

# THE STORY OF **JESUS CHRIST**



Life on Life Global Child Evangelism Resource

# *In the Beginning*

*... THERE WAS NOTHING.*

*EXCEPT GOD.*

## *Day 1*

*GOD'S SPIRIT MOVED THROUGH THE VOID. THEN GOD SPOKE:*

*LET THERE BE LIGHT!*



## Day 2

THEN GOD SEPARATED THE WATERS WITH A LARGE SPACE. THERE WAS WATER ABOVE AND BELOW THE SPACE. GOD CALLED THE SPACE "SKY."

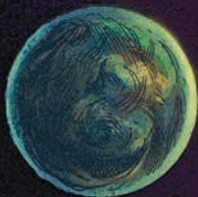
## Day 3

GOD GATHERED TOGETHER THE WATERS AND CALLED THEM "SEAS." AS HE DID THIS, DRY LAND APPEARED. HE NAMED THE DRY LAND "EARTH." HE MADE GRASS, FLOWERS, AND TREES ON THE LAND. HE MADE THE PLANTS WITH SEEDS SO THAT THEY COULD MULTIPLY AND CREATE NEW PLANTS.

AND GOD KNEW THAT IT WAS GOOD.

## Day 4

THEN GOD CREATED THE SUN,  
THE MOON, AND THE STARS  
TO LIGHT THE EARTH. HE SET  
THEM IN THE SKY TO MARK THE  
DAYS, SEASONS, AND YEARS.



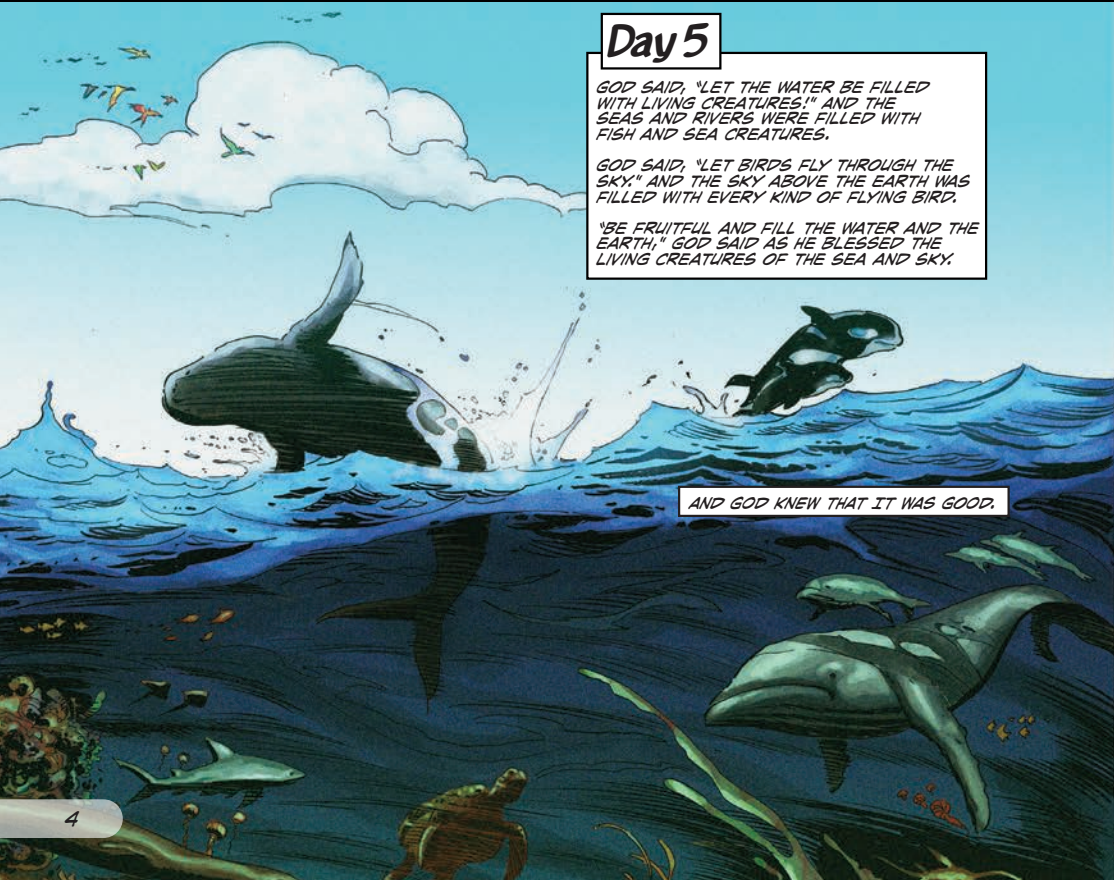
## Day 5

GOD SAID, "LET THE WATER BE FILLED  
WITH LIVING CREATURES!" AND THE  
SEAS AND RIVERS WERE FILLED WITH  
FISH AND SEA CREATURES.

GOD SAID, "LET BIRDS FLY THROUGH THE  
SKY." AND THE SKY ABOVE THE EARTH WAS  
FILLED WITH EVERY KIND OF FLYING BIRD.

"BE FRUITFUL AND FILL THE WATER AND THE  
EARTH," GOD SAID AS HE BLESSED THE  
LIVING CREATURES OF THE SEA AND SKY.

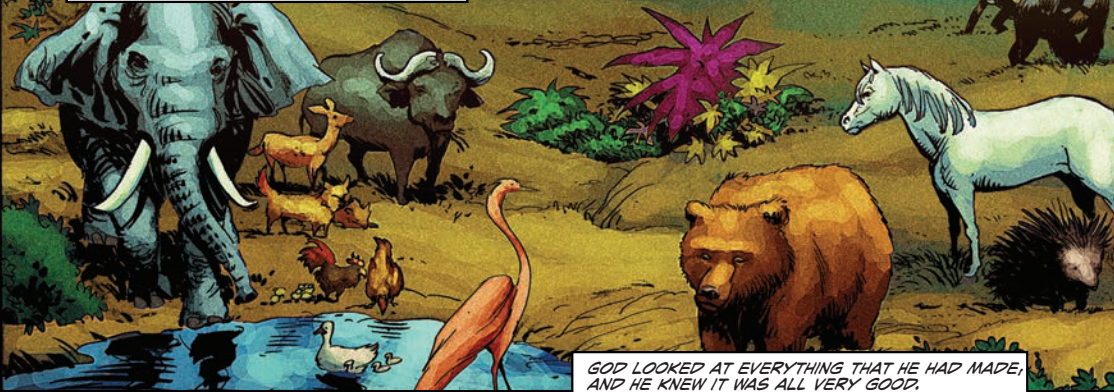
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## Day 6

THEN GOD SAID, "LET THE EARTH PRODUCE LIVING CREATURES," THE EARTH WAS THEN FILLED WITH ALL KINDS OF ANIMALS.

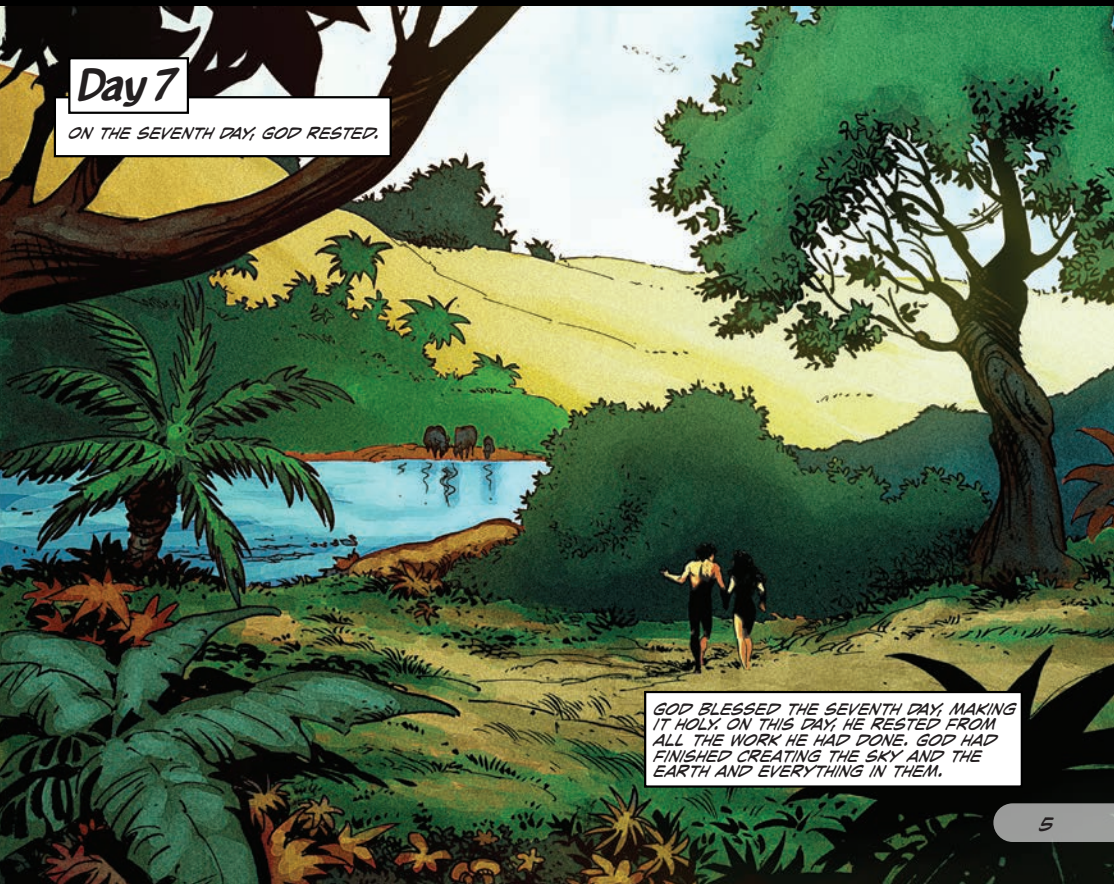
THEN GOD CREATED THE FIRST MAN, ADAM, AND THE FIRST WOMAN, EVE, THEY WERE THE MASTERPIECE OF ALL GOD'S CREATION BECAUSE HE MADE THEM IN HIS OWN IMAGE. GOD CREATED ADAM AND EVE WITH SOULS THAT WOULD NOT DIE. HE TOLD THEM TO WATCH OVER ALL THE FISH, BIRDS, AND OTHER ANIMALS HE HAD CREATED.



GOD LOOKED AT EVERYTHING THAT HE HAD MADE, AND HE KNEW IT WAS ALL VERY GOOD.

## Day 7

ON THE SEVENTH DAY, GOD RESTED.



GOD BLESSED THE SEVENTH DAY, MAKING IT HOLY. ON THIS DAY HE RESTED FROM ALL THE WORK HE HAD DONE. GOD HAD FINISHED CREATING THE SKY AND THE EARTH AND EVERYTHING IN THEM.



GOD PLACED ADAM AND EVE IN A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN CALLED EDEN. IT WAS FILLED WITH MANY PLANTS, INCLUDING TREES. GOD WALKED CLOSELY WITH ADAM AND EVE.

LOOK, ADAM! GOD MADE SUCH BEAUTIFUL CREATURES!

GOD IS GOOD TO US. HE HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING.




GOD TOLD THEM NOT TO EAT THE FRUIT OF ONE TREE.



SATAN, IN THE FORM OF A SERPENT, TEMPTED EVE.

ARE YOU SURE GOD SAID NOT TO EAT THIS FRUIT?



YOU WILL NOT DIE. SEE? AND IF YOU EAT IT, YOU WILL BE WISE—JUST LIKE GOD.

IT LOOKS DELICIOUS. I WILL TAKE A BITE.

OH, YES. IF WE TOUCH IT, WE WILL DIE.



ADAM! IT TASTES DELICIOUS!

ADAM AND EVE HAD DISOBEYED GOD. THEIR INNOCENCE WAS TAKEN AWAY. NOW THEY KNEW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL.

WE ARE NOT WISE— WE ARE NAKED!

HIDE! GOD IS COMING!

THEN GOD LOOKED FOR THEM.

HOW DID YOU KNOW YOU WERE NAKED? HAVE YOU EATEN THE FRUIT I TOLD YOU NOT TO EAT?

I ONLY ATE IT BECAUSE THE WOMAN YOU CREATED GAVE IT TO ME.

THE SERPENT RECEIVED ME!

BECAUSE YOU DISOBEYED ME, YOU MUST LEAVE THIS BEAUTIFUL GARDEN. FROM NOW ON, YOU WILL NEED TO WORK HARD TO SURVIVE.

LOOK! A FLAMING SWORD BLOCKS THE ENTRANCE TO THE GARDEN. WE CAN NEVER GO BACK!

WHERE CAN WE GO? WHAT CAN WE DO?


## GOD'S PROMISE OF SALVATION

THE PERFECT UNITY BETWEEN GOD AND HIS BELOVED CREATION WAS BROKEN. BECAUSE OF ADAM AND EVE'S SIN, THEY WERE SEPARATED FROM GOD.

BUT GOD ALREADY HAD A PLAN TO REDEEM HIS CREATION. GOD'S PLAN WOULD BRING THE HOPE OF SALVATION TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD.



THE PERFECT WORLD THAT GOD  
HAD CREATED WAS NOW FULL  
OF EVIL, DISEASE, AND SIN.



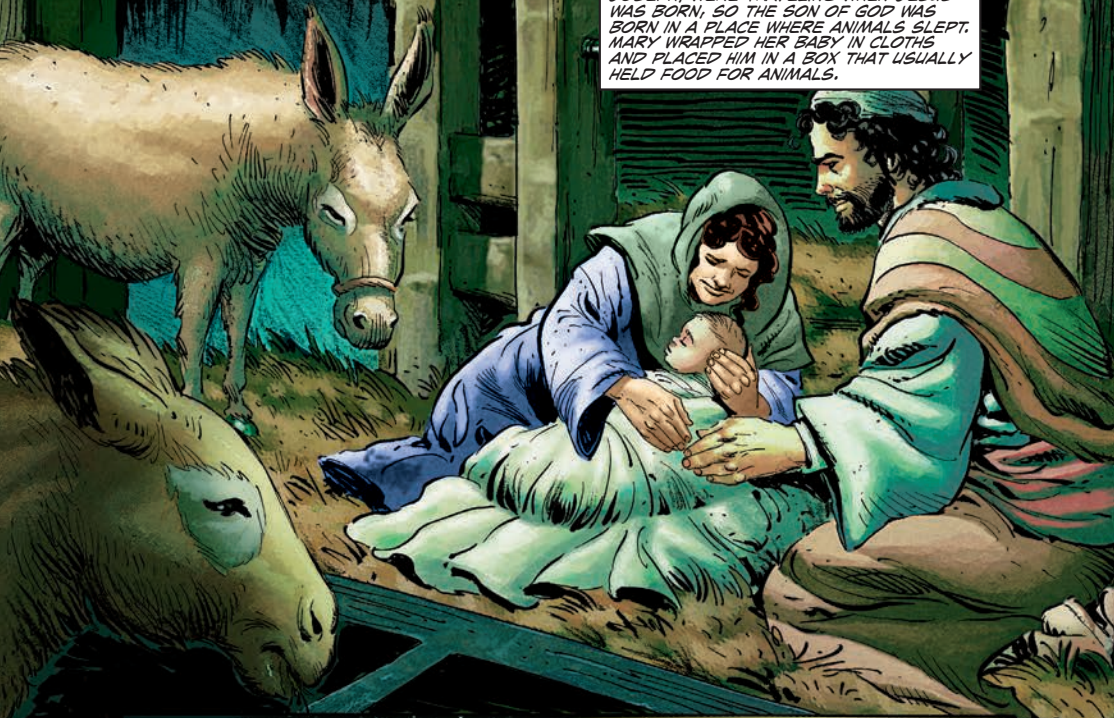
HOW LONG WILL  
GOD ALLOW THIS  
WICKEDNESS TO  
CONTINUE?

BUT GOD HAD ALREADY BEGUN  
HIS PLAN TO RESTORE HIS  
RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS PEOPLE.



GOD LOVES US, BUT WE SIN, WHICH SEPARATES US FROM HIM. SIN MEANS GOING AGAINST WHAT GOD WANTS FOR OUR LIVES, BUT GOD HAD A PLAN TO FIX THE BROKEN RELATIONSHIP.

THROUGH A MIRACLE, GOD SENT HIS SON, JESUS, TO BE BORN TO A YOUNG WOMAN NAMED MARY, MARY AND HER HUSBAND, JOSEPH, WERE TRAVELING WHEN JESUS WAS BORN, SO THE SON OF GOD WAS BORN IN A PLACE WHERE ANIMALS SLEPT. MARY WRAPPED HER BABY IN CLOTHS AND PLACED HIM IN A BOX THAT USUALLY HELD FOOD FOR ANIMALS.



NEARBY, SHEPHERDS WERE TAKING CARE OF THEIR SHEEP IN THE PASTURES. SUDDENLY, AN ANGEL APPEARED IN THE SKY.



WHAT IS HAPPENING?

GOD, SAVE US!

DO NOT BE AFRAID! I BRING GOOD NEWS FOR YOU AND THE WHOLE WORLD!

TODAY A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN FOR YOU! GLORY TO GOD IN HEAVEN, AND PEACE TO EVERYONE ON EARTH!



JESUS GREW IN WISDOM AND STATURE AND IN FAVOR WITH GOD AND MAN. HE OBEYED GOD AND NEVER SINNED. WHEN JESUS WAS ABOUT 30 YEARS OLD, HE WAS BAPTIZED BY A MAN NAMED JOHN.

I AM NOT WORTHY TO BAPTIZE YOU.

SO WHY HAVE YOU COME TO ME?

IT IS RIGHT FOR US TO DO THIS. IT IS GOD'S PLAN.

SO JOHN BAPTIZED JESUS. WHEN JESUS CAME UP OUT OF THE WATER, THE SPIRIT OF GOD CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN IN THE FORM OF A DOVE. THEN GOD SPOKE.

THIS IS MY SON. I LOVE HIM, AND I AM VERY PLEASED WITH HIM.

FOR THREE YEARS, JESUS DID MANY MIRACLES. HE HEALED PEOPLE WHO WERE BLIND, DEAF, AND SICK WITH ALL KINDS OF DISEASES. HE EVEN BROUGHT DEAD PEOPLE BACK TO LIFE. HE LOVED CHILDREN; AND HE WAS KIND TO ALL PEOPLE. EVERYWHERE HE WENT, HE TAUGHT THOSE WHO FOLLOWED HIM HOW TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD.

JESUS DID MANY THINGS WHILE HE WALKED THE EARTH. IF EVERY ONE OF THEM WERE WRITTEN DOWN, EVEN THE WHOLE WORLD WOULD NOT HAVE ROOM FOR THEM.

BUT HERE ARE **SOME** OF THE THINGS HE DID ...

JESUS WAS A LOVING AND WISE TEACHER. CROWDS GATHERED TO HEAR HIS STORIES AND SEE THE MIRACLES HE DID. ONE TIME, HE WAS TEACHING A BIG CROWD. THE PEOPLE GREW HUNGRY. A BOY HAD FIVE SMALL LOAVES OF BREAD AND TWO SMALL FISH, BUT HOW COULD THEY FEED SO MANY PEOPLE WITH SO LITTLE FOOD?



GOD, MY FATHER, THANK YOU!



JESUS GAVE THE FOOD TO THE PEOPLE. MORE THAN 5,000 PEOPLE ATE, AND THERE WAS EVEN FOOD LEFT OVER!



IT IS A MIRACLE!

ANOTHER TIME, JESUS' FRIENDS WERE IN A BOAT ON A STORMY NIGHT. THEY SAW SOMEONE FAR ACROSS THE WATER. IT WAS JESUS!



JESUS WAS WALKING ON THE WATER! PETER, ONE OF HIS FOLLOWERS, WANTED JESUS TO TELL HIM TO WALK ON THE WATER, SO JESUS DID, AND PETER GOT OUT OF THE BOAT AND WALKED ON THE WATER, TOO!



WHEN PETER SAW THE WIND, HE WAS AFRAID AND BEGAN TO SINK, BUT JESUS REACHED OUT HIS HAND AND CAUGHT PETER. AS LONG AS PETER KEPT LOOKING AT JESUS, HE COULD WALK ON WATER, BUT WHEN HE TOOK HIS EYES OFF OF JESUS AND LOOKED AT THE WAVES, HE STOPPED TRUSTING IN JESUS' POWER AND BEGAN TO SINK.

LORD!  
SAVE ME!



YOUR FAITH IS SO SMALL. WHY DID YOU DOUBT ME?

THEY CLIMBED INTO THE BOAT TOGETHER, AND THE WIND DIED DOWN.

YOU REALLY ARE THE SON OF GOD!



THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS DID NOT LIKE JESUS. THEY THOUGHT HE WAS TEACHING AGAINST GOD. THEY DID NOT UNDERSTAND THAT JESUS WAS SENT BY GOD TO SAVE HIS PEOPLE.

WE DO NOT LIKE WHAT THIS MAN IS TEACHING THE PEOPLE!

AND WHY DOES HE SPEND TIME WITH SINNERS? HE SHOULD KNOW THEY ARE NOT GOOD PEOPLE!



HE SAYS THAT GOD SENT HIM, BUT THAT CANNOT BE TRUE. WE MUST STOP HIM!

SOME PEOPLE BROUGHT LITTLE CHILDREN TO JESUS.

I WANT JESUS TO BLESS MY SON!

TAKE THEM AWAY! JESUS IS TOO BUSY FOR CHILDREN!



BUT JESUS TOOK THE CHILDREN INTO HIS ARMS.

LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME. THE KINGDOM OF GOD BELONGS TO THOSE WHO ARE LIKE THEM.



THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS GREW MORE AND MORE ANGRY WITH JESUS.

HE KEEPS DOING MIRACLES! HE CLAIMS TO BE THE SON OF GOD!

THE ONLY WAY TO STOP HIM IS TO KILL HIM! LET'S MAKE A PLAN!

JESUS TAUGHT AT THE TEMPLE, AND MANY PEOPLE CAME TO HEAR HIM.

I HAVE COME INTO THE WORLD TO BE THE LIGHT, SO NO ONE WHO BELIEVES IN ME WILL STAY IN DARKNESS.

WE CANNOT LET HIM TEACH THIS!

JESUS HAS SPOKEN THE TRUTH!

JESUS KEPT TEACHING THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD'S LOVE.

THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS GAVE MONEY TO JUDAS, ONE OF JESUS' FOLLOWERS. JUDAS SAID HE WOULD BETRAY JESUS. JUDAS WAITED FOR THE RIGHT TIME TO TURN JESUS OVER TO THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS.

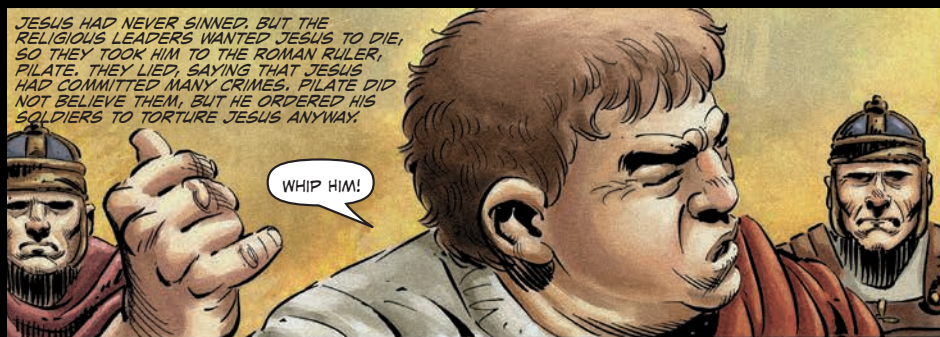
GREETINGS, MASTER.

SOME OF JESUS' FOLLOWERS TRIED TO DEFEND HIM.

PUT YOUR SWORD AWAY. I COULD ORDER AN ARMY OF ANGELS TO FIGHT FOR ME IF I WANTED TO. GOD'S WORD SAYS IT MUST HAPPEN THIS WAY.



JESUS HAD NEVER SINNED, BUT THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS WANTED JESUS TO DIE, SO THEY TOOK HIM TO THE ROMAN RULER, PILATE. THEY LIED, SAYING THAT JESUS HAD COMMITTED MANY CRIMES. PILATE DID NOT BELIEVE THEM, BUT HE ORDERED HIS SOLDIERS TO TORTURE JESUS ANYWAY.



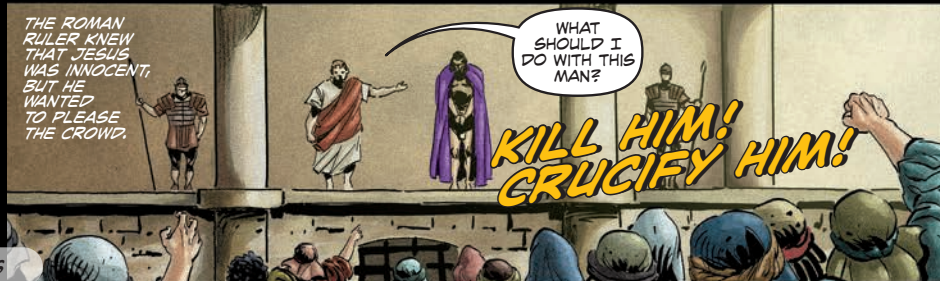
WHIP HIM!

THE SOLDIERS PUT A ROBE ON JESUS. THEY MADE A CROWN OF THORNS AND PUT IT ON JESUS' HEAD, THEN THEY MOCKED HIM.



HA! YOU DO NOT LOOK LIKE THE SON OF GOD!

THE ROMAN RULER KNEW THAT JESUS WAS INNOCENT, BUT HE WANTED TO PLEASE THE CROWD.



WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THIS MAN?

**KILL HIM!  
CRUCIFY HIM!**



THE SOLDIERS MADE JESUS CARRY A HEAVY CROSS TO THE PLACE WHERE HE WOULD BE KILLED.



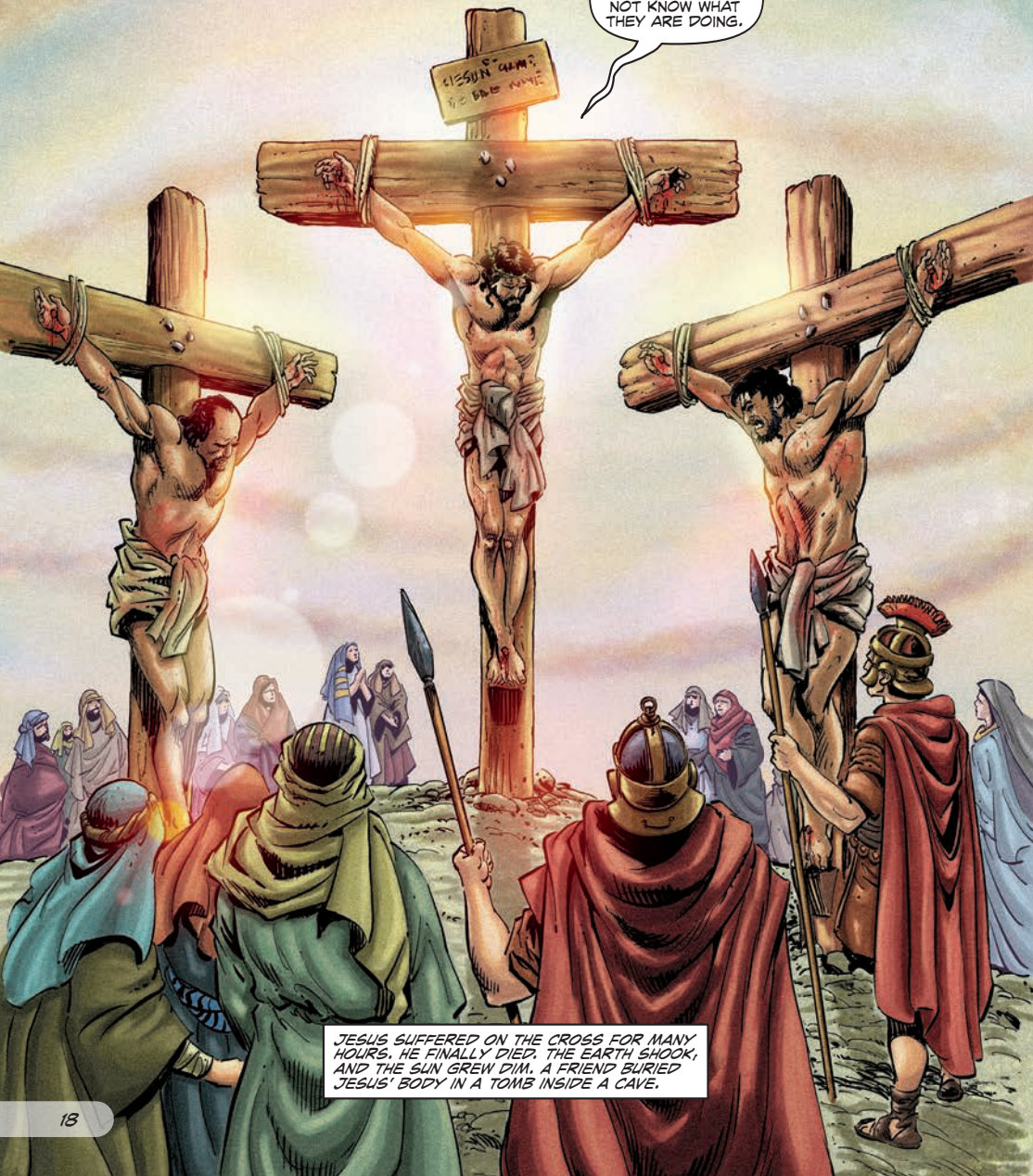
MANY PEOPLE FOLLOWED JESUS. SOME CRIED LOUDLY FOR HIM.

JESUS FELL. THE CROSS WAS VERY HEAVY. THE SOLDIERS FORCED ANOTHER MAN TO CARRY THE CROSS FOR HIM.



JESUS WAS KILLED ON A CROSS BETWEEN TWO THIEVES.

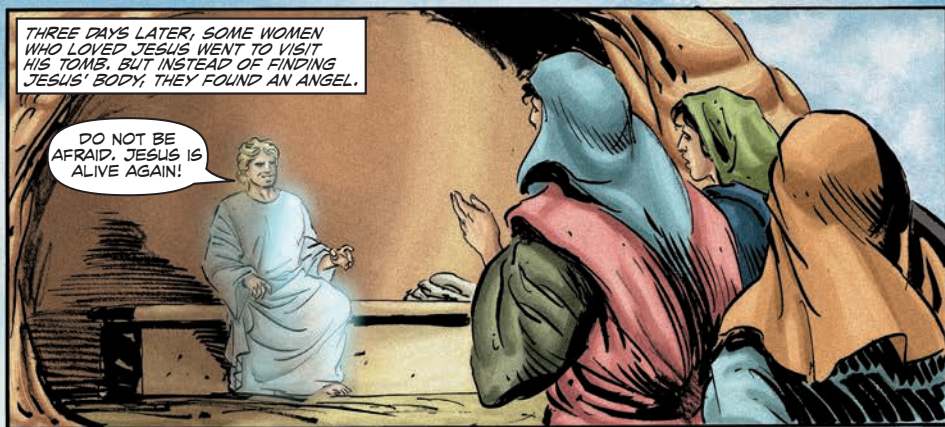
FATHER,  
FORGIVE THEM.  
THESE PEOPLE DO  
NOT KNOW WHAT  
THEY ARE DOING.



JESUS SUFFERED ON THE CROSS FOR MANY HOURS. HE FINALLY DIED. THE EARTH SHOOK, AND THE SUN GREW DIM. A FRIEND BURIED JESUS' BODY IN A TOMB INSIDE A CAVE.

THREE DAYS LATER, SOME WOMEN WHO LOVED JESUS WENT TO VISIT HIS TOMB. BUT INSTEAD OF FINDING JESUS' BODY, THEY FOUND AN ANGEL.

DO NOT BE AFRAID. JESUS IS ALIVE AGAIN!



HIS FOLLOWERS WERE AMAZED. THEY RAN TO THE TOMB TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES.

LATER, JESUS APPEARED TO HIS FOLLOWERS.

MY FATHER HAS SENT ME, SO NOW I AM SENDING YOU.

JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD, JUST AS HE SAID HE WOULD.



JESUS HAD FINISHED THE WORK THAT GOD HAD SENT HIM TO DO. HIS DISCIPLES WOULD CONTINUE THAT WORK. THE DISCIPLES BEGAN SHARING THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

YOU MUST GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS. TEACH THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. I AM ALWAYS WITH YOU!



THEN, JESUS WENT BACK TO HEAVEN WHILE THOSE WHO LOVED HIM WATCHED.



JESUS' FOLLOWERS WENT ALL OVER THE WORLD SHARING THE GOSPEL.



JESUS, PLEASE HELP US TO BE BRAVE AS WE SHARE YOUR MESSAGE.

AND MAY WE CONTINUE TO HEAL AND DO MIRACLES IN YOUR NAME, JESUS!

FOR EXAMPLE, THEY MET A MAN WHO COULD NOT WALK ...



IN JESUS' NAME, STAND UP ON YOUR FEET!

INSTANTLY, THE MAN JUMPED UP ...



I CAN WALK! PRAISE GOD! I CAN WALK!

MANY SICK PEOPLE CAME TO THE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS, AND THEY WERE HEALED. THEY BECAME FOLLOWERS OF JESUS, TOO!





SOMETIMES THE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS WERE PUT IN PRISON OR KILLED.

NOTHING CAN EVER SEPARATE US FROM GOD'S LOVE BECAUSE OF WHAT JESUS HAS DONE.

BUT EVEN AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS WERE KILLED, MANY MORE BELIEVED.

NOW, THERE ARE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS IN EVERY COUNTRY ON THE EARTH, AND THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS KEEPS SPREADING ...

YOU CAN HELP TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS TOO!

### Step 1 God Loves



Romans 8:39 says that when we join God's family, nothing "will be able to separate us from the love of God."

### Step 2 we SIN

Even though each of us chooses to sin, and God hates sin, Romans 5:8 tells us that God still loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus—who never sinned—to take our punishment for us.

Sin is choosing my own way over God's or doing anything He does not want me to do. Our sin separates us from God because He is holy. Romans 3:23 says, "All have sinned" and so are separated from God.

### Step 4 God Forgives

Romans 6:23 says that "the gift of God is eternal life." This means that since Jesus took the punishment for our sin, we can be forgiven and be part of God's family.

### Step 5 we Accept

A gift must be accepted or it is not yours! Romans 10:9 tells us how to accept the gift God offers—if you "declare with your mouth," and "believe in your heart" that Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead for you to be saved, then you accept God's gift to become part of His family.

### Step 3 Jesus Died

#### **You might pray something like this:**

"Dear God, I know that I am a sinner and deserve to be punished. I believe that Jesus died on the cross to take my punishment. Thank You for forgiving my sins. I accept this free gift and want to be part of Your family forever. In Jesus' name, amen."



# Do You Want to Follow Jesus?

Read these truths. Put a mark in the box in front of each statement you believe.

- God loves. I believe that God created me and loves me.
- We sin. Sin means choosing to go against what God wants for my life. I believe that I sin and that my sin has separated me from God.
- Jesus died. I believe that God's Son, Jesus, died to take the punishment for my sins.
- God forgives. I believe that God will forgive my sins if I ask Him to. I know that this is a gift.
- We accept. I want to accept God's gift of forgiveness and become part of His family!

***YOU ARE A FOLLOWER OF JESUS!  
WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?***

- Talk to God! You can share your thoughts, your concerns, and the good things in your life with God. He cares about everything you are thinking and feeling. Spend time praying to God so your relationship with Him will grow.
- Connect with other followers of Jesus! Find a church and some Christian friends who can help you to learn how to grow in your faith.
- Find out more God by reading the Bible! The Bible is God's Word. He has given it to us so we can learn about Him.
- Share your faith with others! Becoming a follower of Jesus is good news! So share it with others. You can use this booklet to tell others about Jesus.

## HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT JESUS?

You can find out about God in the Bible. Here are some verses to read:

John 1:12	Philippians 4:6-7
2 Corinthians 5:17	Lamentations 3:22
Ephesians 2:8-10	Psalms 119:105