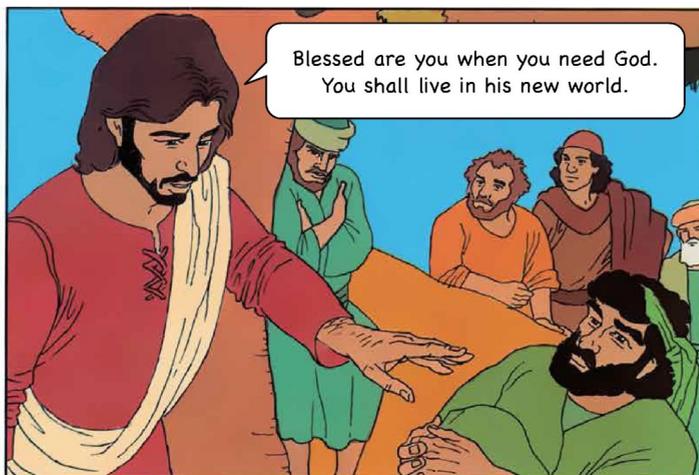


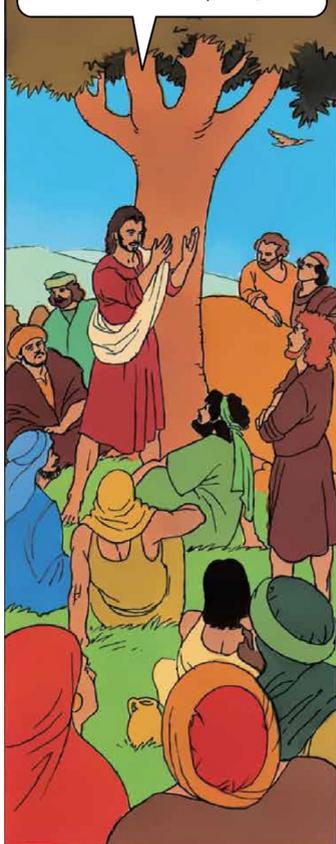
THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

READ FOR YOURSELF: Matthew 5:1-16

Jesus travels with his disciples through the north of Israel. He is telling everybody that God's kingdom is coming. His words are full of power and full of grace. He heals the sick and frees people of demonic powers. Many people follow him. They even come from other provinces and from Jerusalem, the capital of Israel...



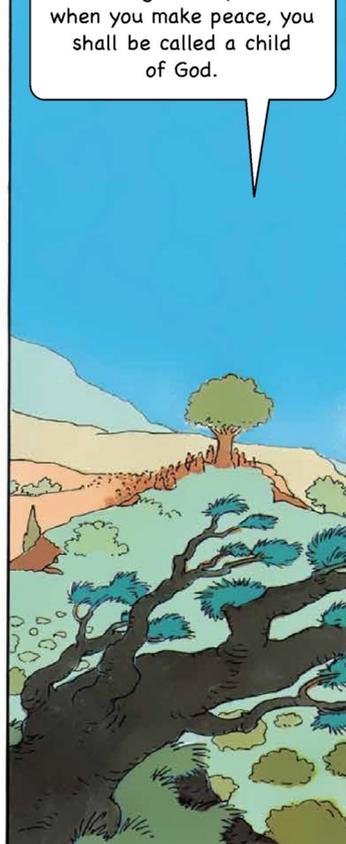
Blessed are you when you desire God's goodness. You shall receive plenty.

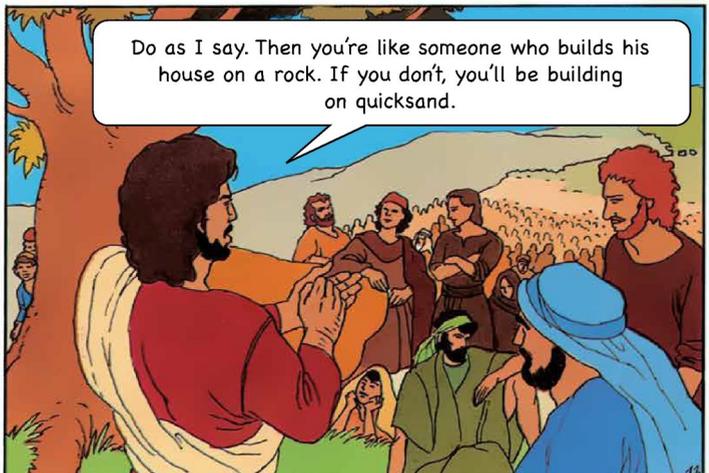
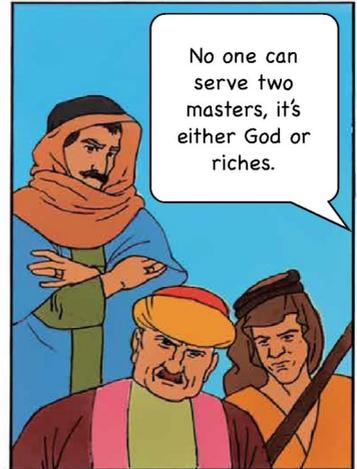
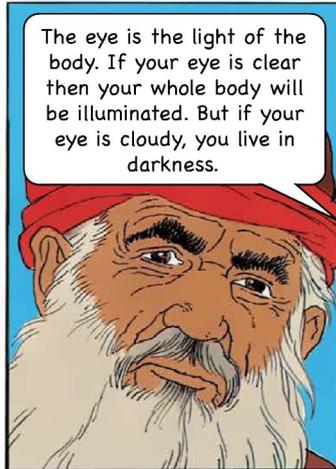
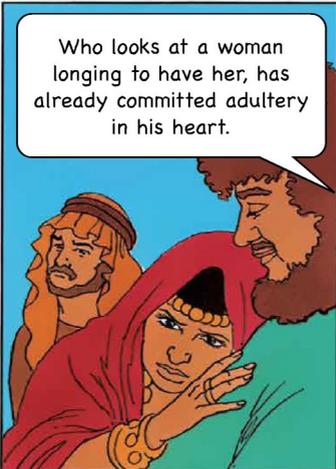
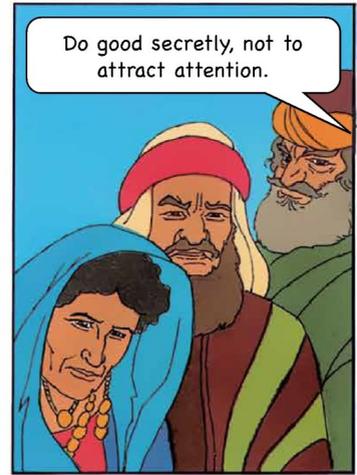
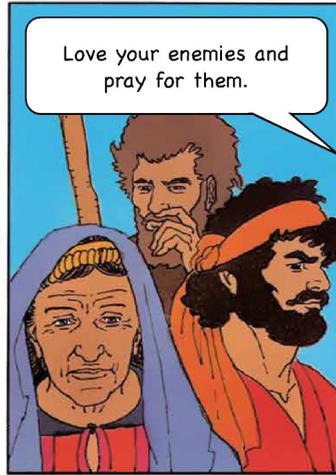
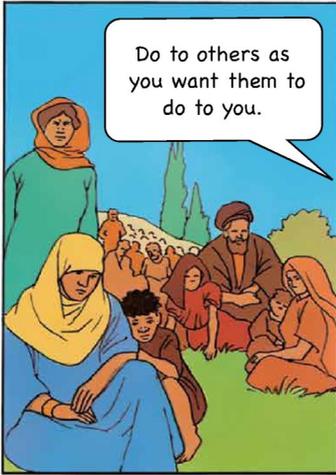


Blessed are you when you have sadness. You shall find comfort.



Blessed are you when you do good to others. God shall be good to you. And when you make peace, you shall be called a child of God.







THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

How does God want us to live?

It is all written down. Nobody needs to err. You can read all about it, learn from it and put it into practice.

How does God want us to live?

Moses wrote five books about how to live. These are the first five books of the Bible. Together they are called “the Law” or “the holy teaching”. The Law is God’s teaching how people need to live right. Jesus knows nobody can keep the Law completely. You need God’s guidance through His Spirit.

How does God want us to live?

You need to listen and look to Jesus.

For Jesus it’s not just saying words. What He says He does. He does what God meant. Because of Jesus we can listen to God’s Word and we can read God’s Word. That’s how we learn to do God’s word. The Law can’t help us to live right in our own strength. Jesus can! He changes you by His Spirit, so you can live right the way God wants you to do.

MEMORY VERSE

*“Do for others what you want them to do for you: this is the meaning of the Law of Moses and of the teachings of the prophets.”
(Matthew 7:12)*

WHO IS JESUS?

The Living Word

*“We write to you about the Word of life, which has existed from the very beginning. We have heard it, and we have seen it with our eyes; yes, we have seen it, and our hands have touched it.”
(1 John 1:1)*

The Lord Jesus is first of all someone who speaks. He speaks words of God and He shows that the words of God are true. He not only speaks the word of God, He also does the word of God. He is the Word of God. Whatever God says, Jesus proves it to be true.



OLD TREASURES

Moses was the first prophet of Israel in the Old Testament. He wrote the first 5 books of the Bible. Together they are called "the Law". In these books you can find the Ten Commandments. These form the core of the Law of Moses.

God wrote the words of the Ten Commandments on two stone tablets. Nevertheless, God's Word would one day come in an even more powerful way to the people. God would express His word in the life of one man: the Messiah. He is called the Word of God. Moses heard the following words from God about the Messiah:

"I will send them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will tell Him what to say, and He will tell the people everything I command. He will speak in My name, and I will punish anyone who refuses to obey Him." (Deuteronomy 18:18-19)



EXTRA INFORMATION

The rabbi

In Israel the weather is usually warm and dry. That is why it is not strange that Jesus teaches outdoors.

Sound travels well on a mountain. So, when Jesus has to speak to large crowds, He does that from a mountain.

People are used to listen to a rabbi, a teacher.

In Jesus' time Jewish children also went to school.

The Old Testament, the Jewish Law, is their only school-book. At school they even got biscuits with Bible verses written on them. In that way the children learnt to get the teaching of the Law inside, literally to taste the Law.

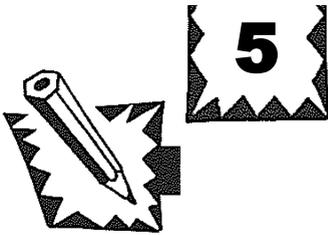
Jesus comes inside your heart with Gods Spirit. He writes Gods love and will in your heart (Hebrew 8:10-12)

DO WHAT JESUS SAYS

If you love Jesus, you also love the Word of God. You love the Bible and you will do what the Bible tells you to - what Jesus Himself tells you to.

If you do what Jesus says, you will notice how true His words are. His words are good and to the point.

Can you do what Jesus says? Yes you can, when you believe in Jesus, Jesus lives in you by His Holy Spirit. He will help you. He is like a motor to live the life God loves us to live.



DO YOU KNOW...?

1. Write down the names of the first five books of the Bible:

2. Who wrote them?

3. Write out the verse Jesus summarises the Law of the Old Testament (Matthew 7:12).

4. Where did Jesus teach the lessons you can read in Matthew 5 to 7?

5. With what does Jesus compare people who do what He says?

6. What happens to a house that has no foundations, but is built on sandy ground (Matthew 7:27)?

7. Why is Jesus called: the Living Word?

- a) He makes God's Word true through His life
- b) He can speak in a very lively way
- c) He is one of the many prophets

BIBLE READING

Sun	Matthew 7:12
Mon	Exodus 20:1-17
Tue	Matthew 5:1-30
Wed	Matthew 5:43 - 6:1
Thu	Matthew 6:19-33
Fri	Matthew 7:24-27
Sat	1 John 1:1-4



ACTION POINT!

Pray the prayer that Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:9 -13 (ESV)

*“Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name.
 Your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily
 bread,
 and forgive us our debts,
 as we also have forgiven
 our debtors.
 And lead us not into tempta-
 tion,
 but deliver us from evil.”
 For yours is the kingdom
 and the power and the
 glory, forever.
 Amen!”*