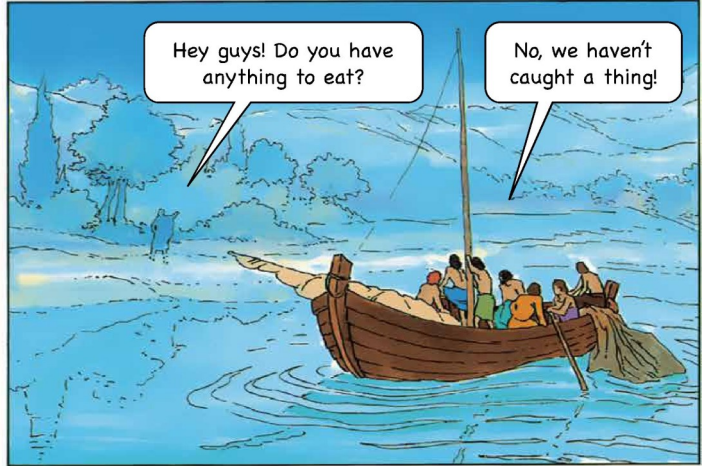
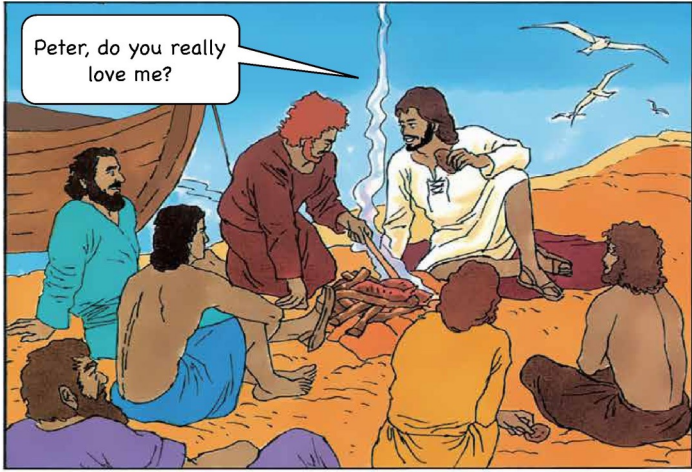


## NO MORE "ME FIRST!"

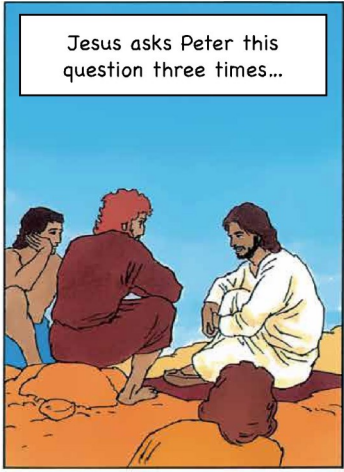
READ FOR YOURSELF: John 21:1-19 and Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus appears to his followers over a period of forty days. He even meets five hundred people at once. His disciples return to Galilee. One day when they are fishing again...

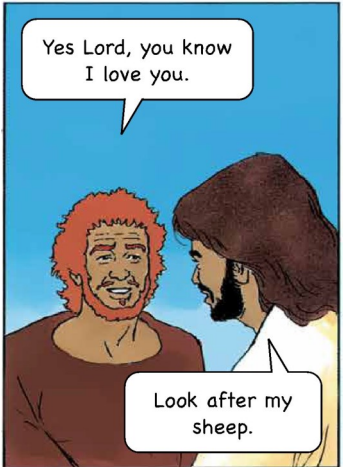




Peter, do you really love me?

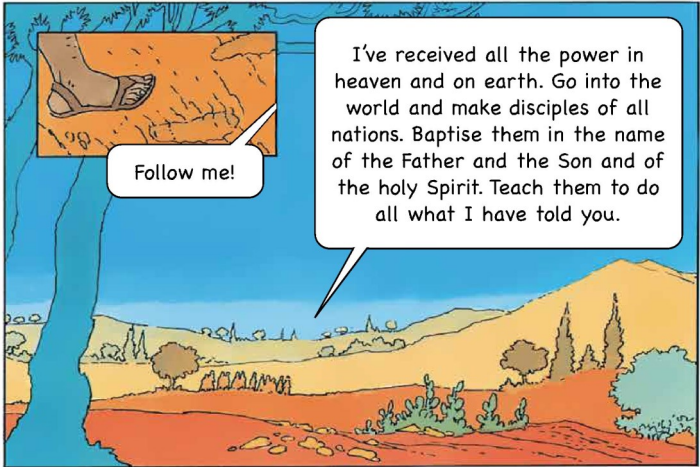


Jesus asks Peter this question three times...



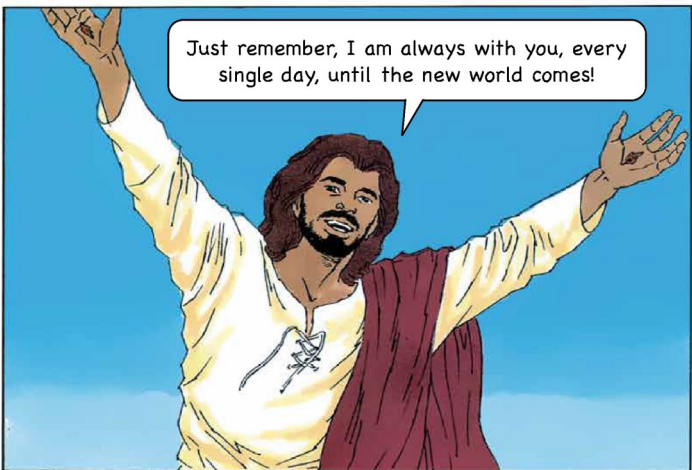
Yes Lord, you know I love you.

Look after my sheep.



Follow me!

I've received all the power in heaven and on earth. Go into the world and make disciples of all nations. Baptise them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the holy Spirit. Teach them to do all what I have told you.



Just remember, I am always with you, every single day, until the new world comes!

After these words Jesus leaves the earth. He is taken up into heaven. But he has said that he will come back again...



## **NO MORE "ME FIRST!"**

Before Jesus came to earth He had great glory. But He gave up everything. He was obedient to God, even to death on the cross. That's why God's plan could be accomplished. There is forgiveness for all sins because Jesus died for you. You may live in God's presence and love. That's thanks to Jesus, who received all power.

If you give your live to Jesus, you become his property. He will take care of you now. Now, Peter also has to learn who his life belongs to. For a long time he has been the boss of his own life. He turned his back on Jesus when it got too difficult for him. Yet his love for Jesus remained, because Jesus forgave him everything. That is why he can continue with Jesus and still complete his mission. This time however with the Lord Jesus at the first place.

If you really love Jesus, then He becomes the number one in your life. Then you follow Him and you do what He says. You are available to help other people. And if you do something that He doesn't want, then you are still allowed to come back to Him. He has forgiven your sins. With His Spirit He helps you to make good what has gone wrong and to keep following Him.

## **MEMORY VERSE**

*"Since we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him."  
(Romans 6:8)*

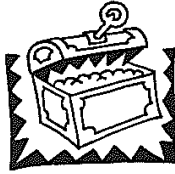
## **WHO IS JESUS?**

**The one who is, who was and who is to come**  
*"I am the first and the last," says the Lord God Almighty, who is, who was, and who is to come."  
(Revelation 1:8)*

Revelation, the last book of the Bible, tells of many things that will come. But Revelation is first and foremost a book in which you get to know Jesus better. He has always been there, He is here now and He will always be there. He is the Alpha (the first letter of the Greek alphabet) and the Omega (the last letter of the Greek alphabet).

Everything was started by Him and everything will keep going thanks to Him. When Jesus comes back, everything will be renewed. He says:

*"Yes indeed! I am coming soon!" (Revelation 22:20)*



## JESUS IS NUMBER 1

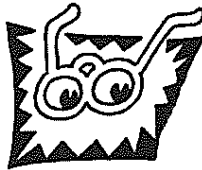
If you think that you are the most important, everything revolves around yourself. That is called self-centred. Such people are usually not very kind towards those around them. They are proud. And pride is the beginning of all sin. But if you receive God's grace, then pride cannot exist anymore. Grace is really an undeserved favour. You only can receive grace if you are humble. (James 4:6).

The Lord Jesus thought you are very valuable. He gave his life for you. He longs for you, give yourself to Him. He longs you find Him the most important in your life. Only that way pride can disappear in your life. If Jesus becomes number 1, then you don't focus as much on yourself. You become someone who can mean a lot for other people. And that is exactly what God wants you to be!

## OLD TREASURES

The Lord God is good and just. He will judge everyone. That happens on the judgement day, the great day of the Lord, when He will make everything right again. On that day God looks at how you have lived. But if you believe in Jesus you don't have to be afraid that He will condemn you. You will receive eternal life. In many books of the Bible you read about this day, the judgement day of God.

*“Many of those who have already died will live again: some will enjoy eternal life, and some will suffer eternal disgrace. The wise leaders will shine with all the brightness of the sky. And those who have taught many people to do what is right will shine like the stars forever.”*  
(Daniel 12:2-3)



## EXTRA INFORMATION

### Judgement Day

God has a specific day when the Lord Jesus will come back. He only knows when that will be. Then He will make all things right. People, who have rejected Jesus, will themselves be rejected. They will be condemned together with Satan. The Bible calls that 'the second death'. But people, who trust in the perfect love of God, won't have to be afraid, because they won't be *condemned*.

*“There is no condemnation now for those who live in union with Christ Jesus.”* (Romans 8:1)

*“Love is made perfect in us in order that we may have courage on Judgement Day; and we will have it because our life in this world is the same as Christ's. There is no fear in love; perfect love drives out all fear. So then, love has not been made perfect in anyone who is afraid, because fear has to do with punishment.”*  
(1 John 4:17-18)



**DO YOU KNOW...?**

1. How many times did Peter deny that he knew Jesus when Jesus was taken prisoner?

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And how many times did Jesus ask him if he still loved Him?

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2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:15. For whom are you living?

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3. Read Galatians 2:20. Who lives in you?

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4. Why do you not have to be afraid of the judgement day if you believe in Jesus?

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5. What does it mean that Jesus is the 'Alpha and Omega'?

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6. Look up Revelation 22:20. Jesus says here: "Yes indeed, I am coming soon!" Write down what the answer is in that verse:

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7. What is the last sentence of the Bible?

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**BIBLE READING**

Sun	John 21:1-19
Mon	Matthew 28:16-20
Tue	Acts 1:1-14
Wed	Philippians 2:1-11
Thu	1 John 1:5-2:6
Fri	Romans 6:1-13
Sat	Revelation 22:8-21



**ACTION POINT!**

Take a flower bulb (or an onion). It looks like it has no life. However it has life inside!

Plant it in a pot with earth. When, after a time a flower starts to grow, you can think of the Lord Jesus who rose from the dead and about your new life in the future.