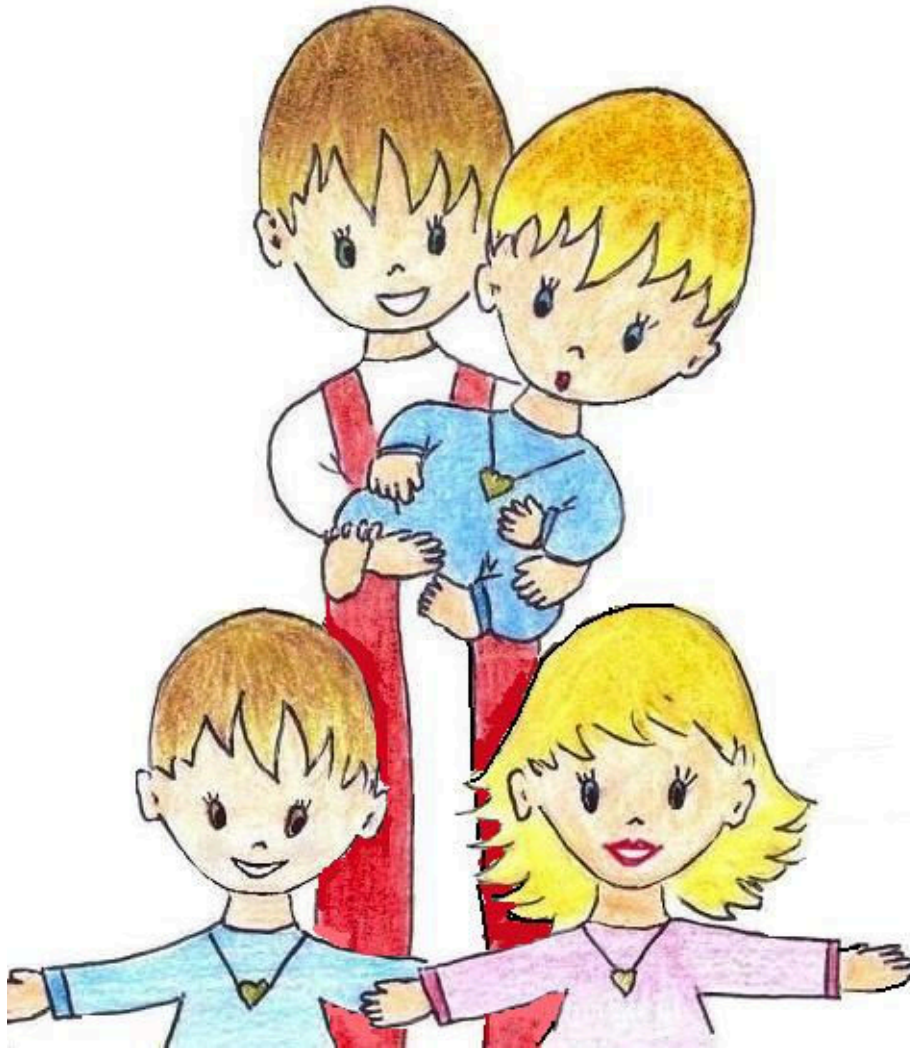


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INTRODUCTION

This book was written for children who are in school and are learning to read. The letters are large and the stories are short so that they can read by themselves. Parents and educators can read the passages in the Bible and complete the text with their own explanations.

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JESUS' BIRTH

In the city of Nazareth there lived a young woman named Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, a young carpenter. One day, an angel of the Lord appeared to her and told her that God had chosen her to be the mother of His Son Jesus here on earth, because He would save humanity from its sins. She was worried because she and Joseph had not yet married, but the angel told her that it was the Holy Spirit who was creating the baby in her womb. She said that she accepted it, and then the angel left. The angel also appeared to Joseph and told him everything. He also told him that they could get married and that God was choosing him to take care of the baby. Joseph would be like his father on earth. So they got married and a few months later they went to Bethlehem, because God had said that Jesus should be born there.

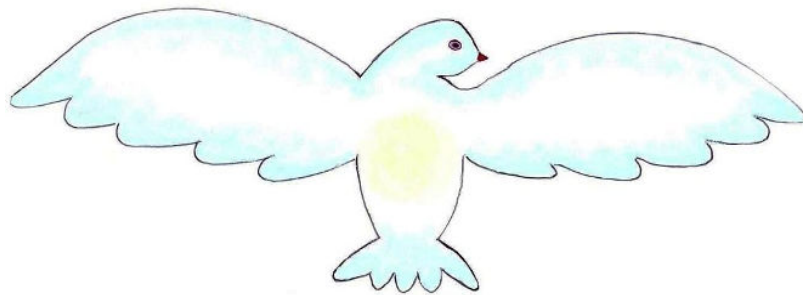


When they arrived in Bethlehem, the city was very crowded and there was no place for them to stay. It was almost time for Jesus to be born. So they went into a small cave where there were sheep, oxen and donkeys, and lots of straw for them to eat. A big star appeared in the sky and showed people the way to the cave where Jesus was born. The angels sang and rejoiced greatly. An angel appeared to the shepherds who were watching their sheep at night and told them that Jesus, the Savior of the world, had been born and that they should go and visit Him. They went there to see the baby Jesus. The star also appeared to three very rich and important men who lived in a faraway land. They looked like kings and knew that the star wanted to show them something very important. And they went to Bethlehem and took gifts to give to the baby Jesus. Everyone was very happy because God was bringing forgiveness and salvation to all people. This was the first Christmas. Christmas means 'to be born', 'birth' and it is the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus. It is a day of joy for us and a day to sing to Him as the angels sang. It is also a day to talk about Jesus and His love for all the people who have not heard of Him and need to know His love. It is good to give gifts to children who do not even have toys and who need to know that Jesus loves them too and wants to see them happy.

JESUS' BAPTISM AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus grew up and became a man. Since childhood He already had God's wisdom. When He was thirty years old, He was baptized in the Jordan River by the prophet John the Baptist, who was His cousin, and was born before Jesus to speak with the people that the Son of God was coming to free men from their sins.

When Jesus was praying, the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form like a dove. Everybody heard God's voice saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased".



The Holy Spirit is our Counselor and Comforter and teaches us the truth of Jesus and all things we should know. It is the Holy Spirit who calls people to Jesus and brings us peace.

Biblical reference: Matt 3: 13-17; Lk 3: 21-22; Jn 14: 26-27.

THE MIRACULOUS FISHING

One day Jesus was walking down the beach and saw two fishermen in a boat, Simon Peter and Andrew. They were brothers, and Jesus said to them, "Don't you want to follow me? I'll show you how to teach people what they must do to go to heaven."

That very moment, they left their nets and followed Him. A little further, He saw two other men, James and his brother John who were fishermen. Jesus called them, and they too left the boat and their father and followed Him.

The crowd went along with Jesus to the beach to listen to His words. He got into Peter's boat in order to preach. When He finished speaking, He said to Peter, "Let's go fishing. Cast down the nets in the water for a catch."

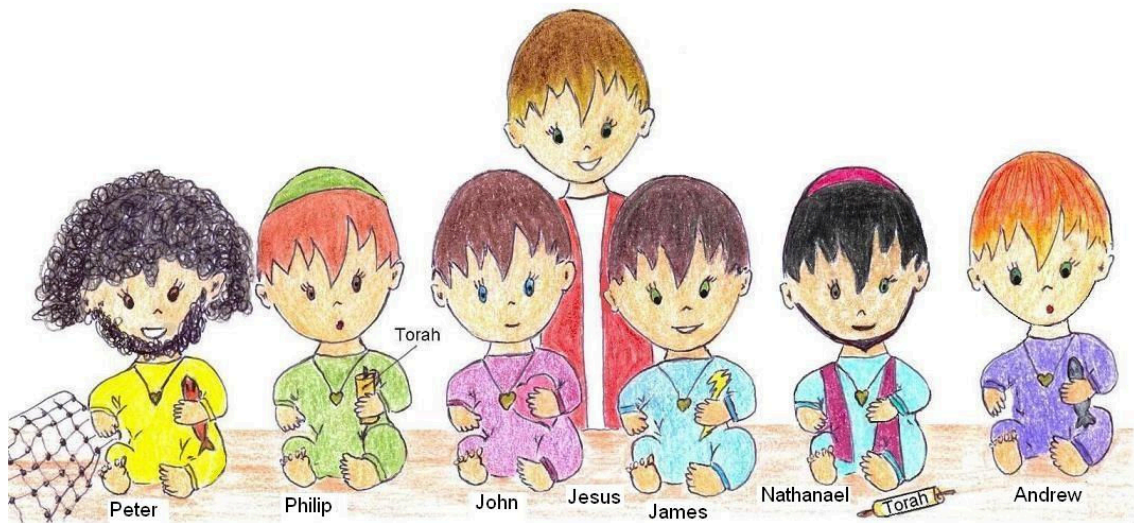


When he did so, a large number of fish began to jump into the nets, and the boats were so full that they began to sink.

They have never thought they could catch so many fish. It was a miracle. Then they returned to the beach and sold many fish that day.

Biblical reference: Lk 5: 1-11; Matt 4: 18-22.

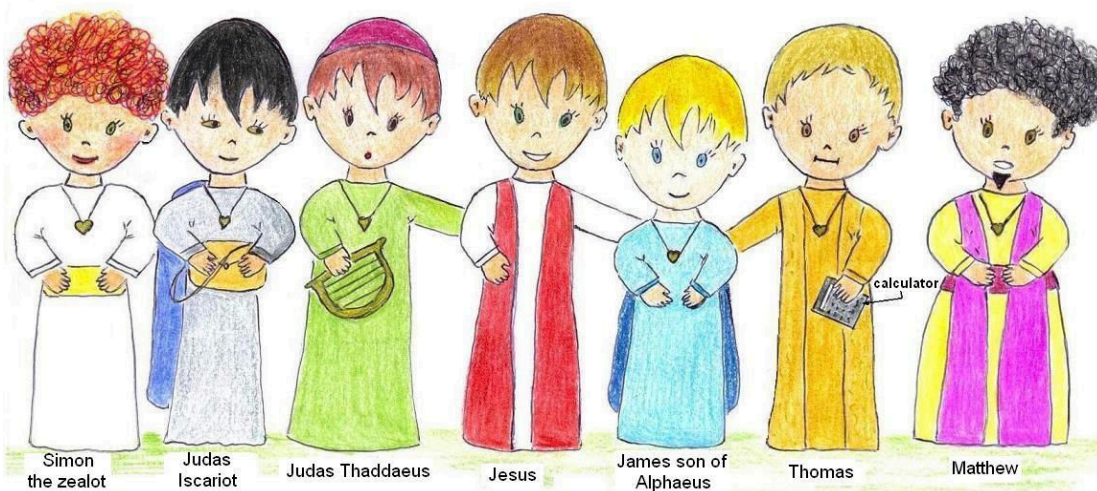
JESUS CALLS THE OTHER DISCIPLES



The next day Jesus found a young man called Philip, and said to him, "Follow me."

Philip said to Jesus, "Master, I want you to meet my friend too."

Philip found his friend Nathanael, also called Bartholomew. Philip told him that he had met Jesus of Nazareth, and he believed that He was the Son of God. When they got there, Jesus told that He was calling them as His disciples.



On the beach Jesus saw a tax collector called Matthew, also known as Levi, and told him, "Follow me!"

Levi got up and followed the Master.

Then Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. In the next morning, He called His disciples and chose twelve of them, whom He also gave the name of apostles. Their names were: Simon Peter and his brother Andrew; James and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew (also known as Nathanael); Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the lesser and Judas Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot.

Biblical reference: Jn 1: 43-51; Matt 10: 1-4; Mk 2: 13-14.

JESUS TURNS WATER INTO WINE (THE WEDDING AT CANA)

Jesus and His disciples were invited to a wedding in the city of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there too. But over the course of the party, the wine was over. Mary called Jesus and said, "They have no more wine."

They went to the servants and Jesus said to them to fill the stone jars with water.

They filled them to the brim. So they put the cup in there, and the water had been turned into wine. When the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Yum! What a good wine is this!"

The bridegroom didn't know that it was Jesus who turned water into wine.

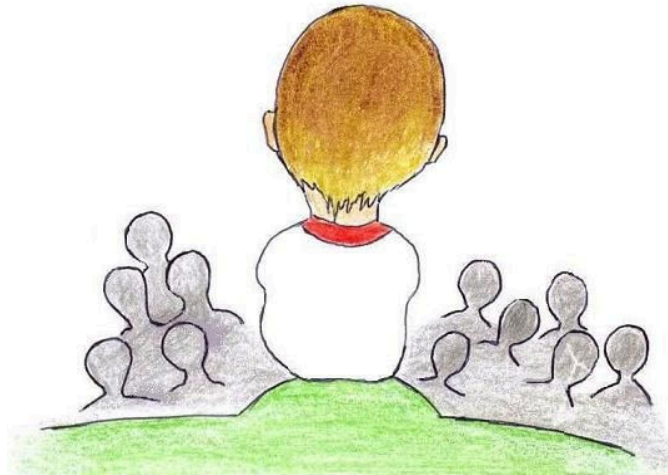
Everybody in the party was amazed.



Biblical reference: Jn 2: 1-12.

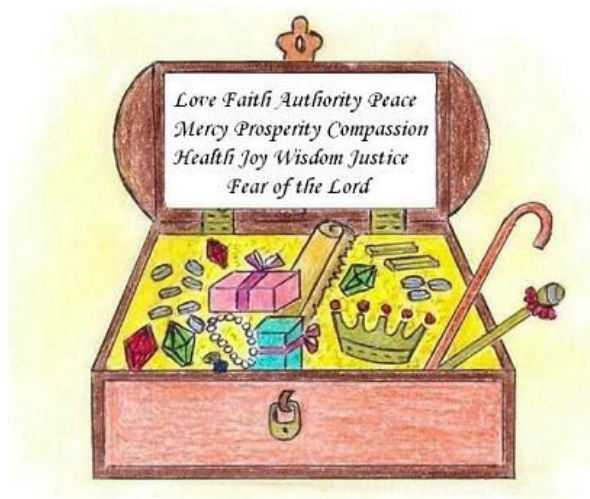
THE SERMON OF THE MOUNT

Jesus came back to the cities of Galilee. Seeing the crowds, He went up the mount and sat down, and began to teach everybody there, saying,



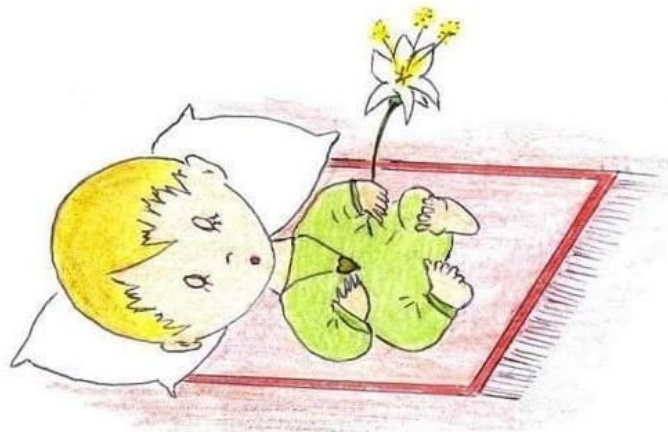
The beatitudes

“If you want to be blessed by God and go to heaven, be humble and ask for my help when you need something. If you are crying, just call me and I come quickly to comfort you. Be calm and meek; do not be angry at anything. Do what is right and just, and don’t think of revenge. So, I’ll always be by your side. Have pity on those who suffer. Pay evil with good. Have love in your heart, because God is love. Live in peace with people without fighting or arguing. After all, you are my children. And if people don’t like you for my sake, do not be sad or angry. I defend you. You will have a great reward in heaven.”



The treasures in heaven

“If you are good boys and girls, and obedient to my teachings, if you do what is good, you will be storing up treasures in heaven and this treasure no one steals. It is more precious than the treasures on earth.”



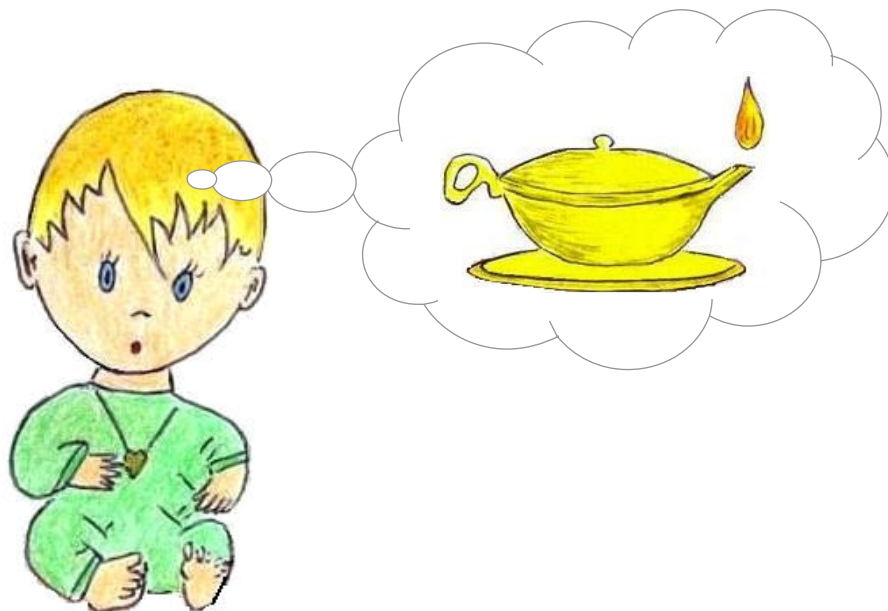
Do not worry

“Do not worry so much about the troubles, or about what you will eat or wear. Your Daddy in heaven gives you everything you need, for He is greater than the dad and mom that you have on earth, and sometimes cannot give you what you ask. But if you want something that they cannot give, ask me and I will give you because I know all the things you need.”



Our Father (The Lord's Prayer)

"This is the prayer I teach you: 'Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we also forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. Amen.'"



The disciples are the light of the word

"You who obey me are like a little light burning in the world. The good things you do, they shine, appear, they are like the light;

do you understand? The good things you do help many people to know my truth. So, let your light shine before them, that they may praise your Daddy in heaven. Do not be ashamed of who you are or what you learn from me when you read the Bible. You must help each other.”

Biblical reference: Matthew, chapters 5 e 6.

JESUS HEALS PETER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW

One day, Jesus went to the home of Simon Peter and Andrew.

When they got there, they were told that Peter's mother-in-law couldn't serve lunch because she was in bed with a fever; she was ill.

People called Jesus and He went to her. When He approached her, He rebuked the fever and took her by the hand. So, she was cured, got up of the bed and went to the kitchen to cook a delicious lunch for them.



Jesus is great! No disease stays near Him. He heals people of their illness and they feel well again.

What is it Peter's mother-in-law was cooking for Jesus? Look! She is coming from the kitchen with hot bread that just came out of the oven.

"Yum, it smells good!"

Biblical reference: Matt 8: 14-15; Mk 1: 29-31; Lk 4: 38-39.

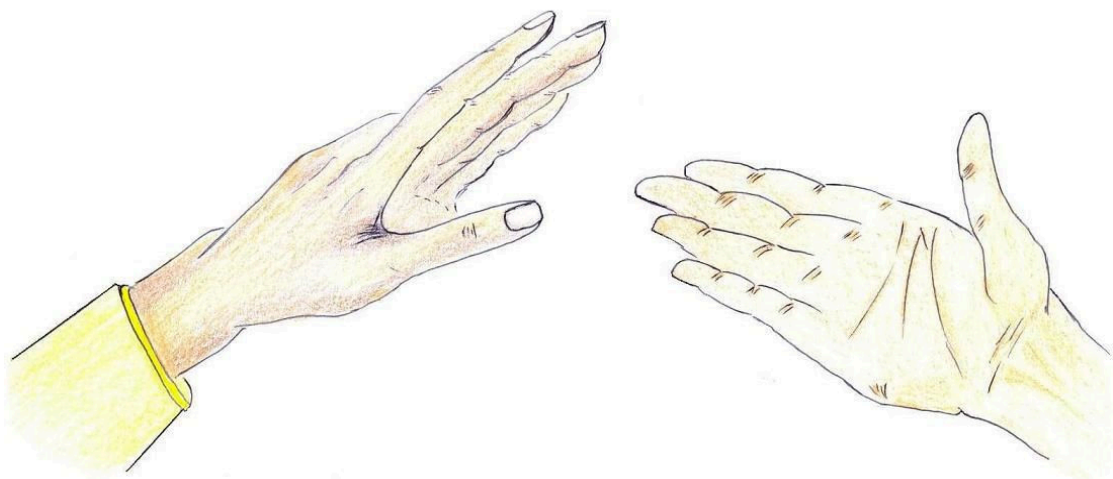
THE MAN WITH A SHRIVELED HAND

Jesus entered a synagogue. The synagogue is the place where the Jews pray, like the church is the place where we go. A man with a shriveled hand was there, and he could not open it like other persons. It was smaller than the other one, and almost closed. Then, Jesus said to the man, "Stand up in front of everyone."

The people that were not fond of Jesus were silent, just watching. Was it possible to heal the man's hand?

So, Jesus said to the man, "Stretch out your hand."

He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. It became normal like the hand of any other person. Hurray! Another healing of Jesus!



Biblical reference: Matt 12: 9-14; Mk 3: 1-6; Lk 6: 6-11.

THE HEALING OF THE CRIPPLED WOMAN

On another Sabbath Day Jesus entered a synagogue, and there was a woman who had been crippled for eighteen years. She was bent over and couldn't straighten up at all. Jesus saw her and said to her,



“Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.”

Then, putting His hands on her, immediately she straightened up and praised God.

The people were delighted with all the wonderful things He was doing.

Biblical reference: Lk 13: 10-17.

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

Jesus was telling a story to the people,

“A man went out to the field and threw some seeds on the ground. But some of them fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on the rocks, and sprang up quickly, and became a small plant. However, because the soil was shallow the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seeds fell among thorns, and when they grew up, the seeds were choked and they did not bear grain. At last, some seeds fell on good soil and became beautiful plants and grew up and produced flowers and delicious fruit to eat.”



God's word is the seed that He plants in the hearts of men. The seeds that were eaten by the birds and the ones that fell on the rocks or among thorns and died suffocated represent those people who are not willing to hear Jesus. They don't have faith and do wrong things that Jesus doesn't like. So they cannot be saved. But the seeds that fell into a good land symbolize the people who have a good heart, who like to hear the word of God and obey Jesus. Thus, they also begin to speak of the Lord to their friends, teaching them to practice good and right things. These are the people who go to heaven and shall live with Him in Paradise forever.

Biblical reference: Mk 4: 1-20; Matt 13: 1-9; 10-23; Lk 8: 4-8; 9-15.

JESUS REBUKES THE PHARISEES

Some people did not like Jesus, like the religious ones who led the synagogue. They had a little book with many things written on it, and they tried to practice all that because they thought this way they would be accepted and loved by God. What a pity! If they were Jesus' friends, they would need nothing of that.

Then Jesus said to them,



“You do not do what is right. You do not let people believe in me and be saved. You think you have to do everything the right way to please God, but He likes people who ask for His help to do things. Daddy in heaven is always ready to forgive those who make mistakes and repent. You don't do anything for love of God, just to show yourselves. You think you know God, but do not know Him because you don't talk to Him and don't want to hear His words. That's why you are not my friends. You give nothing to anyone, but keep everything to yourselves.”

Then they were ashamed and left.

Biblical reference: Matt 23: 1-12.

JESUS CALMS A STORM

After teaching the people, Jesus and His disciples got into the boats and Jesus said to them, "Let us go over to the other side."

He was a bit tired, so picked up a cushion and lay down on the floor of Peter's boat. Within minutes, He fell asleep.

It began to rain, and it became a great storm. The sea waves were also very choppy and shook the boat from one side to the other.

The disciples were afraid, but Jesus was sleeping quietly.



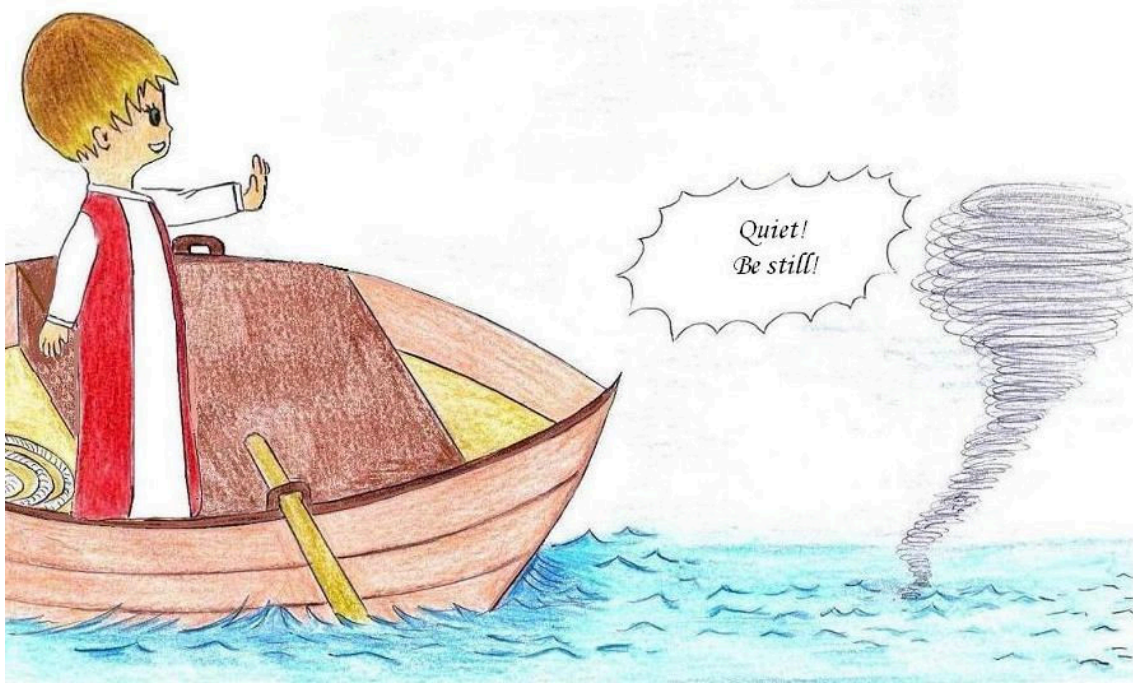
The disciples went to Him and woke Him up. He rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"

Then the wind ceased, and the sea was calm again.

Jesus said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

They were astonished because even the wind and the waves obeyed Jesus! He had performed another miracle, showing His power over nature.

Gosh! Even the wind and the rain obey Jesus, did you see?



Biblical reference: Mk 4: 35-41; Matt 8: 23-27; Lk 8: 22-25.

THE REQUEST OF JAIRUS AND HEALING OF THE WOMAN WITH FLOW OF BLOOD

Jesus arrived to the other side of the lake, and He soon saw a large crowd coming towards Him. A man named Jairus was alongside the crowd. Seeing Jesus, he pleaded with Him, “My little daughter is dying. Please, Jesus, come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.”

So Jesus went with him. The crowd pressed around him. Then He said, “Who touched my clothes?”



Suddenly, a pale and very skinny woman prostrated at Jesus' feet and told the truth, “Jesus, for twelve years I have been suffering with bleeding and I feel very weak. I suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors, but they could do nothing for me. I almost have given up everything, until I heard that you, Lord, you were healing many people. Then, I said to myself: ‘If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.’ It was I who touched you and I’m healthy.”

Jesus said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”

She was very thankful to Jesus for her healing, for it seemed an impossible miracle. Meanwhile, Jairus expected Jesus to heal his sick daughter too.

Biblical reference: Mk 5: 21-24; 24b-34; Matt 8: 18-22; Lk 8: 40-48.

THE RESURRECTION OF JAIRUS' DAUGHTER

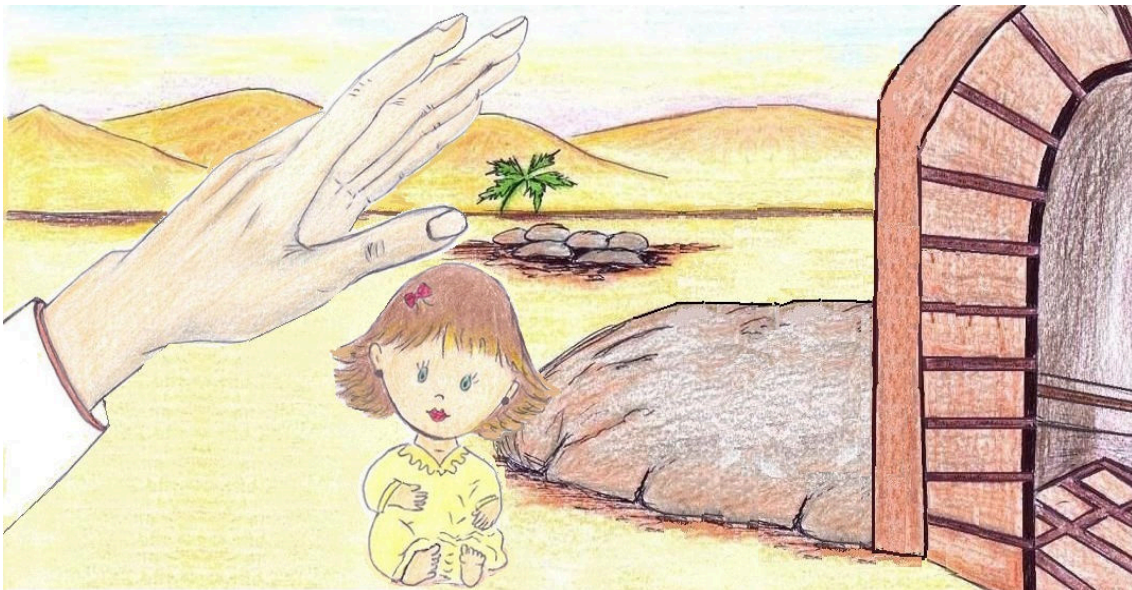
Jesus was still speaking with the woman when some men came from the house of Jairus, saying, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the teacher any longer."

When Jesus heard it He said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid; just believe in me."

Jesus called only Peter, James and John to go with Him to Jairus' house.

When they came to the house, Jesus saw many people crying and wailing loudly, and asked, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep."

All of them laughed at Jesus and didn't believe in Him. But He put them all out, and took the child's father and mother and the disciples and went in where the child was.



The girl was twelve years old. Jesus took her by the hand and said to her, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"

Immediately the girl stood up, and He told them to give her something to eat. Her parents were very glad because Jesus resurrected their daughter from the dead.

Biblical reference: Mk 5: 35-43; Matt 9: 23-26; Lk 8: 49-56.

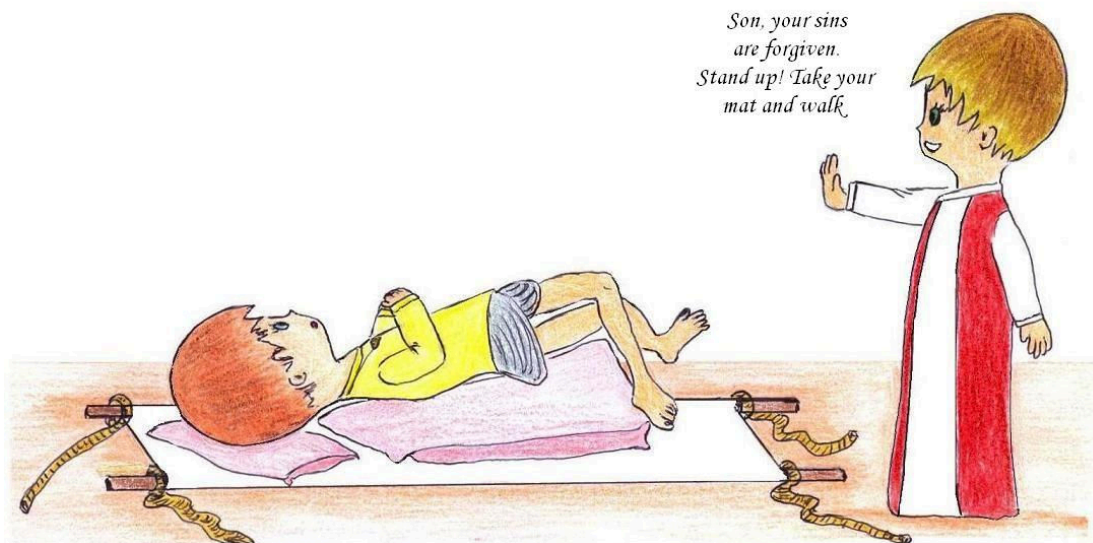
THE HEALING OF A PARALYTIC AT CAPERNAUM

Jesus entered the city of Capernaum. Everybody wanted to hear what Jesus had to say. There were so many people that it did not fit everyone inside the house. That's when a paralytic came. He was carried on his mat by four men. They did everything they could to put his friend near Jesus to be healed, but it seemed impossible because of the crowd that prevented them from going ahead.

So, they had a great idea. They made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on.

Jesus realized that they had a great faith. Then He said, "Son, your sins are forgiven. Get up, take your mat and go home."

He said this because the paralytic had sins that only Jesus could see.



That very moment he got up and took his mat and walked home, praising God. Everyone who was in the house was amazed and frightened, and praised God, saying to one another, "We have never seen anything like this! Wow! This is a great miracle."

Jesus forgives our sins and also has power to heal all kinds of disease. Whoopee! Jesus is powerful! He won once again!

Biblical reference: Mk 2: 1-12; Lk 5: 17-26; Matt 9: 1-8.

JESUS' FAMILY

Jesus' mother and His brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to Him. She was worried because Jesus was teaching the people for a long time and it was time for lunch. He should eat and drink. So she told someone to send a message to Him. A person came to Jesus and said, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."

Jesus asked, "Who are my mother and my brothers?"

Then He looked at those seated in a circle around Him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."



Jesus was not being rude with His mom or with His brothers here on earth, but He wanted people understood that there is a much larger family than ours: the great family of God, that is, all those who accept Him as Lord and Savior and become brothers. He is the Father of all, and brings to us other people who can do the role of our fathers and mothers and siblings, for they also do the will of our Daddy in heaven. They take care of us.

Biblical reference: Matt 12: 46-50; Mk 3: 31-35; Lk 8: 19-21.

JESUS SENDS OUT THE TWELVE

Jesus saw that there were many people in Israel needed to hear His word and He alone couldn't do this. He needed help to preach in other cities too. So He called His twelve disciples and gave them power and authority to drive out demons, to preach the word of God and to heal the sick. And He told them not to take anything with them, except the staff.



Jesus also told them, "Go! I am sending you out. Do not fear anything. Just be simple and humble. But be on your guard, be alert. When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' Stay in that house, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for you are working for me. But if people do not welcome you, leave their town. Whoever receives one of you in my name, receives me. He who doesn't receive you as my friends, are in fact, rejecting me; and he who rejects me rejects my Father. Then, they don't go to heaven."

So they left and went to all the villages, preaching the gospel and performing healings everywhere. Many people received them and got to know Jesus through them.

Jesus also gave the same orders to seventy other disciples.

When they returned, they told Jesus their victories. Good always defeats evil. His disciples were victorious because they were not afraid to speak of Jesus to anyone.

You see? We need not be ashamed to talk of Jesus. In fact, we must speak of the miracles He has already done in our lives and the good things He gives us every day.

Biblical reference: Lk 9: 1-6; Lk 10: 1-12; Lk 10: 17-20; Matt 10: 5-15.

THE PARABLE OF THE LOST SON

One day Jesus was telling a story, “A man had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the property.’ So he divided his property between them. And the younger son set off for a distant land and there he spent everything he had and did ugly things. Then, there was famine in that place and he began to feel hungry. He hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He was so hungry that he longed to fill his stomach with the food the pigs were eating. Then he thought, ‘My father's hired men have so much food, and here I am starving to death! I will go back to my father and ask him to forgive me for what I did.’ When he was almost arriving, his father saw him and ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. The son asked his forgiveness and cried. But the father said to his servants to bring sandals, the best robe and a ring to him. So, he thought that they should throw a party to celebrate because his son came back home. But the older son got jealous because there was a feast to his brother who had done many wrong things, while he who had ever done everything right had never got one. Then his father answered, ‘My son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”



The younger son, despite having sinned, repented and was welcomed back by his father with a feast because he was dead in

the soul because of his sin, but when received forgiveness he came to live again. Therefore, the older brother who had always been right before his father, without sinning, didn't need to get angry or jealous because everything the father owned was his by right. He could throw a party whenever he wished, and would have the approval of his father.

That's why we feel happy when people turn to Jesus.

Biblical reference: Lk 15: 11-32.

THE MULTIPLICATION OF LOAVES AND FISH

One day Jesus talked of God to a great crowd. There were over five thousands of people in that place. He had compassion on them, because they seemed to have no one to take care of them. When it was evening, the disciples realized that the people should eat and they'd better go back home.

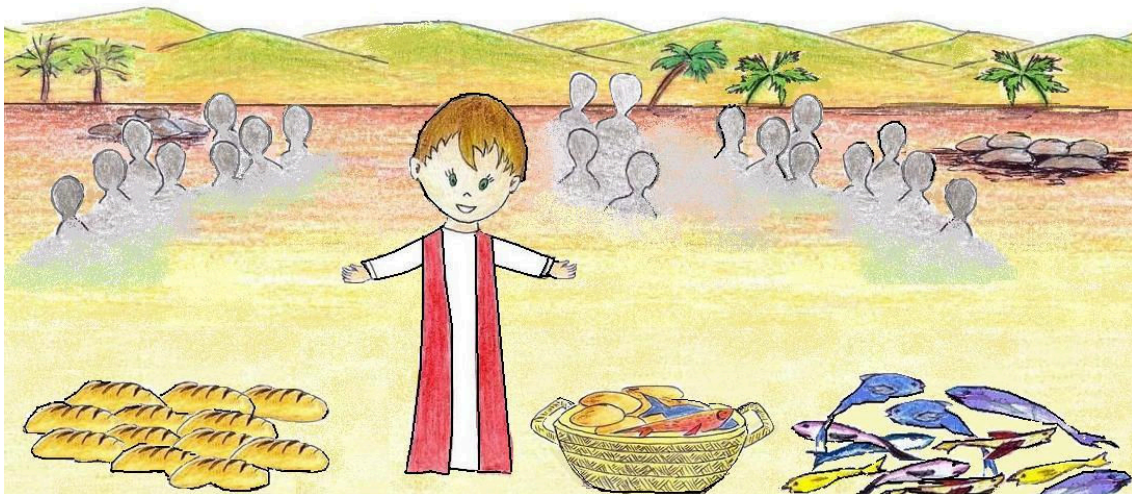
But Jesus answered, "You give them something to eat."

The disciples said, "It would be necessary a lot of money to buy so much bread to feed them."

Jesus asked, "How many loaves do you have?"

They said, "Five loaves and two fish."

Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down on the grass.



Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, He gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then He gave them to His disciples to set before the people. They all ate a lot, and twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish were left over.

Did you know that Jesus can multiply everything we have? Everything we consecrate to Him, even if it is little, He can turn into a lot and be enough for many people at the same time.

Biblical reference: Mk 6: 30-44; Jn 6: 1-14.

JESUS WALKS ON THE WATERS

After the crowd ate the bread, Jesus stood up and began to walk among the people, touching those who were sick. He healed them all. He turned to Peter and His disciples and made them get into the boat and go on ahead of Him to other city, because He wished to go up the mount to pray.

When evening came, the boat was already in the middle of the Sea of Galilee, while He was alone on the beach.

A great storm came and the disciples rowed with difficulty, because of the strong wind. Jesus saw that they were in trouble and needed His help.



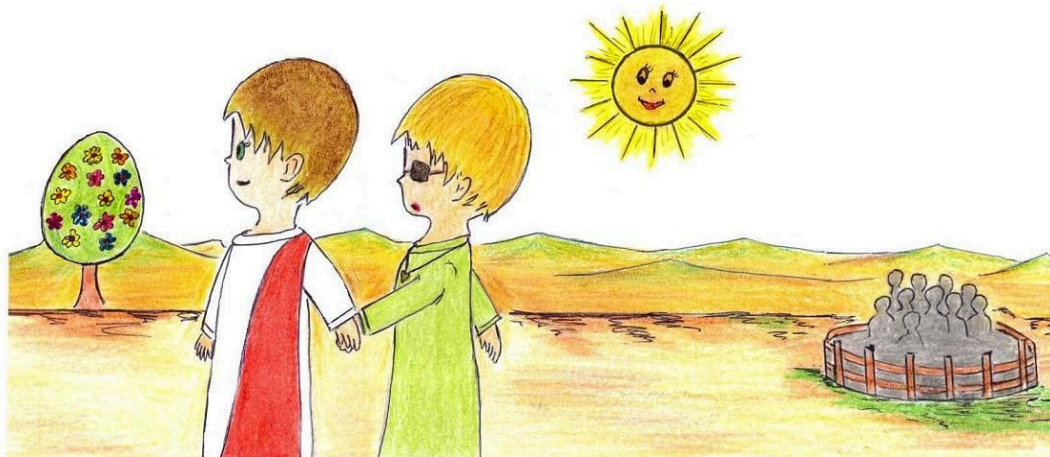
So when it was early dawn, Jesus came to the boat, walking on the sea. The disciples were amazed and thought it was a ghost. Jesus came close and said, “Take courage! It is I; do not be afraid.”

When He climbed into the boat, the wind ceased. And the disciples said, “Master, you are truly the Son of God!”

Biblical reference: Matt 14: 22-33; Mk 6: 45-52; Jn 6: 16-21.

THE HEALING OF A BLIND MAN AT BETHSAIDA

After Jesus has walked on the waters, the sun rose and the boat arrived to the city of Bethsaida. Some men brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. Everyone seemed to be very worried about him.



Jesus took his hand and led him outside the village. Then He spat on His hand, laying His hands on the eyes of the blind man. And said to him, "Son, can you see anything?"

The blind replied, "I see people; they look like trees walking around."

Once more Jesus put His hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.

Jesus made the blind man see again. What a marvelous thing! Who could imagine He would heal the blind this way, with saliva! But Jesus heals us the way He wants, right?

Biblical reference: Mk 8: 22-26.

THE RESURRECTION OF THE WIDOW'S SON AT NAIN

One day, Jesus and His disciples went to a town called Nain, and a large crowd went along with them.

As He approached the town gate, a widow's only son who had died was being carried, followed by many local citizens.

Seeing this, the Lord had compassion for her and said, "Don't cry."

Then He came close to the dead boy, and the bearers stood still.



Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!"

The boy sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

They were all filled with awe and praised God, for they have never seen a dead person come to life again.

Yippee! This is Jesus. He resurrects the dead!

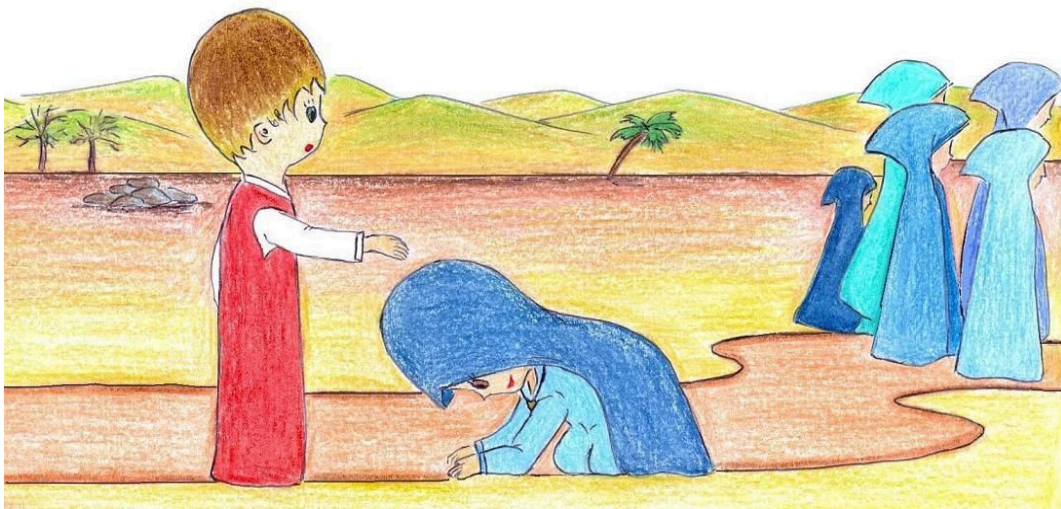
Biblical reference: Lk 7: 11-17.

THE HEALING OF TEN LEPERS

Jesus was going to Jerusalem, and traveled along Samaria. Ten men who had leprosy stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

When He saw them, He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.”

And as they went, they were cleansed from leprosy.



One of them saw he was healed and came back to give thanks. The man was a Samaritan, and the Jews didn't like Samaritans. Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? But the other nine, where are they? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner? Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

Can you understand? Still today, people ask Jesus for help, ask to be healed, and many other things. But after they get the blessing, they don't even remember to thank Him. And He gets very sad about this ingratitude. Let's be thankful for what He gives us? Even the air we breathe and the food we eat and the water we drink come from the Lord. All blessings we receive come from Him. He gives us everything we need.

Biblical reference: Lk 17: 11-19.

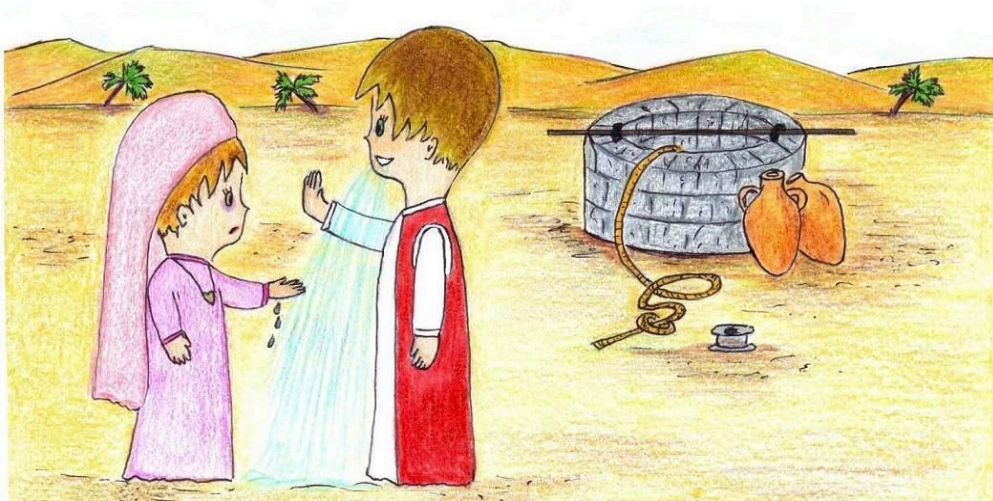
THE WOMAN OF SAMARIA

Still in the territory of Samaria Jesus came to a town called Sychar. While His disciples went out to buy food, He sat down by a well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Will you give me water to drink?"

"You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink? (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans)."

Jesus answered that she knew not whom she was talking to, for if she knew, He would give her living water. They talked for a long time, until the woman acknowledged that Jesus was a different man; He knew everything. He alone had living water, His word, and if someone drank this water He had, would never be thirsty again, and this water would give the person eternal life.

He showed the woman that He was the Son of God and she believed in Him.



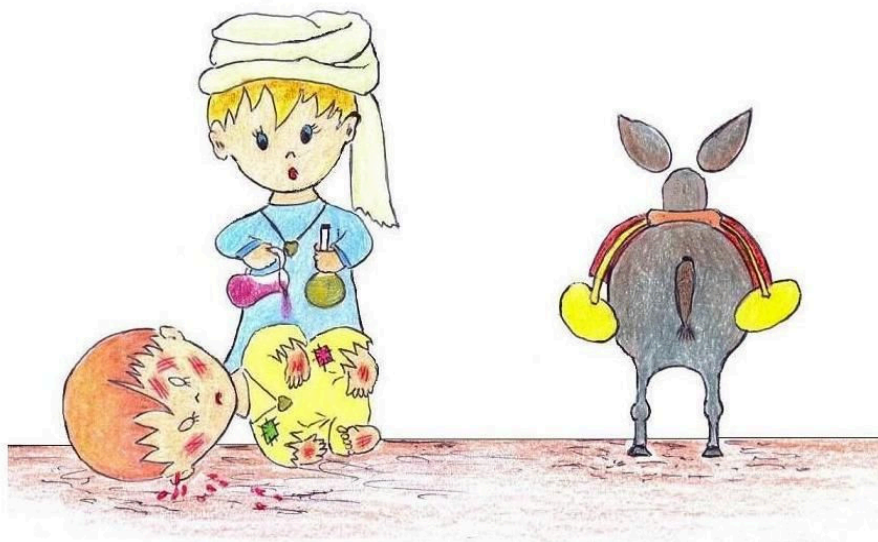
The woman ran back to the town to tell the people what had happened. Then many Samaritans came and believed that He was the Savior of the world because they heard His words.

Our lesson from this story is that Jesus is the Word, the living water that gives us eternal life. He knows everything that goes on inside of us, and speaks what we need to hear to be really healed and free. Jesus is within us and we are the true temple where our Heavenly Father lives. He is pleased when we are sincere and sing to Him.

Biblical reference: Jn 4: 1-30.

THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Do you know the story of the Good Samaritan?



A certain man was traveling when he was robbed by thieves, who beat him and hurt him. Then they ran away. He almost died. A priest was going down the same road but didn't help him. Likewise, another man that was a kind of helper of the priest passed by, but he did nothing. Then, a Samaritan who was traveling came to where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds and put him on his donkey. He took the wounded man to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, "Look after him, and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have."

Jesus was teaching to have mercy on other people. He wanted to teach us that we should love God first and above anything we have, but we also should love our neighbor, that is, our friends and all the people who are on our side needing our help.

Don't you feel glad when you can help someone? It's too good, isn't it?

Biblical reference: Lk 10: 25-37.

JESUS BLESSES THE CHILDREN

Jesus arrived to a small village and people brought Him some children to lay His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them.



Where He arrived, children came to meet Him and He spent time with them, blessing them and kissing them. He liked the joy and the innocence of the children. So, He said to His disciples, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs. Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it. Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me also welcomes my Father. See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. Therefore, he who humbles himself like this child, this one is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

After saying this, Jesus laid His hand on them and blessed them.

Biblical reference: Mk 10: 13-16; Matt 19: 13-15; Lk 18: 15-17.

THE RICH YOUNG MAN

A very rich young man approached Jesus and asked Him what he should do to inherit eternal life.

Jesus said that he should obey God's commandments: to honor father and mother, not to murder, not to steal, not to bear false witness against the neighbor and not to cheat anyone.

But the young man declared he did all this since he was a boy.

So, Jesus told him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

When he heard this, he became very sad, because he had a great wealth.



The young man was rich and thought he could get the attention from Jesus. However, Jesus wanted him to understand that to please God he should love Him more than money. In fact, he could remain rich if he learned to give a little of what he had to the poor, but he was so stingy that he could only enter the kingdom of God if sold everything and stayed with nothing. So, we must always ask Jesus what He wants us to do with our money. And if He tells us to give something to those who have nothing, we must obey Him.

Biblical reference: Matt 19: 16-22; Mk 10: 17-22; Lk 18: 18-23.

THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS

Jesus told another story about two kinds of people: those who pay attention to the things of God and are going to live in heaven with Him and those who are absent-minded and don't care much about Jesus and, therefore, will not live in heaven.

"The kingdom of heaven is like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight they heard a cry, 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' But the wise said, 'There may not be enough for both us and you. Go buy some oil for yourselves.' While they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. Later the others also came and said, 'Sir! Sir! Open the door for us!' But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.'"



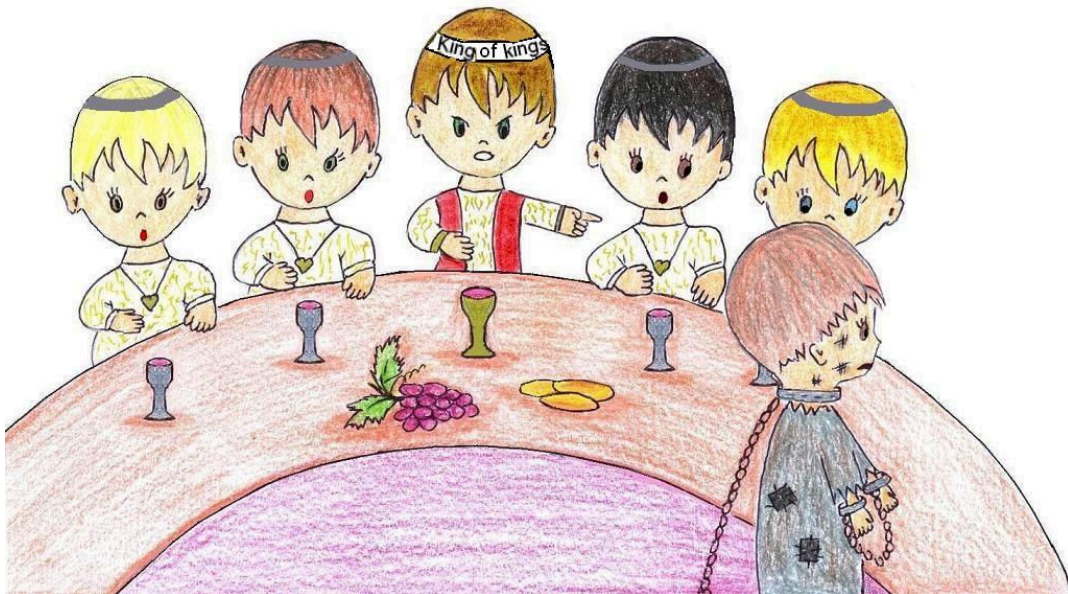
Jesus promised that one day He will come back to fetch us. But only the people who are ready will realize this, that is, those who are Jesus' friends and care about God's things, those who practice His words and do good. These people are like the virgins who kept the

lamps lit. Those people who don't care about Jesus' things; those who do evil and only worry about the earthly things are absent-minded, sleeping; they are fool. Their spirit is more like a candle that was gone out. These people are like the absent-minded virgins, the foolish ones who let their lamp go out. They will not enter heaven. No one knows when Jesus will come back.

Biblical reference: Matt 25: 1-13.

THE PARABLE OF THE WEDDING

Jesus told the people another story, talking again about the kingdom of heaven. He said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited, but they refused to come. Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner. Everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants and mistreated them. The king was very angry and sent his soldiers to punish those wicked men. Then he said to his servants, 'Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' So the servants gathered many people, and the wedding hall was filled. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, 'Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' The man was speechless. Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside. For many are invited, but few are chosen.'"



God has already prepared in heaven a great banquet for all people, but because of pride, they always give an excuse to not be friends of Jesus and despise all those who Jesus sends to talk about

Him. Therefore, they can no longer sit at the table of the Lord's banquet in heaven. But those who are humble and accept to be Jesus' friends are entitled to join the party that He is preparing in heaven. The Lord forgives all who repent of their sins, and these ones get a clean soul, as if it was dressed in feast garments, appropriate to a wedding. But those who do evil and don't repent are like that man who didn't have wedding clothes. Their souls are dirty by sin. These stubborn and rebellious people who don't accept to be Jesus' friends, He sends to hell.

Biblical reference: Matt 22: 1-14.

JESUS HEALS THE SICK

When Jesus arrived somewhere, people heard about it and began to run to Him because they knew He had the power to cure diseases and make the great miracles that they needed. Jesus healed the lame and drove out demons from people. He made the blind see and gave children to women who could not have them. He brought friendship and peace, and made people reconcile, instead of arguing. Jesus also healed the lepers. The deaf began to hear. Who was sad and crying began to laugh. Many people learned to forgive and love their fellow men, and this was good. They began to understand what Jesus was talking about and so, they changed their way of thinking and acting. They were rejecting evil and learning to do what is good. Rather than get complaining, people began to learn a very important thing: to praise the Lord. Jesus caused them to feel loved by God, and they would never feel the rejection from anyone again.



Now you know that Jesus is able to heal all kinds of disease and solve all our problems.

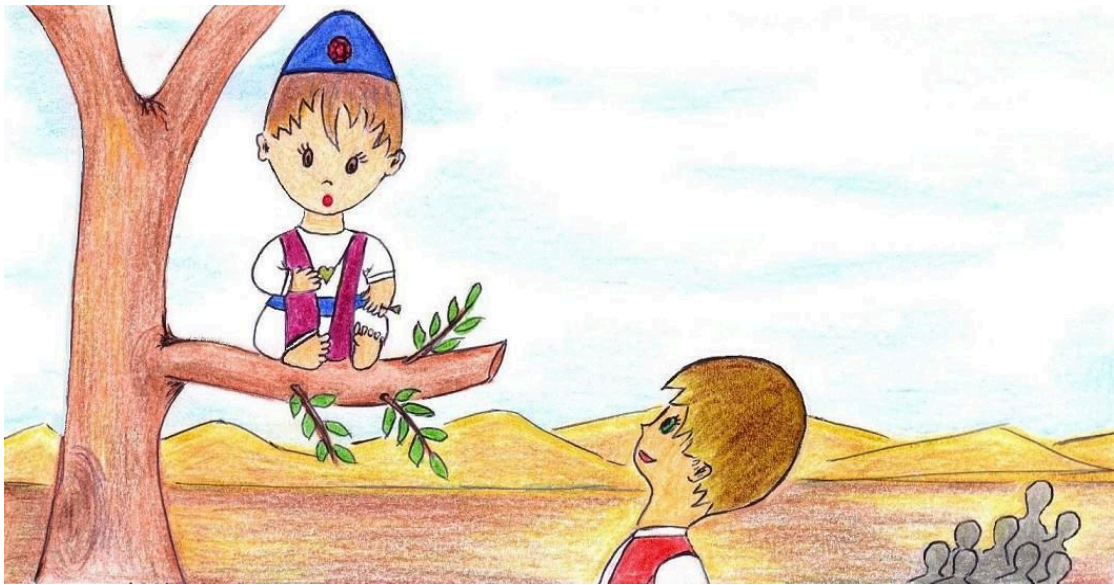
If you want to ask Him for something now, do it. And He will hear and answer your prayer.

Biblical reference: Matt 8: 16-17; Mk 1: 32-34; Lk 4: 40-41.

ZACCHAEUS THE TAX COLLECTOR

In the city of Jericho there was a wealthy man named Zacchaeus, a chief tax collector. He wanted to see Jesus, but he was short and could not see the Master because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a tree to see Him, since Jesus was going to pass by that way. When Jesus reached the spot, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly. I must stay at your house today."

So he came down at once and welcomed Him gladly.



They were already eating when Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

Zacchaeus repented of having stolen money of many people; so, he was forgiven by Jesus and received a gift that his money could never buy; the eternal life. Jesus can change the hearts of all people, when they let Him do it.

Biblical reference: Lk 19: 1-10.

THE RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS

Jesus went to Bethany to see His friend Lazarus who was very sick. He was friend of Lazarus and his sisters, Martha and Mary.

When He got there, Jesus learned that Lazarus had died four days ago. Martha and Mary came to Jesus, crying, and they said, "Lord, if you had been here, our brother would not have died."

But Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

Jesus wept and asked them where they have laid Lazarus. They led Jesus to the tomb.

Then He said to the men who were there, "Take away the stone."

They took away the stone, and Jesus said aloud, "Lazarus, come out!"



Lazarus came out of the sepulcher. He was alive again. Good thing! Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in Him. But some of them went to Jesus' enemies and told them what He had done.

Biblical reference: Jn 11: 1-46.

JESUS CLEARS THE TEMPLE

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts He found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So He made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple, including sheep and cattle; He scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He said, “Take these things out of here! How dare you turn my Father’s house into a market place!”



Many people saw this and believed in Him.

Why was Jesus so angry with the sale of those animals inside the temple?

In those days people used to sell animals and exchange money in the Temple Courts. Then they gave the animals as a present to Daddy in heaven so that He forgave their sins, but this kind of thing didn't please Him. Today, we don't need to do this because Jesus has already forgiven our sins, by dying on the cross. The best way to please God is being Jesus' friend and doing the things He likes.

Biblical reference: Jn 2: 13-22.

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Jesus walked through the Temple and the people wanted to listen to Him. Then He said, "I am the Good Shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. Whoever believes in me will be saved. I call my sheep by name and go ahead of them, and the sheep follow me because they know my voice; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."



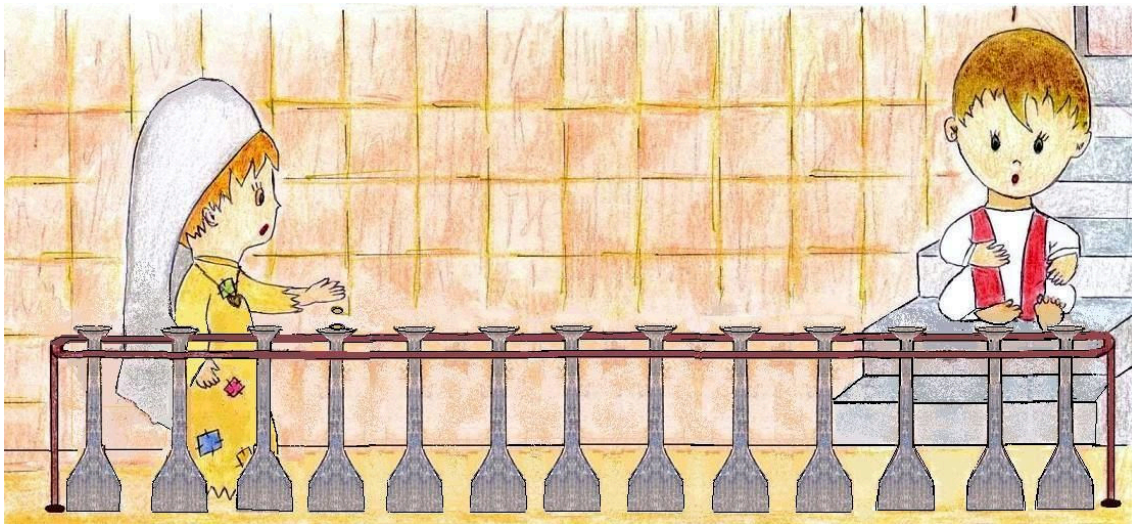
Jesus is the way and the truth and the life. He leads us to heaven, and gives us salvation. Who believes in Him is saved. Jesus came that His sheep may have a life full of good things. He died on the cross for us to be forgiven and freed of sin, receiving eternal life.

He knows you and me, and all those who are His "sheep." And we, as obedient sheep, we hear His voice in our hearts and follow Him. When we are willing to read the bible, to pray and talk to Jesus and practice His love, it's a sign that we are His little sheep.

Biblical reference: Jn 10: 1-18.

THE POOR WIDOW'S OFFERING

Jesus sat down in front of the place where the offerings were given and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, of very little value. Calling His disciples to Him, Jesus said, "This poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything she had, all she had to live on."



Jesus was teaching an important thing: to give the best to God, the best we can give: not only money, but the best we have to make Him happy and to help His church and people around us, like a kiss, an embrace, a song to the Lord and all good things He puts into our hearts. The widow was not greedy, nor was afraid to starve or feel needy because she had faith in the Lord that He would supply all her needs. Sometimes we give something and then receive another thing much better from hands of people we couldn't even imagine that would help us. It is because God touched these people and they gave us what we needed. This strengthens our faith.

Biblical reference: Mk 12: 41-44; Lk 21: 1-4.

THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

Jesus proposed another story to the people, “A man going on a journey called his servants and gave money to them. The coins were called “talents.” To one servant he gave five coins, to another two coins, and to another one coin, each according to his ability to trade. The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.”



When the master of those servants returned the men who had received the five and two coins (talents) brought the other coins they got, and the master was glad with them. But the man who had received the one talent and hid it in the ground returned it to his master, and he became angry with his servant because he had not put his money on deposit with the bankers; so when he returned he would have received it back with interest. He said, “Take him out of my sight. I don’t want to see him anymore.”

Jesus wanted to show that we should exercise our abilities, helping ourselves and other people. This way we multiply the gifts and blessings (“talents”) He gives us. In heaven we’ll receive our reward and will live with Him forever.

Biblical reference: Matt 25: 14-30.

JESUS ANOINTED BY A SINFUL WOMAN

Jesus was invited to have dinner with a religious man of those times, a Pharisee called Simon. He entered the house and reclined at the table. A sinful woman learned that Jesus was eating there and brought a beautiful jar of perfumed oil of nard. She stood behind Jesus weeping, and began to wet His feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfumed oil on them.

Simon thought with himself, “How Jesus, being a prophet, could let a sinful woman like that touch Him?”

But Jesus knew what Simon was thinking and told him, “Simon, do you see this woman? I forgive all her sins.”



Then Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace and sin no more.”

The Jews used to wash the feet of the guests and anoint their head with oil and kiss their cheeks. Simon had not done anything of this, but the woman washed His feet with her tears, dried them with her hair and poured perfume on them, for the love of Jesus and to demonstrate her repentance because she recognized that she had many sins. Jesus forgave her and she came back happily to her home.”

Did you see? Jesus forgives all our sins.

Biblical reference: Lk 7: 36-50.

JESUS TEACHES NICODEMUS

At night, a man named Nicodemus came to Jesus and said, “Rabbi, we know that everything you teach comes from God. For no one could perform the miracles you are doing if God were not with him.”

Jesus replied, “No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.”

Nicodemus asked, “How can a man be born again when he is old? Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb to be born again!”

Jesus answered, “What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. You must be born again.”



Nicodemus asked, “How can this be?”

Jesus said, “God so loved the world that he gave His Only Begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Whoever repents of his sins, believes in Jesus and surrenders his life to Him and is baptized in the water begins to live a new life, receiving the Holy Spirit and salvation. It’s as if this person was born again. It is the Holy Spirit who teaches us to do His will, that is, what is good.

Biblical reference: Jn 3: 1-21.

THE LAST SUPPER

The Jewish Passover Time came, and also had come the time for Jesus to die on the cross for us and save us. At night, before dying on the cross, Jesus and His disciples went to a house where there was a large room. It was a special dinner, and Jesus taught them many things. They ate bread and drank wine and understood that they should love one another as Jesus had loved them.



Jesus also warned them that one of them would betray Him, handing Him over to the temple priests and the roman soldiers. They began to worry; who among them would do this? Judas Iscariot was the traitor, so he got out swiftly and went to talk to Jesus' enemies.

Jesus also said that He would rise again after three days. After eating He got out of there and went to the Mount of Olives with His disciples.

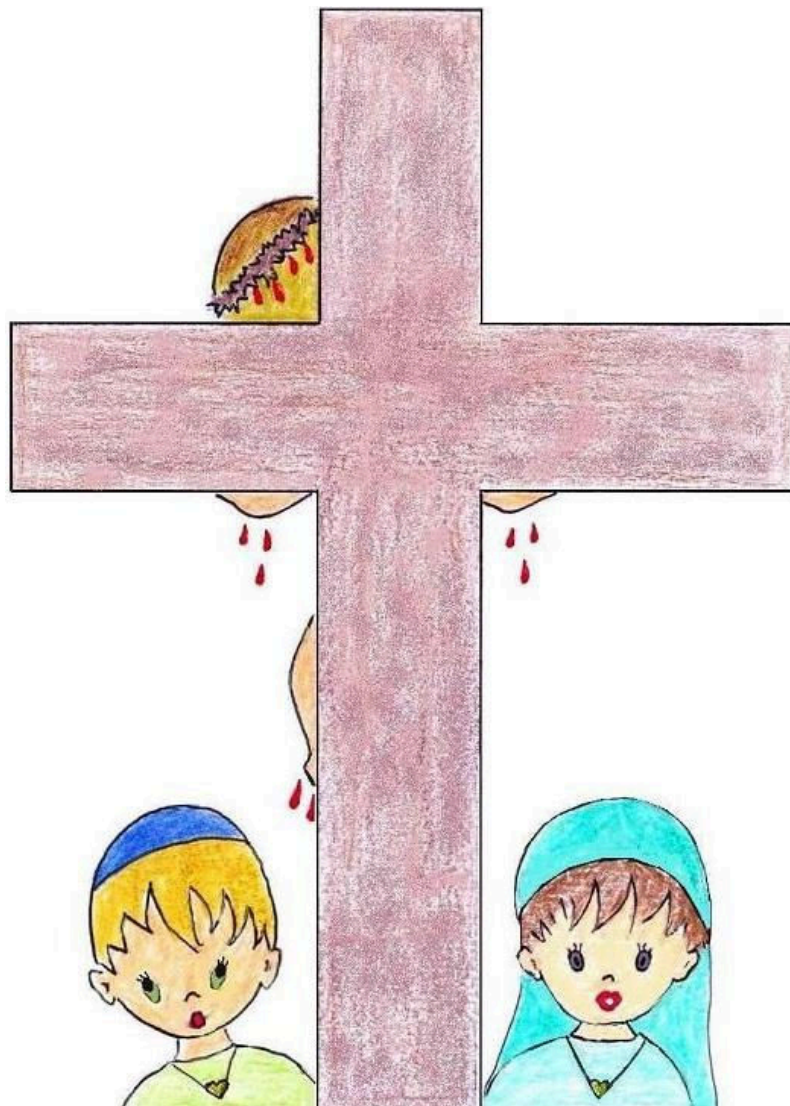
Biblical reference: Lk 22: 7-30.

JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS FOR US

On reaching the Mount of Olives, He entered a garden e said to His disciples, "Stay here and pray."

He stayed at a little distance of them, knelt down and began to pray too. But the disciples slept. Then the Temple priests and the people who didn't like Jesus came and arrested Him.

Jesus' enemies beat Him and made Him carry a heavy wooden cross. After this, the soldiers crucified Him.



The people who were there said to Him, "Did you not say you were the Son of God? Now, get down from the cross and we'll believe you."

But some friends of Jesus were also there and saw everything and prayed to God for Him.

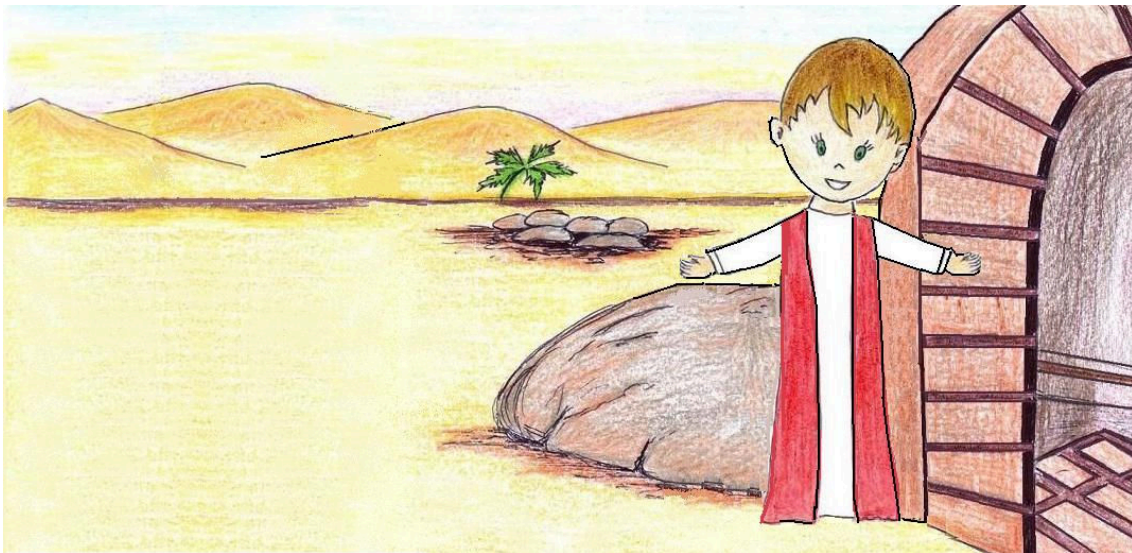
Then, Jesus died. They laid Him in a sepulcher and put a very heavy stone at the entrance so that nobody could take His body away from there. It was Friday when He died.

Biblical reference: Jn 19: 17-30.

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

Early on Sunday, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene, who was one of the women that followed Him, went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. She came running to Simon Peter and John, and said, “The Lord is not in the tomb!”

Peter and John ran to that place and didn’t find Jesus’ body. They went back home, but Mary Magdalene stood there. Then she saw Jesus and He spoke with her. It was true. He was alive!



Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news, “I have seen the Lord! He is risen!”

Hurray! How good! Jesus is alive! He’s risen! He conquered death! So whoever believes in Him never dies, but has everlasting life. His enemies were ashamed. Aha!

Biblical reference: Matt 28: 1-10; Mk 16: 1-8; Lk 24: 1-12; Jn 20: 1-10.

PETER IS RESTORED BY JESUS

A few more days passed and Simon Peter went to Galilee along with other disciples, near the sea.

Then, he told them, "I'm going out to fish."

"We'll go with you."

They got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish to eat?"

They answered they didn't. So, He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some."

They did what Jesus commanded, and suddenly, the net was full of fish, and there were so many that they could barely pull it. John recognized that the man on the beach was Jesus and said to Peter, "It is the Lord!"

Peter swam to the shore to see Jesus.

When the disciples got out of the boat, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught. Come and have breakfast."



When they had finished eating, Jesus asked to Simon Peter, "Simon, do you love me?"

"Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus asked this question three times. Then Peter cried. He was still sad because when Jesus was arrested he ran away in fear

of being caught too and said the people that he didn't know Jesus. But this moment, everything was being restored. Jesus was forgiving Peter and giving Him the certainty that he was loved; he was His best friend. Now, his heart was light, for he knew Jesus' love and forgiveness.

Biblical reference: Jn 21: 15-23.

It doesn't matter what you look like, but always see yourself like this, hand in hand with Jesus. He is our best friend!



Bye, folks! God be with you!