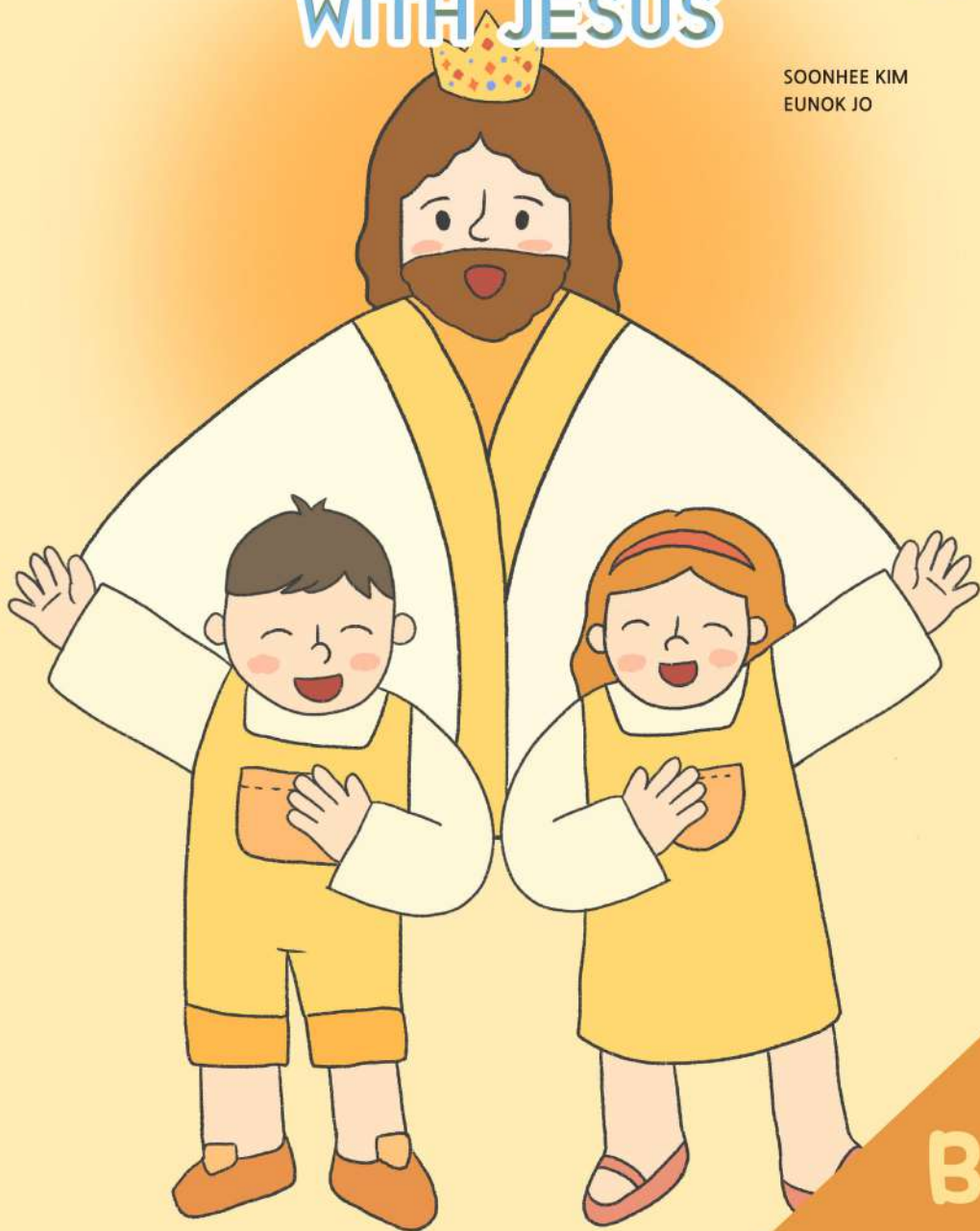


# BIBLE STORY 3

## WITH JESUS

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# PRAY WITH ME

**Dear Lord Jesus,**

I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. Thank you for your forgiveness.

In Jesus name I pray,

**Amen**



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# 1. Jesus has risen!

(Matthew 28:1-10 Mark 16:1-8 Luke 24:1-12 John 20:1-18)

It was at dawn, on the third day after Jesus had died on the cross.

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

"Mary, let us bring these perfumes to Jesus and spread his body."

"Okay, go quickly. It is still dark. Be careful."

"But Mary! What about the huge stone. It is blocking the tomb.."

"Gosh.. You are right. How can we get in? It is too heavy for us to roll away."

"Besides, the soldiers must be there to guard it..."

"Let's go first, anyway."

The women were surprised when they arrived.

"Crack!!"

"Oh no! The ground is shaken!"

There was a big earthquake. An angel came down from heaven and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

"Mary! The stone!! it was moved away."

"Really?? Let go inside!"

"I can't see the body of Jesus!"



"What??"

"Mary..Mary... Did you see? The soldiers.. who guarded the tomb. They are frozen."

"Yes... They must be frightened. So am I."

The women were standing outside the tomb and bent over to look inside. Then the angel said.

"Why are you crying?"

The women saw the angel, terrified and fell face down.

"Don't be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus who was nailed on the cross."

"Yes. We came to see Jesus. We are here to spread perfumes on his body.."

"Perfumes? Why are you going to spread perfumes on the living body?"

"Umm..Sir.. Maybe they have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him. Oh..God.."

"Do you still not understand? Why are you looking for him who is alive in a tomb?"

"Pardon, sir?"

"He is not here. He has risen. Think about what he told you in Galilee."





“Oh! Jesus said 'The Son of Man must be taken into the hands of sinful men, be nailed and on the third day be raised again. That's right! Now I remember!”

“Now then go into the tomb and see the place where Jesus lay.”

The women were afraid but also filled with joy. They hurried away from the tomb and ran to tell their disciples.

“He's alive!! Jesus is alive!!”

“The angel told us. He is going ahead of us into Galilee. There, we will see him,”

The disciples didn't believe them, thinking they are out of their mind.

But Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb as soon as they heard the news.

The other disciple was faster than Peter. He reached the tomb first and bent over, looking into the tomb.

“Peter! I can see the strips of linen but I can't go inside.”

“I will go inside. Oh no! Jesus is not here indeed. Joseph wrapped the body with the linen and laid it here. Only linen is left. What happened? Come in quickly!”

Jesus has risen on the third day. But still the two disciples didn't go to Galilee. They went home.

'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' "(Luke 24:7)





## **My beloved son and daughter,**

Do you believe that I died on the cross and had risen on third day? They didn't believe me even though they were my disciples and loved me. They heard all the story about heaven and saw me healing the sick for three years.

It's okay. I'm glad because you do believe all these, though you didn't see them at all.

If whatever happens to you, then tell me everything. If you do wrong, I'll forgive you. Don't lose faith in me. Never. Can you promise me? I love you!

Love you forever,  
Jesus

## **Beloved Jesus,**

Jesus! I'm so happy that you have risen! If I were them, of course, it was sad that you were dead. But I would wait for you at the tomb. Because you said you would! Then I could be the first one who saw you alive!

Jesus! That's why I always go to church, early in the morning. I want to be the first one! Do you proud of me, Jesus? Before the service, I want to meet you in my prayer. I want to be the first one. I love you Jesus!

Love,  
I



## 2. Touch me and see

(Luke 24:13-43, Mark 16:12-13)

There were two disciples, going to a village called Emmaus, from Jerusalem. They talked to each other about what had happened to them.

Then suddenly, someone came and talked to them. It was Jesus but they didn't notice.

"What are you guys talking about?"

They stood still, because they were too sad.

"Don't you know what have happened there in these days? You are in Jerusalem!"

"I don't know. What is it?"

"About Jesus of Nazareth,"

"Who is he?"

"He was a prophet, powerful in words and works. But the chief priests and our rulers handed him over to nail on the cross."

"What he had done?"

"Nothing! He was innocent. He did nothing wrong. But he died on the cross."

"....."

"We believed that he saved Israel."

"That's not all. Listen. Today is the third day after he died."



"Some of our women went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, and they said he was alive."  
"Then some of our men went to the tomb and checked. There was nothing. But they couldn't see him anywhere."

Jesus said.

"How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Now I will tell you the true story of the bible. Listen carefully."

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the bible about Jesus.

As they entered Emmaus, Jesus acted as if he were going farther.

"Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over."

So Jesus went to the house to stay with them.

When they ate together, he took bread, gave thanks, praying.

"Now, eat this bread I give you"

Then their eyes were opened and they knew it was Jesus. But Jesus was gone from their sight.







"Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the bible to us?"

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the disciples and people gather around them. They said Jesus was alive.

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them,

"Peace be with you."

They were frightened and afraid.

"It is Jesus! But.. Is it only the spirit to be seen in our eyes?"

"What are you afraid of? Why don't you believe in me?"

"Jesus! It is you!!"

"Look at my hands and my feet. It is me! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see, I have. Touch me and see!"

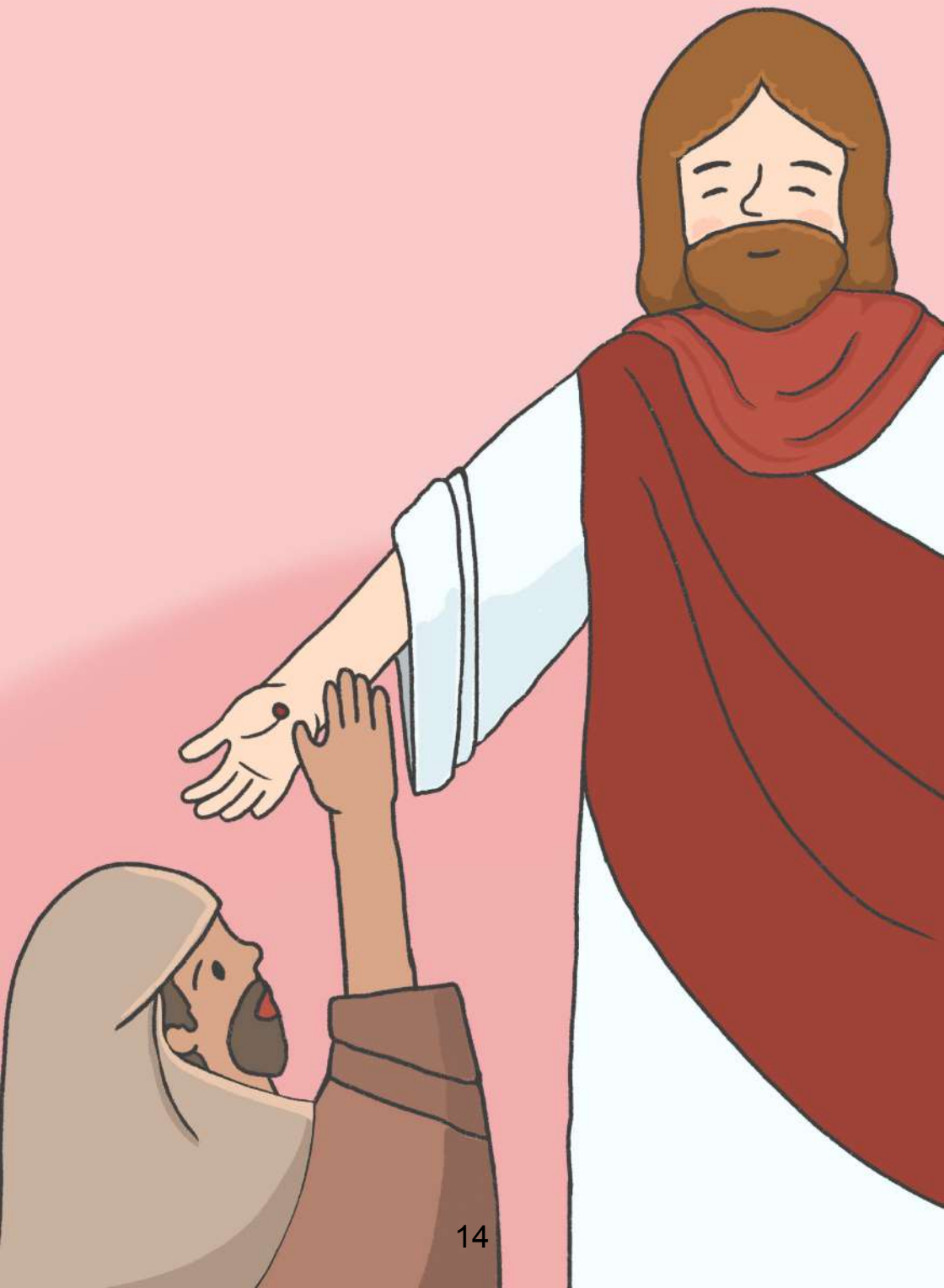
But they still didn't believe it completely. They were filled with joy and didn't know what to do.

"Do you have anything to eat?"

"Yes. Here is a piece of boiled fish,"

Jesus took it and ate it, in front of them.

Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." Luke 24:39



## **My beloved son and daughter**

When I went to Jerusalem, Thomas, one of my disciples, was not there. The other disciples told him that I had risen. But he said he wouldn't believe it unless he put his finger on me where the nails were. So, I went to him and spoke.

"Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Not just Thomas, but other disciples also didn't believe that I had risen. When I took the fish and ate it, in front of them and told them to touch me, I wasn't glad at all. Because they didn't believe in me. But I hope you believe in me though you didn't see and touch me. Bless you, my children. I love you.

Love you forever,  
Jesus

## **Beloved Jesus,**

Jesus! We have a bible school today. I'm so excited! Because I can sleepover with my teachers and my friends at church. Jesus! Meet me tonight in my dream! If you won't show up, I would still believe in you. But my friend said he met you in a dream! I so envied him. He said you smiled at him like mama and hugged him tightly. Promise me you hug me tightly in my dream tonight! I love you, Jesus!

Love you,  
I



### 3. Peter's confession

(John 21:1-23)

After Jesus had risen, he showed himself to his disciples, many times. Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, the sons of Zebedee, James, John and two other disciples were together.

"Jesus is not here and there's nothing to do."

"I'm bored. What about you?"

"Guys, I'm going to where I belong to. I'm going out to fish "

"We are with you, Peter. We're going, too"

They were fishermen. So they went out and got into the boat to fish.

"Gosh.. There's none! We caught nothing through the whole night."

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore in front of the disciples.

"Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No. Not a thing."

"Yeah? Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some."

"Fine.. Throw the net on the right side of the boat!"

"Let's pull up! Wow!!! There are a lot of fish!"

"There are too many!! We can't pull them up!"



When they landed, there are fish on a fire of burning coals and some bread.

"Bring some of the fish you have just caught."

"Yes. We caught 153 fish."

"Good! Come and have breakfast together."

Now they all knew it was Jesus. So none of them dared ask him, "Who are you?"

After having breakfast, Jesus asked Peter.

"Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?"

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

"Simon, feed my lambs."

Jesus asked him the second time.

"Simon son of John, do you truly love me?"

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

"Simon, take care of my sheep."

Peter thought to himself.

'Why did Jesus ask me the same thing, twice?'





Now Jesus asked Peter the third time.

"Simon son of John, do you love me?"

"Yes, Lord, I'm confused. I know you know all things. So you know that I love you."

"Simon, feed my sheep."

Then Jesus said to Peter.

"I tell you the truth; when you were young, you went where you wanted; but when you are old, someone else will lead you where you don't want to go."

Jesus said this to know what kind of death Peter would die and glorify God.

Then he said to him,

"Follow me!"

Following Jesus' words, Peter had preached good news to wherever he went. Then he died upside down on the cross, glorifying God.

"Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." (John 21:15)



## **My beloved son and daughter,**

Peter followed my words and had preached the good news to the people. But the King of Rome was a very bad man. He kept pushing around Peter. So he was afraid and about to run away from Rome. But that moment, he met face to face with me.

“My Lord. Where are you going?”

“I’m going to Rome to be nailed again.”

“No, my Lord. I am sorry. I will go.”

Peter went back to Rome and had preached the good news again. Then he died upside down on the cross. Peter loved me so much. So he followed my words and fed my lambs. I hope you too love me and follow my words. I love you.

Love you forever,

Jesus

## **Beloved Jesus,**

Jesus! There’s no one who can love me more than you. Of course, my mom and dad can love me but not as much as you!

Sometimes, I don’t like to study English. Then they yell at me and force me to do it. They are mean, from time to time. That’s not all. Last Sunday, they asked me to skip church and go out to have fun. Do they really love me or not?

Jesus! I’m thankful for your love. I love you too!

Love,

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## 4. What we must do

(Matthew 28:11-20, Mark 16:14-18, Luke 24:44-49, John 20:19)

On the evening of the day Jesus' had risen, the disciples were together.

They were afraid of the Jews. Because the guard who guarded the tomb spread the rumor that the disciples stole the body of Jesus.

"Guys. Keep the door locked."

"The Jews thought that we stole the body of Jesus and kept it secret. They might come to get us."

The disciples locked the doors, filled with fear.

Then, Jesus came and stood among them and spoke.

"Peace be with you."

"Jesus, thank god! It is you!"

"We locked the door securely, how can you come in? Oh! It is really you, my Lord."

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, I am sending you. "

And with that, he breathed on them.

"Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."





Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven when they were eating;  
“Still, you don’t have faith in me. You have a bad temper and are so stubborn!”

“Huh? You are talking to us?”

“Do you remember that I showed you my hands and feet and my side and you touched them?”

“Yes, Jesus. We believe that you are our Lord and our King.”

“You remember that we ate together?”

“Yes, Lord. We believe you are alive again!”

“But still, you don’t have faith in me that I had risen from the dead. That’s why I said you all are stubborn!”

“Jesus... Sorry... We were bad... But we are too overjoyed. It feels like we are in a dream.”

“My Lord! You are the Son of God. We believe you had risen from the dead on the third day as it is written.”

“Now do you believe? I am going to tell you something important. Listen carefully.”

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. There were some who still doubted even after they saw Jesus and talked with him. But Jesus said to them.

“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to follow everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”



Jesus told them what to do.

“Go to the world and preach the good news to everyone.”

“How could we? We are not good at speaking!”

“Just tell them. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. In my name, you will have power.”

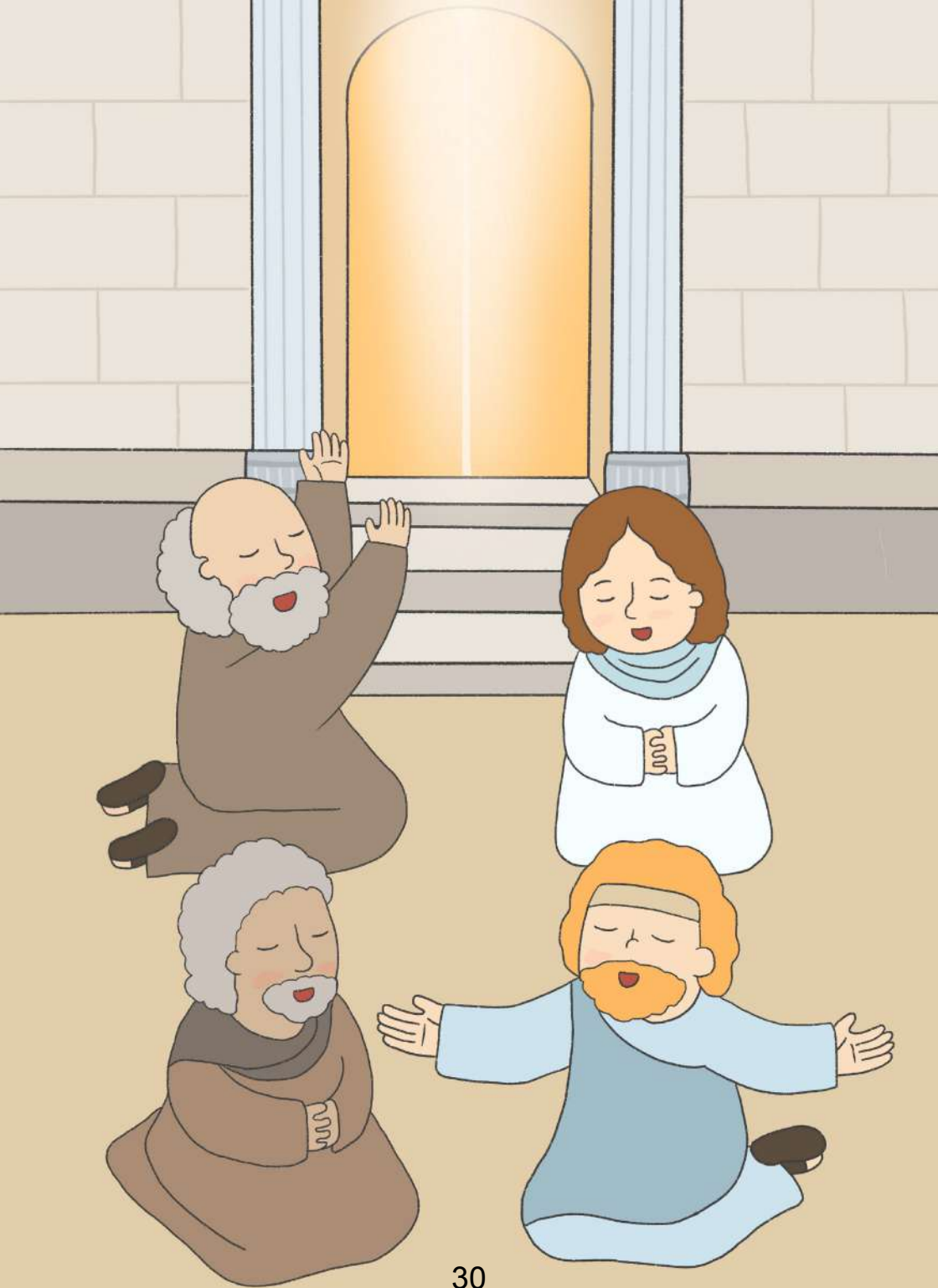
“Are you sure, Jesus?”

“Sure, I do! In my name you will drive out demons; you will speak in new tongues; you will pick up snakes with their hands; and when you drink deadly poison, it will not hurt you at all; you will place your hands on sick people, and they will get well.”

“I am going to send you what my Father has promised; So do not leave Jerusalem waiting for my Father has promised. You have to stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

The disciples believed what Jesus had said. They went back to Jerusalem and prayed in the temple, worshiping God. They took their life for Jesus baptizing people everywhere, teaching them how to follow Jesus.

“Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.”(Mark 16:15)



## **My beloved son and daughter,**

The mission that I gave to the disciples, I gave it to you as well. You must believe in me and be baptized. It is the way how to show your faith. It means, "I believe that Jesus is the Son of God." After that, you can be saved as a gift. I'll give you the key to heaven and you can be the children of God. You have to preach this good news to everyone everywhere. That's all you have to do for me. I love you.

Love you forever,  
Jesus

## **Beloved Jesus,**

I'll do my best to finish the mission as the disciples did. I told my grandma that she could go to heaven if she believed in you. But Jesus. She just said, "Oh dear my sweetie." and didn't care about my mission. I'm so sad and afraid that she is going to hell. So, I pray every day. Jesus? Would you answer my prayer? I believe you would, one day. I love you, Jesus.

Love,  
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## 5. Jesus will come just like he went into heaven

(Matthew 24:3-51. Mark 16:19-20, Luke 24:50-53, Act 1:6-11)

After Jesus had risen, he showed himself to the disciples for 40 days. He told them about heavenly things. So the disciples asked Jesus.

"Jesus! Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel, right now?"

"No. You will never know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth."

Jesus led them out to Bethany.

"Now, I will bless you."

After Jesus lifted up his hands and blessed them, he was taken up into heaven.

Cloud hid Jesus from their eyes.

The disciples were looking up into the sky as Jesus was going,

"Guys. Here are the two men, dressed in white. They are standing beside us."

"Yes, I'm looking at them. Listen to what they are saying."

The two men dressed in white stood beside the disciples and spoke.





“Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking into the sky?”

“Jesus has been taken into heaven but we can’t find him.”

“Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Jesus was taken up into heaven and sat at the right hand of God.

The disciples returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God. They reminded of the things Jesus had said about the last days.

“It will be the sign of the last days. Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ.' They will trick you and you will be confused.”

“People will die of hunger and there will be a lot of sickness and earthquakes and wars in everywhere, but it is the only beginning.”

“But he who stands firm to the end will be saved. The good news of the kingdom will be heard in the whole world and then the end will come. ”

Jesus told them about the sign of his coming, too.

“The sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light and the stars will fall from the sky.”



"At that time, I will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will cry aloud. They will see me coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory."

"And sending his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his chosen people from one end of the heavens to the other."

"When I come, that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left.

Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left."

The disciples were so afraid of being left out.

"Jesus, what should we do then?"

"Keep watch, because you do not know on what day I will come. I will come at an hour when you do not expect. Be ready and keep watch."

The disciples all joined together and kept praying. Then they filled with the Holy Spirit and said to people that Jesus would come.

"Jesus will come again! He will come as he went into heaven. Believe in Jesus so that you would not be left out. Keep watch and be ready!"

"Who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." (Act 1:11)



## **My beloved son and daughter,**

No one knows the day when I come back. Only God our Father knows the day. But you can see the day is coming through what happens all around the world.

You will find false Jesus a lot, hear of wars in many places and there will be earthquakes, famine, flood, and men will love men. All of them are signs for you to know the day is coming.

So my beloved children! Believe in me and follow the way that God leads you. See you in heaven! I love you so much.

Love you forever,

Jesus

## **Beloved Jesus,**

After I heard of your story, I thought about this.

One day, I wake up and my mom goes up to heaven but I stay in bed. Or I and my mom go up to heaven but my dad stays in bed. Oh my! I don't want to think about it. It would be so sad. My family must believe in you and go to heaven altogether. Because I love them. I will go to church with my parents next time, whatever happens. Jesus, please let my dad come to church with me, not going to work. I don't mind he gives me a little money. Please listen to my prayer! I know you do. I love you, Jesus.

Love,

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## 6. Peter and John healed a lame man.

(ACT 3:1-10)

One day, Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer--at three in the afternoon. They were passing by a temple gate called Beautiful.

"Help me. Please have pity on me."

They heard someone begging.

"Peter! He needs help,"

"He was lame from birth. He can sit but not stand. he had never walked. So people have carried him to here every day."

"This is the most beautiful gate around here, just like its name, always crowded with people. That's why they have carried him here."

"We always walk through this gate. Then why we haven't seen him before?"

"Yea.. That's weird. I have never seen him before."

When they were about to enter the gate, he shouted all the more.

"Please, give me something to eat for me."



Peter and John looked straight at him.

"Look at us!"

"Yes. Help me, please."

So the man looked at them expecting to get something from them.

"I don't have silver or gold."

"Then what can you give?"

"I will give you what I have."

"Yes, yes. Come, give me anything you have."

He thought to himself,

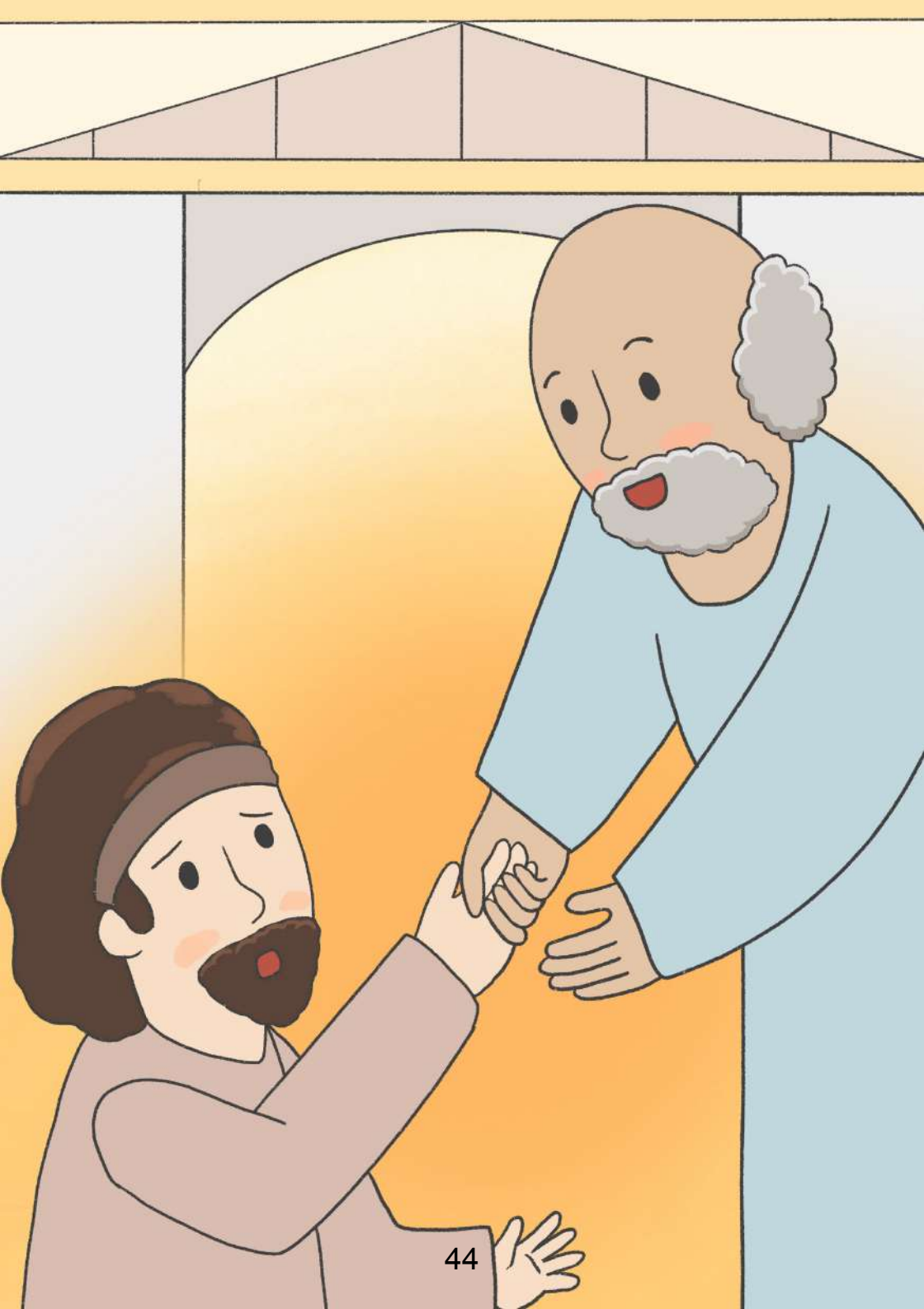
"If it is not silver or gold, then what are they have? I'm sure it's much better. I wonder what it would be."

Peter said aloud.

"In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!"

Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up.

"What? No way! I never did before."



"Here, hold my hand and get up!"

"Oh! No!! My feet and ankles become strong and my knee as well! Now I can stand up!"

"Hallelujah! Thank you Lord!"

"Teachers, look at me! I can jump! Praise the Lord! Hey you passing by! Look at me walking and jumping!! yippee!"

All the people going to the temple saw him walking and praising God,

"Isn't he the man who used to sit at the temple gate, begging everyday?"

"Oh my God. Yes he is! He was lame from birth. What happened to him?"

"Hey, you. Who made you walk?"

"Peter, the disciple of Jesus did!"

All the people came running to Peter and John. When Peter saw this, he said to them.

"We had not made this man walk! No It's not us. It's Jesus. Only by his name, he healed at once. So believe in Jesus the Son of God."

Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."(Act 3:6)



## **My beloved son and daughter,**

I am so proud of my disciples. They received the holy spirit when they followed my words with praying and praising in the temple. They showed everyone healing a lame man in my name. In the past, they didn't believe in me so made me worried. But now they filled with the holy spirit preaching the good news. Haha! I'm so glad.

You are my disciples too. So say to all that they believe in me. I love you!

Love you forever,

Jesus

## **Beloved Jesus,**

Jesus! one day, my mom was sick and stayed in bed all day long. I was so sad because she was sick. I wished I were sick instead of my mom. So I prayed to hold her hands.

"Jesus! Heal my mom, please. Make me sick instead of her!"

Then, I became sick and my mom was healed. I knew that you heard my prayer. Thank you, Jesus! But now, I am going to pray like this.

"Jesus! please heal my mom. That's all!"

Love you, Jesus!

Love,

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## 7. Stephen was stoned to death

(Act 6:1-15, 7:51-60)

The twelve disciples preached that Jesus is the Christ in any-time, anywhere.

The number of disciples was increasing more and more. So there were a lot of works to do. Among them, complained about helping the poor. So the twelve disciples gathered all the disciples together and said.

“It would not be right for us to serve the people more than looking into the word of God.”

“You are right. I don’t even have a time to pray. There are too many works to do.”

“Choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. They will be called the deacon and we will turn these services over to them.”

“We will only focus on prayer and the word of God.”

All of them were happy with this and chose seven men with full of the Spirit and wisdom. The disciples prayed and laid their hands on them. They were the seven deacons. Among them was Stephen. He was filled with God’s grace and power. He did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people.



Then, some people were jealous of Stephen and hated him.

"Stephen is too wise and too much of the holy spirit."

"I think we should kill him! But how?"

"Let's buy some men to spread the rumor that Stephen spoke bad words against Moses and God."

So they tricked the elders and brought Stephen before the Sanhedrin.

They made false witnesses who said this.

"This man keeps saying bad words about this holy place and against the law of God."

"What does he say?"

"He says Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the law Moses handed down to us."

All who were at the Sanhedrin looked closely at Stephen. His face didn't look scared or angry but it looked like the face of an angel.

Then the high priest asked Stephen.

"Are these words true?"

"You stiff-necked people, with unclean hearts and ears! You are just like your father's sinning against God! You have betrayed his son and murdered him. You are, a murderer!!!!



When they heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him.

But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

"Look! I see heaven open and Jesus standing at the right hand of God."

At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him.

"Bring him outside! Stone him to death!"

"Bam! bam!"

A lot of stones were thrown at Stephen.

"Alas!! My lord Jesus! Take my spirit."

Then he fell on his knees and cried out and died.

"Lord, do not hold this sin against them. Aaa!"

Stephen, One of the seven deacons, was the first Christian martyr.

Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them."

When he had said this, he fell asleep. (Act 7:60)





## **My beloved son and daughter,**

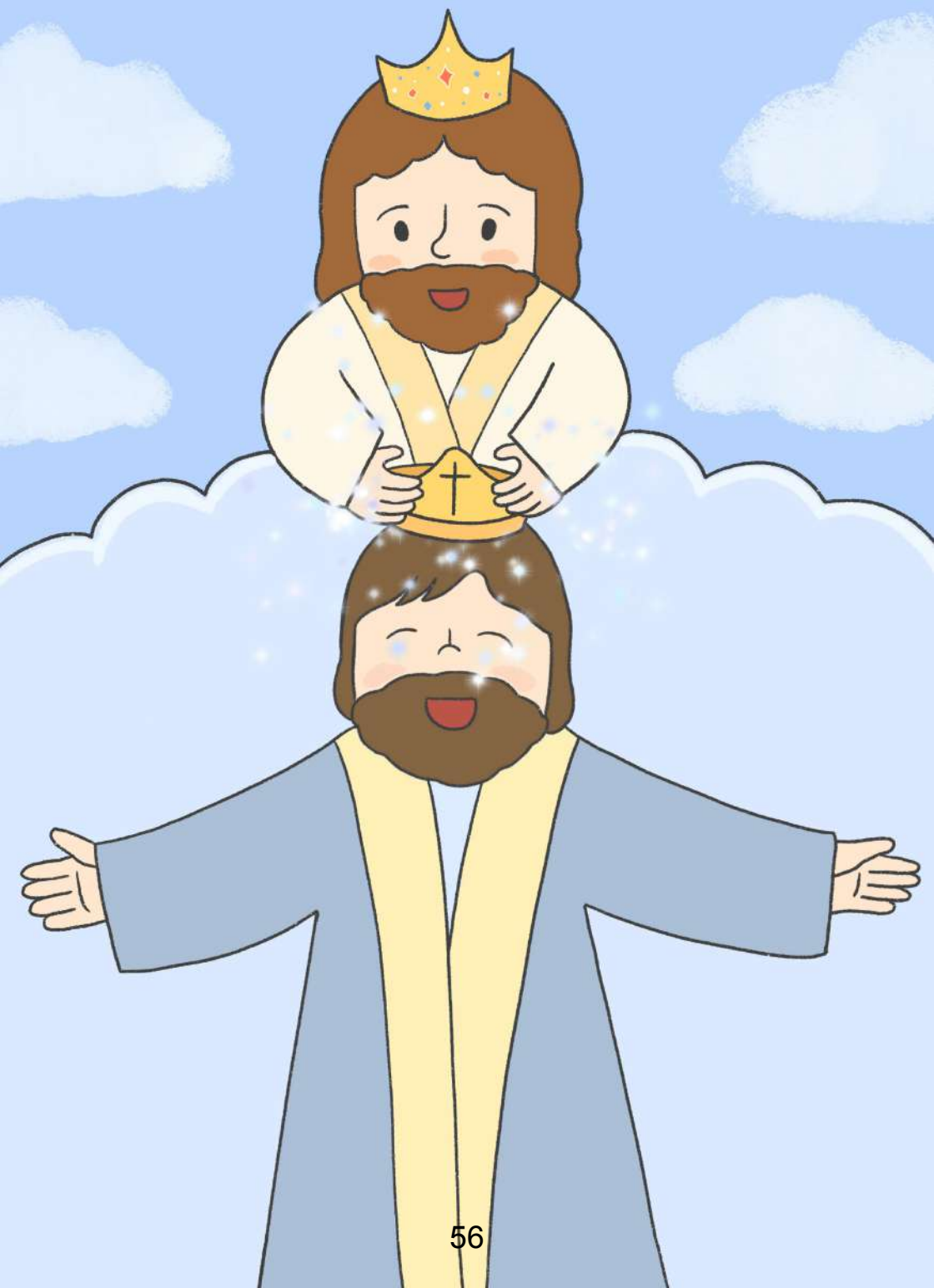
Stephen, My beloved son. You died for me. Your name means the crown. Just like your name, you put on a crown of righteous. My son! You served a lot of works for my church and took care of orphans who didn't have parents and the widows who lost their husbands. And you loved them as your own family. You had been faithful with a few things so became a deacon of my church. Now, finally you came to me after finishing the mission with passion of your love. Good job! My son! I love you so much!

Love you forever,  
Jesus,

## **Beloved Jesus,**

Jesus! I was surprised at Stephen's story. How painful he was, when he was stoned to death? He said just like you, when he died just like you! He was amazing! I wonder how much he loved you so that he could do all things. I care about myself more than you. That's why I don't listen to my parents or teachers and sometimes I fight with my friends. Jesus! Whenever I do these things, please let me remind of you. So I would ask myself "What would Jesus do?" Love you Jesus!

Love,  
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## 8. Saul became Paul

(Act 9:1-19)

There was a man named Saul. He was eager to capture and kill the Lord's disciples. Day and night, he kept trying to search the people who believe in Jesus, filled with hatred. Also when Stephen was dead, he was watching there, too.

Meanwhile, he is on his way to capture the disciples of Jesus. As he neared Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.

He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him,

"Saul! Saul! why do you bully me?"

"Who are you, Lord?"

"Me? I am Jesus, whom you are bullying."

"What??"

"Now get up and go into the city, and someone will tell you what must do."

The men traveling with Saul only heard the sound but did not see anyone.

"You guys saw something?"

"No, I didn't see a thing. But what's wrong with Saul?"

"I have no idea. He just can't see, all of a sudden!"



Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing.

"Who's there? I can't see a thing. I opened my eyes but it's pitch dark. What is happening? Is anyone here?"

"Saul! We are all here. What's wrong with you?"

"Lead me by your hands in to Damascus"

For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias.

Jesus called to him in a vision,

"Ananias!"

"Yes, Lord, Here I am."

"Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul,"

"What? Saul, from Tarsus??"

"Yes. Find him for he is praying."

"Yes.. Lord.. But...I have heard many rumors about this man. He has done evil things to your disciples in Jerusalem."

"Ananias! Just do what I said."

"Okay...But still, he has come here with authority from the chief priests to take all who call on your name."



Jesus told him again.

"Ananias! Go! This man is my chosen man to carry my name before the foreigner and their kings and before the people of Israel.

"Yes, Lord! I will go now."

"I will show Saul how much he must suffer for my name."

Then Ananias went to the house of Judas and found Saul.

"Saul!"

"Yes, I have been waiting for you. You are the one tells me what I must to do?"

"Yes I am. I will lay my hands on you. Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here has sent me to you."

"Okay. Please lay your hands on me."

"You are the chosen man to carry Jesus' name before the whole world. He has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

"Thank you. Ah! something like scales fell from my eyes. Now I can see clearly."

Then Saul got up and was baptized and after taking some food, he regained his health. After he met Jesus, he preached good news and built a number of churches in many countries. Also he changed his name to Paul just like his life was changed.

At the end, he put in prison in Rome and died there for Jesus.

Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord.(Act 9:31)





## **My beloved son and daughter,**

Saul was very famous for the evil things he had done to the disciples of Jesus. But I chose him and changed his passion for capturing my disciples into carrying my name to the world. They might question me. "Why do you let him work with us, he is such a bad man?" That's why I called Ananias to get to Saul and lay his hands on him. Ananias was a respected man from all. So they had no question of that matter. Paul called himself the apostle and carried my name to the whole world with passion more than anyone else. I hope you become like Paul so that I can give you the whole world. I love you.

Love you forever,  
Jesus

## **Beloved Jesus,**

Jesus! It was amazing that Saul changed into Paul because of you. He was the man who captured the disciples of Jesus and was killed. But later, he was the man who preached good news to the world and died for Jesus. How awesome it was!

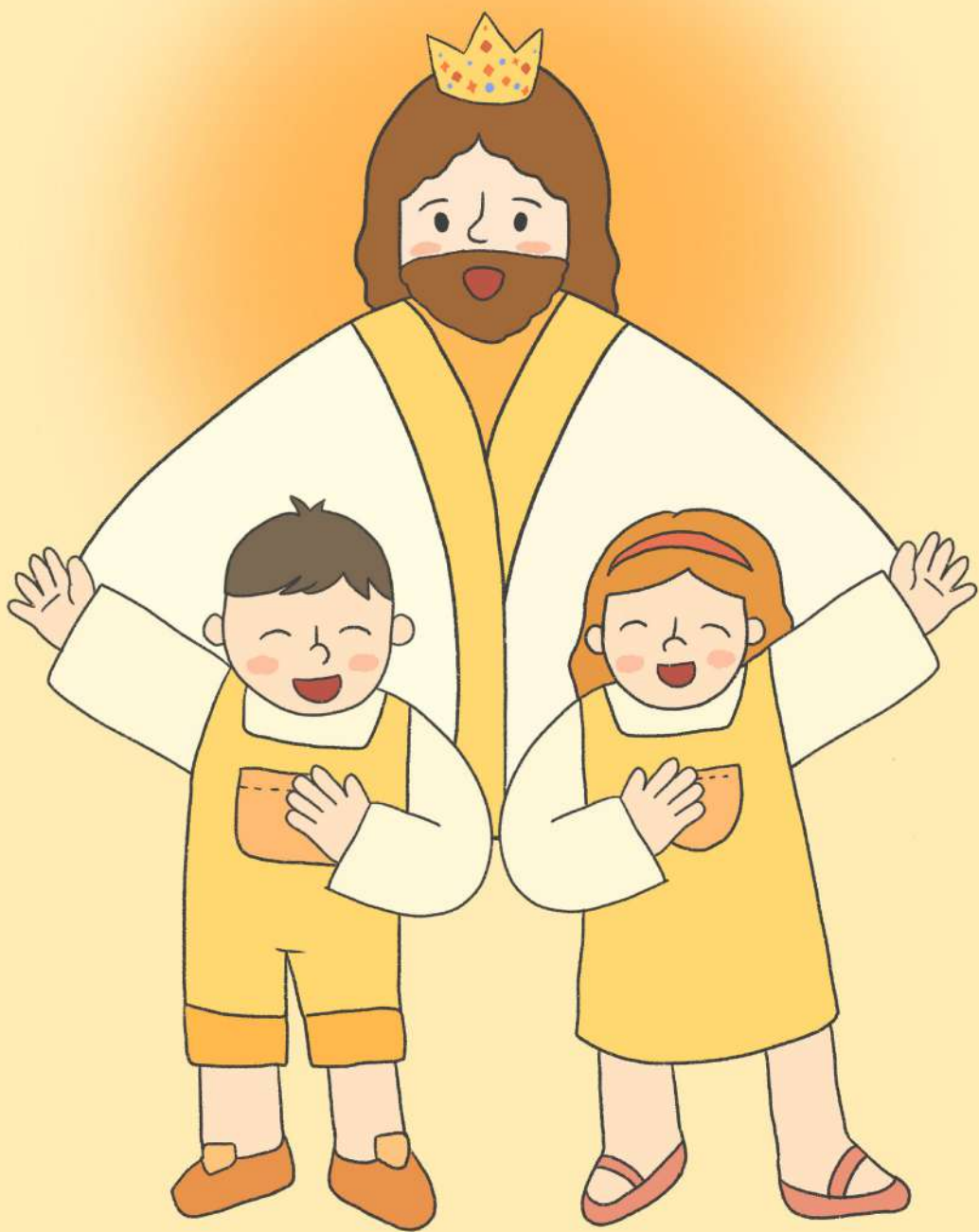
Please, change the bad guys into good men in this world, too. People told me that I shouldn't say hello to the neighbors in an elevator. Because they might be dangerous. If adults come to talk to me then I shouldn't say anything.

It makes me scared. So, when I go outside, I start to pray with fear like this.

"Jesus! You are with me right now, right? Please hold my hand tightly."

I want the world to be changed. I know you can. I love you, Jesus.

Love,  
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## 9. John saw heaven

(Revelation 20:11-15, 21:9-27, 22:1-7)

The disciple John whom Jesus loved the most, saw the vision.

It was the vision of the last judgment and heaven.

“Jesus, when will you come back and what will happen to this world?”

“In the last day, all the people in the world will be judged before God’s throne.”

“Yes, Jesus. But how?”

“Each person will stand before the throne and the books will be opened and another book will be opened, which is the book of life. Each person will be judged according to what he had done as recorded in the books.”

“Oh! Then everyone’s name is on the book of life? ”

“No, only the names who believe in me and follow my words will be on that book.”

“Then what about them whose names are not on the book of life?”

“They will be thrown into the lake of fire and suffer day and night.”

“What about the others whose names are on the book of life?”

“They will live with me in the Holy City, the new Jerusalem in heaven.”

“Oh my! Jesus! I want my name on that book! I will keep following your words and hold on to your name.”

“You will. My beloved John!”

“Jesus! I can’t wait to going there.”



Jesus showed him the Holy City coming down out of heaven from God.

“Jesus! There! What is coming down?”

“That is the Holy City, new Jerusalem. My children whose names are on the book of life will live there.”

“I heard a loud voice from heaven.”

“What can you hear?”

“There will be no more death or crying or pain, for God is making everything new!”

“Now look! It is the Holy City, beautiful heaven.”

It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel.

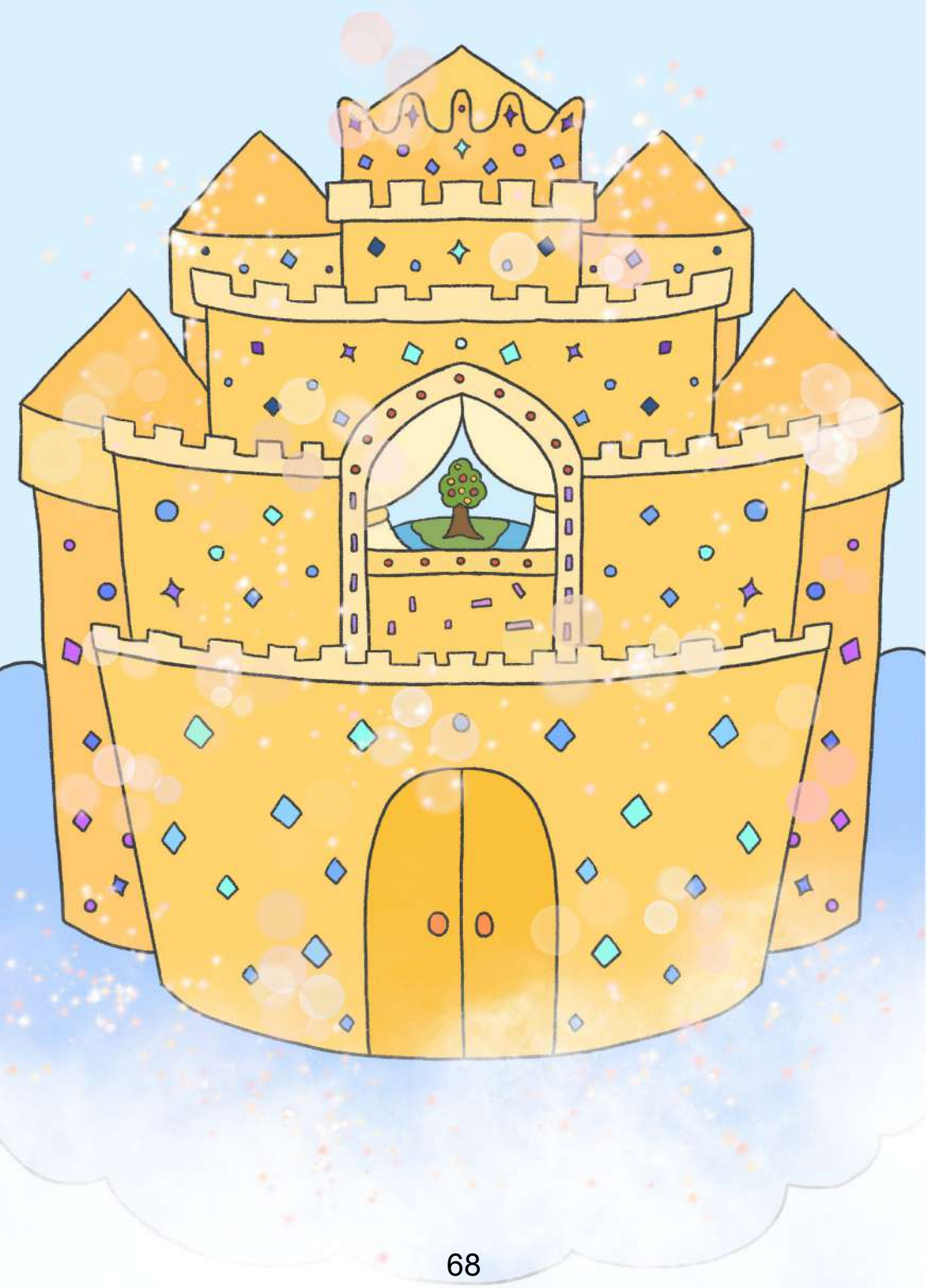
“Jesus! the Holy City is brilliance. It was like a jasper, clear as crystal. Wow! It’s so shiny!”

“Look around the wall of the city!”

“Wow, Jesus! The city was made of pure gold, as pure as glass and the wall of jasper. The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. Jasper, sapphire, chalcedony, emerald and crystal. They are all twelve of jewels. So beautiful, Jesus!”

“Whoop, Jesus. I can’t take my eyes on them! The twelve gates all were twelve pearls. The great street of the city was of pure gold, like pure glass.”







Huh? But Jesus! There is no temple in heaven!"

"No, there isn't. The Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there."

"Oh I see, Jesus."

"No liars can enter here, but only those whose names are on the book of life."

Then Jesus brought John to the river of the water of life. Down the middle of it, there is the tree of life.

"Look, John. It's the river of the water of life."

"Yes, Jesus! The river of the water of life is clear as crystal. It is flowing down the middle of the street from the throne of God and of you."

"And what else do you see?"

"A tree is standing on the right and the left side of the river."

"That is the tree of life."

"Wow! It is bearing twelve fruits, it gives fruits every month"

"The leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations."

"Yeah! Jesus! It is incredible! So beautiful and amazing!"

"John! You must say to the world what you saw. Tell them I'm coming soon!"

"Yes my Lord! I will shout aloud 'Blessed are those who keep these words',  
and shout all the more 'Jesus is coming soon!!'"

"Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book."(Revelation 22:7)



## **My beloved son and daughter,**

Now, you heard the story of John and what he saw in a vision!

I want to live in this beautiful heaven with you.

Not just you but with your parents, families, friends,

and neighbors. I want all of you would come to heaven praising God all day long and live happily ever after. Just like John did, shout this to the world.

“Jesus is coming soon! All of you! your name should be found written in the book of life! If not, you are all going to be thrown into the fire of hell.” My beloved children! Be prepared the day I come and live with hope in heaven.

I love you so much!

Love you forever,

Jesus

## **Beloved Jesus,**

Jesus!! Jesus! I heard about heaven!

You know I have a friend. Her mom once was really sick. But then, she was in a dream and she saw heaven!! There were hymns all around in heaven. It was so beautiful that she wanted to stay there. But they said it was not yet. So she came back and woke up. And it was just a dream and she healed completely!! I couldn't believe what she said but she never lied before. So I believed.

Jesus! I will keep what you say and do what you told me to.

Then my name will be on the book of life. Already? Yeah!! I love you Jesus!

Love,

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