

little thief

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THIS IS
NATHANIEL.

NATHANIEL'S
FATHER DIED A
FEW YEARS AGO
IN A MILITARY
CONFLICT.

NATHANIEL'S
MOTHER WORKS
VERY HARD EVERY
DAY TO RAISE
HIM AND HIS
FIVE YOUNGER
BROTHERS AND
SISTERS.

NATHANIEL
THINKS
THERE ARE
BETTER
WAYS TO
GET
THINGS.



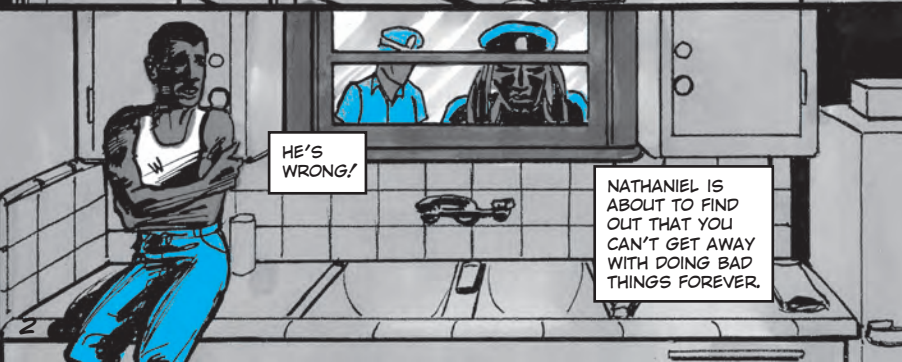


NATHANIEL IS
A THIEF!



NATHANIEL
THINKS
THAT HE'S
VERY GOOD
AT BEING A
THIEF--

--THAT HE
CAN GET
AWAY WITH
DOING BAD
THINGS AND
THAT NO
ONE IS
WATCHING
HIM.



HE'S
WRONG!

NATHANIEL IS
ABOUT TO FIND
OUT THAT YOU
CAN'T GET AWAY
WITH DOING BAD
THINGS FOREVER.



HELLO.



AAAGHH!!



HMM...

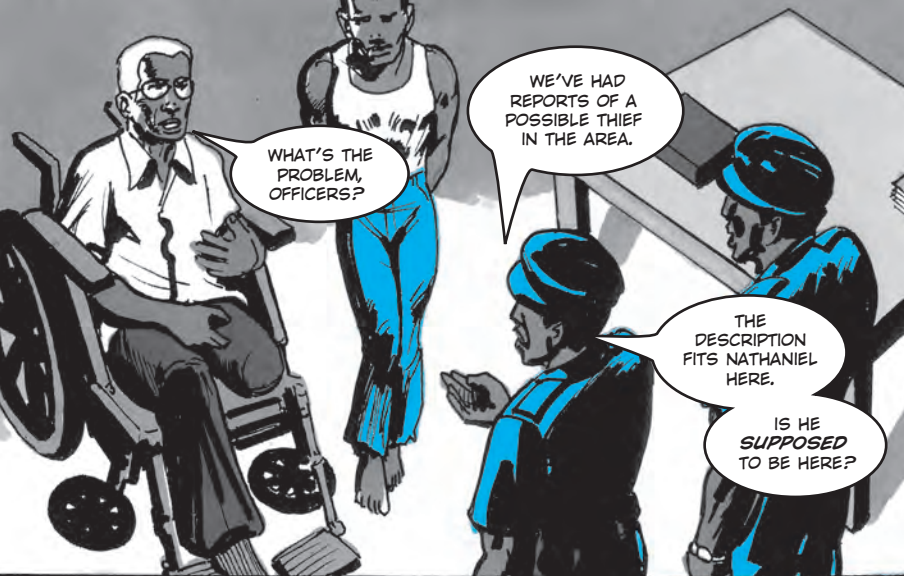
I DON'T KNOW IF
THAT WAS THE
SMARTEST THING
TO DO!



KNOCK
KNOCK



EVERYTHING
ALL RIGHT
IN HERE?



WHAT'S THE PROBLEM, OFFICERS?

WE'VE HAD REPORTS OF A POSSIBLE THIEF IN THE AREA.

THE DESCRIPTION FITS NATHANIEL HERE.

IS HE SUPPOSED TO BE HERE?



OH MY-- YES!

HE'S GOING TO BE MY HELPER

AFTER SCHOOL

FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS!



HMPH!

WELL, HE'D BETTER BE!

WE'LL BE WATCHING!



POOR NATHANIEL!

THE OLD MAN DID THE SAME THING FOR ME WHEN I WAS YOUNG!



AND SO, OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS?

LET ME PRAY FOR YOU...

I HOPE THIS HELPS...



BLESS YOU, BROTHER!

I HAVEN'T HAD A HOT MEAL IN WEEKS!

IT'S MY PLEASURE!

NATHANIEL, IS THAT SOUP READY YET?



BEFORE SCHOOL--

HOLY BIBLE



AND AFTER SCHOOL--



AND FINALLY--

WELL--

THAT'S IT!



YOUR TWO WEEKS ARE UP!

YOU CAN GO HOME NOW.



WHY? WHY WOULD I CARE?

"2,000 YEARS AGO, IN THE LAND OF ISRAEL..."

"...A BABY WAS BORN."

"HIS NAME WAS **JESUS** AND HE WAS THE SON OF GOD."



REALLY?!



OH...

THAT'S... GREAT.

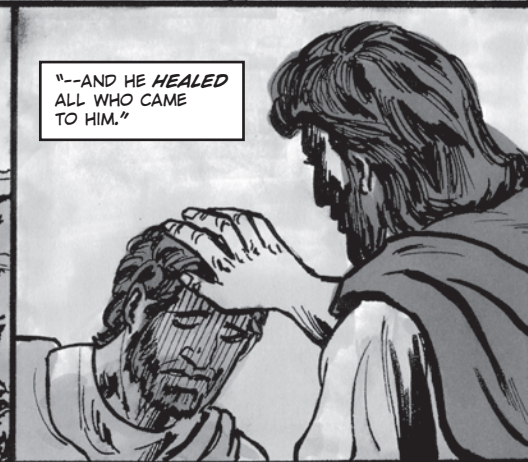


I GUESS I'D BETTER GO THEN.

I...



"GROWING UP, HE TAUGHT THE CROWDS--"



"--AND HE **HEALED** ALL WHO CAME TO HIM."



I GUESS I JUST WANT TO ASK--

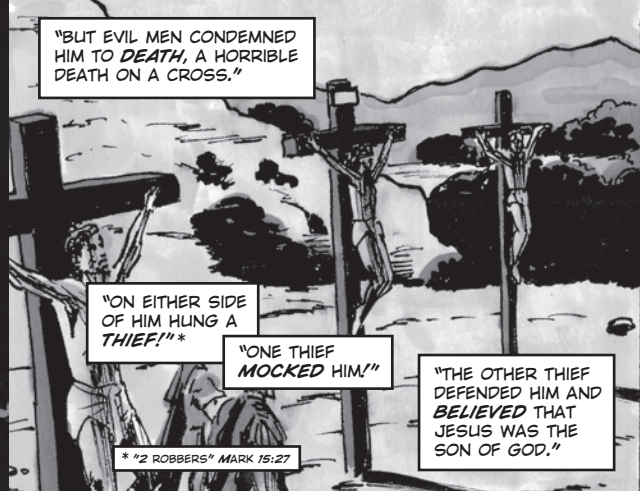
WHY?

WHY WOULD YOU **HELP** ME SO MUCH?

YES?



WHY WOULD YOU CARE ABOUT A **LITTLE THIEF** LIKE ME?!



"BUT EVIL MEN CONDEMNED HIM TO **DEATH**, A HORRIBLE DEATH ON A CROSS."

"ON EITHER SIDE OF HIM HUNG A **THIEF!**"*

"ONE THIEF **MOCKED** HIM!"

"THE OTHER THIEF DEFENDED HIM AND **BELIEVED** THAT JESUS WAS THE SON OF GOD."

* "2 ROBBERS" MARK 15:27

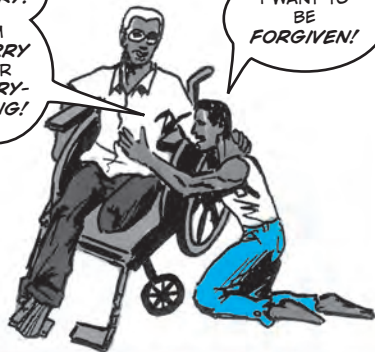


"THIS SECOND THIEF REPENTED OF HIS SINS AND **JESUS** FORGAVE HIM."

"DO YOU WANT TO BE FORGIVEN, **LITTLE THIEF?**"

YES!
I'M
SORRY!
I'M
SORRY
FOR
EVERY-
THING!

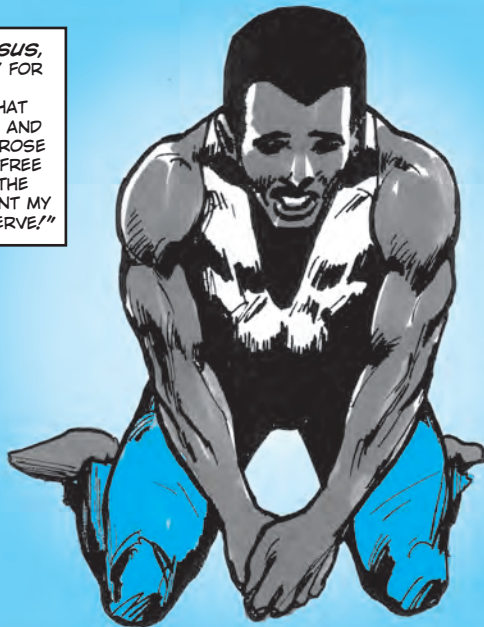
I WANT TO
BE
FORGIVEN!



THEN,
REPEAT
THIS
PRAYER?



"LORD **JESUS**,
I'M SORRY FOR
MY SINS. I
BELIEVE THAT
YOU LIVED AND
DIED AND ROSE
AGAIN TO FREE
ME FROM THE
PUNISHMENT MY
SINS DESERVE!"



"PLEASE SAVE ME
AND KEEP ME,
I WANT TO DO
GOOD AND NOT
EVIL! PLEASE
HELP ME TO DO
YOUR WILL,
LORD GOD!
ALL THIS I ASK
AND THANK AND
PRAISE YOU FOR
IN THE GLORIOUS
NAME OF YOUR
SON **JESUS!**
AMEN."

AND THEN, NATHANIEL KEPT COMING BACK TO HELP THE OLD MAN, AND THE OLD MAN TAUGHT NATHANIEL MORE ABOUT THE **BIBLE** AND STARTED BRINGING HIM TO THE CHURCH HE ATTENDED.

YOU TOO CAN FIND A GOOD CHURCH AT: