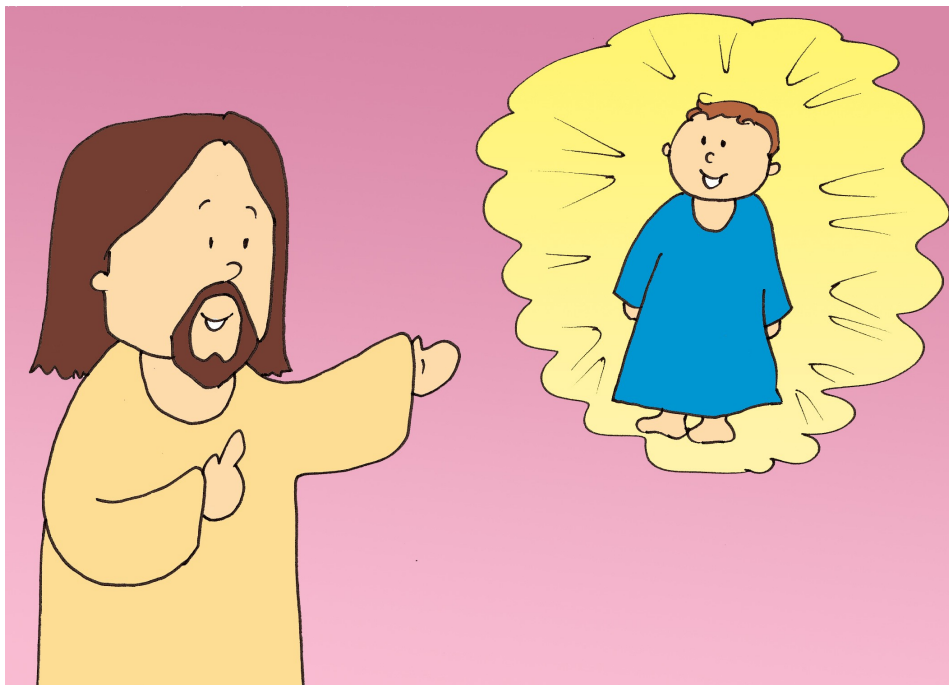


## 126.) Jesus and the Children

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.

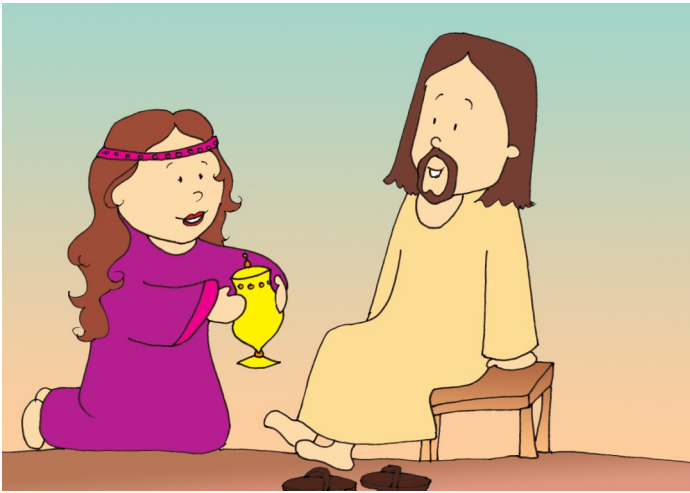


Jesus held them in His arms, blessed them, and prayed for them. He wanted everyone to know how much God loved the children—all kinds of children. Jesus said children are very important.



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!

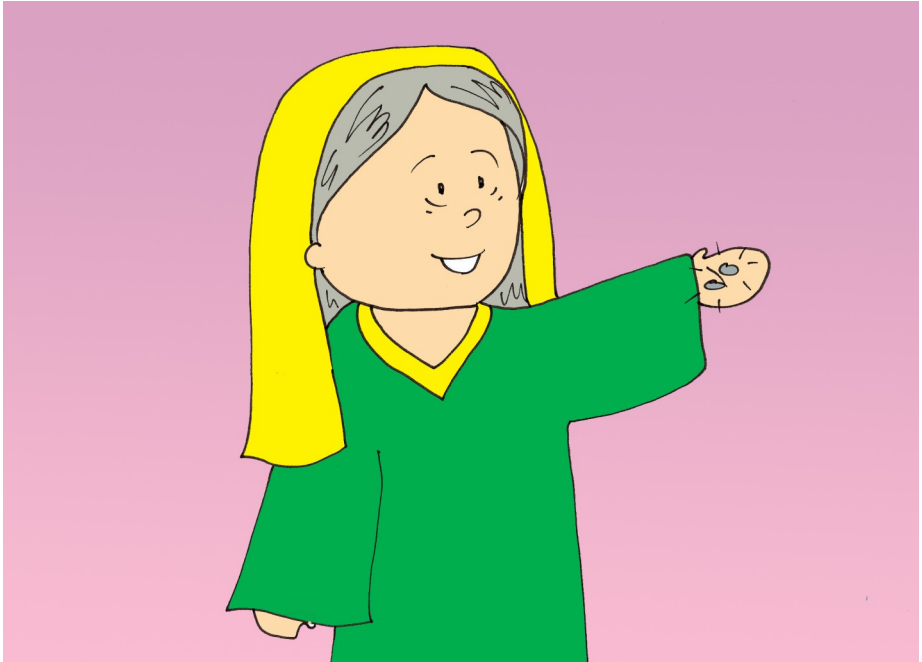


## 127.) Generous Gifts

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.

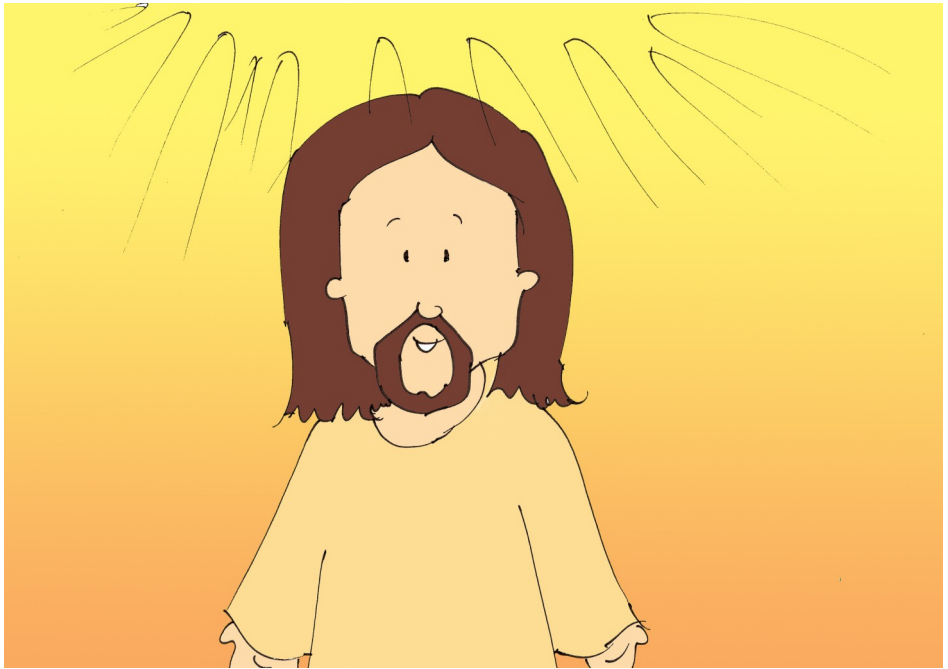


Mary and Martha would be happier if they took time with Jesus first of all, and not worry about all that needed to be done. Hearing Jesus' Words is the most important thing. Jesus' Words and love could give them the joy and the strength they needed to do the work afterwards.



## 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.



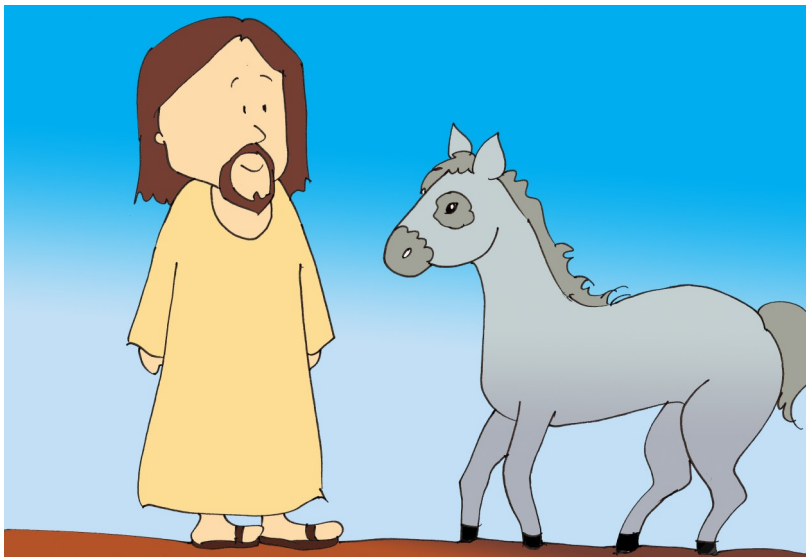
They had lived on Earth before. They were talking with Jesus, and the disciples were amazed!

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.



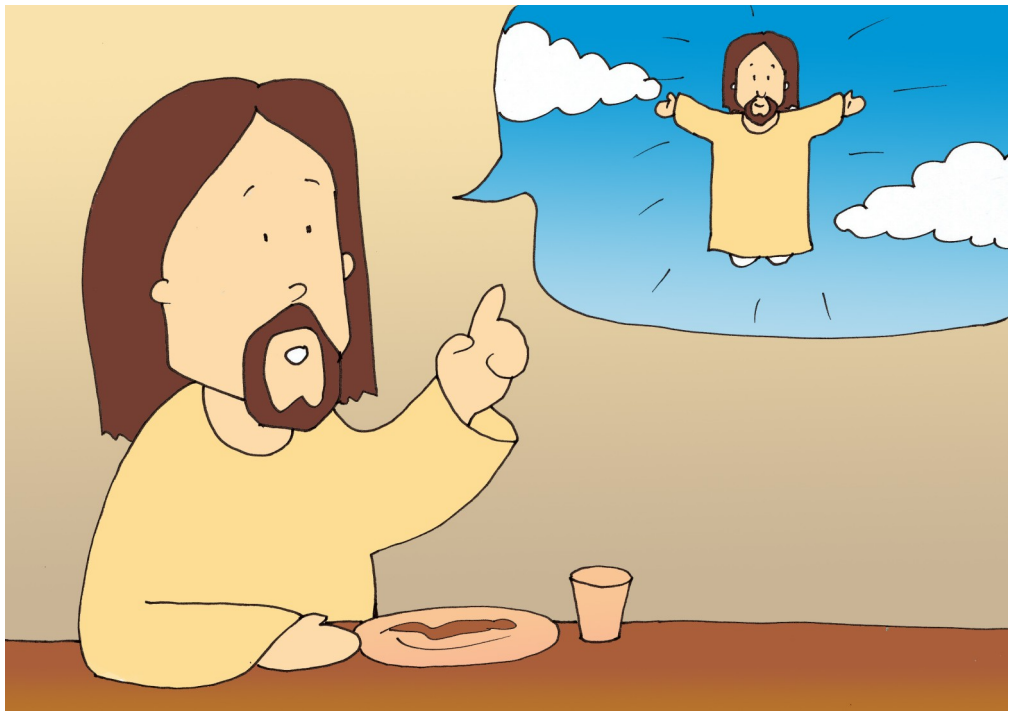
People were shouting out joyfully, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna in the highest!"

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.



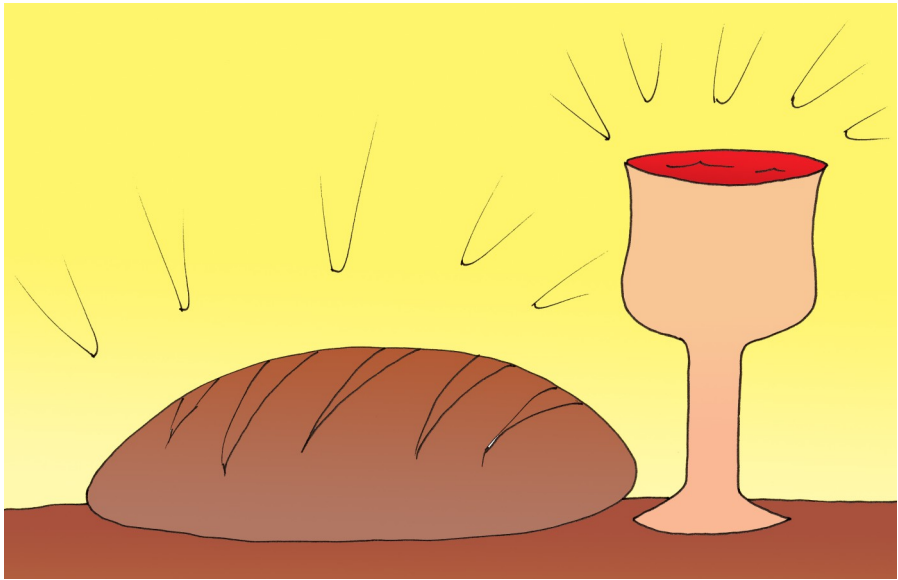
Then Jesus took a bowl of water and a towel, and washed each of the disciples' feet—just like a servant would do. He said, "To be really great, you should care for and help each other, like humble servants. People will know that you are My disciples if you have love for one another."



## 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.

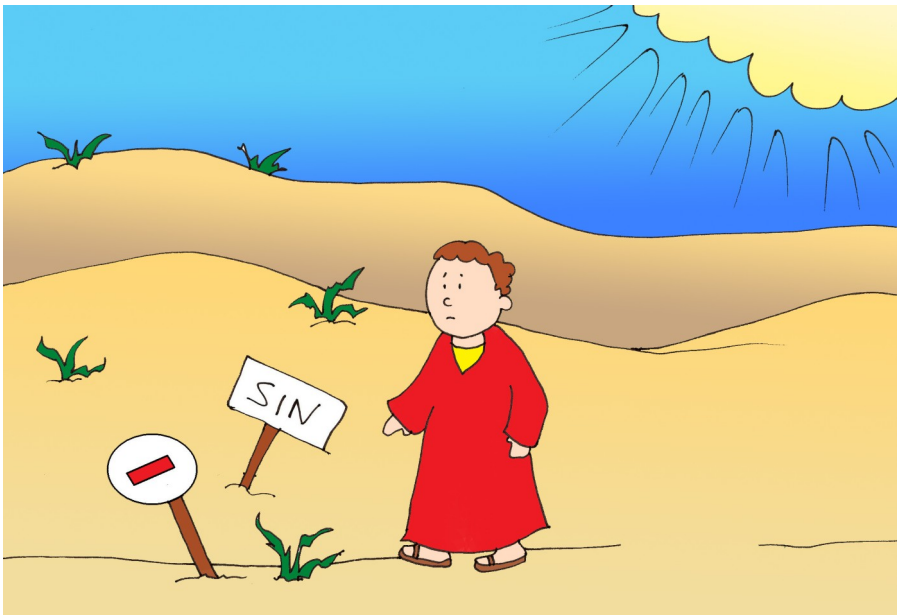




Afterwards, Jesus walked with His disciples to a garden where they rested under the trees and stars. In the garden Jesus prayed with all His heart, asking His Father to help Him.

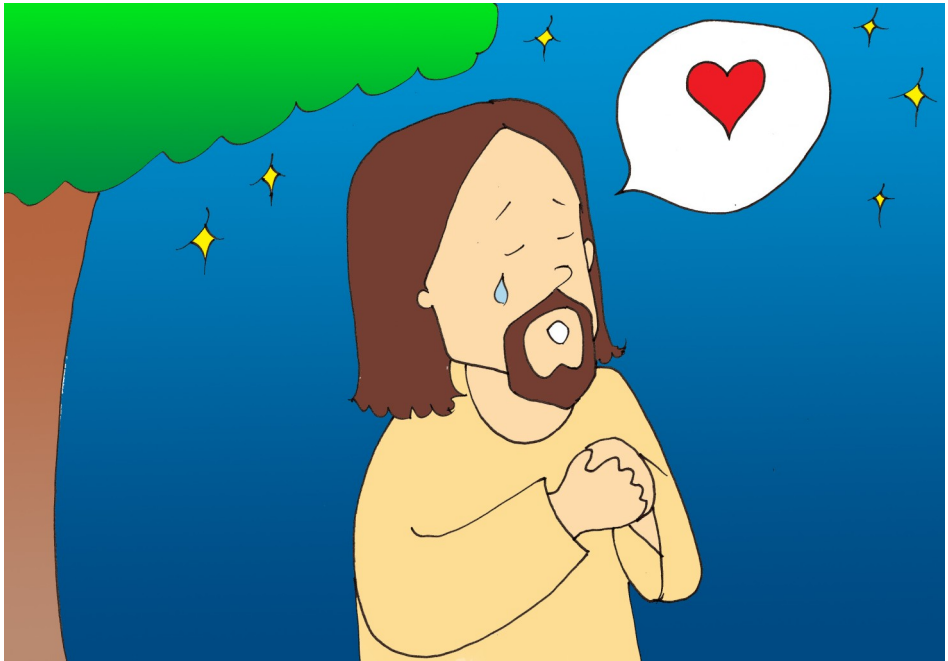


Jesus had a difficult job to do, and He was soon going to leave His friends on Earth for awhile. While Jesus was praying, an angel came to comfort and to strengthen Him.

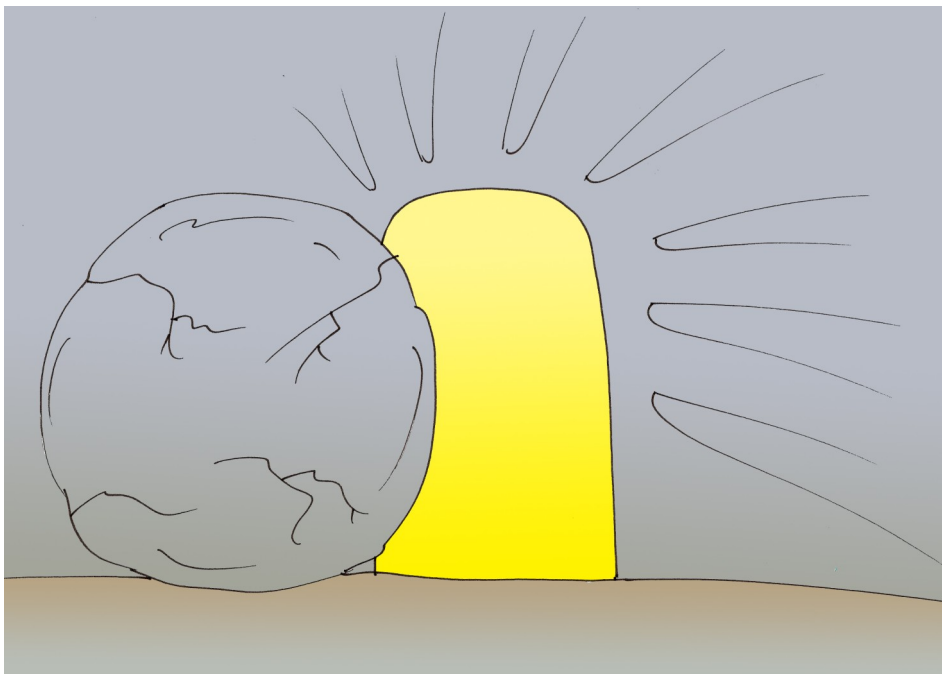


### 133.) Jesus' Gifts of Love and Life

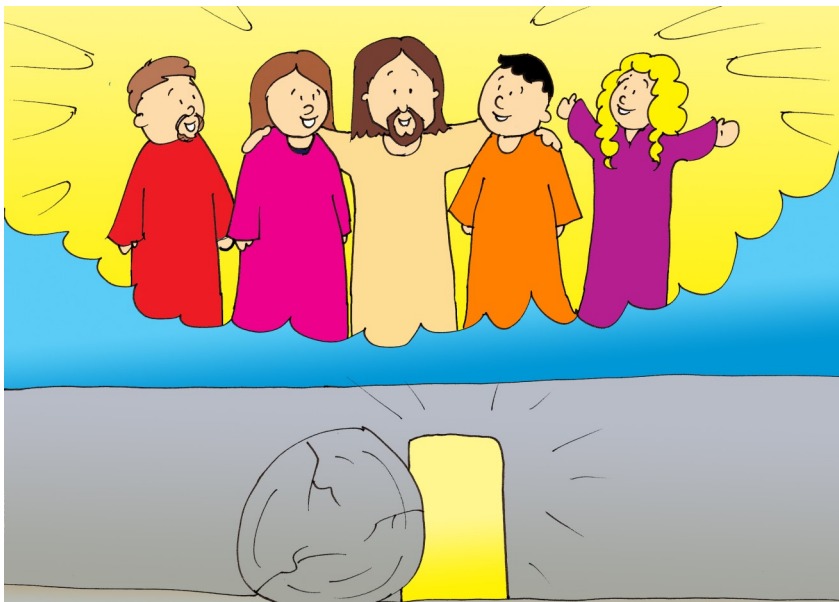
Jesus is God's gift of love to the world—to each person in it. When people choose to do wrong, it separates them from God, and makes God sad. God didn't want us to stay separate from Him, so He chose to forgive us.



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.

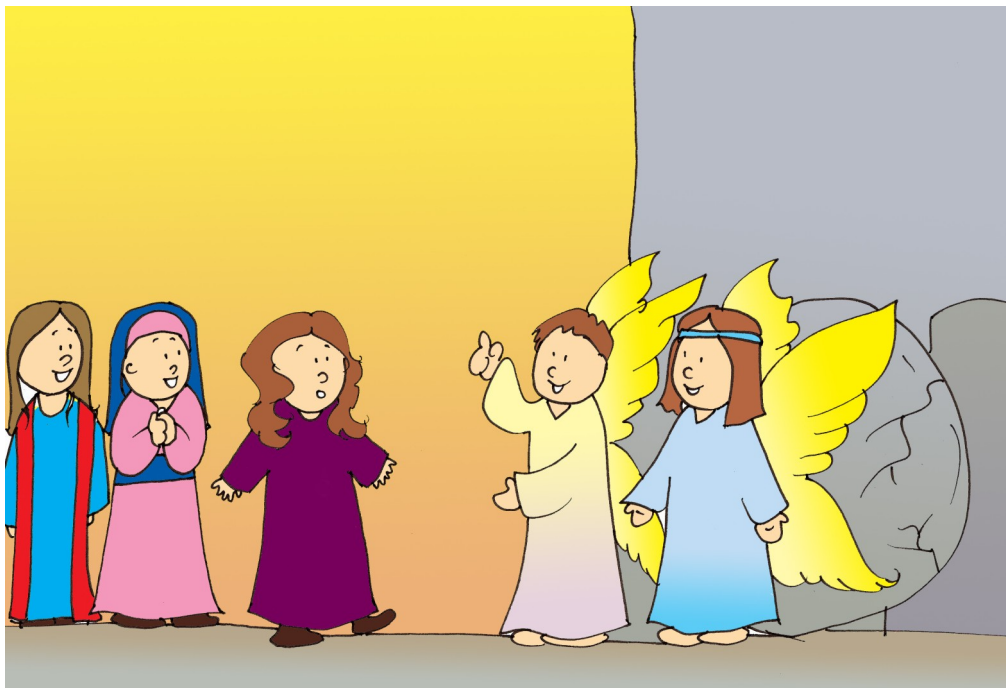


Jesus loves us so much that He was willing to give up His life on Earth for us, to die while taking the punishment for us, so that now we can be saved and forgiven. But He rose up alive again!  
Jesus lives forever, and so will we!



## 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.



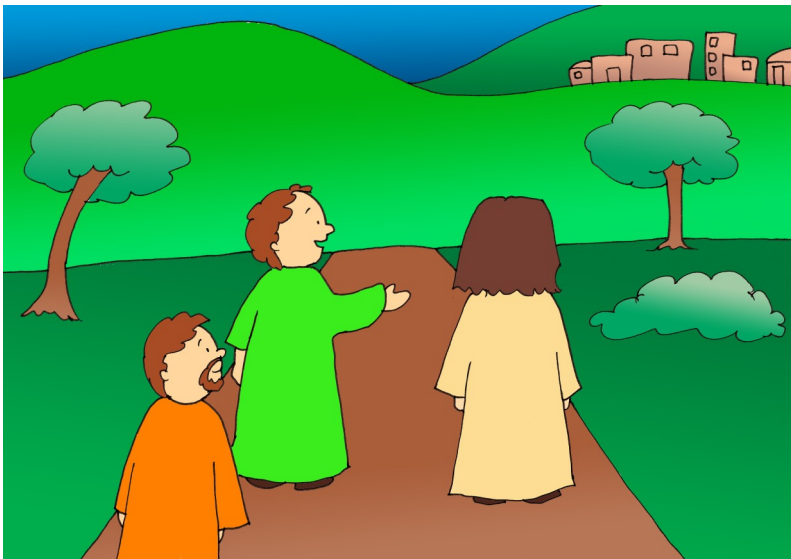
When the women went to see where Jesus' body had been placed after He died, they were surprised to see angels there. The angels said, "Jesus is alive! Go tell all the other disciples."



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.

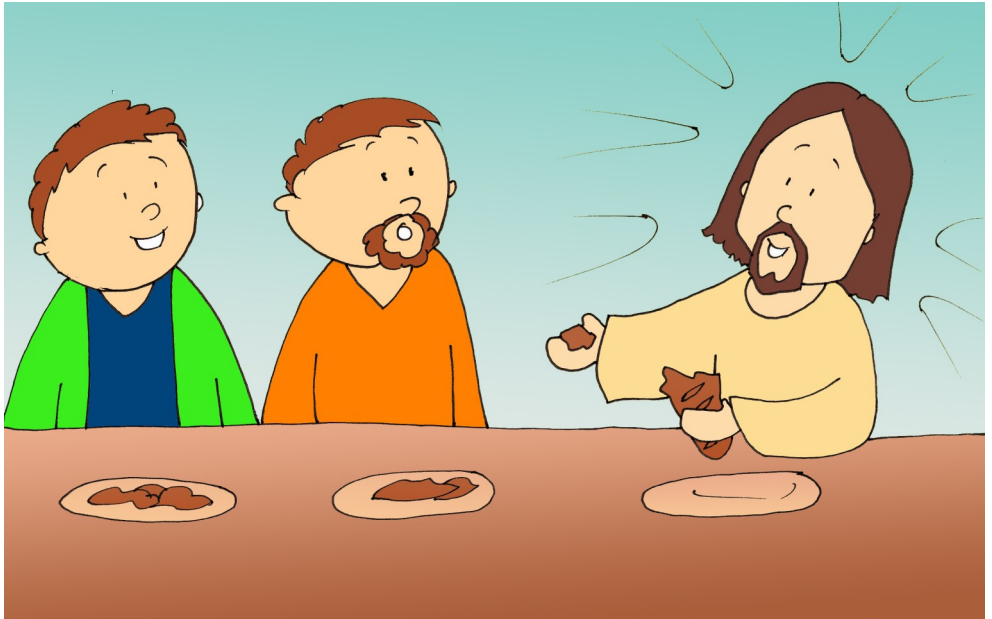
He lives forever, and can be anywhere, anytime, with anyone—even with you, right now!





## 135.) Walking and Talking

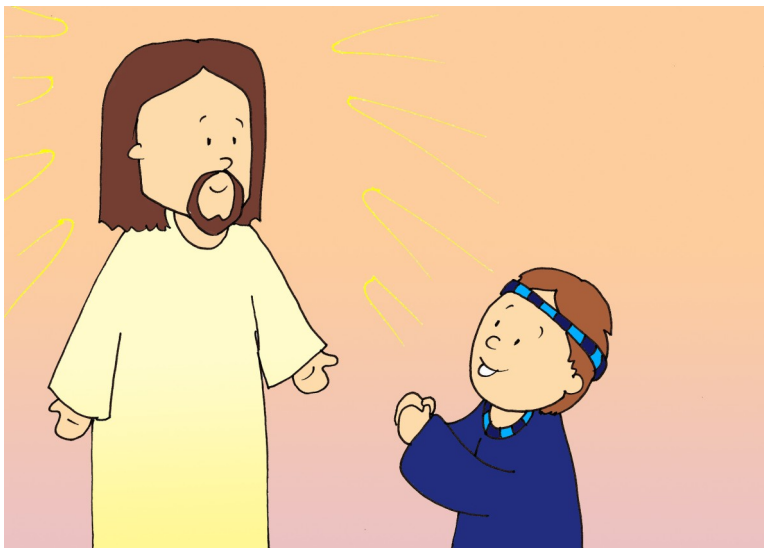
Two of Jesus' disciples were walking and talking, when a man came and walked with them. They talked about Jesus, and how they missed Him. The man walking with them reminded them of the promises in the Bible that told of Jesus rising again.



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.

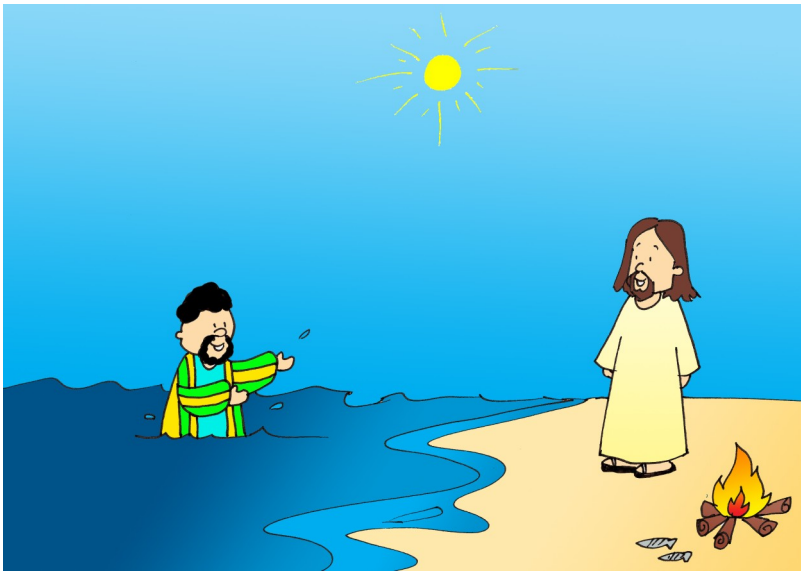


## 136.) Breakfast on the Beach

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.

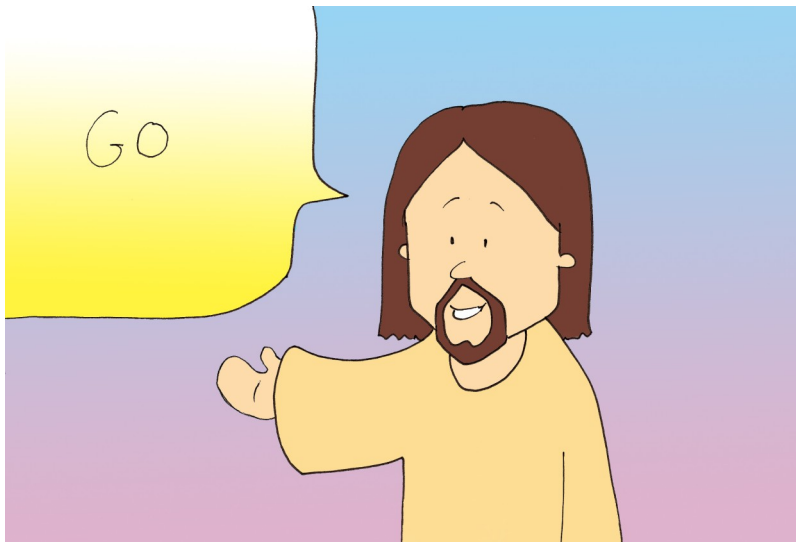


On a different day, Peter and some others had gone fishing, but didn't catch anything all night. In the morning, Jesus was on the shore and told them to "Cast their net on the other side." When the disciples did, their net was filled with plenty of fish!



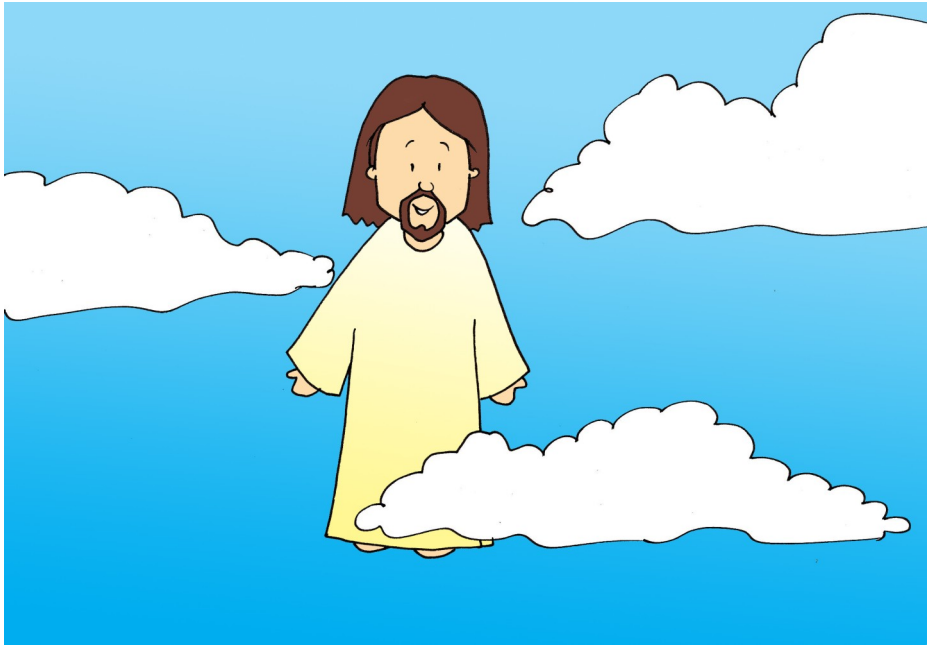
They knew, all of a sudden, that it was Jesus. Peter quickly jumped into the water to go and see Jesus, and the others brought the fish to the shore and then went to talk with Him too.

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.



## 138.) The Power of the Spirit of God

It was time for the good news to be spread around the world—the news that Jesus was God's Son, and that all who believed in His love and forgiveness could have eternal life. As the disciples waited in Jerusalem, just like Jesus told them to, one day they heard the sound of a strong wind right in their house. It was the wind of God.



God's Holy Spirit came to each one of the disciples, to give them the power to do the job of spreading the good news. To show them that they now had God's Spirit, little flames of fire from God appeared above each one of them for a while. They were filled with power from Heaven.

The disciples then went out to tell others about Jesus, and something amazing happened.



All of a sudden, they could speak in new languages!—Languages they never knew before. Many people who had come to Jerusalem from all over the world could hear and understand the words they were saying, and believed in Jesus! The Holy Spirit of God can help us to be filled with His love, and to tell others about Jesus.



## 139.) Together

Jesus' disciples continued to tell others about Him, and many others wanted to love and follow Him as well. Many people were healed, and God's power made many miracles and wonderful things happen!



Those who believed in Jesus worked together as a team and helped one another. They shared their things with each other. They were like a big family now—God's family. They were brothers and sisters, all sons and daughters of their Heavenly Father.



## 140.) The Lame Man Walks

There was a man who never had been able to walk in his whole life. Everyone knew him, and those who went into the temple saw him sitting there asking for gifts of money and food.

When Peter and John went into the temple one day, they were able to give this lame man the best gift he'd ever received.

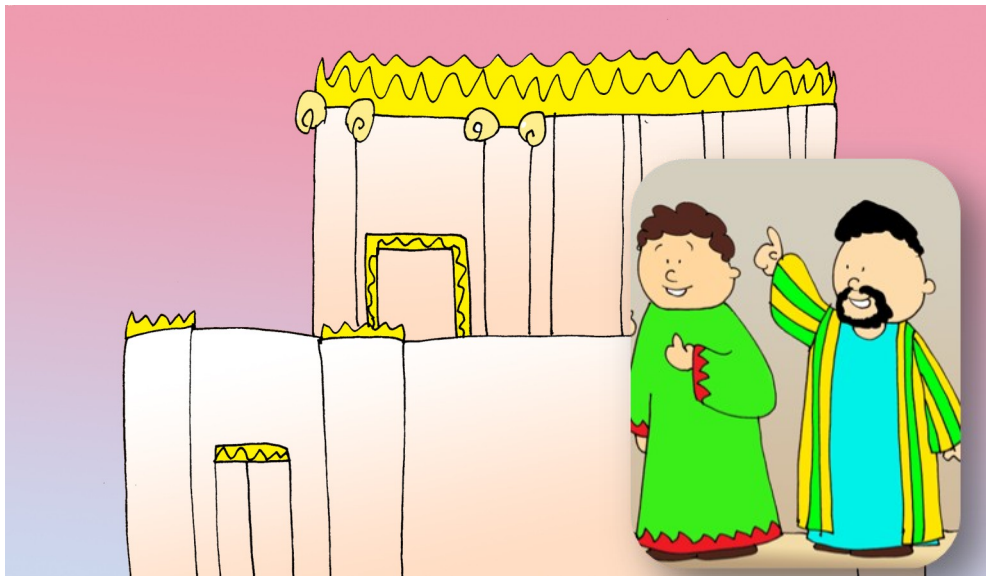


Peter and John told the lame man that Jesus could heal him. The man believed and gained strength to stand up right then! He was instantly able to walk, run, and jump! All who knew him were surprised to see him walking.





Peter and John told everyone who was watching about Jesus and His power to heal. They also explained His gift of love and forgiveness to all. Many people listened and believed in Jesus that day.



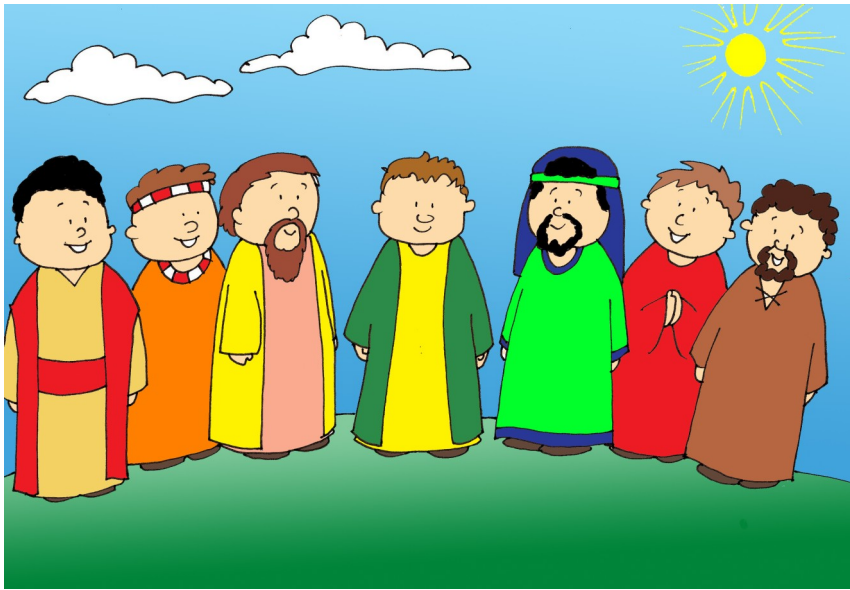
## 141.) Power, Protection, and Perseverance

Every day the disciples would visit the temple area where there were many people, and spread the good news of Jesus to all. Some people who were in charge didn't like them doing that, and tried to stop them.



The followers of Jesus prayed for the Spirit of God to give them even more power to keep on talking and telling people about Jesus.

They didn't give up! God sent angels to help them and protect them, and as a result many others came to know about Jesus too.



## 142.) Seven Wise Helpers

There were so many people who chose to follow Jesus' way, along with the disciples. There was lots to do to make sure that each one of them was being well cared for. The believers all worked together and helped each other.

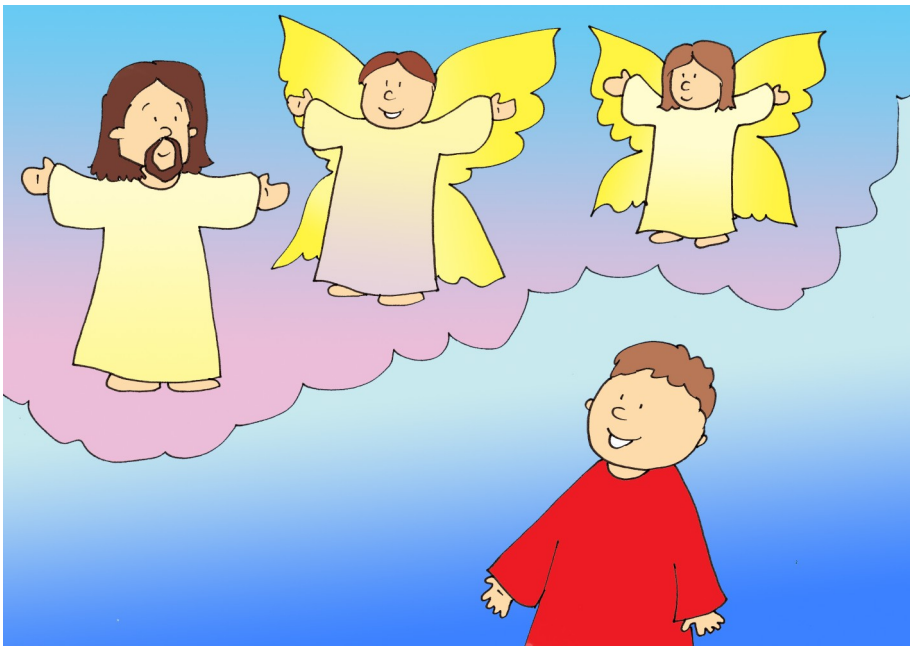


Seven men who were strong in faith, wise, and filled with God's Spirit, were chosen to help look after the needs of the new disciples—especially those with children who needed extra care.



Stephen was one of those chosen. He was a powerful witness, and told many about Jesus. Many miracles were done through him.

People were amazed to see the light on his face, as he spoke the words God told him to.



Before he went to Heaven to receive his reward for a job well done, he had a peek of Jesus and the angels in the sky! If we are faithful to do our job for Jesus and help to pass on God's Word, we'll make Jesus happy too, and receive great rewards.



## 143.) Philip's Amazing Trip

As Philip was travelling to tell people about Jesus, he saw an important man riding in a chariot.

God told him to talk with that man, and to tell him about Jesus. The Ethiopian man was reading a Bible scroll that told about Jesus coming to the world, but he didn't understand it.





Philip was able to explain to the man what it meant. The man happily listened to Philip and believed that Jesus was *God's Son*. He asked to be baptized in the first pool of water they saw while travelling.

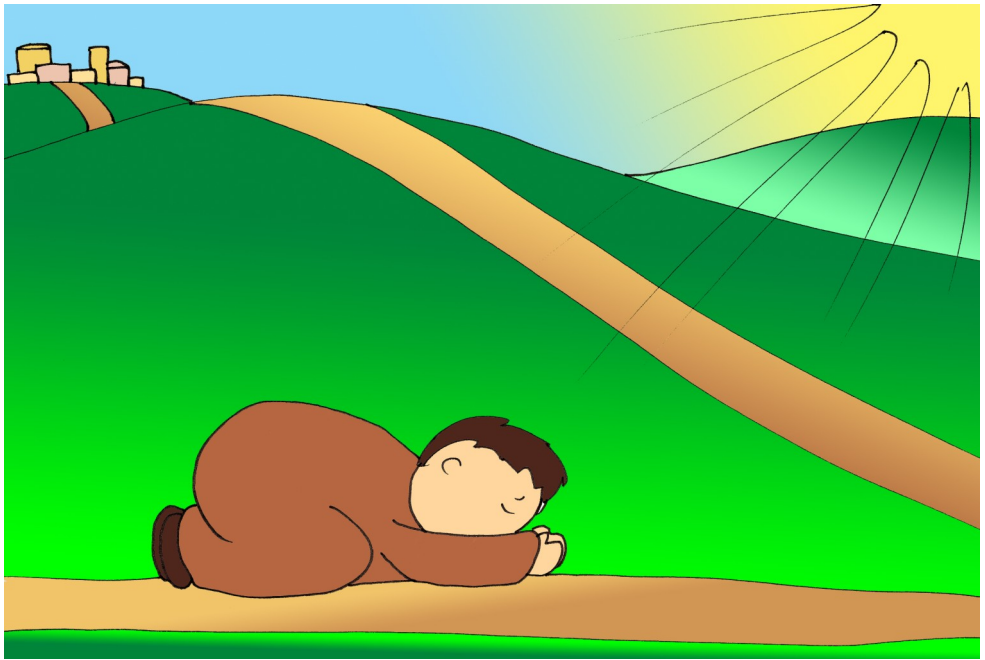


When they came out of the water, God's Spirit suddenly took Philip away to another town. He just disappeared from that place and appeared in another! The Ethiopian man was amazed and praised God! Philip could spread God's message to new places, right then.



## 144.) Saul Is Stopped—Paul Preaches

Paul was a changed man, after what happened to him one day. At first his name was Saul, and he didn't know the truth about Jesus. Saul was trying to stop Jesus' followers from teaching others about Him.



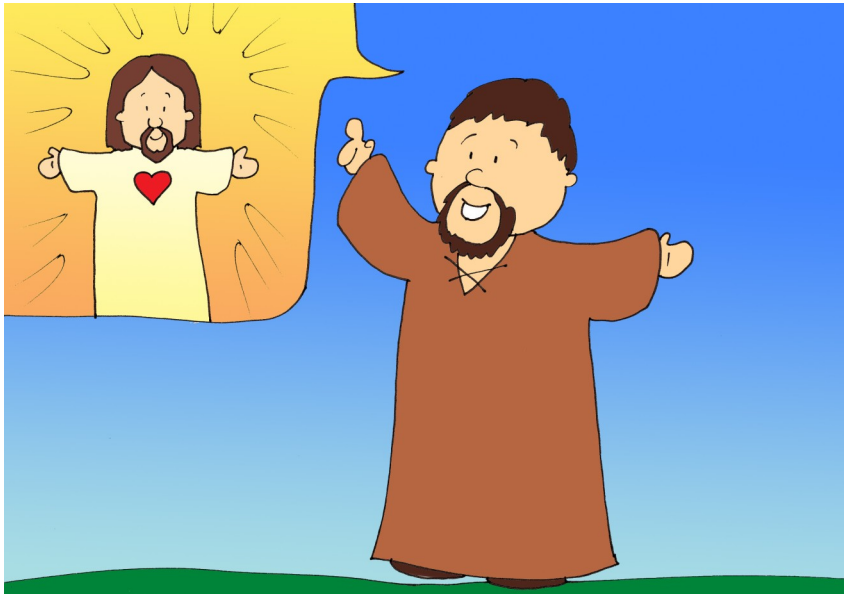
But as he was travelling one day, Jesus stopped him with a bright light. He was so surprised that he fell to the ground.

Jesus spoke and told him the truth, and said he should stop the wrong things he was doing.



God then told a man called Ananias to visit Saul and to pray for him, as he couldn't see after that very bright light shone in his eyes.

Then Saul was healed and could see again, and wanted to be one of Jesus' disciples too.



He was filled with the Holy Spirit, and then went by the name Paul—a new name for a changed man. Paul now did what God wanted him to do. He travelled around preaching and telling many people about Jesus! Paul was a faithful follower and disciple of Jesus.



## 145.) Arise

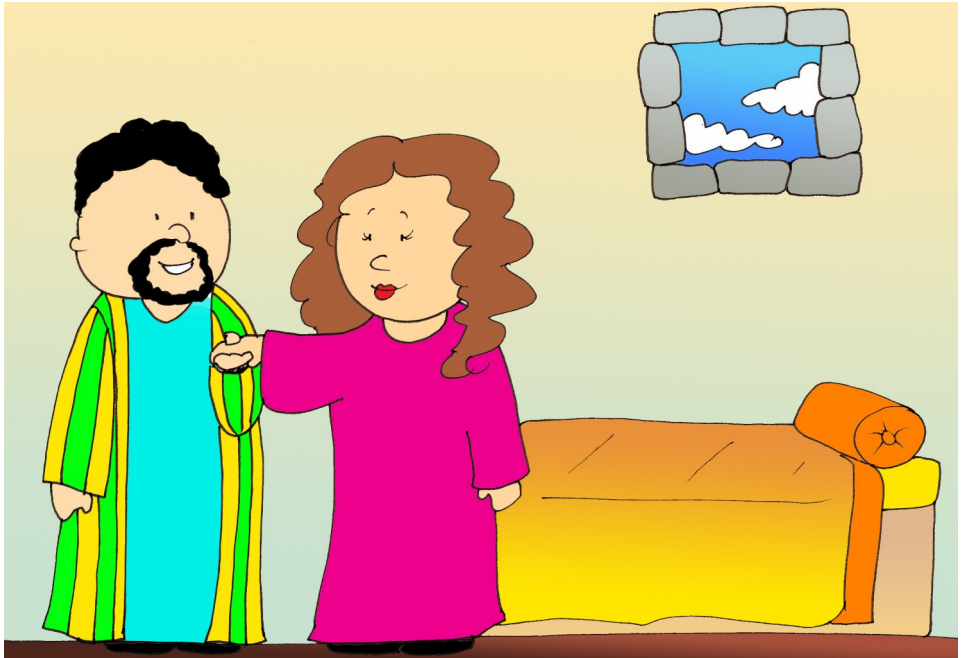
When Peter travelled and told people about Jesus, he also prayed for the sick, and they were healed. Aeneas had been sick in bed for eight years. "Jesus can heal you right now!" Peter told him. "Get up and make your bed."

Aeneas was healed right then, and got up!



Tabitha was very kind to others, and made clothes for the poor. One day she got very sick, and people were so sad. They thought she'd never get well again. A message was sent to Peter asking him to please come. They said Tabitha had died.





Peter prayed for her, took her by the hand, and she rose from the bed all healed and full of life again.

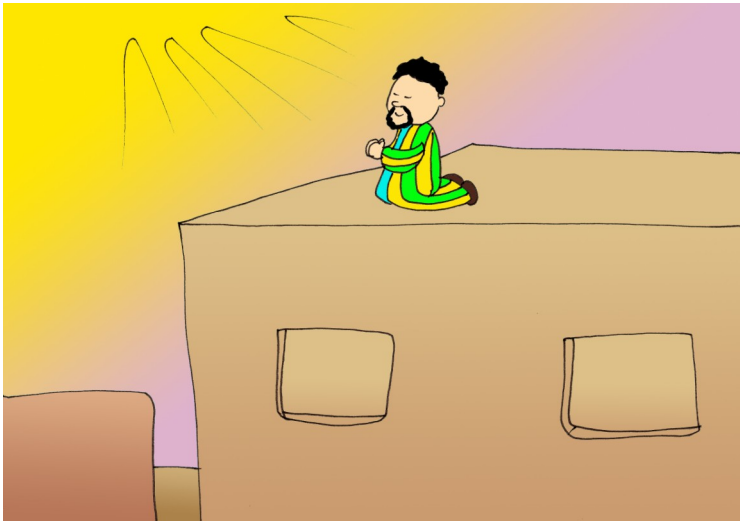
Many people who heard about those miracles of healing were amazed and believed in Jesus.



## 146.) Cornelius

A man called Cornelius was praying one day, when God sent an angel to him with a special message. The angel told Cornelius about Peter, and told him the place where he was living.

He said to find Peter and talk with him.



Cornelius obeyed and sent his helpers to the very place God had said that Peter would be, and invited him to his house. At that same time, Peter had been praying. God told him that there were three men coming to the house, and that it was important for him to talk with them.

Peter obeyed God's voice, and talked with these messengers when they arrived at the house.



Peter then travelled back with these men to meet Cornelius and talk with him about Jesus.

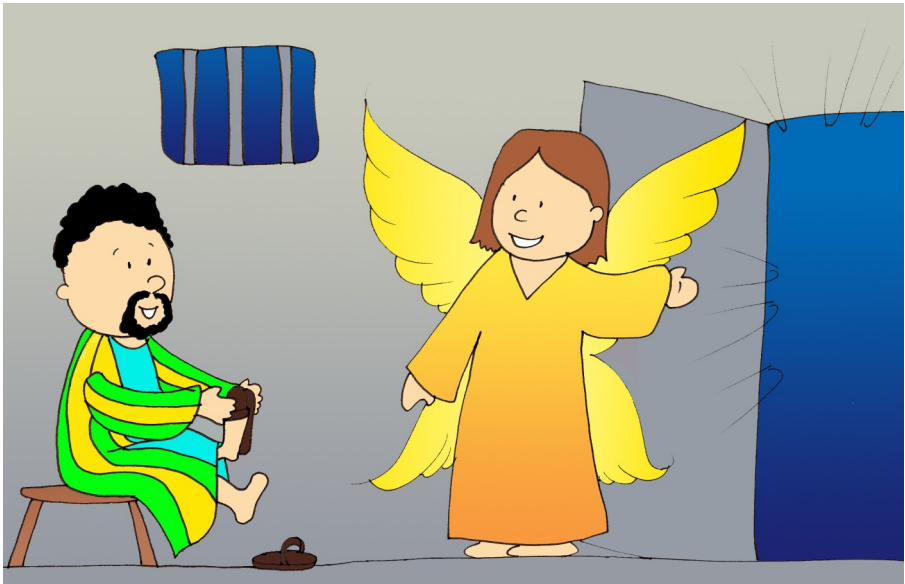
All that were in his house listened, and believed what Peter told them about Jesus. They also received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Everyone was very happy!



## 147.) Peter's Adventure

There was a king who was trying to stop Peter from telling others about Jesus. He put Peter in a room where he had to stay. There were some men watching over him, to make sure he stayed there.

The disciples were praying for Peter, so he could be free again to travel and tell people the good news about Jesus.



In the night, an angel woke Peter up and told him to get up and put his sandals on. Then the angel walked with Peter right out of there.

The doors and the big gate opened up by God's power, and Peter was free to walk to the house where the disciples were praying.



They were so happy and surprised to see him again! Peter told them the amazing story about the angel, and continued on his journey of teaching and telling others the good news.



## 148.) Paul's Adventures

Paul was a man who had courage and did his best to tell many others about Jesus' love. He had difficult times and it wasn't easy for him, but he didn't give up.

Paul prayed for people to be healed, and wonderful miracles happened! He travelled around to many places, and had an adventurous life.

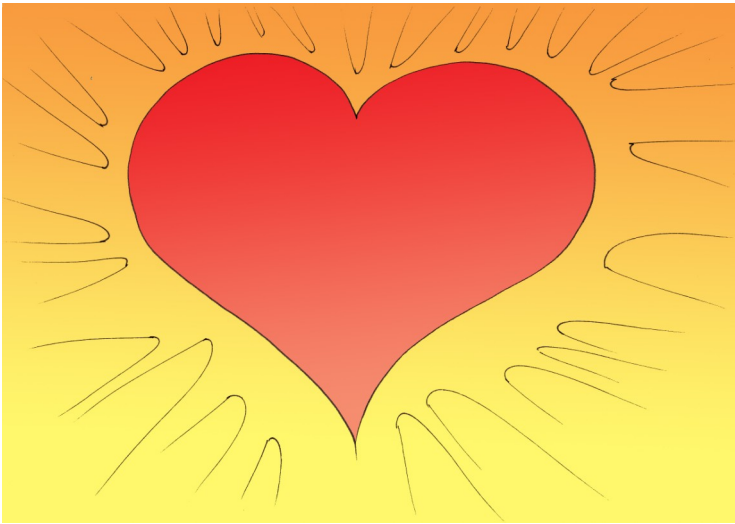




Paul experienced all kinds of difficulties, and also the joy of helping many people to believe in Jesus. He didn't give up telling people about Jesus, no matter what happened.



Paul wrote many letters and books to be sent to those he met in the cities and towns all around. He wanted to teach them more about Jesus, and how to do things God's way. Those who do their best for Jesus, and don't give up, will get great rewards!



## 149.) Heaven

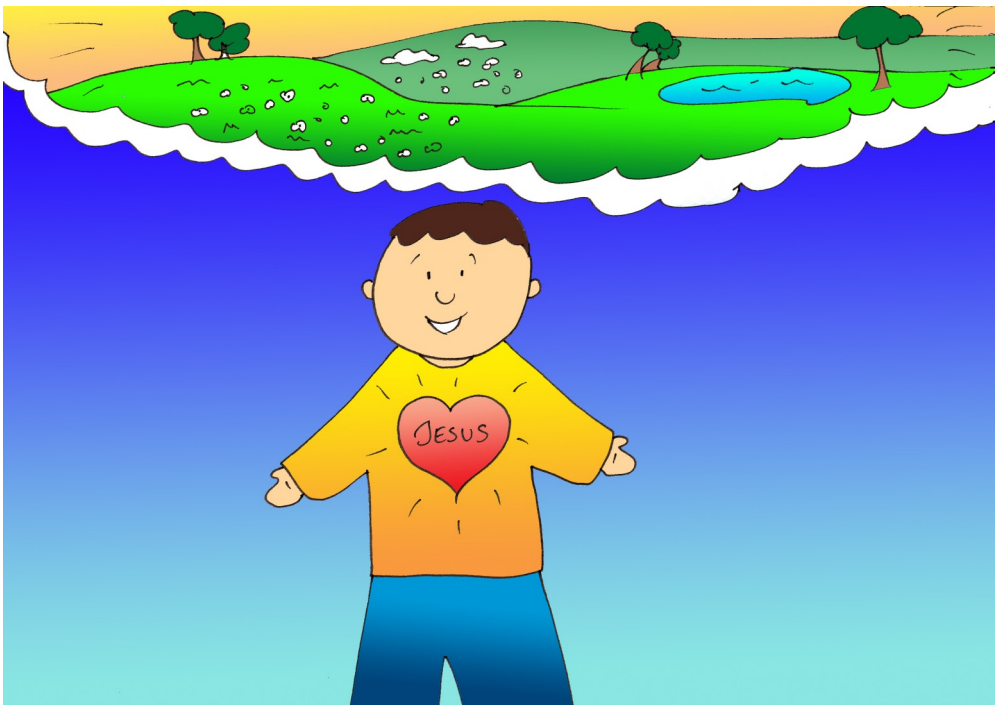
Jesus loves you so much that He has prepared a very special place for you to live in one day.

Are there things that are difficult for you now? Do you ever get sick or hurt? Are people sometimes unkind? Are you ever too hot or cold, hungry or thirsty?

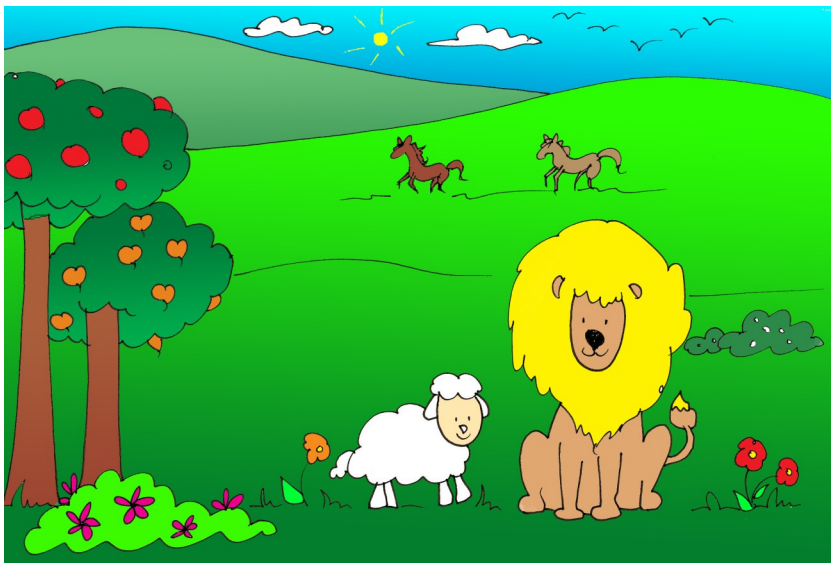


Well, in Jesus' new land called Heaven, you will only have joy, happiness, and well-being.

His love will be all around, and you will be so very happy there. It's the most beautiful place that has ever been made.



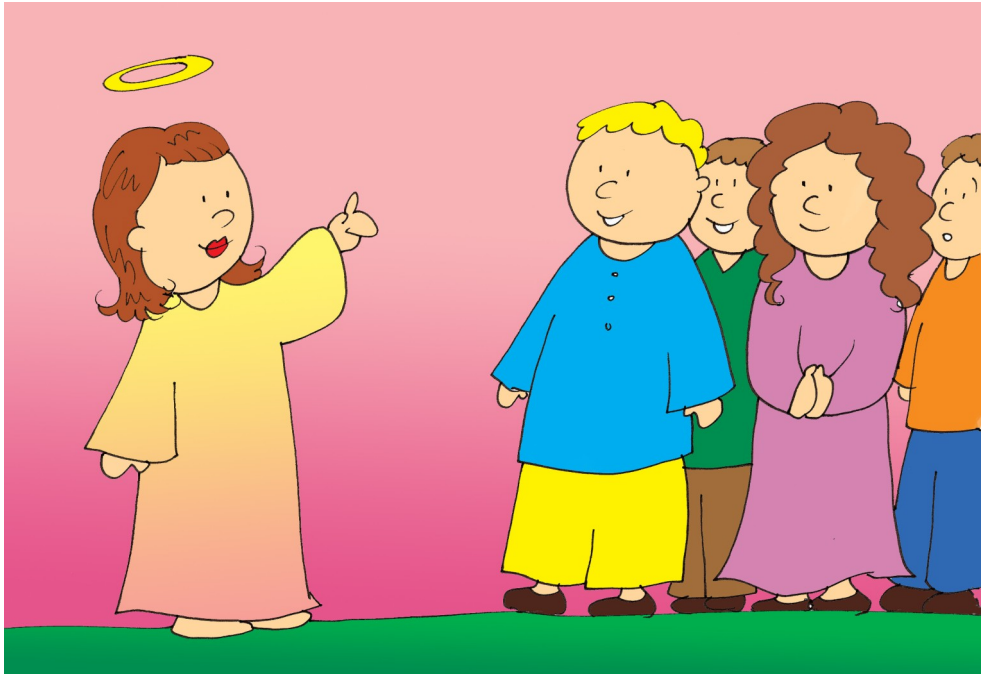
If you love Jesus and have let His love into your heart, you will get to go to this marvellous and wonderful heavenly place. Are you excited? There will be lots of fun for those who believe in Jesus and follow Him now.



## 150.) The Millennium

One day, Jesus is going to make the whole world all nice again. There won't be any pollution or harmful things any more.

All the animals will be nice and friendly. The thorns and thistles will be gone, and only beautiful and helpful plants will grow.



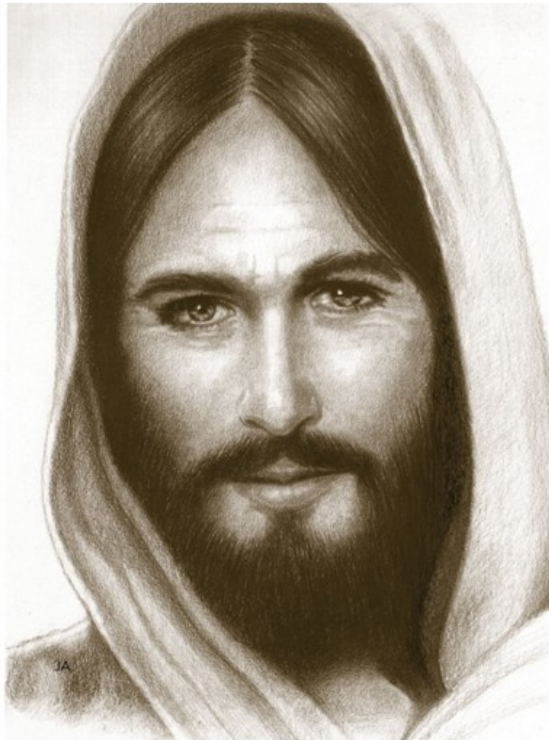
Those who love Jesus and have followed His ways will get to help to teach others how to live in love, and how to make things on Earth pleasant. Won't that be a great job?



Would you like to be one of Jesus' princes or princesses, helping to teach and instruct the people on Earth how to live and make the world a nice and happy place to be?

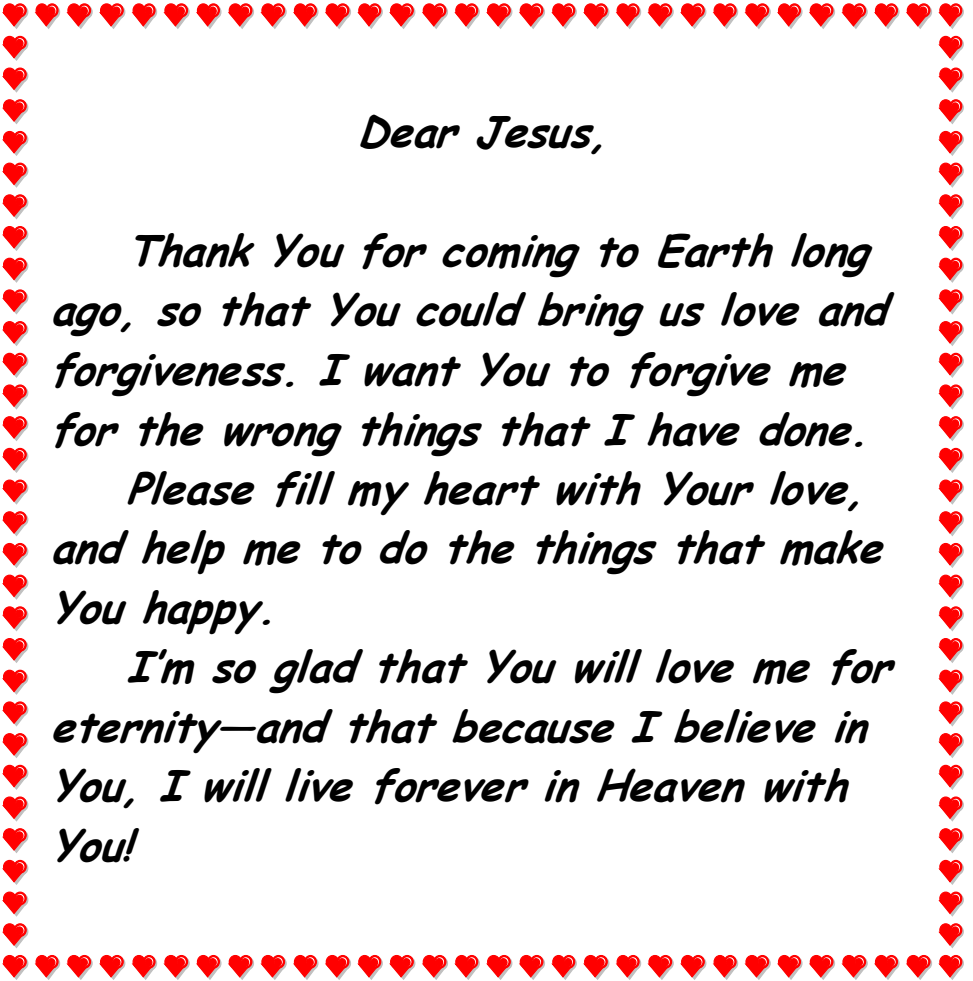
If you believe in Jesus now and follow Him, you will be an important ruler from Heaven one day!





Jesus Christ,  
God's Son loves you!  
He left His heavenly  
home to live on  
Earth for a while,  
over 2,000 years  
ago, to be God's gift  
of love to the  
world—to all of us.

Do you want to receive the best gift of all?  
Say a little prayer to receive Jesus' gift of  
eternal life with Him forever! He loves you!



*Dear Jesus,*

*Thank You for coming to Earth long ago, so that You could bring us love and forgiveness. I want You to forgive me for the wrong things that I have done.*

*Please fill my heart with Your love, and help me to do the things that make You happy.*

*I'm so glad that You will love me for eternity—and that because I believe in You, I will live forever in Heaven with You!*

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*May God bless you and your family,*

*—Chariane Quille*