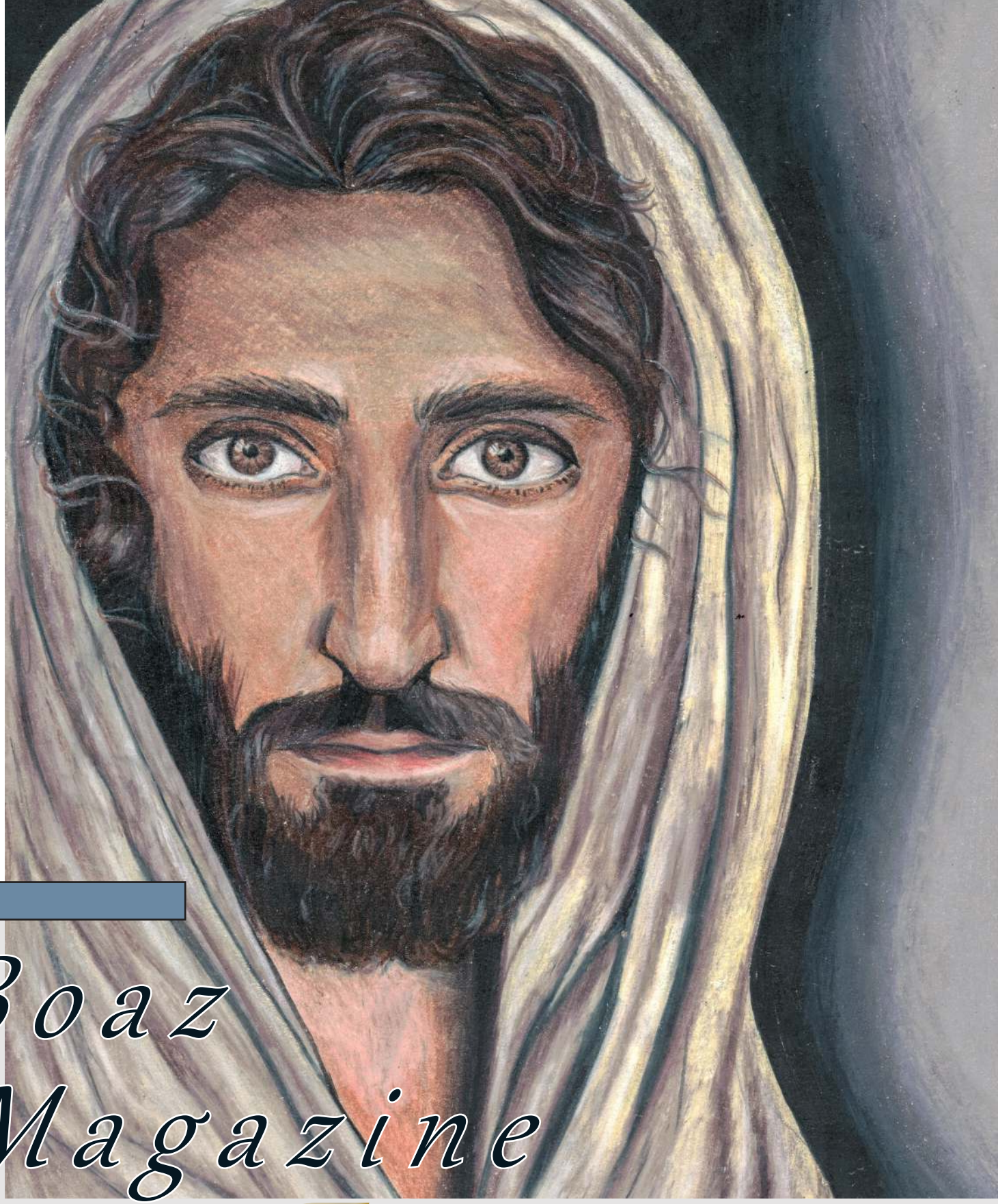

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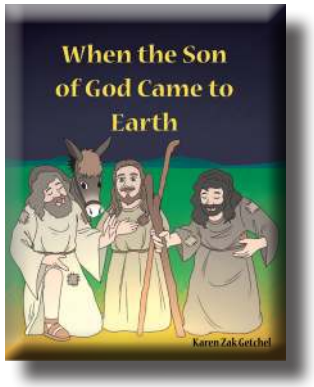

This 30 page book is geared for children 3 to 8 years old. While the nativity account is timeless, this book take the approach to help children relate to the Savior of the world in ways we sometimes overlook.

Jesus was raised by a step-father, and though he was the Son of God, no one on earth took notice of him, except a few shepherds.

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But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people."— Luke 2:10 NASB

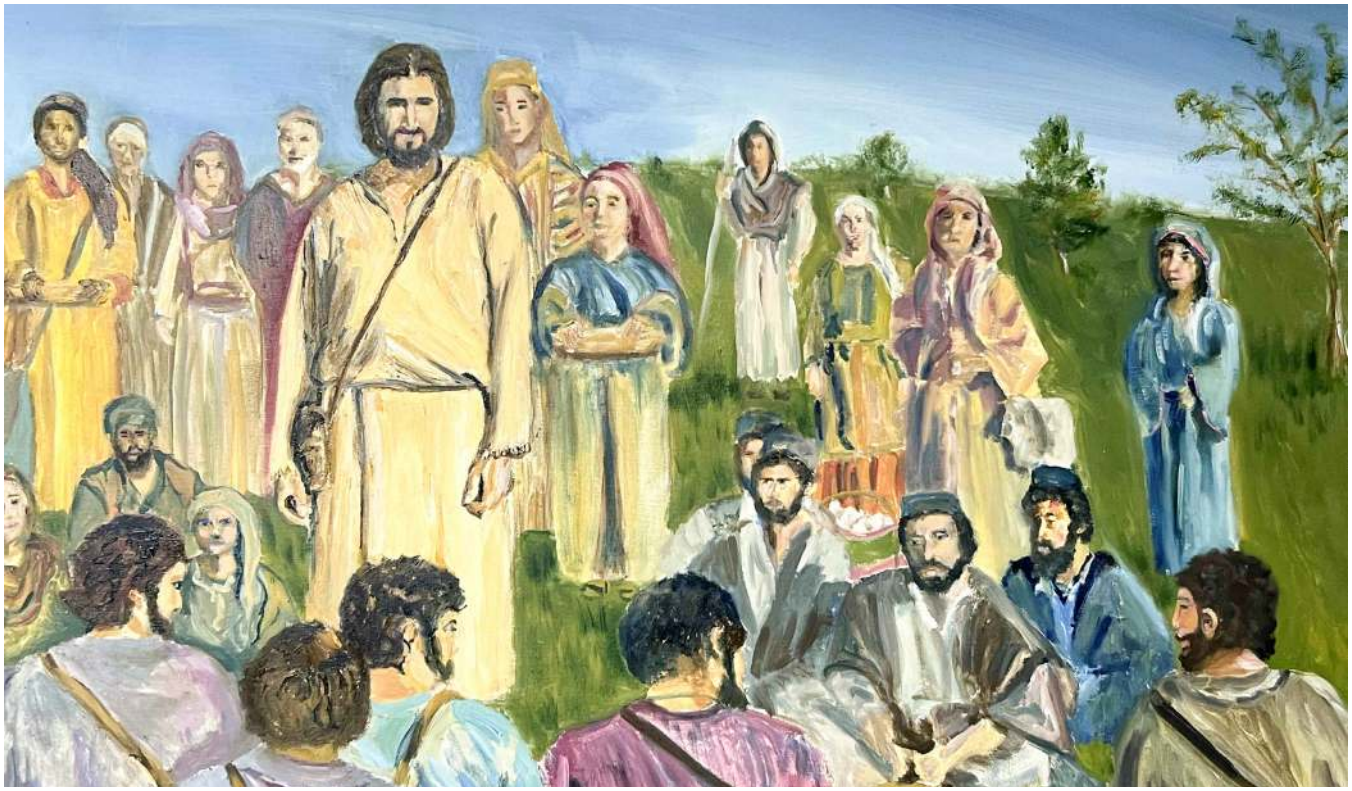
Have you ever found yourself in an uncomfortable situation? Something you knew was coming and tried your best to prepare for, and yet despite your best efforts, it was still a difficult thing to make it through? Maybe you were going to be in a play and had to speak your lines in front of a crowd of people. Or a musical recital where you had to play an instrument or sing in front of family, friends, and strangers? Perhaps a friend needed help during a time when you had troubles of your own weighing you down. What did you do? Did you have the faithfulness to endure the discomfort, the courage to brave the possibility of embarrassment, or put yourself second so that you could help someone else?

These small examples of discomfort and minute personal loss are not worthy of being compared to the sacrifice and hurt suffered by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at his first advent. They can however, give us an idea of the attitude Jesus had when he willingly accepted the task of coming to the earth to save the sick and sinful descendants of Adam. To really understand what Jesus gave up we must think about what he left behind so that he could be our savior. Before coming to the earth as a man, Jesus lived in the exalted courts of our Heavenly Father. The glory and honor he experienced in the presence of God is beyond our ability to describe. As God's only begotten son, we can be sure that Jesus' position in heaven before his first advent was an honorable one.

We can't really have an idea of the glory in which Jesus lived in heaven during his pre-human existence, but we can begin to appreciate all that he gave up in order to become a man. When the angels announced the arrival of Jesus in **Luke 2:10**, they described it as good news of great joy for all people! From the very moment He was born, Jesus entered the world in the humblest of settings. Take a moment and consider who it was that the angels announced this good news to. It wasn't to a powerful king or a wealthy politician living in a grand palace. The honor was instead reserved for shepherds in a field. The angel told them that they would find the savior in a manger, which is similar to a feeding trough in a barn. Scripture tells us that there was no room at any of the inns in Bethlehem, so Joseph and Mary were forced to take refuge among the animals and livestock. What a contrast from the glorious existence Jesus led in heaven! The Jews who were waiting for the promised savior to rescue them, probably didn't expect to find him in such humble circumstances.

Jesus willingly gave up the glory and honor he had in heaven and opted for the humble form of a man living upon the earth. Allowing himself to feel discomfort in things like such as hunger, thirst, and cold. Despite this difficult environment he would be required to live up to every command, both big and small of God's righteous Law. Additionally, he would have to do so without the honor or recognition he would have received in heaven. Instead of receiving praise and glory for obeying God's word, he would be ridiculed and mocked as a sinner and a criminal.

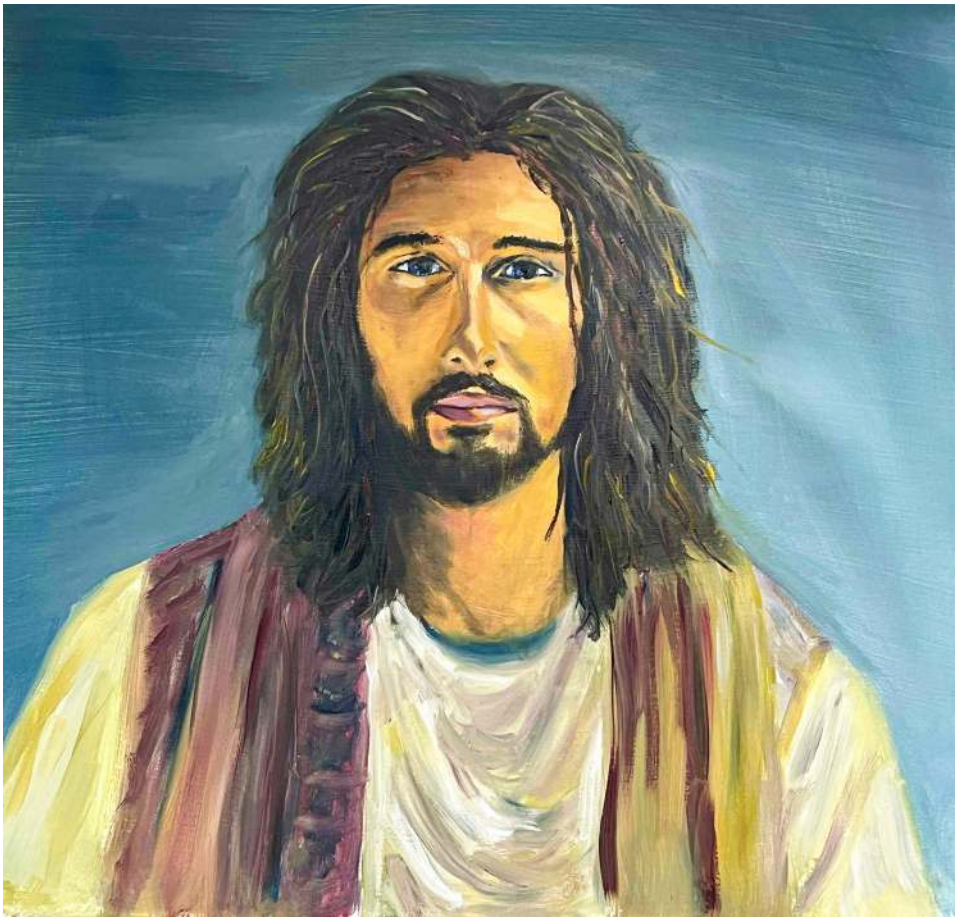
There's another aspect to this that is mentioned in **Hebrews 4:15** which reads, "For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin." When Jesus came down to the earth, he exposed himself to a world dragged down with sin. Even though he was perfect himself, he still lived



among sinners and saw the way sin harmed and crushed the men and women who lived under it. This allowed him to see the suffering in real time. Unlike a sinful human being, he did not grow cold or become hardened by sin. Instead, he learned compassion and comforted the people who sought out his help. One example of this in **John 11**. Jesus had a set of close friends named Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. He heard that Lazarus was sick, so he and the disciples went to see them in the town of Bethany. By the time they arrived however, Lazarus had died.

The hearts of his two sisters, Mary and Martha were very heavy with the sadness of losing their brother. You might think Jesus would have just said, "Oh, don't worry, Lazarus will have life again during the resurrection!" Or even that Jesus might have rebuked them for not having faith that he could raise Lazarus now. Instead, Jesus offered them friendship and joined them as they walked through suffering. In **John 11:35** it says, "Jesus Wept." Twice in chapter 11 of the book of John, it tells us that Jesus was, "deeply moved," in verses 33 and 38. Jesus not only noticed the pain they were feeling because of their loss. He went so far as to join them in it. Feeling what they felt. Seeing the great pain this suffering was causing them. Jesus never ignores our pain, instead he chooses to allow himself to be touched by it. We can rest assured, that our high priest, the one who laid down his perfect life in death for us, cares deeply about our pain, and is willing to give even his own life in order to bring us to salvation!

Jesus' lack of material comfort or social recognition was not only true at his birth. Later during his ministry, in **Matthew 8:20** Jesus said, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the son of man has nowhere to lay His head." This reminds us that as he traveled throughout Israel and the Jewish communities, he did so without aquire wealth or worldly comfort. Instead, he focused on one thing, spreading the good news of God's grace. He preached loudly as he called for the people to repent and believe in him and the merit of his sacrifice. Jesus had no need to accumulate wealth or live in material ease because his treasure was in heaven, not in the fleeting things of this world. He could do this because he didn't want the admiration of the sinful culture he lived among. Instead, he looked for and sought out the love and affirmation of His Father in heaven. Even as it led him to the cross.

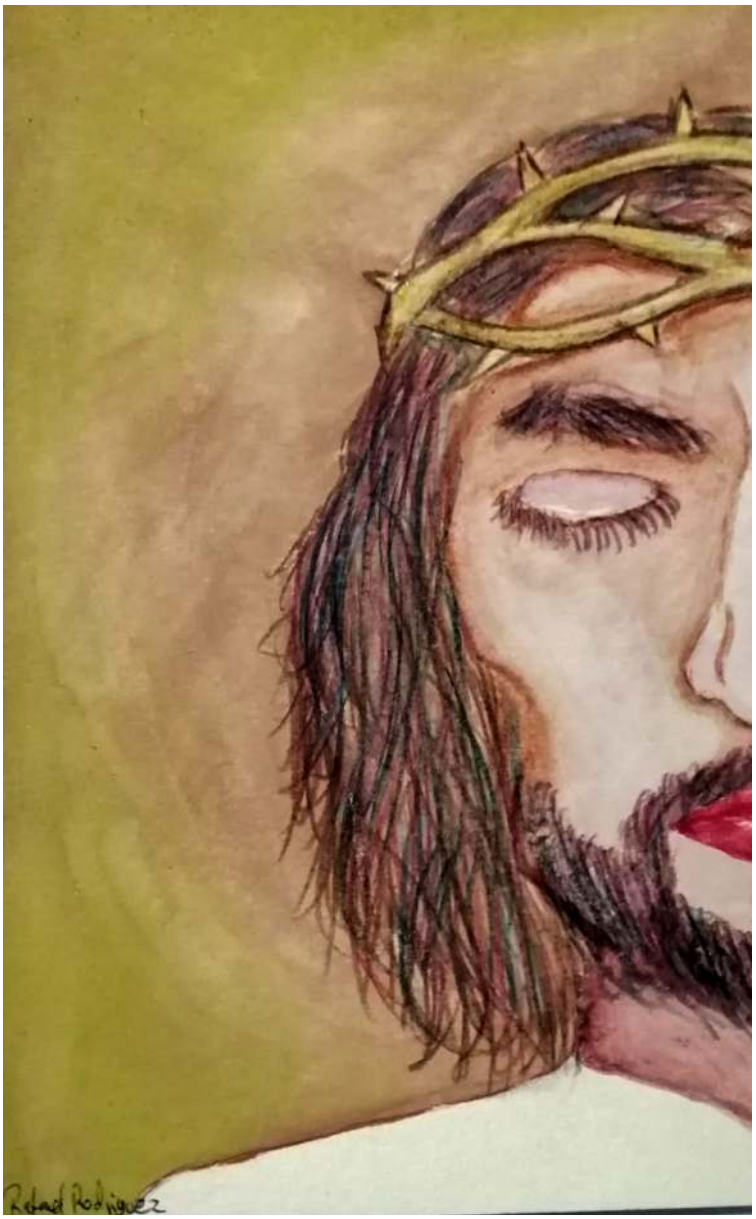


Since Jesus' main goal was to spread the gospel, he was able to gather people whose heart condition was open to his message of grace. This meant he could call anyone whose heart was open to receiving that grace. Sometimes when we pick and choose our friends, we want to pick the popular kids or the people society says are cool. Jesus did not do this. He could see past the other's outward of social status and right into their hearts. This allowed him to open himself up to everyone, even the unpopular people in Jewish society. One example of this comes to us in **Matthew 9:9-12**. In these verses we see Jesus calling Matthew, the tax collector, to give up his well-paid career as a tax collector and instead follow him. It might be hard to believe that someone would give up a rich career to follow a man who had nowhere to lay his head, but this is exactly what Matthew did!

It is important to remember though, if Jesus had been worried about what other people thought of his disciples, he would have never called Matthew. This is because while Matthew's job made him very wealthy, it also caused the other Jews to treat him as an outcast. They saw him as a traitor because he collected tax money from the Jews and then gave it to the Romans. Jesus often found people in Jewish society that were considered sinners and outcasts. Instead of ignoring them, he reached out to them and offered them forgiveness and rest for their weary souls. The Pharisees often questioned and attacked Jesus for spending time with such people. Even in the calling of Matthew in **Matthew 9:9-12,** the Pharisees attacked Jesus for eating a meal with sinners and outcasts, asking him why he would allow himself to associate with such people? Jesus' answer should stop us in our tracks. His answer to them was, "It's not those who are healthy who need a doctor, but those who are sick." This answer tells us that Jesus cared more about the people he came to save, than what the Pharisees or the religious priests thought about him. Jesus allowed himself to be attacked and slandered, and to be thought badly about by others, all

because he wanted to reach the people who were willing to receive the grace and forgiveness, he was offering to them!

In the book of Hebrews, the Apostle Paul gives us some insight into how valuable Jesus' experiences as a perfect human man were for him. In **Hebrews 5:8-9** he writes, "Although he was a Son, he learned obedience from the things which he suffered. And having been made perfect, he became to all those who obey him the source of eternal salvation." By maintaining his commitment to righteousness and his loyalty to God in the most difficult circumstances Jesus showed that his commitment to God went deeper than the surface. It wasn't something that he would abandon once the going got tough. Jesus was driven by his mission to rescue mankind from the sin that ruled over us. This drove him to be strong and continue his work through the scoffing and jeering of those who tried to stumble him.



The Power of Love

Loyalty and obedience weren't the only things that gave Jesus the ability to endure the pain and discomfort that he experienced at his when he came to earth the first time. In **John 15:12-13** Jesus said, "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends." As important as it is to live a life with purpose, it is even more important to live a life filled with love. Jesus had such great love for his Father in heaven, that it didn't matter what the scribes and Pharisees said about him. Their opinion did not matter to him. He would never win over the prejudiced religious rulers of the Jews, because they loved power more than they loved God.

As a perfect man Jesus could have likely found success in any endeavor he wanted to pursue. Instead, he stayed true to the mission God sent him to the earth to fulfill. The love of God allowed him to endure the relentless attacks of the Pharisees, and pour himself out for all those he met who were in need of healing or comfort. One example of this is found in **Luke 8:46**, where the woman in the crowd touched Jesus and was healed. The verse tells us that Jesus perceived that some of his virtue had gone out of him. This gives us a greater appreciation for every healing and miracles that Jesus performed. The idea contained in this scripture is that with every healing Jesus did, some of his own power and strength were diminished. Even at the cost of his own strength and vitality, Jesus never hesitated to help those who needed him. He was selfless in every respect!

Jesus' love for God is an important lesson for us. If we seek the ever changing and unstable love and admiration of the world or worldly organizations, we will allow our hearts to be led off in the direction of the world. This will pull us away from God. If we instead seek to build the love of God in our hearts and seek after His love and affirmation, then we will find the strength and courage to endure any trials or tribulations that may be allowed to fall upon us. Knowing what matters most, having the love and approval of our Father in heaven, will give us the strength and security we need to brush aside the toxic opinions of the world, and instead find peace and joy in what matters most. The love and acceptance of our Father in heaven.

The Example of the Cross

We see the ultimate example of Jesus' love for God at his crucifixion on the cross. We also see Jesus' love for all mankind laid bare upon the cross. In his selfless dedication to God, he allowed himself to go through the pain and embarrassment of not only death, but the death upon the cross. As a perfect man who lived up to every righteous command of God's Law, he was entitled to life. Instead, he chose to take the place of Adam in death. Not only did he allow himself to die, but he suffered through the shame of a sinner's death upon the cross.

Crucifixion was a punishment reserved for criminals at that time, and those who did not know him would assume he was guilty of some great crime and deserved such a death. Nothing could have been further from the truth! It is truly amazing that Jesus was willing to endure all of this for our sake! Have you ever been blessed with the opportunity to make a small sacrifice in order to help someone else? How do you feel about doing it? Chances are it was a great blessing to both you and the other person. We know Jesus was greatly blessed after his sacrifice, and the blessings we receive because of Christ's willingness to suffer on our behalf are beyond what we could ever dream of hoping for!

Jesus loved us so much that he gave his life for us, even while we were still trapped in sin and far from deserving his love. In Romans 5:8, Paul reminds us of this point saying, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." This is a wonderful reminder that we did nothing to earn the love of God or His son Jesus. Instead, they gave it us freely. What a wonderful salvation we have received through Jesus' ransom sacrifice! While most of the world may not recognize the true meaning of Jesus' death at this time, how blessed are we to know of the grace and mercy that have been made available to us. As well as the peace that this salvation brings to our hearts!

There in his greatest act of love for all mankind, he was scorned, mocked, and hated upon the cross, and even one of the other men being crucified mocked Jesus. The lesson for us in this is that in his suffering and shame we were made free from sin. Jesus, who should have been respected and loved by all those who he came to save, was instead treated as a common criminal. He endured these things alone and without even his disciples to comfort him. In his suffering though, we may rest assured that we will never have to go through such trials alone, because he already went through them. He is our ever-present strength and assurance! He is with us and watching over us at all times. Guiding and protecting our hearts as they are bumped and bruised by the experiences of life. All this is given to us as a free gift, if only we are brave enough to reach out and accept his love and mercy.

As we think about Jesus, and the enormity of his sacrifice, we see that because of this gift we can experience God's grace and mercy. It is because of this gift that we have the promise of salvation and the hope of the kingdom. His life is the greatest gift ever given, and shows us the incredible love that He has for us.

"Lord Teach Us to Pray"



Key Verse: "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."—Luke 11:1

Have you ever wondered how to talk to God? It's very simple! Just like you talk to your mom or dad when you need something or want to share about your day, you can also talk to God. But how do we do it? Jesus' friends, his disciples, had the same question, so they asked him to teach them.

One day, Jesus was praying, and his disciples were watching. They noticed that Jesus talked to God in a very special way—with love and trust. One of them said, "Lord, teach us to pray."

Jesus didn't just teach them what words to say; he also showed them how to feel when talking to God. He taught them a special prayer we now call "The Lord's Prayer". Do you know how it starts? It says: "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name." This reminds us that God is our Father, and we should speak to Him with respect and love.

When you talk to God, remember these three important things:

1. Thank God for all the good things you have.
2. Ask for forgiveness for the things you did wrong.
3. Ask for help for yourself and for others.

You don't need to use big or fancy words. God listens even if you just say, "Lord, I need You." What matters most is that you speak to Him from your heart.

Let me tell you about Daniel, a little boy who always prayed before bed. One night, Daniel didn't know what to say, so he simply prayed: "Lord, thank You for my family and for the sun. Please help me at school tomorrow." Do you know what? That simple prayer made God smile because it came from Daniel's heart. And that's what God loves the most!

Today, I invite you to say a short prayer. It can be before you go to sleep, when you wake up, or anytime during the day. Talk to God like you would talk to your best friend, because He is always with you and listening.

Prayer:

"Dear God, thank You for always hearing my prayers. Help me to talk to You every day and to trust You in everything. Teach me to pray the way You want. In Jesus' name, amen."

Remember, praying is like opening the door of your heart to God. He is always there, ready to listen and take care of you!

Jesus' Early Life



"Like a young plant or a root that sprouts in dry ground, the servant grew up obeying the Lord. He wasn't some handsome king. Nothing about the way he looked made him attractive to us. He was hated and rejected; his life was filled with sorrow and terrible suffering. No one wanted to look at him. We despised him and said, "He is a nobody!" He suffered and endured great pain for us, but we thought his suffering was punishment from God. He was wounded and crushed because of our sins; by taking our punishment, he made us completely well." ***Isaiah 53:2-5 (CEV)***

The Bible doesn't tell us much about Jesus' childhood or what he did before being baptized, but we do know that his life wasn't easy. We can learn from what historians say and traditions that have been passed down from his people from that time and try to paint a picture of what his early life was like.

Firstly, the scriptures seem to show that Jesus' adoptive father Joseph died sometime after he was 12. The last time Joseph is mentioned is when he and Mary found Jesus at the temple in Jerusalem, **Luke 2:48 (CEV)** "When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, 'Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.'" During Jesus' ministry, his mother and brothers came to see him but his father Joseph was not mentioned (**Mark 3:31-35**). Joseph was also not present at the cross when Jesus told the disciple he loved to take care of his mother (**John 19:26, 27**). We can see that from an early age, Jesus would have felt the pain of losing his father and this would have followed him throughout his life and made him draw near to his Heavenly Father even more.

Many think that if his father had died then Jesus being the oldest child would have taken his place and worked to support his family. The scriptures tell us that he worked as a carpenter and had brothers and sisters, **Mark 6:3 (CEV)** "Isn't he the carpenter, the son of Mary? Aren't James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon his brothers? Don't his sisters still live here in our town?" The people were upset because of what he was doing. With the loss of his father, Jesus would have had more responsibility than other people his age.

Secondly, the place where he was raised - Nazareth, was not a popular place and it was looked down upon by others. Nathaniel, one of Jesus' disciples, expressed the common perception at the time, when he asked. "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" (**John 1:46**). God directed Mary and Joseph to settle here so that the scriptures would be fulfilled (**Matthew 2:23**).

It is thought that the things created and made in Nazareth would not be as desirable than if they were made in more popular cities like Bethlehem. For Jesus, this may have meant that the woodworking he did was not seen as valuable and would not have made as much money for his family.

Thirdly, he was not accepted by his brothers or those who he grew up around. We know that his brothers did not believe in him (**John 7:5**), although they later became believers (**Acts 1:14**). They even said that Jesus was out of his mind, **Mark 3:20-21** "Jesus went back home, and once again such a large crowd gathered that there was no chance even to eat. When Jesus' family heard what he was doing, they thought he was crazy and went to get him under control".

Jesus knew that the people in his town would not believe either. **Matthew 13:53-58 (CEV)** "When Jesus had finished telling these stories, he left and went to his hometown. He taught in their synagogue, and the people were so amazed that they asked, "Where does he get all this wisdom and the power to work these miracles? Isn't he the son of the carpenter? Isn't Mary his mother, and aren't James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas his brothers? Don't his sisters still live here in our town? How can he do all this?" So the people were upset because of what he was doing. But Jesus said, "Prophets are honored by everyone, except the people of their hometown and their own family." And because the people did not have any faith, Jesus did not work many miracles there."

Even though he knew that those close to him would not believe immediately or even in this lifetime, he loved them and gave his life for them so that they would have another opportunity in God's kingdom. Despite the persecution, harsh words, and rejection by those who had known him so long, he loved and forgave them and trusted in God.

Jesus experienced many hardships and sorrows in his life, including the death of a parent, living in a poor and looked down upon place, and not being accepted by those closest to him. Have you experienced similar things in your life?

Maybe you've lost a grandparent, are dealing with bullies at school, or are having a hard time making friends and fitting in. Whatever you are experiencing, you can take your sadness and pain to God and Jesus. Talk to Jesus and tell him about the pain in your heart and what you are experiencing and keep in mind that he knows what it is like to have pain and difficulties.

There is no hurt in your heart that Jesus can't heal and no problem that is too big for God to fix. Just as Jesus' experiences made him stronger, more loving, and more obedient to God, yours can do the same for you too!

"We have a great high priest, who has gone into heaven, and he is Jesus the Son of God. This is why we must hold on to what we have said about him. Jesus understands every weakness of ours, because he was tempted in every way that we are. But he did not sin! So whenever we are in need, we should come bravely before the throne of our merciful God. There we will be treated with undeserved grace, and we will find help." ***Hebrews 4:14-16 (CEV)***

Young Chef





Our Young Chef is Amelia and she is 7 1/2 years old. Amelia lives in New York, USA. She is making a birthday cake for her dad.

Strawberry Cake

(From a box mix)

Ingredients:

- Strawberry cake mix
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup of water



Heat oven to 350 degrees. Pour cake mix into a bowl. Add 1 egg and water. Stir mixture until smooth.

Pour into a greased pan. Place in oven for 20 minutes.

Remove cake from oven and let cool.

Young Artists

Brighton age 7 from Kenya







David age 10 from Kenya









Rebecca age 12 from Kenya



London age 8 from Alabama USA





Camila age 8 from Venezuela

Comfort from Jesus

Cross out the letters Z, P, Q, K, and J every time you see them in the puzzle. Copy the leftover letters in each row to read a message from Jesus, our Savior.



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Find the hidden objects



A Shepherd Full of Love

"In the same way, your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost."

Matthew 18:14.



One day, Jesus told a story about a shepherd who had one hundred sheep. This shepherd loved every one of his little sheep and always made sure they were safe. But one day, one of the little sheep got distracted while eating, or maybe it wandered off to see what was beyond the mountain. Before it knew it, the sheep was all alone, far from the others, and lost.

When the shepherd realized one of his sheep was missing, he didn't think, "It's just one sheep, it doesn't matter." No! He loved each one of his sheep! So, he left the other ninety-nine in a safe place and went out to look for the lost one. He walked and searched everywhere, and when he finally found it, he was so happy! He picked up the little sheep in his arms and carried it back home.

Jesus told us this story to show us how much God loves us. He is like that shepherd who always takes care of us and seeks us out, even when we are far away or feeling alone. To God, each one of us is special.

How do you think the little sheep felt when it realized it was lost? Would you want the shepherd to come find you if you were the lost sheep? Did you know that God loves you so much that He never wants you to feel lost or alone?

Jesus wants us to know that God is always with us, especially when we feel lonely or scared. He watches over us and helps us, just like the shepherd cares for his little sheep.

Next time you feel alone or worried, remember that God is always by your side. You can talk to Him in prayer and ask Him for help. He always listens and never gets tired of caring for you.

Prayer:

"Dear God, thank You for always watching over us and never leaving us. Help us remember that You are always close, and that when we feel alone, we can trust in You. Thank You for Your great love. We want to stay close to You always. In Jesus' name, amen."

Nobody Spoke or Taught Like Jesus

"Therefore, do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' [...] But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

Matthew 6:31-33.



Once, a group of people climbed up a mountain to listen to a great teacher named Jesus. He was very special because He taught using simple and beautiful examples, like birds and flowers, to explain important things about God.

Jesus told the people that birds don't plant seeds or store up food, but God takes care of them and gives them everything they need to live. Did you know that each day, when a bird goes out to look for food, God has already prepared what it needs? Then Jesus talked to them about flowers called lilies, which grow in the fields without doing anything to make themselves beautiful. God dresses them in such amazing beauty! Jesus used these examples to show us that, if God takes such good care of flowers and birds, how much more will He care for us, His children?

Have you ever worried about something you need? Did you know that God cares for you and for all your needs? What can you do to trust God when you feel worried?

Jesus wants us to trust that God will give us everything we need. He doesn't want us to spend our days worrying; instead, He wants us to seek God's love and do what pleases Him.

Next time you worry about something, remember the little birds and flowers. Ask God to help you trust in Him and put Him first in your life. When we do this, He will take care of the rest!

Prayer:

"Dear God, thank You for always taking care of us. Help us to trust in You and not to worry, because we know You understand our needs. We want to put You first in our lives. In Jesus' name, amen."

What To Do When We Are Desperate?



Only Jesus Has The Help We Need!

In the hardest moments, when it feels like all doors are closed and the burdens of life are overwhelming, the Bible offers us a wonderful example of hope: the story of the woman with the issue of blood (**Mark 5:25-34**). This account is not just a historical event; it is a living message for each of us today. Let us reflect on how the lessons from this story can guide us in our own moments of crisis.

The woman with the issue of blood had done everything she could. She had visited doctors, spent all she had, and yet her condition worsened. But her faith remained strong. She firmly believed that if she could just touch the edge of Jesus' cloak, she would be healed. Scripture teaches us: "Without faith it is impossible to please God" (**Hebrews 11:6**).This faith does not depend on what we can see or feel but on who Jesus is and what he can do. In

our darkest hours, we must remember that faith activates God's power in our lives.

When the woman touched his cloak, Jesus immediately said: "I felt power go out from me." This same power is still available to us today. No matter how great our need, Jesus' power has no limits. **Hebrews 13:8** assures us that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." When we come to Jesus in faith, we not only experience his power, but we also find the true solution we need.

Even though the crowd surrounded and pressed against him, Jesus stopped to care for this woman. His compassionate heart singled her out from the multitude. Our Lord is not indifferent to our needs. Even if the world ignores or minimizes our struggles, Jesus always sees and understands our situation. He knows exactly what we need and never abandons us. There is no problem too small or insignificant to bring to his feet.

Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" Not because he didn't know, but so the miracle wouldn't remain hidden. When the woman confessed what had happened, her testimony glorified God and strengthened the faith of everyone present. When God works in our lives, it is important to share what He has done. As **Revelation 12:11** says: "They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony." Sharing our experiences not only honors God but also encourages others to trust in Him.

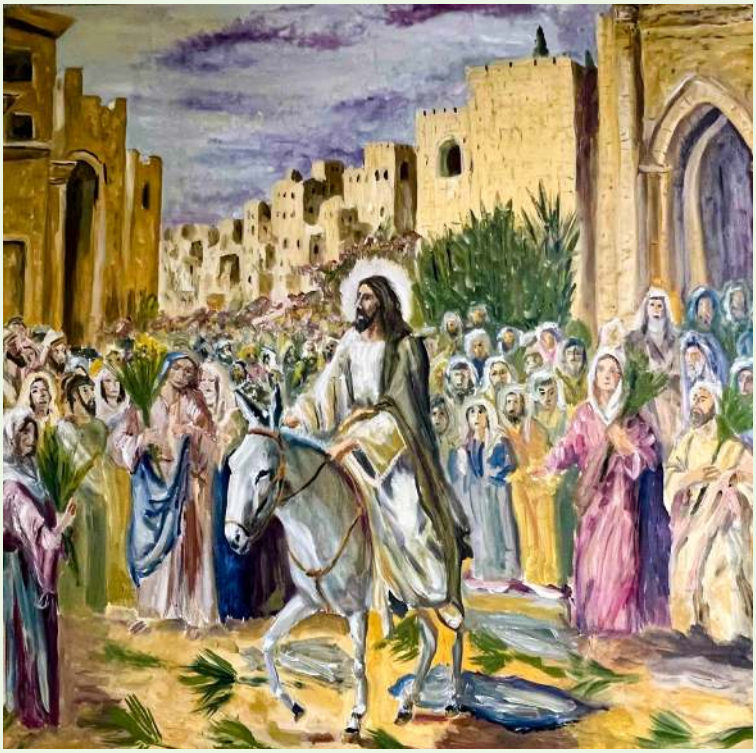
Jesus didn't just heal the woman's body; he also restored her peace and dignity. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." By calling her "daughter," Jesus reaffirmed her worth as someone loved by God. Her healing was complete: physical, emotional, and spiritual. Jesus doesn't just want to resolve temporary problems; he desires to give us a full and eternal life.

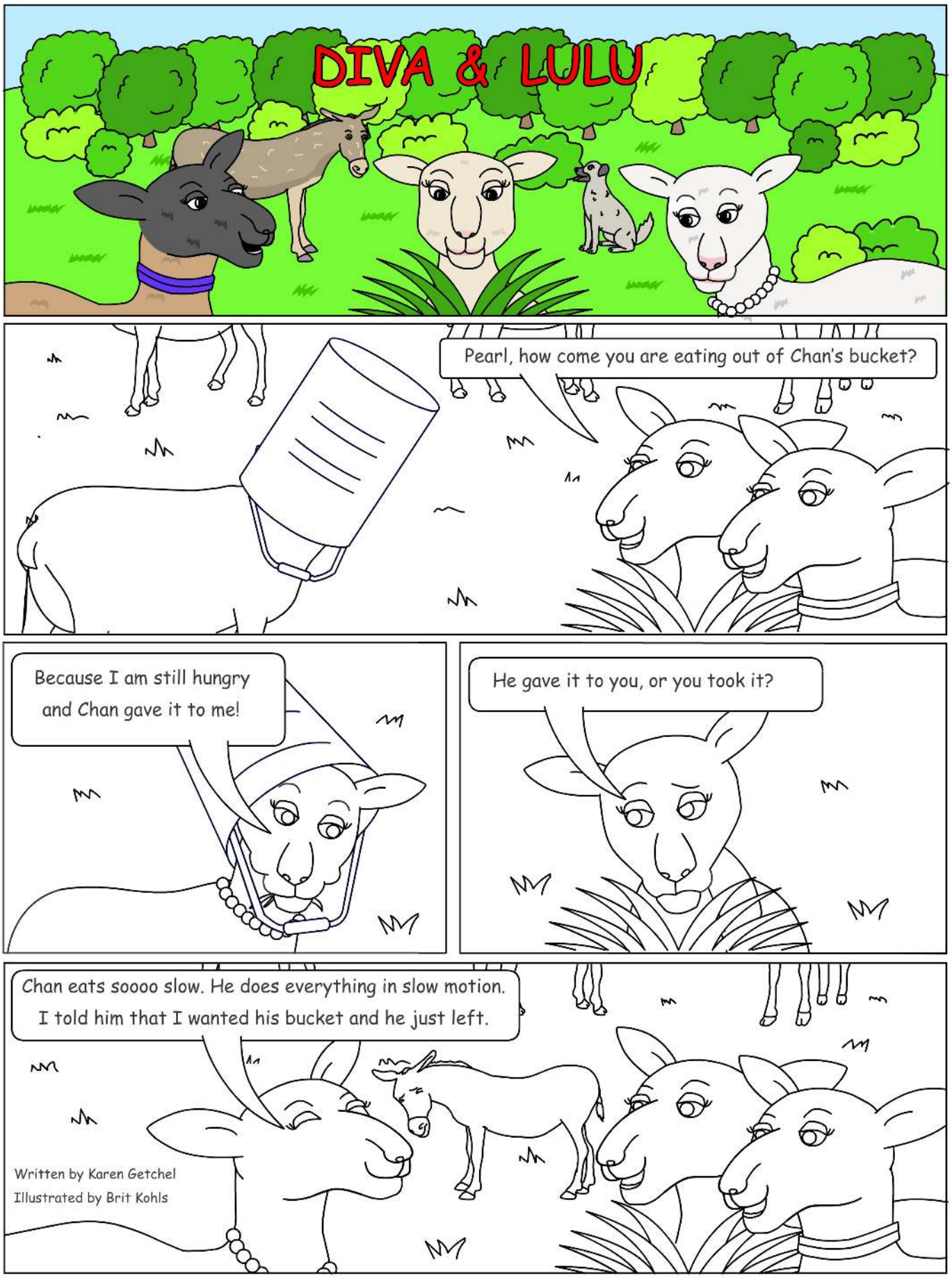
Despite the restrictions society and Mosaic law placed on her, this woman did not let shame or fear hold her back. Her need drove her to act with courage and determination. We, too, must overcome our doubts and fears to seek Jesus with all our hearts. Don't let social, emotional, or spiritual barriers keep you from receiving what God has prepared for you.

The woman's touch was not accidental; it was intentional, an act of genuine faith. While today we cannot physically touch Jesus' cloak, we can draw near to him through prayer, trust, and obedience. When we approach him with true faith, his power flows into our lives and transforms our situation.

Beloved, are you feeling desperate? Burdened by problems that seem unsolvable? The answer remains the same: Jesus. The woman with the issue of blood found her help in him, and you can too. Only he has the power to make the impossible possible.

No matter how great your need or how hopeless your situation seems, remember this: Jesus is compassionate, powerful, and always ready to work in your life. All you need is faith. Come to him with confidence, and you will experience his restoring and healing grace. Come to Jesus today and receive the miracle he has for you!




DIVA & LULU
Pearl, how come you are eating out of Chan's bucket?
Because I am still hungry and Chan gave it to me!
He gave it to you, or you took it?
Chan eats soooo slow. He does everything in slow motion. I told him that I wanted his bucket and he just left.
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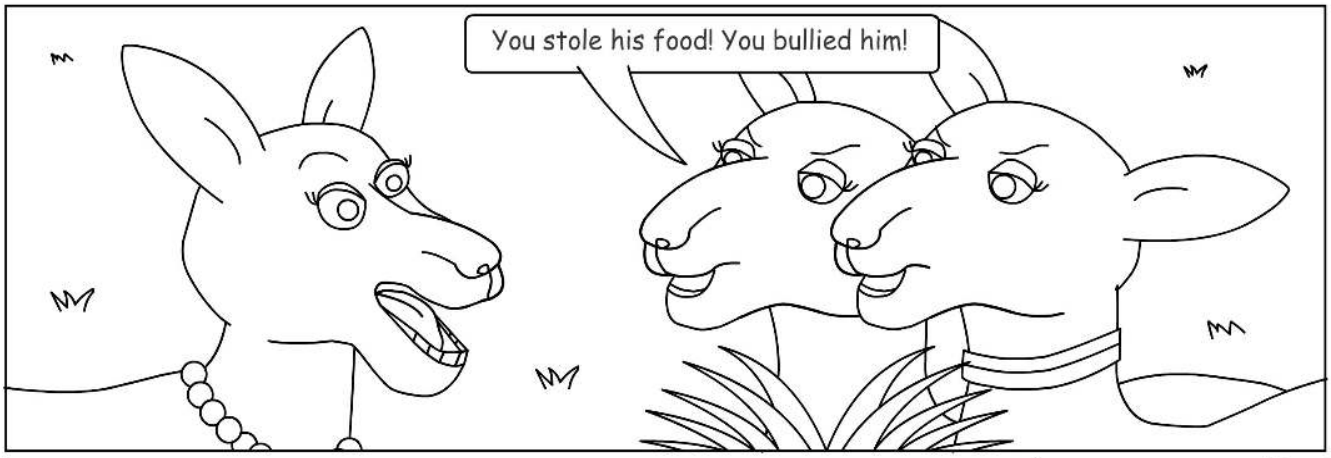
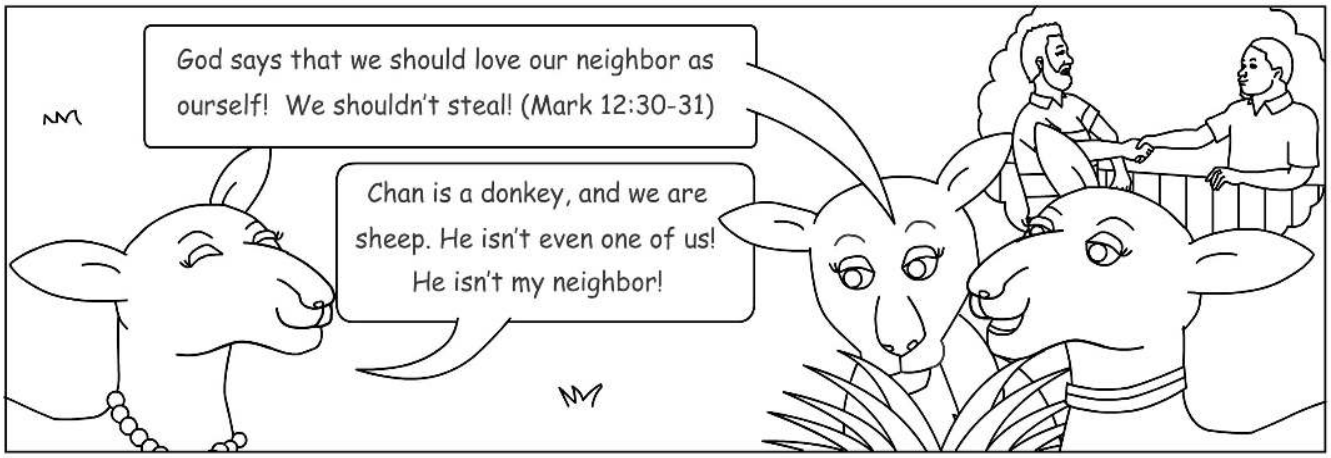

You stole his food! You bullied him!


God says that we should love our neighbor as ourself! We shouldn't steal! (Mark 12:30-31)
Chan is a donkey, and we are sheep. He isn't even one of us! He isn't my neighbor!


He doesn't have to be like one of us to be our neighbor. He lives with us; he is our neighbor. Silas isn't like us either, but you wouldn't steal his food!
Be grateful for what you have, respect others, and be kind, not a bully.


LuLu
Diva
Pearl
Chan
Silas



Thank you ALL I have learned a lot with you from your questions and I thank GOD for this opportunity to learn with you.

Miss Molly

Ask Miss Molly

Dear Miss Molly,

Why did God create only Adam and Eve as the only human beings in the garden? Why were no children born in the garden?

Felicity
Age 15, Ghana



Greetings Felicity,

The Apostle Paul tells us in **1 Corinthians 15:21, 22** that Jesus died for Adam. Jesus is also called the Second Adam in verse **47**. It was Jesus' death on the cross that paid the penalty for Adam and all his children (you and me).

If others were born before Adam sinned, they would have also been perfect and most likely would have sinned. Then God's just arrangement of "*As in Adam ALL die, so in Christ shall ALL be made alive"*, wouldn't work. Jesus would redeem all of Adam's subsequent children born after the fall, but if there was another perfect man who sinned like Adam and then had children, it would require another Jesus to redeem that race of mankind.

God planned it so that only one redeemer was needed.

Thank you for your question.

God bless,
Miss Molly

Dear Miss Molly,

Why was Jesus called Master?

Camila
Age 8, Venezuela



Greetings Camila,

Matthew 23:7,10 "He was called Master which is rabbi in Hebrew (means my teacher)."

This word is also "rabboni" or "rabbi" which means Lord.

Jesus was considered the Master Teacher, he had perfect knowledge of the subjects he taught, God's Will, and the consequences of obedience, and disobedience, **Matthew 23:8,10, Matthew11:27-29, John 12:49,50**.

Jesus was the Master Teacher because he spoke his Father's words (Jehovah, YHWH –God), teaching the Apostles what God commands for mankind.

Thank you for the question. God Bless,

Miss Molly

Dear Miss Molly,

Why did they make the Bible?

London
Age 8, Alabama USA



Greetings London,

The Bible gives an excellent answer let's read it together!

Romans 15:4 "For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience, and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope."

2 Timothy 3:16, 17 "ALL Scriptures is given by inspiration of GOD, and is profitable for Doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

2 Peter 1:20, 21 "For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of (God) spoke as they were moved by the holy Spirit."

I Peter 1:11, 12 and **John 3:16, 17** "For God so loved the World that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus), that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

The Scriptures show God's love for Mankind, and His Plan for Mankind.

It also shows Jesus' love for His Father and for Mankind, and Jesus' obedience to his Father.

The Bible was written so mankind would know our Saviour Jesus Christ, our Redeemer (**Luke 19:10, Romans 6:23**).

John 4:42 "WE ourselves have heard Him, and know that this is indeed the CHRIST, the Saviour of the World."

I John 4:14 "And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the son as Saviour of the World."

John 1:29 "John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said 'BEHOLD! THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD!'"

I Corinthians 15:22 "For in Adam all die, even so in CHRIST all shall be made alive."

The Scriptures give mankind instructions on how to please God. That is why the Bible was written, and there are many more reasons in the Scriptures, **I Corinthians 10:11** "… They are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." And to bring hope, peace, and life through all of God's precious promises and His plan for mankind in the Kingdom!

This is a very good question many want to know the answer too.

Thank you for asking the question.
God Bless,

Miss Molly

Dear Miss Molly,

Why did Satan deceive Eve?

Lesley
Age 8, Ghana



Greetings Lesley,

Satan wanted to go against God's plan for mankind, Satan used the Serpent to deceive Eve see **Genesis 3:1.**

Satan told a lie to Eve in **Genesis 3:4**: "You will not die." So, Eve would become disobedient (sin) to God's commands: **Genesis 2:16, 17** "But of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Satan is the Father of Liars as we are told in: **John 8:44, I John 3:7, 8.**

Thank you for a good question, keep asking questions that's the way we learn.

God Bless,

Miss Molly

Dear Miss Molly,

Why do Christians go to Church on Sunday, and Muslims go to Mosque on Friday?

Shaban
Age 6, Kenya



Greetings Shaban,

Sunday, the first day of the week, is when the early Christians Celebrated the Lord's Supper (**Acts 20:7**), which commemorates the resurrection of Christ.

On Sunday, many Christians go to Church to learn more about God and to praise Him. They also pray for one another, and study God's holy Word (the Bible). Most of all, it is to learn about God's Love for mankind, His plan, and Jesus' obedience to his Father's will and for us to learn how Jesus became our Savior—**John 3:16,17.**

Muslims go to the Mosque on Friday to attend Friday Prayer because it is a holy day, and commandment in the Quran.

Muslim men are required to attend, and praying together in congregation is meant to strengthen the Muslim community.

Thank you for the question I have learned a lot, keep asking questions.

God Bless,

Miss Molly



Dear Miss Molly,

Will God burn those who steal?
Habib
Age 5, Kenya

Greetings Habib,

Let's go to the Bible and find out what God thinks about burning humans.

Jeremiah 7:30, 31 "Burn their sons, and their daughters in the fire which I did not command nor did it come into my heart."

Jeremiah 19:5 "To burn their sons with Fire for Burnt Offering to Baal (idol) which I did not command or speak, nor did it come into my mind."

Habib, it has never come into God's mind or heart to burn any human being!

Thank you for your question.

God Bless,

Miss Molly

Dear Miss Molly,

How did Moses' stick turn into a snake??

Natalie
Age 9, Kenya



Greetings Natalie,

The account is in **Exodus 4:1-5**

Let's read it together, **Exodus 4:3** "'And He (The LORD) said Cast it on the ground' So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent."

Exodus 4:4 "Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Reach out your hand and, take it by the tail' and he reached out his hand, and caught it, and became a rod (staff, stick) in his hand."

Exodus 4:5 "That they may believe the LORD God of their Father has appeared to you."

Natalie, it was a Miracle from the LORD (God) to let the people know the LORD had appeared to Moses.

Exodus 7:8, 9 "When Pharaoh speaks to you saying show a miracle for yourselves, then you shall say to Aaron take your rod (staff, stick). And cast it before Pharaoh, and let it become a Serpent."

Natalie, please keep asking questions about the Bible that is the best way to learn.

God Bless,

Miss Molly

Crows





The thing about crows is that they can be found almost all over the world, with only a few exceptions. These birds have a global population of hundreds of millions. India has the most crows with about two-hundred-fifty million, and the United States comes in second with fifty million.

There are three types of crows in North America, but there are forty-five or more distinct species across the globe. Crows are members of the "corvid" bird family which includes ravens, magpies, and jays. Chances are that you have or will see a crow in your lifetime.

Crows live in a family arrangement. Crows will have a single mate and they will rear a large family. The mom and dad crow will make a nest and hatch three to six eggs a year. Hatches from previous years usually stay with the family and help raise the new hatches, help build the nest and keep it clean, and bring food. Their family unit stays together until it is time for the oldest children to go out and start families of their own after four or five years. Crows live about ten years, so they spend half of their lifetime living with and working with their families.

Fun Fact: crow eggs take eighteen days to hatch. Compare that to a chicken's which takes twenty-one days, while ducks' and turkeys' eggs take twenty-eight days to hatch.

Besides living with their extended families, crows like to roost with as many as two million crows during the wintertime, which keeps them safe and allows them to share information. In some places crows have been known to use the same winter roosting spots for many generations spanning more than one hundred years. During the day they go out by families and at night everyone comes back to the same place.

Crows and ravens are considered some of the smartest animals in the world, with their intelligence comparable to chimpanzees. They are good problem-solvers and make use of tools to get what they want. There was an instance of a crow putting rocks in a container that had water in it, to raise the water level in the container so that he could get a drink. They have been known to take sticks and dig with them or use them as spears.

Crows also are known for having a good memory and they also like to gossip, so if one doesn't like you, they will tell all their friends and family and none of them will like you either and may dive-bomb you. Not only that, they will remember you for years. So, be nice to crows.



On the other hand, if they like you, they will also tell their families about you and they will either leave you in peace or they might even bring you gifts, such as a rock, or a bone. We have an account in the Bible where the crows (ravens) took care of someone they liked, because God liked him. Can you guess who that was?

"And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the sojourners of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD, the God of Israel, liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and ***I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there***. So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. ***And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening;*** and he drank of the brook." –**1 Kings 17:1-6**

All the crows in North America are black, but in other parts of the world, they can look a little different. The Pied Crow of Africa has a white chest and belly. The hooded crow of Europe, and Asia, and even the Middle East is white with a black head and wings.

Fun Fact: A group of crows is called a "murder of crows".

When a crow finds another crow dead, they hold a funeral. They will call out to each other and they will all gather and make a big ruckus. As near as we humans can explain it, they are letting each other know what happened and what the danger is so that they can all be warned.

While the "crow" is not directly mentioned in God's Word, the "raven" is. The raven is from the same family as the crow. Ravens are mentioned eleven times in the scriptures. We saw how the ravens fed Elijah. Noah sent out a raven from the ark in **Genesis 8:9** to see if the waters had dried up. Jesus talks about how God takes care of the ravens in **Luke 12:24.**

They are a very common bird, but common doesn't mean ordinary. Sometimes crows are associated with bad things, but in these few paragraphs we see how extraordinary and good they really are. They love their families, they love their fellow crows and they are good to those who are good to them. May we all take a lesson from the common crow.



Donkeys

When you think of a donkey, you think of an animal with a strong back. You might think they are just a beast of burden, pulling carts and wagons, carrying packs or people, doing a lot of work, or watching over other animals such as sheep or goats. Sometimes donkeys are milked like a cow or a goat and the milk can be drunk by humans, but a lot of times it is also used to make soap or lotions. Do you think you would like to drink a glass of donkey milk? What would it taste like?

You might have heard the classic "heehaw" sound that they make, and if you have spent any time with a donkey, you might have heard their "scary voice" too. The scary voice kind of sounds like this: Ooohhhh ooohhhh oh oh oh, followed by a couple of snorts to finish things off. No one really knows what they are saying.

Donkeys can be very gentle creatures who love to be loved on and have their ears and back sides scratched. On the other side, a donkey can kill a dog or coyote and sometimes injure a sheep or goat because they are about the same size as the dog. As we said earlier, sometimes they are used to protect sheep and goats, but not all have a gentle character and can actually harm the ones they were intended to protect.

Donkeys like sheep and goats and cattle are prey animals—that means other animals like coyotes and wolves will hunt them. Donkeys don't really defend sheep and goats, but coyotes are afraid of the donkeys so they stay away.





There are over 43 million donkeys in the world. Most of the world's donkey population lives in Asia and Africa. Our modern domesticated donkeys are all descended from the original donkeys from Africa. Donkeys come in a variety of colors, and the rarest color is pure white. There are 186 separate breeds recognized worldwide. In the United States donkeys are not bred to any specific standards, instead they are classified as miniature, standard, and mammoth. To say it another way: small, medium, and large. Donkeys can live up to 50 years.

Donkeys are not horses, but the two are related. If you had a contest between a donkey and a horse of the same size the donkey would be stronger. One difference between horses and donkeys is their "call". Horses whinny and donkeys bray. A donkey's bray can be heard from great distances—in a desert it can be heard 60 miles away, in the countryside of Alabama, maybe a mile "as the crow flies". Another difference between horses and donkeys is their hair or fur. Horses have a natural waterproof barrier because of a build-up of grease and donkeys do not, so when it rains a lot, the donkey will be soaked down to the skin.

Donkeys are also known as burros (which is a Spanish word) and asses. A male donkey is called a Jack and a female is a Jenny. There is also a hairy breed in France called Poitou, it is not a natural breed, but came about only in the 18th century.

We see that donkeys are talked about throughout the Bible. Job who was a very rich man in the east had five hundred (Jenny) donkeys along with seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels and a thousand head of cattle (**Job 1:3**) until they were all stolen. Abraham also had many donkeys.

The Pharaoh of Egypt gave Abraham many donkeys as well. (**Genesis 12:16, 24:35**). Jacob also had many animals and donkeys were among them (**Genesis 30:43, 32:5**).

One story of donkeys is when there was a famine in the land and Joseph's brothers had to go to Egypt for food. They rode on donkeys (**Genesis 42:26-27; 43:18-24; 44:3**) each time to get grain to bring back to their camp.

The most famous is the talking donkey we find in the book of Numbers chapter 22. King Balak wanted the prophet Balaam to go and curse the children of Israel after they escaped from Egypt. The King offered Balaam a lot of money, so he decided to take a look at the situation. He saddled his donkey and headed out. Balaam's donkey was not cooperating with him, he kept trying to go off the path and squeezed him against the wall. Balaam got so mad that he started beating the donkey, and because of his anger, he answered the donkey when the donkey asked him why he was beating him. He said, "If I had a sword in my hand, I would kill you now!" instead of saying, "Donkey, did you just talk to me?" Sometimes anger can make us "blind" and we don't see what is obvious right in front of our face and we act foolishly. You can read the account and discuss it with your parents.

The last two donkeys we will look at are in connection with our Lord Jesus. One was at the beginning of his life. The tradition is that Mary came to Bethlehem on a donkey led by Joseph. There is no scripture that says that happened, but that is how it is usually pictured. But what is in the written record is Jesus at the end of his life riding on a young donkey into the city in what is called his triumphal entry.

Let us read the account in **Matthew 21:1-11 (HCSB)**

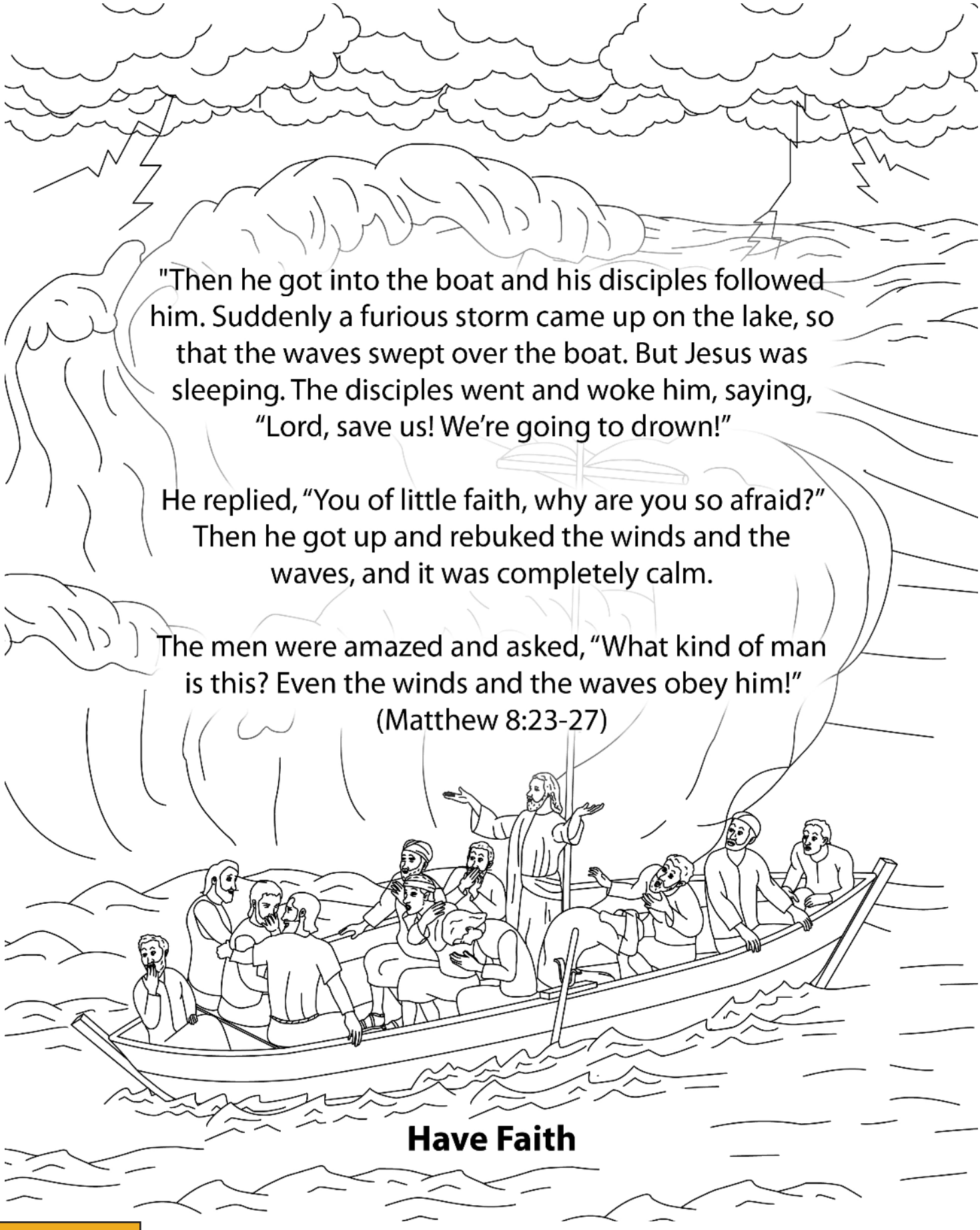
"When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage at the Mount of Olives, Jesus then sent two disciples, telling them, "Go into the village ahead of you. At once you will find a donkey tied there, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to Me. If anyone says anything to you, you should say that the Lord needs them,



and immediately he will send them." This took place so that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled (**Zechariah 9:9**): Tell Daughter Zion, "Look, your King is coming to you, gentle, and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden." The disciples went and did just as Jesus directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt; then they laid their robes on them, and He sat on them. A very large crowd spread their robes on the road; others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them on the road. Then the crowds who went ahead of Him and those who followed kept shouting: Hosanna to the Son of David! He who comes in the name of the Lord is the blessed One! Hosanna in the highest heaven! When He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was shaken, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds kept saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee!"



The two bottom pictures in this article are of Chan. He lives with Diva and LuLu.



"Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"

He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!" (Matthew 8:23-27)

Have Faith



Comfort from Jesus

Cross out the letters Z, P, Q, K, and J every time you see them in the puzzle. Copy the leftover letters in each row to read a message from Jesus, our Savior.



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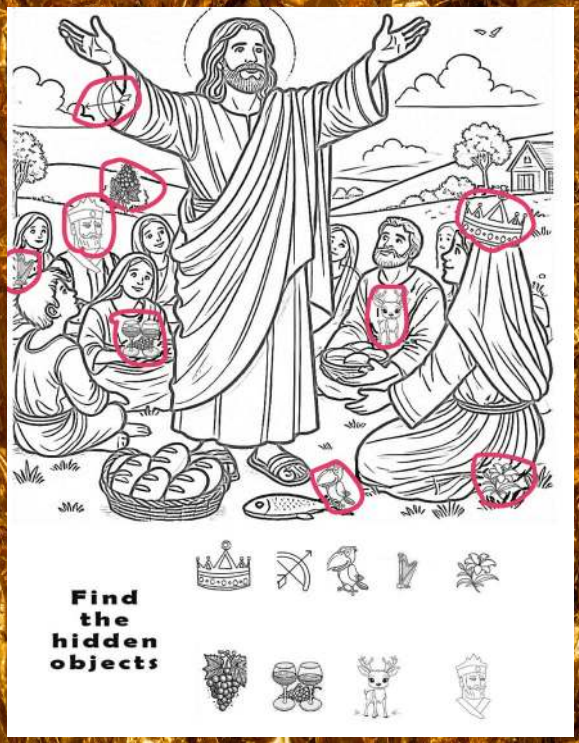

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