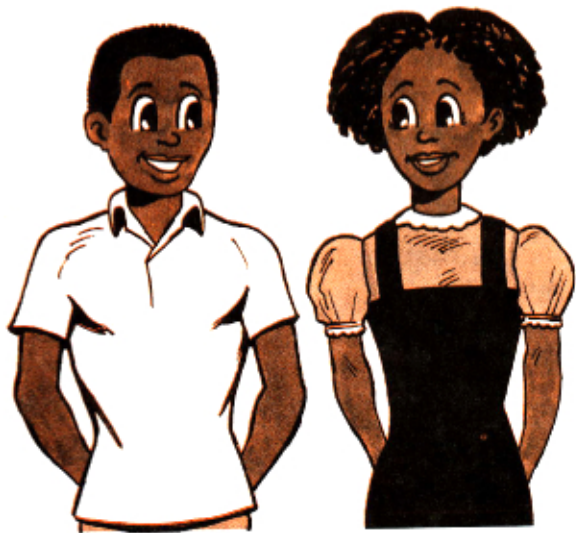


Joey and Mary

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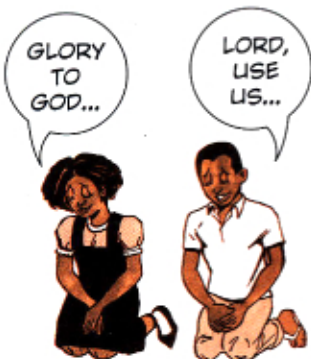




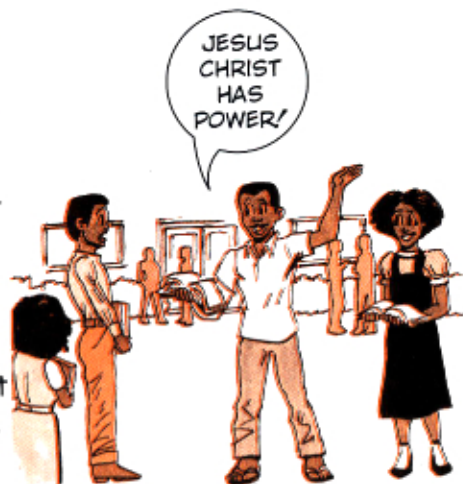
All the people who knew Joey saw the big change that had happened in his life after he accepted

Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. Joey did not lie or steal or say bad words anymore. Every day, he read the Bible with Mary.

They also prayed together and asked the Lord to help them to be good and obedient. They asked God to bless them so that others would accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.



At school, Joey and Mary got together with other kids to pray and study the Bible. They would always use every opportunity to tell others what Jesus had done in their lives.

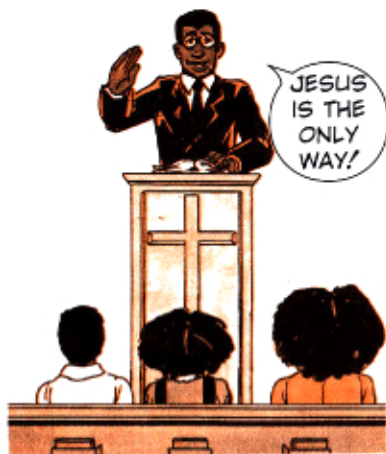


One day, Joey took Mary home to meet his mother. Her name was Mama Sally.



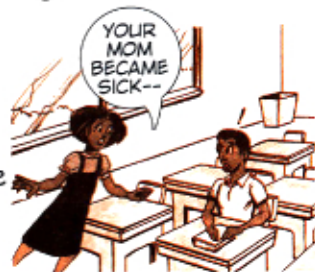
Joey and Mary shared God's Word with Mama Sally, and they explained to her how she could also accept Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior.

Joey and Mary helped Mama Sally pray the following prayer: "Dear Lord Jesus, I confess my sins to You--cleanse me with Your blood, come into my heart and save me. Amen."



A great change took place in Mama Sally; she began to pray and to read the Bible. Mama Sally started to go to the same church Joey and Mary attended to praise God and learn more about His Word.

Joey and Mary kept on serving the Lord and they became the two model students. One day, Joey was sitting down reading at school when Mary came over and said to him, "Joey, they just told me that your Mom became sick and the ambulance took her to the Emergency Room!"

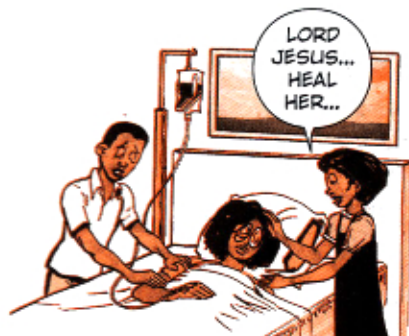




Joey and Mary ran to the hospital. Mama Sally was unconscious; after many exams, the doctors discovered that she had a brain tumor. Now Joey realized why his Mom

suffered from those terrible headaches. Joey was really upset, seeing his mother in such a condition.

Mary said to Joey, "Don't worry—Jesus Christ has the power to heal your mother! I was crippled and the Lord healed me! God promises in His Word that He will heal all our diseases. Let's pray for her."



today and forever—heal her right now according to the promises found in your Word. Amen."

After a few minutes, Mama Sally opened her eyes and, slowly and carefully, she sat up. She said, "Something strange just happened to me—I feel great!"





Joey shouted, "Mom, God did a miracle! We asked Him...and the Lord healed you!" That same day, Mama Sally left the hospital and she told everyone about the miracle the

Lord had done in her life. Joey and Mary also told everyone about Mama Sally's healing. From that day on, they started to pray for other people who were sick.

Dear friend, if you are ill, Jesus Christ wants to heal you. Repeat the following prayer: "Lord Jesus, You promised in Your Word that You took upon Yourself all my illnesses and that You suffered all my pains. I believe in Your promises and I ask You to heal me right now. By faith, I receive my healing, in Jesus' name. Thank You, Lord." If you have not accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you should do it right now. Say the same prayer Joey's mother did..."Dear Lord Jesus, I confess my sins to You—cleanse me with Your blood, come into my heart and save me. Amen." If you have accepted Jesus as your Savior, you too can pray for the sick and you will see how God can use you too!

