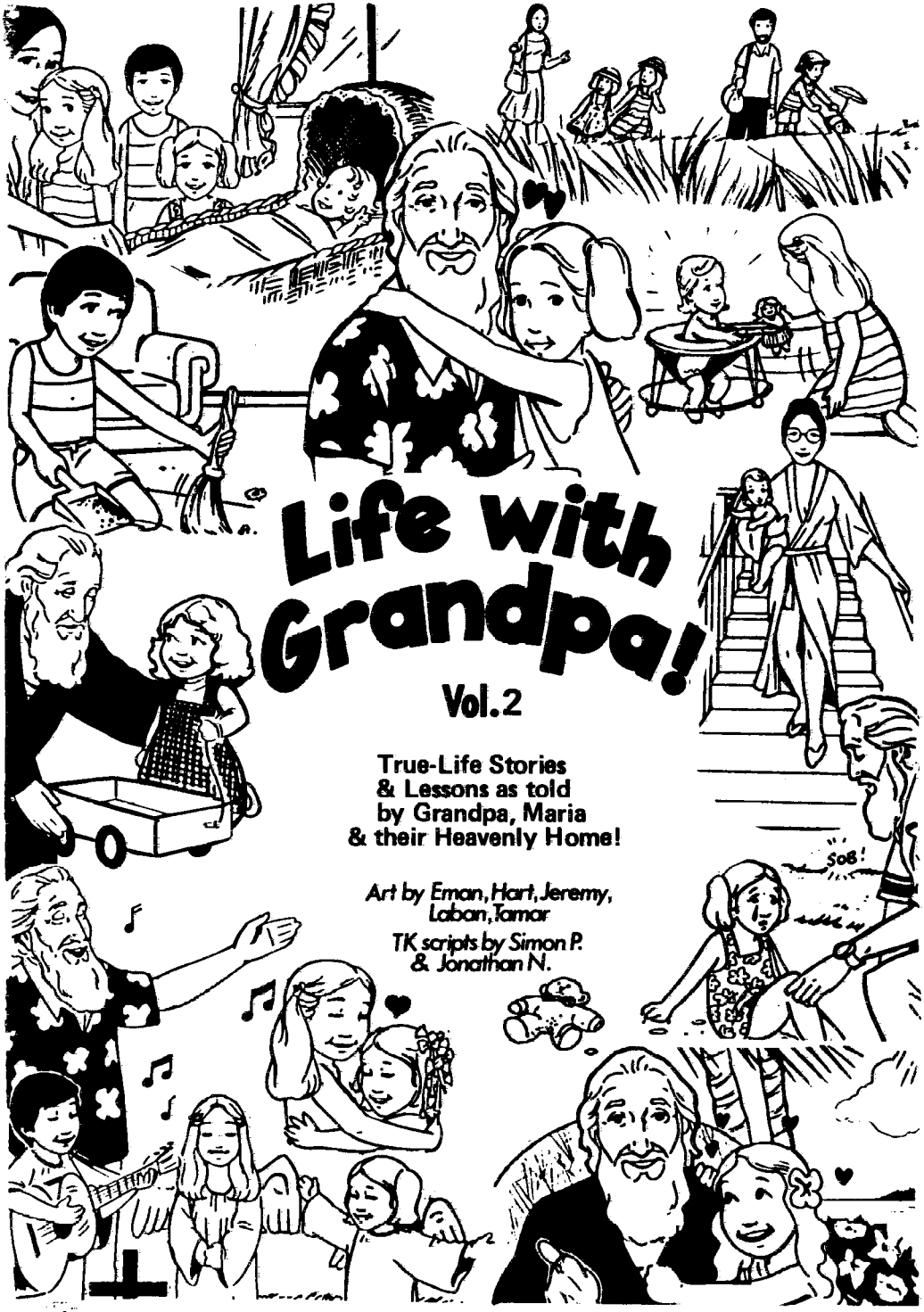

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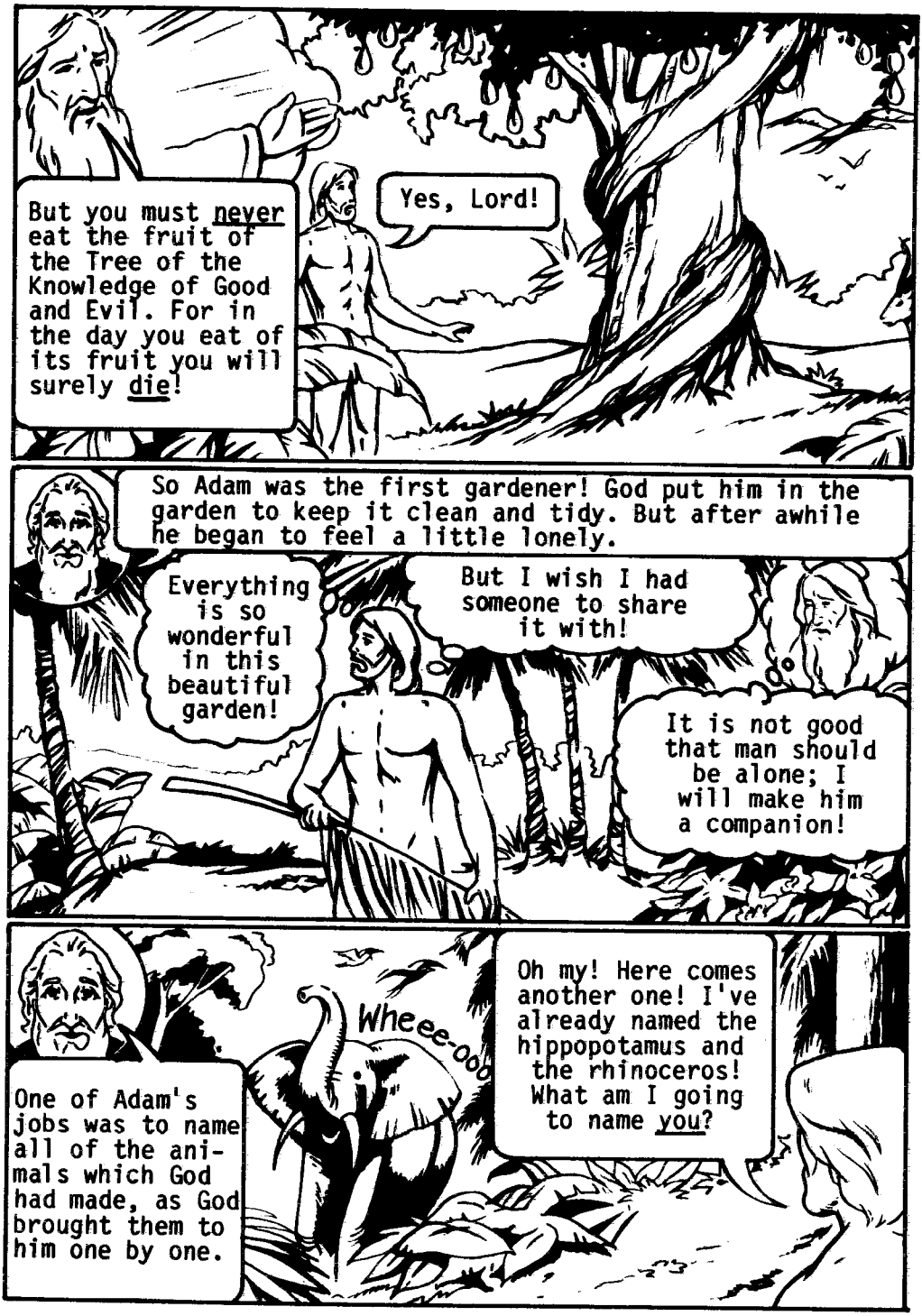
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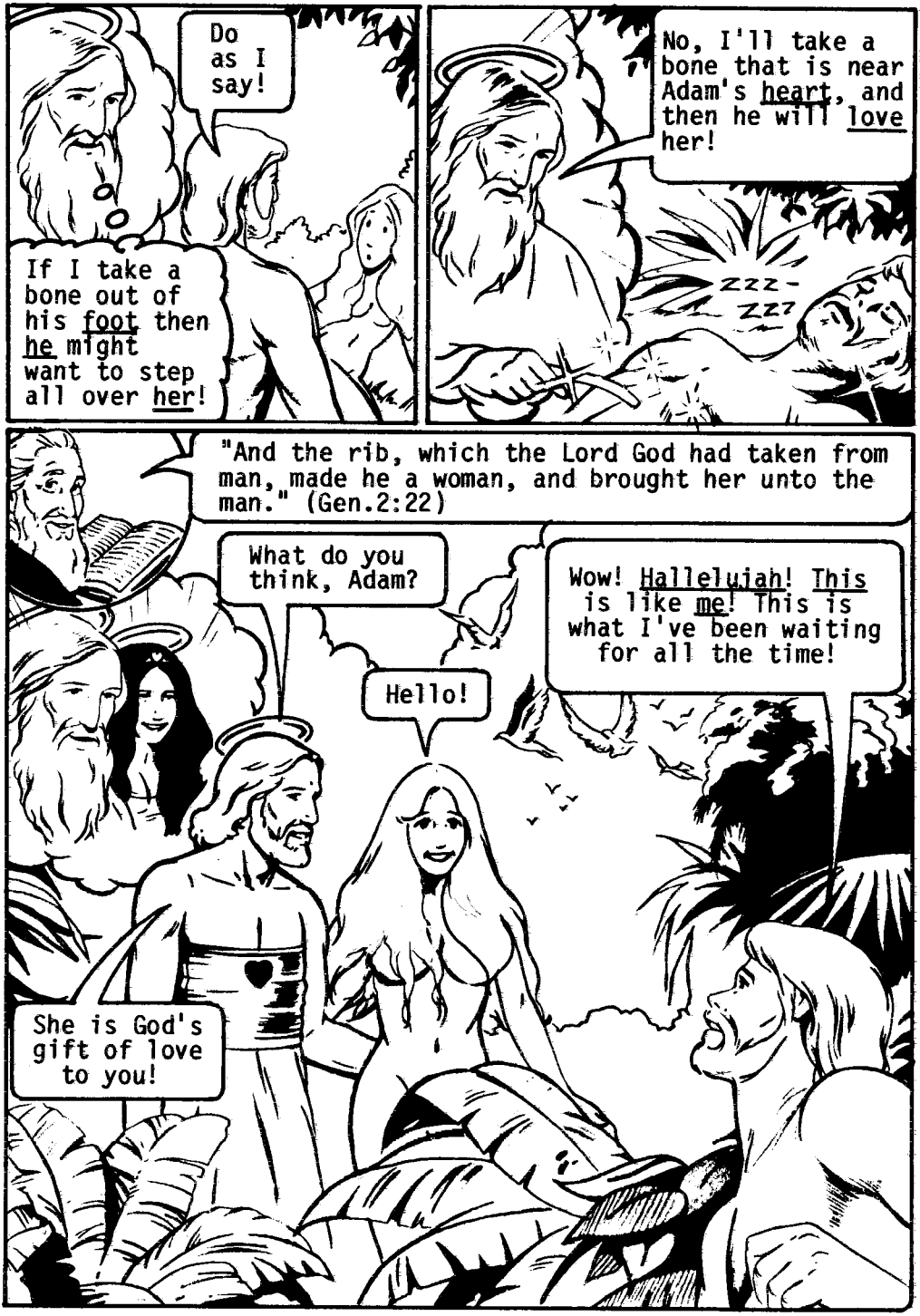

Amen!
Lord, please bless this video and anoint it! Please make it a blessing to our Family and children all around the World! In Jesus' name, amen!
Amen! Thank You Jesus!
Is the camera all set and the theme music ready, Alf?
Yes, Sir! We're ready to roll!
Let's get back to the Garden, you and I...
Hello, everybody! We love you!
Hello, children! Welcome to this new series of Grandpa Stories on video!
EDEN'S FRUITS PART ONE
THE TRUE STORY OF ADAM AND EVE!

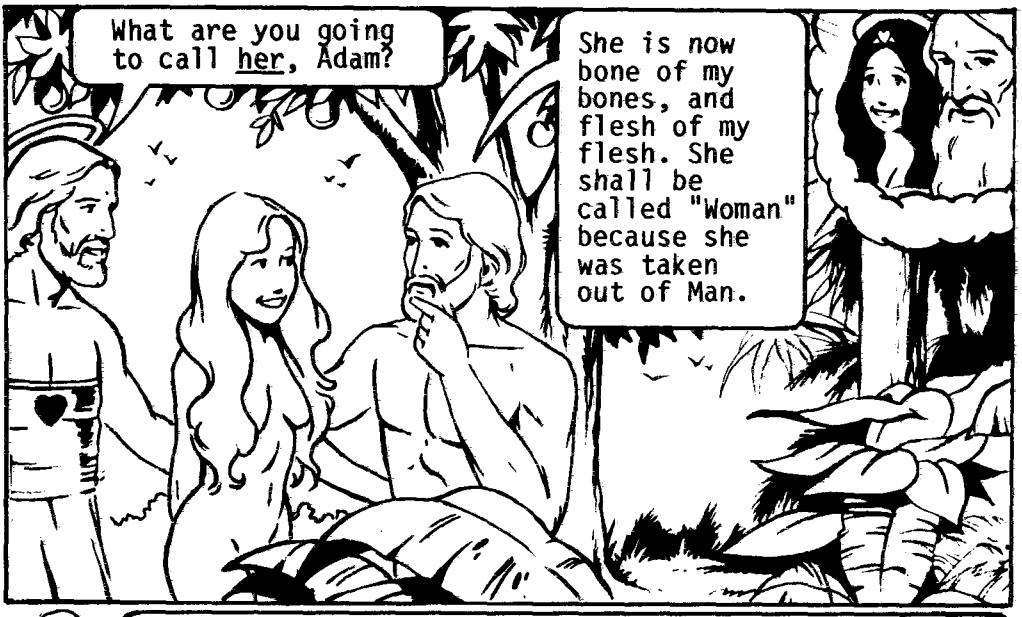

Isn't this a lovely scene? Ah! This is my idea of Heaven! Beautiful blue skies, fleecy white clouds, lovely graceful palm trees, beautiful flowers and whispering sea!
THE GARDEN OF EDEN
What does it say up there on our sign, David?
The Garden of Eden!
And what was the Garden of Eden like?
It was like Heaven!
Yes, it was like a little bit of Heaven on Earth! And that's the way it's going to be again some day soon in the Millennium, with sweet peace and no more wars!
And who was in the Garden?
Adam and Eve!
And what did God make Adam and Eve out of?
Dust!
Right! The Bible says: "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground...

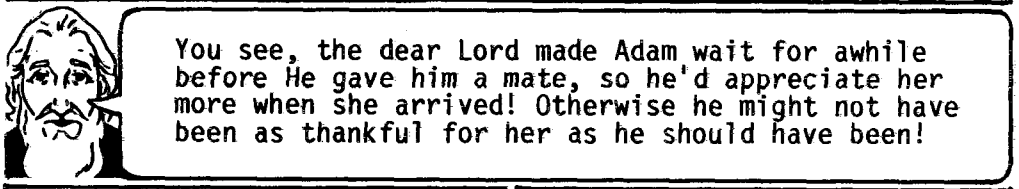

...and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul." (Gen.2:7)
Wh...Where...Where am I?
Adam! This is the Garden of Eden! I want you to tend and keep it!
Amen, Lord!
You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the Garden.

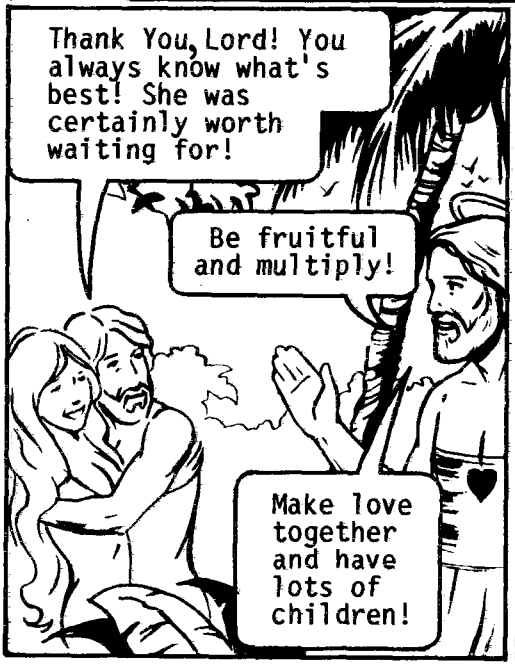

But you must never eat the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. For in the day you eat of its fruit you will surely die!
Yes, Lord!
So Adam was the first gardener! God put him in the garden to keep it clean and tidy. But after awhile he began to feel a little lonely.
Everything is so wonderful in this beautiful garden!
But I wish I had someone to share it with!
It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a companion!
One of Adam's jobs was to name all of the animals which God had made, as God brought them to him one by one.
Wheee-ooo
Oh my! Here comes another one! I've already named the hippopotamus and the rhinoceros! What am I going to name you?

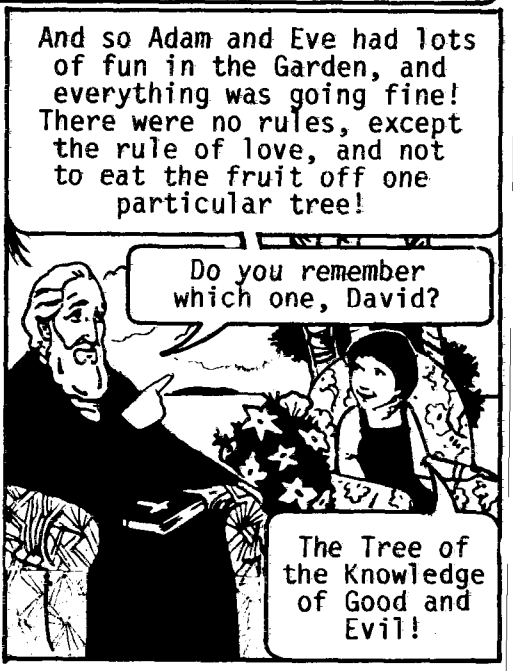

I know!...An "Ephaflunt"!
No, no!... Maybe an "Elephant" would be better!
Adam is so cute!
It's very interesting to see the different choices he makes!
Adam is made in our own image! He is like us! He has the ability to choose!
But even with all these animals as my friends, I still feel lonely! Each of them have their own mates, but I haven't found anybody to be my mate!
"And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam."
ZZZZ-ZZ
Hmmm! If I take a bone out of his head to make her, she would be on the same level as he and she might be too bossy!
Now, Adam!
ZZZ-ZZZ

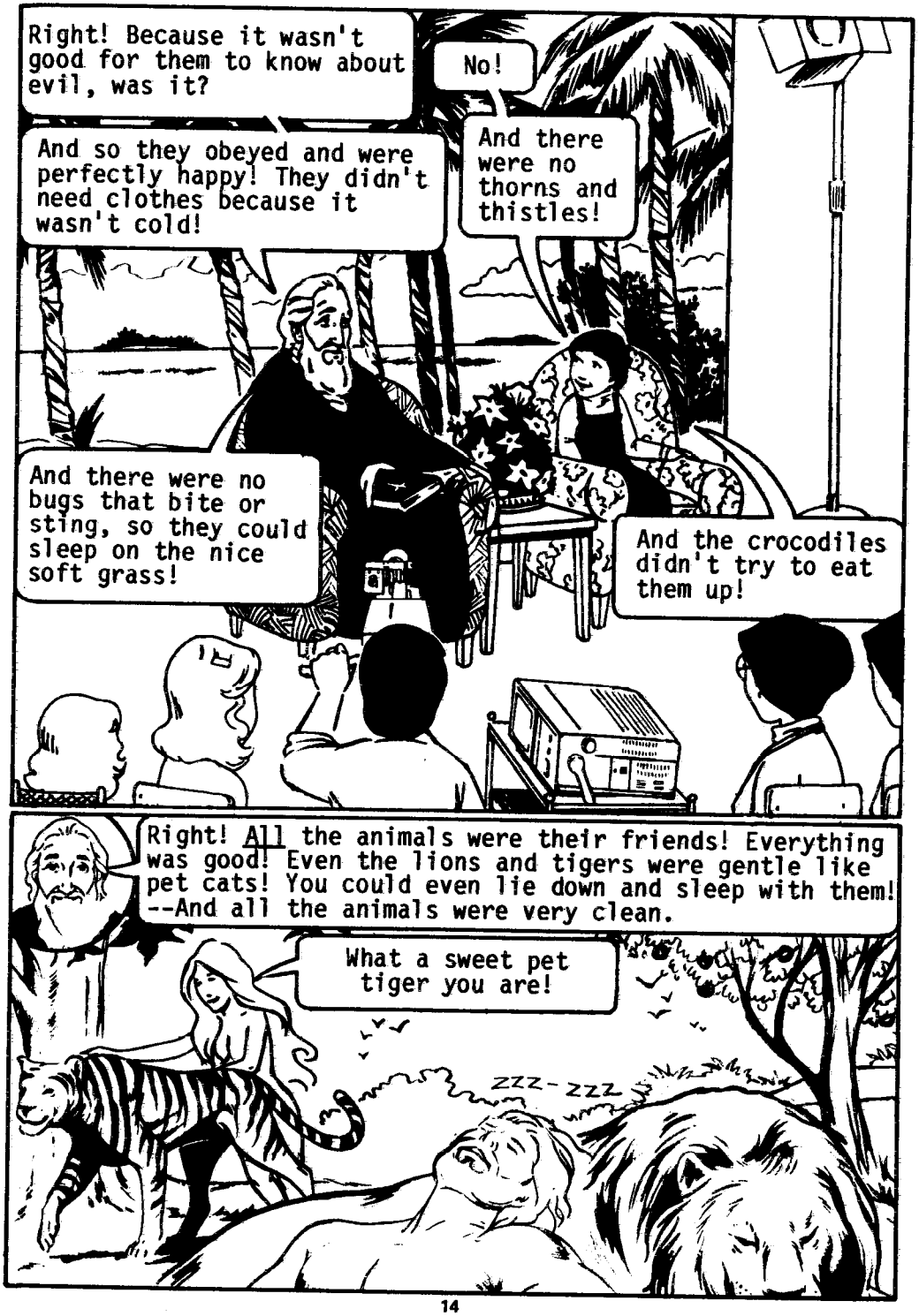

Do as I say!
If I take a bone out of his foot then he might want to step all over her!
No, I'll take a bone that is near Adam's heart, and then he will love her!
Zzz-
Zz?
"And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man." (Gen.2:22)
What do you think, Adam?
Hello!
Wow! Hallelujah! This is like me! This is what I've been waiting for all the time!
She is God's gift of love to you!


What are you going to call her, Adam?
She is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called "Woman" because she was taken out of Man.

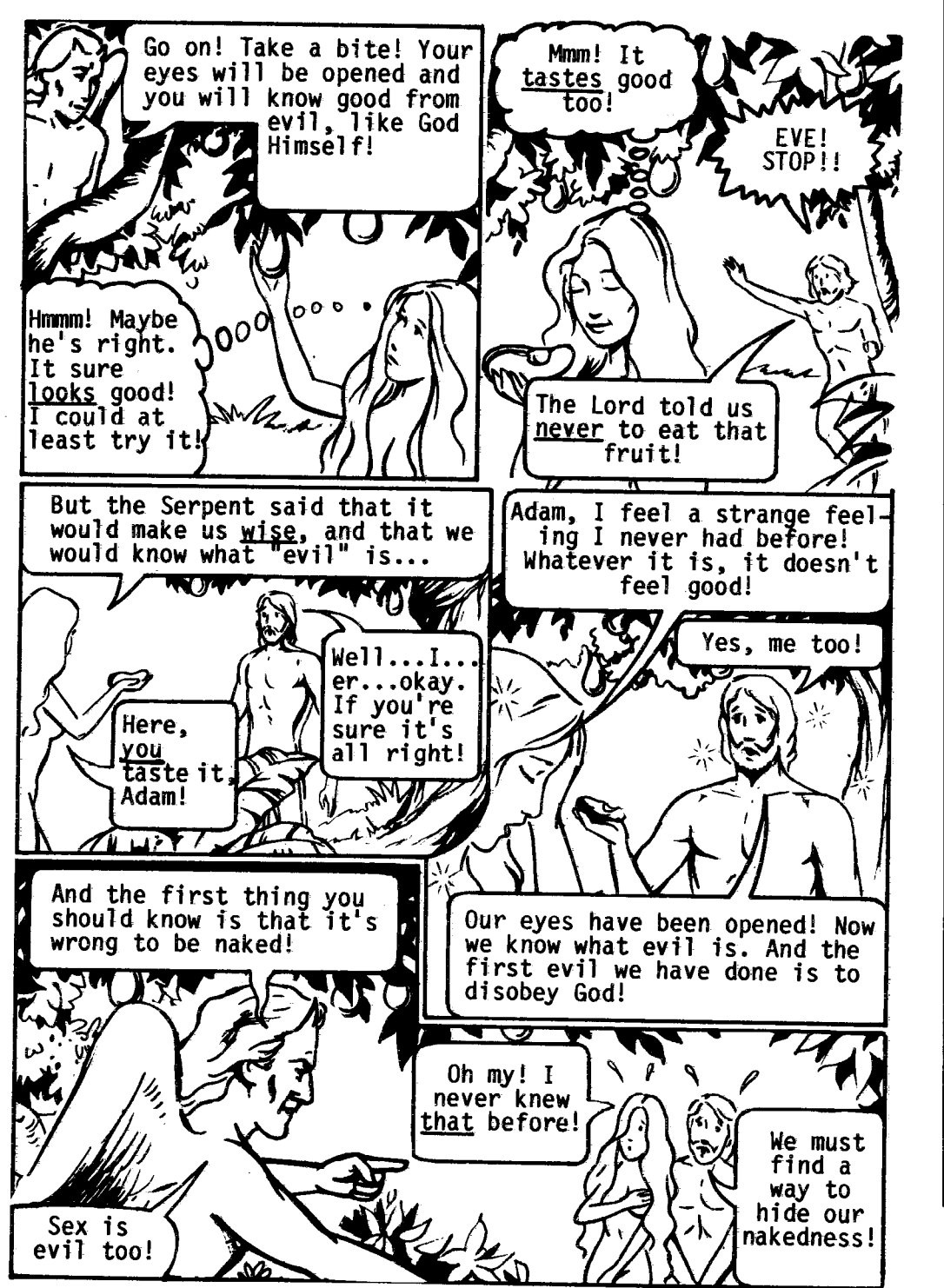

You see, the dear Lord made Adam wait for awhile before He gave him a mate, so he'd appreciate her more when she arrived! Otherwise he might not have been as thankful for her as he should have been!

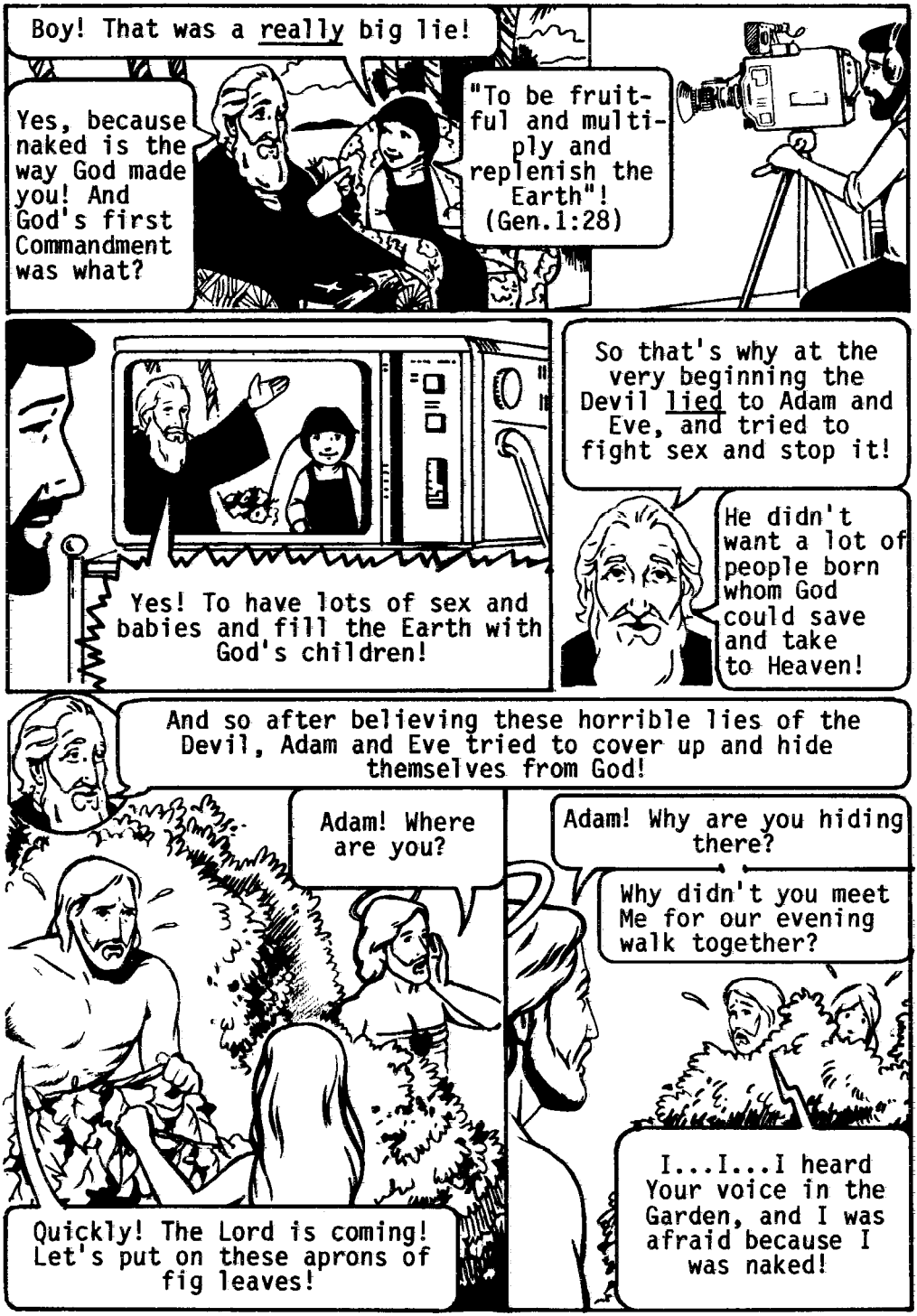

Thank You, Lord! You always know what's best! She was certainly worth waiting for!
Be fruitful and multiply!
Make love together and have lots of children!

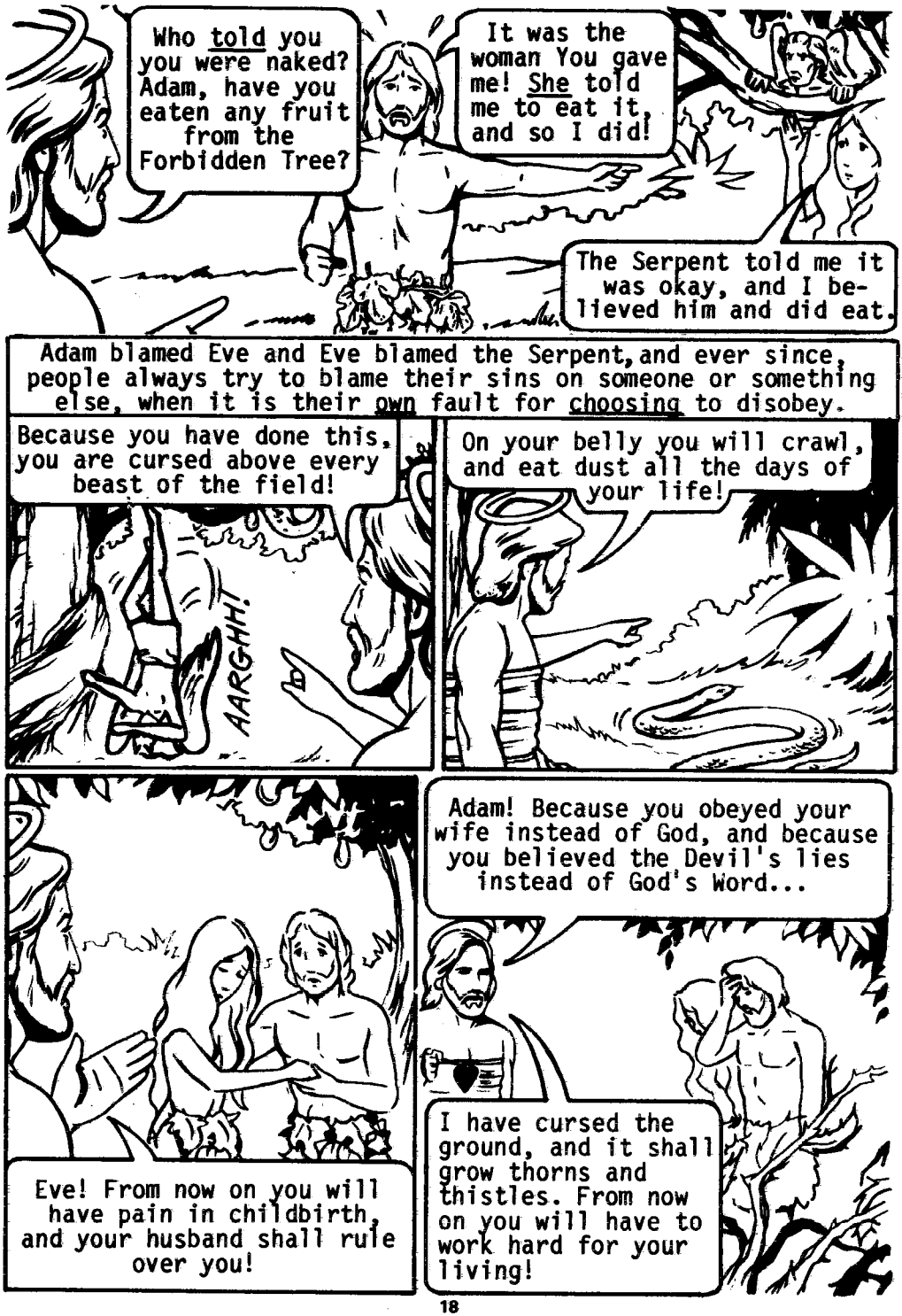

And so Adam and Eve had lots of fun in the Garden, and everything was going fine! There were no rules, except the rule of love, and not to eat the fruit off one particular tree!
Do you remember which one, David?
The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil!


Right! Because it wasn't good for them to know about evil, was it?
No!
And so they obeyed and were perfectly happy! They didn't need clothes because it wasn't cold!
And there were no thorns and thistles!
And there were no bugs that bite or sting, so they could sleep on the nice soft grass!
And the crocodiles didn't try to eat them up!
Right! All the animals were their friends! Everything was good! Even the lions and tigers were gentle like pet cats! You could even lie down and sleep with them! --And all the animals were very clean.
What a sweet pet tiger you are!
ZZZ-ZZZ


Oh, that must have been a beautiful sight, as the first two children of God played in that fairyland of the wonderful Garden of Eden!
But who else was in the Garden?
The snake!
And what's his other name?
The Devil!
Yes, the Devil! Satan, that old Serpent, was in the Garden too!
Did God tell you that you can't eat the fruit of every tree in the Garden?
We can eat the fruit of all the trees in the Garden except one.
We are not to eat the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, or God said we would surely die!
Nah! You won't die! God knows that if you eat that fruit, then you and Adam will be like gods yourselves!


Go on! Take a bite! Your eyes will be opened and you will know good from evil, like God Himself!
Hmmm! Maybe he's right. It sure looks good! I could at least try it!
Mmm! It tastes good too!
EVE! STOP!!
The Lord told us never to eat that fruit!
But the Serpent said that it would make us wise, and that we would know what "evil" is...
Here, you taste it, Adam!
Well...I... er...okay. If you're sure it's all right!
Adam, I feel a strange feeling I never had before! Whatever it is, it doesn't feel good!
Yes, me too!
Our eyes have been opened! Now we know what evil is. And the first evil we have done is to disobey God!
And the first thing you should know is that it's wrong to be naked!
Sex is evil too!
Oh my! I never knew that before!
We must find a way to hide our nakedness!


Boy! That was a really big lie!
Yes, because naked is the way God made you! And God's first Commandment was what?
"To be fruitful and multiply and replenish the Earth"! (Gen.1:28)
Yes! To have lots of sex and babies and fill the Earth with God's children!
So that's why at the very beginning the Devil lied to Adam and Eve, and tried to fight sex and stop it!
He didn't want a lot of people born whom God could save and take to Heaven!
And so after believing these horrible lies of the Devil, Adam and Eve tried to cover up and hide themselves from God!
Adam! Where are you?
Quickly! The Lord is coming! Let's put on these aprons of fig leaves!
Adam! Why are you hiding there?
Why didn't you meet Me for our evening walk together?
I...I...I heard Your voice in the Garden, and I was afraid because I was naked!

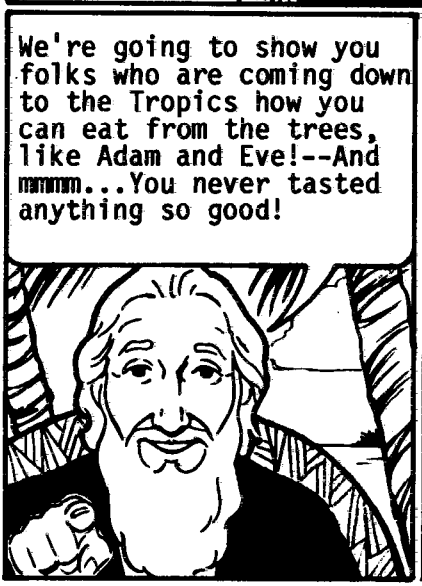

Who told you you were naked? Adam, have you eaten any fruit from the Forbidden Tree?
It was the woman You gave me! She told me to eat it, and so I did!
The Serpent told me it was okay, and I believed him and did eat.
Adam blamed Eve and Eve blamed the Serpent, and ever since, people always try to blame their sins on someone or something else, when it is their own fault for choosing to disobey.
Because you have done this, you are cursed above every beast of the field!
AARGHH!
On your belly you will crawl, and eat dust all the days of your life!
Eve! From now on you will have pain in childbirth, and your husband shall rule over you!
Adam! Because you obeyed your wife instead of God, and because you believed the Devil's lies instead of God's Word...
I have cursed the ground, and it shall grow thorns and thistles. From now on you will have to work hard for your living!


And so before they could eat also of the Tree of Life and live forever, God had to drive Adam and Eve out of the Garden!
I'm sorry, but you'll have to leave!
For awhile He kept an angel with a flaming sword at the entrance to the Garden so they couldn't come back in!
Only now can I really appreciate how good good is, and how bad evil is!
I was never really thankful for God's Love and Salvation before!
Then after some time God just took the Garden of Eden away!
How did He take it away, Grandpa?
Well, maybe He just turned it into a desert, because that part of the World is just a desert now!
Is that where you lived, Father?
Yes, Abel! That was the Garden of Eden! But now God has turned it into desert sands!


But don't worry! We're going to have another Garden of Eden when Jesus comes! In the Millennium the whole World will be like the Garden of Eden again, like it was in the days of Adam and Eve!
It's Heaven on Earth!
We're living just like Adam and Eve!
It's like living in the Garden of Eden again!
It's even more beautiful!
Ah, how beautiful! That's what we're waiting and longing for! Are you ready for it?
Adam and Eve made a bad mistake, but you have made a lot of mistakes too, haven't you?
"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God"! (Rom. 3:23) "But if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1John 1:9)
Don't you make the same mistake of listening to that old Devil tempting you to know what evil is like! Fill your heart with God's Word and you'll have no room for the evil lies of the Devil!
If you have asked Jesus into your heart, then you have the Garden of Eden in your heart right now --love, joy, happiness, peace, and everything beautiful!
Do you have Eden in your heart?


EDEN'S FRUITS
PART TWO
EDEN'S FRUITS
Well, praise the Lord! Here we are again under the palm trees, by the water on this beautiful, tropical isle!
LET'S GET BACK TO THE GARDEN....
But where are you? Are you still up in the cold, grey, wintry North?
Or have you obeyed the Lord and gone South and East to safer, better mission fields?
Last time, we told you the story of Adam and Eve and how God put them in a beautiful tropical Garden, where it was so warm they didn't need any clothes and they could pick their food right off the trees!


Did you know that you can today enjoy those delicious fruits that Jesus made and put in the Garden of Eden for Adam and Eve?
Yes! And we have some here to show you!


We're going to show you folks who are coming down to the Tropics how you can eat from the trees, like Adam and Eve!--And mmmm...You never tasted anything so good!


What kind of fruits do you have there, Son?
Oh, bananas, coconut, mango, pineapples and papayas.


Papayas!--They are so good for you! They help your tummy digest your food, and they have lots of Vitamin A and C.
They say that if you put papaya leaves on burns or sores, it helps them to heal! Praise the Lord!
Mommy says that they are one of God's "Miracle fruits"!


Some doctor was in the jungle during the 2nd World War, and saw the natives laying raw papaya slices on wounds and sores, and they healed up right away!
It's incredible! The wound has completely healed!
Yes! It's God's natural remedy!
Now what is this fruit called?
A pineapple!
Why do you think they're called pine-apples?
I don't know, Grandpa!
They were first called pine-apples by British sailors when they first sailed to the Tropics!
And it tastes a little like an apple!
Then we'll call it a pine-apple! Ha!
What on Earth is this funny-looking fruit?
I don't know! It looks like a big pine cone!


Do you have another of "Eden's Fruits" that you'd like to show us?
Yes! I think this is a lemon.
Well, people used to think it was a type of lemon, but actually it's a different fruit. It's called a lime.
Limes are full of Vitamin C! Drinking the juice helps cuts to heal quickly, and is good for the eyes, teeth and skin!
I don't think I've ever tasted a lime!
Well, you don't normally eat them on their own because they're too tangy! They're twice as tangy as a lemon!
The juice can be squeezed from the lime to make limeade, or added to other juices like tomato, pineapple, grape or orange juices to give them extra punch and flavour!
When I lived in the Florida Keys, where they grow lots of limes, I used to love to eat lime pie!
As we say in Florida, you haven't lived until you've tasted Florida Key Lime pies!
Mmmm! Praise the Lord! The taste is just out of this World!


Do you know why the Australians nicknamed the British, "limeys"? Well, in the old days, many sailors used to die of a terrible disease called "scurvy"!
What kind of disease is that, Grandpa?
It was caused by a lack of Vitamin C, because on their long voyages, they didn't eat any fruit or vegetables. Most fruit won't stay fresh on a ship for many, many months!
Then, in 1772, Captain Cook set out for his second journey around the World.
Captain Cook, to stay at sea for so long with no fresh fruit will mean certain death for most of your crew!
Aye, many will die of the scurvy! They always do!
We'd like you to try an experiment, Sir! Please take aboard these limes, and serve your men a drink of lime juice every day! We believe the limes have enough Vitamin C in them to keep you all healthy!
ENDEAVOUR
DRIED MEAT
Aye, Sir! You have my permission! Load the limes on board!
LIMES
LIMES
And when Captain Cook returned three years later, guess how many men he had lost through sickness?
Only one!
Praise the Lord! It worked!
Yes, and so from then on the government ordered lime juice to be served on all British ships, and that's how the British sailors became known as "limeys"!
Ha!

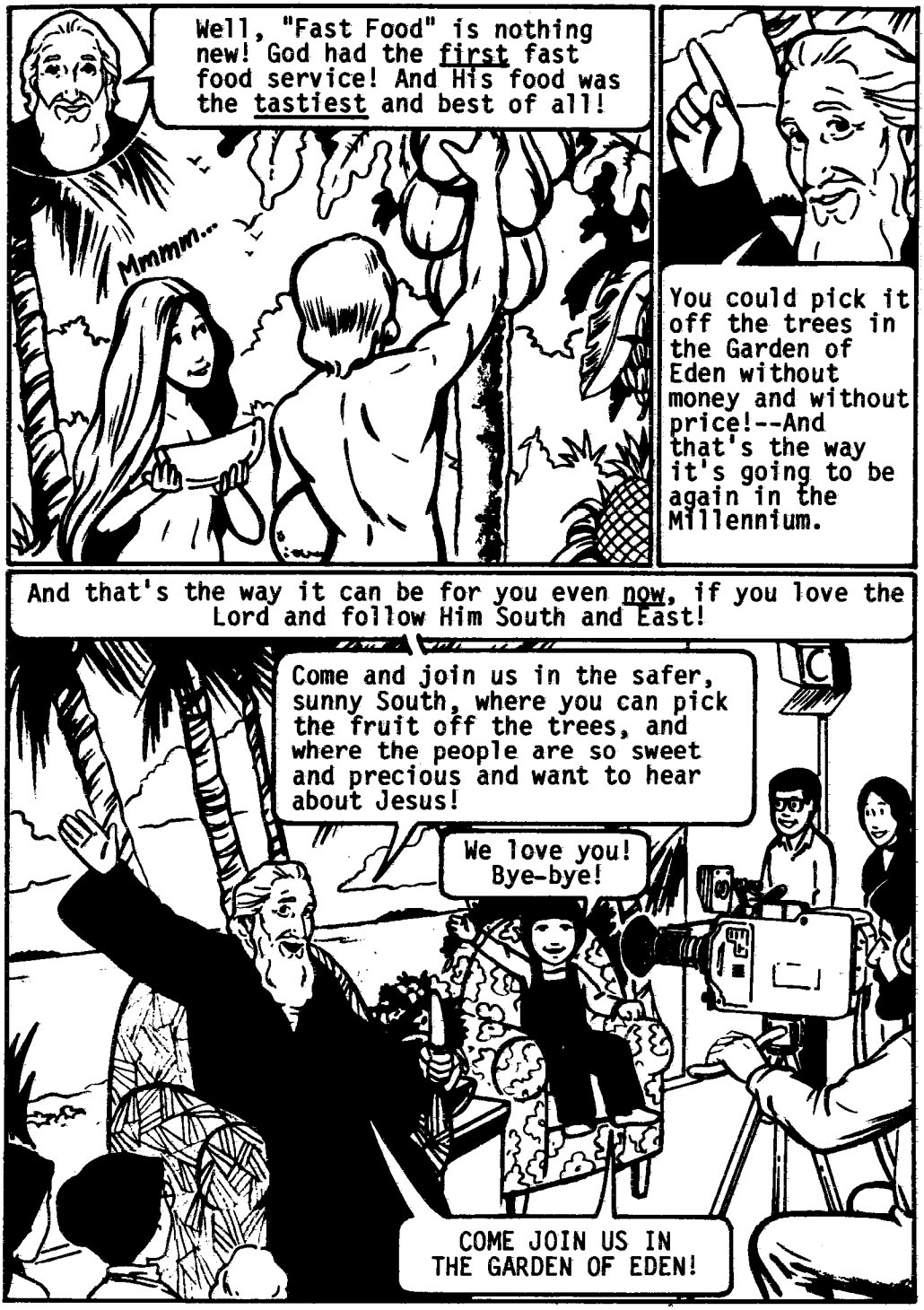

Guavas are another very common tropical fruit! I can see one on your pile there! Both limes and guavas are very well known in most tropical countries!
Let's cut that one open and see if it's white or pink inside!
Look! It's filled with all these little pink seeds, so they call it a "strawberry guava". It tastes a little like a strawberry too! The other kind is called the "common guava", and is usually white inside!
Guavas are often used to make jelly, jam, candy, guava butter, and guava ice cream! I used to really like guava jelly!
Grandpa, this is a watermelon!
Yes, watermelons are a tropical fruit too! Did you know that 95% of the watermelon is water? It doesn't contain many vitamins, but to eat a nice big juicy slice of cold watermelon on a hot dry day when you're sweaty and thirsty is so refreshing and delicious!
Mmmm! Yummy!
Now, what is that you see up there behind you?
It's a coconut tree!
Can you see any coconuts up there anywhere?
Yes, I can see a bunch of them hanging down!


They're abiding in the vine, or the coconut tree, aren't they? Do you know a verse about that?
I am the Vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much "coconuts"--or fruit! (John 15:5)
Right! Jesus is our vine and if we stay close to Him, then we'll bear much fruit!--Like that coconut tree! Praise the Lord!
God created coconut palms to grow near sea water on those beautiful tropical beaches, to feed those dear natives who would have almost no food if they didn't have those delicious coconuts!
Thank God for coconut trees! They give us food and shelter, and we can use every part of the tree!
We use the trunk and the leaves to make houses with thatched roofs!


We also use the leaves to make baskets and fans!
Out of the hairy coconut copra we make mats and ropes and sails for our boats!
Oil squeezed from the coconut is used to make soap and candles, and is very good for your hair!
COCONUT OIL
The green outside packing is to protect the coconut in case it falls!
First you cut off the green copra!
Then inside you'll find a brown bottle of coconut milk...
Glug Glug
...with delicious, whitish coconut candy inside! So good for you!


Now what are these?
Bananas!
And how do they grow?
In bunches!
Yes! In big bunches! Do you remember in Tenerife how some bunches of bananas were twice as big as you! There must have been 100 bananas on one bunch!
Thank the Lord for bananas! They're very good for you! But you should never eat them when they're green or all yellow!
Did you know that?
You should wait until they have these little brown and black spots on the outside skin! Then they're ripe and ready to eat!
Yes, because they're not ripe!
How do you eat bananas? Do you just stick them in your mouth like this?
Ha! No! You peel them!


And to peel them you just "pop" the top!
POP!
Cola
Of course, we don't drink fizzy drinks, but it was God who made the first pop-tops!
Have you seen how they open fizzy drink cans by popping the top?
Yes, they pull the little tab on top!
You take ahold of this little tab like on the drink can.
Then you pull it off, and it "pops" open, like this!
POP!
And then you can peel it down! Pop-top bananas! How about that?
ZIP!
Remember, the Devil can never make anything new! He can only try to copy what God has already made! --Like these "Fast Food" places--
Quick! I'm in a hurry! Give me two Dirty Pork Burgers, please!
DIRTY PORK BURGERS! READY IN ONLY THREE MINUTES !!
Two Dirty Pork Burgers, quick!!


Well, "Fast Food" is nothing new! God had the first fast food service! And His food was the tastiest and best of all!
Mmmm...
You could pick it off the trees in the Garden of Eden without money and without price!--And that's the way it's going to be again in the Millennium.
And that's the way it can be for you even now, if you love the Lord and follow Him South and East!
Come and join us in the safer, sunny South, where you can pick the fruit off the trees, and where the people are so sweet and precious and want to hear about Jesus!
We love you! Bye-bye!
COME JOIN US IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN!


EDEN'S FRUITS
PART THREE
MR. COCONU
Let's get back to the Garden....♪
THE GARDEN OF EDEN
Praise the Lord! Hallelujah! Here we are again under the palm trees and the blue sky, in this beautiful tropical paradise, just like the Garden of Eden!


One of the most marvellous of Eden's Fruits that God created was the coconut!
And we have some coconuts here with us tonight, don't we?
Yes, we do!
Hello, Mr. Coconut! Are you happy to be here tonight?
Yes, I'm very happy to be here! Thank you!
Is everybody happy that Mr. Coconut is with us tonight?
Hello, folks!
Amen!
Yes, Sir!
Yes, we are!
Is the coconut really talking, Dora?
No, Grandpa is talking for the coconut!
Do you know how you can tell I'm a good coconut, David?
No!
Just shake me up and see!


SWISH!
SWISH! SLOSH!
SLOSH!
Can you hear that?
Yes! You have lots of milk inside!
He's like a good Christian! He's full of the sincere milk of the Word!
But what about this coconut over here?
SWISH SWISH
What are you doing here? Are you a good coconut?
Shake me and see!
I don't hear any milk, do you?
No! Not a drop!
He's a bad old hairy coconut. He doesn't have any milk! He doesn't have any Word!
He's a bad character! He's looking around shifty-eyed to see if anybody is about to get him, because he doesn't have the sincere milk of the Word!


Mr. Bad Coconut won't even look at you! He hides behind his long hair!--But Mr. Good Coconut has a nice open face, quite happy to look everyone in the eye!
Ha! It looks like his tongue is sticking out!
Yes, his little tongue is sticking out ready to witness and preach the Gospel!
Do you like to preach the Gospel, Mr. Coconut?
Yes, of course I like to preach the Gospel!
Are you sure you're a good coconut?
Yes, yes! Because I'm full of the milk of the Word!
Well, let's find out, shall we? Hey, Mr. Coconut, what's that hammer doing there?
Oh my, I think it's going to crack you!
Gulp!
Do you want to be cracked, Mr. Coconut?
Well...I... uh...I guess I'll have to be cracked, otherwise you'll never be able to drink my milk!


And so tonight, dear Mr. Good Coconut is going to give his life for you and me, so that we may live and drink his milk and eat his meat!
THE GARDEN OF EDEN
Oh, dear!
I know it's kind of sad, but that's what coconuts have to do!
It's like roses! They can't give forth sweet perfume until they are crushed!
SWEET ROSE PERFUME
And a coconut can't give forth its sweet milk until it's cracked!
That's okay! I'd like to be cracked! I'd like to give up my life for you like Jesus did!
Thank you, Mr. Coconut! God bless you! And that's what we Christians have to do, don't we? We have to give up our lives for others, like Jesus gave up His life for us!


So let's see if we can open his mouth first, shall we?
The Lord said if you open your mouth what would He do?
"Open your mouth wide and I will fill it." (Psalm 81:10)
He's going to fill the glass!--Ha!
Now he needs his eyes open!
Right! To preach the Gospel you have to have your eyes open to the Truth!
This is hard work!
TOONK!
Yes! Coconuts are like the Bible! They're a little hard for some people to crack open and drink the delicious milk of the Word inside!
What is the milk of the Word like, David?
The milk of the Word is like the Gospel of John or the simple stories of Jesus in the Bible.
The meat of the Word is the more difficult parts, like Bible prophecy!

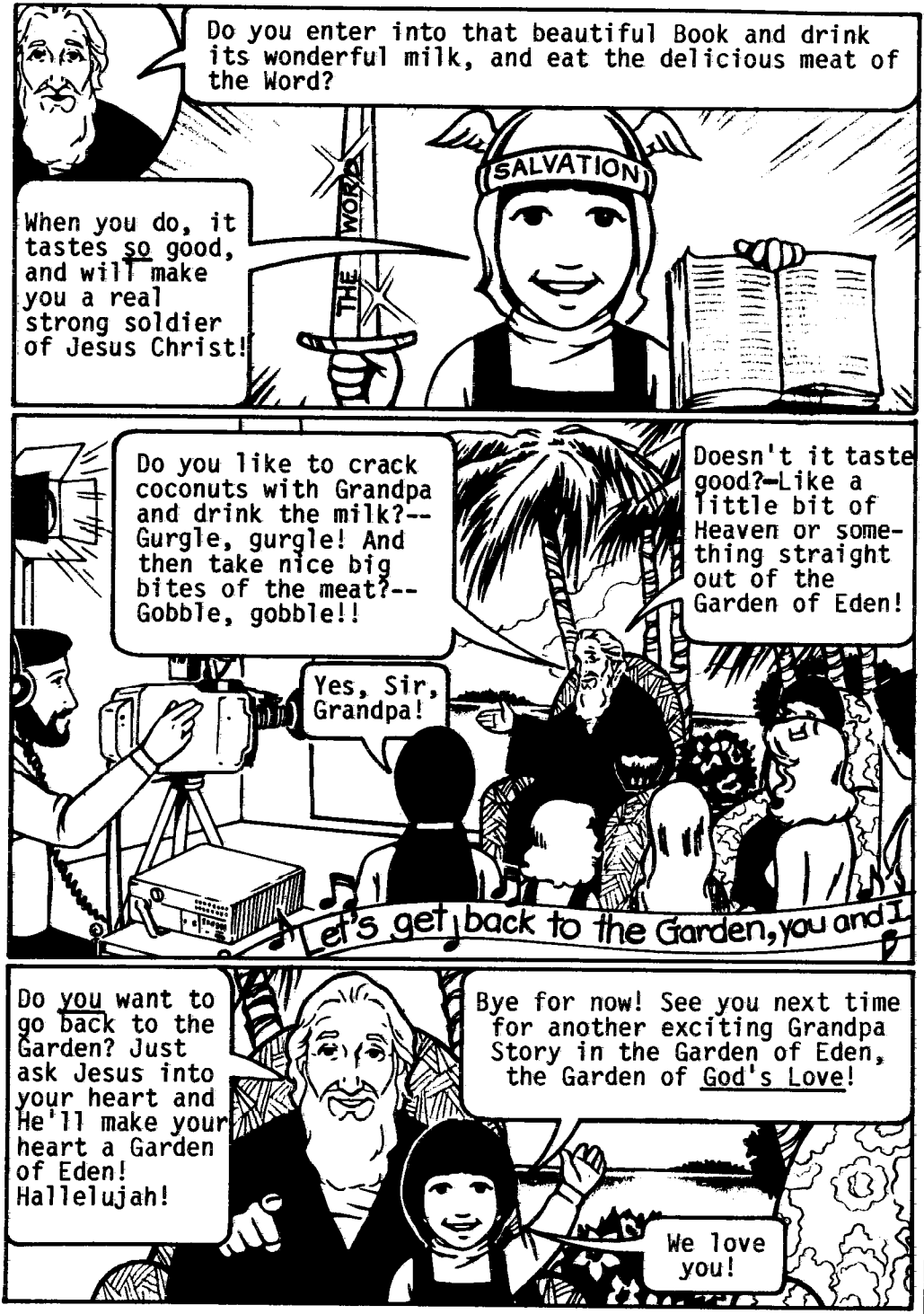

There! His eyes and mouth are open! Do you think we can get some milk out of him now?
Let's try!
Ohhhh! Look at all that luscious coconut milk running out!
We'll need another glass!
See! He's crying tears of love for the lost! And he's opening his mouth to preach the Gospel, see it?
Blub Blub Blub
That's the way we Christians are too, you know? Sometimes we have to be pierced through with many sorrows in order to give out the sweet milk of the Word!
God had to break my body and my will, before I would receive His Truth!
Now I want each of you to know His Love like I do! Jesus says, "Come unto Me... (Matthew 11:28)
Mmmm! It looks so good! But let's not forget to pray!
Lord, bless this milk and help it to be good! And help the coconut meat to be good too! In Jesus' name, amen!

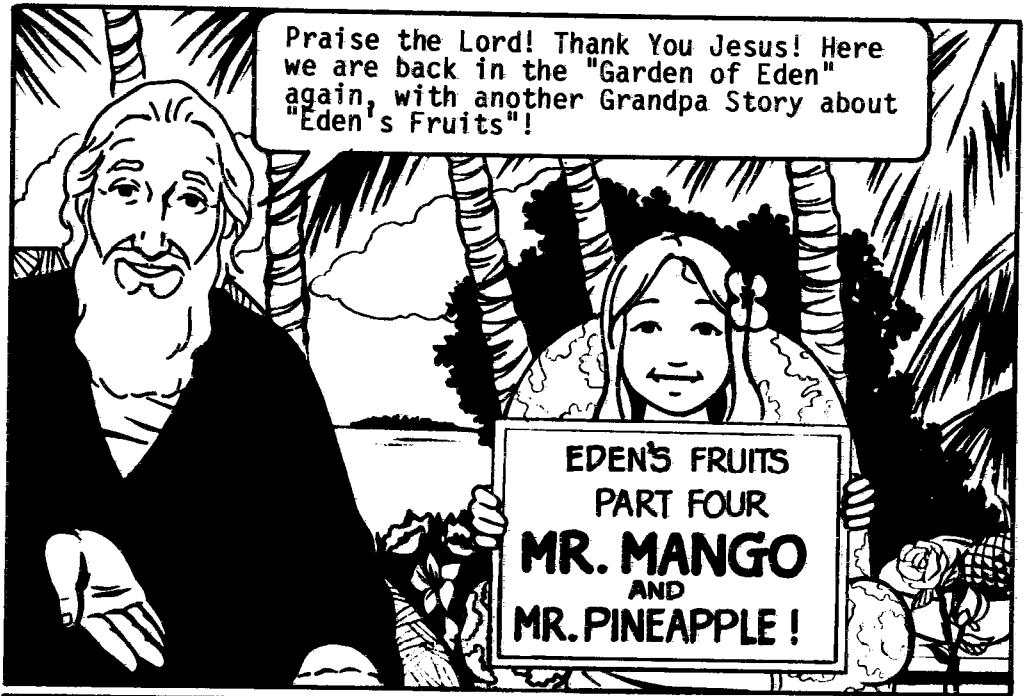

Ahhh! It's so good! Thank You Jesus! It's just delicious!
Oooh! It's nice and sweet!
Yes, God put the sweetness of His Love in Mr. Coconut's heart, so that he could give out the very sweet, pure milk of the Word!
God probably put that milk there also for mommies who don't have enough milk, so they can feed their babies!
It's so satisfying! It tastes like mother's milk fresh out of the bosom!
SIP SIP
Please can I taste some too?
Mmmm! It's so sweet! Even without sweetener!
Mmmm! And the milk of the Word tastes so good too! Do you drink the Word out of your Bible?
Amen! If you drink the Word it refreshes your Spirit!
Now, Mr. Coconut, have you got anything more for us?
Oh yes! Lots! Please crack my skull now and get inside my head and I'll give you some delicious meat!

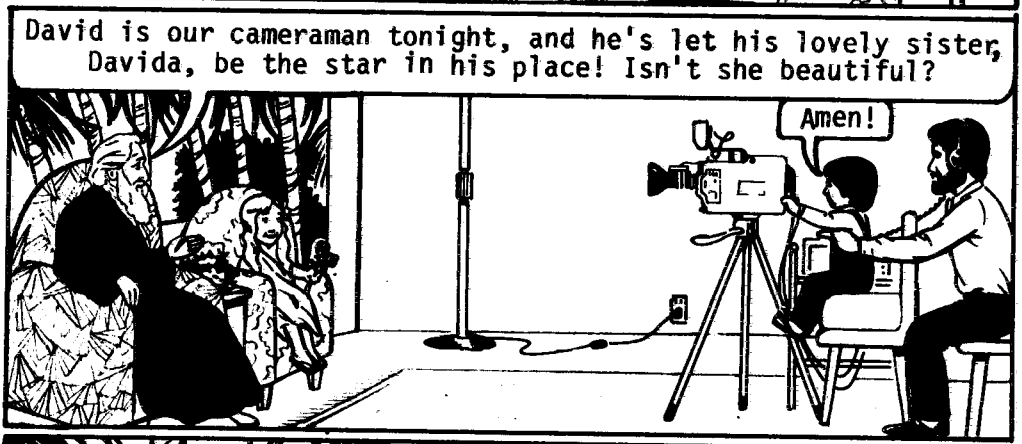

Mr. Coconut is now going to give up his life as a martyr for Jesus, so we can have some meat of the Word!
Sorry we have to crack your head, Mr. Coconut!
It's okay! We have to live and die for Jesus!
There!
KRAK!
Look at all that good meat in there! Oh yummy, yummy!
Mama can make coconut cookies! Or coconut pies and puddings! There are so many goodies you can make from coconut meat!
And now, David, I'll play like I'm God and clean any little bits of hair or dirt out of there!
Look at the good meat of the Word of God inside! See?--It's pure and white as snow!
Yes, he has a good clean brain now with no more dirty, bad or naughty thoughts!
"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow"!(Isaiah 1:18)

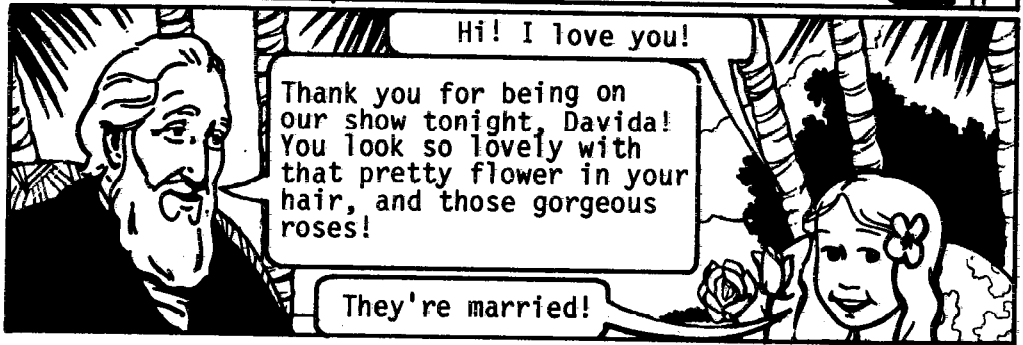

Here it comes! Look how the delicious strong meat of the Word is poppin' right out of his head!
Ahhh! That first bite is so delicious, so luscious!
Milk as sweet as mother's milk! Heart so fresh and white! Meat so firm and fresh and sound. It is a pure delight!
These things take some strong chewin'! It's good for your teeth!
This is strong meat! Like the strong meat of the Word!
Mmmm! It's so sweet and juicy!
Yes, it's God's own natural candy! We don't believe in eating candy made out of white sugar, do we?
No, Ma'am!
This is better than candy! And you don't have to go to the store to buy it! In the South and East you can pick them right off the tree!
Hi, Mr. Coconut! How are you feeling now?
Good, thank you! Now I've really got the Light of God's Truth in my head! I'm very happy now.
God bless him! That's pretty hard for some people to do, because they want to keep their minds closed to the Gospel and the Truth!
The Bible says...
Stop!! I don't want to hear it!


Wasn't he a good coconut for giving his all to Jesus?
He saved us from our thirst and hunger and fed us his milk and meat!
Do you want to give Mr. Coconut a kiss for being such a good boy?
We love you, Mr. Coconut!
KISS!
If you give your all to Jesus, He gives His all to you!
"He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for My sake shall find it"! (Matthew 10:39)
We too must die daily to feed the hungry souls that need the sincere milk of the Word!
I'm really tired, but I can't stop now! There are so many hungry sheep!
Remember, children, that the Bible is like a coconut!
Do you crack it open every day?


Do you enter into that beautiful Book and drink its wonderful milk, and eat the delicious meat of the Word?
When you do, it tastes so good, and will make you a real strong soldier of Jesus Christ!
THE WORD
SALVATION
Do you like to crack coconuts with Grandpa and drink the milk?--Gurgle, gurgle! And then take nice big bites of the meat?--Gobble, gobble!!
Yes, Sir, Grandpa!
Doesn't it taste good?--Like a little bit of Heaven or something straight out of the Garden of Eden!
Let's get back to the Garden, you and I
Do you want to go back to the Garden? Just ask Jesus into your heart and He'll make your heart a Garden of Eden! Hallelujah!
Bye for now! See you next time for another exciting Grandpa Story in the Garden of Eden, the Garden of God's Love!
We love you!


Praise the Lord! Thank You Jesus! Here we are back in the "Garden of Eden" again, with another Grandpa Story about "Eden's Fruits"!
EDEN'S FRUITS
PART FOUR
MR. MANGO
AND
MR. PINEAPPLE!


David is our cameraman tonight, and he's let his lovely sister, Davida, be the star in his place! Isn't she beautiful?
Amen!


Hi! I love you!
Thank you for being on our show tonight, Davida! You look so lovely with that pretty flower in your hair, and those gorgeous roses!
They're married!

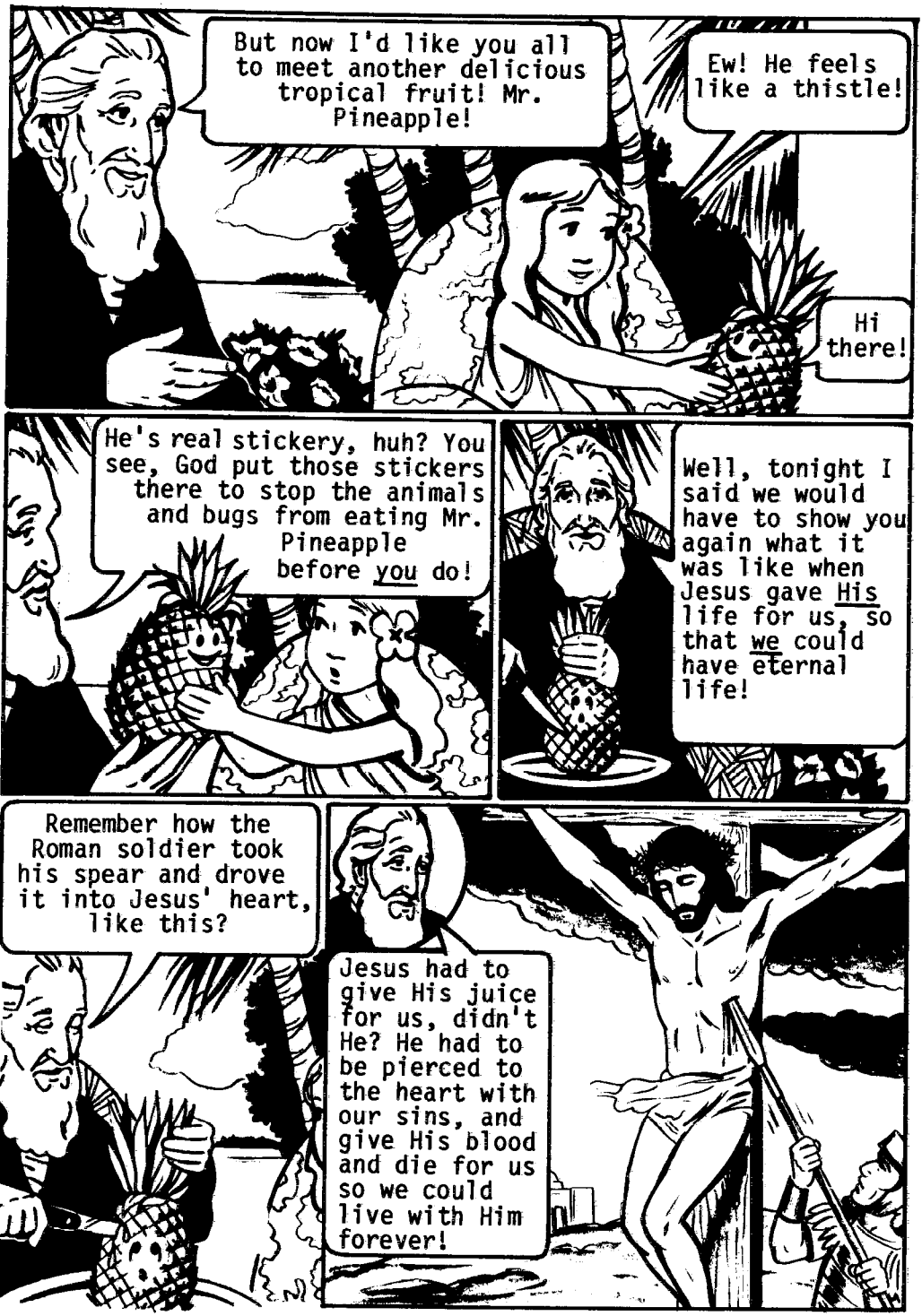

The two roses are married, she says! Isn't that sweet! Yes, look! They're kissing!
And you are a beautiful rose, for sure, Davida!
"Sweetest little girl, anybody knows!
Don't know what to call her,
But she's mighty like a rose!
Looking at her Grandpa,
Eyes so smiling blue,
Makes you know that Heaven's
Coming mighty close to you"!
And what could be more like Heaven than all you beautiful children in our Family! I love you! XXXX!
Ah! Our children are like beautiful little roses from Heaven come down to be with us from Jesus!
We love you, Grandpa!
Well, tonight we're supposed to be having a story about Eden's fruits, and not roses! --Ha!
Now this next fruit I'm going to show you is not quite so beautiful as it should be, because it got a bit spotty!
Here, Grandpa!


Do you know what this is?
I forgot its name!
Who knows?
A mango!
Yes! And a mango tastes about half-way between a peach and a strawberry, and is about the most delicious food you ever ate!
But mangoes are very soft and delicate and you mustn't pinch them, like my Mother used to do when the little Cuban fruit man came along our street in Miami!
Pineapples! Mangoes! Coconuts! Papayas!
JOSE'S FRUITS
Yes, please! I'd like to buy some mangoes!
Let me just feel if these are ripe!
Señora! Señora! Please no pincha the mangoes!--Pinch the coconuts!
JOSE'S

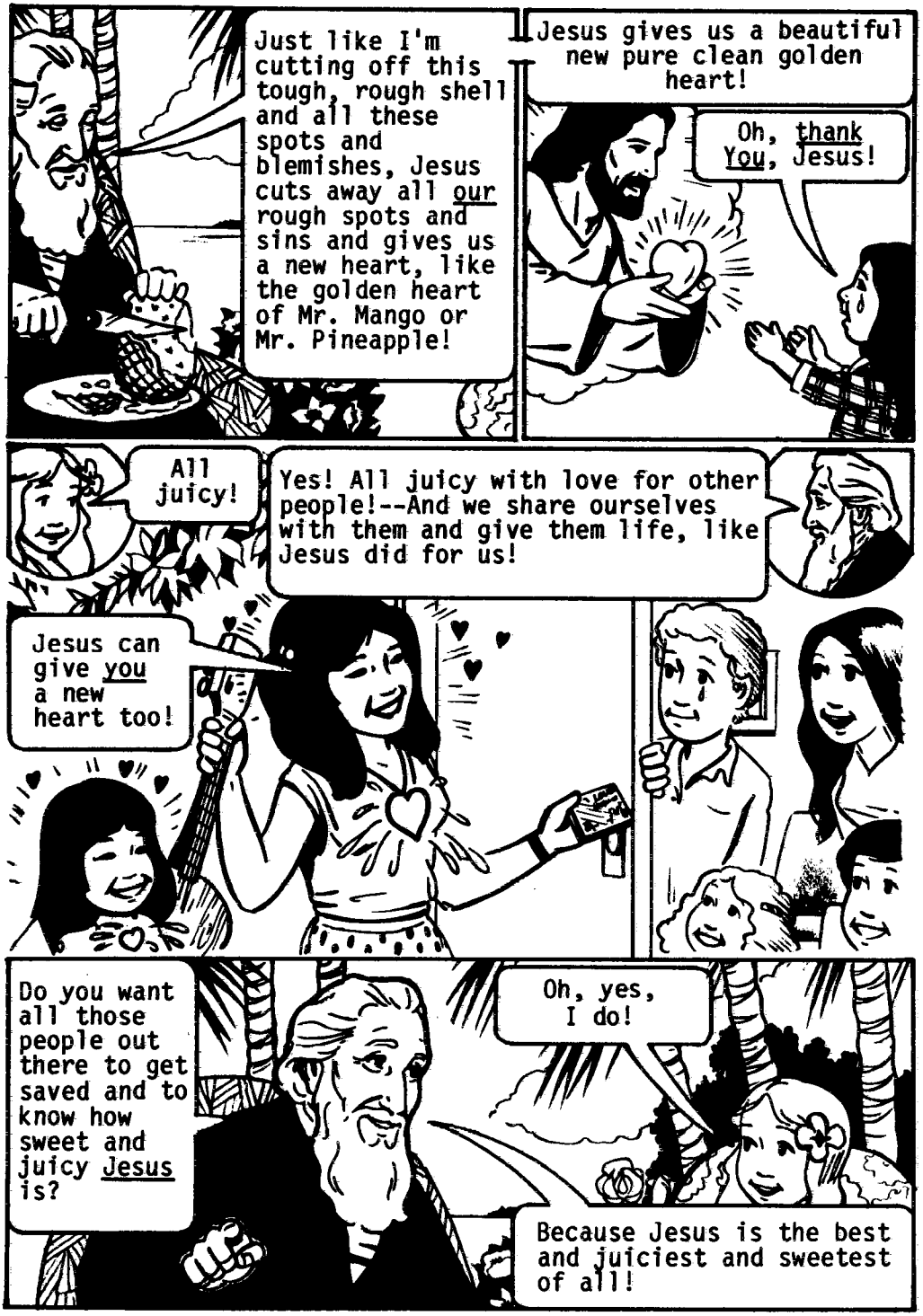

Ha! Why did he want her to pinch the coconuts, Grandpa?
Because you can't hurt a coconut by pinching it! It's so hard! But every time you pinch a mango it leaves black spots just like these, see?
But look! Underneath that black and spotted skin, Mr. Mango has a beautiful golden heart!
Just like some people! They may look a little spotty and ugly on the outside...
...But underneath that thin skin you'll find a beautiful soul with a great big heart of gold!
Can you help us, please?
Of course, I'd love to help you! This is for you!
Thank you, kind Sir!
Oh my! It tastes so good! Would you like some, Davida?
Oh, yes, please! It looks yummy!
Uh-oh! We forgot to pray! Davida, you'd better pray quick so we don't choke!

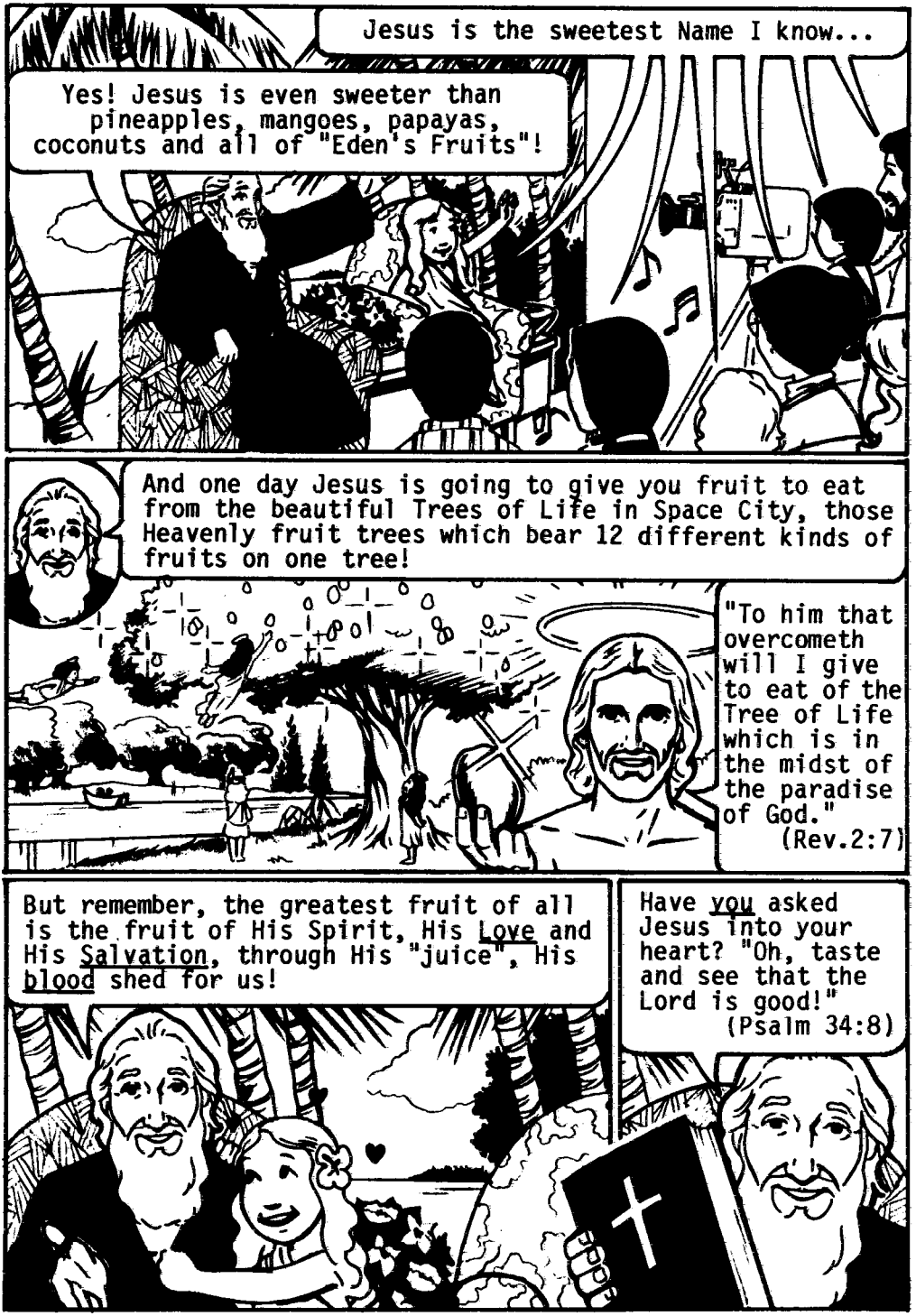

Jesus, thank You that we're having a nice Grandpa Story and a fun time! Thank You for this yummy food that grows in the Tropics!
Please bless this nice mango and make it pure for us to eat! In Jesus' name, amen!
Amen! Thank You Jesus so much for these Heavenly fruits of the Garden of Eden!
Amen!
Amen! We're trying to show you folks who are watching how God loved you so much that He grew these delicious, delightful, yummy fruits that you can pick right off the trees!
Mmmm! It's finger-lickin' good! Isn't it? When you get done, you lick your lips and fingers, it's so good! Ah, thank You Jesus!
Mmmm!
Now that we have eaten the most delicious part, what is that skinny little thing you have there?
The seed!
Yes, a seed! And God made it so that if you bury Mr. Mango's seed in the ground...


...One day it will grow up to be a big fruitful tree and bear many, many more Mr. Mangos! Isn't that wonderful?
Did you know that one mango tree can grow up to 35,000 mangos a year!
Wow!
Grandpa, I got the verse: "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone. But if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit!" (John 12:24)
Amen! So thank you, Mr. Mango! Wasn't he good for giving up his life for us?
When you live in the Tropics, you always have plenty of delicious fruit to eat, from the soft golden-hearted mango to the hard-headed coconut!
Do you all remember Mr. Coconut?
Yes! We do!
Remember? He had a hard head!--But a soft heart and a milky spirit!
KNOCK! KNOCK!
Hello, again, folks!
He gave us the sincere milk and meat of the Word!


But now I'd like you all to meet another delicious tropical fruit! Mr. Pineapple!
Ew! He feels like a thistle!
Hi there!
He's real stickery, huh? You see, God put those stickers there to stop the animals and bugs from eating Mr. Pineapple before you do!
Well, tonight I said we would have to show you again what it was like when Jesus gave His life for us, so that we could have eternal life!
Remember how the Roman soldier took his spear and drove it into Jesus' heart, like this?
Jesus had to give His juice for us, didn't He? He had to be pierced to the heart with our sins, and give His blood and die for us so we could live with Him forever!


David cried a little bit too when I told this story! But that's what Jesus did! He laid down His life for us, right? The Bible says, "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends"! (John 15:13)
But why do you have to stab Mr. Pineapple in the heart?
Because he has to give his life for us so we can drink that delicious juice of the pineapple, to give us food and health.
This is dinner in the Garden of Eden! Come and get it! Hallelujah! Jesus, please bless it!
Ai yai yai! It's so good! It's so messy, but it's so good!--But you know, sometimes getting saved is a bit messy too!
It's delicious!
You have to confess all your sins and ask God to forgive you for all those dirty, nasty, messy things that you did and you are sorry for.
Water of the Word
Thank You, Jesus, for forgiving my sins and washing me clean!

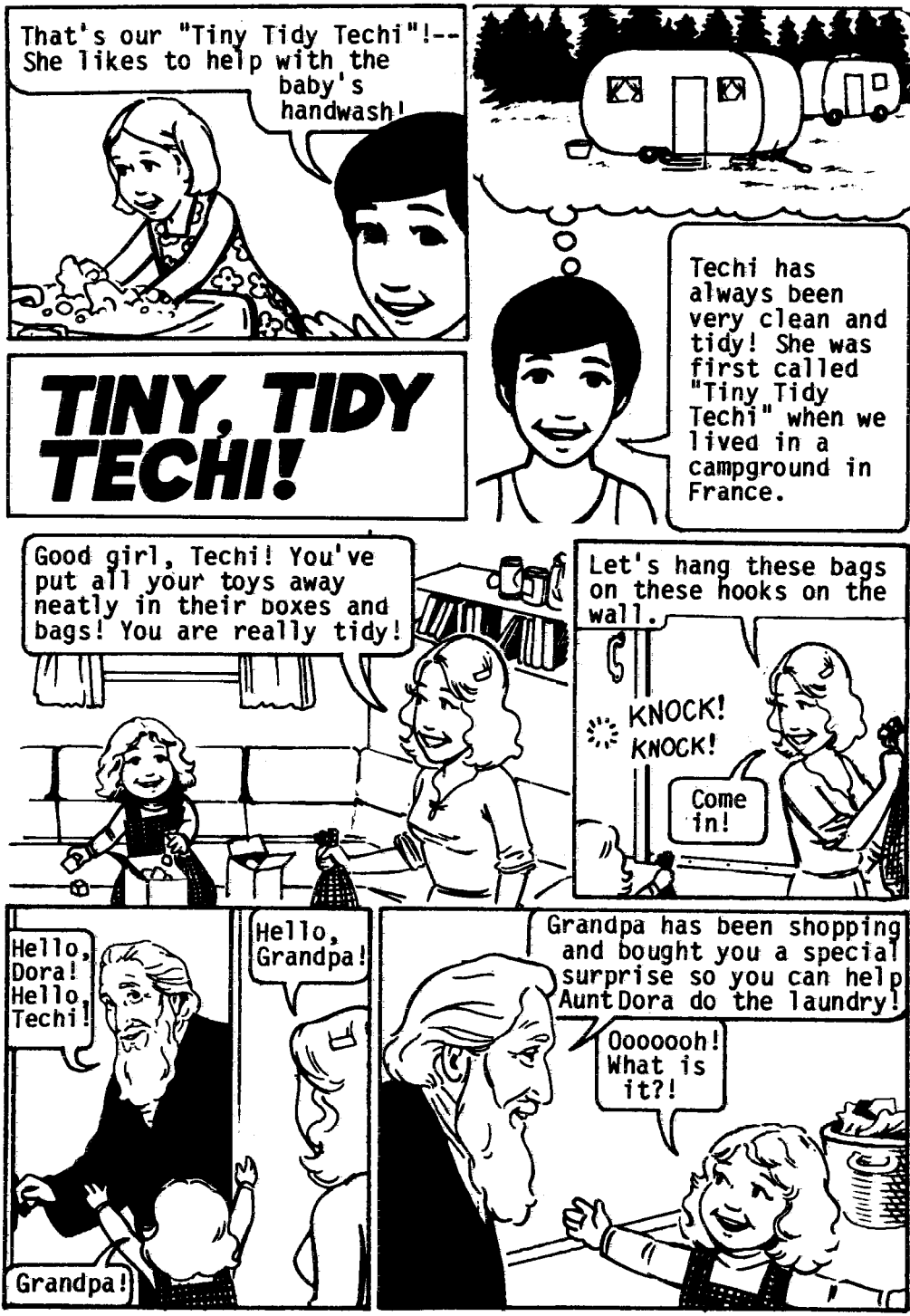

Just like I'm cutting off this tough, rough shell and all these spots and blemishes, Jesus cuts away all our rough spots and sins and gives us a new heart, like the golden heart of Mr. Mango or Mr. Pineapple!
Jesus gives us a beautiful new pure clean golden heart!
Oh, thank You, Jesus!
All juicy!
Yes! All juicy with love for other people!--And we share ourselves with them and give them life, like Jesus did for us!
Jesus can give you a new heart too!
Do you want all those people out there to get saved and to know how sweet and juicy Jesus is?
Oh, yes, I do!
Because Jesus is the best and juiciest and sweetest of all!

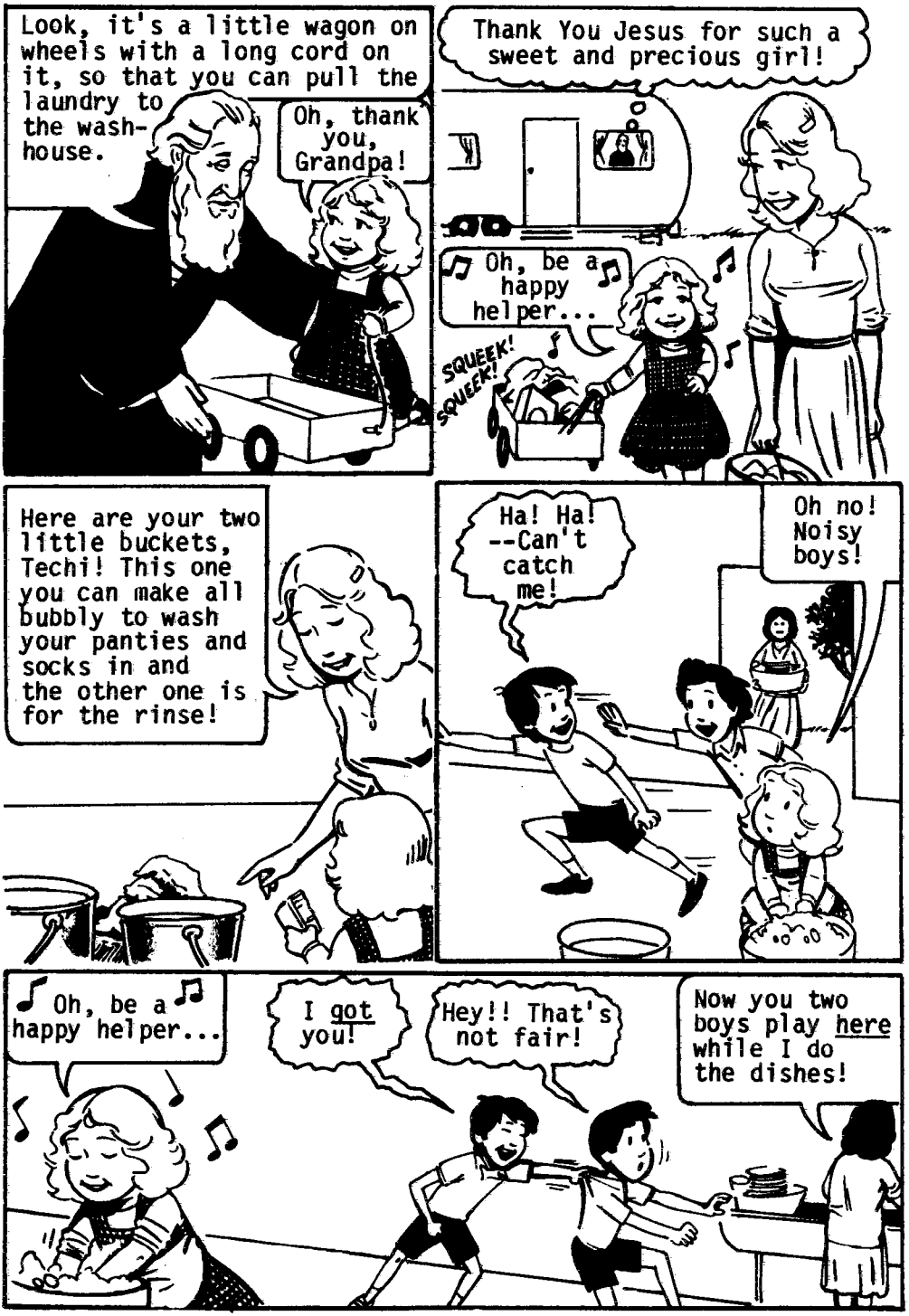

Jesus is the sweetest Name I know...
Yes! Jesus is even sweeter than pineapples, mangoes, papayas, coconuts and all of "Eden's Fruits"!
And one day Jesus is going to give you fruit to eat from the beautiful Trees of Life in Space City, those Heavenly fruit trees which bear 12 different kinds of fruits on one tree!
"To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the Tree of Life which is in the midst of the paradise of God." (Rev.2:7)
But remember, the greatest fruit of all is the fruit of His Spirit, His Love and His Salvation, through His "juice", His blood shed for us!
Have you asked Jesus into your heart? "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!" (Psalm 34:8)

HAPPY HELPERS!

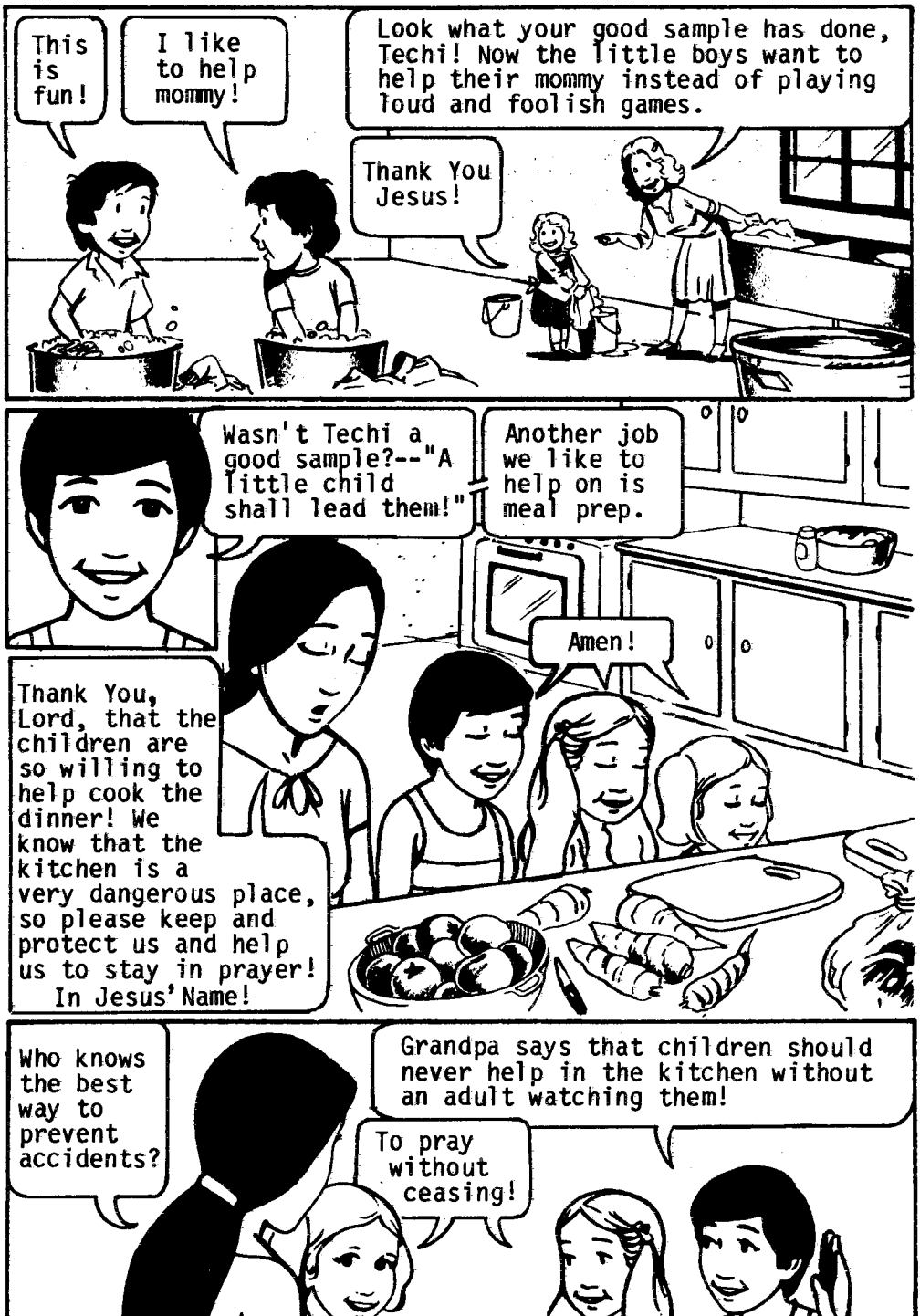



One of my main jobs is to wash the vegetables, fruit and eggs before we take them into the house!
Fwoooooosh!
I wash all the dirt and soil off so the family won't get sick from bad germs.
Then Davida and I help put the groceries away! It's a big job, but many hands make light work!
Excuse me, David!
Aunt Dora said that I could ask you if there was any new laundry soap!
Yes, Techi, here's some! Let me help you unwrap it!


That's our "Tiny Tidy Techi"!-- She likes to help with the baby's handwash!
TINY, TIDY TECHI!
Techi has always been very clean and tidy! She was first called "Tiny Tidy Techi" when we lived in a campground in France.
Good girl, Techi! You've put all your toys away neatly in their boxes and bags! You are really tidy!
Let's hang these bags on these hooks on the wall.
KNOCK! KNOCK!
Come in!
Hello, Dora! Hello, Techi!
Hello, Grandpa!
Grandpa!
Grandpa has been shopping and bought you a special surprise so you can help Aunt Dora do the laundry!
Oooooh! What is it?!


Look, it's a little wagon on wheels with a long cord on it, so that you can pull the laundry to the wash-house.
Oh, thank you, Grandpa!
Thank You Jesus for such a sweet and precious girl!
Oh, be a happy helper...
SQUEEK! SQUEEK!
Here are your two little buckets, Techi! This one you can make all bubbly to wash your panties and socks in and the other one is for the rinse!
Ha! Ha! --Can't catch me!
Oh no! Noisy boys!
Oh, be a happy helper...
I got you!
Hey!! That's not fair!
Now you two boys play here while I do the dishes!


Hey! Look at that little girl!
Look, Aunt Dora! Clean!
Boy! She looks like she's having fun!
!?
Mama, can we wash some laundry?
Laundry?!
You boys want to wash laundry?
Yes, because look! That little girl is doing it!
Goodness me!
Excuse me, but how old is your little girl?
Techi, tell the lady how old you are, Honey.
I'm one-and-a-half.
Oh my! What a good little "house-wife" you are!
Pat Pat
Thank you, Ma'am!
Can we do some laundry now too, Mama?
Yes, boys! Come and help me fetch some soap and buckets!


This is fun!
I like to help mommy!
Look what your good sample has done, Techi! Now the little boys want to help their mommy instead of playing loud and foolish games.
Thank You Jesus!
Wasn't Techi a good sample?--"A little child shall lead them!"
Another job we like to help on is meal prep.
Amen!
Thank You, Lord, that the children are so willing to help cook the dinner! We know that the kitchen is a very dangerous place, so please keep and protect us and help us to stay in prayer! In Jesus' Name!
Who knows the best way to prevent accidents?
Grandpa says that children should never help in the kitchen without an adult watching them!
To pray without ceasing!


Even when I was small I used to help make my snack! Let me tell you about that!
Good, David! Now that you have chopped up all the bananas, we can put them in the blender to make banana milk!
Mmmm.... Yummy!
In they go! Next we plug in the blender.
Now carefully press this little button here! Lord bless it! Yes, that's right!
VROOO...
VROOOOOO... SLURPITY-SLURP!
Oh no! Sob! ...Auntie Sara! Look! ...Sob... The blender ate up all my bananas!
Ha! No, David! The blender just squished your bananas up to make them into a nice drink!
Mmmm... Thank You, Jesus!

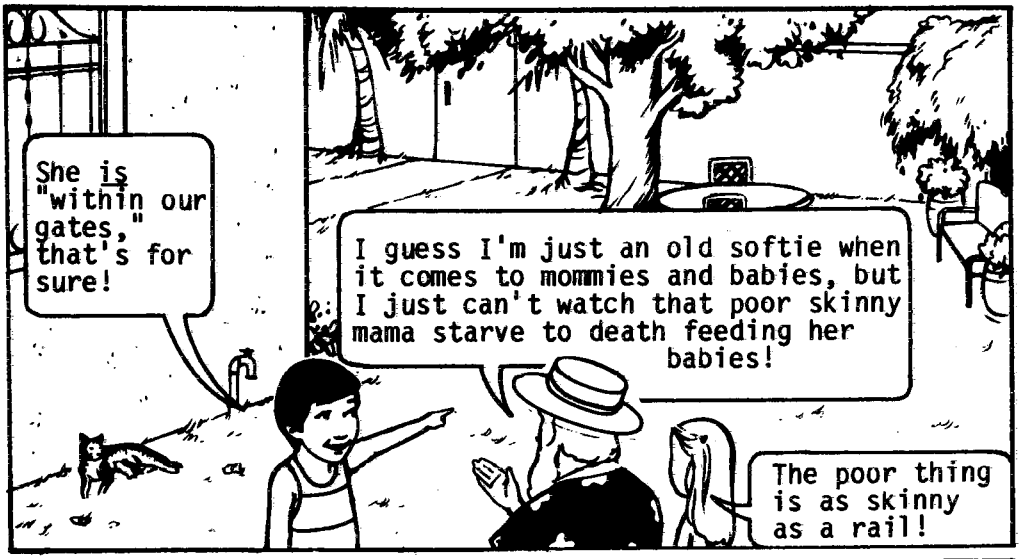

DO IT FOR LOVE!
Wasn't that funny?--Ha! One story that was not so funny was one time when I was helping to polish shoes.
Wow! Thank you, David! Those shoes are really shiny! They look like the shoes in "Glamour or Glory!"
"You've got to have a glory in the thing you do!"
Auntie Sara told me that you wanted to have some money of your own so that you can buy a picture-puzzle!
Thank you, Uncle Alf!
So here's a little bit of money for cleaning my shoes!
Maybe you can earn some more money by shining more shoes until you have enough money to buy your puzzle!
Thanks, Uncle Alf! I'd like that!
Soon --
Thank you, David! How much does it cost?
DAVID'S SHOE SHINE SHOP-10¢
Ten cents, please!
Here you are!
Thank you, Aunt Dora! Soon I will have enough money to buy my puzzle!

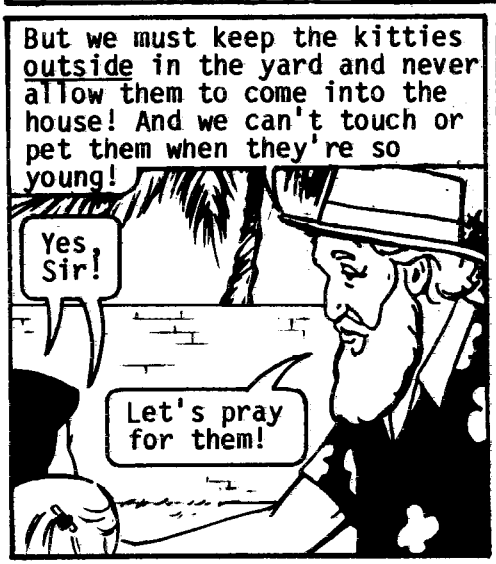

It was a fun way to earn a little bit of money, but soon I began to get a bit greedy!
DAVID'S SHOE-SHINE SHOP-10¢
Thank you for polishing my boots, David! Here's your ten cents!
But I want twenty cents!
Twenty cents! My goodness!
Yes, boots are double because they are twice as big!
DAVID'S SHOE-SHINE SHOP-10¢
David, that is greedy! Now you are working more for money than for love!
We all work, but not for money! We should do work projects for others out of love, amen?
Yes, Ma'am! I'm really sorry!
Later:
Who are you writing to, David?
To the missionaries! I want to send my money to them!

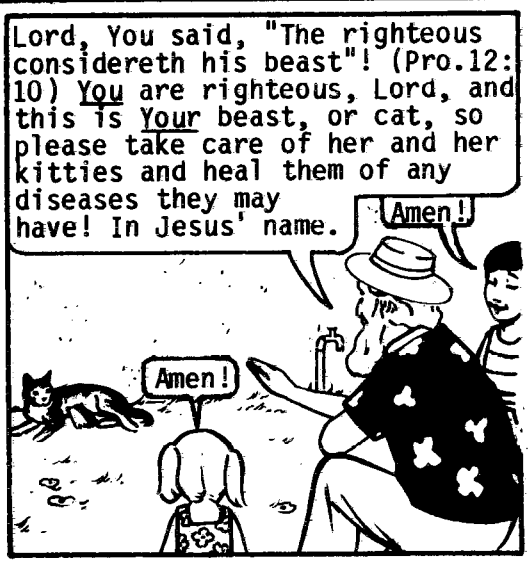

That's really sweet of you, David! And guess what I've got behind my back!
Ooooh... What is it, Auntie Sara?
It's the puzzle that you prayed for! It's a special blessing from the Lord for being such a happy helper!
Oh, thank the Lord! He's so good to us!
That was a story about when I was little. Now I'm learning many handyman projects and how to fix things around the house with Grandpa!
There! Thank the Lord, it works! That's a good Word project that you can do, David! --To look up all the verses about "light" in the Bible!
Yes, Sir!
I'd like to do that.
CLICK!
My jobs in the house are to do laundry and dishes and help clean up! I'm also learning to sew lots of things!--I'm sewing my own skirts now!
My jobs are the laundry and cleaning up and helping with the cats!

OUR CATS!


Maybe you didn't know we had cats? Well, we didn't always, but one day a Mama cat came into our yard to make a home for her babies!
Grandpa, she had two little kittens right in our own backyard!
They're so cute!
Can we keep them, Grandpa?
"Be kind to the stranger within thy gates!" Be kind to this dear mama who is trying to nurse her babies! (Lev.19:33,34; Deut.10:19,20)
The Lord just gave me the verse that "We should be kind to the stranger within our gates." So it must be the Lord who sent her to us!
Well, Honey, I don't think it's so good to have cats or dogs in any Eastern country, as they can carry all kinds of diseases, fleas and worms.


She is "within our gates," that's for sure!
I guess I'm just an old softie when it comes to mommies and babies, but I just can't watch that poor skinny mama starve to death feeding her babies!
The poor thing is as skinny as a rail!


But we must keep the kitties outside in the yard and never allow them to come into the house! And we can't touch or pet them when they're so young!
Yes, Sir!
Let's pray for them!


Lord, You said, "The righteous considereth his beast"! (Pro.12: 10) You are righteous, Lord, and this is Your beast, or cat, so please take care of her and her kitties and heal them of any diseases they may have! In Jesus' name.
Amen!
Amen!


You didn't hold out your hands when you prayed! Remember there is healing power in your hands that flows out of your fingers!
Like the Elixir of Love!
Amen! So hold out your hands when you pray for healing!

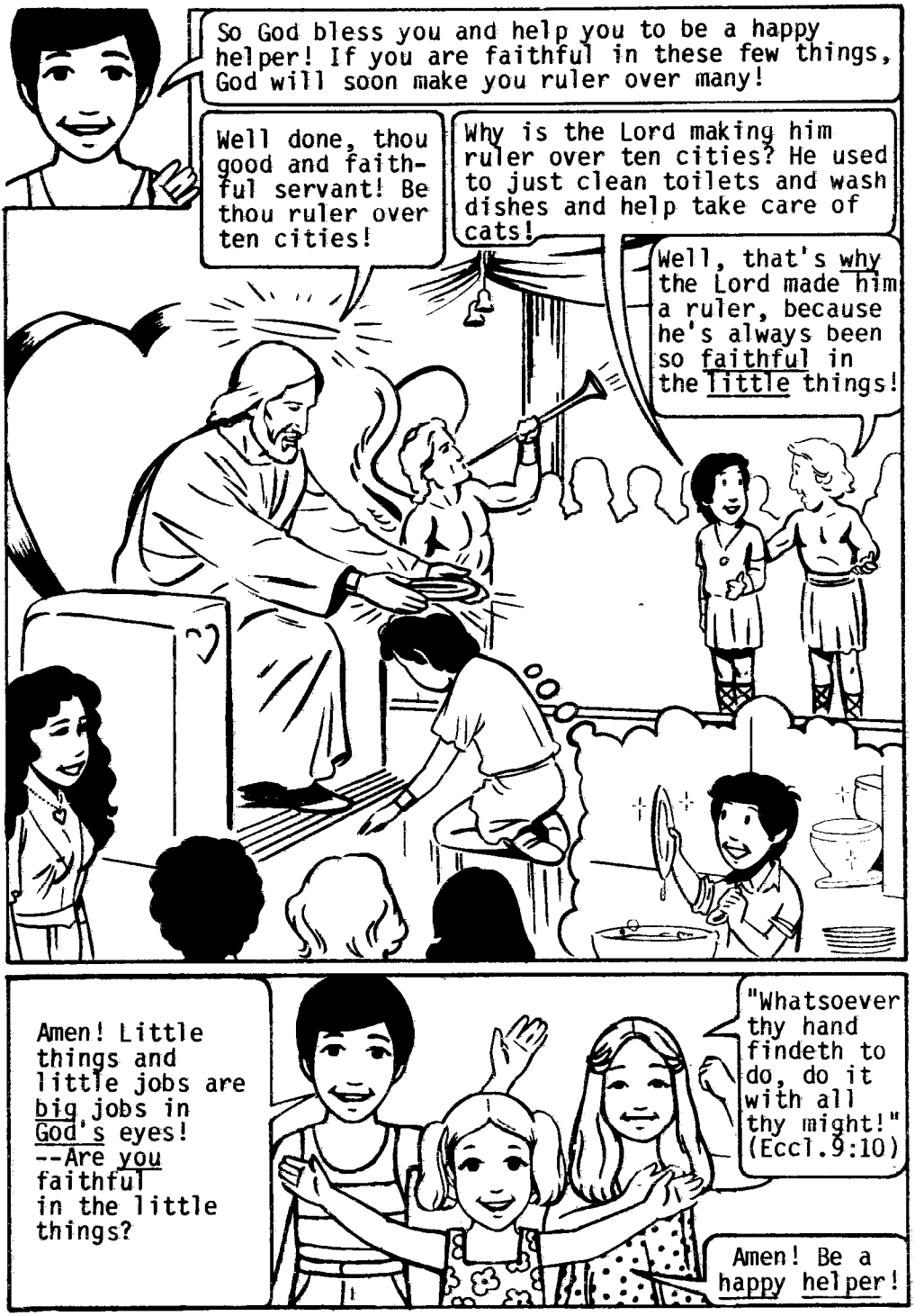

I think all of God's creatures are wonderful, but I'm especially fond of cats! Cats are more like humans than any other pets! They try to keep very clean, always washing themselves, like humans ought to do!
Cats eat everything that humans eat. But you should only feed them one big meal a day.
Feed her in the early afternoon but not in the evening so that she will be hungry at night and want to go hunting for rats, mice and roaches!
Mommy's coming home! Oh good! She's caught a big mouse!
Thank the Lord for our cats! Be sure to take good care of them and feed them faithfully!
Be sure to keep their area clean. And be faithful to wash their dishes as soon as they finish their meal, so that ants, flies and roaches don't come.
Let's keep their dish separately out here in the yard.
Amen! Yes, Sir!

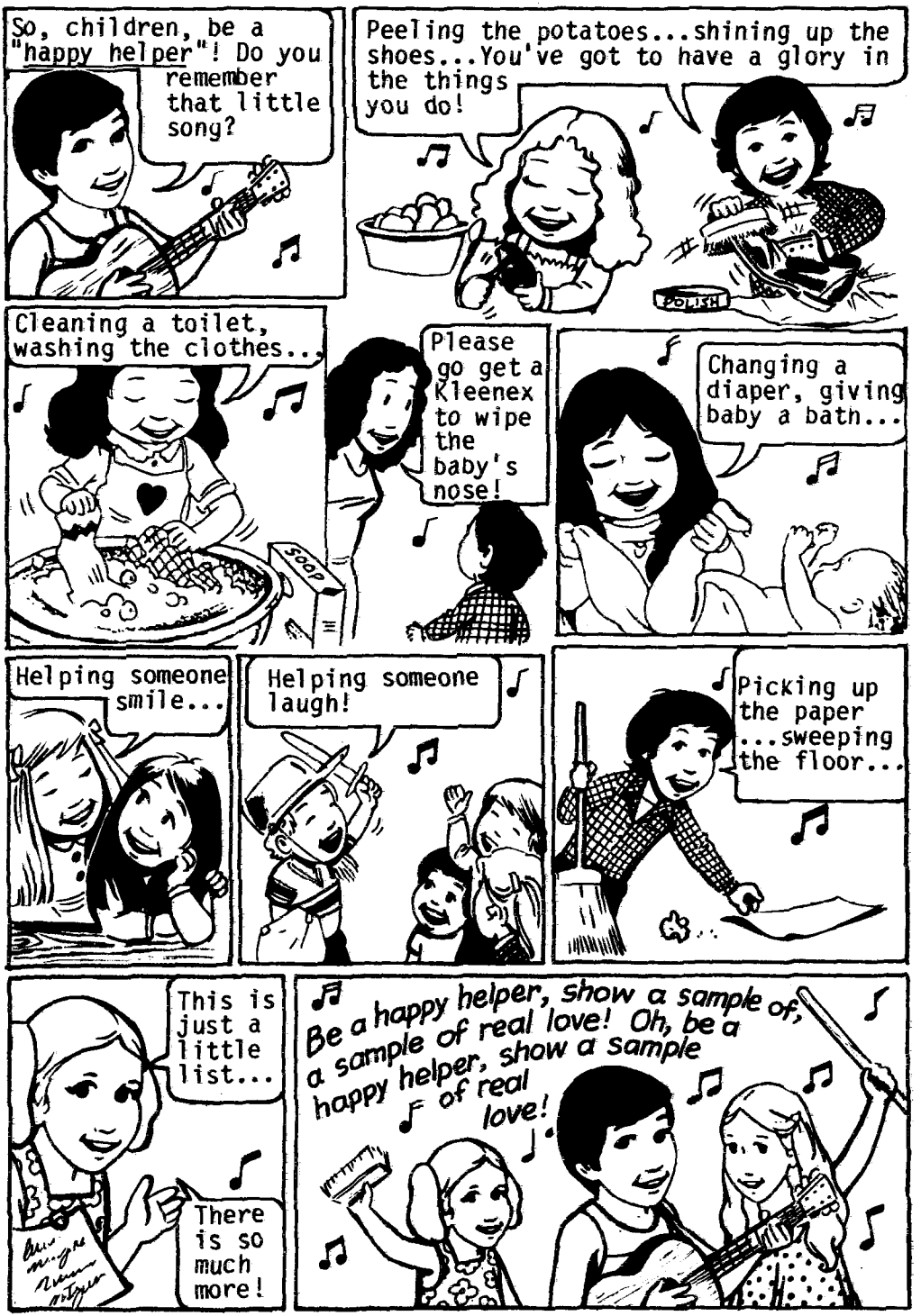

After ten days the little kitties' eyes opened! We had so much fun watching the cats with Grandpa!
Grandpa, they're fighting! That's not good!
No, Techi, they're not hurting each other! They're just rolling around and playing!
That's all a part of their training, Honey! They've got to learn to take care of themselves!
Did you give them names?
The mommy is called "Mama kitty"!
The yellow kitten is called "Sunny"!
And the little grey one is called "Smokey"!
Those are really cute names! Aren't they fun to watch?
Look! There's the daddy tom cat! He's come for the mommy's food! Uh-oh!
Yes, he's looking for something to eat, the old bum! And he leaves a "mess" in the yard that we have to pick up with newspaper and throw in the garbage! Remember to wash your hands after cleaning up animal doo-doo!


He just wants a free meal, that's all he wants!--He doesn't want to stay home and take care of Mama and the kids!
Merrowww...
Psssschhht! Go away, you bad old naughty tom cat!
CLAP
Just think, when the Lord saw that old unfaithful tom cat run off and leave his wife and babies, the Lord sent them to our yard so we would take care of them!
He sent us the cats just like He sent our birds!
Now, she's not skinny any more!
At first when we tried to get close to her she was afraid!
Here, kitty kitty!
Mrrarr...
Yes, because she was wild! She didn't know that we loved her!


Now that David and I put gloves on, we can pet her and she loves it!
She's so calm and peaceful now!
Just don't ever let an animal lick your face! You could get diseases that way!
Yes, she's found out that there's love in the World! Isn't that nice?
Prrrr..
See, there are lots of wild men in the World, and if you show them lots of love and give them Jesus, you can tame them.
Jesus loves you, and I love you, too!
Oh yeah?
They get nice and tame, to where you can just pet them and they purr!
You're the first person who ever really loved me! Thank You Jesus!
But one time we were not as faithful as we should have been to feed the cats and clean their dishes. Grandpa was not pleased.
Please feed us! We're hungry!
Mrroww!
Mrroww!

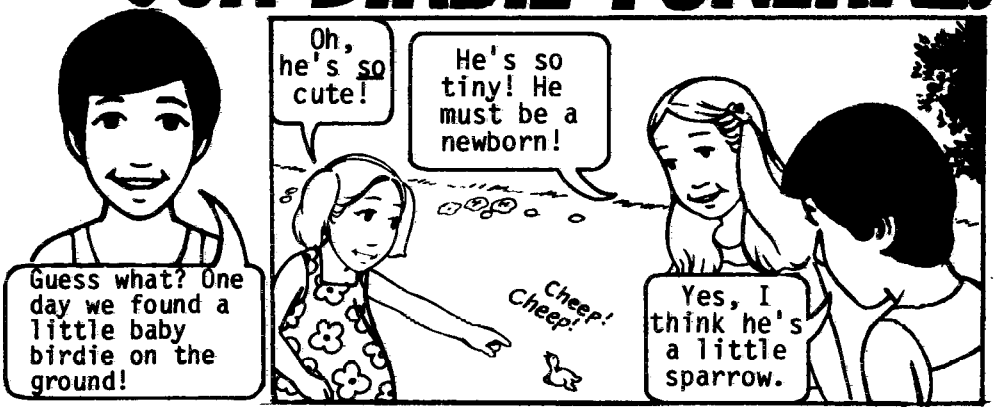

How would you like it if your Mama fed you one day and forgot to feed you the next? We don't forget to feed you some days, do we?
No, Sir!
Well, then don't you ever forget to feed the animals!
If you children can't be faithful to do what Grandpa tells you to do about feeding the cats and washing their dishes and keeping things clean and obeying orders in these little things, how is the Lord going to trust you with the big things?
We're so sorry, Grandpa!
It's very important for you to be faithful to do these little things!
The Lord sent the cats and so we need to feed them and take good care of them, right, children?
Yes, Sir!
So you take good care of the kittens and show responsibility and consideration and love! Then when it comes to big things, you will be faithful in those things too!
Yes, Sir! We will!
Amen!

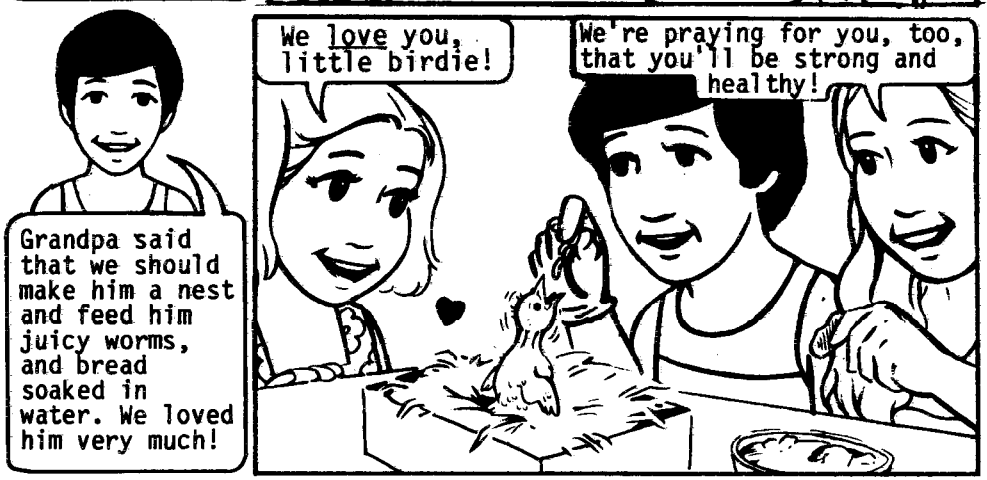

So God bless you and help you to be a happy helper! If you are faithful in these few things, God will soon make you ruler over many!
Well done, thou good and faithful servant! Be thou ruler over ten cities!
Why is the Lord making him ruler over ten cities? He used to just clean toilets and wash dishes and help take care of cats!
Well, that's why the Lord made him a ruler, because he's always been so faithful in the little things!
Amen! Little things and little jobs are big jobs in God's eyes! --Are you faithful in the little things?
"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might!" (Eccl.9:10)
Amen! Be a happy helper!

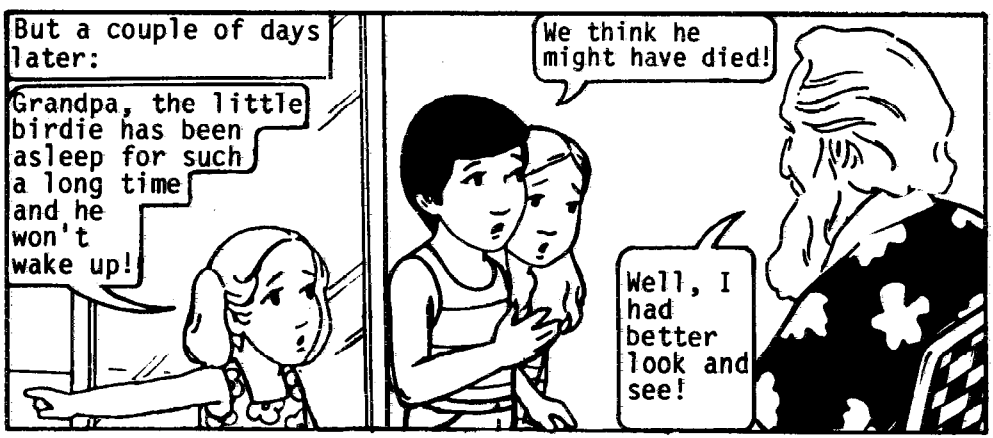

So, children, be a "happy helper"! Do you remember that little song?
Peeling the potatoes...shining up the shoes...You've got to have a glory in the things you do!
POLISH
Cleaning a toilet, washing the clothes...
SOAP
Please go get a Kleenex to wipe the baby's nose!
Changing a diaper, giving baby a bath...
Helping someone smile...
Helping someone laugh!
Picking up the paper ...sweeping the floor...
This is just a little list...
There is so much more!
Be a happy helper, show a sample of, a sample of real love! Oh, be a happy helper, show a sample of real love!

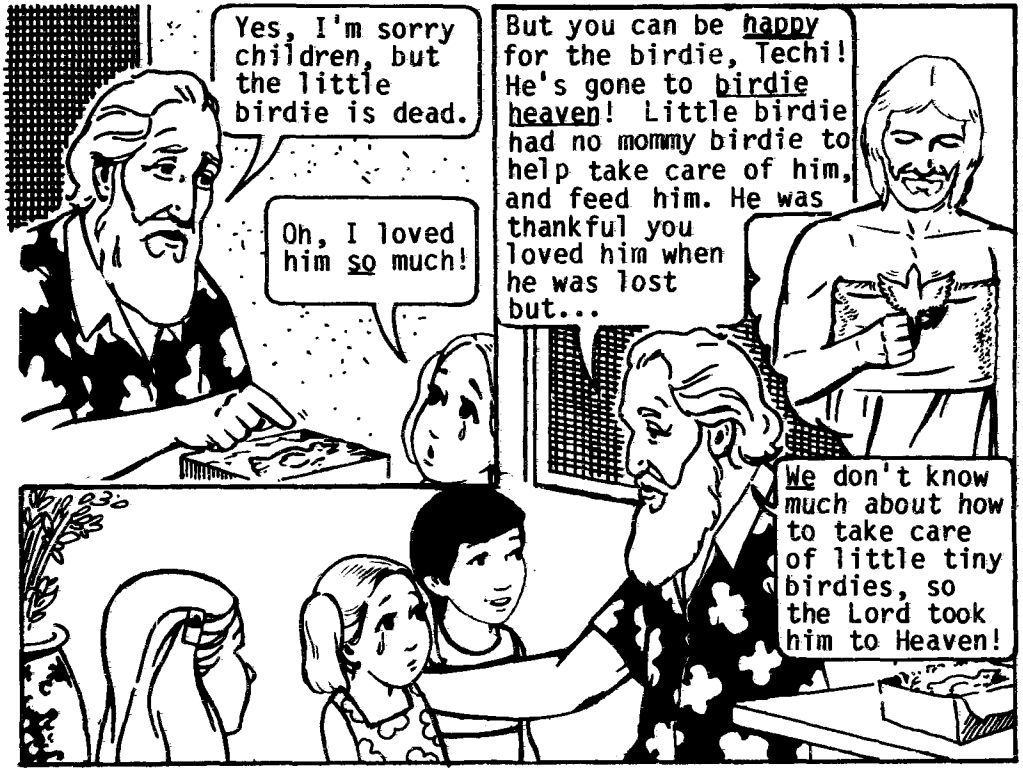
THE STORY OF "OUR BIRDS" : PART ONE

OUR BIRDIE FUNERAL!





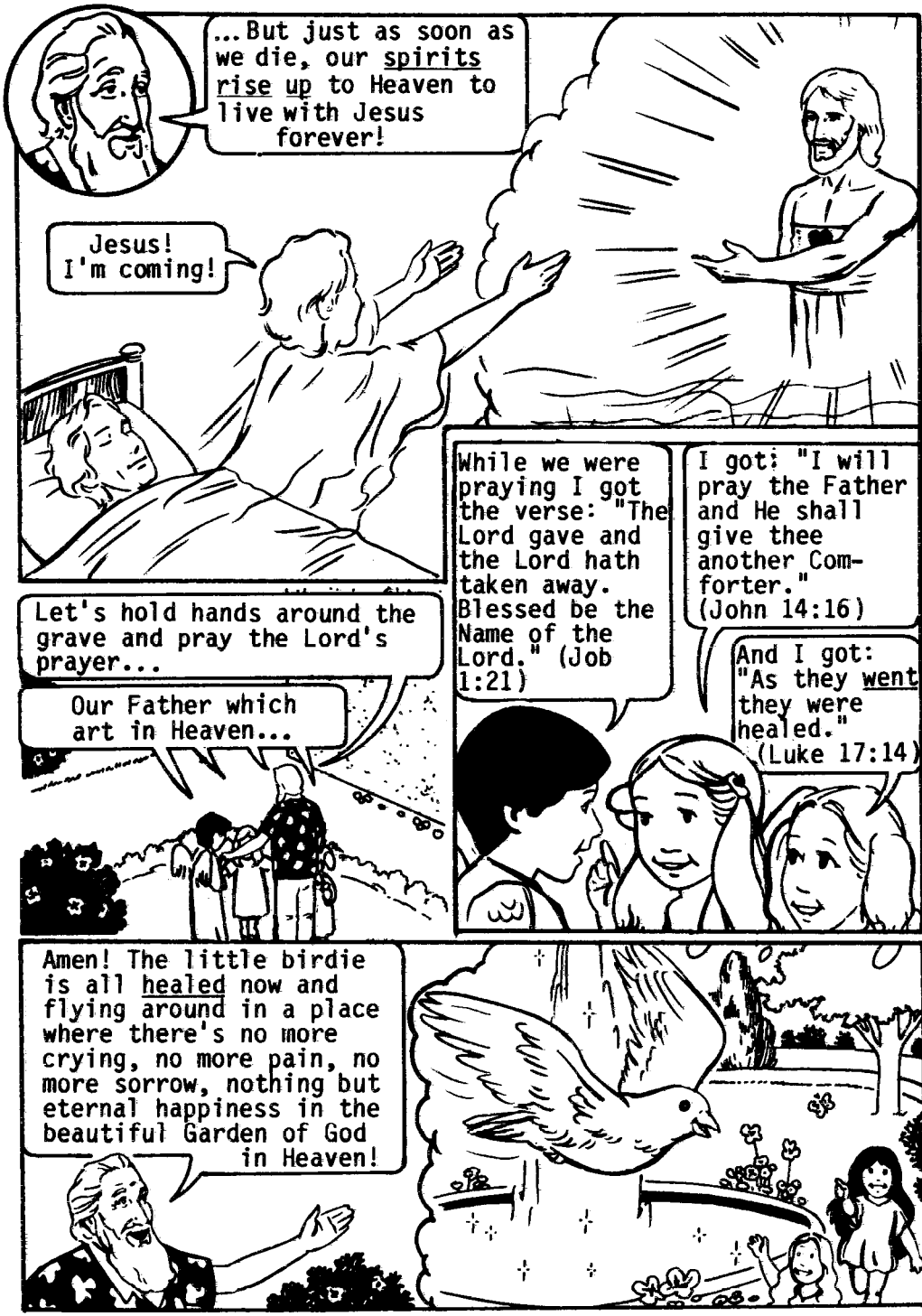


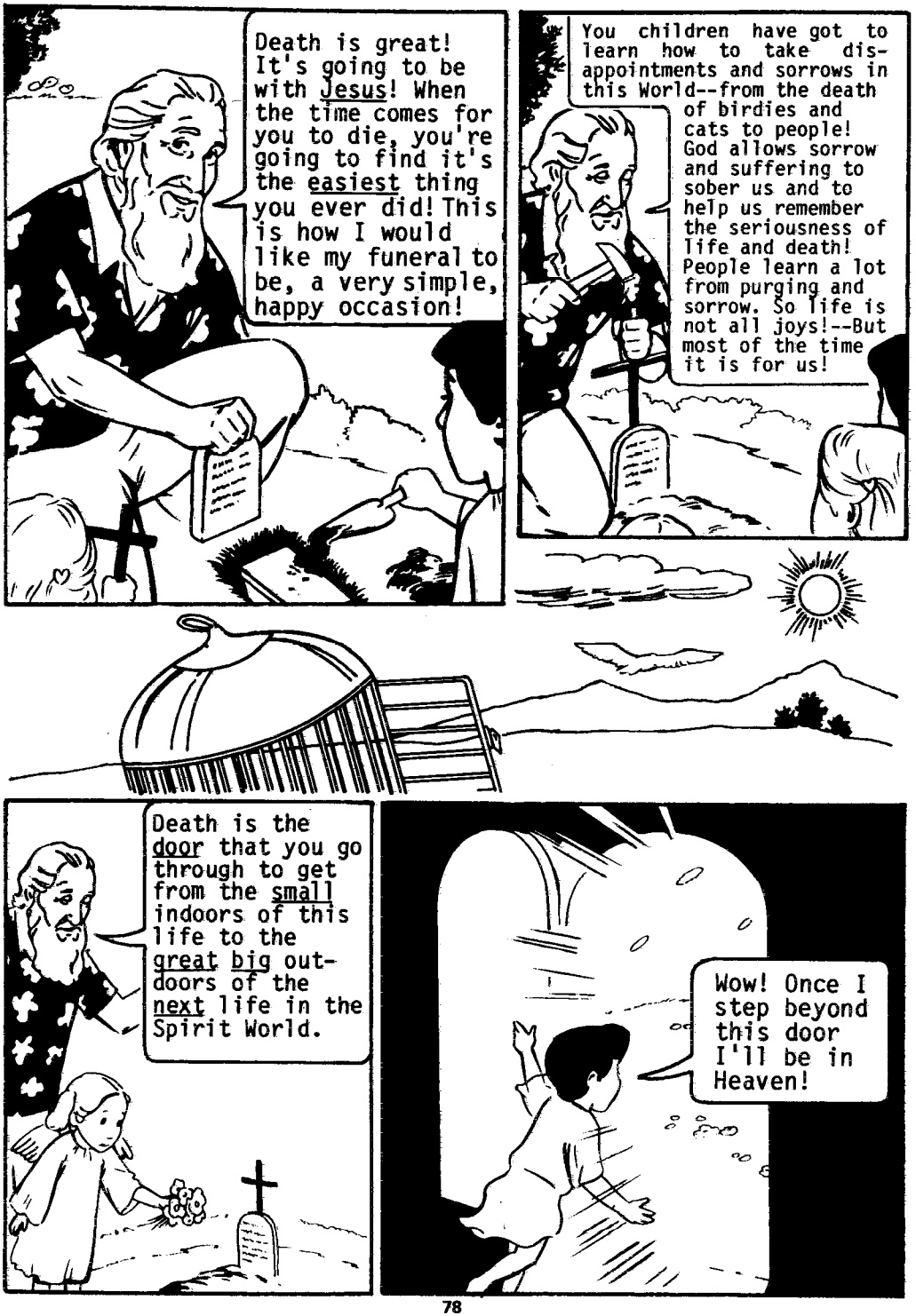

Yes, I'm sorry children, but the little birdie is dead.
Oh, I loved him so much!
But you can be happy for the birdie, Techi! He's gone to birdie heaven! Little birdie had no mommy birdie to help take care of him, and feed him. He was thankful you loved him when he was lost but...
We don't know much about how to take care of little tiny birdies, so the Lord took him to Heaven!


Now, children, I want you all to go and put on the angel costumes that you wore at Christmas!
Oooh! Why, Grandpa?
Because we're going to give the little birdie a funeral! A funeral is a little ceremony for burying the dead.
And so Grandpa taught us how to give a funeral, just like he used to do for his pets when he was a boy.
First we must dig a little grave, six inches deep.


Now David can put some soft grass in that little box.
And now let's wrap the birdie in the big leaf & put him inside the box.
Now let's lower his little coffin into the open grave.
Do you have his little wooden cross and marble tombstone ready?
Yes, Grandpa.
Oh, Grandpa, I'm going to miss the little birdie so much!
Well, it's okay to be a little bit sad at a funeral, because we miss the one we love. But really we should be happy for them, because they've gone to Heaven and they're saved, and now their troubles are over and now they will live forever!
"We sorrow, but not as those that have no hope!" (1Thes.4:13)-- Because we'll see them again!


A funeral helps remind you of the seriousness of life and death. But I believe it should be a happy time. Birdie is happy and getting a whole new start! So let's rejoice and be happy and sing happy songs. --Amen?
Bye, Bye, Birdie! Hello, Heaven!
I'll meet you over there...
And now we should each take a little dirt in our hand and sprinkle it on the coffin, saying, "From dust thou art, to dust thou shalt return."
From dust thou art, to dust thou shalt return.
God made Adam's body out of the dust of the earth!
Yes, that's right. And when we die, our bodies return to dust again.

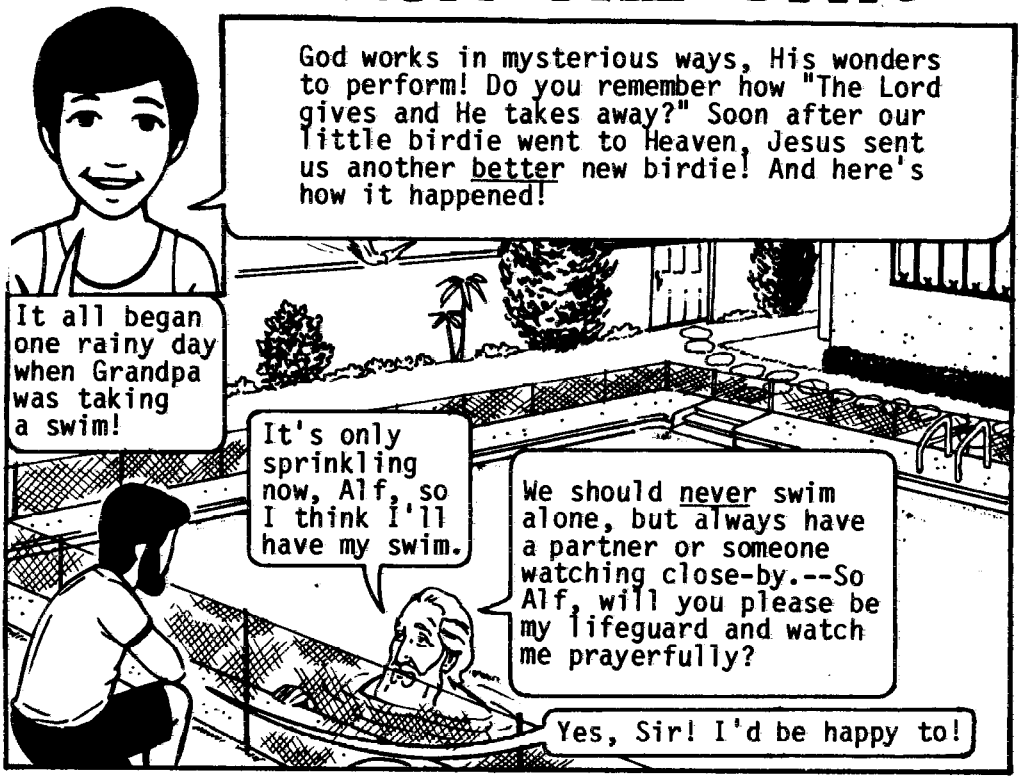

...But just as soon as we die, our spirits rise up to Heaven to live with Jesus forever!
Jesus! I'm coming!
Let's hold hands around the grave and pray the Lord's prayer...
Our Father which art in Heaven...
While we were praying I got the verse: "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be the Name of the Lord." (Job 1:21)
I got: "I will pray the Father and He shall give thee another Comforter." (John 14:16)
And I got: "As they went they were healed." (Luke 17:14)
Amen! The little birdie is all healed now and flying around in a place where there's no more crying, no more pain, no more sorrow, nothing but eternal happiness in the beautiful Garden of God in Heaven!

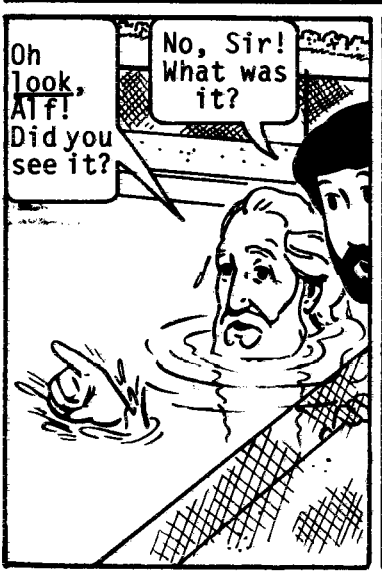

Death is great! It's going to be with Jesus! When the time comes for you to die, you're going to find it's the easiest thing you ever did! This is how I would like my funeral to be, a very simple, happy occasion!
You children have got to learn how to take disappointments and sorrows in this World--from the death of birdies and cats to people! God allows sorrow and suffering to sober us and to help us remember the seriousness of life and death! People learn a lot from purging and sorrow. So life is not all joys!--But most of the time it is for us!
Death is the door that you go through to get from the small indoors of this life to the great big outdoors of the next life in the Spirit World.
Wow! Once I step beyond this door I'll be in Heaven!

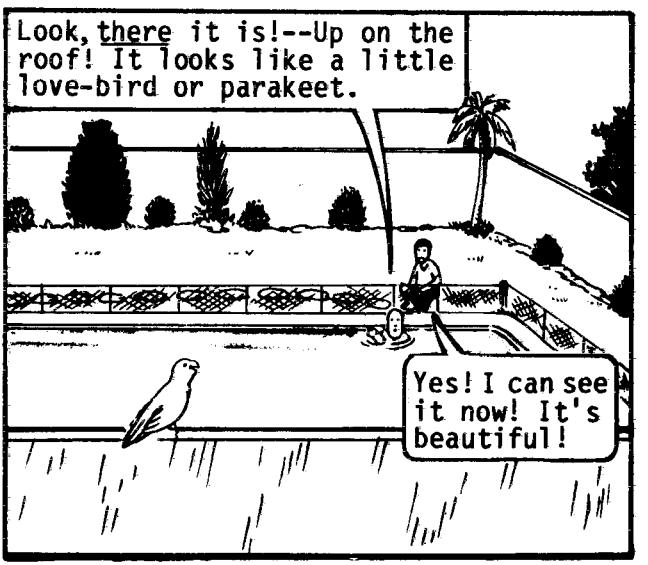

...And then you'll be free at last!--Just like our little birdie!
Hello, Techi! Do you remember me?
Oh, it's you! --My dear little birdie!
'Til we meet...
'Til we meet...
'Til we meet at Jesus' feet!
I am the Resurrection and the Life. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live! (John 11:25)
Here lies Birdie who died Feb. 7, 1983. "I am the Resurrection and the Life."

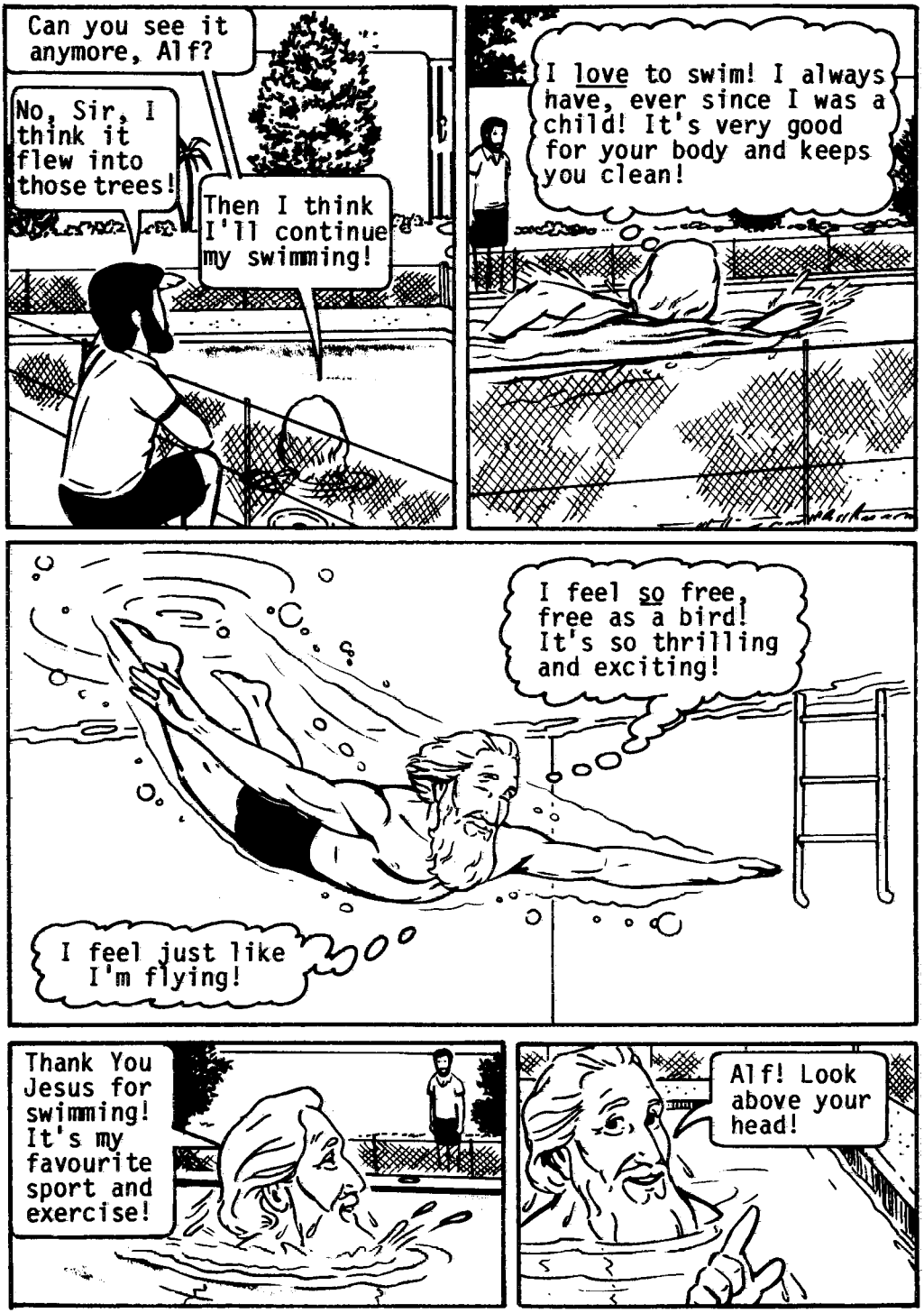
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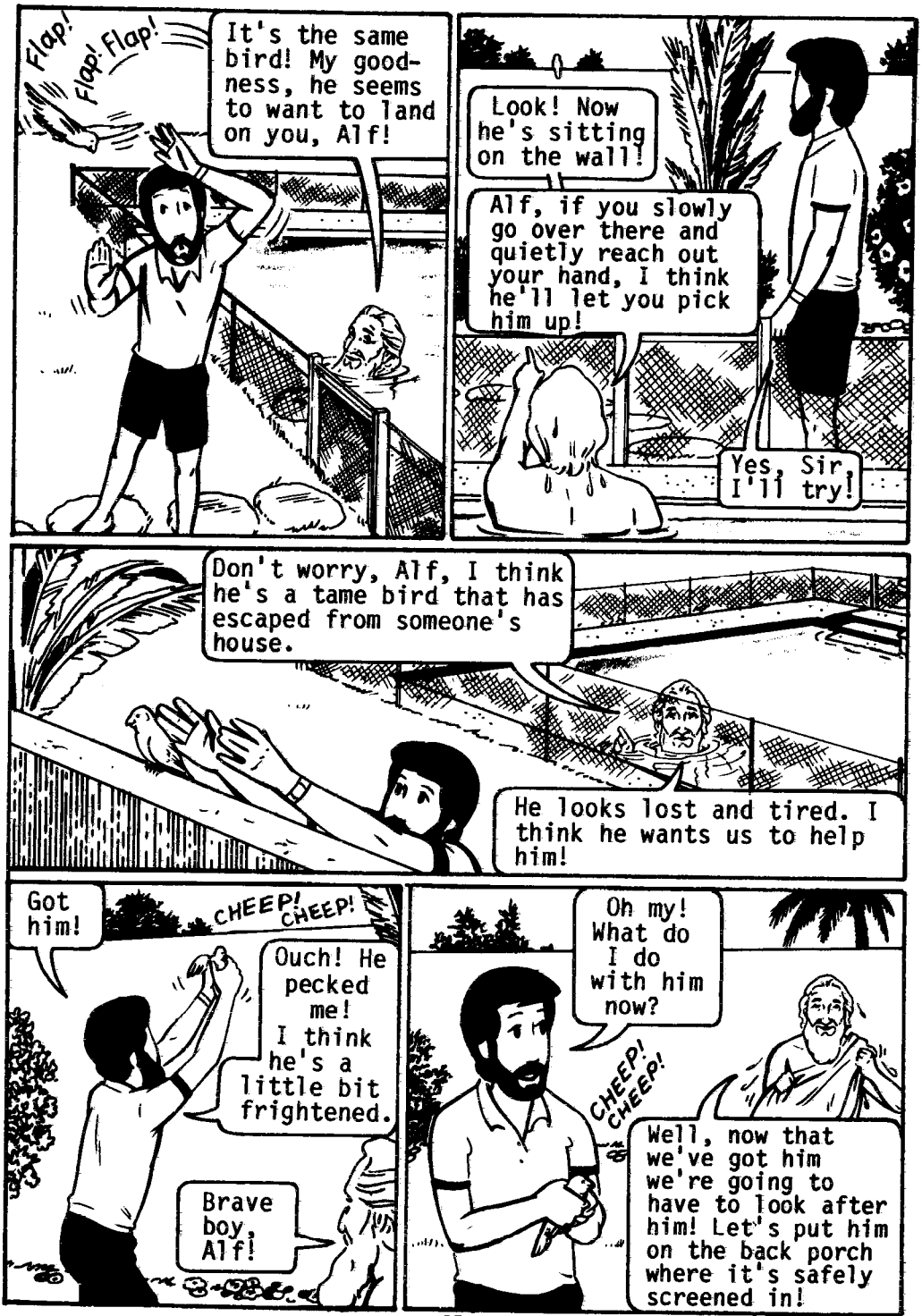
BIRD FROM THE SKY!

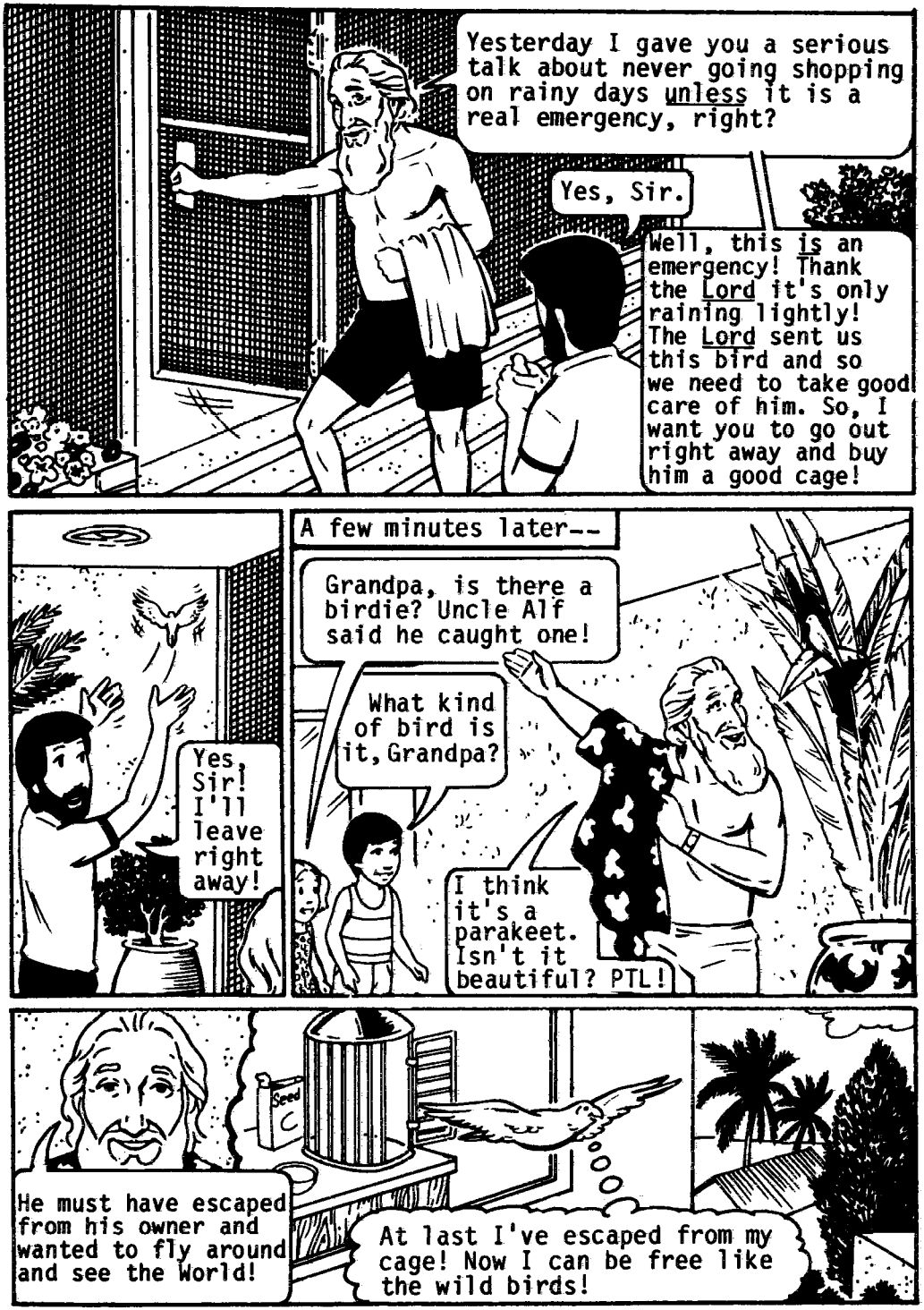


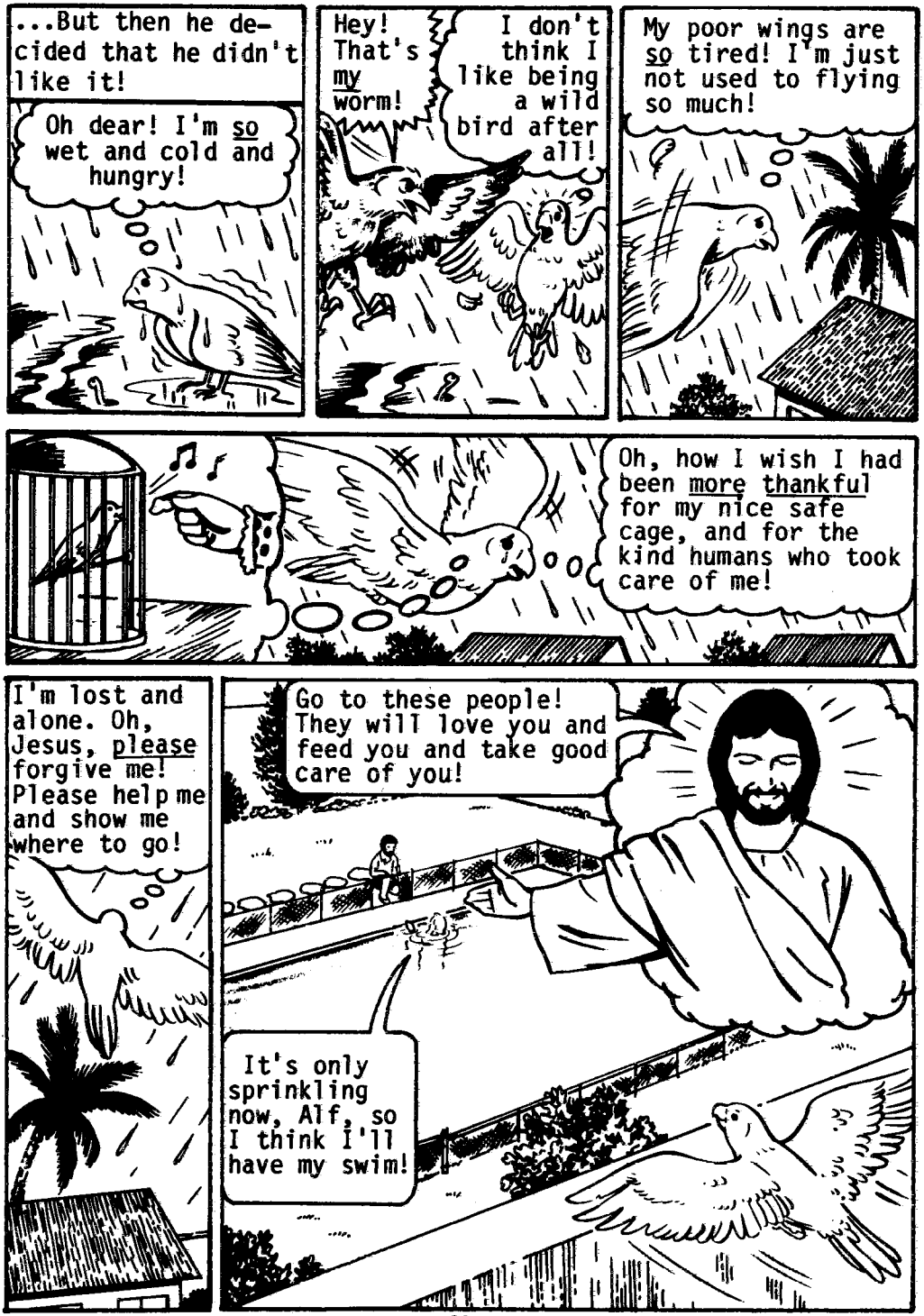





Can you see it anymore, Alf?
No, Sir, I think it flew into those trees!
Then I think I'll continue my swimming!
I love to swim! I always have, ever since I was a child! It's very good for your body and keeps you clean!
I feel so free, free as a bird! It's so thrilling and exciting!
I feel just like I'm flying!
Thank You Jesus for swimming! It's my favourite sport and exercise!
Alf! Look above your head!


Flap!
Flap! Flap!
It's the same bird! My goodness, he seems to want to land on you, Alf!
Look! Now he's sitting on the wall!
Alf, if you slowly go over there and quietly reach out your hand, I think he'll let you pick him up!
Yes, Sir, I'll try!
Don't worry, Alf, I think he's a tame bird that has escaped from someone's house.
He looks lost and tired. I think he wants us to help him!
Got him!
CHEEP! CHEEP!
Ouch! He pecked me! I think he's a little bit frightened.
Brave boy, Alf!
Oh my! What do I do with him now?
CHEEP! CHEEP!
Well, now that we've got him we're going to have to look after him! Let's put him on the back porch where it's safely screened in!


Yesterday I gave you a serious talk about never going shopping on rainy days unless it is a real emergency, right?
Yes, Sir.
Well, this is an emergency! Thank the Lord it's only raining lightly! The Lord sent us this bird and so we need to take good care of him. So, I want you to go out right away and buy him a good cage!
Yes, Sir! I'll leave right away!
A few minutes later--
Grandpa, is there a birdie? Uncle Alf said he caught one!
What kind of bird is it, Grandpa?
I think it's a parakeet. Isn't it beautiful? PTL!
Seed
He must have escaped from his owner and wanted to fly around and see the World!
At last I've escaped from my cage! Now I can be free like the wild birds!


...But then he decided that he didn't like it!
Oh dear! I'm so wet and cold and hungry!
Hey! That's my worm!
I don't think I like being a wild bird after all!
My poor wings are so tired! I'm just not used to flying so much!
Oh, how I wish I had been more thankful for my nice safe cage, and for the kind humans who took care of me!
I'm lost and alone. Oh, Jesus, please forgive me! Please help me and show me where to go!
Go to these people! They will love you and feed you and take good care of you!
It's only sprinkling now, Alf, so I think I'll have my swim!


So the Lord sent him to us because He knew that we would help him! Praise the Lord!
And I sent out my son, Uncle Alf, to save him, like God sent His Son to save us! Uncle Alf sacrificed and got a few pecks for it--but it was worth it! Praise the Lord!
Thank You Jesus! Uncle Alf saved the bird like Jesus saved us!
I think the birdie would feel safer if he was in a cage! Until Uncle Alf gets back, we can put him inside this roll of chicken-wire.
That's a good idea, Grandpa!--We can put this piece of wood on top!
There, there, little bird! Grandpa won't hurt you!
The poor little thing looks all worn out and frightened!
There!
Oh look, he's losing some of his beautiful feathers!
Will he die?
Yes, of course! Everybody dies sometime! But let's all join hands around the cage and pray that he doesn't catch a cold and die right now!


Dear Jesus, please bless and keep the little birdie. Help him not to catch cold, and please help him not to have any diseases!
Help us to take real good care of him and feed him every day. Help him to have good health so that we can keep him for a long time.
And please help him not to die like the other little birdie, and not to lose his feathers because then he would be bald and wouldn't look nice!
Thank You, Jesus, for sending the birdie for us to rescue and save his life, and so that the children can enjoy and appreciate one of Your beautiful creations! Please keep him safe and sound now, Lord, in Jesus' name, amen!
So let's go inside now and let the little birdie rest until Uncle Alf gets back from town with his new cage!
Do you know what, children? I think we need to get the little birdie a mate!
Cleanliness is Godliness
Oh, Grandpa! Do you mean that we can get another parakeet?
Well, we believe in love, don't we?--So we had better get him a lover, so he won't be lonely, and then they can sit there and love each other all day!
Oh, thank you, Grandpa!
We'll take good care of them both!

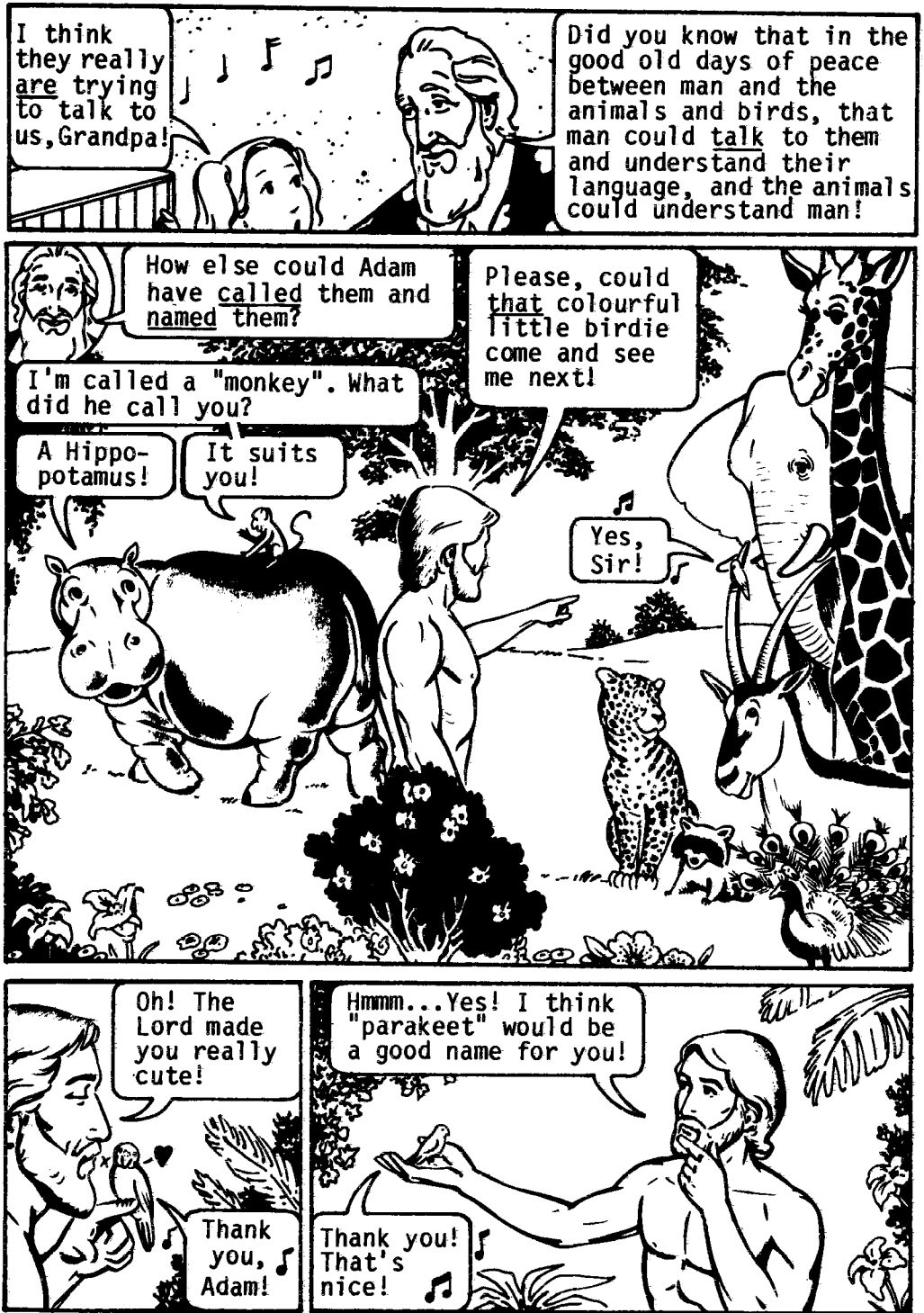

So, soon we had another parakeet!--A female! We called them Gabriel and Heaven!
We prayed and chose their names ourselves!
Those are very nice names!-- Heaven and Gabriel!
I think they're in love!
BIRD SEED
He may not blow a trumpet like the angel Gabriel, but he sure does sing and twitter and tweet!
Every day Grandpa came to check on the birds to see how they were doing.
Yes, Sir! I'll do it!
I think it's time to change the newspaper at the bottom of their cage!
I learned so much through watching his sample of taking care of every little detail!
When it's very windy or a storm comes, you should cover the cage with a cloth. But make sure they can still get some fresh air from the back.
WHooo
Grandpa took it very seriously that the Lord had sent the bird to us, and now we had to be faithful with what the Lord had given us!
Would you like to hear some more exciting lessons that we learned? Then don't miss the next part of the story of "Our Birds"! WLY!

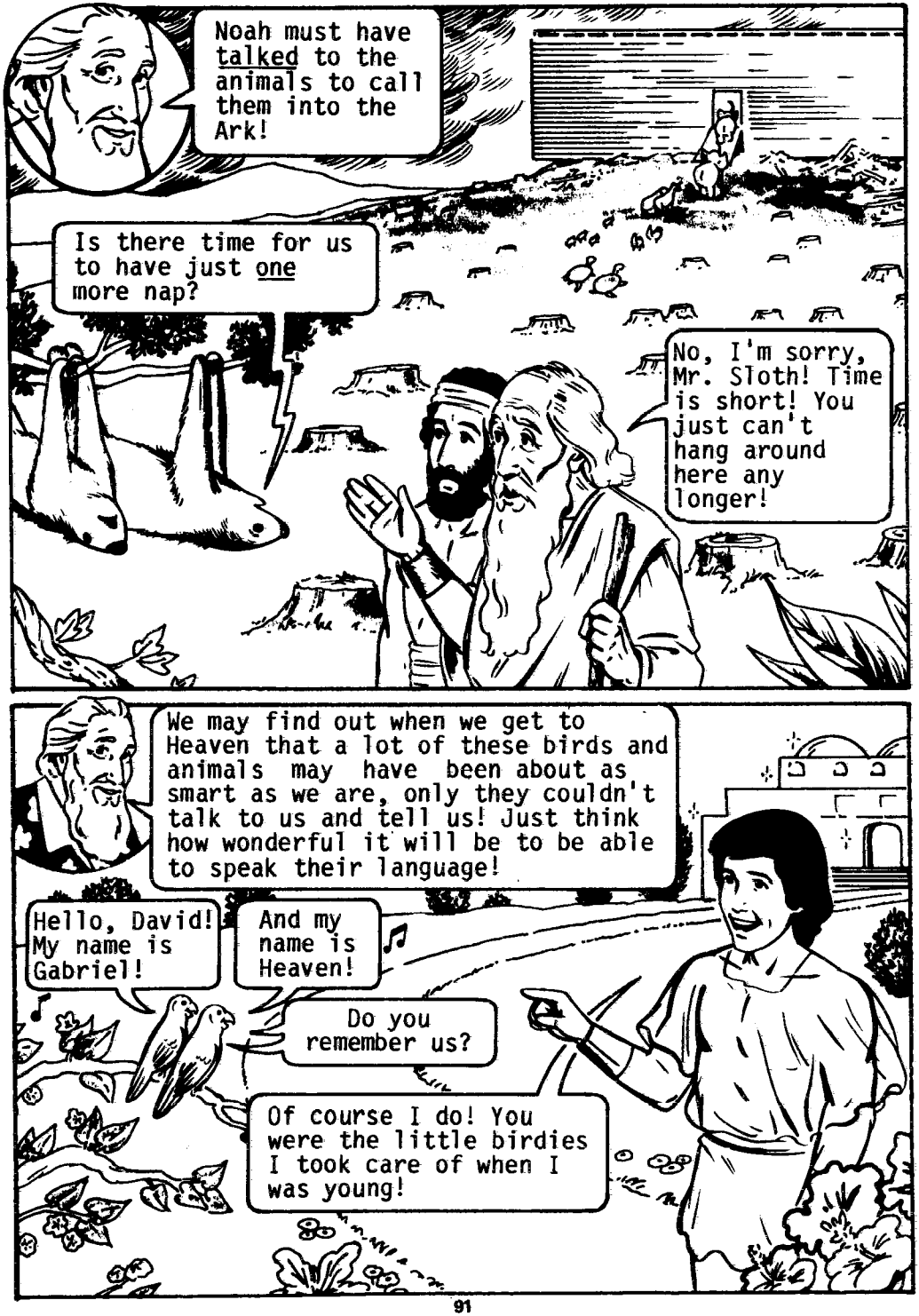
THE STORY OF "OUR BIRDS": PART THREE

BIRD TALK!




What's wrong with Gabriel? Look, he's hiding in the corner with his head tucked in!
Oh, Grandpa! Look! Now he's tugging on Heaven's tail!
Yes! He's trying to get her attention away from me! Oh my, I think he's jealous!
He needs to learn to share!
Amen! But that's one of the best ways to get a girl's attention, you tug on her tail! Amen, girls?
Ha Ha
Mmmm! Amen!
Ha
Ha Ha Ha
Don't worry, Gabriel! Twoot tweee -oot twoo! "We love you too!"
They sing really pretty!
Chirrup -cheep- cheep!
Yes, the birdies sing so pretty in their jail, behind the bars of their cage, such sweet songs!
You see, even if you're in a cage like the birds, or in prison, you can still sing a sweet song to encourage a lot of people!
That's right! Praise the Lord!


I think they really are trying to talk to us, Grandpa!
Did you know that in the good old days of peace between man and the animals and birds, that man could talk to them and understand their language, and the animals could understand man!
How else could Adam have called them and named them?
Please, could that colourful little birdie come and see me next!
I'm called a "monkey". What did he call you?
A Hippo-potamus!
It suits you!
Yes, Sir!
Oh! The Lord made you really cute!
Thank you, Adam!
Hmmm...Yes! I think "parakeet" would be a good name for you!
Thank you! That's nice!


Noah must have talked to the animals to call them into the Ark!
Is there time for us to have just one more nap?
No, I'm sorry, Mr. Sloth! Time is short! You just can't hang around here any longer!
We may find out when we get to Heaven that a lot of these birds and animals may have been about as smart as we are, only they couldn't talk to us and tell us! Just think how wonderful it will be to be able to speak their language!
Hello, David! My name is Gabriel!
And my name is Heaven!
Do you remember us?
Of course I do! You were the little birdies I took care of when I was young!

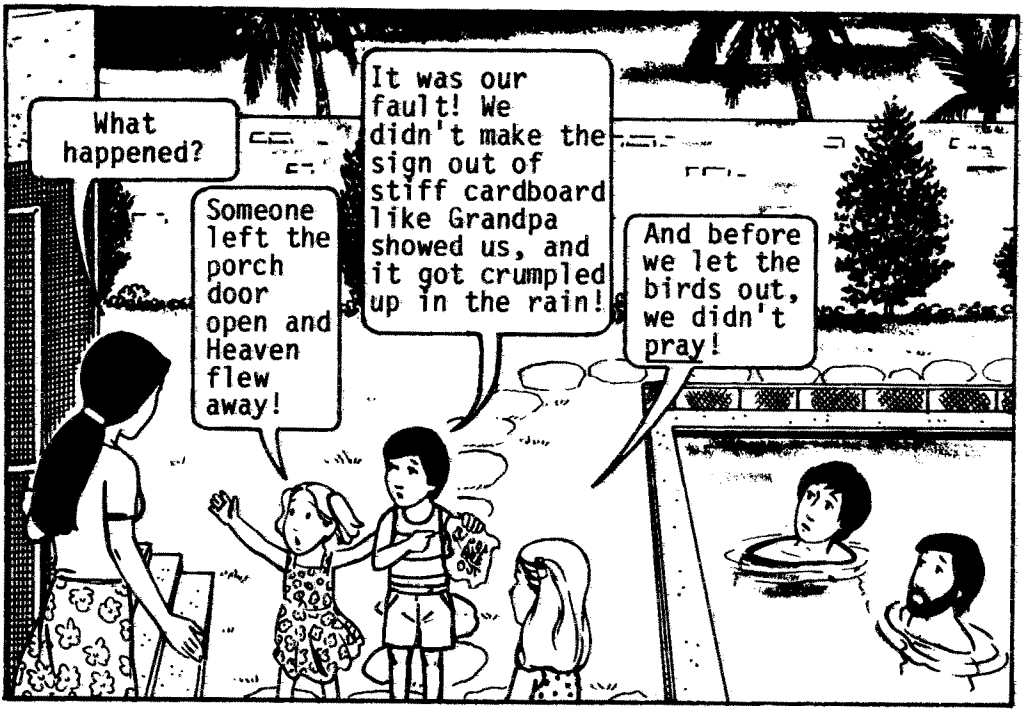

Thank you for saving me and giving me a home!
You were so sweet to us and took such good care of us!
Come on! Let's have some fun and fly over the Heavenly City together!
It's so nice to be together again!
Thank You Jesus! --It's just so wonderful that we can talk together now!
We'll love you forever!
So Lord help us to take good care of Gabriel and Heaven and be good stewards over them!--Amen?
Yes, Sir! We will!
You are like God to those birds! You provide for them and protect them and give them a place to live, and you love them, and that's what the Lord does for us--right?
God never fails to feed us every day and provide our every need!--And we should do the same for our birdies and pets, Amen?
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THE STORY OF "OUR BIRDS" PART FOUR

BIRD CARE!



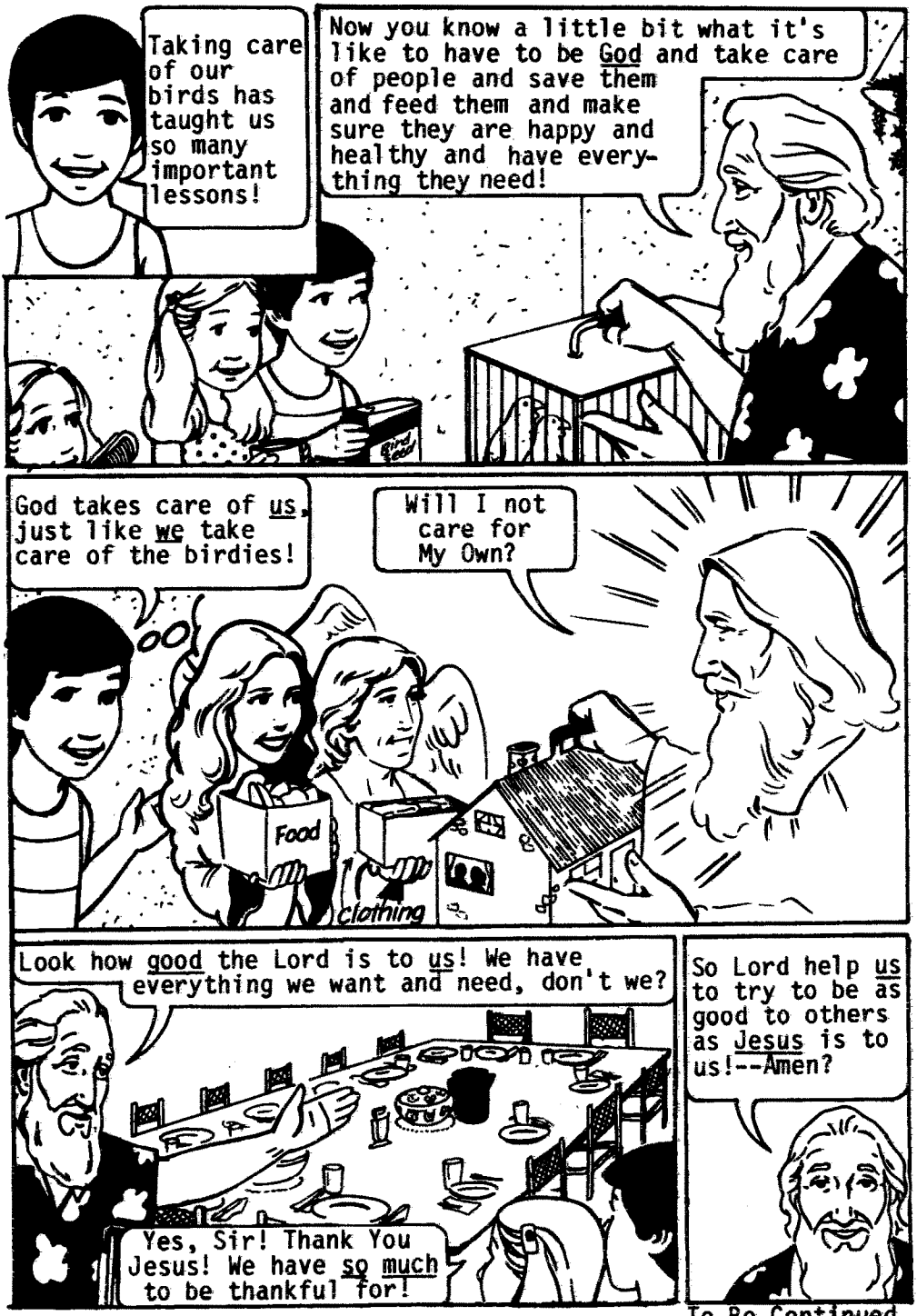

But make sure you always put up a big sign so people will know not to open the porch door.
Birds are Out!
Taking care of pets teaches you responsibility! That is why I want David to be in charge of the birds with Davida and Techi as his helpers.
Lord help us to be faithful stewards!
Thank you, Grandpa!
Grandpa told us to be sure to have united prayer for the birdies every day. But one day we were not faithful to pray!
Good morning, birdies! It's time for your "get-out"!
A little later--
Oh, no!
The porch door was left open! Heaven has flow outside!
Stop! Wait!
Heaven! Come back! Oh, please come back!


What happened?
Someone left the porch door open and Heaven flew away!
It was our fault! We didn't make the sign out of stiff cardboard like Grandpa showed us, and it got crumpled up in the rain!
And before we let the birds out, we didn't pray!


Oh, Jesus, please forgive us for not being good stewards and for not praying like Grandpa told us to. Please help us to find Heaven again!
And please help the wild birds not to hurt her.
Amen!
Amen!


That evening...
I'm sorry, children, but we've looked once again all around the garden and down the street but we can't find her anywhere!
SIGH!
Oh, I really miss her!

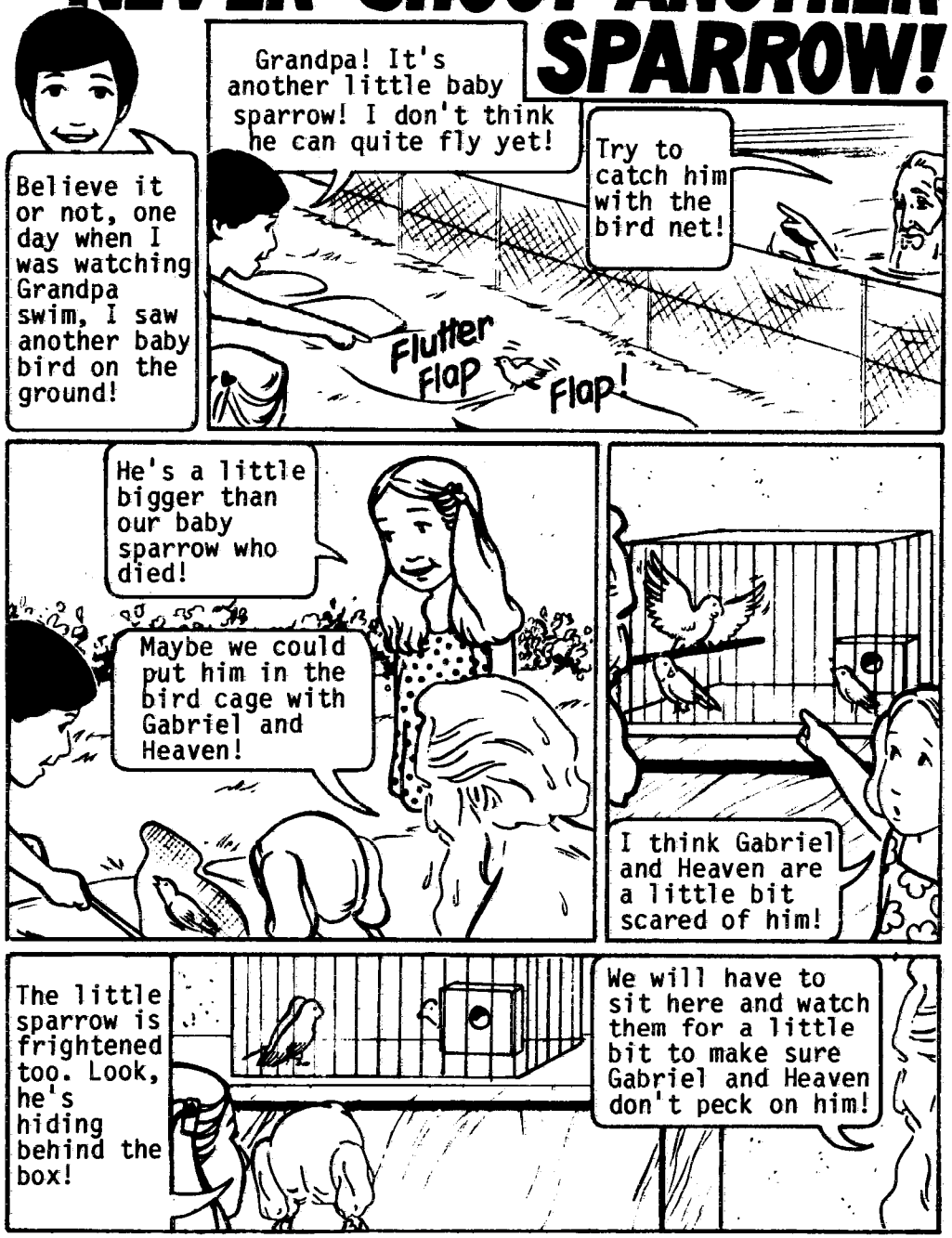

It's getting dark now, so we'll have to go inside. But we'll leave the porch door open for a little while in case she still comes back.
Oh, Jesus, please help Heaven to find her way home!
We've been praying for her all day!
She can't take care of herself. She needs us to help her!
If she doesn't come now, she'll get lost in the dark!
She must be really hungry.
Poor Heaven! Please take care of her, Jesus!
Look!! A bird has flown into the garden! Is it Heaven?
Yes, it is! It's Heaven!
Praise God!
What a miracle! The Lord helped her find her way home!
Thank You, Jesus, for bringing her back!



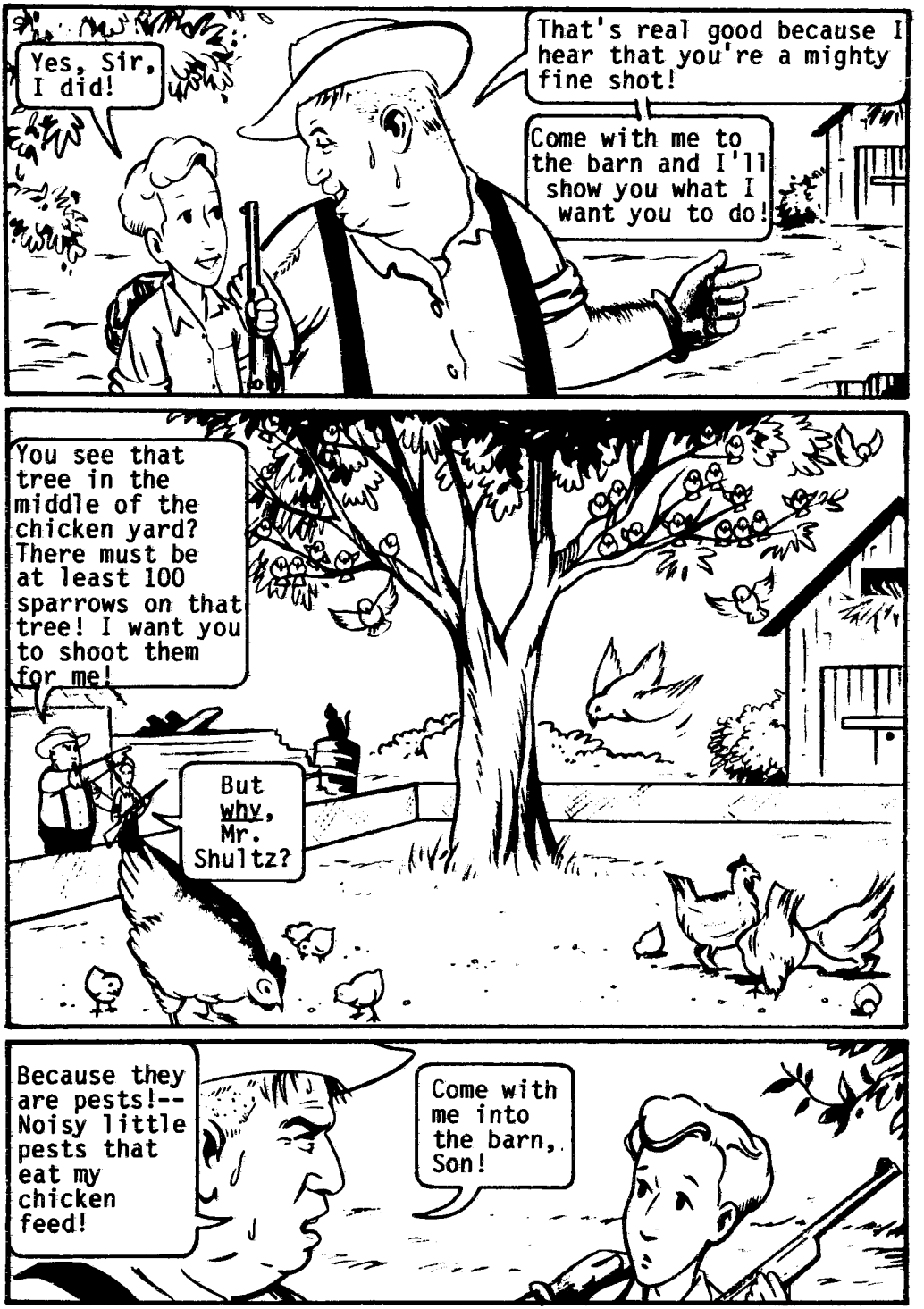
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THE STORY OF "OUR BIRDS": PART FIVE

NEVER SHOOT ANOTHER SPARROW!

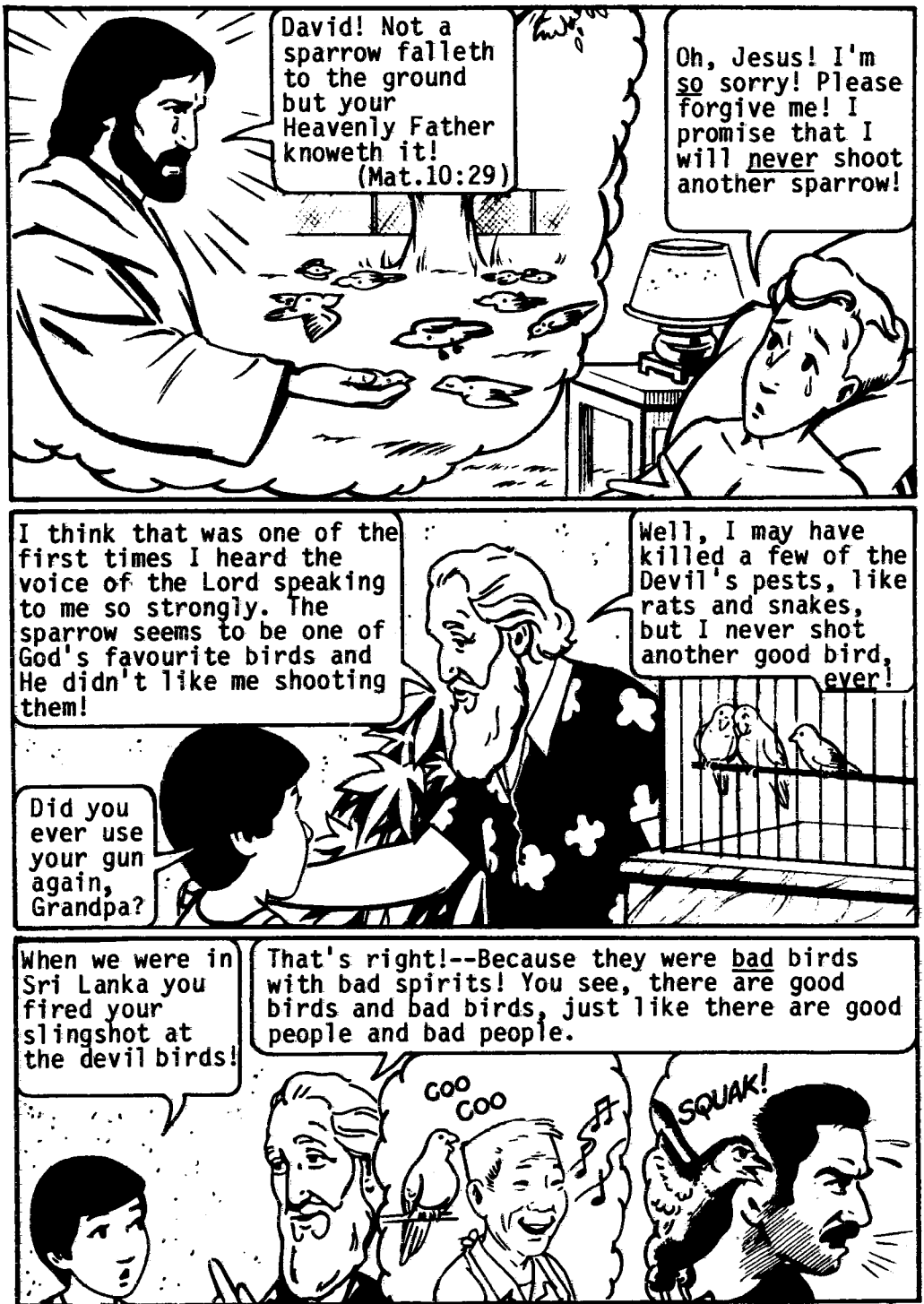


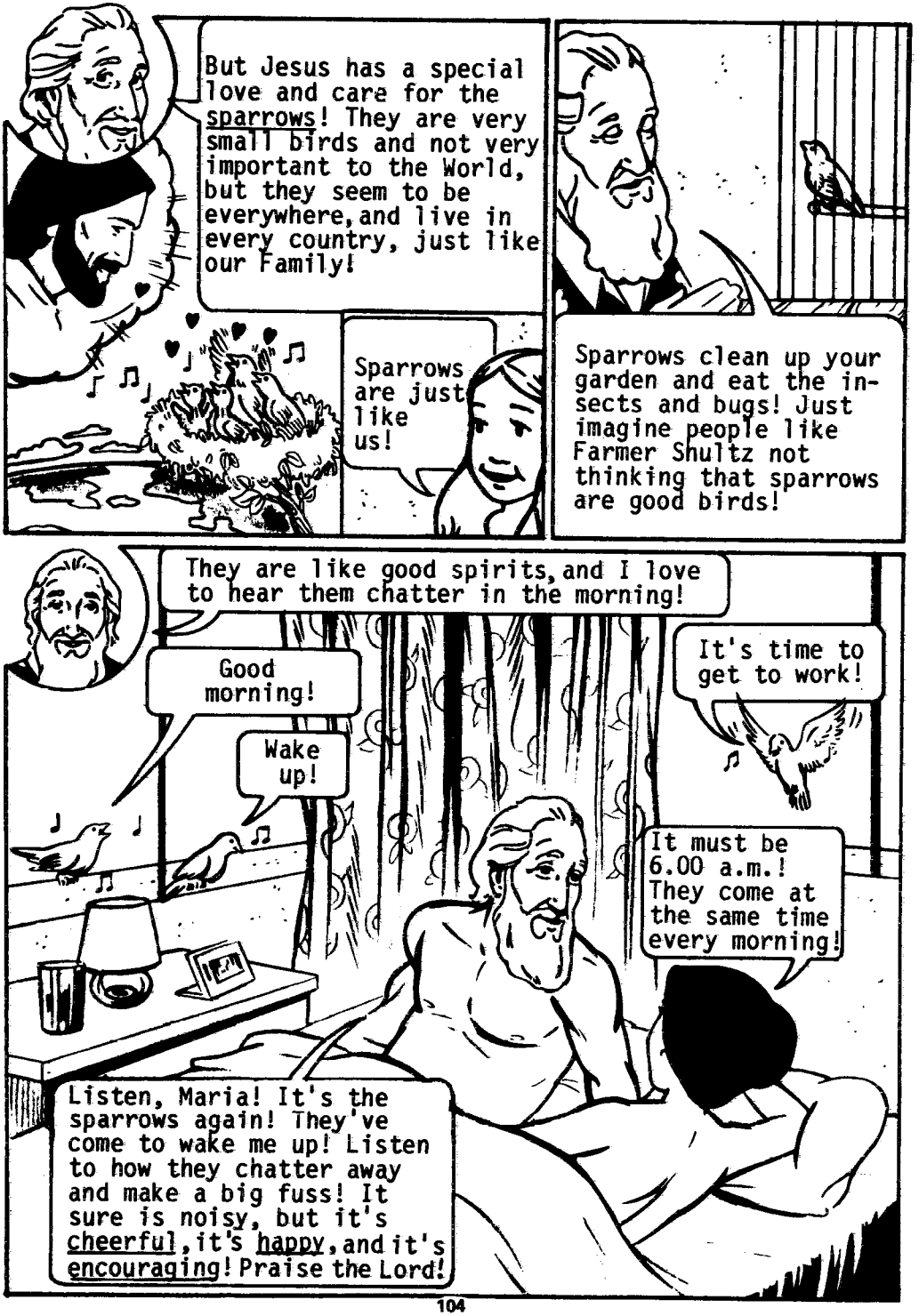

Thank You, Jesus, for this little bird! You said that "Your eye is on the sparrow," so we know You care for us too. Just as You saved us from the World, so we have saved this little lost bird.
Amen!
Jesus, please help us to take good care of him now until he gets strong again, so that, Lord willing, after a little while we can set him free and he can go and do what You created him for!--Be an example of Your loving care!
Amen!
Did you know that in the Bible Jesus talks about the sparrows? He says, "Not a sparrow falleth to the ground but your Heavenly Father knoweth it!" (Mat.10:29)
Now I just can hardly imagine that when I was young I used to shoot sparrows with my air-gun.
Oh my!
But then something happened that made me want to never shoot another sparrow.
I was about 12 years old...
Good morning, Mr. Shultz! Your brother said you had a job for me!
Yup! Dave! I sure do! Haw! Haw! Did you bring your air-gun?

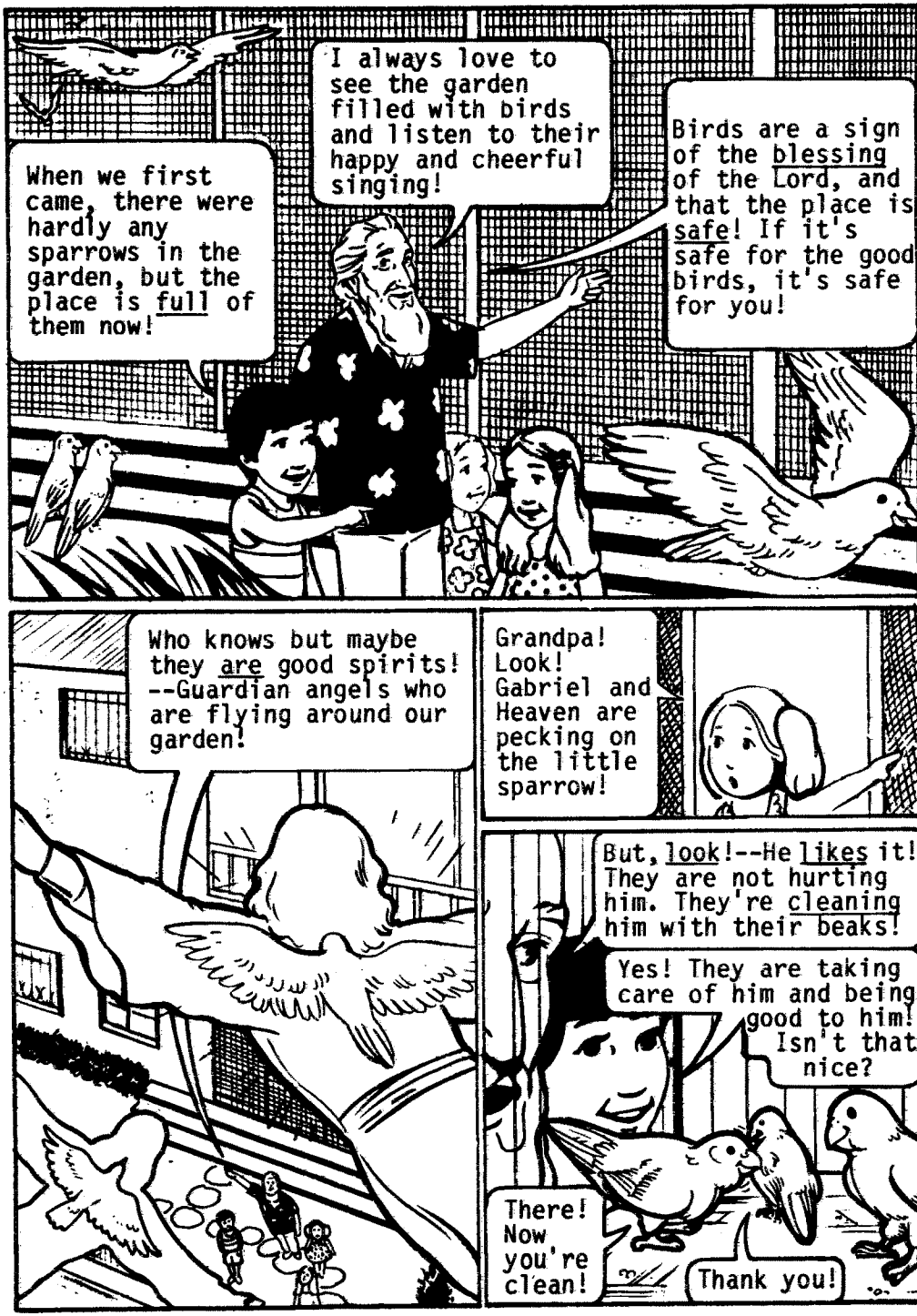

Yes, Sir, I did!
That's real good because I hear that you're a mighty fine shot!
Come with me to the barn and I'll show you what I want you to do!
You see that tree in the middle of the chicken yard? There must be at least 100 sparrows on that tree! I want you to shoot them for me!
But why, Mr. Shultz?
Because they are pests!-- Noisy little pests that eat my chicken feed!
Come with me into the barn, Son!


The birds can't see you if you hide in here.
You can point your gun through this hole in the door.
Now let's see if you can get one!
Got him!
Haw! Haw! Good shooting, Son!
POW!
I'll leave you to shoot as many as you can, and I'll give you a penny for every three sparrows you shoot!
Yes, Mr. Shultz!
This is too easy.
POW!
Later..
I'm getting tired of doing this. It makes me feel kind of sick.
Tweet
Twee
POW
Besides, the sparrows didn't know they were doing wrong! They probably thought the seeds were for them.

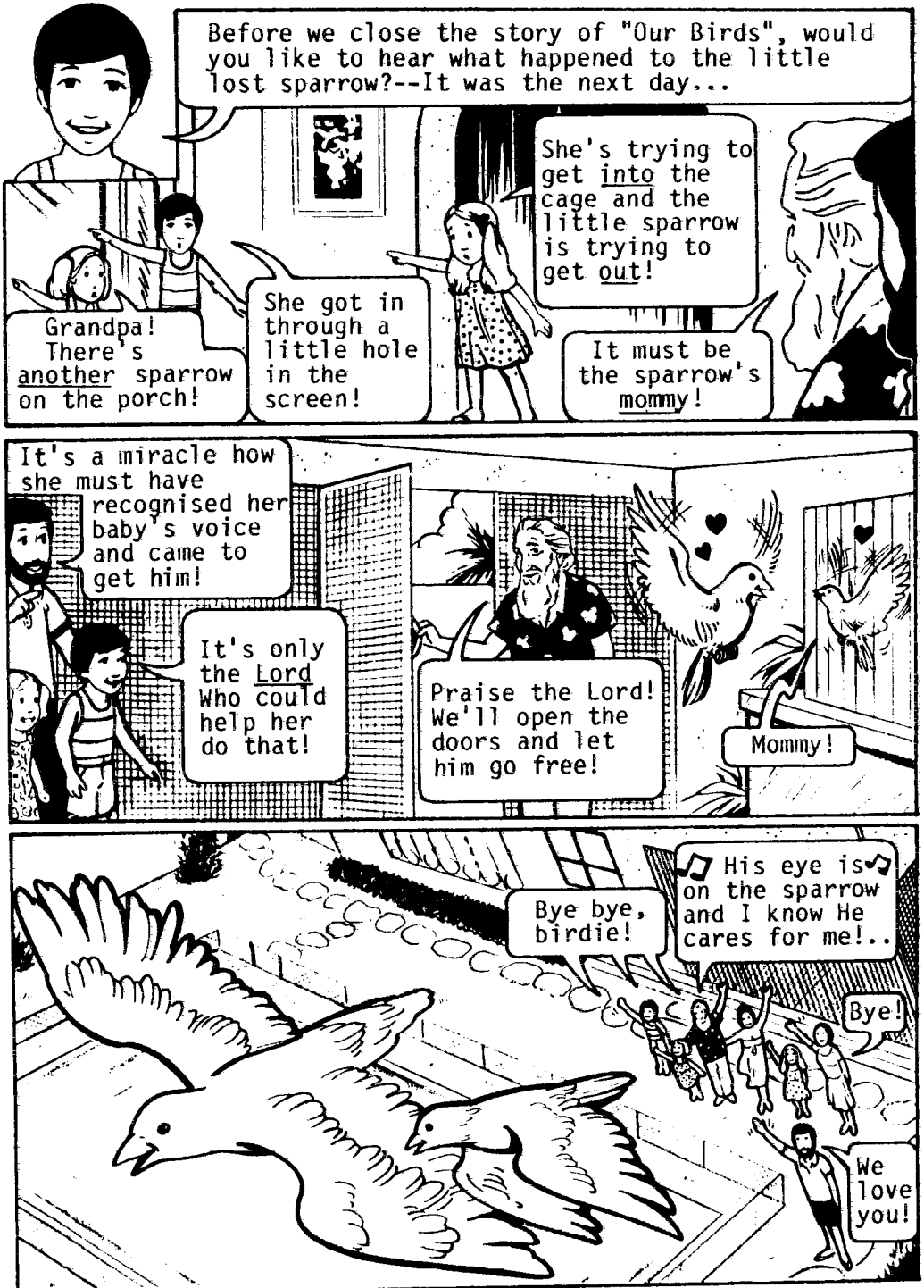

Here's the money you earned, Dave.
I bet that was a fun job!
Not really, Mr. Shultz. You see, I'm a Christian and not the kind of boy who enjoys violence and killing.
Well, I went home and dreamed about it all that night. All I could see in my sleep was that tree and those birds falling.
POW! POW! POW! POW
NO NO
Oooah!
Flop! Flop! Flop!
Oh no! I keep seeing them dying and falling, dying and falling, over and over and over again!
OO
Twee...
POW!
Oh, Jesus! No more please! I can't stand seeing it any more! Please help me! Please forgive me!


David! Not a sparrow falleth to the ground but your Heavenly Father knoweth it! (Mat.10:29)
Oh, Jesus! I'm so sorry! Please forgive me! I promise that I will never shoot another sparrow!
I think that was one of the first times I heard the voice of the Lord speaking to me so strongly. The sparrow seems to be one of God's favourite birds and He didn't like me shooting them!
Well, I may have killed a few of the Devil's pests, like rats and snakes, but I never shot another good bird, ever!
Did you ever use your gun again, Grandpa?
When we were in Sri Lanka you fired your slingshot at the devil birds!
That's right!--Because they were bad birds with bad spirits! You see, there are good birds and bad birds, just like there are good people and bad people.
GOO COO
SQUAK!


But Jesus has a special love and care for the sparrows! They are very small birds and not very important to the World, but they seem to be everywhere, and live in every country, just like our Family!
Sparrows are just like us!
Sparrows clean up your garden and eat the insects and bugs! Just imagine people like Farmer Shultz not thinking that sparrows are good birds!
They are like good spirits, and I love to hear them chatter in the morning!
Good morning!
Wake up!
It's time to get to work!
It must be 6.00 a.m.! They come at the same time every morning!
Listen, Maria! It's the sparrows again! They've come to wake me up! Listen to how they chatter away and make a big fuss! It sure is noisy, but it's cheerful, it's happy, and it's encouraging! Praise the Lord!

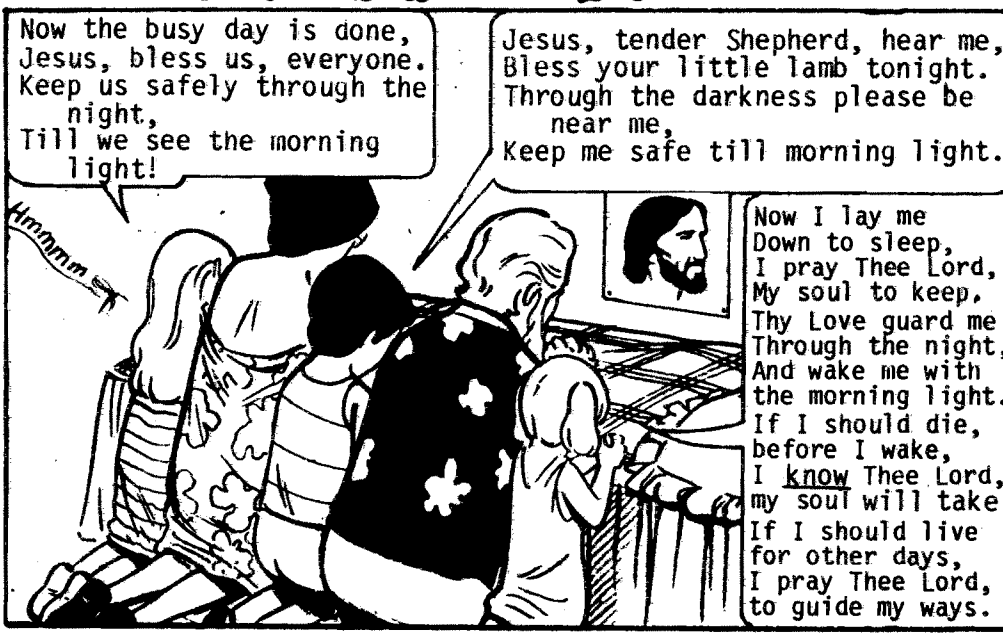

When we first came, there were hardly any sparrows in the garden, but the place is full of them now!
I always love to see the garden filled with birds and listen to their happy and cheerful singing!
Birds are a sign of the blessing of the Lord, and that the place is safe! If it's safe for the good birds, it's safe for you!
Who knows but maybe they are good spirits! --Guardian angels who are flying around our garden!
Grandpa! Look! Gabriel and Heaven are pecking on the little sparrow!
But, look!--He likes it! They are not hurting him. They're cleaning him with their beaks!
Yes! They are taking care of him and being good to him! Isn't that nice?
There! Now you're clean!
Thank you!

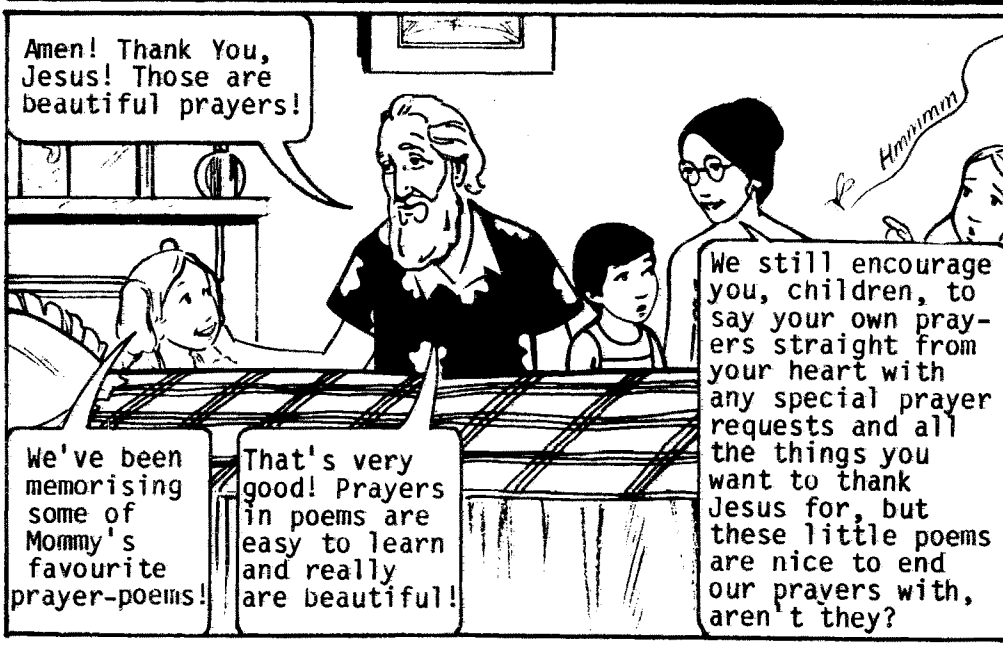

Lord help us to never hurt or kill any of God's good creatures, but to love them and be good to them, just like God is to us, amen?
Amen!
And I don't believe we should ever shoot or kill anything we don't have to, because the Lord made everything for a purpose, even the little sparrows!
Well, we hope you have enjoyed these lessons that we learned while taking care of our birds.
It has taught us to love and care for others and feel responsible for them!
Jesus sent the birds to us to see if we would be faithful stewards over them!
One day soon I want these children to help Me run the World.
But first I'll see if they will be faithful with these little things!
Well done, good and faithful servants; thou hast been faithful over a few things. I will make thee rulers over many things! Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord! (Mat.25:21)
Tweet Tweet

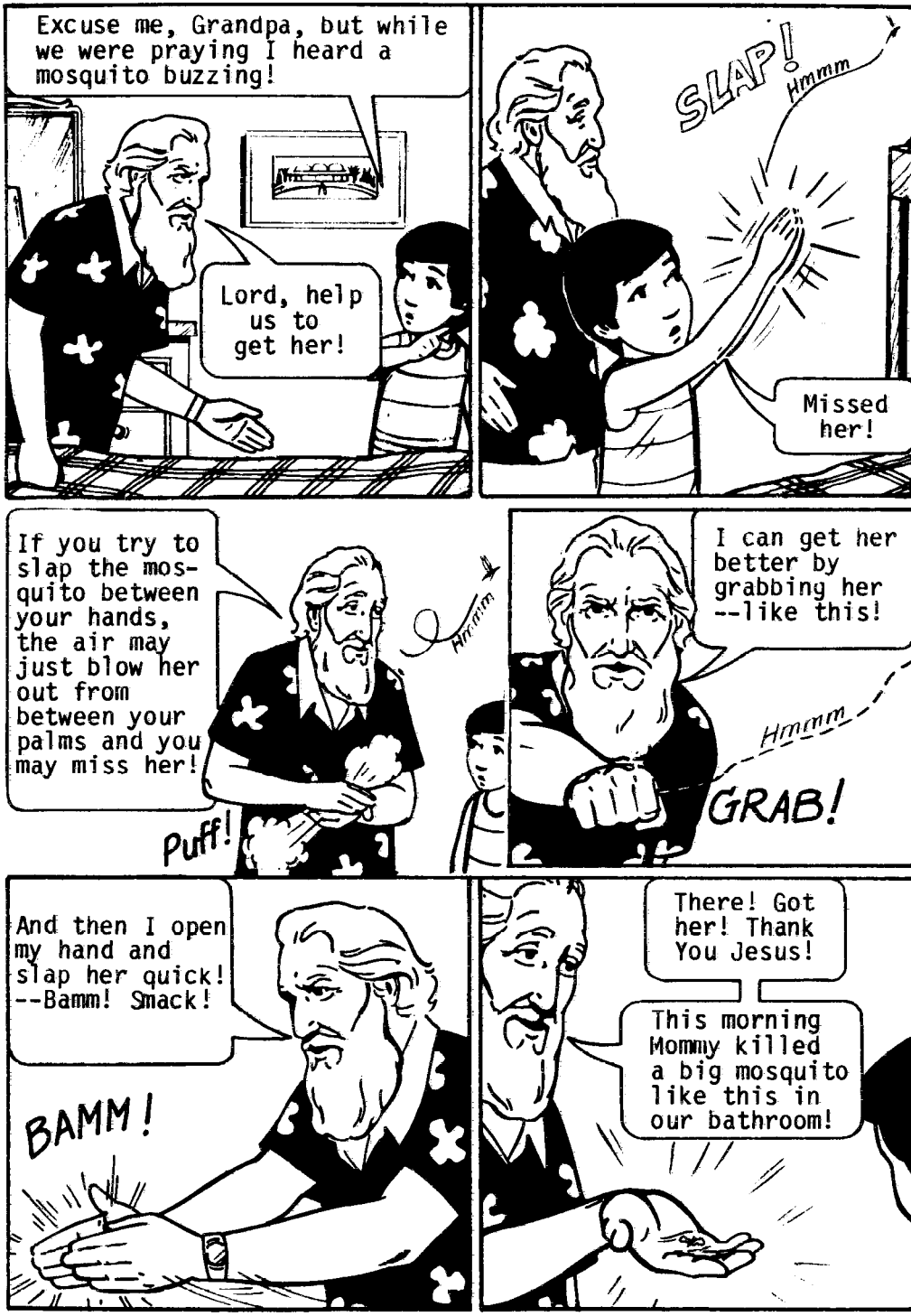

Before we close the story of "Our Birds", would you like to hear what happened to the little lost sparrow?--It was the next day...
Grandpa! There's another sparrow on the porch!
She got in through a little hole in the screen!
She's trying to get into the cage and the little sparrow is trying to get out!
It must be the sparrow's mommy!
It's a miracle how she must have recognised her baby's voice and came to get him!
It's only the Lord Who could help her do that!
Praise the Lord! We'll open the doors and let him go free!
Mommy!
Bye bye, birdie!
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He cares for me!..
Bye!
We love you!

MOMMY AND THE MOSQUITO!

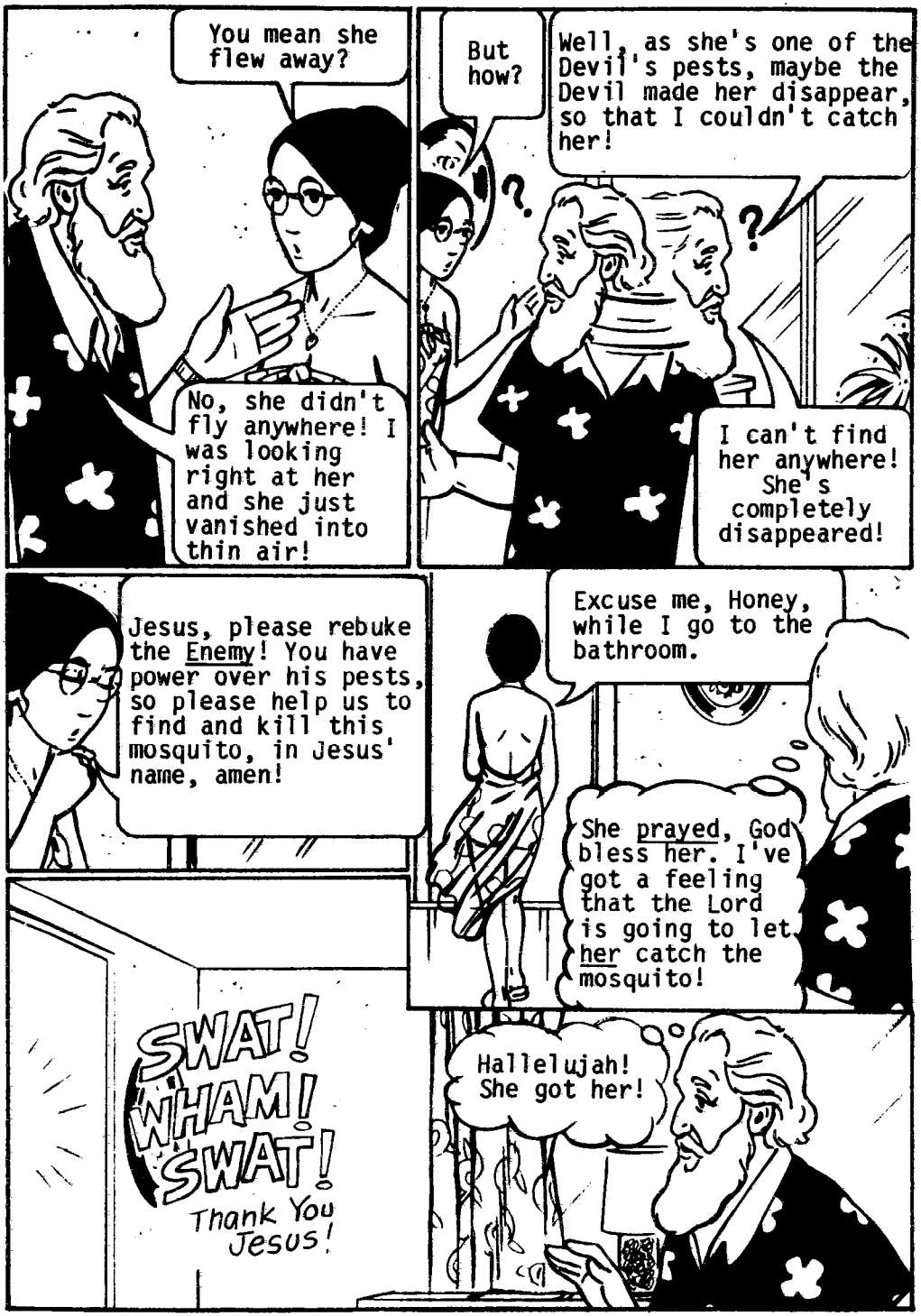
--Prayer Power Over the Devil's Pests!



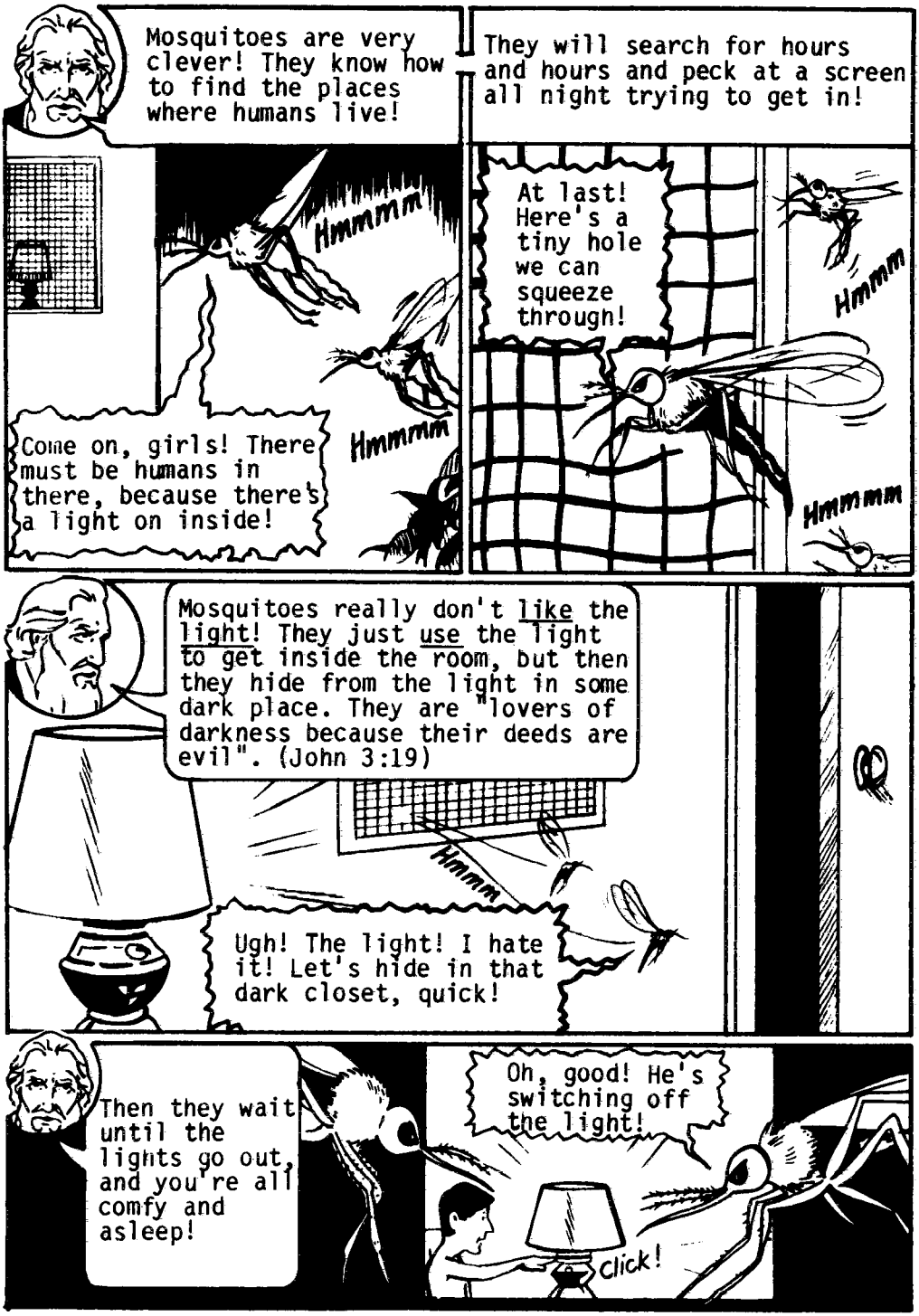



Excuse me, Grandpa, but while we were praying I heard a mosquito buzzing!
Lord, help us to get her!
SLAP!
Hmmm
Missed her!
If you try to slap the mosquito between your hands, the air may just blow her out from between your palms and you may miss her!
Hmmm
Puff!
I can get her better by grabbing her --like this!
Hmmm
GRAB!
And then I open my hand and slap her quick! --Bamm! Smack!
BAMM!
There! Got her! Thank You Jesus!
This morning Mommy killed a big mosquito like this in our bathroom!

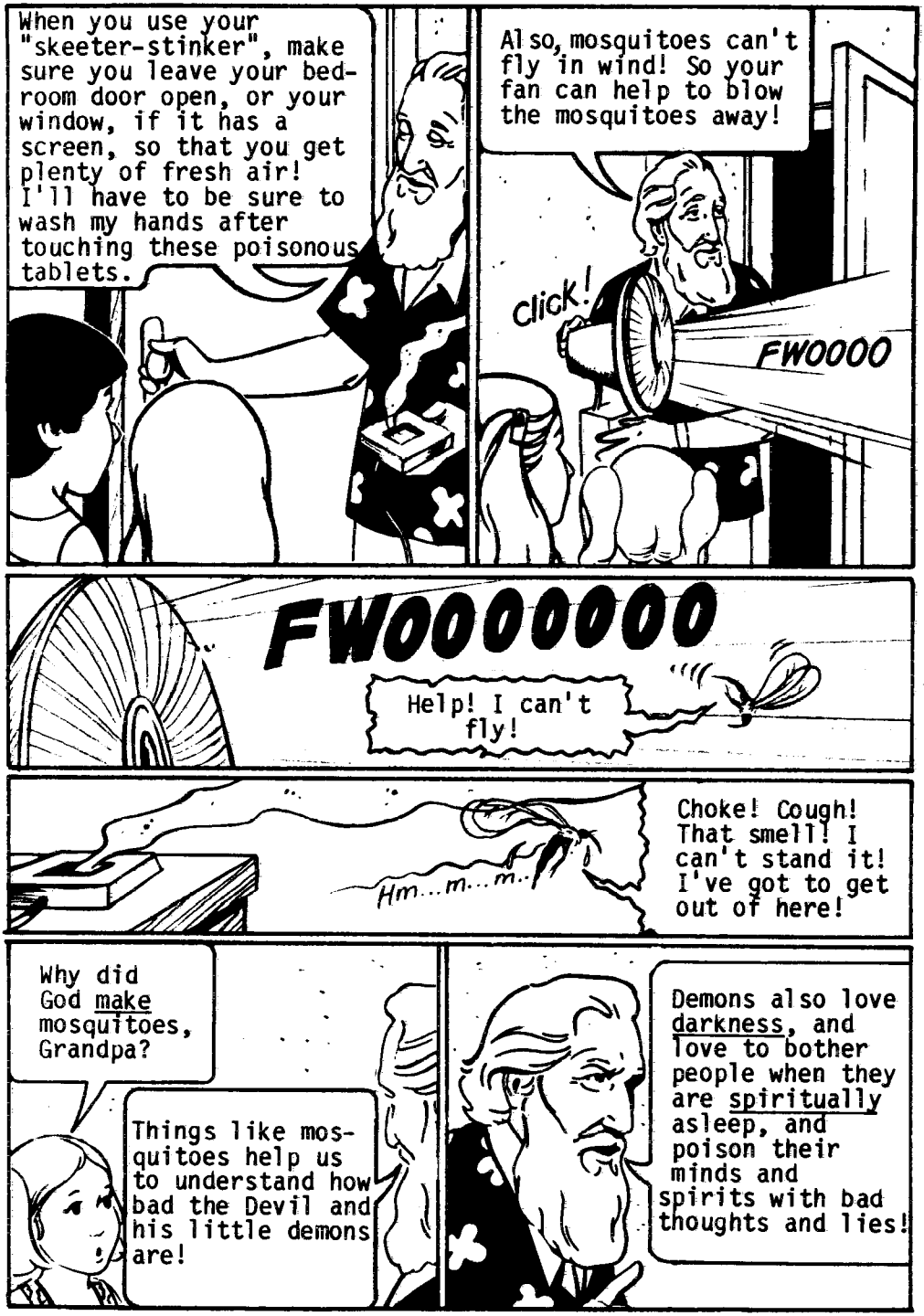

For a long time I had been chasing the mosquito around the room.
No, I missed her again!
Hmm
Did you get her, Honey?
Ah ha! She landed on the trash basket! I'll get her this time, for sure!
I've got you at last, you little rascal!
What?!!
What happened, Sweetheart?
She disappeared! She actually disappeared!


You mean she flew away?
No, she didn't fly anywhere! I was looking right at her and she just vanished into thin air!
But how?
Well, as she's one of the Devil's pests, maybe the Devil made her disappear, so that I couldn't catch her!
I can't find her anywhere! She's completely disappeared!
Jesus, please rebuke the Enemy! You have power over his pests, so please help us to find and kill this mosquito, in Jesus' name, amen!
Excuse me, Honey, while I go to the bathroom.
She prayed, God bless her. I've got a feeling that the Lord is going to let her catch the mosquito!
SWAT! WHAM! SWAT!
Thank You Jesus!
Hallelujah! She got her!

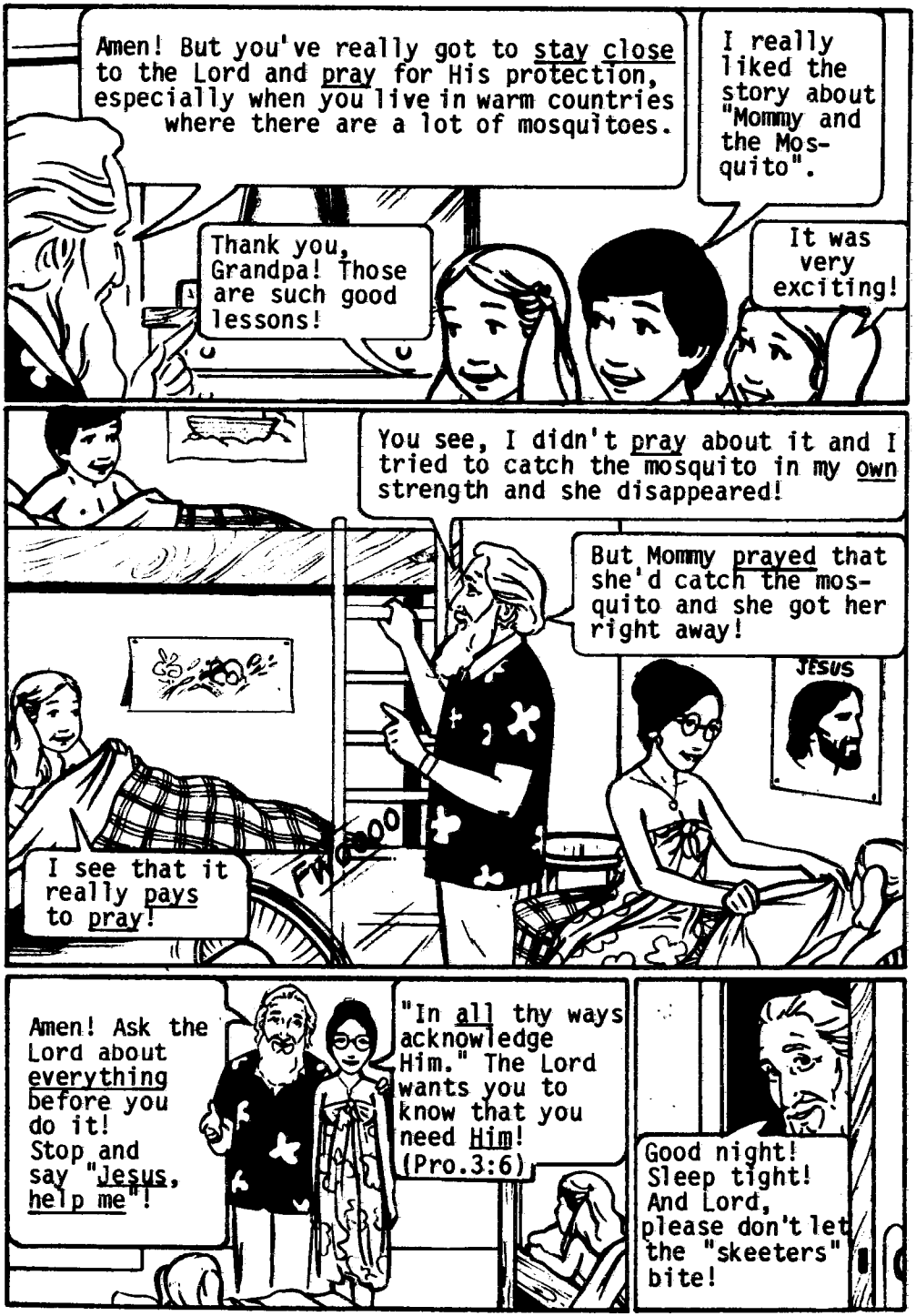

Look, Honey! I got her!
Praise the Lord, Honey! I knew you would! It was because you prayed!
As soon as I went into the bathroom the Lord made the mosquito reappear on the nice bright wall where I could easily swat her with the fly swatter.
CHEAP COLOGNE
Oh, there she is! Thank You Jesus for answering my prayer!
There! Got you!
SWAT!
WHAM! SWAT!
Did she bite Mommy?
No, Mommy got the mosquito first before she got Mommy!
We should say "she" because it's the females that bite, not the poor little innocent males. She needs a bite of your blood so she can make her babies!
Ugh!


Mosquitoes are very clever! They know how to find the places where humans live!
They will search for hours and hours and peck at a screen all night trying to get in!
Hmmmm
Hmmmm
Come on, girls! There must be humans in there, because there's a light on inside!
At last! Here's a tiny hole we can squeeze through!
Hmmmm
Hmmmm
Mosquitoes really don't like the light! They just use the light to get inside the room, but then they hide from the light in some dark place. They are "lovers of darkness because their deeds are evil". (John 3:19)
Hmmm
Ugh! The light! I hate it! Let's hide in that dark closet, quick!
Then they wait until the lights go out, and you're all comfy and asleep!
Oh, good! He's switching off the light!
click!


Then they come out and stick their little needle-nose into you in the dark!
Hmmmm
POKE!
But God made them to make a little buzzing sound to give you a warning when they come too close!
Hmmm
Hmmmm
Ouch!
You have to watch out for mosquitoes! They're so smart and clever. They're not dirty like flies and roaches, but they can be much more dangerous!
Mosquitoes can carry very serious diseases like malaria and yellow fever, and that's why it's very important for you to know about them!
To keep mosquitoes out, be sure that your windows have good screens or tight curtains!
Somebody should tell Alf that he should be well-covered if he has to go outside after dark, to keep the mosquitoes from biting him.--Wearing socks helps! And don't scratch insect bites! They may get infected & sore!

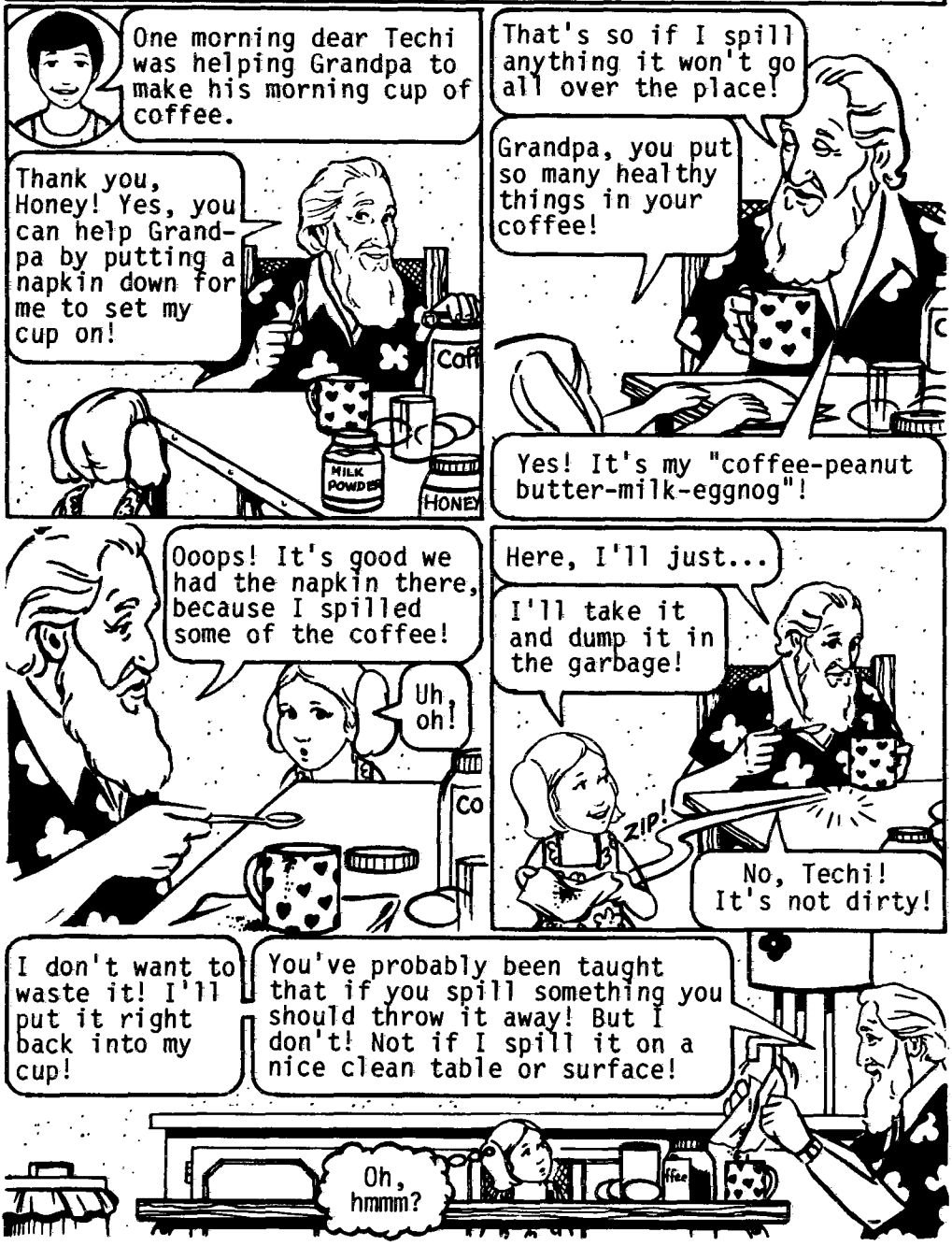

When you use your "skeeter-stinker", make sure you leave your bedroom door open, or your window, if it has a screen, so that you get plenty of fresh air! I'll have to be sure to wash my hands after touching these poisonous tablets.
Also, mosquitoes can't fly in wind! So your fan can help to blow the mosquitoes away!
click!
FWOOOO
FWOOOOOOO
Help! I can't fly!
Hm...m...m..
Choke! Cough! That smell! I can't stand it! I've got to get out of here!
Why did God make mosquitoes, Grandpa?
Things like mosquitoes help us to understand how bad the Devil and his little demons are!
Demons also love darkness, and love to bother people when they are spiritually asleep, and poison their minds and spirits with bad thoughts and lies!


They give them bad sleep and troubles, just like mosquitoes!
I didn't have time again today to read the Word, but who cares? I think I'll just go to sleep early!
Click!
Hee Hee! He's going to sleep without praying and he went through the whole day without reading the Word.
Now he's weak and we can give him bad thoughts and dreams!
Thank God, if you stay close to Jesus then they can't hurt you, because you are protected by Him! They don't like the Light of God's Spirit!
Thank You, Jesus, for Your protection!
Jesus, rebuke the poisonous lies of the Enemy!
Help us to stay close to You today, Lord! Hallelujah! We love You, Jesus!
This room is full of the Holy Spirit! It's too powerful! Let's get out of here!
So, praise the Lord! I just wanted to warn you about mosquitoes!
It's wonderful how even though we sometimes get bitten, the Lord protects us anyway, and keeps us from getting those terrible diseases!

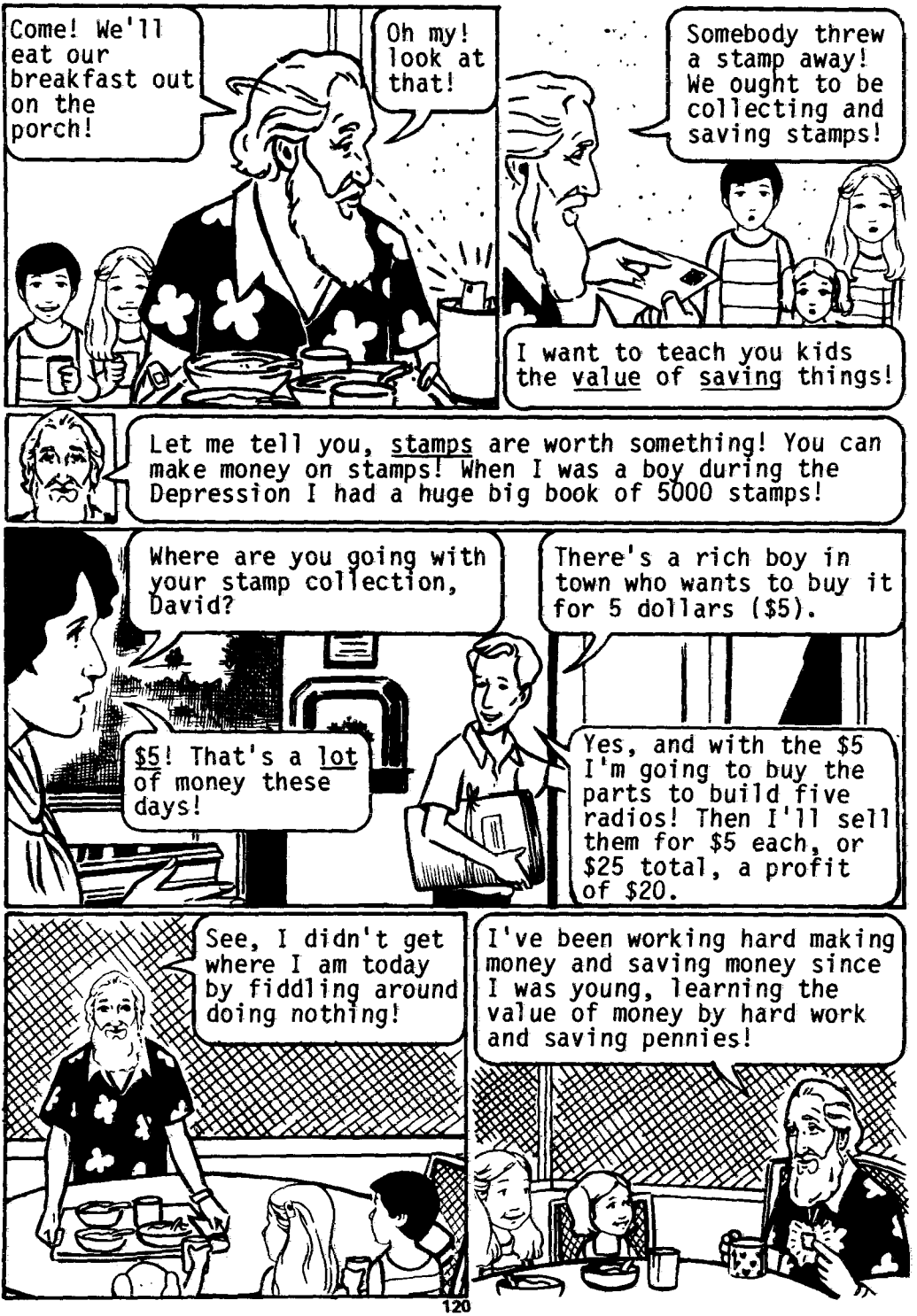

Amen! But you've really got to stay close to the Lord and pray for His protection, especially when you live in warm countries where there are a lot of mosquitoes.
I really liked the story about "Mommy and the Mosquito".
It was very exciting!
Thank you, Grandpa! Those are such good lessons!
You see, I didn't pray about it and I tried to catch the mosquito in my own strength and she disappeared!
But Mommy prayed that she'd catch the mosquito and she got her right away!
JESUS
I see that it really pays to pray!
Amen! Ask the Lord about everything before you do it! Stop and say "Jesus, help me"!
"In all thy ways acknowledge Him." The Lord wants you to know that you need Him! (Pro.3:6)
Good night! Sleep tight! And Lord, please don't let the "skeeters" bite!

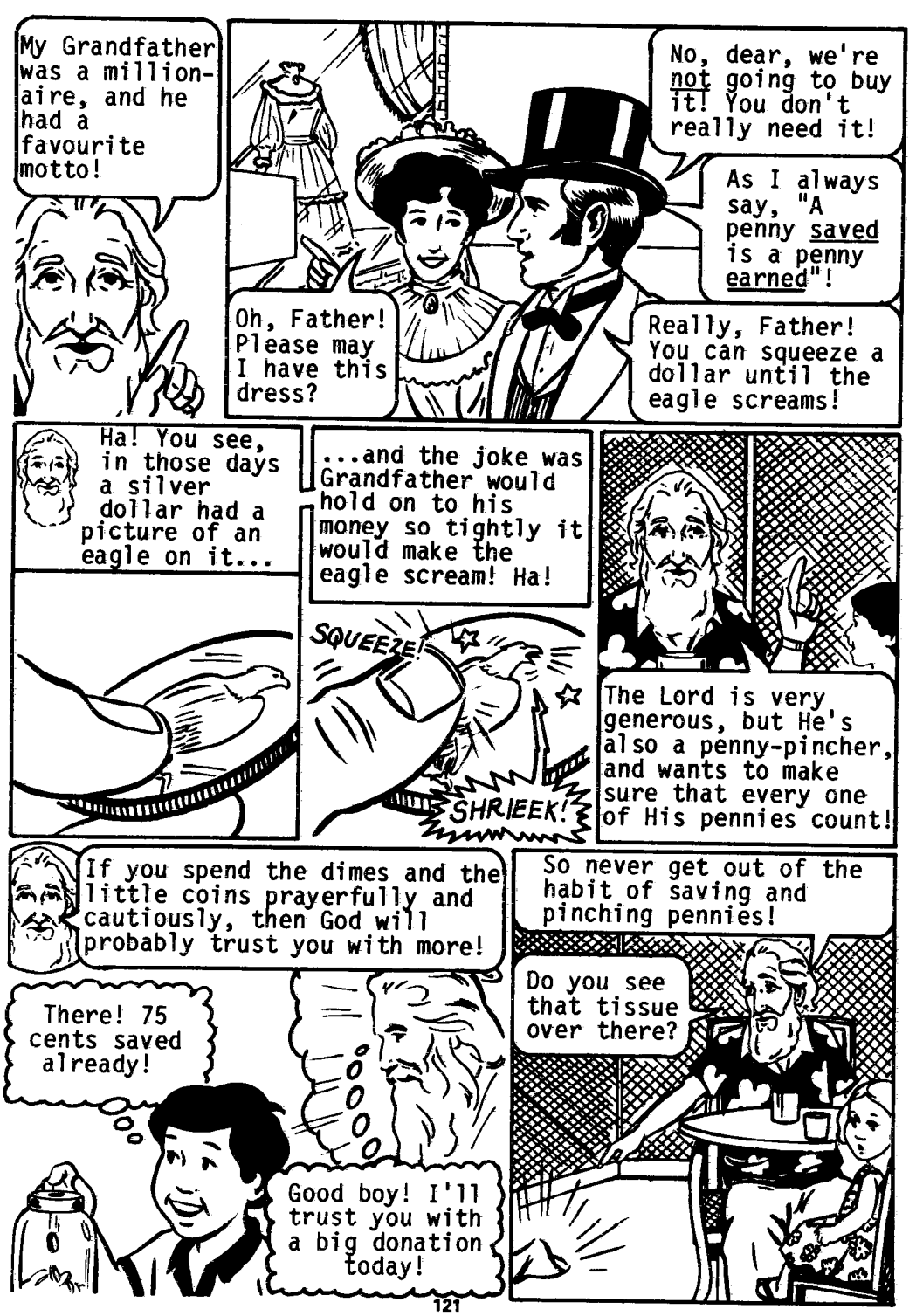
THE RAGMAN!

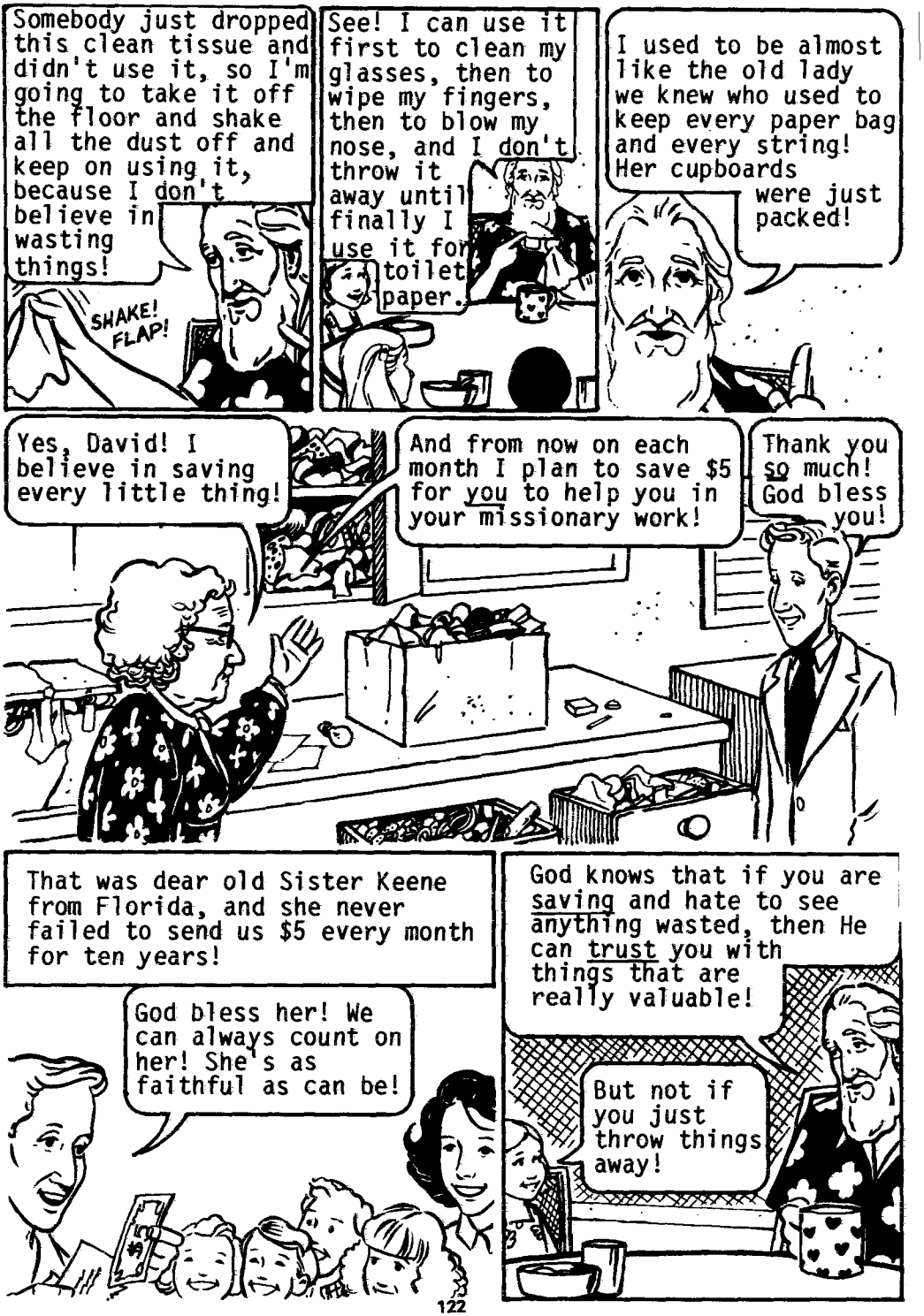
"WASTE NOT, WANT NOT!"



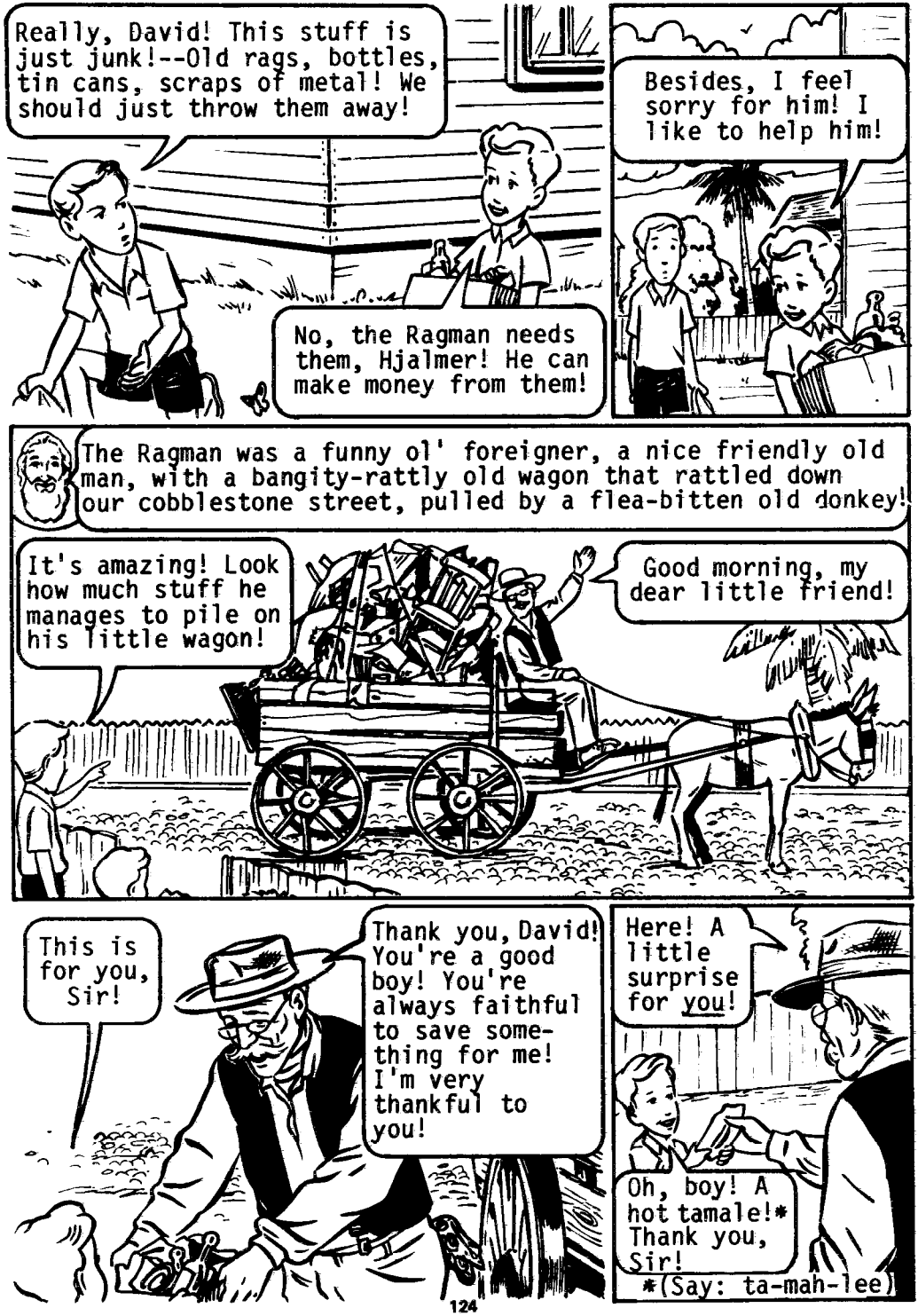

I always try to save every little thing! I guess I'm kind of like that Jew in the joke about the Englishman, the Scotsman, and the Jew!
Oh, I say! There's a fly in my beer!
Och! There's one in mine too!
Vat is dis? A fly!
PLOUF!
SPLASH!
SPLASH!
SHH...
Sorry, folks! There are a lot of flies in here today!
Never mind! I'll blow it out!
I don't want to lose so much beer.
PUFF!
BZZZZ
I'll flick mine out!
I don't vant to lose any beer!
FLICK!
BZZ!
I'll wring mine out!
TWIST! SQUEEZE!
Gulp! Uck! Of course, we should never do that! It's just a funny little story to show how Jewish the Jews are!
HA HA
HA HA HA
HA HA
And that's how Jewish I am! And how saving I am!

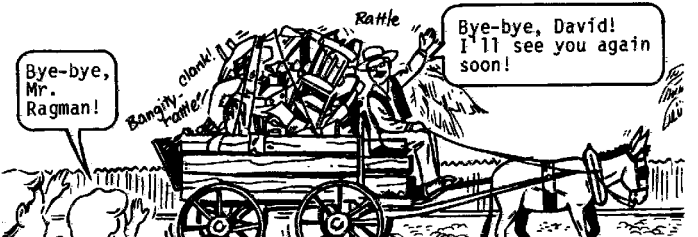

Come! We'll eat our breakfast out on the porch!
Oh my! look at that!
Somebody threw a stamp away! We ought to be collecting and saving stamps!
I want to teach you kids the value of saving things!
Let me tell you, stamps are worth something! You can make money on stamps! When I was a boy during the Depression I had a huge big book of 5000 stamps!
Where are you going with your stamp collection, David?
There's a rich boy in town who wants to buy it for 5 dollars ($5).
$5! That's a lot of money these days!
Yes, and with the $5 I'm going to buy the parts to build five radios! Then I'll sell them for $5 each, or $25 total, a profit of $20.
See, I didn't get where I am today by fiddling around doing nothing!
I've been working hard making money and saving money since I was young, learning the value of money by hard work and saving pennies!


My Grandfather was a millionaire, and he had a favourite motto!
Oh, Father! Please may I have this dress?
No, dear, we're not going to buy it! You don't really need it!
As I always say, "A penny saved is a penny earned"!
Really, Father! You can squeeze a dollar until the eagle screams!
Ha! You see, in those days a silver dollar had a picture of an eagle on it...
...and the joke was Grandfather would hold on to his money so tightly it would make the eagle scream! Ha!
SQUEEZE!
SHRIEEK!
The Lord is very generous, but He's also a penny-pincher, and wants to make sure that every one of His pennies count!
If you spend the dimes and the little coins prayerfully and cautiously, then God will probably trust you with more!
So never get out of the habit of saving and pinching pennies!
Do you see that tissue over there?
There! 75 cents saved already!
Good boy! I'll trust you with a big donation today!


Somebody just dropped this clean tissue and didn't use it, so I'm going to take it off the floor and shake all the dust off and keep on using it, because I don't believe in wasting things!
SHAKE! FLAP!
See! I can use it first to clean my glasses, then to wipe my fingers, then to blow my nose, and I don't throw it away until finally I use it for toilet paper.
I used to be almost like the old lady we knew who used to keep every paper bag and every string! Her cupboards were just packed!
Yes, David! I believe in saving every little thing!
And from now on each month I plan to save $5 for you to help you in your missionary work!
Thank you so much! God bless you!
That was dear old Sister Keene from Florida, and she never failed to send us $5 every month for ten years!
God bless her! We can always count on her! She's as faithful as can be!
God knows that if you are saving and hate to see anything wasted, then He can trust you with things that are really valuable!
But not if you just throw things away!


Right! I caught my boys several times just throwing things away, and said...
Aaron! Don't throw that away, Son! One day you may need that little block of wood!
And who threw away that piece of scrap metal?
Put them on the scrap pile so you can find them again next time you're looking for something just that shape and size!
Even now I have a tool drawer where I save odd bits of wire, nails and screws and bits and pieces of things, just in case one of these days I might need them!--And every now and then I do!
There! That might come in handy one day!
CLUNK!
ODDS AND ENDS
I probably would have made a good Ragman!
What's a Ragman, Grandpa?
Well, when I was a boy there was a Ragman who used to come down our street every day! He'd found out that he could make a living off selling old rags and junk that people would give him! I could hear him yelling half a mile away!
RAGS! ANY RAGS! CLOTHES! RAGMAN!
Mother, did you save anything for the Ragman?
Of course, dear! I knew you'd be disappointed if I didn't! It's in a cardboard box out in the back! Hjalmer can help you carry it out!


Really, David! This stuff is just junk!--Old rags, bottles, tin cans, scraps of metal! We should just throw them away!
No, the Ragman needs them, Hjalmer! He can make money from them!
Besides, I feel sorry for him! I like to help him!
The Ragman was a funny ol' foreigner, a nice friendly old man, with a bangity-rattly old wagon that rattled down our cobblestone street, pulled by a flea-bitten old donkey!
It's amazing! Look how much stuff he manages to pile on his little wagon!
Good morning, my dear little friend!
This is for you, Sir!
Thank you, David! You're a good boy! You're always faithful to save something for me! I'm very thankful to you!
Here! A little surprise for you!
Oh, boy! A hot tamale!* Thank you, Sir!
*(Say: ta-mah-lee)



Yes, I really loved that old Ragman, and wanted to help him! Even at that young age I had pity and compassion on the poor.

Jesus, please help dear Mr. Ragman! Please give him lots of things today!

Maybe one reason I cared was because we had been poor, and I knew that every little rag or thread or stamp or piece of paper was worth something!

As Fred Shultz used to say (the multi-millionaire whom I knew and who had made so much money by careful saving.)—

Waste not! Want not!-- Anything wilfully wasted will be wilfully wanted!

So, if you waste something, some day you're going to need it, and be sorry you wasted it!

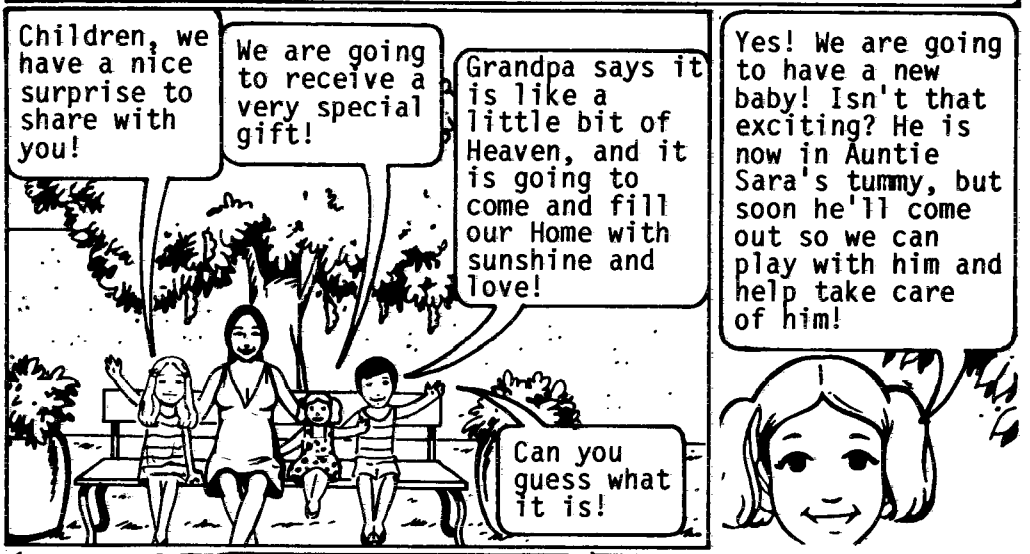
So I hope you children are learning to save things, and not to waste them! That includes not wasting water, soap, electricity, food, toilet paper, writing paper and many other things. God will not bless waste!

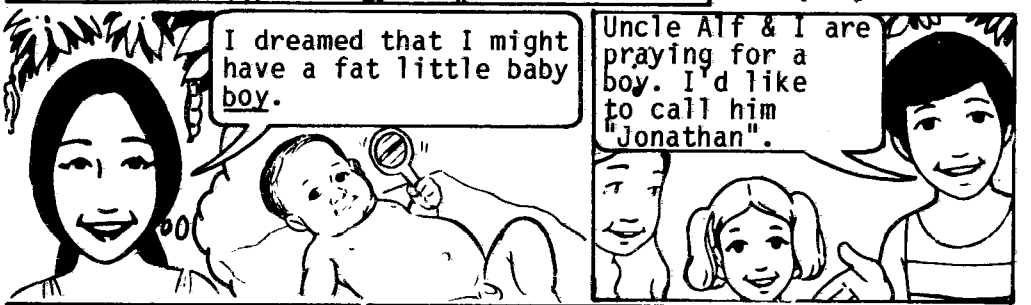
Yes, Sir! And we can also start saving for the Ragman!


Amen! And next time you think of throwing something away, or even wasting time or money, remember the little four-year old boy that ran out with his box of junk for the Ragman!
Yes, Grandpa!
So remember the Ragman! And remember the Big Ragman, God, Who will hold you accountable not only for every word...
...& deed wasted, but everything you wasted and threw away, which you could have saved or given to somebody else who needed it!
Praise You Lord! Thank You Jesus! Hallelujah! Amen!
Listen thou, heed thou to every word of thy father and keep them as valuables, precious and priceless more than gold, that thou may know the ways of thy Father David, for they are the ways of the Lord!
Thank You Jesus! Praise the Lord! WHAT HAVE YOU SAVED FOR THE RAGMAN TODAY?

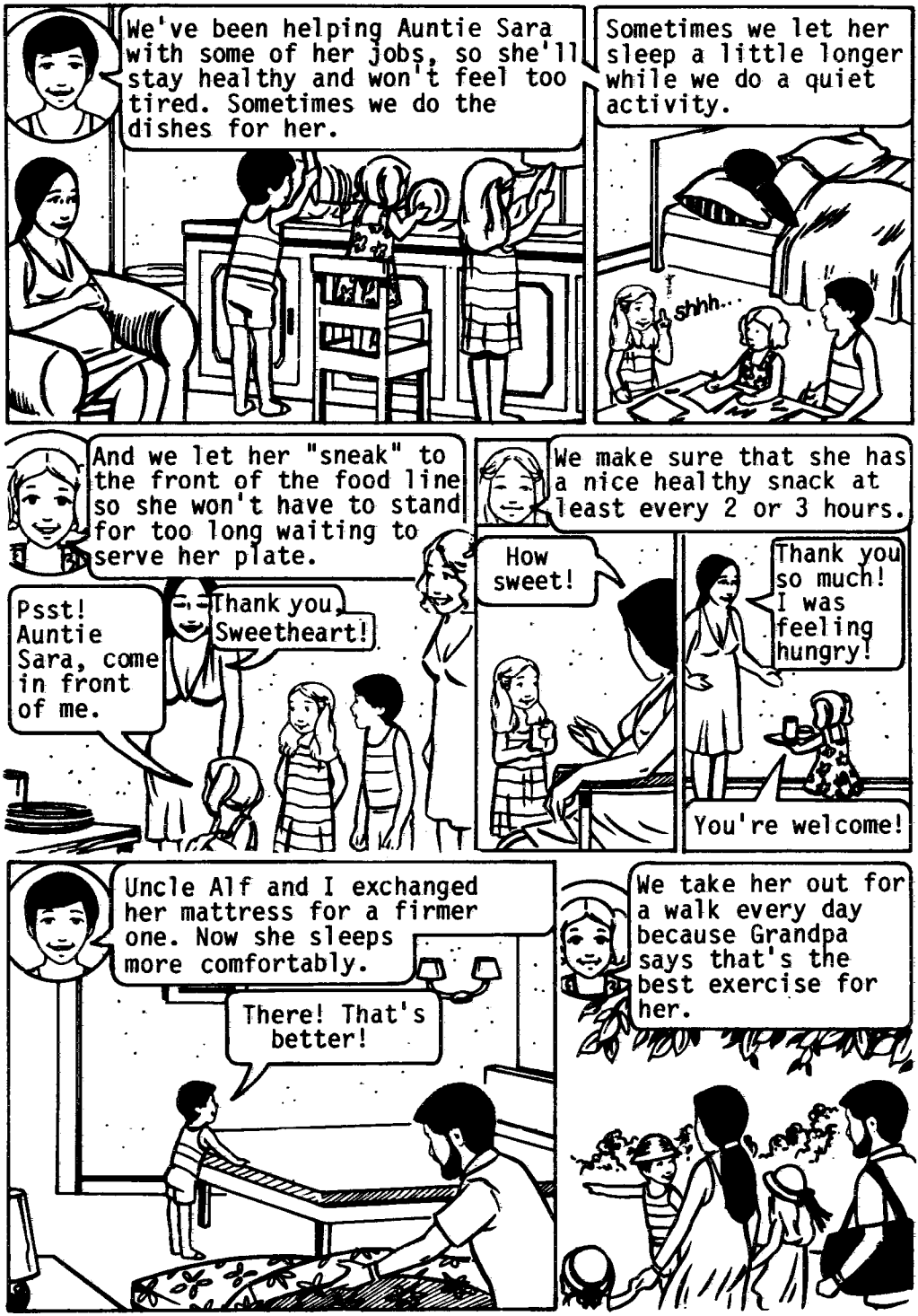
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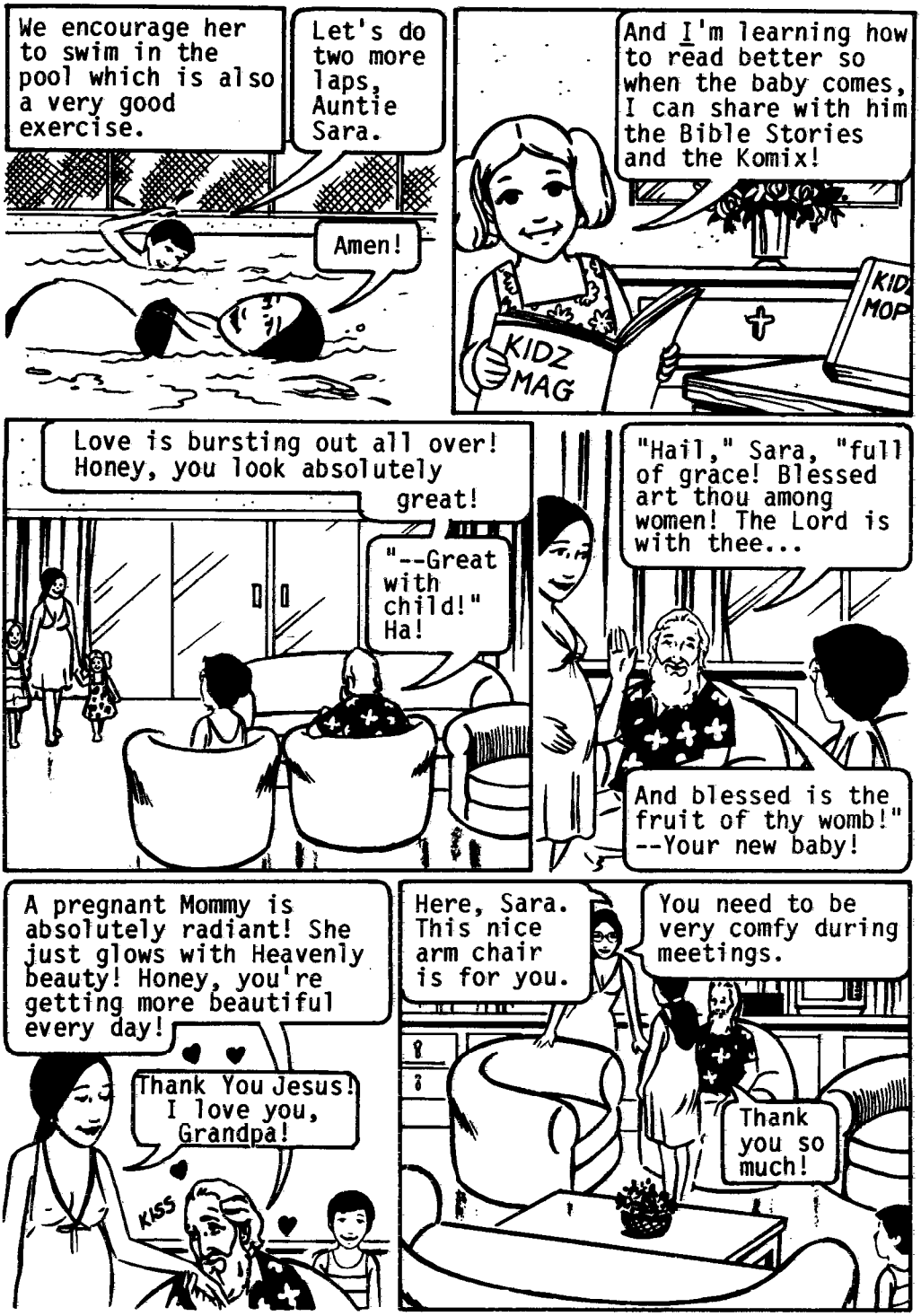
THE CREATION OF ETERNAL SOULS



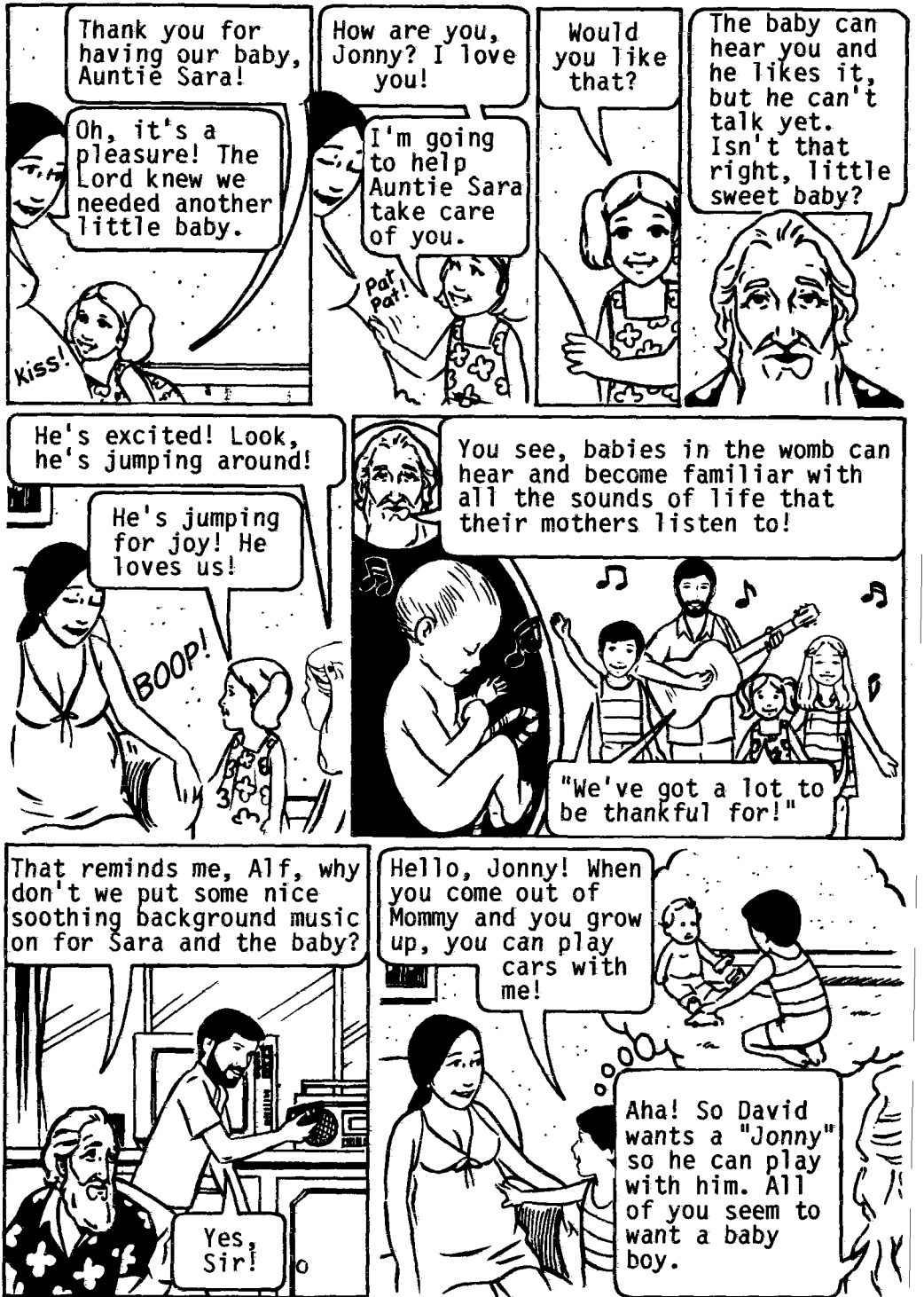


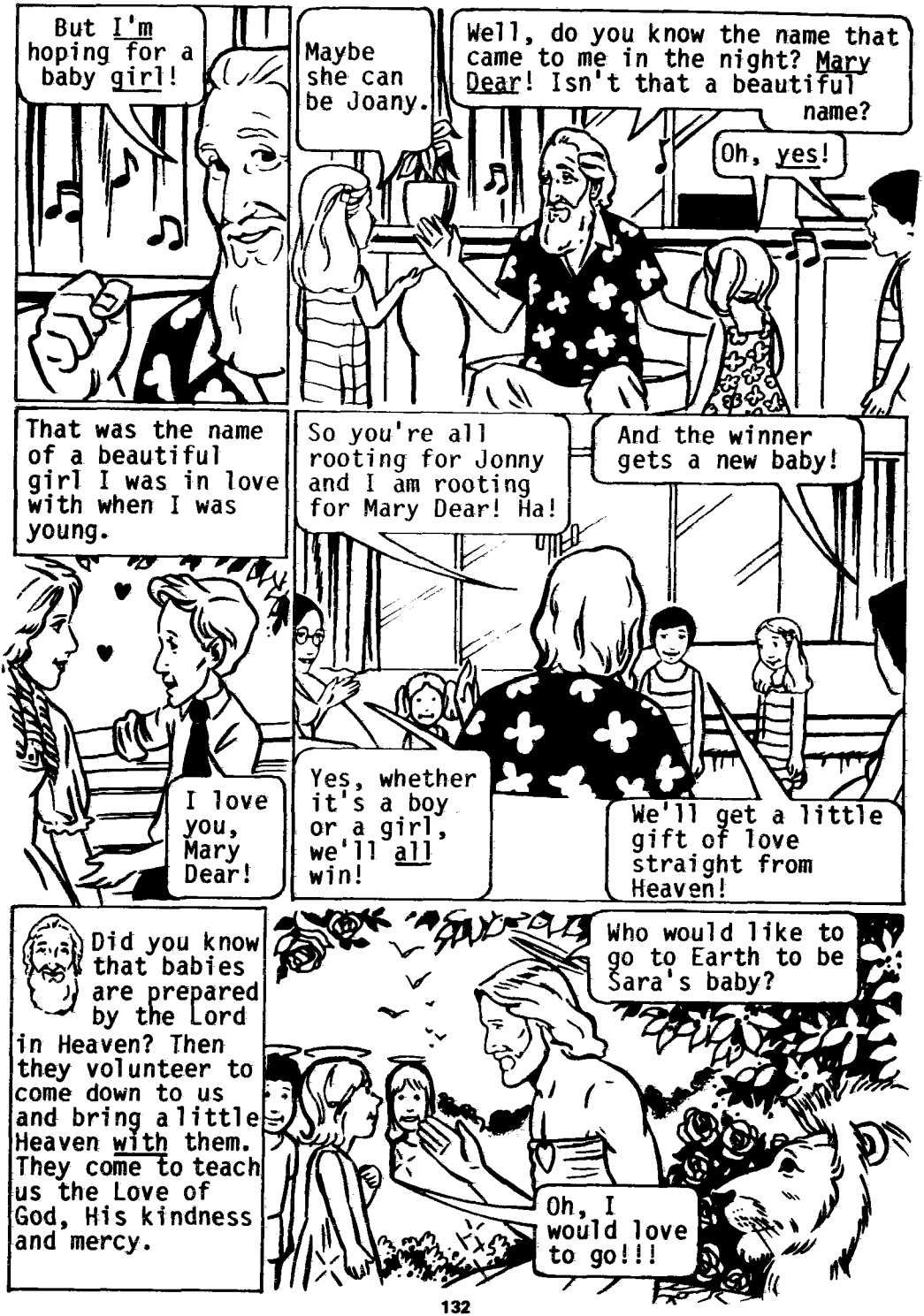



We've been helping Auntie Sara with some of her jobs, so she'll stay healthy and won't feel too tired. Sometimes we do the dishes for her.
Sometimes we let her sleep a little longer while we do a quiet activity.
shhh...
And we let her "sneak" to the front of the food line so she won't have to stand for too long waiting to serve her plate.
We make sure that she has a nice healthy snack at least every 2 or 3 hours.
Psst! Auntie Sara, come in front of me.
Thank you, Sweetheart!
How sweet!
Thank you so much! I was feeling hungry!
You're welcome!
Uncle Alf and I exchanged her mattress for a firmer one. Now she sleeps more comfortably.
There! That's better!
We take her out for a walk every day because Grandpa says that's the best exercise for her.

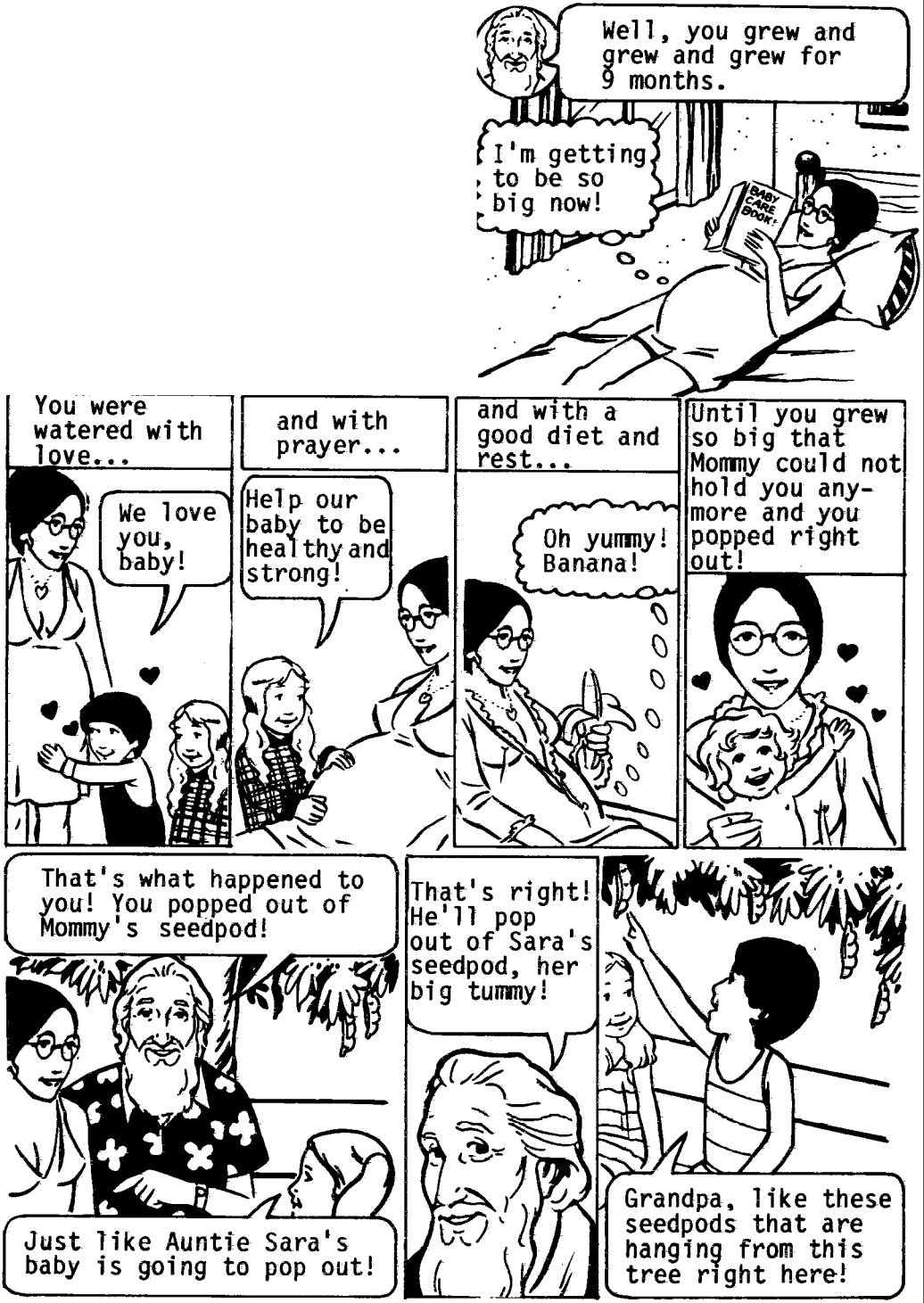

We encourage her to swim in the pool which is also a very good exercise.
Let's do two more laps, Auntie Sara.
Amen!
And I'm learning how to read better so when the baby comes, I can share with him the Bible Stories and the Komix!
KIDZ MAG
KID MOP
Love is bursting out all over! Honey, you look absolutely great!
"--Great with child!" Ha!
"Hail," Sara, "full of grace! Blessed art thou among women! The Lord is with thee...
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb!" --Your new baby!
A pregnant Mommy is absolutely radiant! She just glows with Heavenly beauty! Honey, you're getting more beautiful every day!
Thank You Jesus! I love you, Grandpa!
KISS
Here, Sara. This nice arm chair is for you.
You need to be very comfy during meetings.
Thank you so much!

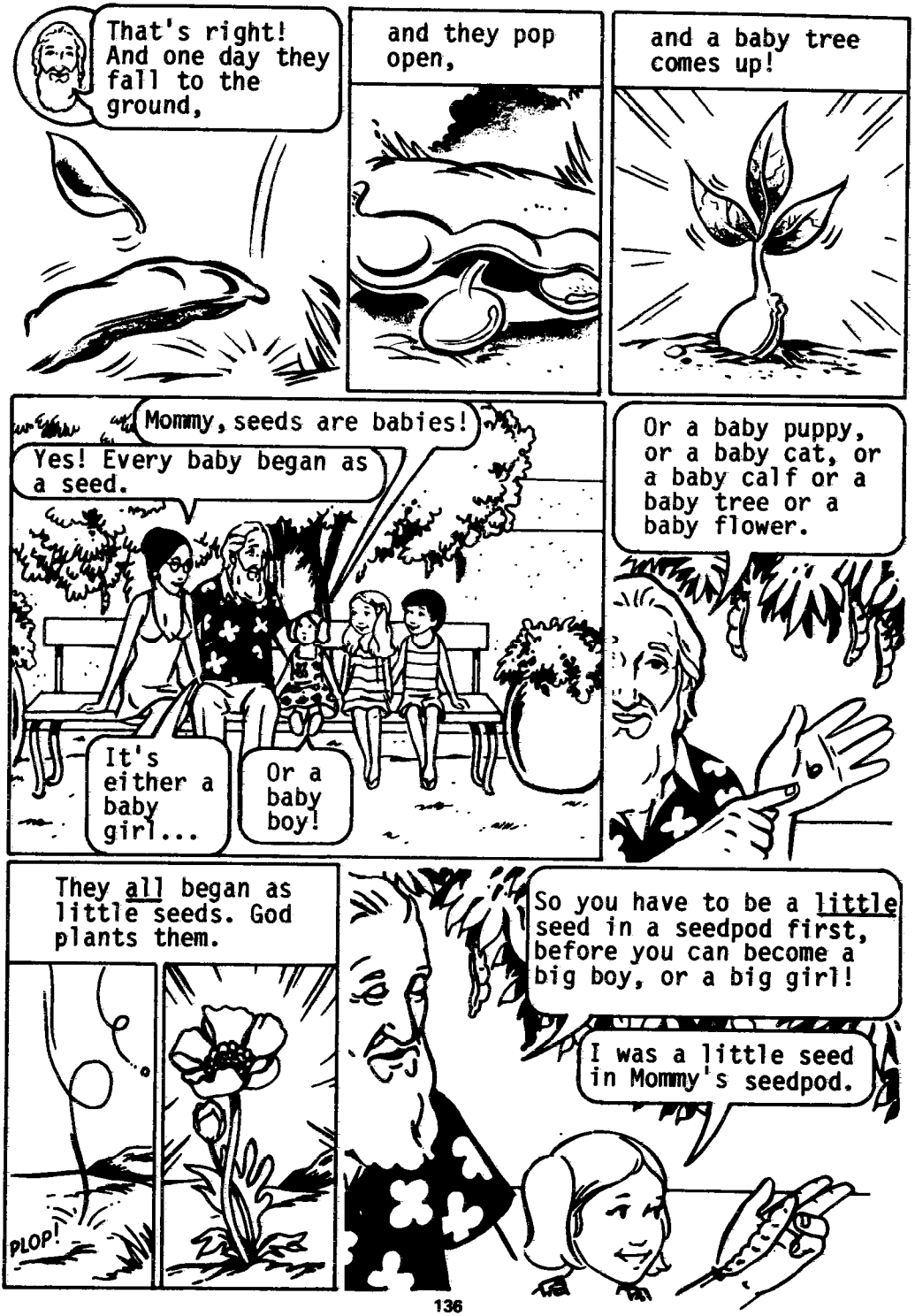

David, could you please bring her a little stool and a cushion so she can put her feet up?
Yes, Ma'am.
Here's a banana and a little juice for you, Mommy, so you won't get hungry.
Thank you, sweethearts. You're so thoughtful and helpful!
How are you feeling, Sara?
Very healthy & strong, thank the Lord! Sometimes I get little headaches; but with prayer and good rest they go away.
We should always remember to pray for the pregnant girls. It is a bit of a strain and tiring sometimes, because they are helping to create a whole new human being!
Every time a Mommy has a baby, it is the biggest miracle since the creation of the World!
So, isn't it worth waiting 9 long months for our baby to be born?
Sometimes Mommies feel a little sick and weak when they are pregnant, but it's worth a little discomfort because God is using them to create a new eternal soul!

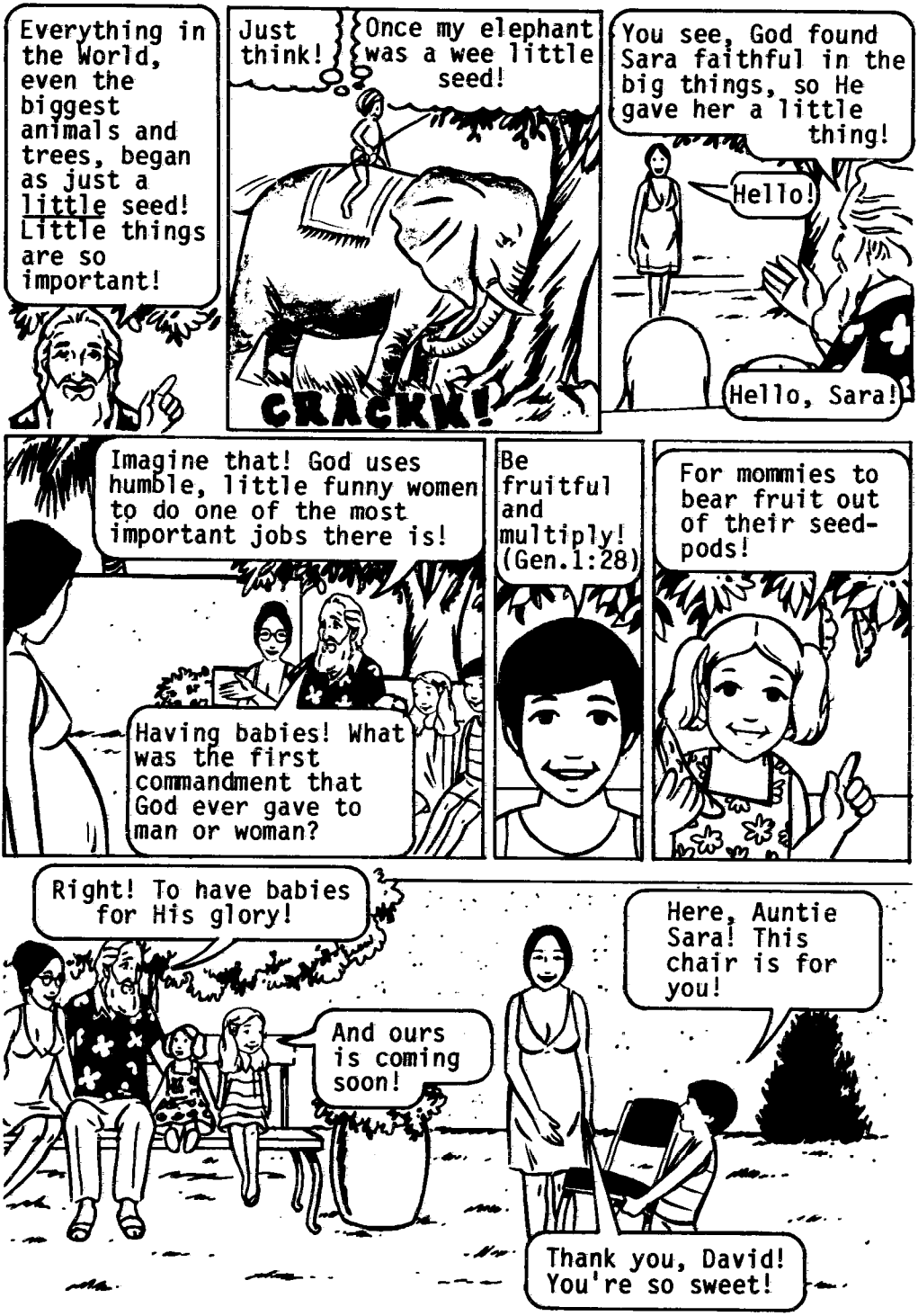

Thank you for having our baby, Auntie Sara!
Oh, it's a pleasure! The Lord knew we needed another little baby.
Kiss!
How are you, Jonny? I love you!
I'm going to help Auntie Sara take care of you.
Pat Pat!
Would you like that?
The baby can hear you and he likes it, but he can't talk yet. Isn't that right, little sweet baby?
He's excited! Look, he's jumping around!
He's jumping for joy! He loves us!
BOOP!
You see, babies in the womb can hear and become familiar with all the sounds of life that their mothers listen to!
"We've got a lot to be thankful for!"
That reminds me, Alf, why don't we put some nice soothing background music on for Sara and the baby?
Yes, Sir!
Hello, Jonny! When you come out of Mommy and you grow up, you can play cars with me!
Aha! So David wants a "Jonny" so he can play with him. All of you seem to want a baby boy.


But I'm hoping for a baby girl!
Maybe she can be Joany.
Well, do you know the name that came to me in the night? Mary Dear! Isn't that a beautiful name?
Oh, yes!
That was the name of a beautiful girl I was in love with when I was young.
So you're all rooting for Jonny and I am rooting for Mary Dear! Ha!
And the winner gets a new baby!
I love you, Mary Dear!
Yes, whether it's a boy or a girl, we'll all win!
We'll get a little gift of love straight from Heaven!
Did you know that babies are prepared by the Lord in Heaven? Then they volunteer to come down to us and bring a little Heaven with them. They come to teach us the Love of God, His kindness and mercy.
Who would like to go to Earth to be Sara's baby?
Oh, I would love to go!!!

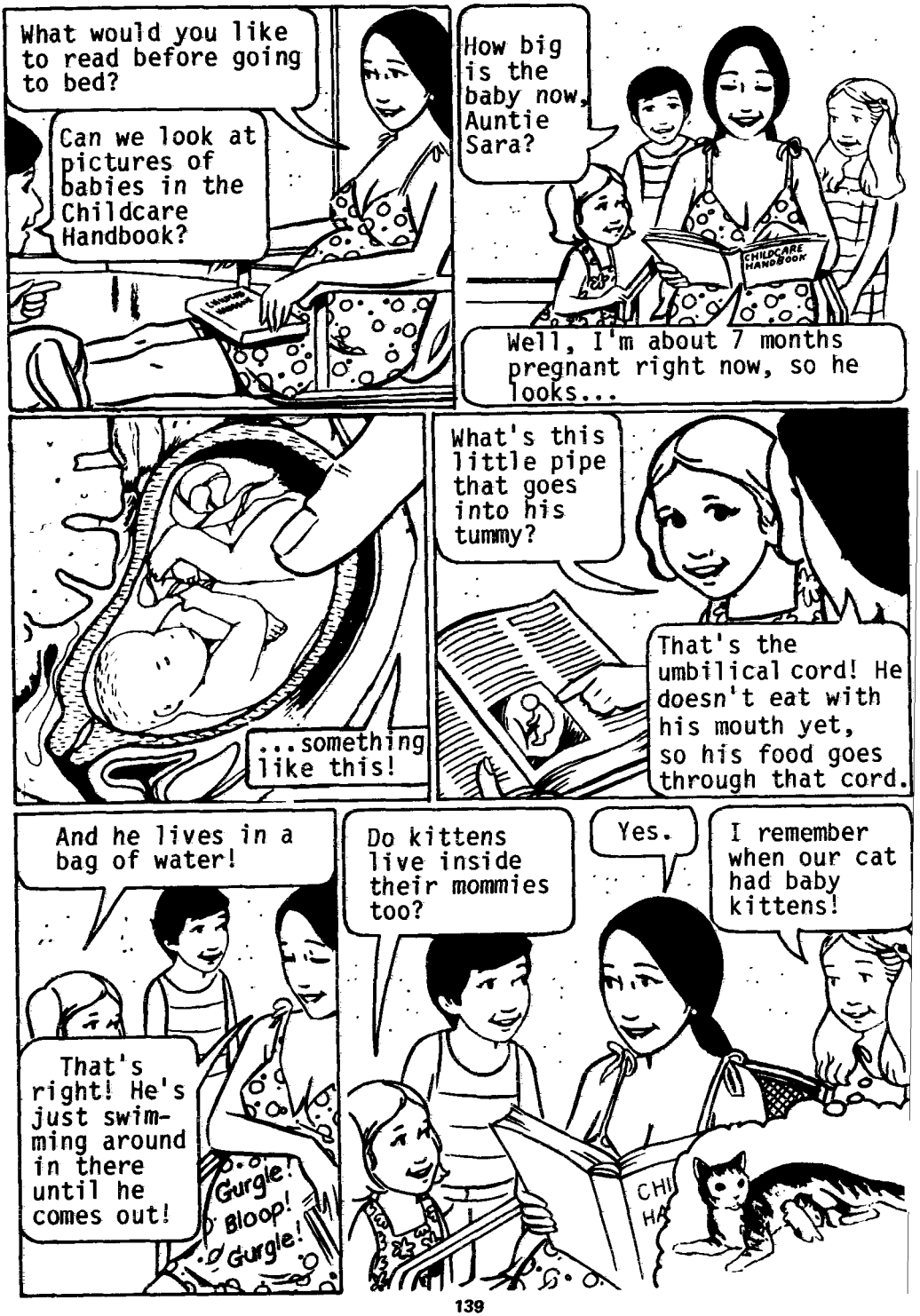

Jonny really wanted to be with us! So he came down to Sara's tummy!
Yes. Did you know that there are thousands of babies in Heaven waiting to be sent to Earth? 300 thousand babies are born every day all over the World!--That's about 4 every second!
That many?!
Yes. The Lord loves babies!
Praise the Lord!
God wants to have all the children He can possibly get, especially good Christian children, to multiply His Kingdom!
And think of all the guardian angels assigned to every one of those births!--There must be millions of them!
I'll take care of you!
Lord, bless this child! May this baby You've created be a blessing to all!
Amen!


Well, you grew and grew and grew for 9 months.
I'm getting to be so big now!
BABY CARE BOOK
You were watered with love...
We love you, baby!
and with prayer...
Help our baby to be healthy and strong!
and with a good diet and rest...
Oh yummy! Banana!
Until you grew so big that Mommy could not hold you any-more and you popped right out!
That's what happened to you! You popped out of Mommy's seedpod!
Just like Auntie Sara's baby is going to pop out!
That's right! He'll pop out of Sara's seedpod, her big tummy!
Grandpa, like these seedpods that are hanging from this tree right here!


That's right! And one day they fall to the ground,
and they pop open,
and a baby tree comes up!
Mommy, seeds are babies!
Yes! Every baby began as a seed.
It's either a baby girl...
Or a baby boy!
Or a baby puppy, or a baby cat, or a baby calf or a baby tree or a baby flower.
They all began as little seeds. God plants them.
PLOP!
So you have to be a little seed in a seedpod first, before you can become a big boy, or a big girl!
I was a little seed in Mommy's seedpod.


Everything in the World, even the biggest animals and trees, began as just a little seed! Little things are so important!
Just think!
Once my elephant was a wee little seed!
CRACKK!
You see, God found Sara faithful in the big things, so He gave her a little thing!
Hello!
Hello, Sara!
Imagine that! God uses humble, little funny women to do one of the most important jobs there is!
Having babies! What was the first commandment that God ever gave to man or woman?
Be fruitful and multiply! (Gen.1:28)
For mommies to bear fruit out of their seed-pods!
Right! To have babies for His glory!
And ours is coming soon!
Here, Auntie Sara! This chair is for you!
Thank you, David! You're so sweet!


BABY GROWTH!
That night--
Hello, children!
Hello, Auntie Sara!
Here's a pillow for your back!
How sweet!
Auntie Sara, I made you a little card!
I love you, Techi! Thank you!
"Thank you for our Jonny, and thank you for being the one to bring him into this World all for our sake!" Love, Techi!
BABY MUSIC BOX
We bought you a little present with our shiner money!
Oh, a pacifier and rattle! Jonny is really going to like that! Thank you!
You're welcome!
Mommy, does Jonny really eat all that?
Well, he takes what he needs...
...and the rest is for me!
Hi, little Jonny baby! I love you!
You're so cute!
Rub
Rub
Rub


What would you like to read before going to bed?
Can we look at pictures of babies in the Childcare Handbook?
How big is the baby now, Auntie Sara?
CHILDCARE HANDBOOK
Well, I'm about 7 months pregnant right now, so he looks...
...something like this!
What's this little pipe that goes into his tummy?
That's the umbilical cord! He doesn't eat with his mouth yet, so his food goes through that cord.
And he lives in a bag of water!
That's right! He's just swimming around in there until he comes out!
Gurgle!
Bloop!
Gurgle!
Do kittens live inside their mommies too?
Yes.
I remember when our cat had baby kittens!

VISITING THE HOSPITAL & THE BIG DAY!

A couple of weeks before Auntie Sara was due to have the baby, she and Uncle Alf visited the hospital where the baby was going to be born!

The doctor was a very sweet man, just like we had prayed that he would be.

It's nice to talk to you and get to know you better!

Yes! Let me show you around now!

Hello!

Here's the nursery where the newborn babies are washed and taken care of!

This is the room where you will be staying!

I'm going to need a bedside lamp, another pillow, a clock...

This bed is nice and firm!

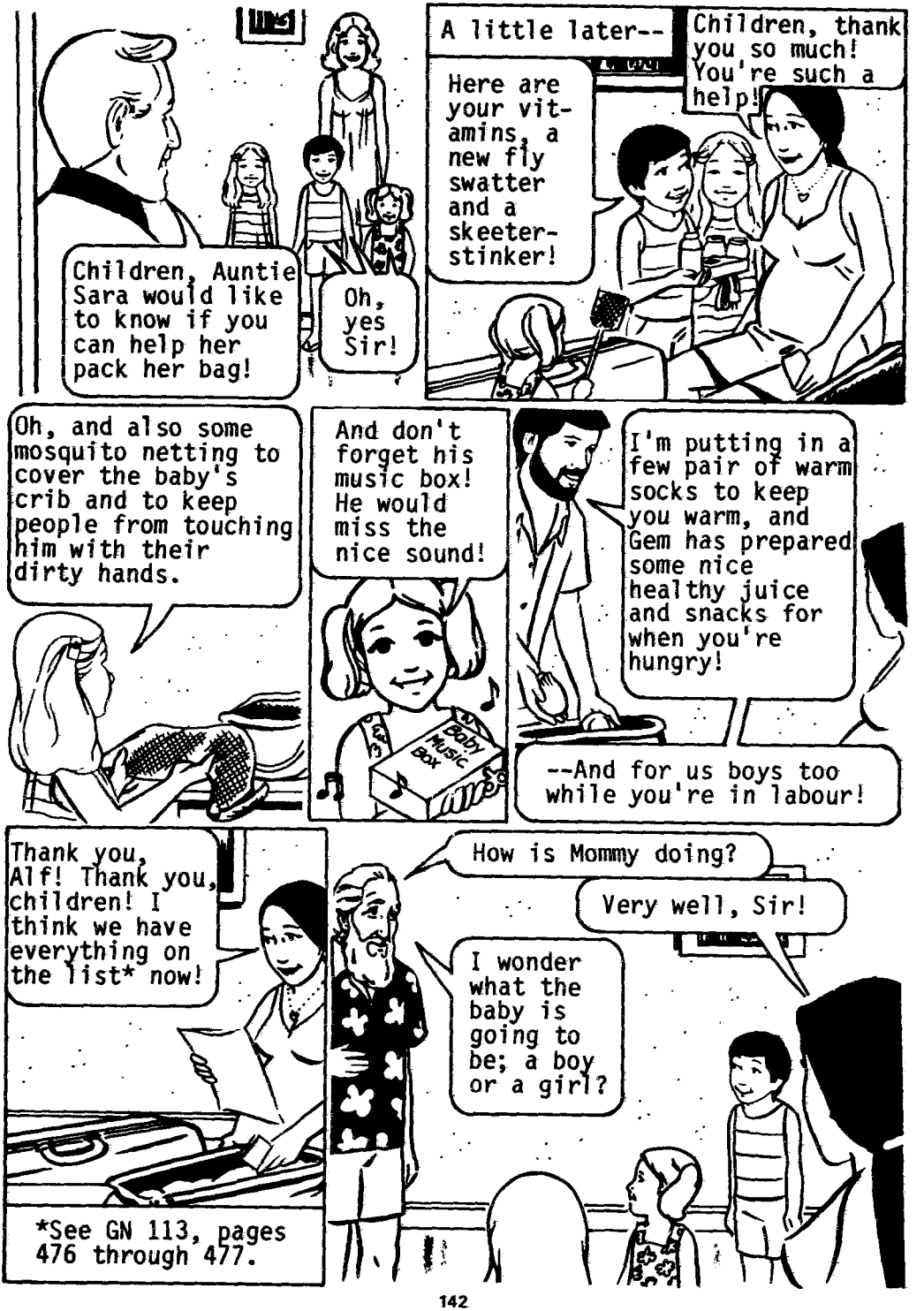
They were very happy to visit the hospital and all the people that would help with the baby when it comes out of Mommy's tummy!

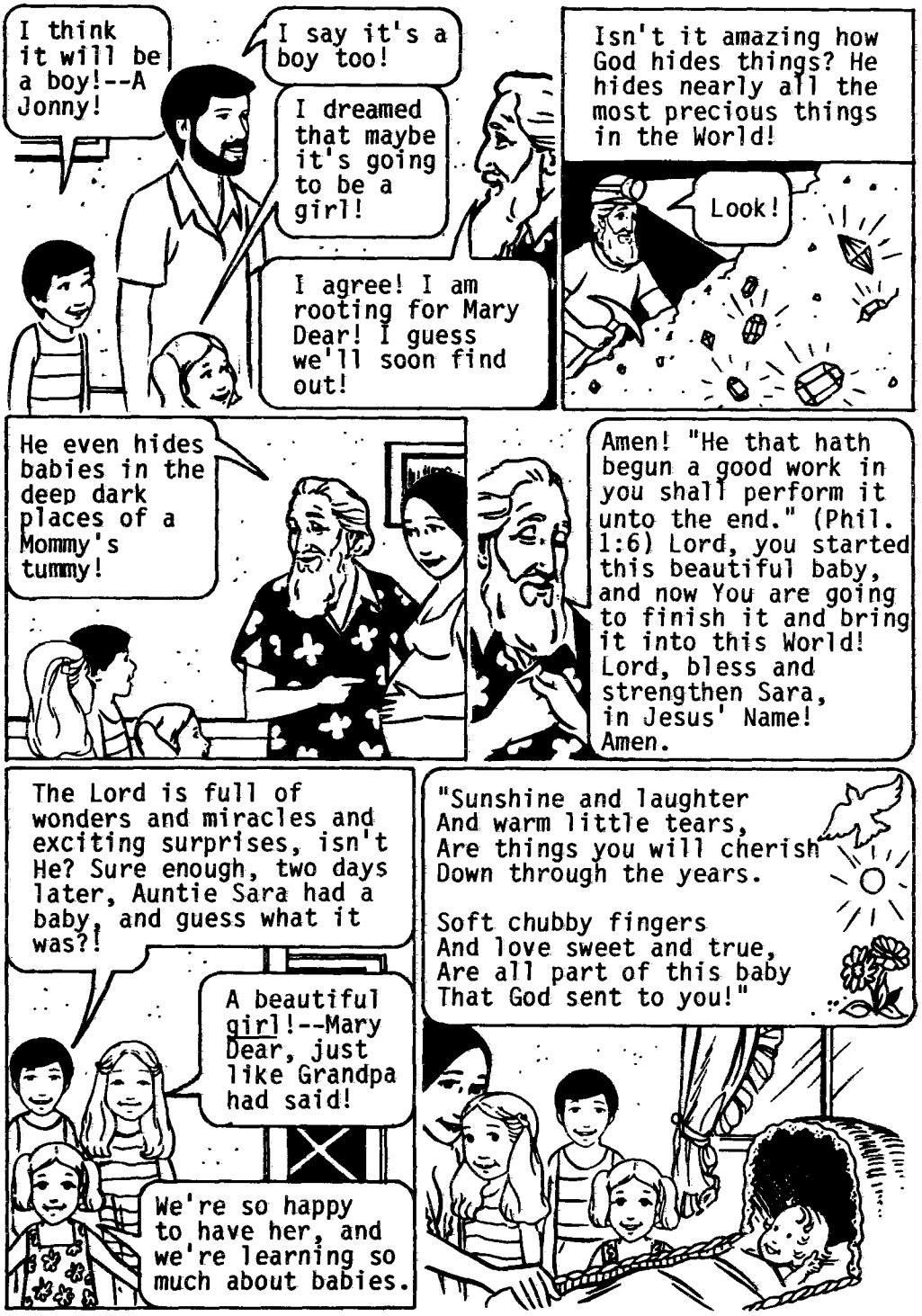
And finally the big day came when our baby was going to be born. We were all so excited!

Aunt Dora, this is to put by the baby's bed!

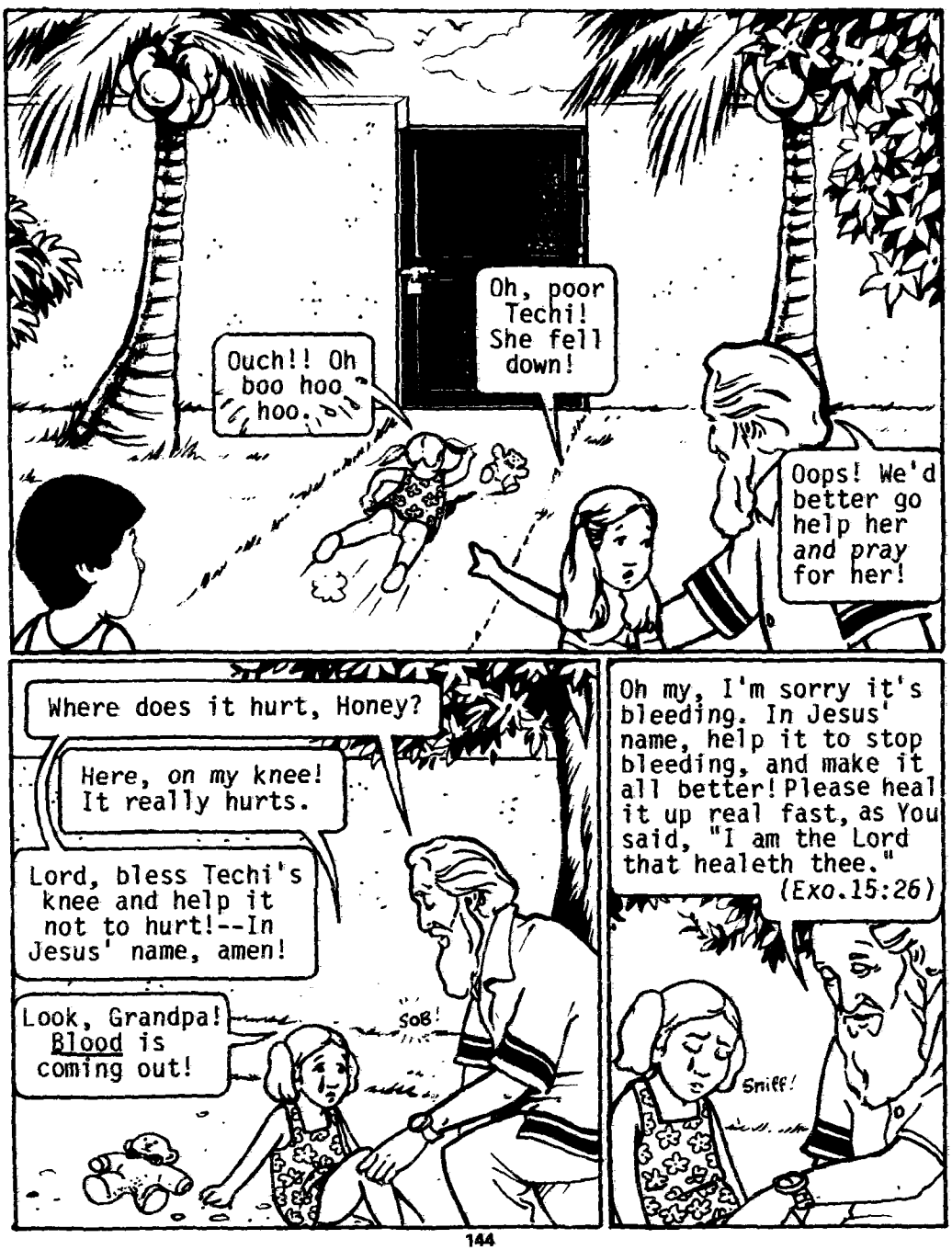
Here's the mobile we made for him!

They're all beautiful! Thank you, children!

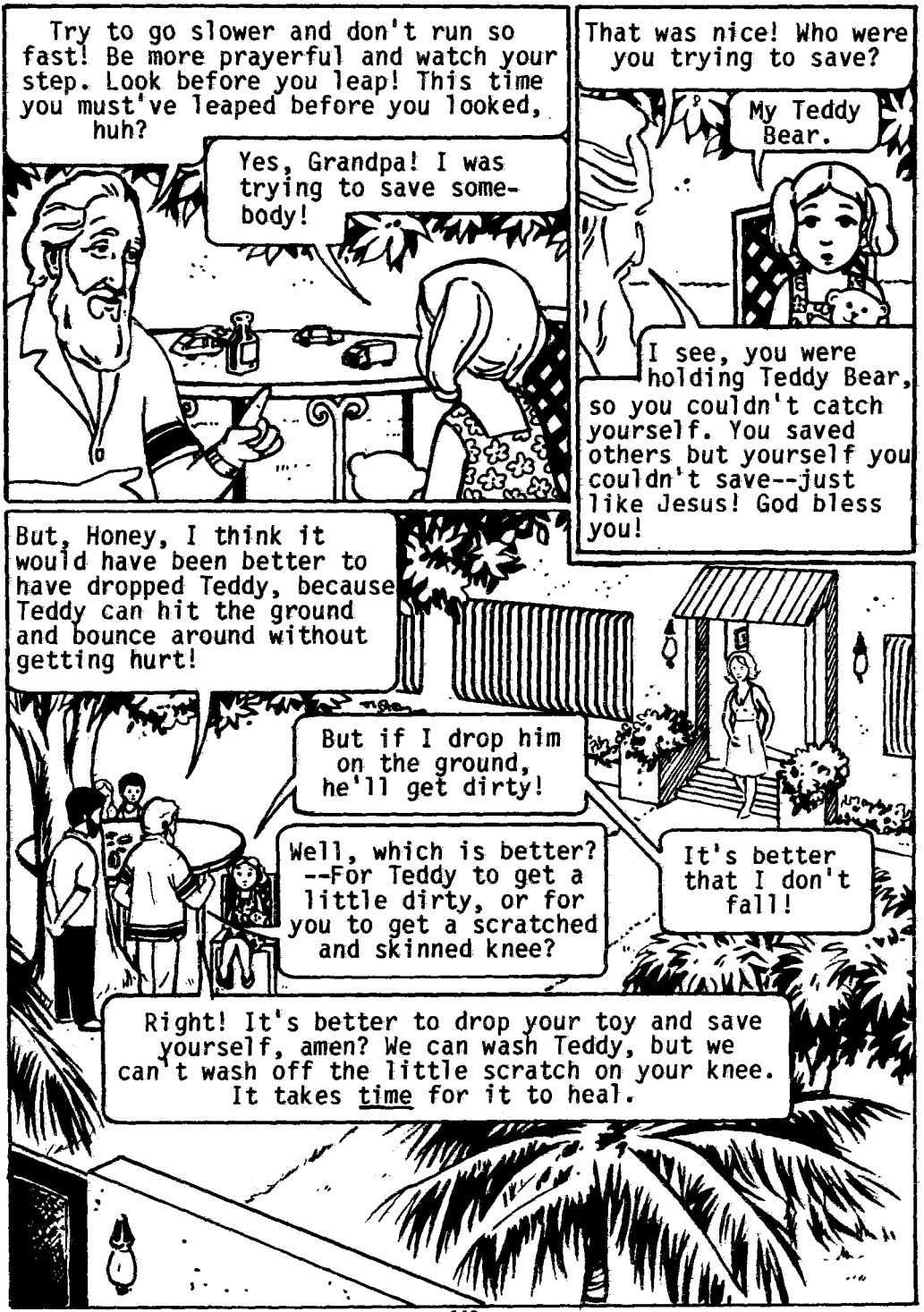

Children, Auntie Sara would like to know if you can help her pack her bag!
Oh, yes Sir!
A little later--
Here are your vitamins, a new fly swatter and a skeeter-stinker!
Children, thank you so much! You're such a help!
Oh, and also some mosquito netting to cover the baby's crib and to keep people from touching him with their dirty hands.
And don't forget his music box! He would miss the nice sound!
Baby Music Box
I'm putting in a few pair of warm socks to keep you warm, and Gem has prepared some nice healthy juice and snacks for when you're hungry!
--And for us boys too while you're in labour!
Thank you, Alf! Thank you, children! I think we have everything on the list* now!
How is Mommy doing?
Very well, Sir!
I wonder what the baby is going to be; a boy or a girl?
*See GN 113, pages 476 through 477.


I think it will be a boy!--A Jonny!
I say it's a boy too!
I dreamed that maybe it's going to be a girl!
I agree! I am rooting for Mary Dear! I guess we'll soon find out!
Isn't it amazing how God hides things? He hides nearly all the most precious things in the World!
Look!
He even hides babies in the deep dark places of a Mommy's tummy!
Amen! "He that hath begun a good work in you shall perform it unto the end." (Phil. 1:6) Lord, you started this beautiful baby, and now You are going to finish it and bring it into this World! Lord, bless and strengthen Sara, in Jesus' Name! Amen.
The Lord is full of wonders and miracles and exciting surprises, isn't He? Sure enough, two days later, Auntie Sara had a baby, and guess what it was?!
A beautiful girl!--Mary Dear, just like Grandpa had said!
We're so happy to have her, and we're learning so much about babies.
"Sunshine and laughter
And warm little tears,
Are things you will cherish
Down through the years.
Soft chubby fingers
And love sweet and true,
Are all part of this baby
That God sent to you!"

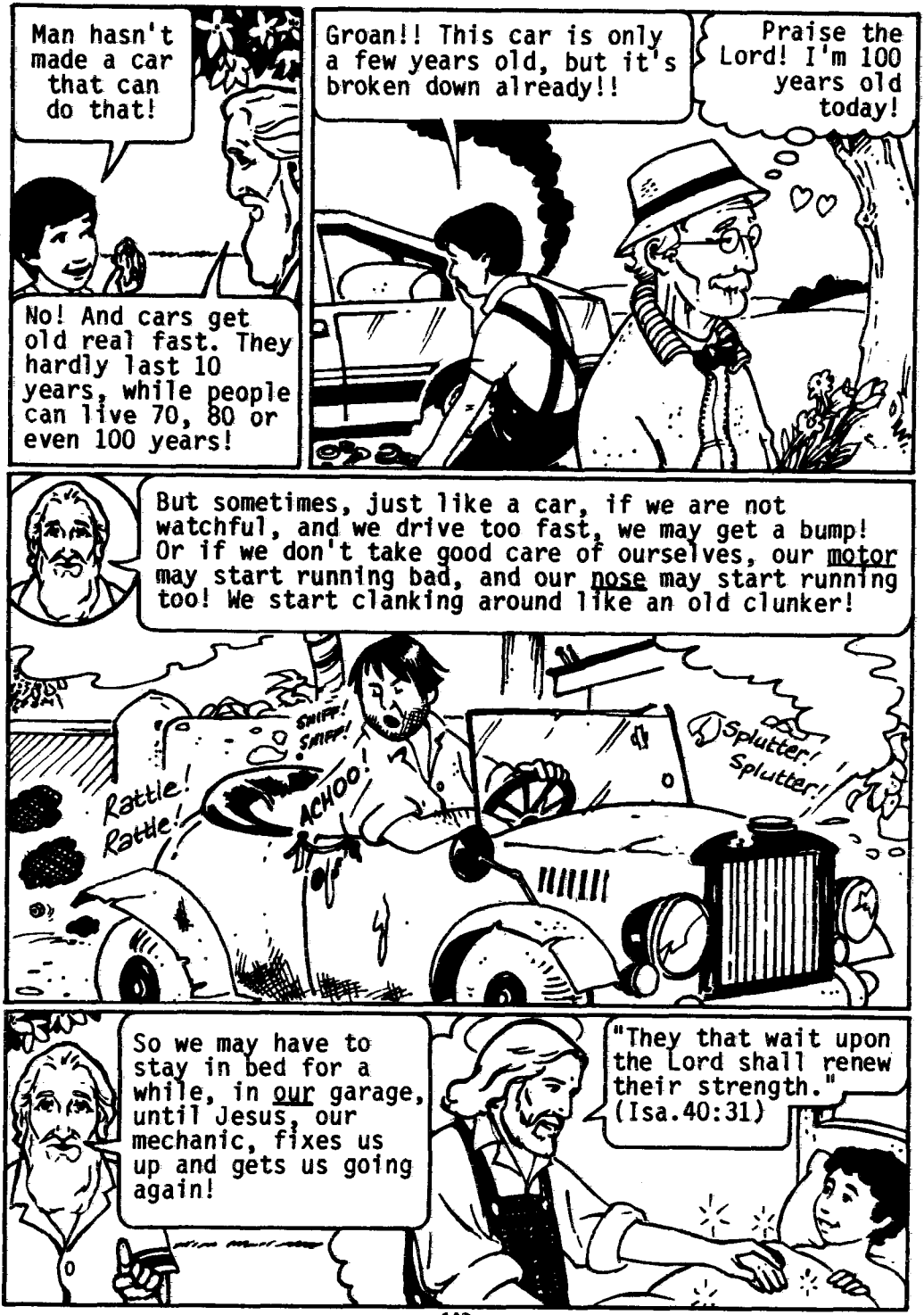
NEW MODELS!


Ouch!! Oh boo hoo hoo.
Oh, poor Techi! She fell down!
Oops! We'd better go help her and pray for her!
Where does it hurt, Honey?
Here, on my knee! It really hurts.
Lord, bless Techi's knee and help it not to hurt!--In Jesus' name, amen!
Look, Grandpa! Blood is coming out!
SOB!
Oh my, I'm sorry it's bleeding. In Jesus' name, help it to stop bleeding, and make it all better! Please heal it up real fast, as You said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." (Exo.15:26)
Sniff!


Look, Techi! It's already getting better! Thank You, Jesus!
Amen! Don't worry, it won't hurt you to lose that one little drop of blood!
Upsy-daisy!
But it really hurt when I scratched my knee!
Oh, I'm sure it did, Honey! I'm so sorry. Well, that's to teach you to be more careful, right?
Sniff! Yes, Sir!
Here's some baby cologne to disinfect it, Sir!
Thank you, Alf!
You're welcome!
You see, our skin is very important! It's the wrapping that God gave us, and it has to be kept good and clean. We shouldn't bump it too much!
Yes, Sir! I'll try to be more careful!
Dab Dab
You've got to take care of your hurts and scratches and bruises, and keep them very clean so that they don't get infected. And of course, better yet, don't get any if you can help it.

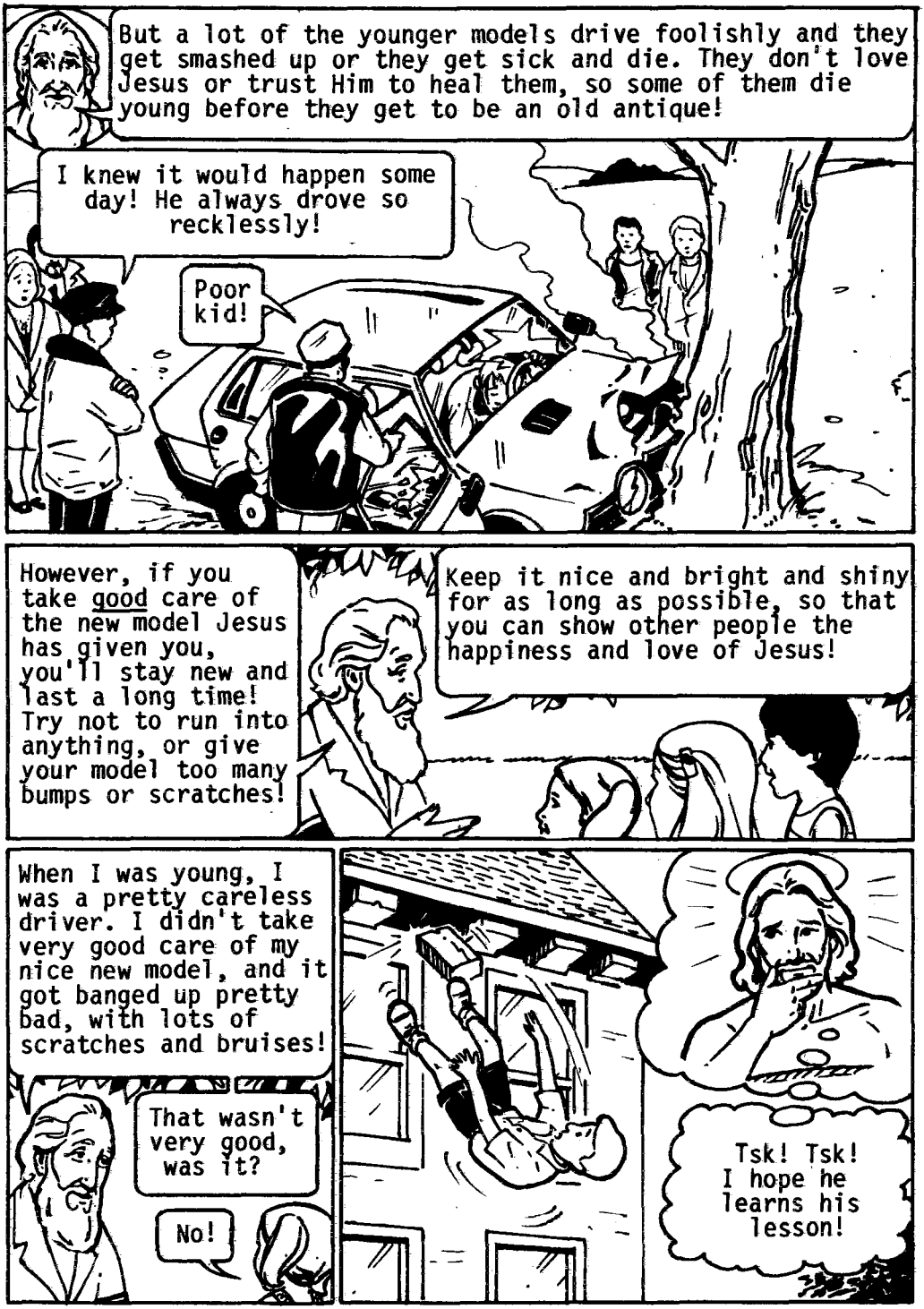

Try to go slower and don't run so fast! Be more prayerful and watch your step. Look before you leap! This time you must've leaped before you looked, huh?
Yes, Grandpa! I was trying to save somebody!
That was nice! Who were you trying to save?
My Teddy Bear.
I see, you were holding Teddy Bear, so you couldn't catch yourself. You saved others but yourself you couldn't save--just like Jesus! God bless you!
But, Honey, I think it would have been better to have dropped Teddy, because Teddy can hit the ground and bounce around without getting hurt!
But if I drop him on the ground, he'll get dirty!
Well, which is better? --For Teddy to get a little dirty, or for you to get a scratched and skinned knee?
It's better that I don't fall!
Right! It's better to drop your toy and save yourself, amen? We can wash Teddy, but we can't wash off the little scratch on your knee. It takes time for it to heal.

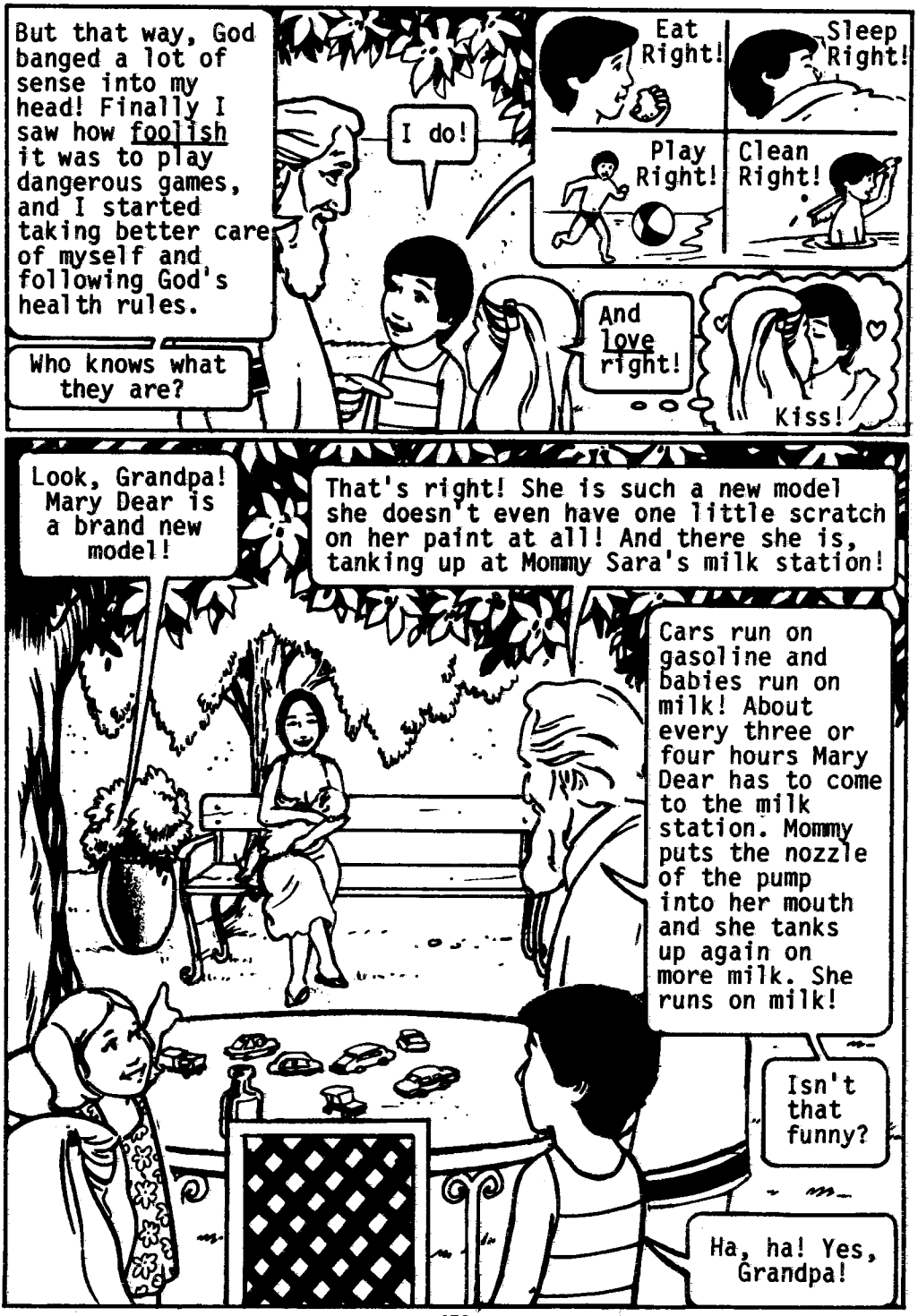

Oh, isn't that thoughtful! Aunt Dora brought us some bandaids so that Grandpa can help patch you up! Now that we've cleansed the little scratch with cologne...
...I'll wash my hands real well too with cologne, so they'll be nice and clean before I open your bandaid!
There! Lord Jesus, bless and sanctify Techi's little scratch and this bandaid, and help it to protect her knee from germs and any more bumps, in Jesus' name, amen!
Thank You Jesus!
Sometimes it takes Jesus a little bit of time to fix us. But if He made us, He can certainly fix us! You see all those cars that David has? Well, in a way, we are like a car, only we are much more precious, and we last a lot longer!
Jesus is the greatest mechanic of all. He created the greatest machine there is. Do you know which one that is, David?
Our body?
Right! Your body stays new and in better shape, and lasts longer than any car or machine that man has made. Your body can even repair itself!


Man hasn't made a car that can do that!
No! And cars get old real fast. They hardly last 10 years, while people can live 70, 80 or even 100 years!
Groan!! This car is only a few years old, but it's broken down already!!
Praise the Lord! I'm 100 years old today!
But sometimes, just like a car, if we are not watchful, and we drive too fast, we may get a bump! Or if we don't take good care of ourselves, our motor may start running bad, and our nose may start running too! We start clanking around like an old clunker!
Rattle! Rattle!
SNIFF! SNIFF!
ACHOO!
Splutter! Splutter!
So we may have to stay in bed for a while, in our garage, until Jesus, our mechanic, fixes us up and gets us going again!
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." (Isa.40:31)


This car is a brand new model, Grandpa!
That's right! Some cars are old models, and some are new models. People are the same way!
The new ones look prettier and shinier!
They're all nice and new!
And they don't have any car troubles!
What an antique! It must be worth a lot!
PUTT! PUTT!
There are some drivers who have driven their old models slowly and carefully and prayerfully all their lives. So they still have those nice big old, old, old cars! They are funny and very special too, like Grandpa! --See?
He must have been really faithful to take good care of it all these years.
They are called antique models! They are kind of precious, even more valuable than the new cars, because you don't see nearly as many old models as you see new ones.


I'm an old-fashioned model, an antique. I'm very valuable even though I look kind of funny and old.
Ooooh, but we love you, Grandpa!
You're beautiful!
The Bible says, "The beauty of old men is the gray head." (Pro.20:29)
Little kids and young people are new models. There are lots of them, so nobody thinks too much about them. But when they see an old, old man, they look at him and wonder!
My! Look at that noble old man! He's like a great and ancient oak tree!
What a long life of love he must have lived! He looks so happy!
Even though I've had a lot of sicknesses and diseases and accidents, Jesus has kept me! I always prayed, and Jesus healed me and repaired me and didn't let anything too serious or too bad happen. He's always kept me!
And after so many years, I'm still here: One of those precious, priceless, very rare old antiques!


But a lot of the younger models drive foolishly and they get smashed up or they get sick and die. They don't love Jesus or trust Him to heal them, so some of them die young before they get to be an old antique!
I knew it would happen some day! He always drove so recklessly!
Poor kid!
However, if you take good care of the new model Jesus has given you, you'll stay new and last a long time! Try not to run into anything, or give your model too many bumps or scratches!
Keep it nice and bright and shiny for as long as possible, so that you can show other people the happiness and love of Jesus!
When I was young, I was a pretty careless driver. I didn't take very good care of my nice new model, and it got banged up pretty bad, with lots of scratches and bruises!
That wasn't very good, was it?
No!
Tsk! Tsk! I hope he learns his lesson!

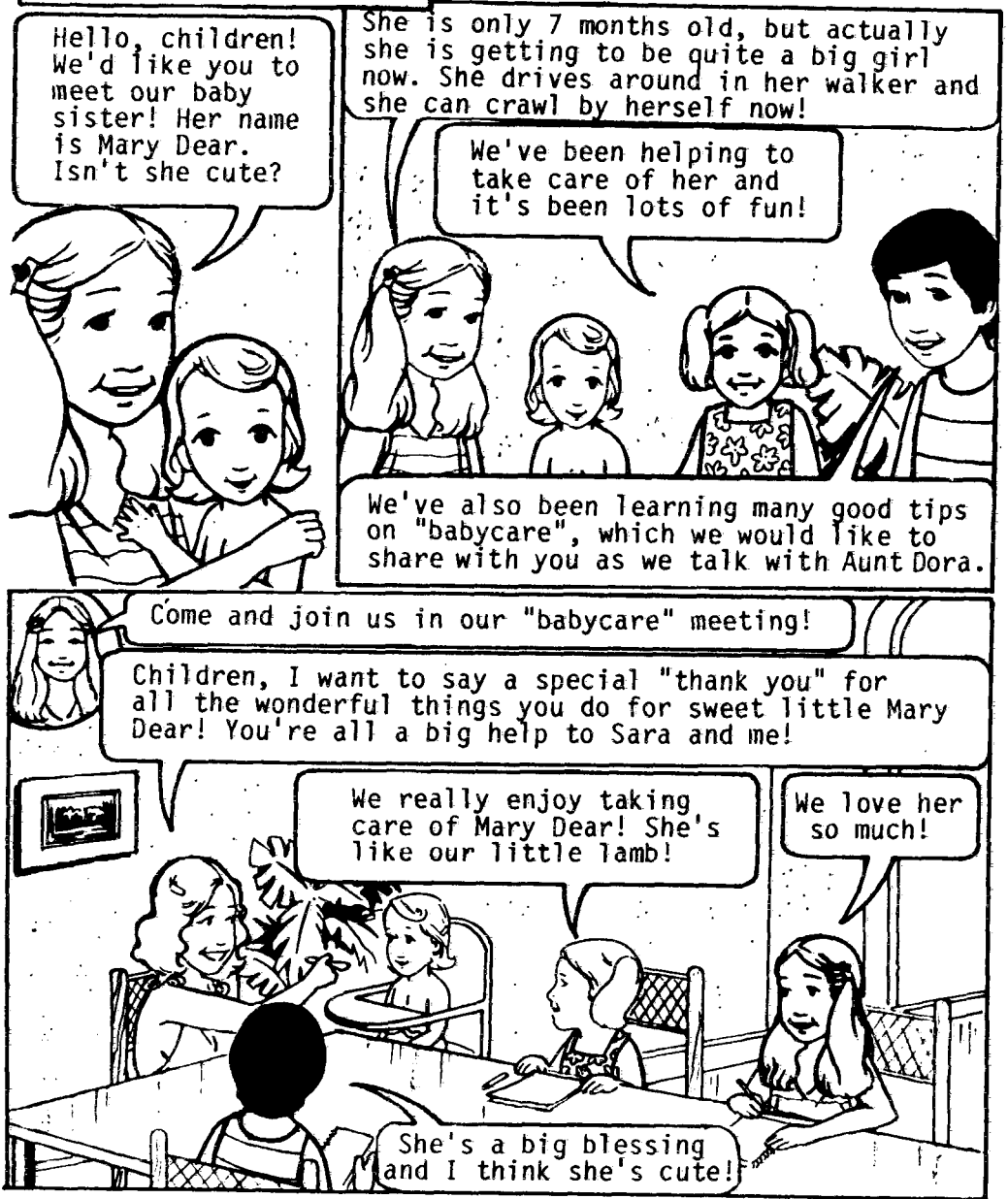

But that way, God banged a lot of sense into my head! Finally I saw how foolish it was to play dangerous games, and I started taking better care of myself and following God's health rules.
I do!
Eat Right!
Sleep Right!
Play Right!
Clean Right!
Who knows what they are?
And love right!
Kiss!
Look, Grandpa! Mary Dear is a brand new model!
That's right! She is such a new model she doesn't even have one little scratch on her paint at all! And there she is, tanking up at Mommy Sara's milk station!
Cars run on gasoline and babies run on milk! About every three or four hours Mary Dear has to come to the milk station. Mommy puts the nozzle of the pump into her mouth and she tanks up again on more milk. She runs on milk!
Isn't that funny?
Ha, ha! Yes, Grandpa!


And if Mary Dear takes good care of the nice new model Jesus gave her, she could be new for 20, 30, even almost 40 years! But Jesus is going to come first and give us all another brand new model that will last forever!
Our heavenly body?
Yes, our new spiritual model!
It will never get old or scratched or banged! Even after a million years, it will still be just as new!
We will be able to fly through the sky and shoot up all the way to the stars and other planets! We'll go WHSSSSSK!!--So fast!!
What happened, David?
PAT! PAT!
Nothing, Techi. That slab of stone just fell and bounced off my shoulder.
WSSSK!
WHOOSH!
WHSSSSK!


All we will have to do is think that we are in a place, and we will be there!
Techi, have you ever been to Mars?
No, but I'd like to go!
Good! Let's go!
Here we are! And look! There are the canals of Mars!
POOF!
That's wonderful, Grandpa!
That's amazing!
In the meantime, try to take good care of the new model you have right now. Try to make it last as long as you can, because you will need it for awhile.--Until you trade it in for your new, new model and go to Heaven, Amen?
A few days later--
Look, Grandpa! My hurt knee is almost all healed!
Praise the Lord! See? New skin grows! He can create something new on the same spot! And it's the same shape! Jesus can do the same for the whole body. He can re-create it and give us a brand new model!
It was fun having everyone take care of my hurt knee. But I'm thankful Jesus healed me!


Praise the Lord! So, children, very soon we will leave behind our old earthly models with all of their diseases and troubles, and we'll go to be with Jesus!
Look! It's JESUS!!
Dear children!
--and Grandpa!!
So, Lord, bless and keep us all! Help us to stay new models for as long as we can, until You come and give us our very new models that will last forever! In Jesus' name, amen!
Hallelujah!
Are you taking good care of your new model? Please do, so that you can drive it around for Jesus and show others the right roads to take to get to His happiness in Heaven. Amen? Thank God for all our little new models!
Come on with us and follow Jesus!
God's Will

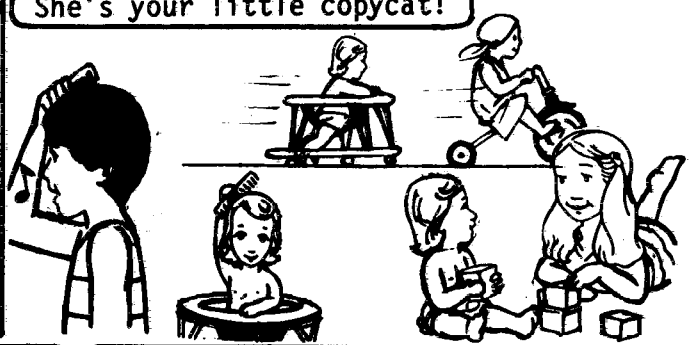
TIPS FOR KIDS ON BABYCARE 1: A NEW MEMBER!



You are also a big blessing to your baby sister by being good and obedient big kids!

She'll learn by what you tell her to do, but remember, she'll learn mostly from what she sees you do! Your actions speak louder than your words!

She's your little copycat!



You mean that she'll copy us even more than she copies the big people?



Yes, that's why it's so important for you to be good samples to her!

Remember what happened yesterday? Mary Dear wanted to follow me across the danger line in the kitchen.



So instead of just telling her not to go across, I stayed on the "safe" side of the line and taught her by my sample.

Let's stay here on this side, OK?



That was very good! We've been learning many good lessons and pointers about safety and cleanliness, haven't we?

Oh, yes! It's been fun!



TIPS FOR KIDS ON BABYCARE "BABY-SECURING"

PART 2-

Let's refresh our memories: As soon as Mary Dear started crawling and moving around in the walker, what was the first thing that we did?

We "baby-secured" the house!

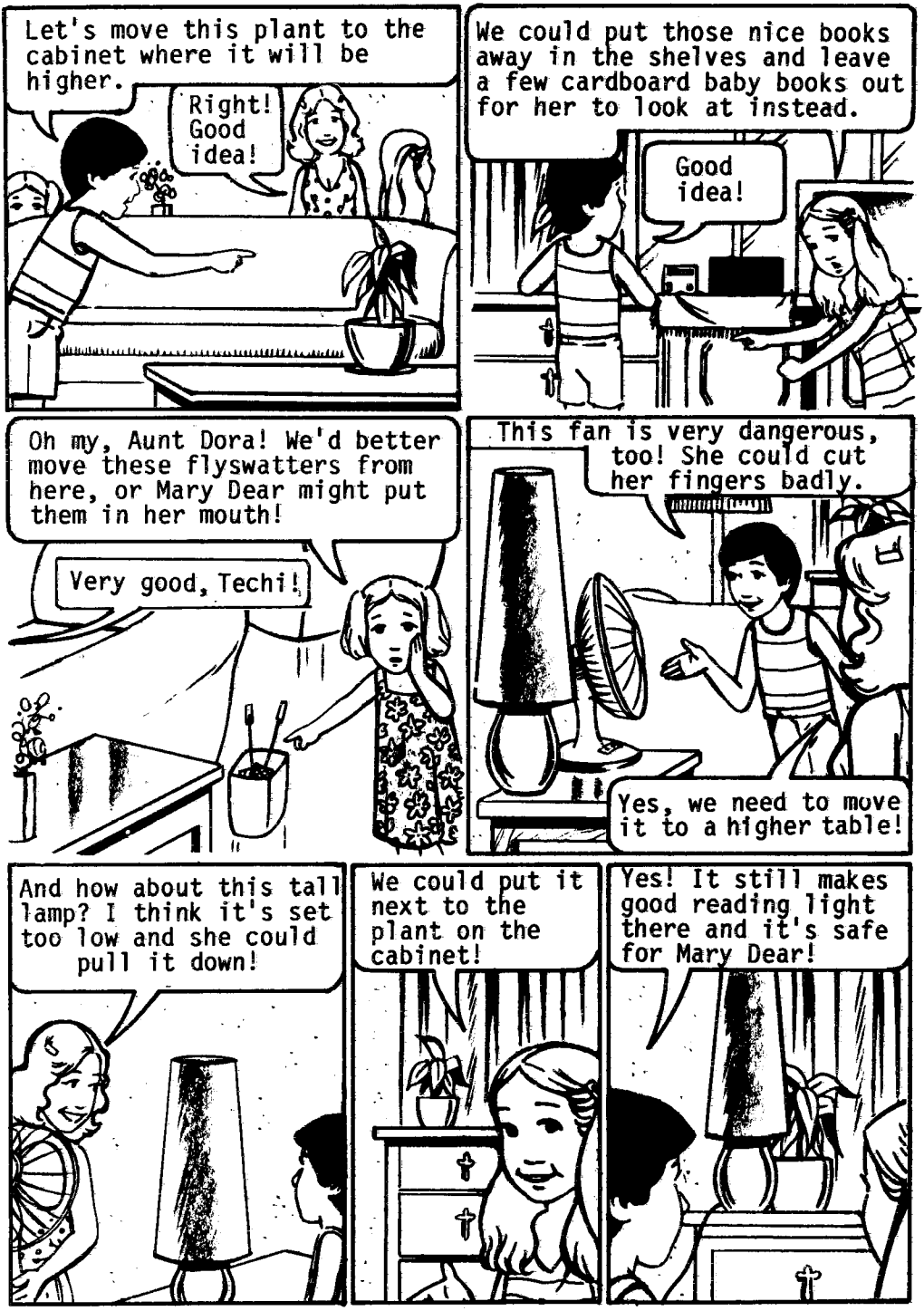
That's right! One morning I came to you and said:

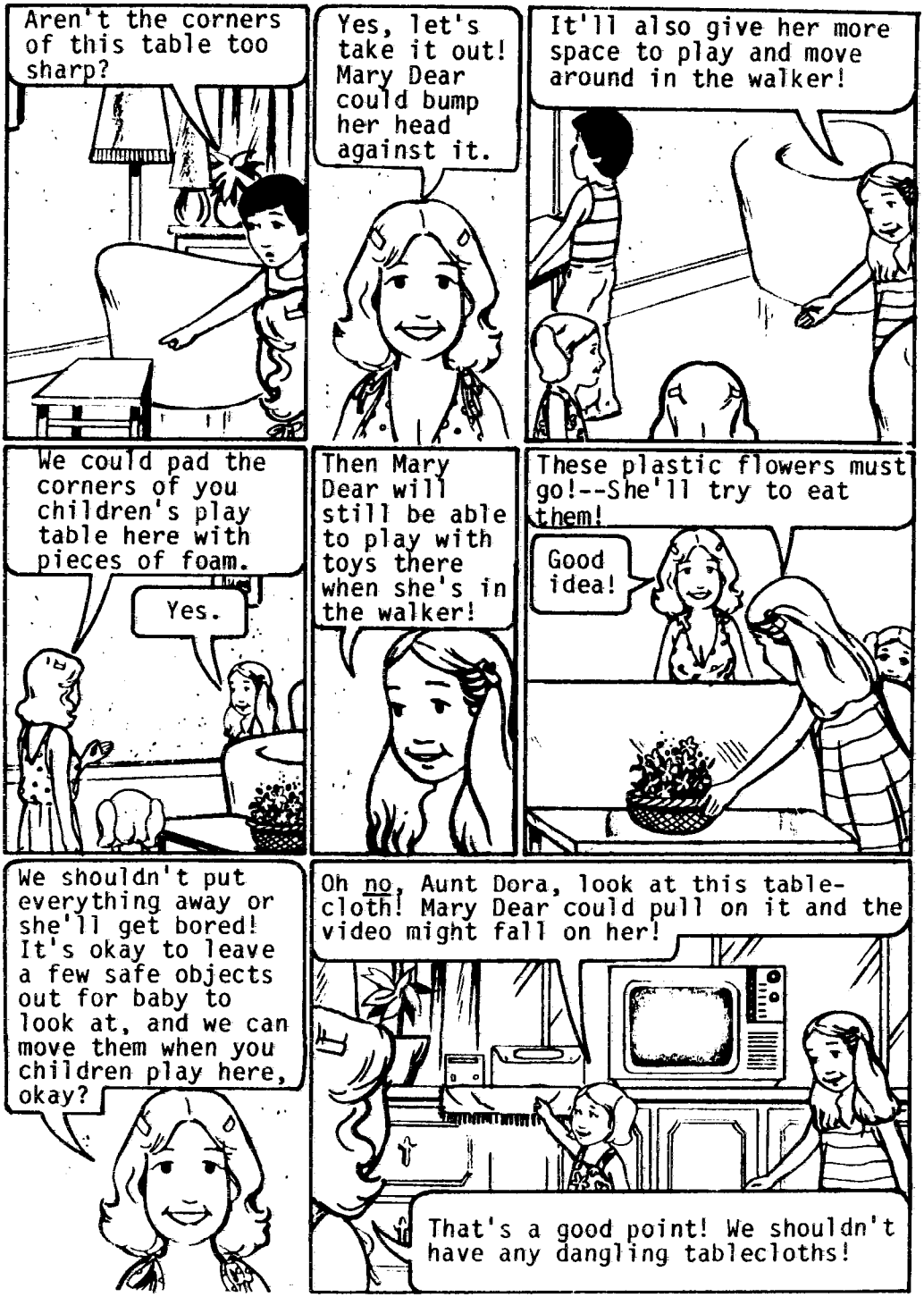
Children, now that Mary Dear is getting older, we need to "baby-secure" the house.

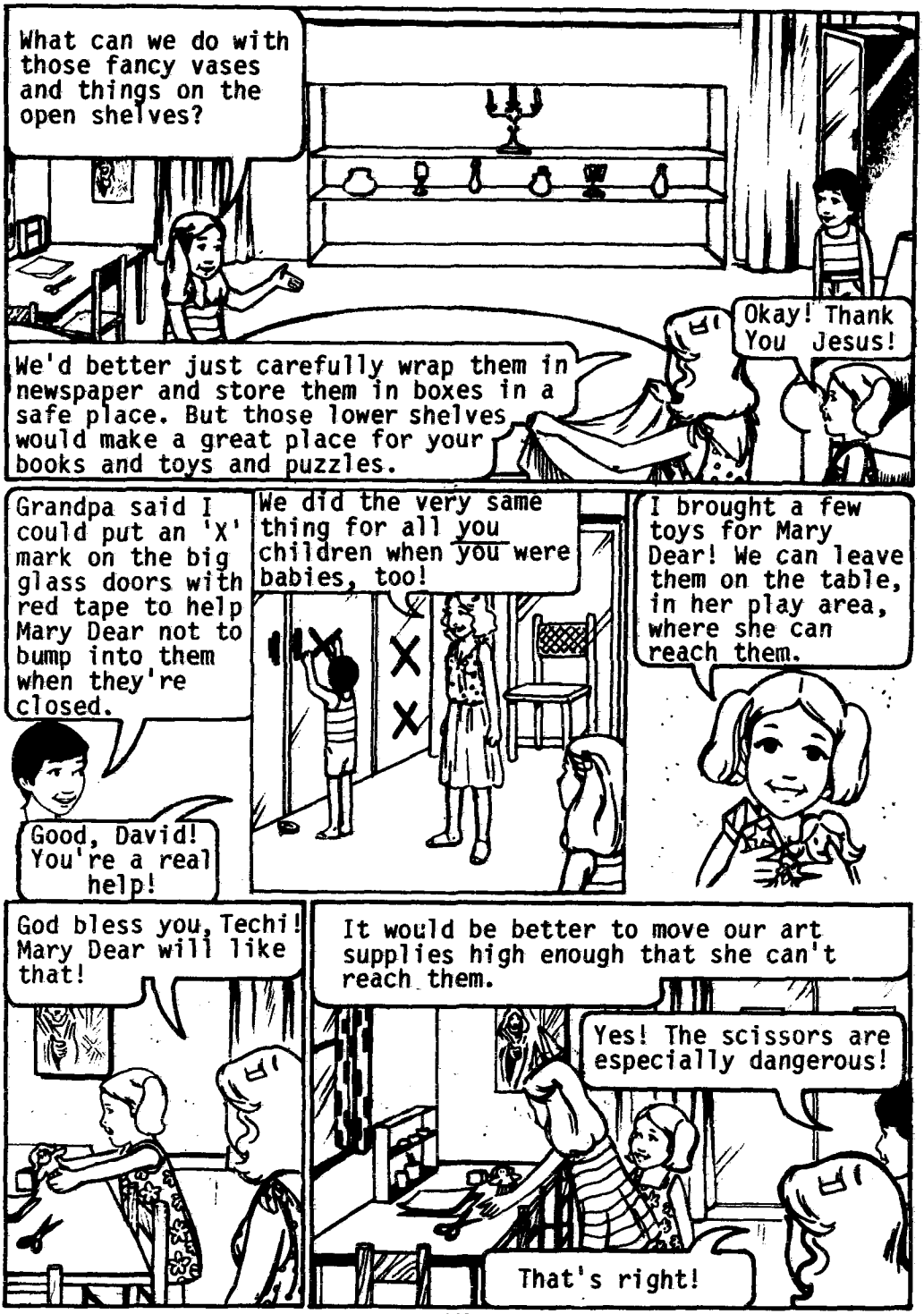
That means that anything that's dangerous, breakable or valuable should be put out of her reach.

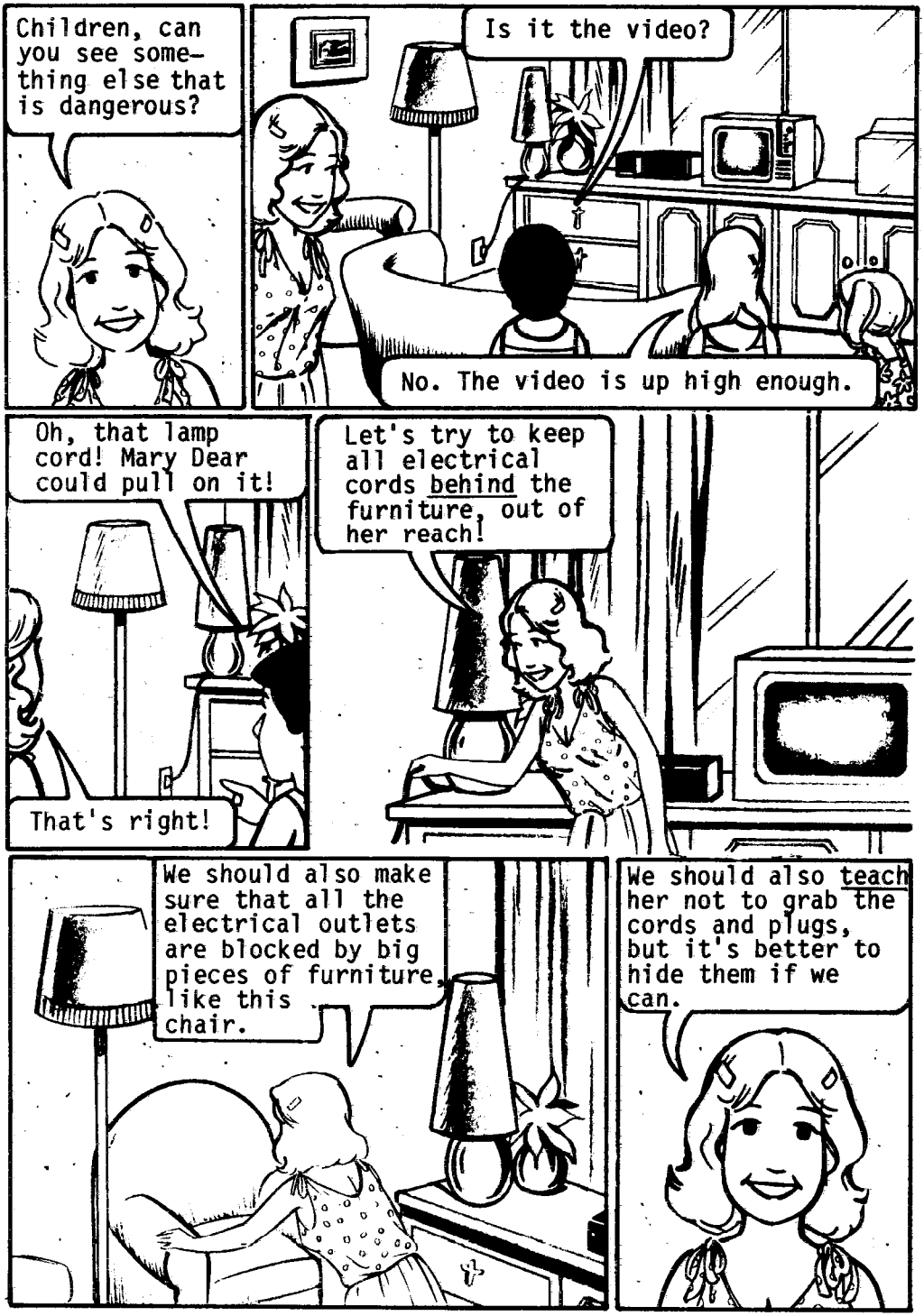
Aunt Dora, we could start by clearing the coffee table first!

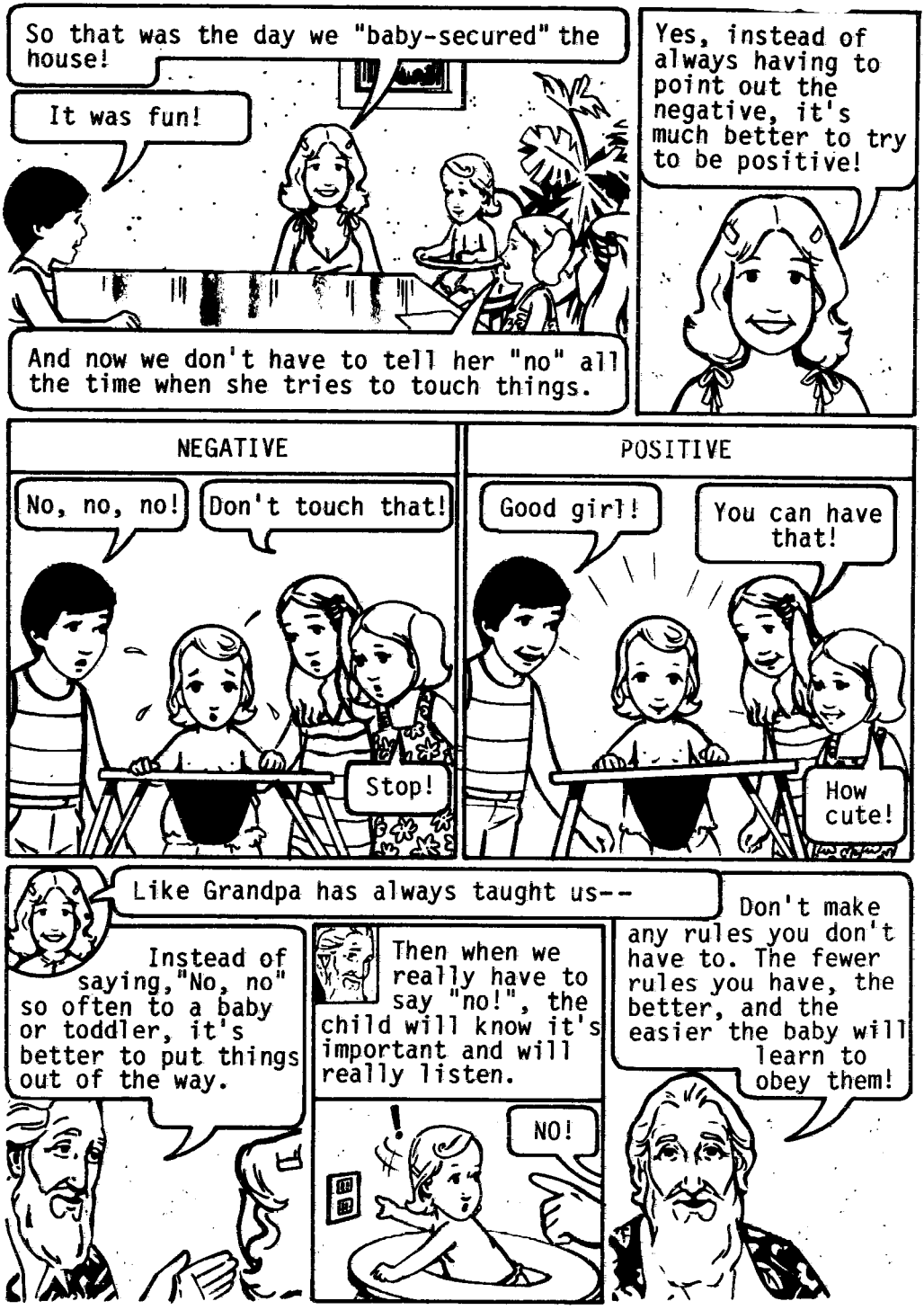
All right! Let's pray together! Jesus, please do help us to make accidents impossible to happen in our house, Lord, especially for baby Mary Dear's sake. Please give us wisdom & a careful, prayerful eye for this safety task, in Jesus' name, amen.

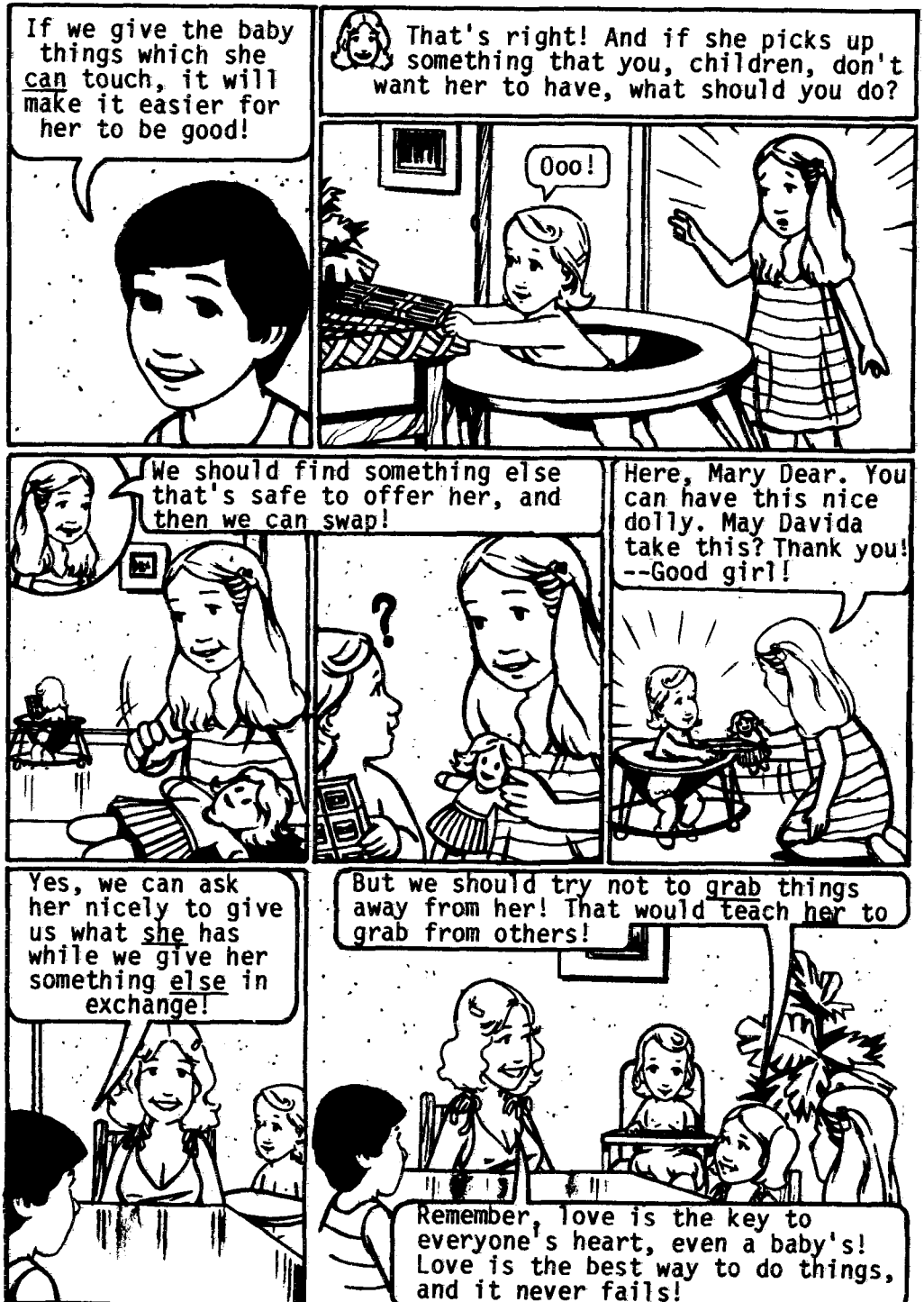

Let's move this plant to the cabinet where it will be higher.
Right! Good idea!
We could put those nice books away in the shelves and leave a few cardboard baby books out for her to look at instead.
Good idea!
Oh my, Aunt Dora! We'd better move these flyswatters from here, or Mary Dear might put them in her mouth!
Very good, Techi!
This fan is very dangerous, too! She could cut her fingers badly.
Yes, we need to move it to a higher table!
And how about this tall lamp? I think it's set too low and she could pull it down!
We could put it next to the plant on the cabinet!
Yes! It still makes good reading light there and it's safe for Mary Dear!


Aren't the corners of this table too sharp?
Yes, let's take it out! Mary Dear could bump her head against it.
It'll also give her more space to play and move around in the walker!
We could pad the corners of you children's play table here with pieces of foam.
Yes.
Then Mary Dear will still be able to play with toys there when she's in the walker!
These plastic flowers must go!--She'll try to eat them!
Good idea!
We shouldn't put everything away or she'll get bored! It's okay to leave a few safe objects out for baby to look at, and we can move them when you children play here, okay?
Oh no, Aunt Dora, look at this table-cloth! Mary Dear could pull on it and the video might fall on her!
That's a good point! We shouldn't have any dangling tablecloths!


What can we do with those fancy vases and things on the open shelves?
We'd better just carefully wrap them in newspaper and store them in boxes in a safe place. But those lower shelves would make a great place for your books and toys and puzzles.
Okay! Thank You Jesus!
Grandpa said I could put an 'X' mark on the big glass doors with red tape to help Mary Dear not to bump into them when they're closed.
Good, David! You're a real help!
We did the very same thing for all you children when you were babies, too!
I brought a few toys for Mary Dear! We can leave them on the table, in her play area, where she can reach them.
God bless you, Techi! Mary Dear will like that!
It would be better to move our art supplies high enough that she can't reach them.
Yes! The scissors are especially dangerous!
That's right!

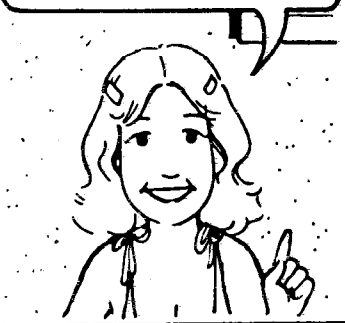

Children, can you see something else that is dangerous?
Is it the video?
No. The video is up high enough.
Oh, that lamp cord! Mary Dear could pull on it!
That's right!
Let's try to keep all electrical cords behind the furniture, out of her reach!
We should also make sure that all the electrical outlets are blocked by big pieces of furniture, like this chair.
We should also teach her not to grab the cords and plugs, but it's better to hide them if we can.


So that was the day we "baby-secured" the house!
It was fun!
And now we don't have to tell her "no" all the time when she tries to touch things.
Yes, instead of always having to point out the negative, it's much better to try to be positive!
NEGATIVE
No, no, no!
Don't touch that!
Stop!
POSITIVE
Good girl!
You can have that!
How cute!
Like Grandpa has always taught us--
Instead of saying,"No, no" so often to a baby or toddler, it's better to put things out of the way.
Then when we really have to say "no!", the child will know it's important and will really listen.
NO!
Don't make any rules you don't have to. The fewer rules you have, the better, and the easier the baby will learn to obey them!


If we give the baby things which she can touch, it will make it easier for her to be good!
That's right! And if she picks up something that you, children, don't want her to have, what should you do?
Ooo!
We should find something else that's safe to offer her, and then we can swap!
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Here, Mary Dear. You can have this nice dolly. May Davida take this? Thank you! --Good girl!
Yes, we can ask her nicely to give us what she has while we give her something else in exchange!
But we should try not to grab things away from her! That would teach her to grab from others!
Remember, love is the key to everyone's heart, even a baby's! Love is the best way to do things, and it never fails!

TIPS FOR KIDS ON BABYCARE 3: THE WALKER!

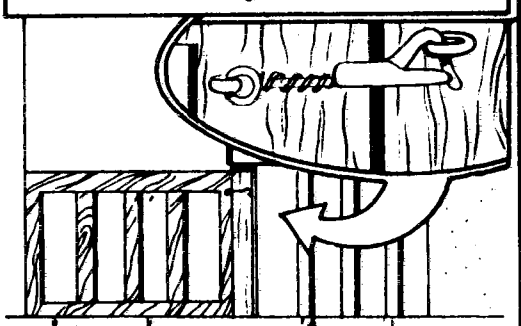
Here are some other points to remember when the baby is in the walker!



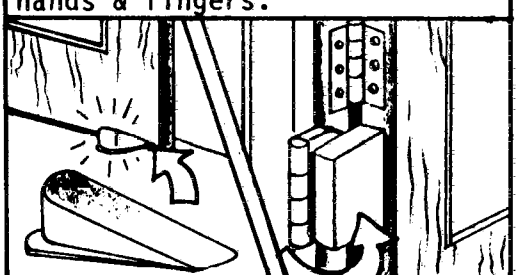
Block all the stairways with a sturdy gate, or put a heavy chair there every-time the baby or toddler plays in that area--even when supervised by an adult!



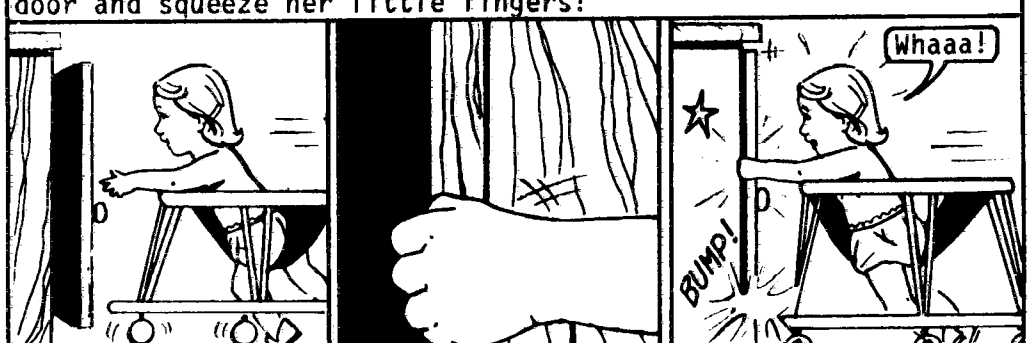
Always be sure that the gates to the stairways are locked.



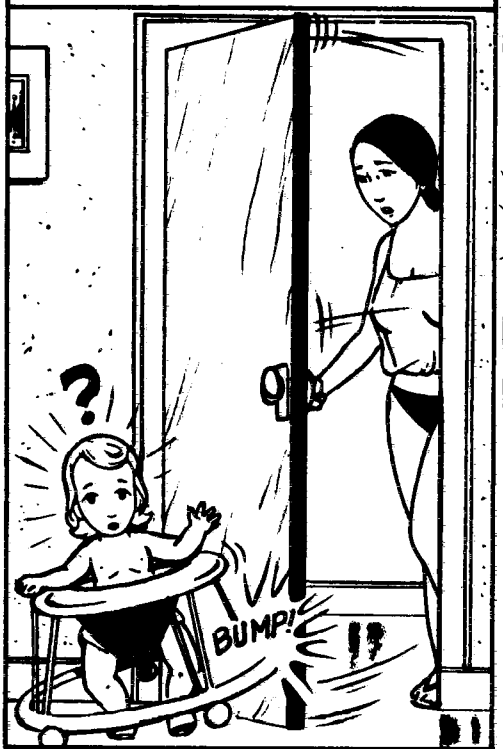
Doors should either be tightly shut or held open with a good doorstop or brace so they will not open or close on baby's hands & fingers.



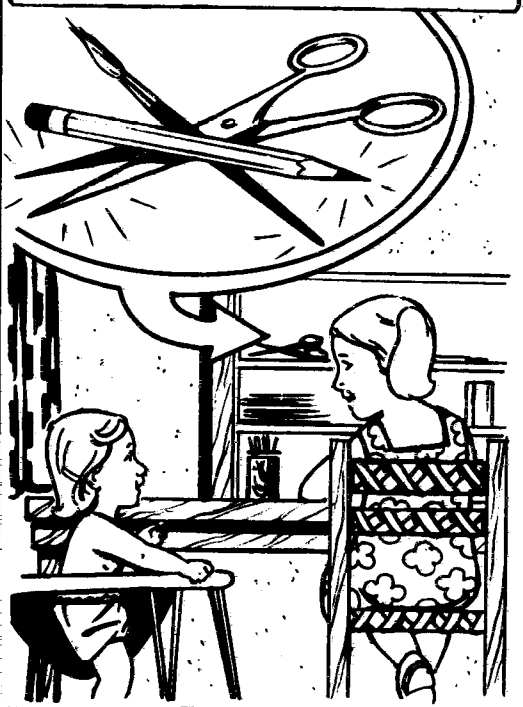
Be sure that all drawers and cupboards are tightly shut so that she can't get them open.--If she can open them even just a little bit, she might then push with the walker against the door and squeeze her little fingers!



Never allow the baby to play in front of closed doors. Hurried adults could come rushing in and hurt her.



If you're working on an art or school project, be sure that all valuable papers, & scissors, sharp pencils or pointed objects are up high where Mary Dear can't reach them.



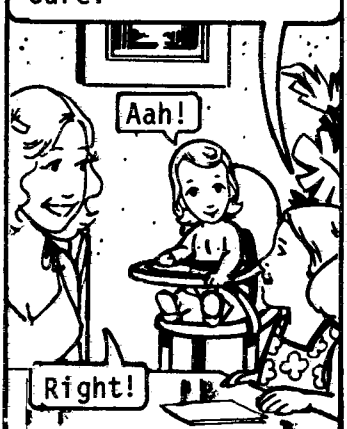
Like Grandpa has taught us, "Accidents don't just happen, they are caused!"



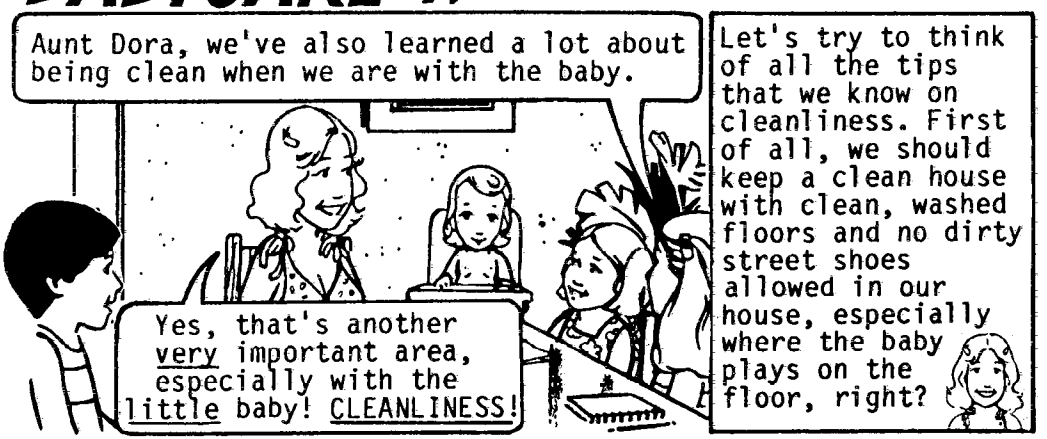
That's right! We should be so careful and so safe and so secure that we make it impossible for accidents to happen! "Watch & pray!"



I know another good quote: "Prevention is better than cure!"



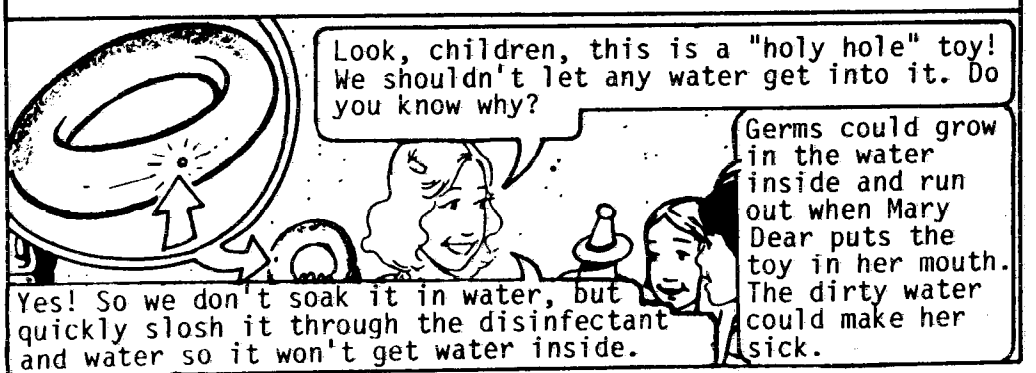
TIPS FOR KIDS ON BABYCARE 4: CLEANLINESS!



As the baby's toys get dirty during the day, we should put them away in a special place so they can be washed later. We have to keep them very clean because she sticks them in her mouth.



When we wash the baby's toys we should be careful with the ones that have holes in them.



Pacifiers and nipples should be kept very clean and even sterile*, especially for young babies, because a pacifier goes in their mouth so much!

(*Sterile : Free of germs.)

Never give a baby a pacifier that has been dropped on the floor!

Oops! Mary Dear dropped her pacifier!

Here, this one is fresh and clean! I'll put the other one away for Aunt Dora to sterilise.

It's a good idea to tie the toys to the baby's walker or stroller so they don't keep falling to the floor.

Oooo!

Grandpa says--

We should not kiss babies on their eyes or their mouth. That's where germs could get into their bodies and make them sick! It's not even a good idea to kiss baby's hands because babies often suck on their hands.

The husband shouldn't kiss his wife's nipples after she's washed and is about to nurse. That's where the baby eats from and they should be kept very clean.

They're like Mary Dear's "dinner plate"!

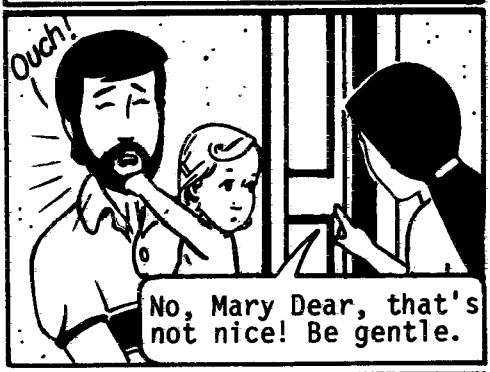
Ha! Yes!

So I must be faithful to wash my breasts before nursing so they will be nice and fresh for the baby.

It's best not to kiss tiny babies on the face at all because our hair could get into the baby's eyes or mouth and leave dirt and germs.

One time Mary Dear got a little pimple on her eye because we weren't careful!

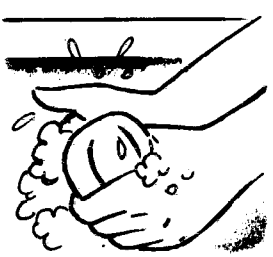
A baby should be taught early not to pull hair.



It could also hurt her if she should wrap the hair around her little fingers as she is pulling it.



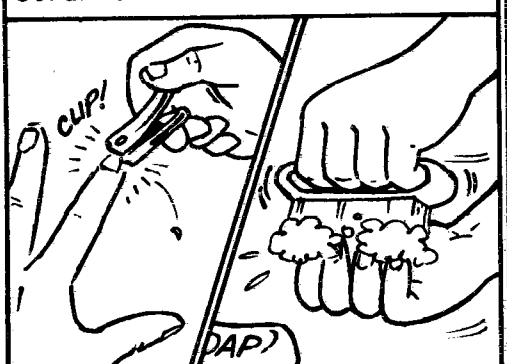
Everybody in the house should always wash their hands with soap before picking up the baby.



Always remind each other of this rule.



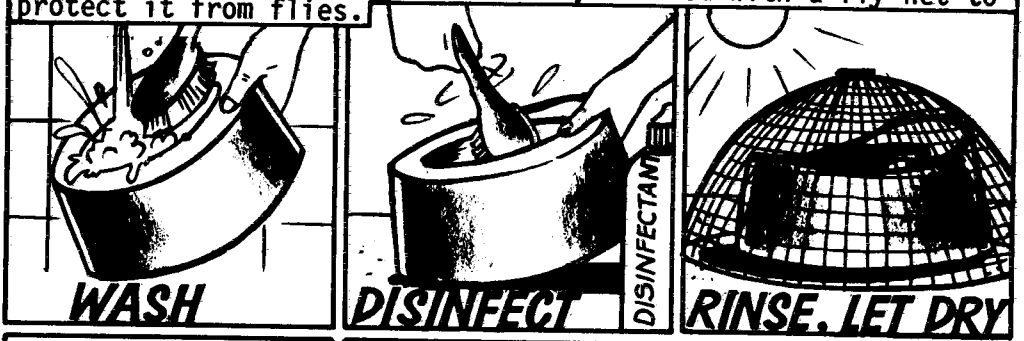
We should keep our fingernails short so no dirt can gather underneath. And we should scrub them often.



Whenever we empty the baby's potty we should rinse it out well with water.



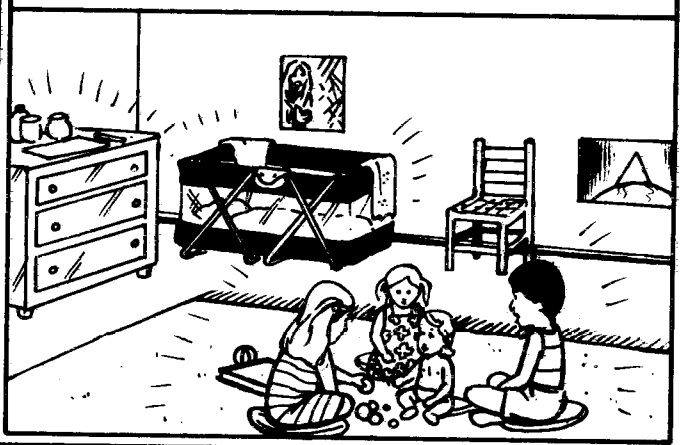
Even little babies who've just learned to sit up can learn to go potty, and this saves on having to wash lots of diapers! Somebody should be responsible for disinfecting the potty often. It could dry and air outside, covered with a fly net to protect it from flies.



Try to keep little babies as clean as possible.



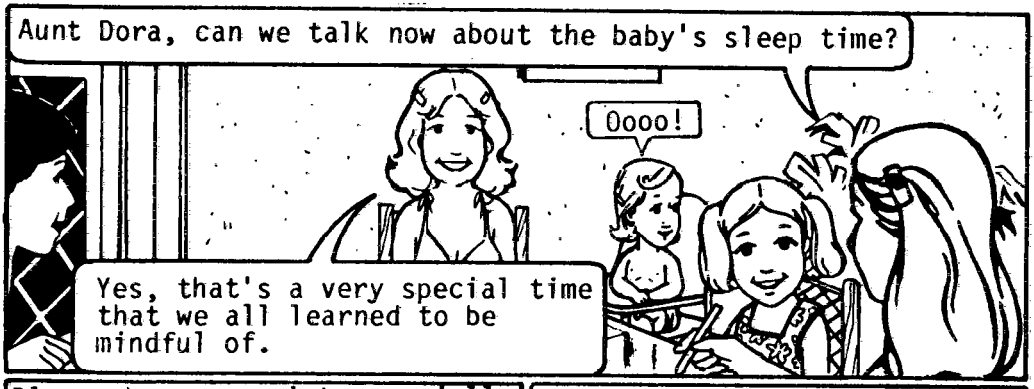
Keep their surroundings very clean too.



The Lord is faithful to protect the baby, but He also expects us to do our part and be careful to keep everything that the baby uses very clean!

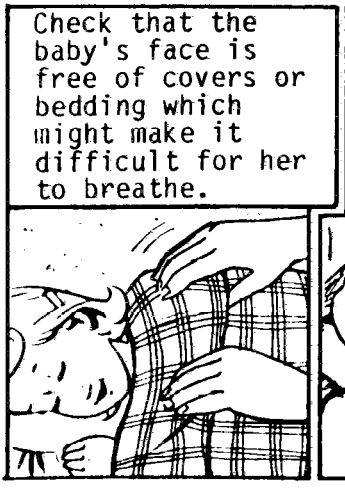


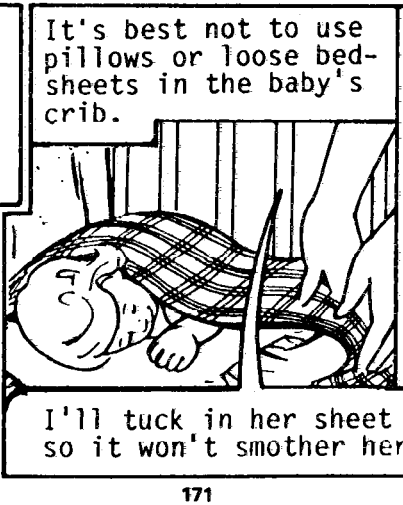
TIPS FOR KIDS ON BABYCARE 5: SLEEP TIME!

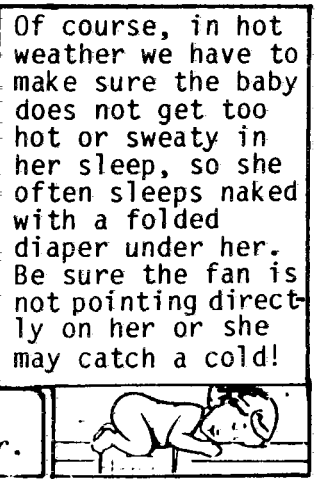






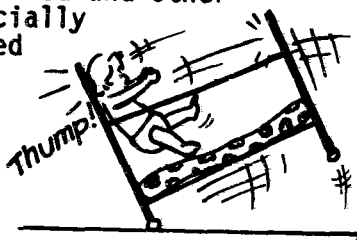




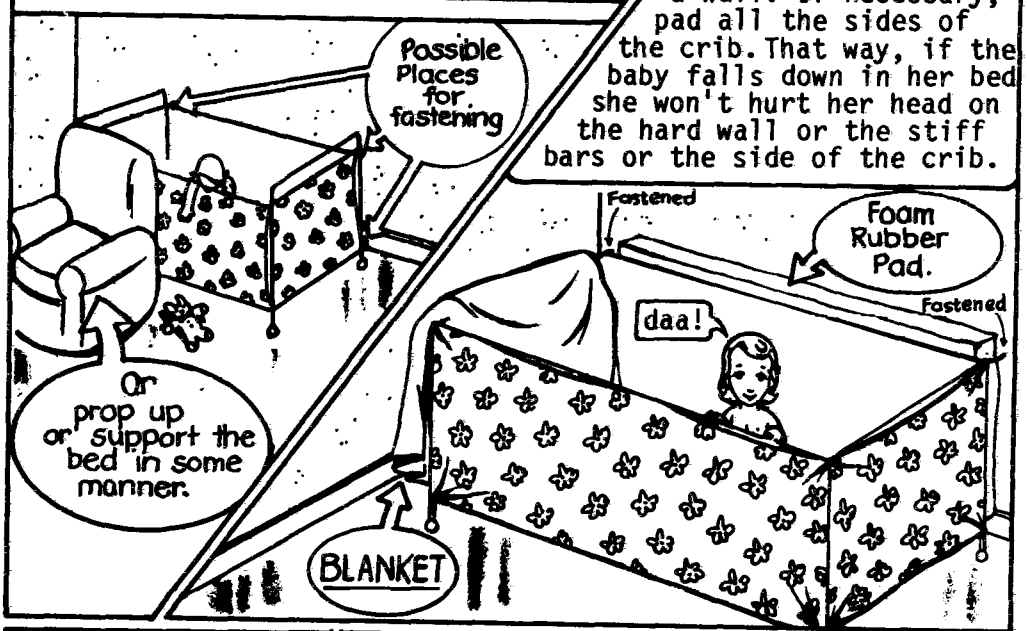


Tips for portable baby beds that are not sturdy:

As the baby grows old enough to pull herself up, her bed and other furniture, especially in her room, need to be secured and sturdy--Or else she might pull them over on top of herself!



It's also a good idea to pad the side of the crib which stands next to a wall. If necessary, pad all the sides of the crib. That way, if the baby falls down in her bed she won't hurt her head on the hard wall or the stiff bars or the side of the crib.



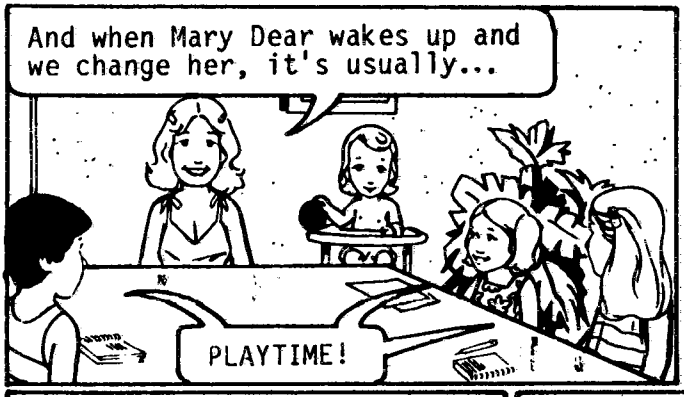
And remember to always leave a dim light on at night!



But most of all, pray for the baby to have sweet dreams and see nice spirit movies!

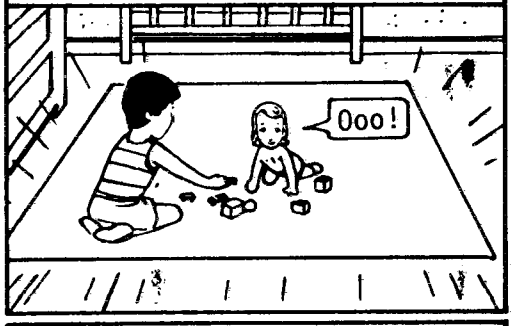


TIPS FOR KIDS ON BABYCARE 6: PLAYTIME!

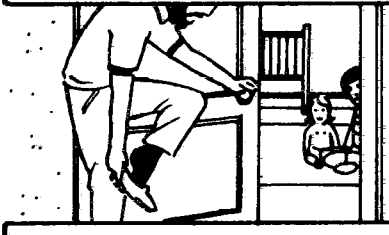




When a baby is in the crawling stage, it's safer and cleaner to have a special clean mat or blanket for her to play on.

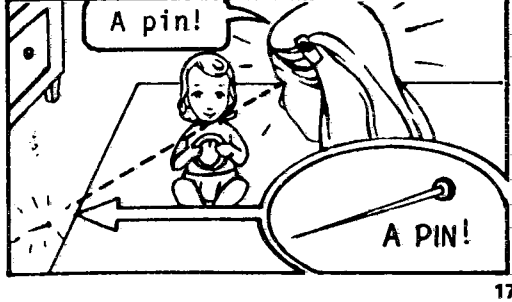


It's so important to have everybody take off their house shoes or slippers outside the rooms where the baby usually plays.

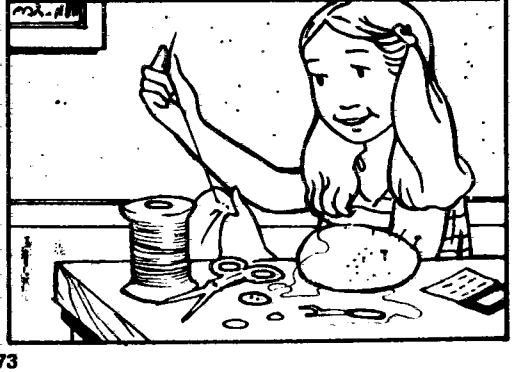


This helps the floor stay nice and clean.

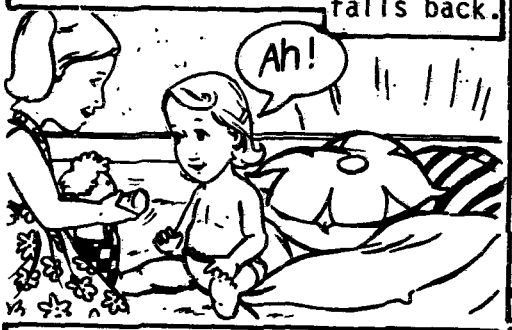
If we see things lying on the floor that shouldn't be there, like hairpins, paper clips, needles, or anything that could hurt the baby or cause her to choke, we should pick them up immediately.



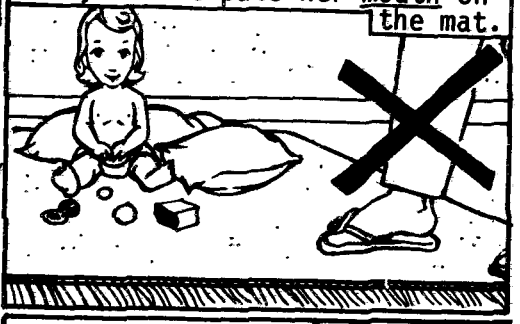
Anyone who is sewing should be sure to gather and put away all the little sewing items when they're finished.



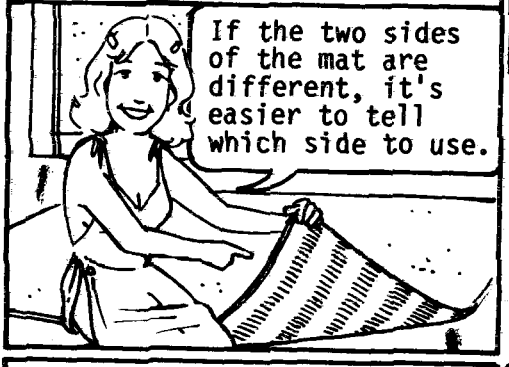
Especially if the baby has just learned to sit up, it's good to pad the area around her with cushions in case she falls back.



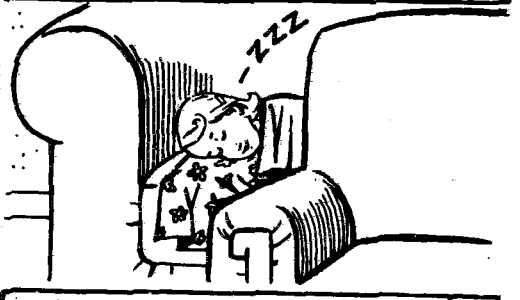
The baby's play mat should be kept very clean. Try not to step on the mat or put anything dirty on it--not even your bare feet, as she puts her mouth on the mat.



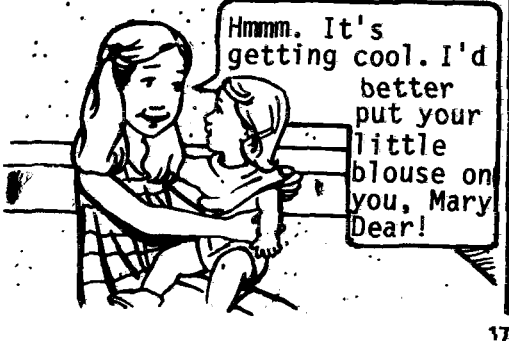
Choose one side of the mat to always face the floor. The other side should only be for the baby to sit on.



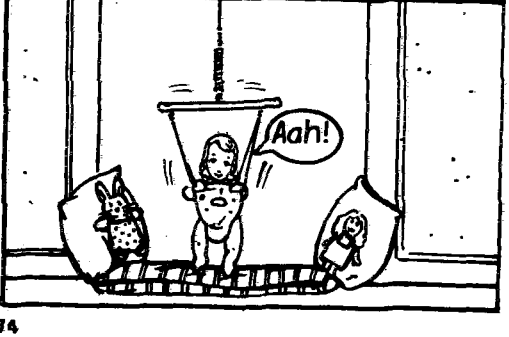
When the baby is lying or resting on a couch, it also helps to put her on a special clean sheet or blanket. That way the baby's face won't touch the dirty cushions were people sit.



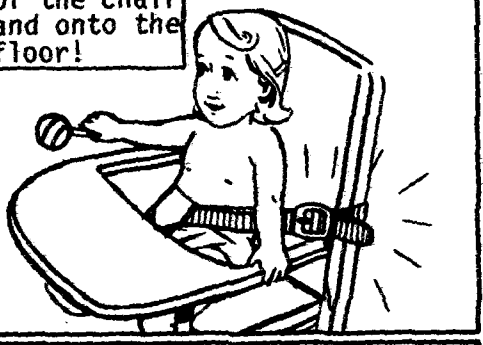
Remember that babies are very sensitive to drafts and that the temperature is colder at the floor level (especially in cold weather).



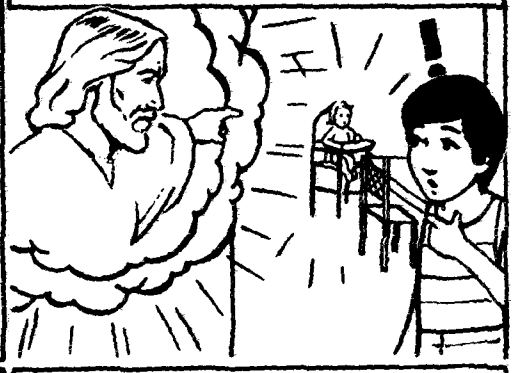
If the baby is in a Johnny-jump-up, be sure to pad the area underneath and around her with folded blankets or rugs to cushion her in case she falls.



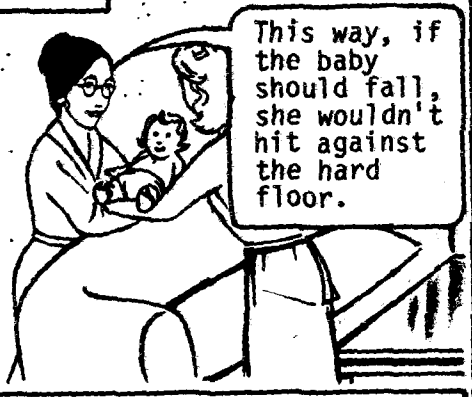
When she is in her highchair, be sure she is always strapped in safely or she may slip out of the chair and onto the floor!



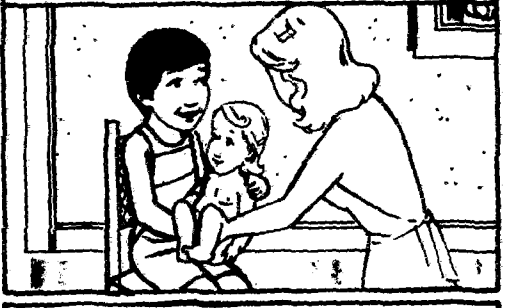
Never leave a baby alone in a high-chair!



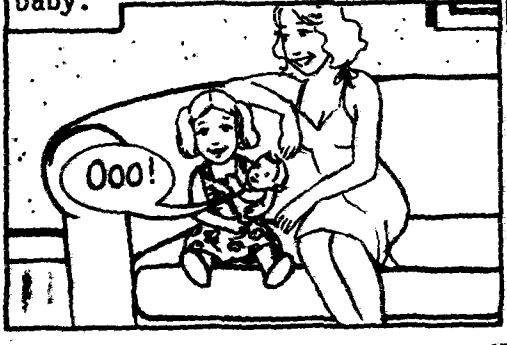
It's always safer to exchange the baby over a bed or a couch.



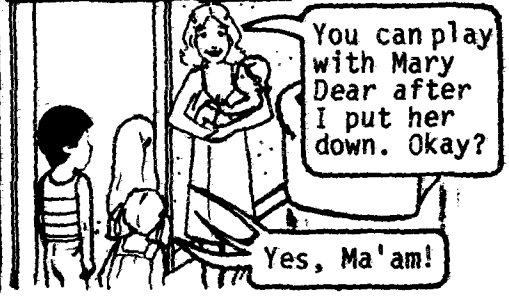
When a mother hands a baby to an older brother or sister to hold, it is important for the child who receives the baby to be sitting down and to have a safe hold on the baby.

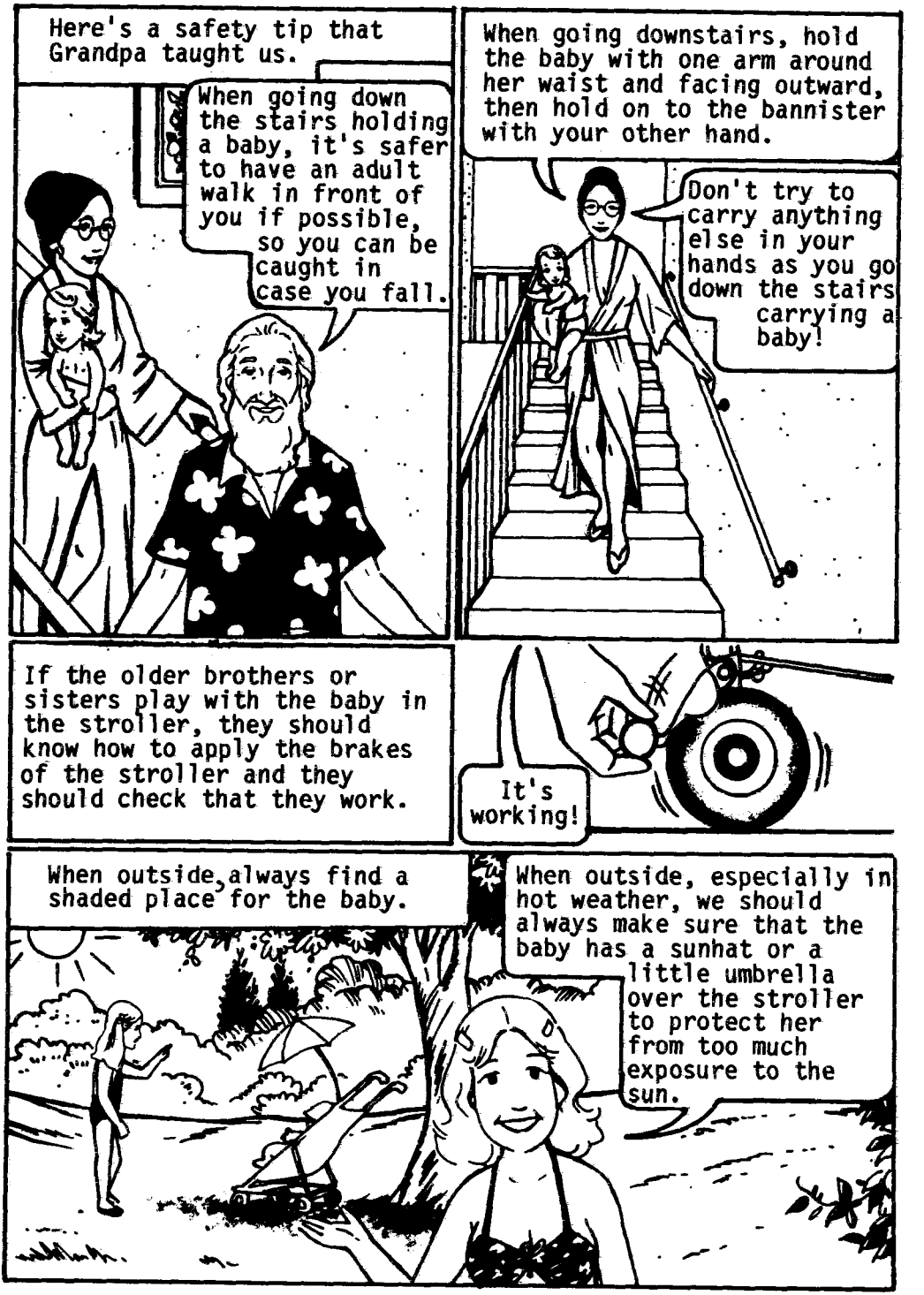


Young children who like to hold their little baby brother or sister, should sit way back on the couch and have both arms securely around the little baby.



When the baby is in an adult's arms, the children should be careful not to tug on the baby's feet or play with her toes. The baby could squirm and fall right out of even an adult's arms!

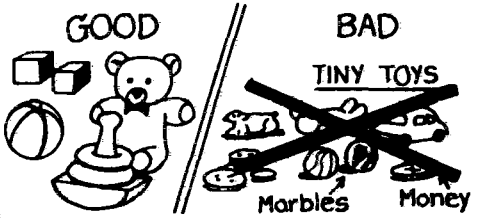



Here's a safety tip that Grandpa taught us.
When going down the stairs holding a baby, it's safer to have an adult walk in front of you if possible, so you can be caught in case you fall.
When going downstairs, hold the baby with one arm around her waist and facing outward, then hold on to the bannister with your other hand.
Don't try to carry anything else in your hands as you go down the stairs carrying a baby!
If the older brothers or sisters play with the baby in the stroller, they should know how to apply the brakes of the stroller and they should check that they work.
It's working!
When outside, always find a shaded place for the baby.
When outside, especially in hot weather, we should always make sure that the baby has a sunhat or a little umbrella over the stroller to protect her from too much exposure to the sun.

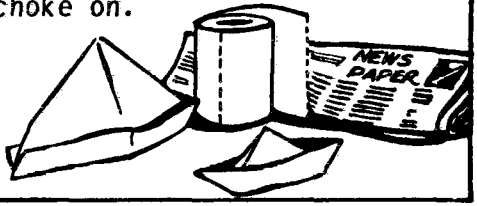
TIPS FOR KIDS ON BABYCARE 7: SAFE TOYS!

What is a safe toy?--Safe toys mean--

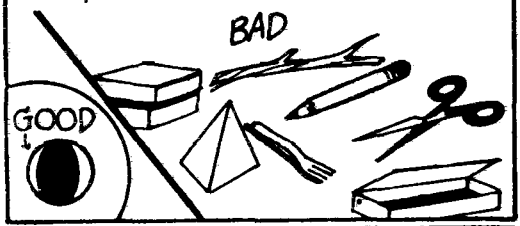
Those that are too big to be swallowed.



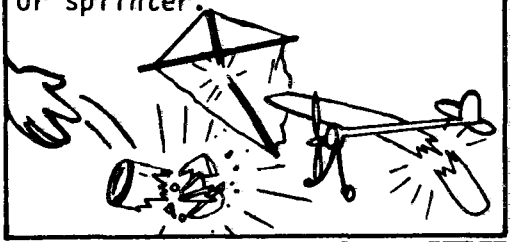
Nothing made from soft paper and material that the baby could put in her mouth and choke on.



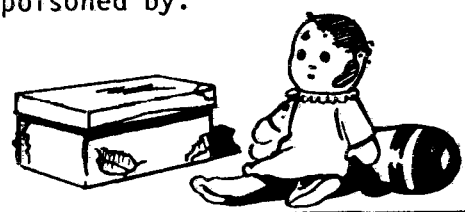
Nothing that has sharp edges or points.



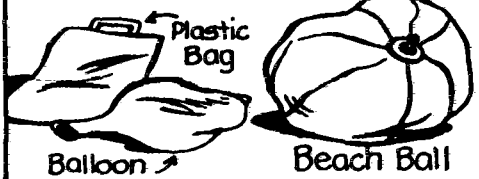
Nothing that will easily break or splinter.



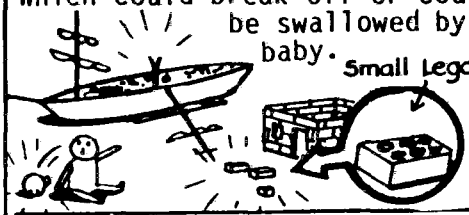
Nothing with any old paint that the baby could swallow and be poisoned by.



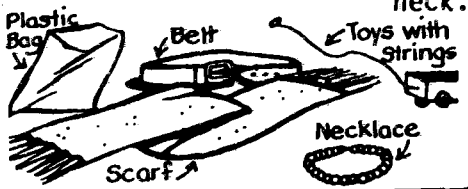
Nothing made out of soft plastic which the baby could suck and choke on.



Nothing with small pieces which could break off or could be swallowed by a baby.

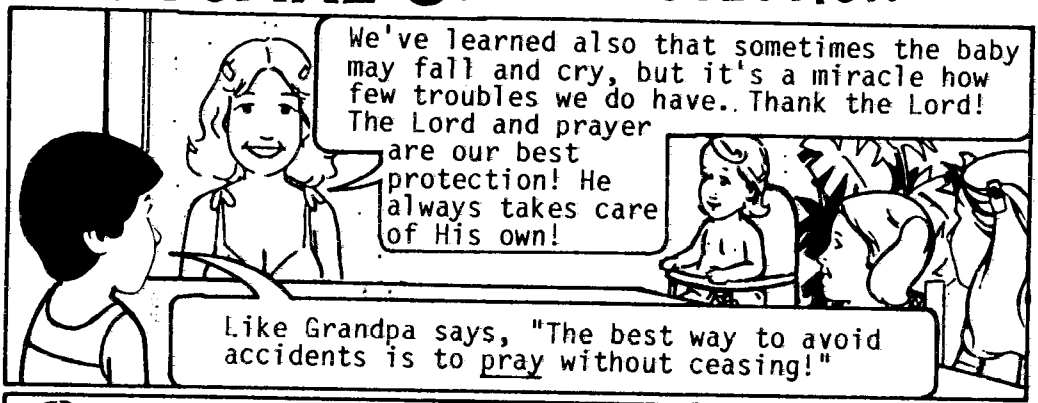


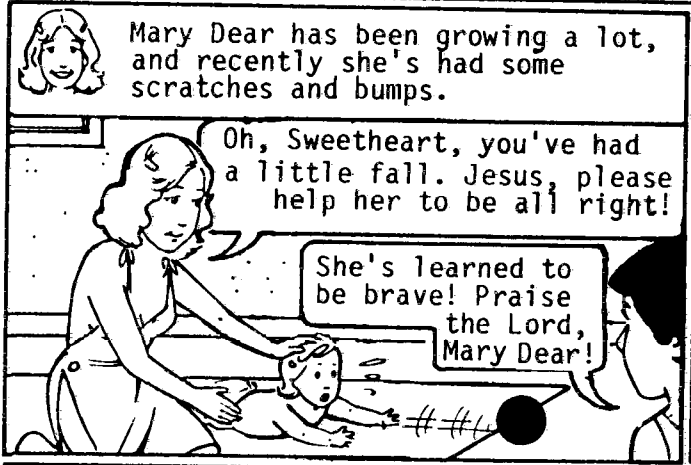
Nothing that can cover the baby's head or wrap around her neck.



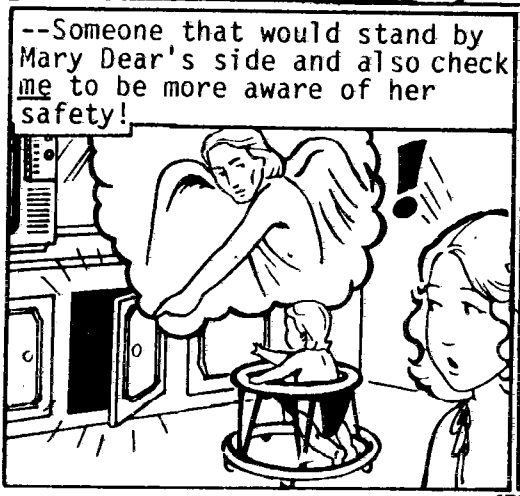
WARNING: If you are not sure whether a toy is safe or not for baby, you should check with an adult.

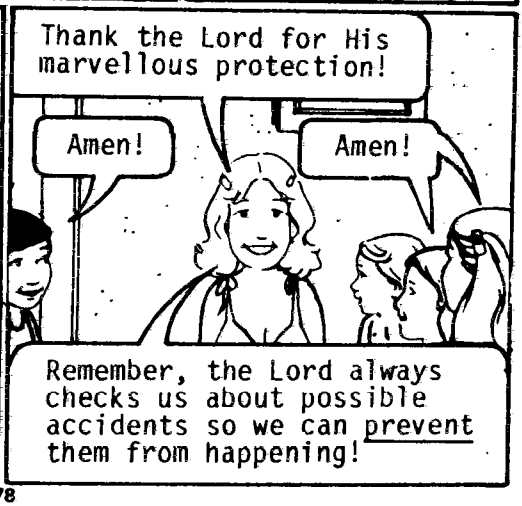
TIPS FOR KIDS ON BABYCARE 8: THE LORD'S PROTECTION!

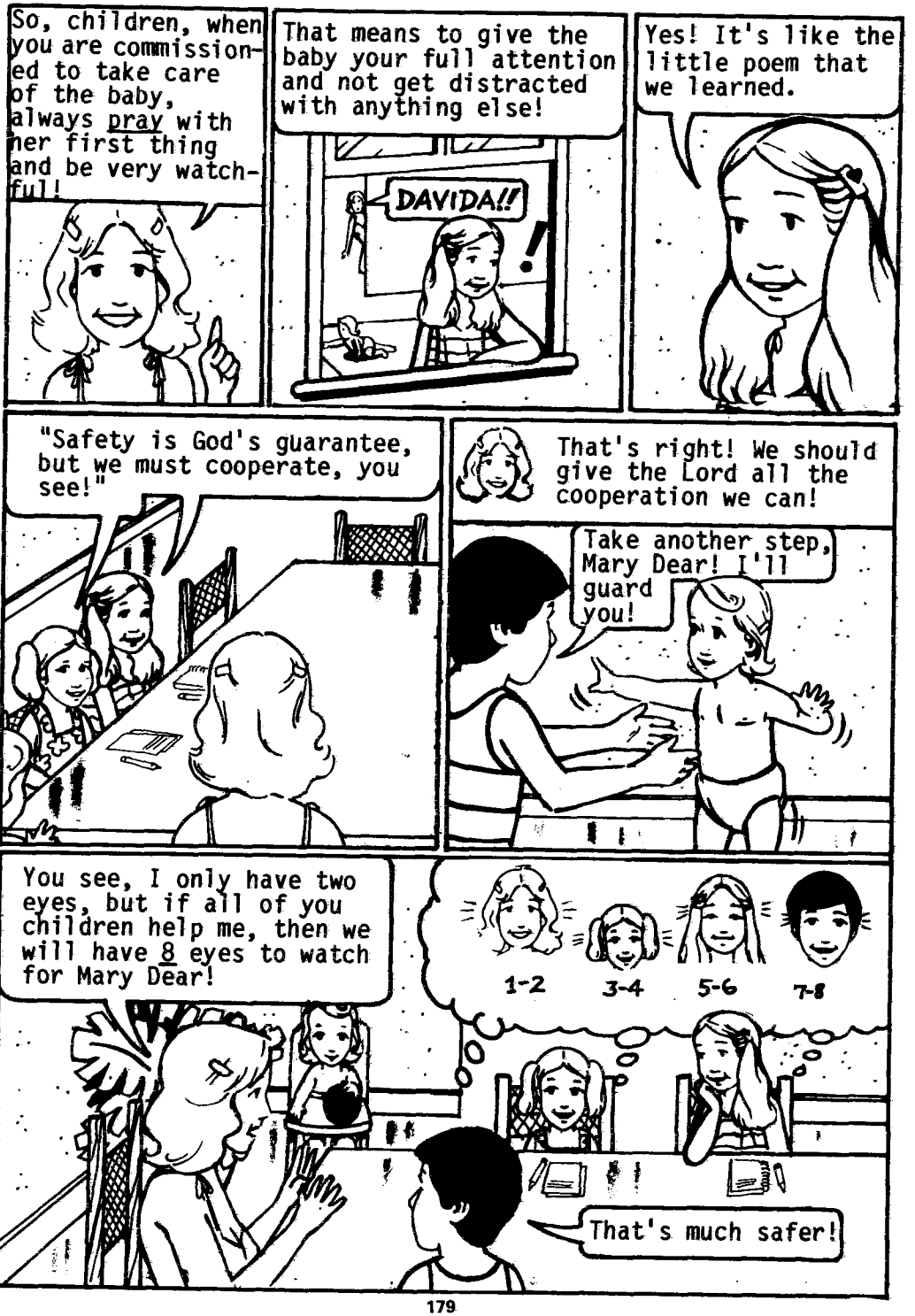




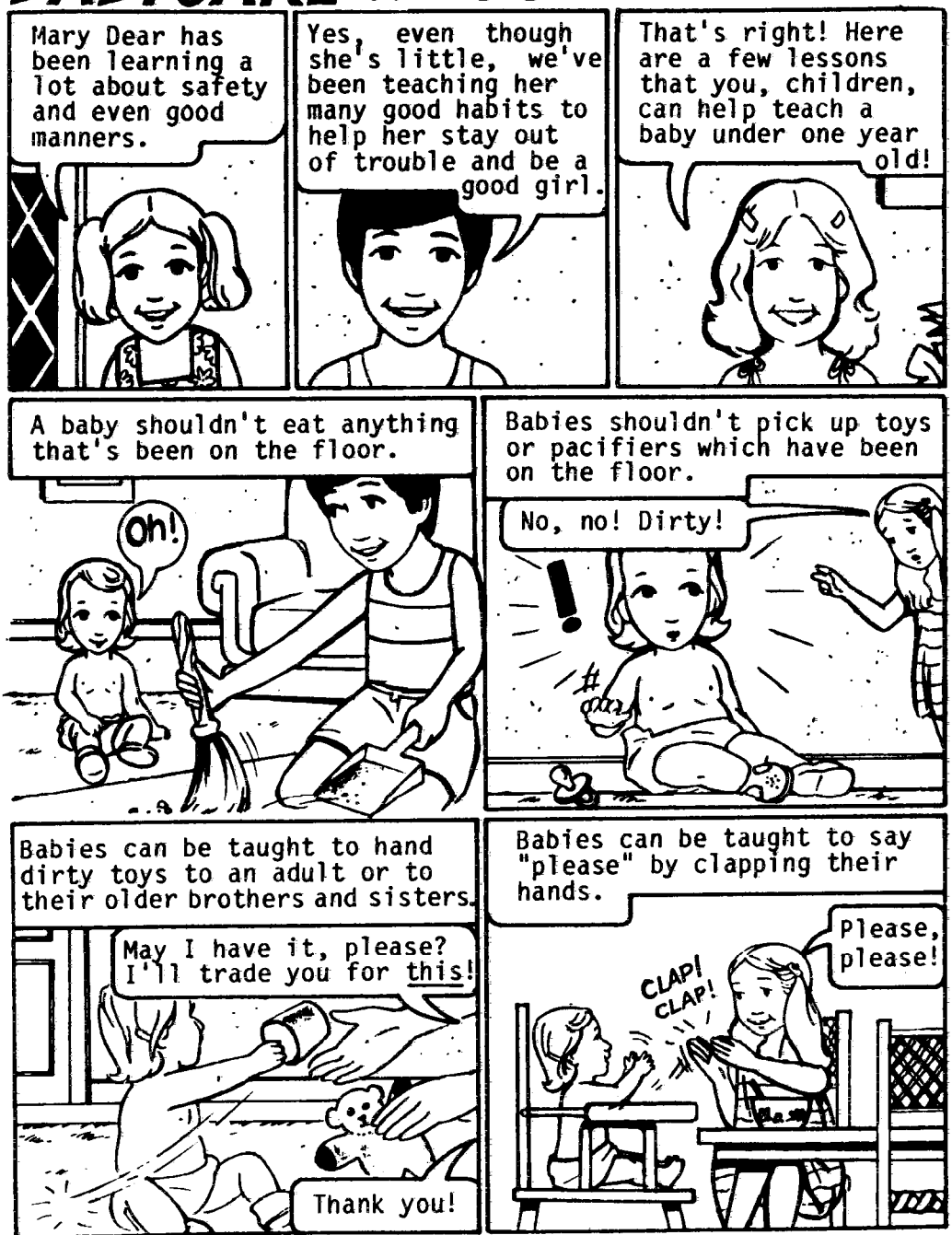




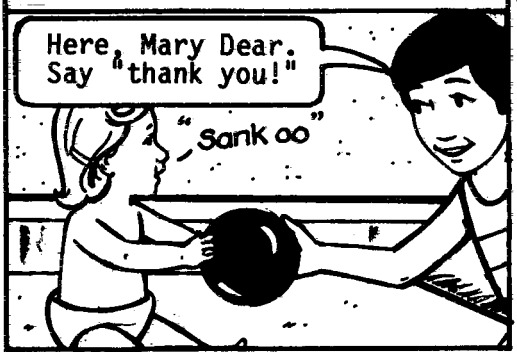



So, children, when you are commissioned to take care of the baby, always pray with her first thing and be very watchful!
That means to give the baby your full attention and not get distracted with anything else!
DAVIDA!!
Yes! It's like the little poem that we learned.
"Safety is God's guarantee, but we must cooperate, you see!"
That's right! We should give the Lord all the cooperation we can!
Take another step, Mary Dear! I'll guard you!
You see, I only have two eyes, but if all of you children help me, then we will have 8 eyes to watch for Mary Dear!
1-2
3-4
5-6
7-8
That's much safer!

TIPS FOR KIDS ON BABYCARE 9: GOOD HABITS!



As soon as a baby can make some sounds and begin to talk, she can learn to say "thank you".



A baby can learn not to pull on electrical cords and not to play with video or TV buttons.



The baby can be taught not to pull down posters or words that are hung on the wall at their eye level.



Once the baby learns how to walk, she can be taught not to leave the room alone but to wait at the door.



In the kitchen, the baby can also be taught not to go across the taped danger line.



A little one can be taught not to pull hair or even touch the face, eyes or nose!



As soon as little babies start walking, they should be taught not to carry any sticks, toothbrushes or anything which could hurt them in case they should fall!

May I please have the toothbrush? Don't walk with it --it's dangerous!

I'm sure that you can all think of a few other things that you should be diligent with when caring for the baby.

Thank you for your love, faithfulness and obedience!

You see? The Lord has already made you shepherds over your little lamb, Mary Dear!

And all the other Family children are shepherds and shepherdesses too! They take care of their little lambs!

Yes! God bless you all for the very important job you do! Please keep your little lambs in your prayers! I'm sure that your Mommy appreciates all your help!

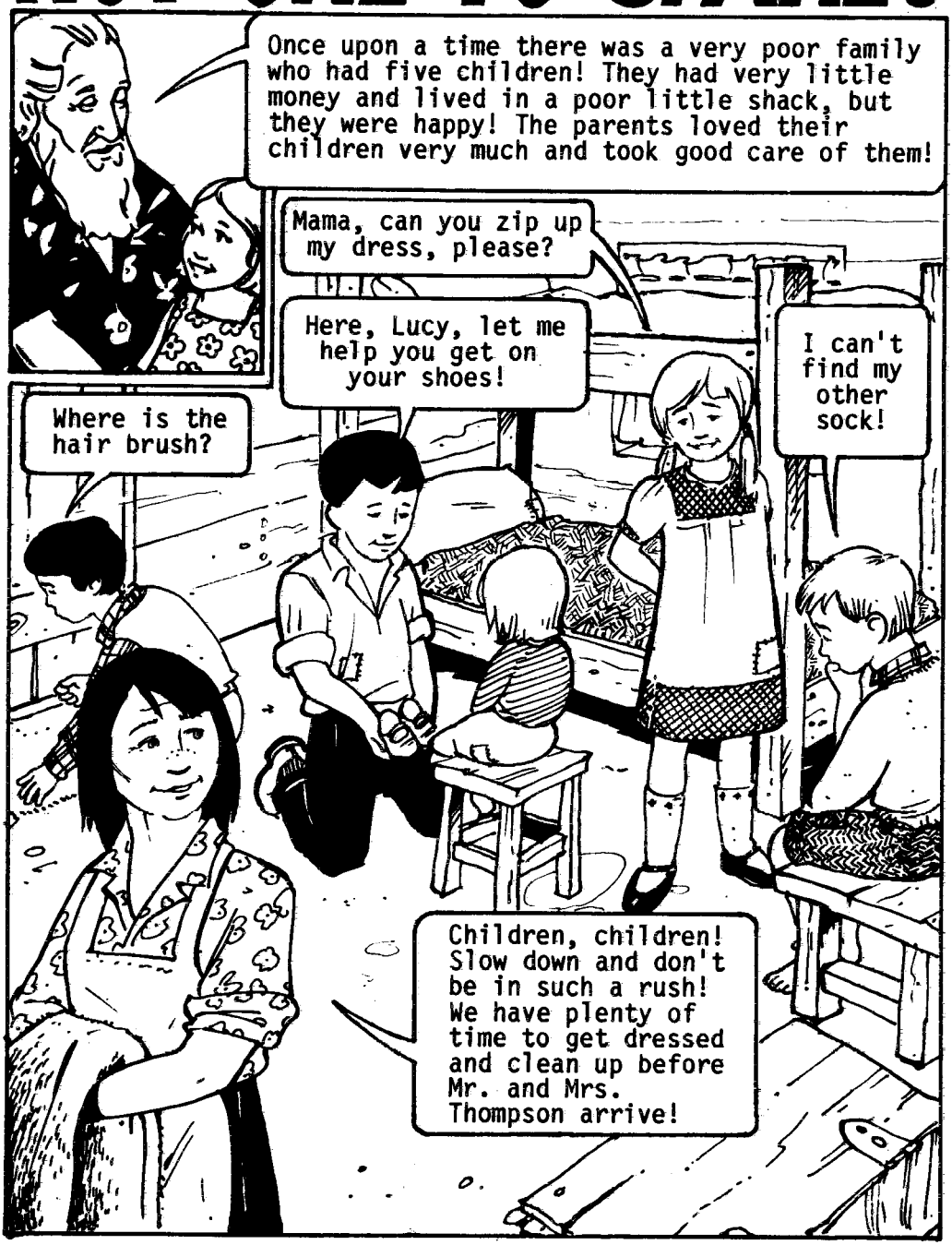
I really enjoy it! Isn't it fun?

We hope that these babycare tips can be a real help to you too!

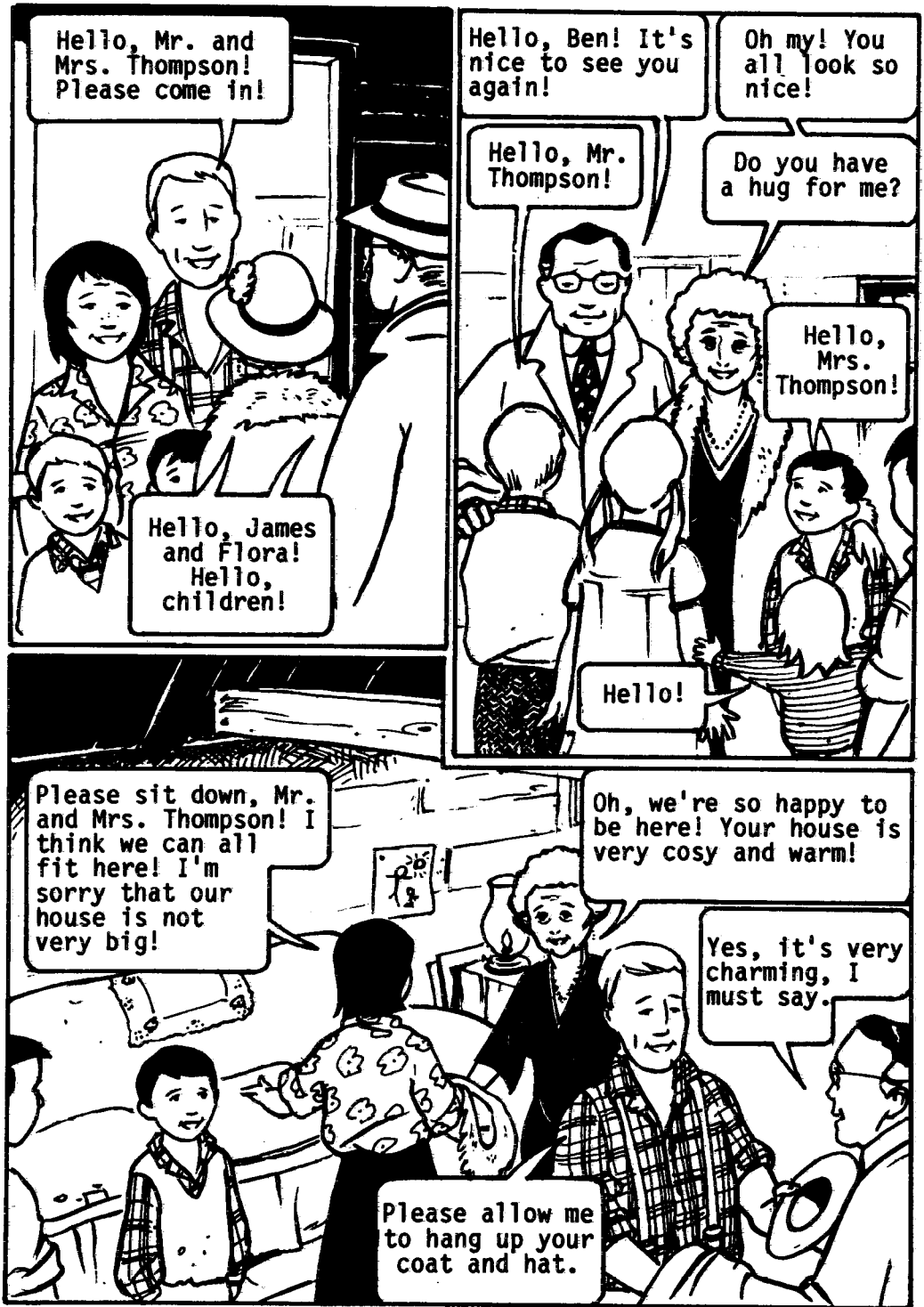
Thank you so much for doing your best to keep your sweet baby safe and happy!

WE LOVE YOU!

NOT ONE TO SPARE!

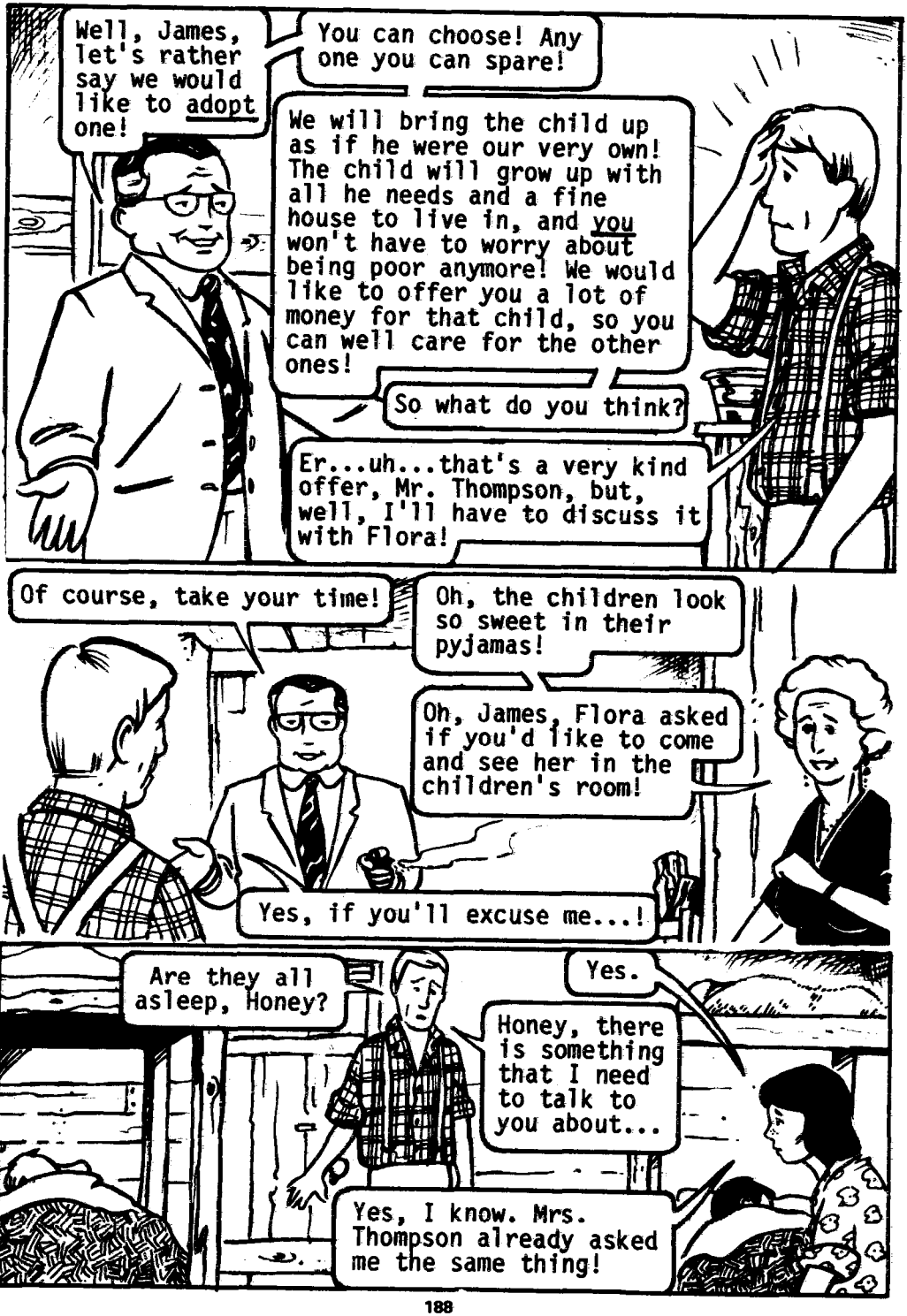



How is it going with the children, Dear?
Just fine, Daddy! Richard and Helen have grown up so much and are such a help with the younger ones!
You look a little nervous, Honey!
Well, it's just that this is the first time that the Thompsons have ever visited our house! Usually they invite us to their big mansion in the city!
Don't worry, Honey, they know how poor we are! They won't be expecting anything fancy.
You know, sometimes I wonder why the Thompsons are so sweet and kind to us when we're not rich like the rest of their friends!
Oh, but Honey, we are rich! God has blessed us with 5 beautiful children, and they're worth more than all the riches in the World!
PAFF!
The Thompsons really appreciate our children since they don't have any of their own. The children make them feel young and happy and give them hope for the future.
KNOCK! KNOCK!
Oh, here they are! Come, children, come!


Hello, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson! Please come in!
Hello, James and Flora! Hello, children!
Hello, Ben! It's nice to see you again!
Oh my! You all look so nice!
Hello, Mr. Thompson!
Do you have a hug for me?
Hello, Mrs. Thompson!
Hello!
Please sit down, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson! I think we can all fit here! I'm sorry that our house is not very big!
Oh, we're so happy to be here! Your house is very cosy and warm!
Yes, it's very charming, I must say.
Please allow me to hang up your coat and hat.


Excuse me, Mrs. Thompson! We made these cards for you!
Oh, look, Bernard! They're beautiful!
My! What talented children you are!
Helen, Sweetheart, would you like to serve the tea and biscuits, please?
Yes, Ma'am!
And please remember to serve our guests first!
Later that evening:
Well, I think it's your bedtime now, children!
Please, Flora, I'd love to help you put the children to bed!
Of course you may, Mrs. Thompson! The children would love that!
Goodnight, Daddy!
Goodnight, children!
Goodnight, Mr. Thompson!

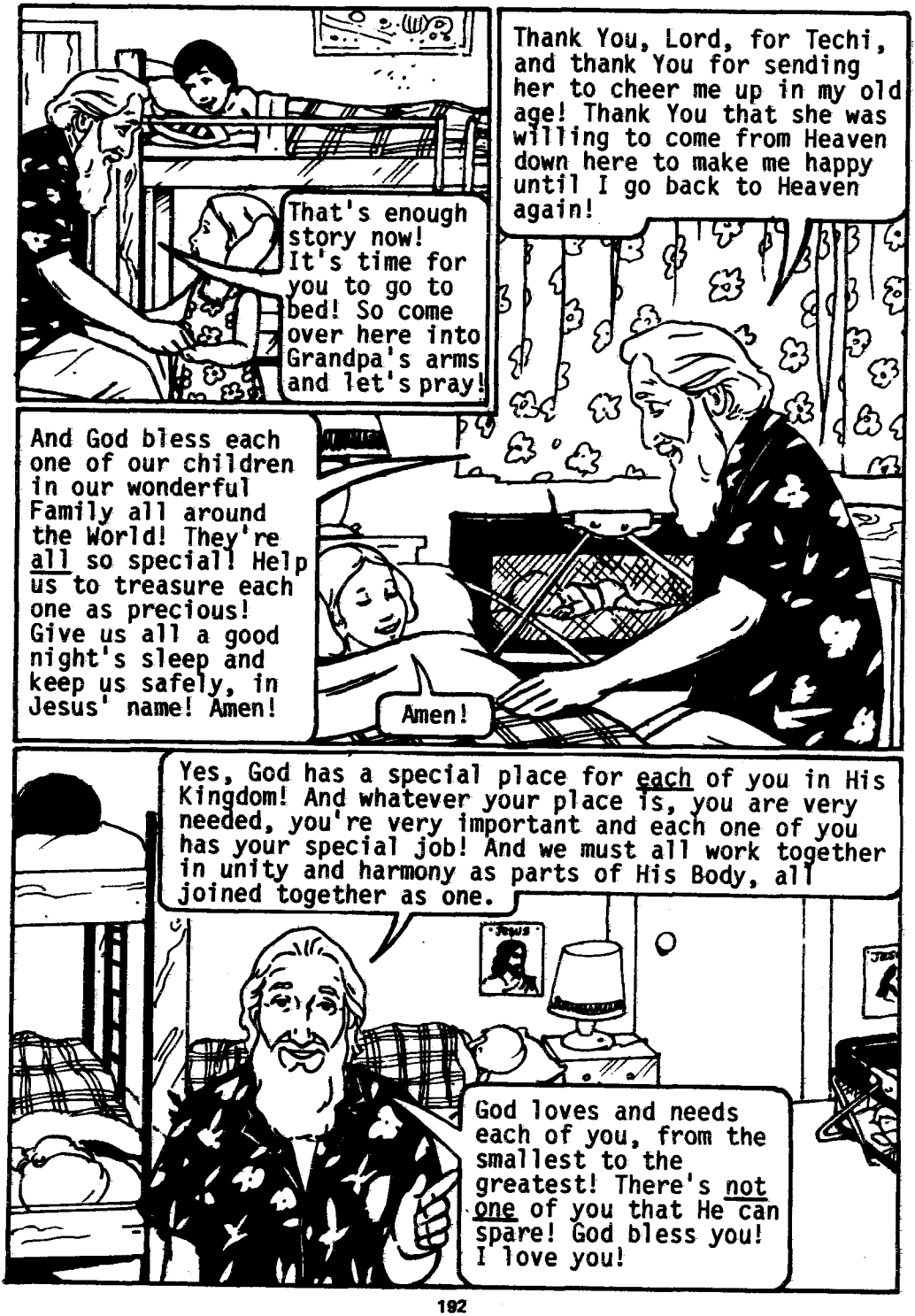

I must say, you have a wonderful family!
Thank you!
Ever since that day we met your children in the park, we've been in love with them!
You know, James, although we're rich, we've never had the joy that you and Flora have!
We've never had the joy of having children! And so my wife and I have been talking about it and...er...well, we have something to ask you!
Please, we'd love to help you in any way we can!
James, we know that you're not so well off and are having a hard time financially at the moment, and so we've decided that we would like to help you!
We'll give you a good sum of money...if you give us one of your children!
You...you mean...you want us to sell you one of our children?!


Well, James, let's rather say we would like to adopt one!
You can choose! Any one you can spare!
We will bring the child up as if he were our very own! The child will grow up with all he needs and a fine house to live in, and you won't have to worry about being poor anymore! We would like to offer you a lot of money for that child, so you can well care for the other ones!
So what do you think?
Er...uh...that's a very kind offer, Mr. Thompson, but, well, I'll have to discuss it with Flora!
Of course, take your time!
Oh, the children look so sweet in their pyjamas!
Oh, James, Flora asked if you'd like to come and see her in the children's room!
Yes, if you'll excuse me...!
Are they all asleep, Honey?
Yes.
Honey, there is something that I need to talk to you about...
Yes, I know. Mrs. Thompson already asked me the same thing!


So, what do you think?
Well, it would be a chance for one of the children to have all the riches and comforts that we cannot give! They also promised to help us with the money that we need!
But look at them!
We can't possibly give them Richard.
He's growing up so fast now! He really needs you as his father! And he's such a help to me when you're not here!
Oh, and of course not Helen! Things just wouldn't be the same without her! I wouldn't be the same without her!
And she's such a good little Mommy, helping with the younger ones!
I know sometimes Benjamin and Nathan are real little rascals, but they try their best to be a help and a blessing...sob!...I do love them so!
If we give one away, the others would be so sad!

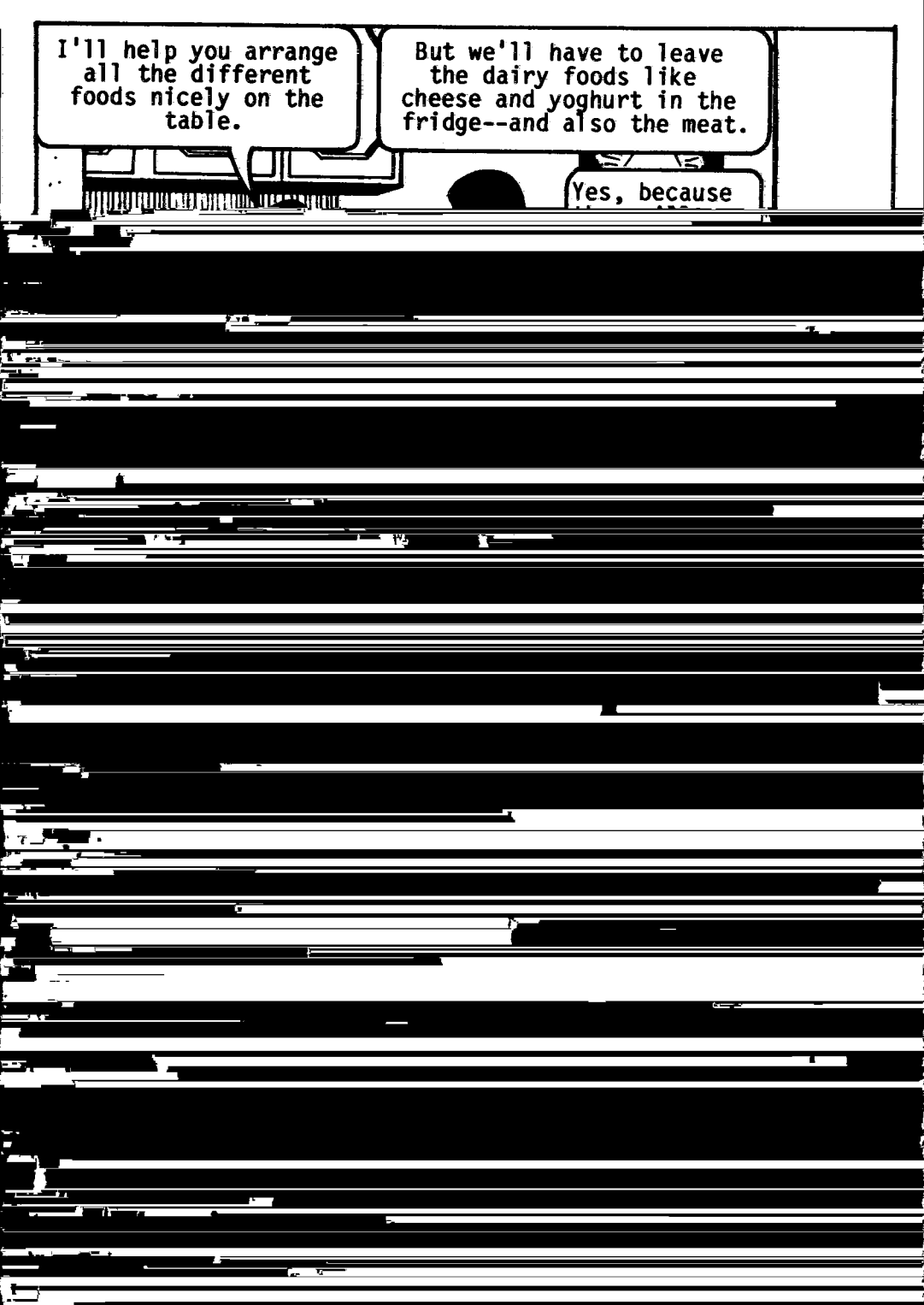

So that just leaves Lucy.
Dear sweet little baby Lucy! She has so much love for others! How could we ever give her away?...Sob!...I just can't even think of it!
Oh, Honey, they are all so special! But we need to give an answer to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson! We need to tell them which one we can spare!
A little later--
Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, we're sorry to have kept you waiting...
...but it took us a little time to decide which of the 5 children we could spare!
It's been a difficult choice, I'm sure.
If you'd like a little more time to decide, then we could come back tomorrow!
No, we've made our choice already!
We looked at each of the children, and saw that each one of them is a jewel, a special, priceless gift of God that He's trusting us to take care of!
We would like to thank you for your very kind offer, but we are sorry, we need every one of them!
WE HAVE NOT ONE TO SPARE!


They loved them so much, see? They had a lot of children, but none to spare!--Just like us!
So they didn't want money?
Well, they needed money, but they didn't want to lose one of their children! It shows how much they loved them! All the things that the rich people could give could never replace the love and happiness that the children had in their little home with their mommy and daddy and brothers and sisters!
Just like if someone came here and offered us a lot of money for you, we'd never sell you! We wouldn't sell you for the whole World, because we love you so much!
Grandpa, I'm sure they didn't want to sell the baby!
No! Think if we sold Mary Dear!
Oh no! Oh my!
JESUS
We would really miss her, wouldn't we?
Because she's so cute!
Yes, she's so cute. She grins at Grandpa now, and smiles and laughs and blows kisses!
JESUS


That's enough story now! It's time for you to go to bed! So come over here into Grandpa's arms and let's pray!
Thank You, Lord, for Techi, and thank You for sending her to cheer me up in my old age! Thank You that she was willing to come from Heaven down here to make me happy until I go back to Heaven again!
And God bless each one of our children in our wonderful Family all around the World! They're all so special! Help us to treasure each one as precious! Give us all a good night's sleep and keep us safely, in Jesus' name! Amen!
Amen!
Yes, God has a special place for each of you in His Kingdom! And whatever your place is, you are very needed, you're very important and each one of you has your special job! And we must all work together in unity and harmony as parts of His Body, all joined together as one.
Jesus
God loves and needs each of you, from the smallest to the greatest! There's not one of you that He can spare! God bless you! I love you!

FOOD SHOPPING!




I'll help you arrange all the different foods nicely on the table.
But we'll have to leave the dairy foods like cheese and yoghurt in the fridge--and also the meat.
Yes, because

There, I think I've written down everything that we need!

Well, fresh green beans are very expensive right now because they're not in season, so maybe you could buy fresh beets instead. If a recipe calls for green beans or beets, just for an example, and the fresh veggie is not available or very expensive, then possibly the canned veggie would be available and cheaper! It's good to have some canned veggies stored in our Survival, too, since they usually keep well for a few months without spoiling.

Oh!...Except I forgot the green beans!

Oh, that's a good idea!

While writing out your shopping list, check the food cupboards to see what you may have run out of and need to buy. Also check the "Basic Shopping List". This is a complete list of all items we use and buy for the Home. The "Basic Shopping List" reminds you of any other items you may need to buy and may have forgotten to put on your list. Oh! We need some toothpaste, I almost forgot!

I'll write it down! Our shopping list is finished, Aunt Dora!

Good! Well, now let's go and get dressed for our shopping trip, shall we?

Oooh! This is fun!!

BASIC SHOPPING LIST

FRUIT
- Bananas
- Pineapples
- Papayas
- Coconuts
- Mangoes
- Lemon or Limes

CONDIMENTS
- Salt
- Mayonnaise
- Soy Sauce
- Oil
- Spices
- Vinegar
- Honey
- Tea
- Coffee
- Cocoa/Raw Sugar

DRY GOODS
- Bread
- Noodles
- Oats
- Rice
- Wholewheat Flour
- Kidney Beans
- Soy Beans
- Lentils
- Peanuts
- Powdered Milk

MEATS
- Ground Beef
- Chicken
- Chicken Livers
- Heart
- Fish
- Lamb

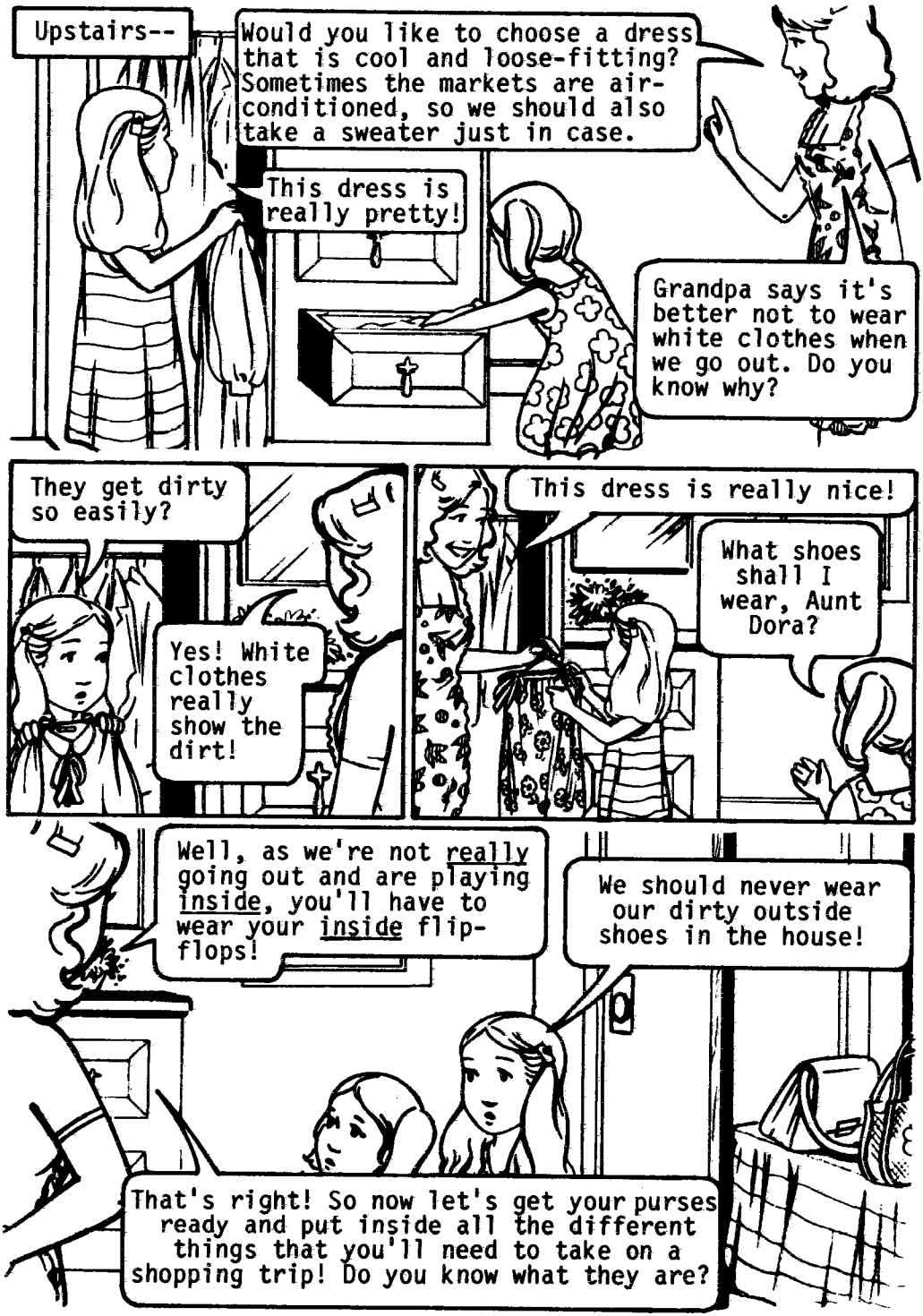
DAIRY
- Eggs
- Cheese
- Margarine
- Yoghurt
- Tofu

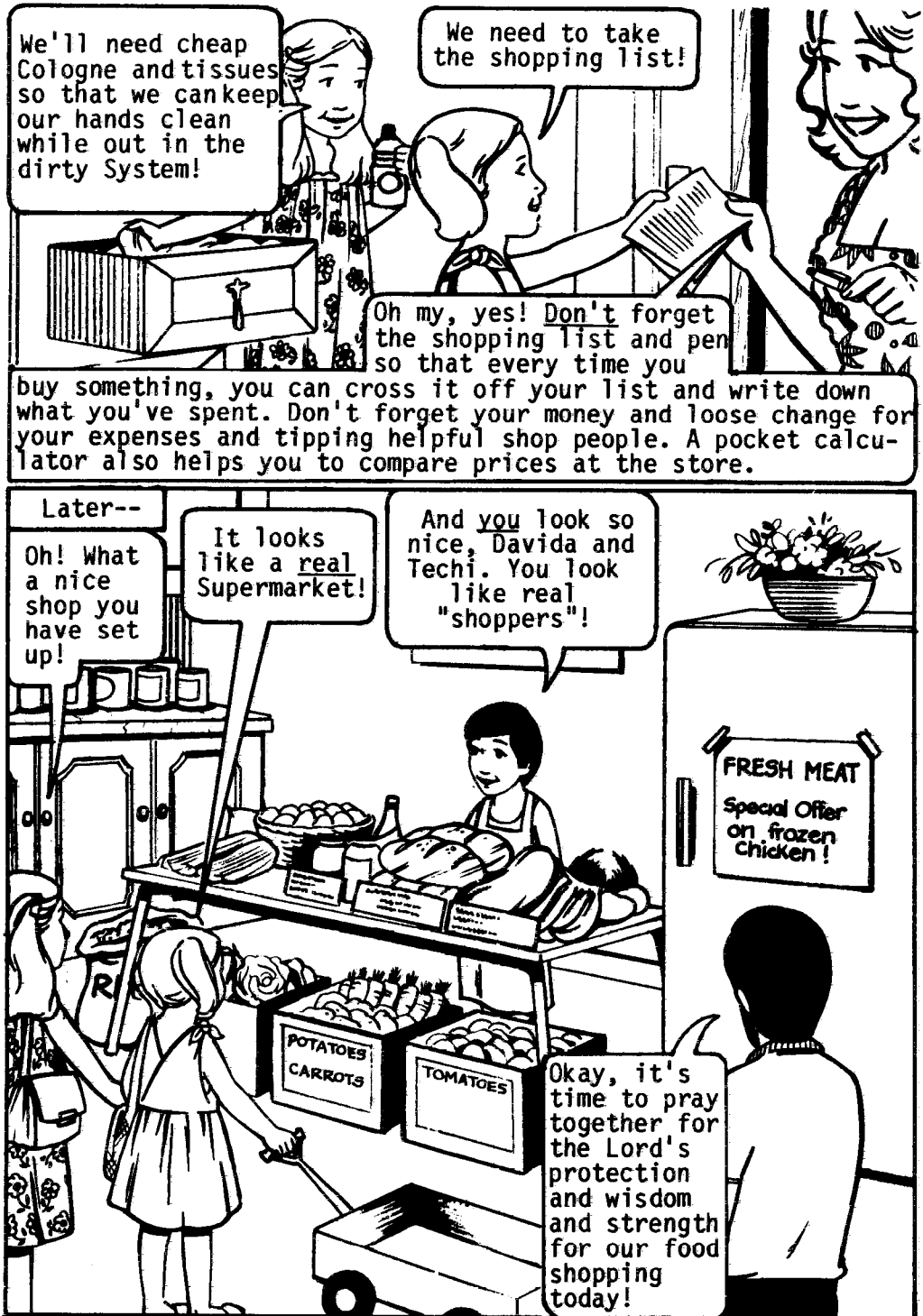
VEGGIES
- Potatoes
- Tomatoes
- Cucumbers
- Squash
- Carrots
- Green Beans
- Beets
- Corn
- Onions, Garlic
- Local Varieties

CANS
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Sardines
- Canned Beets
- Canned Chickpeas
- Tomatoes
- Tomato Paste
- Tomato Sauce
- Corned Beef

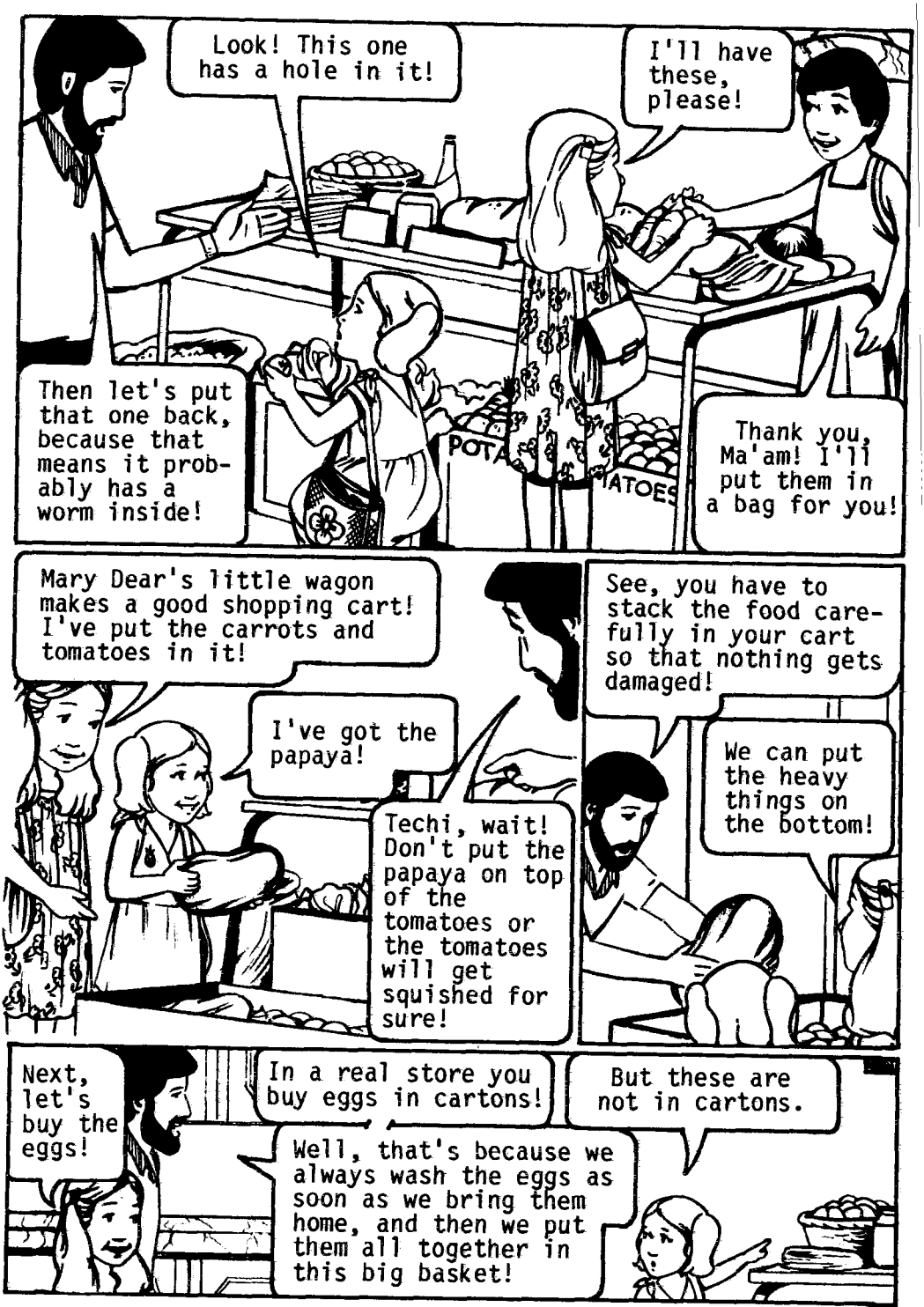
HOUSEHOLD
- Laundry Soap
- Bleach
- Cleaning Powder
- Disinfectant
- Dish Soap
- Matches
- Candles
- Napkins

TOILETRIES
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Toilet Paper
- Sanitary Pads
- Cheap Cologne
- Toothpaste
- Mosquito Repellant
- Razor Blades
- Men's Cologne
- Underarm Deodorant


Upstairs--
Would you like to choose a dress that is cool and loose-fitting? Sometimes the markets are air-conditioned, so we should also take a sweater just in case.
This dress is really pretty!
Grandpa says it's better not to wear white clothes when we go out. Do you know why?
They get dirty so easily?
Yes! White clothes really show the dirt!
This dress is really nice!
What shoes shall I wear, Aunt Dora?
Well, as we're not really going out and are playing inside, you'll have to wear your inside flip-flops!
We should never wear our dirty outside shoes in the house!
That's right! So now let's get your purses ready and put inside all the different things that you'll need to take on a shopping trip! Do you know what they are?

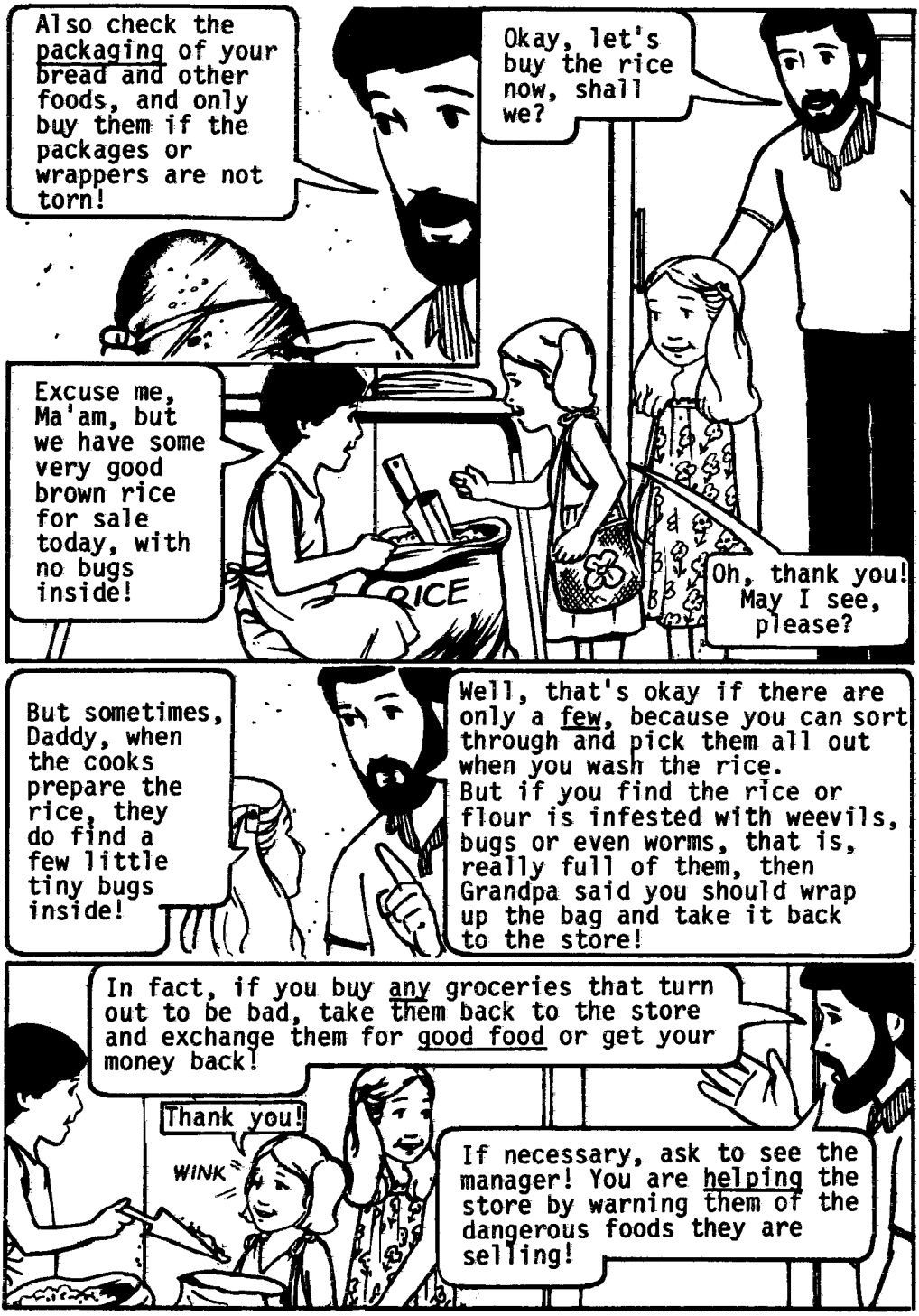

We'll need cheap Cologne and tissues so that we can keep our hands clean while out in the dirty System!
We need to take the shopping list!
Oh my, yes! Don't forget the shopping list and pen so that every time you buy something, you can cross it off your list and write down what you've spent. Don't forget your money and loose change for your expenses and tipping helpful shop people. A pocket calculator also helps you to compare prices at the store.
Later--
Oh! What a nice shop you have set up!
It looks like a real Supermarket!
And you look so nice, Davida and Techi. You look like real "shoppers"!
FRESH MEAT
Special Offer on frozen chicken!
POTATOES
CARROTS
TOMATOES
Okay, it's time to pray together for the Lord's protection and wisdom and strength for our food shopping today!

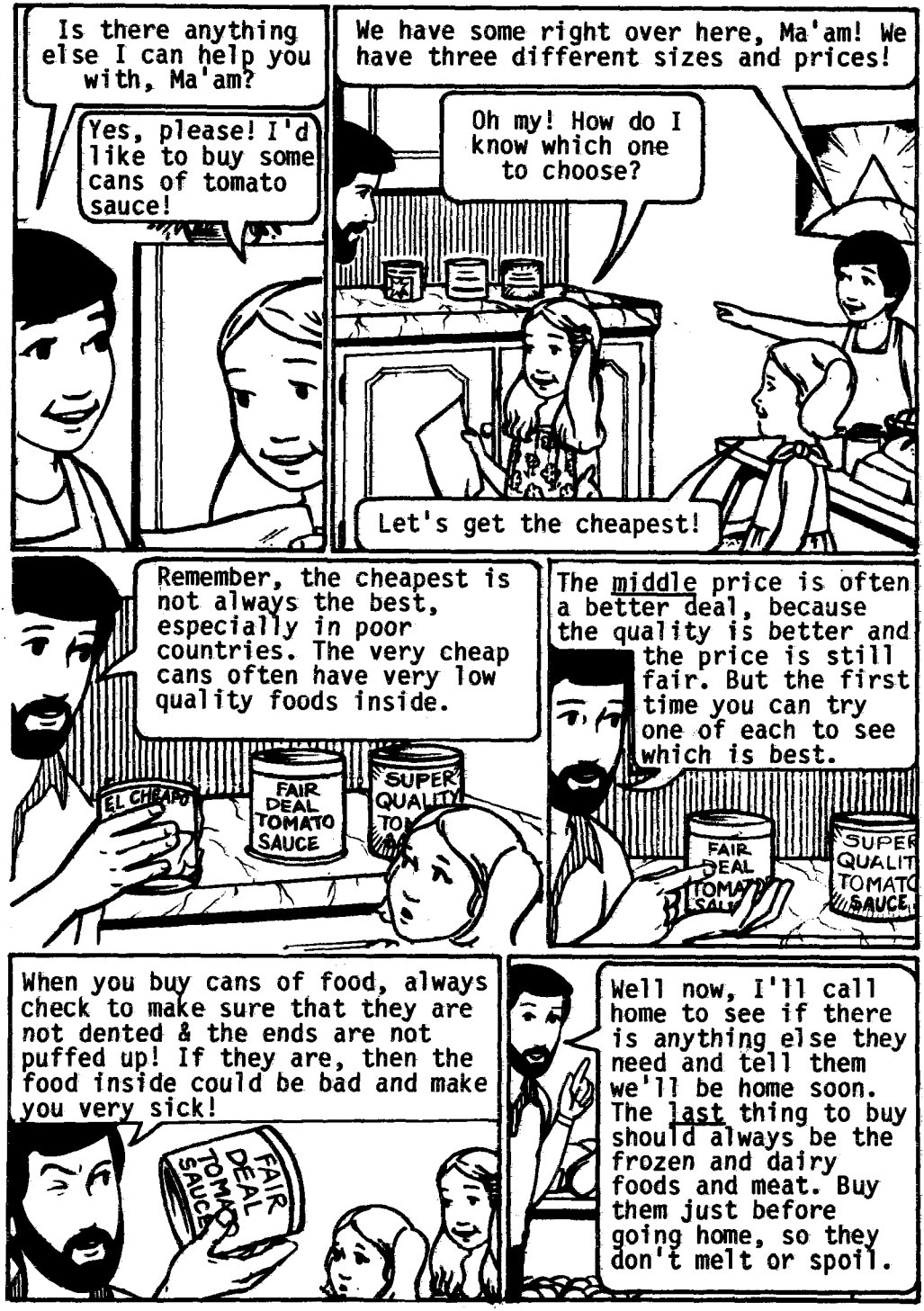

Lord, please do bless this activity and make it lots of fun, and help the children to learn some good lessons about food shopping! Bless and keep us safe and give us wisdom with your money, in Jesus' name, amen.
Amen!
Well, children, what do you think? We prayed that the Lord would lead us to a nice clean Supermarket that has fair prices! Does this look like a good one?
Oh, yes! This one looks really good!
It's nice and bright and clean and cheery!
SALT
Good! Let's start with the fruit and vegetables!
Hello! Can I help you?
Shall I ask the assistant to give me some carrots?
No, Grandpa says that it's better to choose the veggies yourself! Then you can make sure they're fresh and don't have any bad spots!
I'll choose the tomatoes!


Look! This one has a hole in it!
I'll have these, please!
Then let's put that one back, because that means it probably has a worm inside!
Thank you, Ma'am! I'll put them in a bag for you!
Mary Dear's little wagon makes a good shopping cart! I've put the carrots and tomatoes in it!
I've got the papaya!
Techi, wait! Don't put the papaya on top of the tomatoes or the tomatoes will get squished for sure!
See, you have to stack the food carefully in your cart so that nothing gets damaged!
We can put the heavy things on the bottom!
Next, let's buy the eggs!
In a real store you buy eggs in cartons!
But these are not in cartons.
Well, that's because we always wash the eggs as soon as we bring them home, and then we put them all together in this big basket!

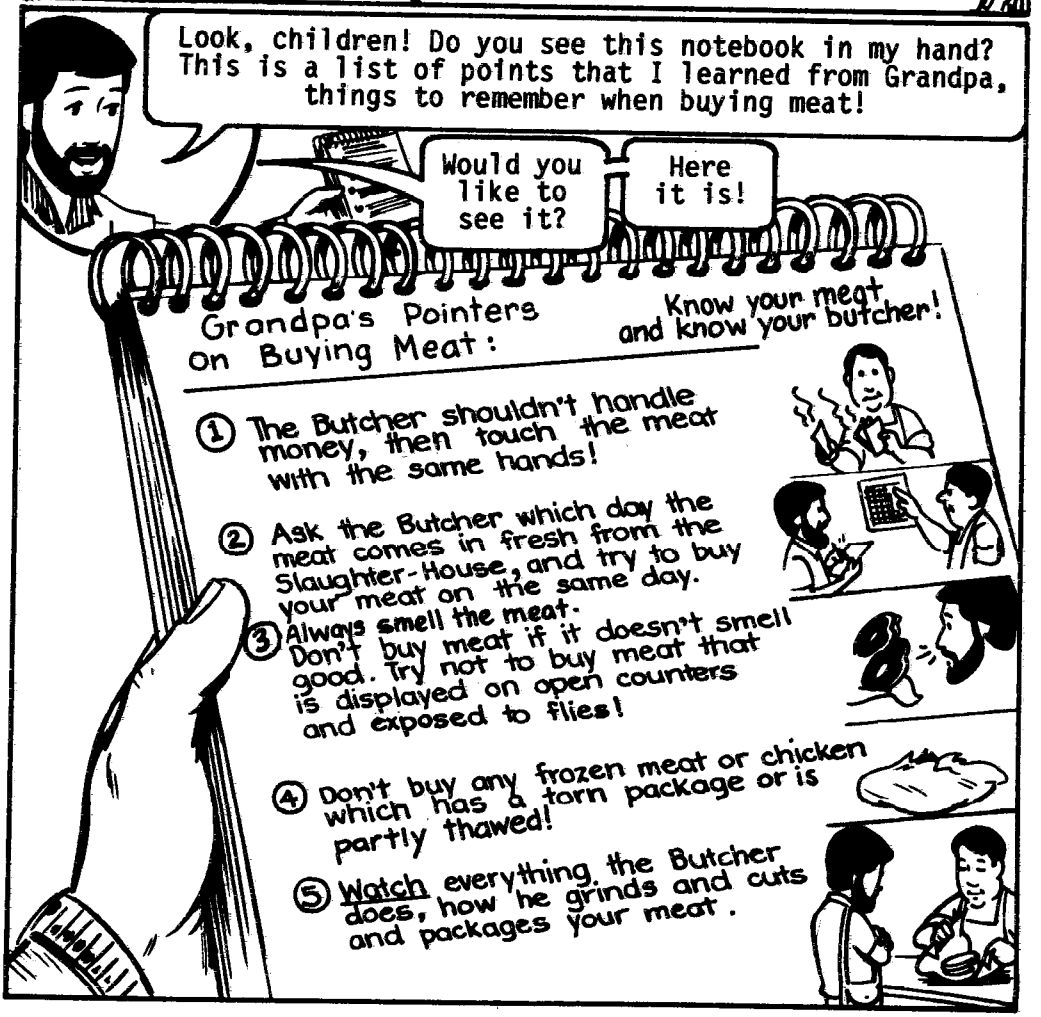

Please could you give me two dozen eggs? But may I check them first to make sure they're not cracked?
That's good you asked him that, because germs can get inside a cracked egg!
Yes, Ma'am!
When I'm at the store, I always check inside each carton before I buy them to make sure that none are cracked or broken! I also choose the bigger, heavier eggs, so we get our money's worth!
FAIR
SUPER
Next on the list is mayonnaise!
Oooh! Let's get this one! We'll get a free dishcloth!
Mayonnaise
SPECIAL OFFER: FREE Dishcloth
But wait a minute! It may be old or damaged! It's all taped up so we can't smell it.
See, they sometimes have a "special sale" of things that are old or have gone a little bad. They make it sound like a "real bargain" so that they can sell it and get rid of it!
Mayonnaise
SALT
Oh my! I'm glad you told us about that!

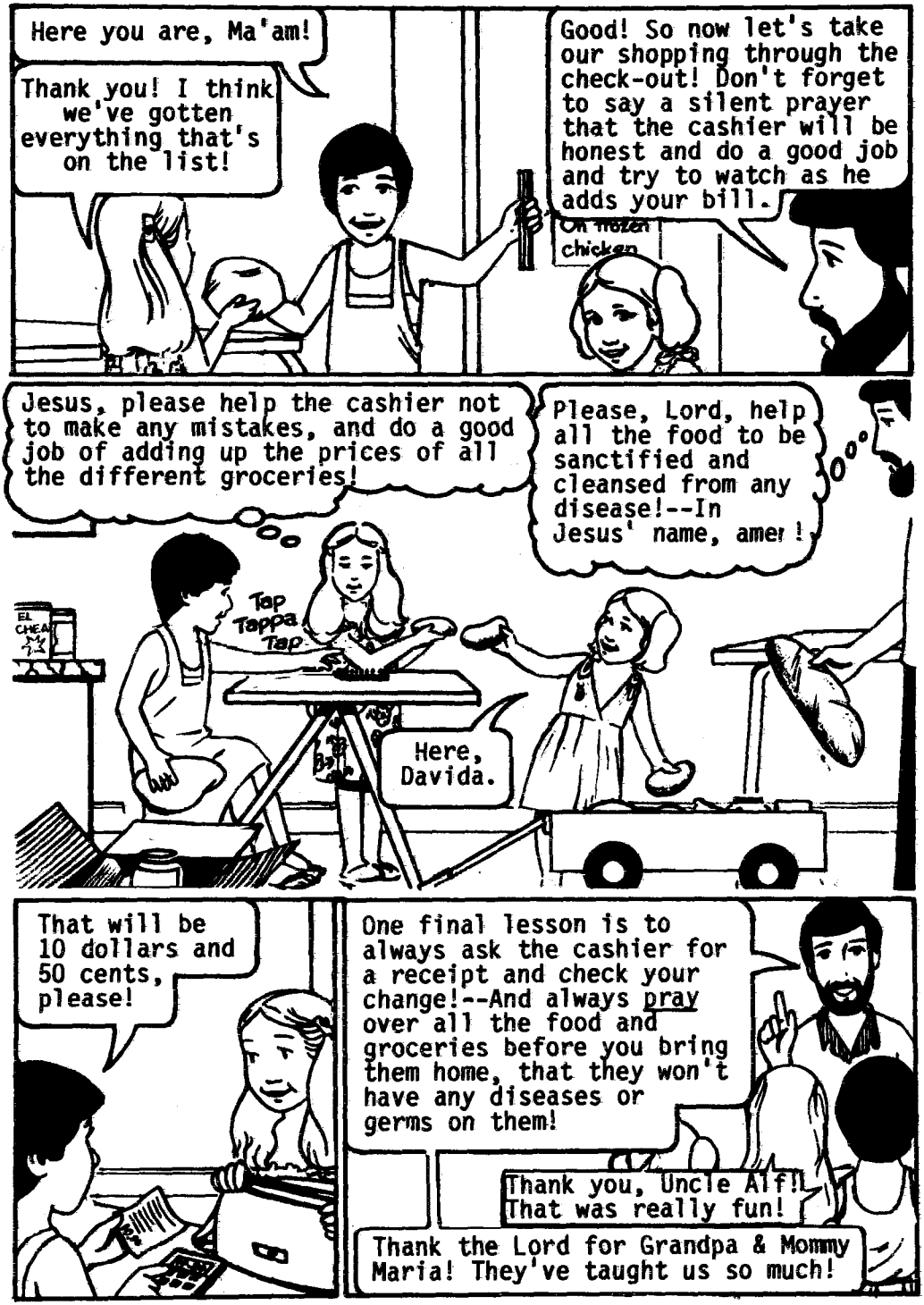

Grandpa taught me to always check that the ingredients are listed on the jar and to read them, so we know what we are buying!
Good Mayonnaise
A "fruit drink" is usually made with white sugar, but this label says "Pure Natural Fruit Juice--No Sugar Added". So check the ingredients of things you buy!
FRUIT DRINK
Natural Fruit Juice
No Sugar Added
Next, let's buy the bread!
This looks like a good loaf!
Can you see a date written on it anywhere, Davida?
It says "August 10th". Does that mean we should eat it by then?
Right! Techi, please take a loaf from the back of the bread pile and see if you can find its date!
Yes, I see it! It says "August 15th"!
Then let's buy that one, because that loaf is going to stay fresh the longest!
In supermarkets in most countries you'll find that many foods are dated, so always check the date on the package and buy the one that is going to last the longest!

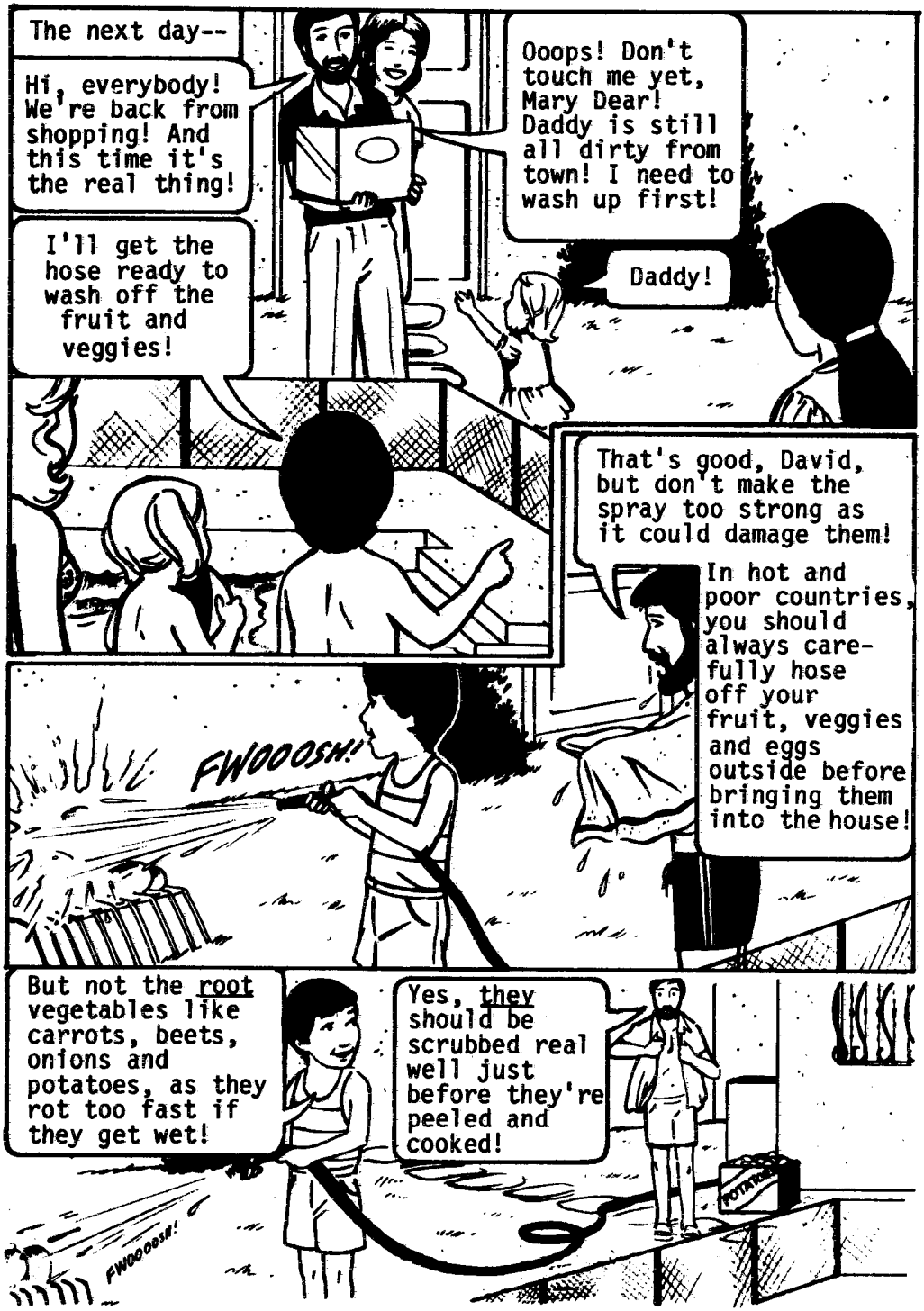

Also check the packaging of your bread and other foods, and only buy them if the packages or wrappers are not torn!
Okay, let's buy the rice now, shall we?
Excuse me, Ma'am, but we have some very good brown rice for sale today, with no bugs inside!
RICE
Oh, thank you! May I see, please?
But sometimes, Daddy, when the cooks prepare the rice, they do find a few little tiny bugs inside!
Well, that's okay if there are only a few, because you can sort through and pick them all out when you wash the rice. But if you find the rice or flour is infested with weevils, bugs or even worms, that is, really full of them, then Grandpa said you should wrap up the bag and take it back to the store!
In fact, if you buy any groceries that turn out to be bad, take them back to the store and exchange them for good food or get your money back!
Thank you!
WINK
If necessary, ask to see the manager! You are helping the store by warning them of the dangerous foods they are selling!

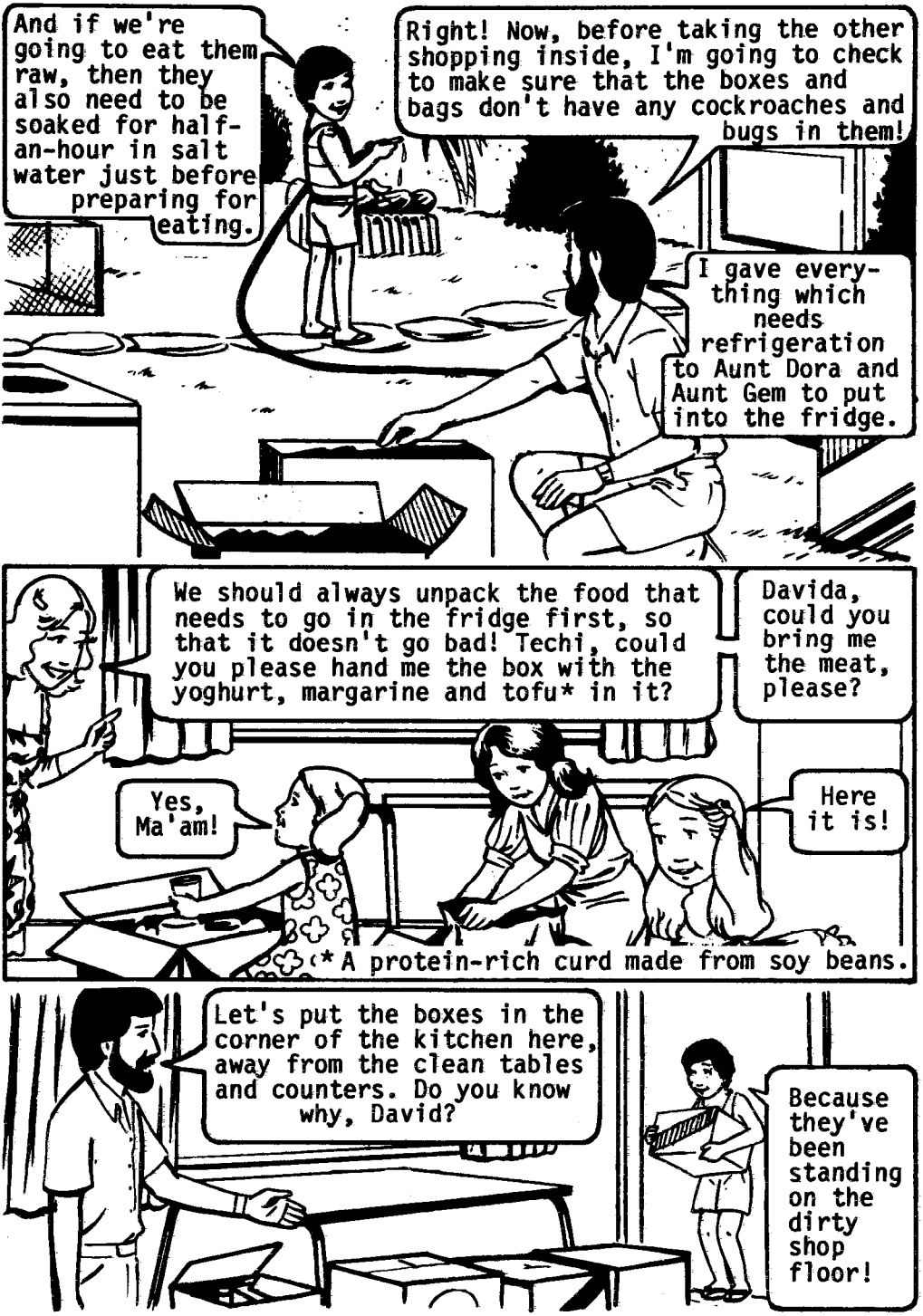

Is there anything else I can help you with, Ma'am?
Yes, please! I'd like to buy some cans of tomato sauce!
We have some right over here, Ma'am! We have three different sizes and prices!
Oh my! How do I know which one to choose?
Let's get the cheapest!
Remember, the cheapest is not always the best, especially in poor countries. The very cheap cans often have very low quality foods inside.
EL CHEAPO
FAIR DEAL TOMATO SAUCE
SUPER QUALITY TOMATO SAUCE
The middle price is often a better deal, because the quality is better and the price is still fair. But the first time you can try one of each to see which is best.
When you buy cans of food, always check to make sure that they are not dented & the ends are not puffed up! If they are, then the food inside could be bad and make you very sick!
Well now, I'll call home to see if there is anything else they need and tell them we'll be home soon. The last thing to buy should always be the frozen and dairy foods and meat. Buy them just before going home, so they don't melt or spoil.

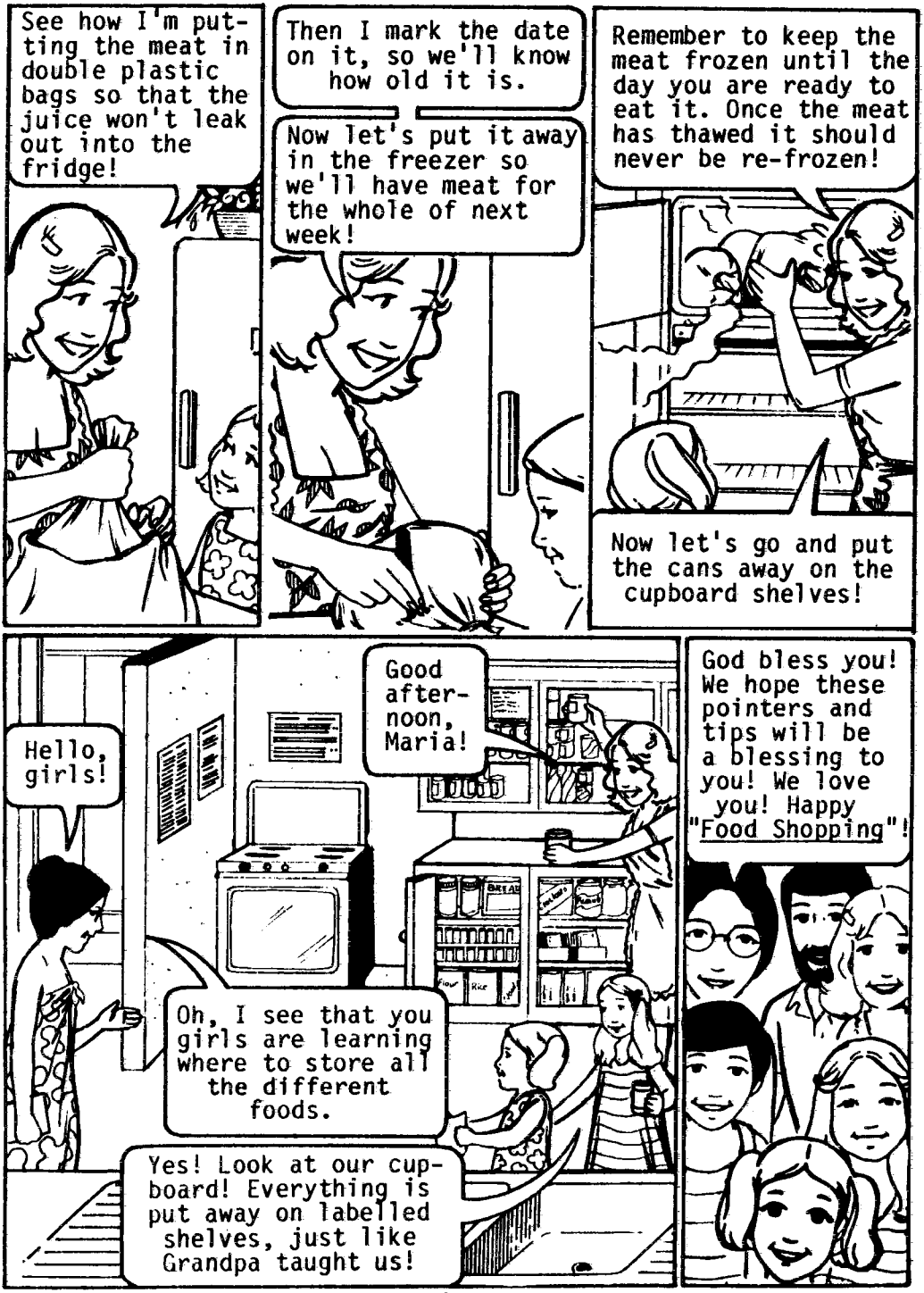

Ha, look! There's Mr. David, the butcher!
Hello, can I help you?
FRESH MEAT
Special Offer
SPECIAL OFFER
POTATOES
TOMATOE
Yes! I'd like 2 kilos of beef and 2 frozen chickens, please!

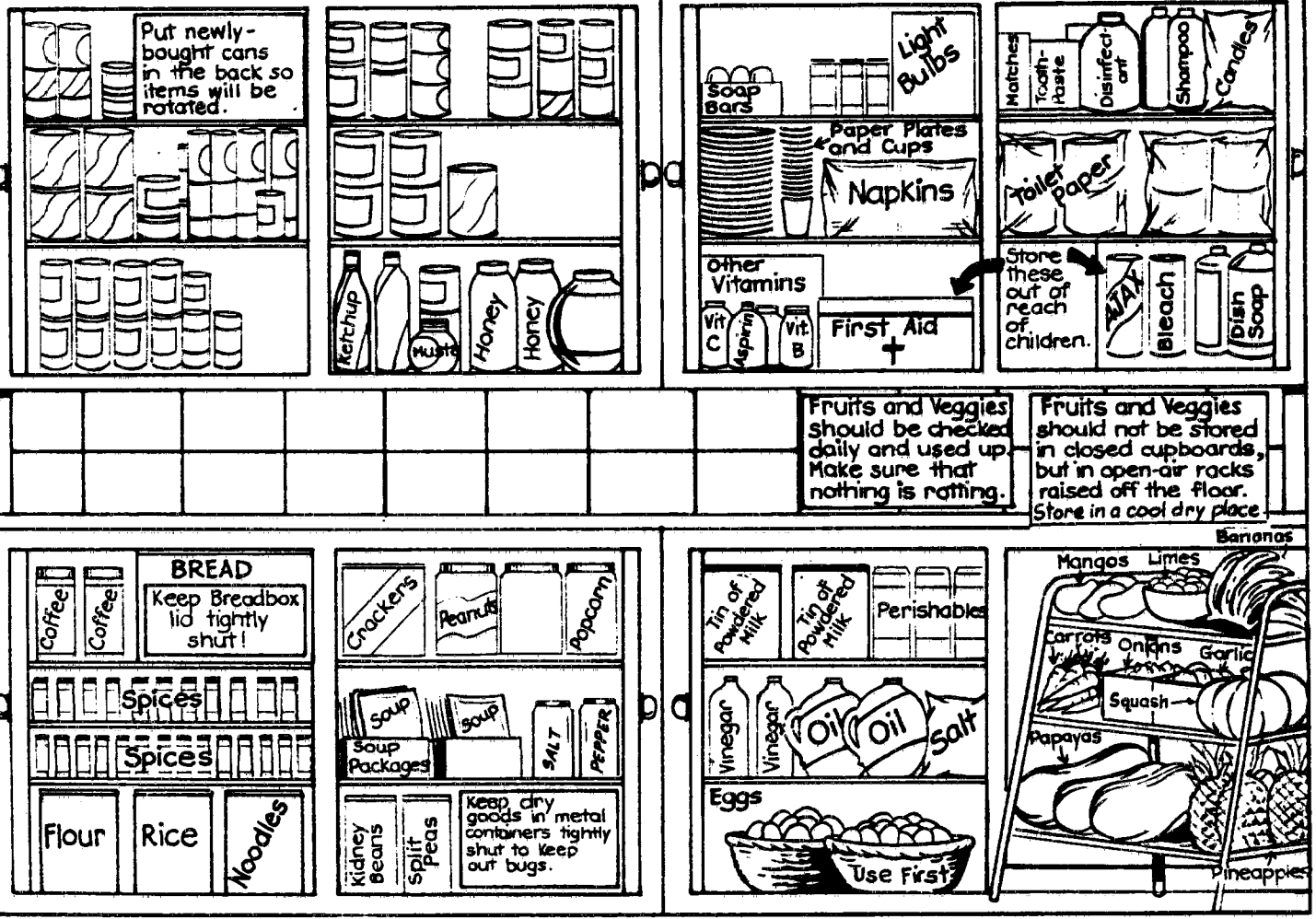

Look, children! Do you see this notebook in my hand? This is a list of points that I learned from Grandpa, things to remember when buying meat!
Would you like to see it?
Here it is!
Grandpa's Pointers on Buying Meat:
Know your meat and know your butcher!
1 The Butcher shouldn't handle money, then touch the meat with the same hands!
2 Ask the Butcher which day the meat comes in fresh from the Slaughter-House, and try to buy your meat on the same day.
3 Always smell the meat. Don't buy meat if it doesn't smell good. Try not to buy meat that is displayed on open counters and exposed to flies!
4 Don't buy any frozen meat or chicken which has a torn package or is partly thawed!
5 Watch everything the Butcher does, how he grinds and cuts and packages your meat.


Here you are, Ma'am!
Thank you! I think we've gotten everything that's on the list!
Good! So now let's take our shopping through the check-out! Don't forget to say a silent prayer that the cashier will be honest and do a good job and try to watch as he adds your bill.
Jesus, please help the cashier not to make any mistakes, and do a good job of adding up the prices of all the different groceries!
Please, Lord, help all the food to be sanctified and cleansed from any disease!--In Jesus' name, amen!
Tap Tappa Tap
Here, Davida.
That will be 10 dollars and 50 cents, please!
One final lesson is to always ask the cashier for a receipt and check your change!--And always pray over all the food and groceries before you bring them home, that they won't have any diseases or germs on them!
Thank you, Uncle Alf!! That was really fun!
Thank the Lord for Grandpa & Mommy Maria! They've taught us so much!

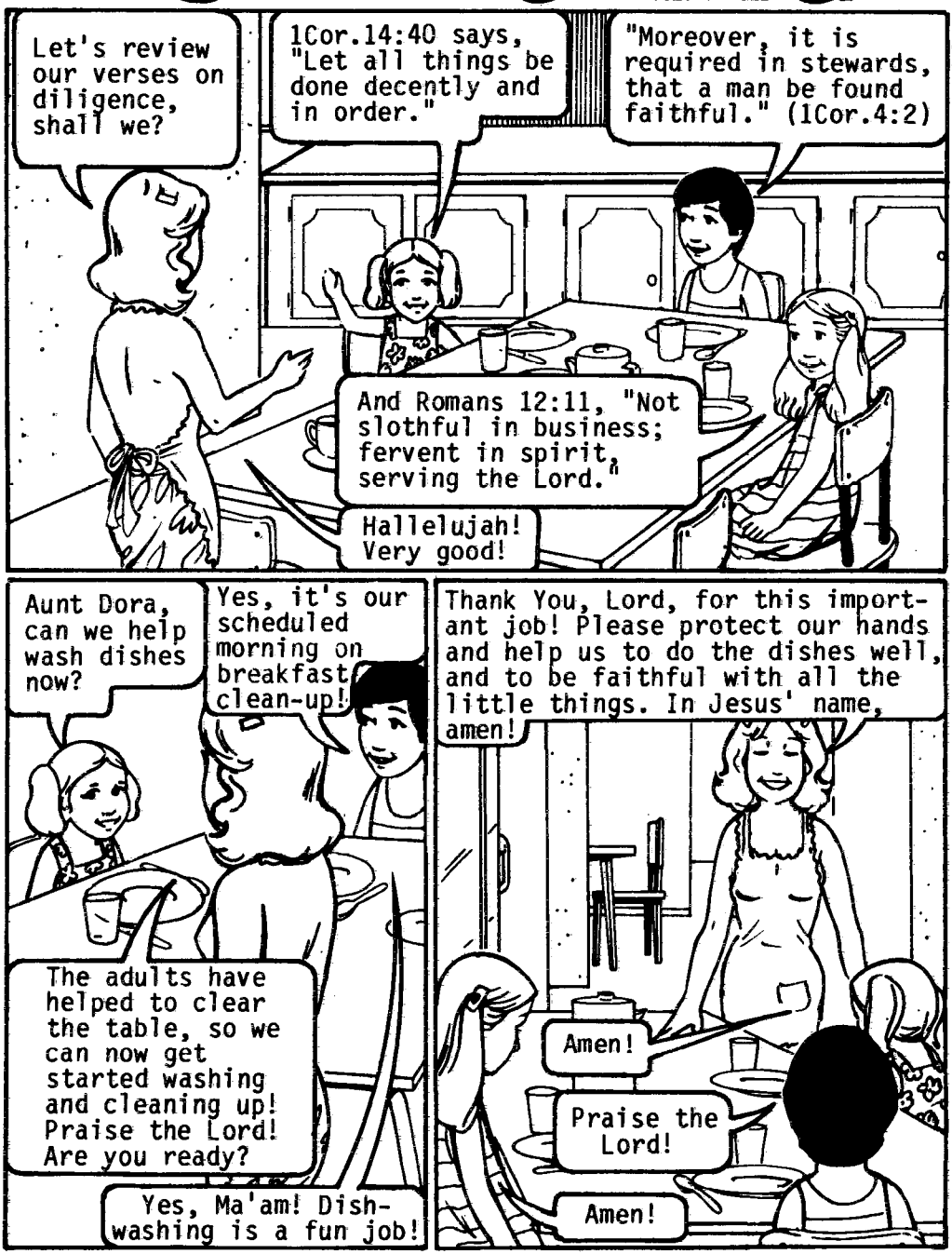

The next day--
Hi, everybody! We're back from shopping! And this time it's the real thing!
I'll get the hose ready to wash off the fruit and veggies!
Ooops! Don't touch me yet, Mary Dear! Daddy is still all dirty from town! I need to wash up first!
Daddy!
That's good, David, but don't make the spray too strong as it could damage them!
In hot and poor countries, you should always carefully hose off your fruit, veggies and eggs outside before bringing them into the house!
FWOOOSH!
But not the root vegetables like carrots, beets, onions and potatoes, as they rot too fast if they get wet!
Yes, they should be scrubbed real well just before they're peeled and cooked!
POTATOES
FWOOOSH!

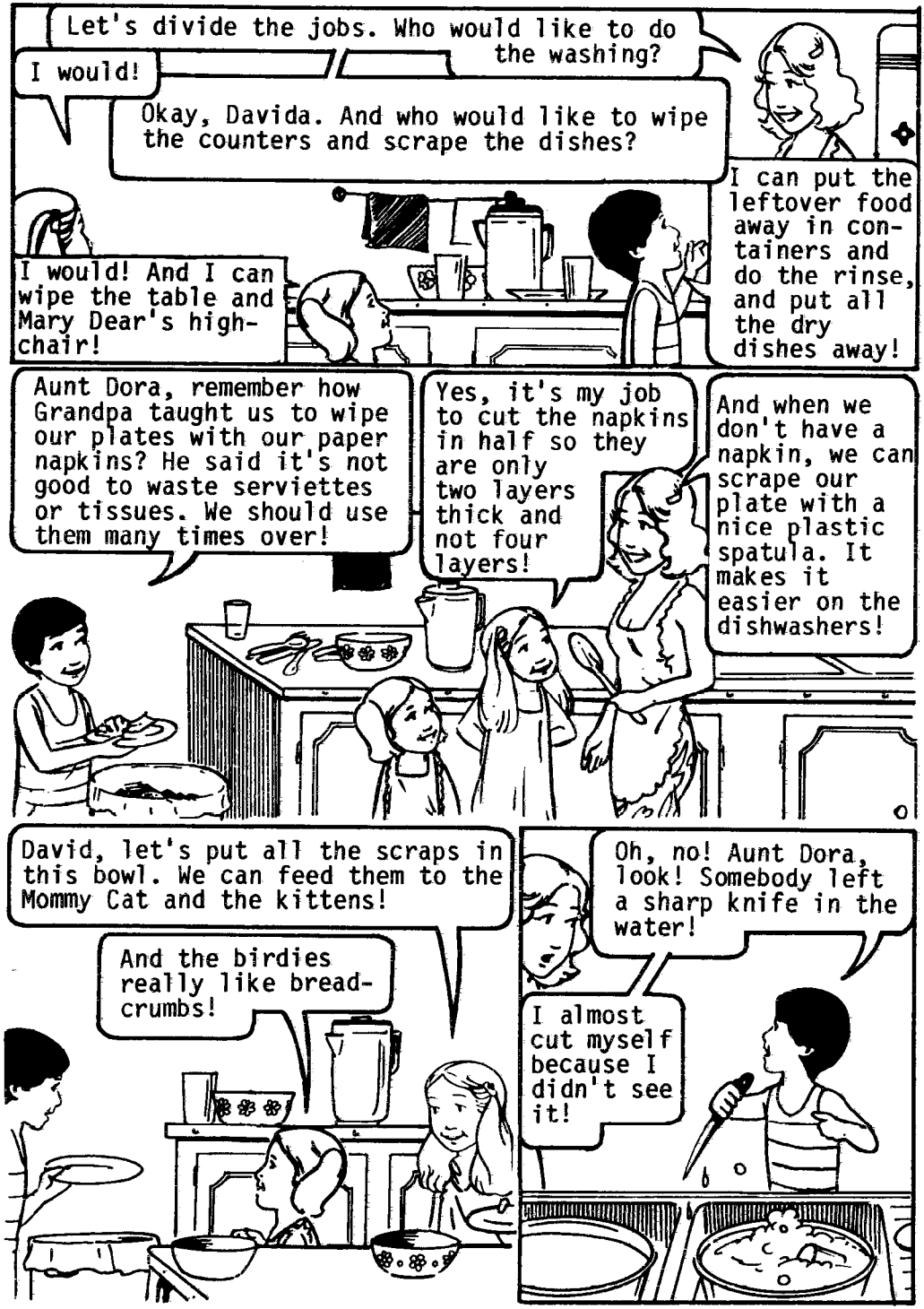

And if we're going to eat them raw, then they also need to be soaked for half-an-hour in salt water just before preparing for eating.
Right! Now, before taking the other shopping inside, I'm going to check to make sure that the boxes and bags don't have any cockroaches and bugs in them!
I gave everything which needs refrigeration to Aunt Dora and Aunt Gem to put into the fridge.
We should always unpack the food that needs to go in the fridge first, so that it doesn't go bad! Techi, could you please hand me the box with the yoghurt, margarine and tofu* in it?
Davida, could you bring me the meat, please?
Yes, Ma'am!
Here it is!
(* A protein-rich curd made from soy beans.
Let's put the boxes in the corner of the kitchen here, away from the clean tables and counters. Do you know why, David?
Because they've been standing on the dirty shop floor!

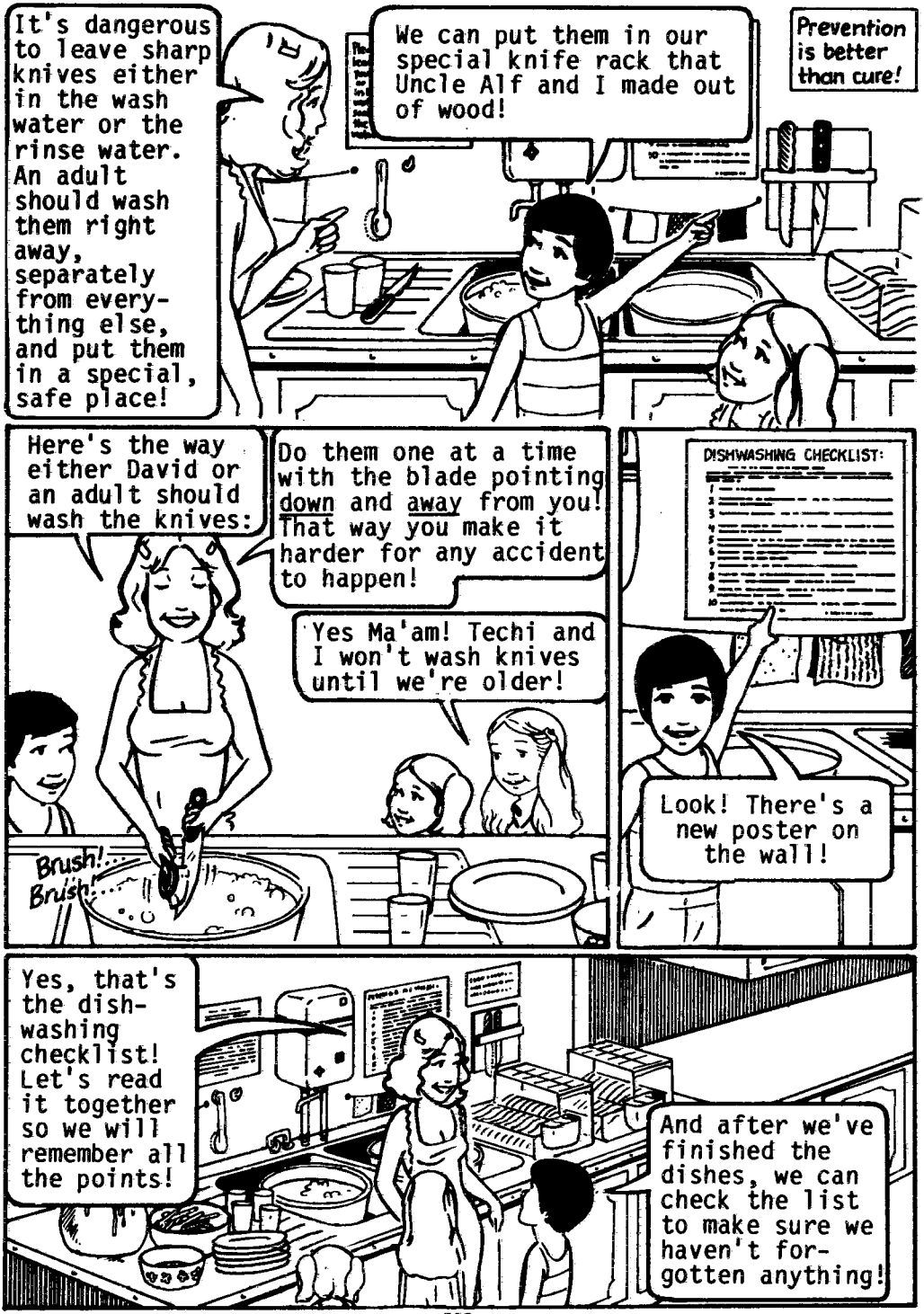

See how I'm putting the meat in double plastic bags so that the juice won't leak out into the fridge!
Then I mark the date on it, so we'll know how old it is.
Now let's put it away in the freezer so we'll have meat for the whole of next week!
Remember to keep the meat frozen until the day you are ready to eat it. Once the meat has thawed it should never be re-frozen!
Now let's go and put the cans away on the cupboard shelves!
Hello, girls!
Good afternoon, Maria!
Oh, I see that you girls are learning where to store all the different foods.
Yes! Look at our cupboard! Everything is put away on labelled shelves, just like Grandpa taught us!
God bless you! We hope these pointers and tips will be a blessing to you! We love you! Happy "Food Shopping"!

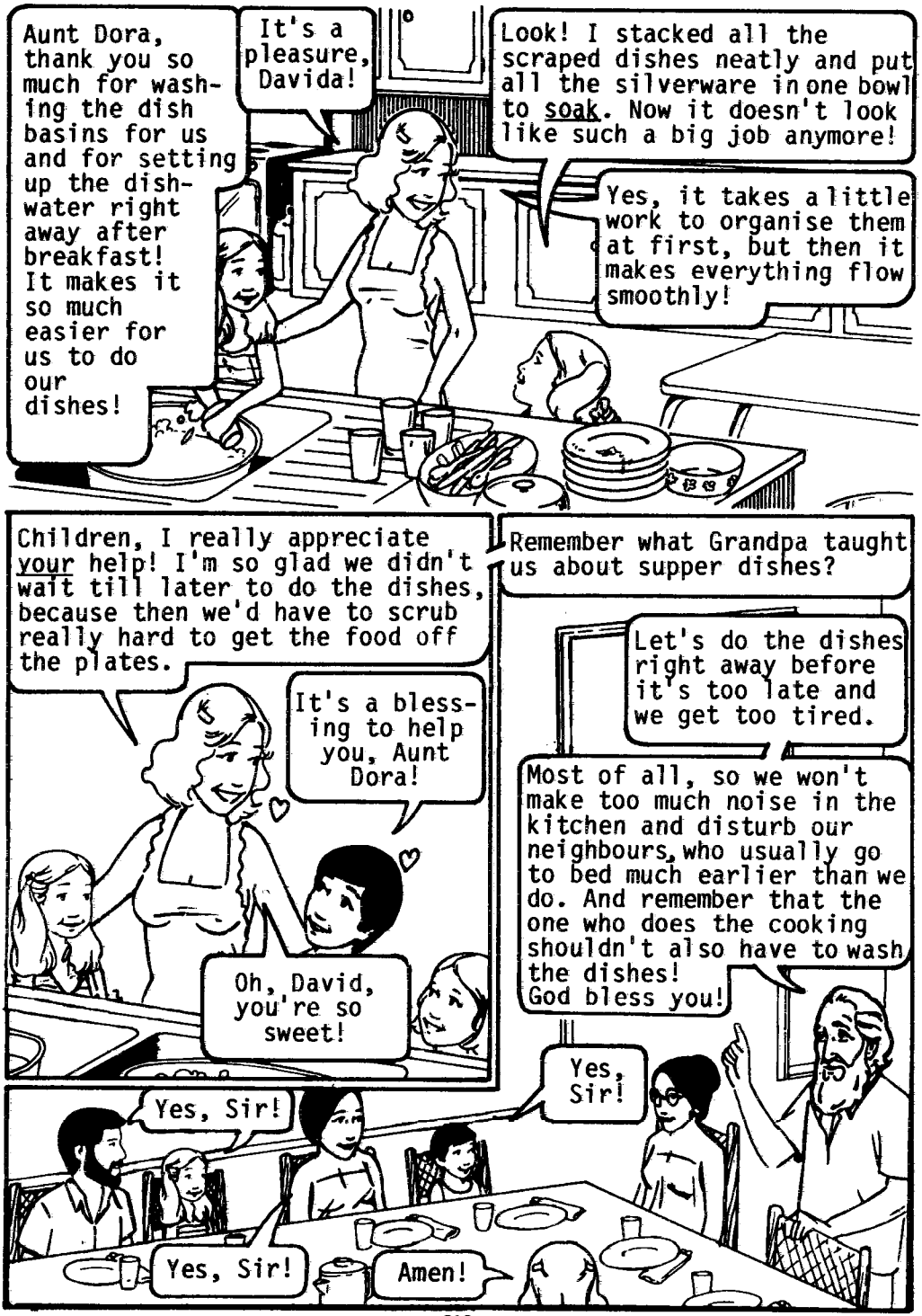

Put newly-bought cans in the back so items will be rotated.
Ketchup
Mustard
Honey
Honey
Soap Bars
Light Bulbs
Paper Plates and Cups
Napkins
Other Vitamins
Vit C
Aspirin
Vit B
First Aid
Matches
Tooth-Paste
Disinfect-ant
Shampoo
Candles
Toilet Paper
Store these out of reach of children.
AJAX
Bleach
Dish Soap
Fruits and Veggies should be checked daily and used up. Make sure that nothing is rotting.
Fruits and Veggies should not be stored in closed cupboards, but in open-air racks raised off the floor. Store in a cool dry place
Coffee
Coffee
BREAD
Keep Breadbox lid tightly shut!
Spices
Spices
Flour
Rice
Noodles
Crackers
Peanuts
Popcorn
Soup
Soup
Soup Packages
SALT
PEPPER
Kidney Beans
Split Peas
Keep dry goods in metal containers tightly shut to keep out bugs.
Tin of Powdered Milk
Tin of Powdered Milk
Perishables
Vinegar
Vinegar
Oil
Oil
Salt
Eggs
Use First
Bananas
Mangos
Limes
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Papayas
Pineapples

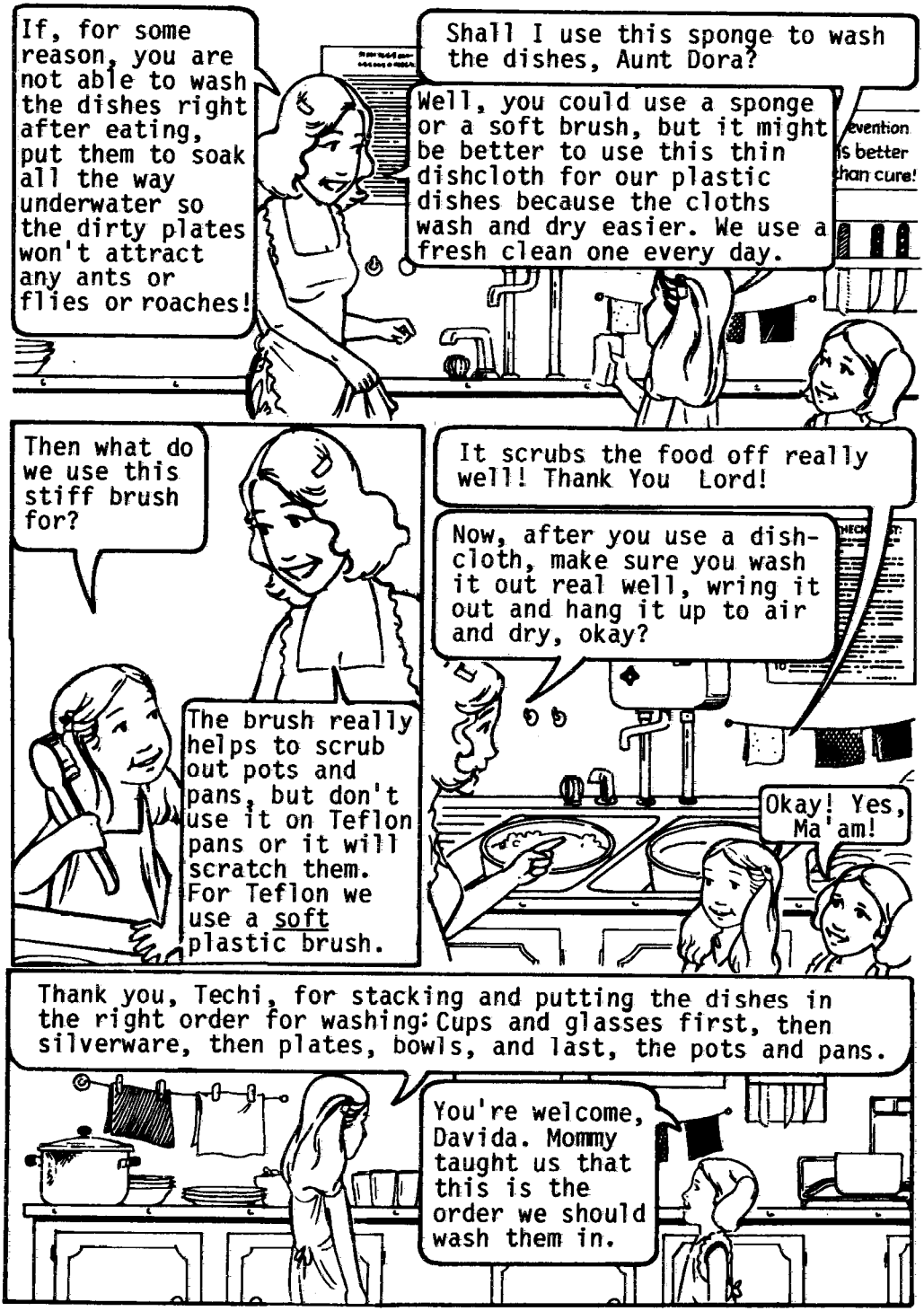
DISHWASHING!

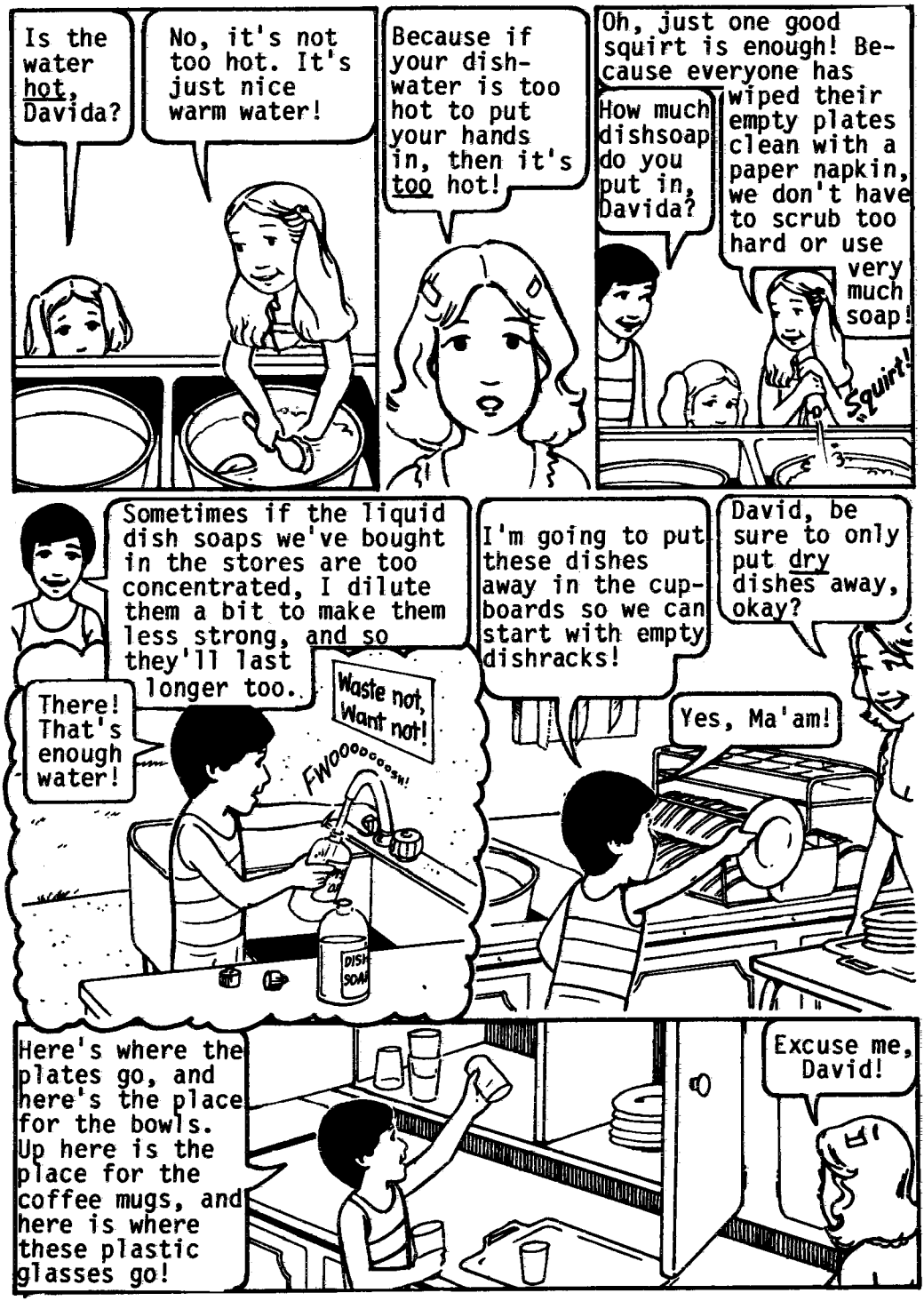


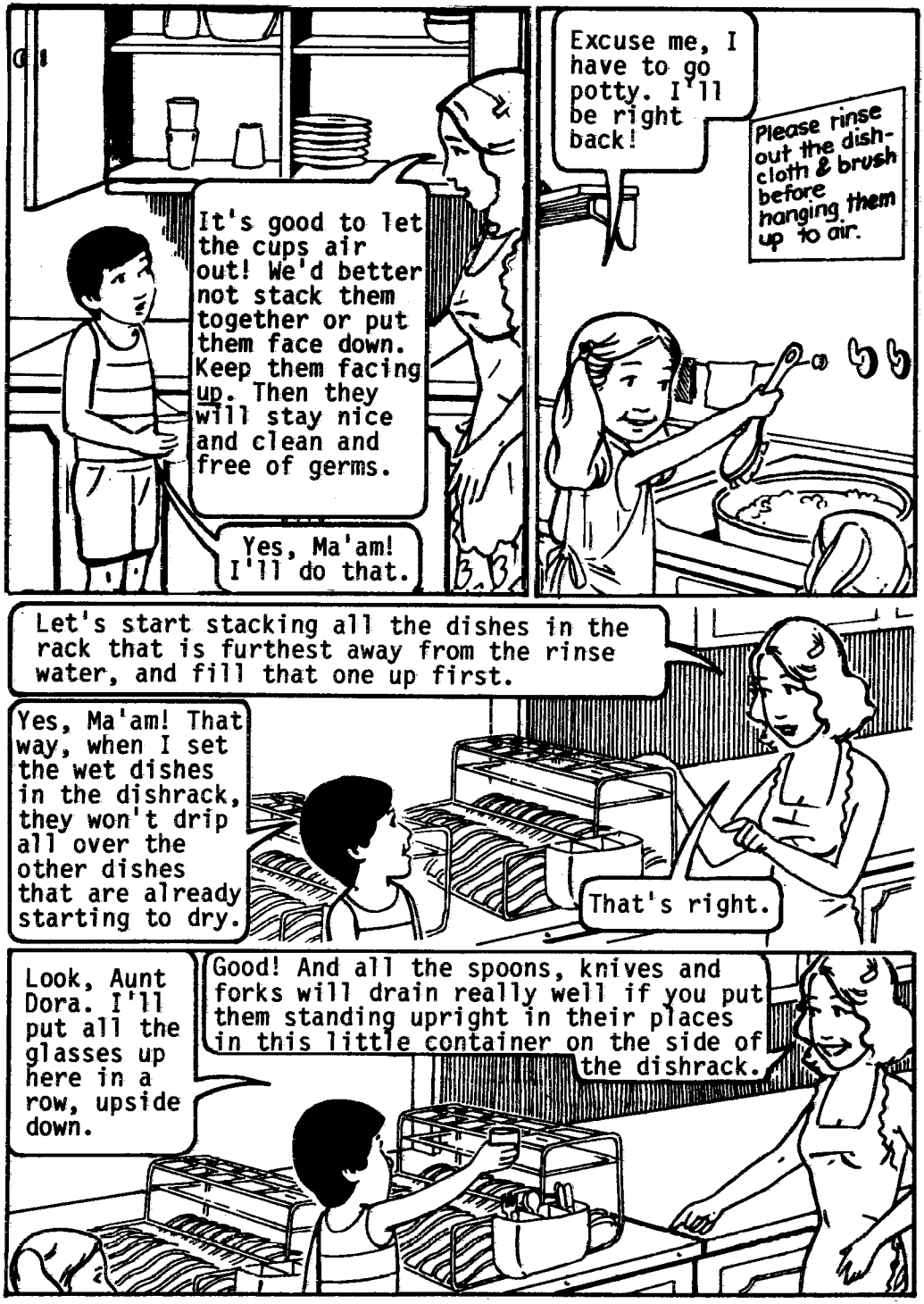

Let's divide the jobs. Who would like to do the washing?
I would!
Okay, Davida. And who would like to wipe the counters and scrape the dishes?
I would! And I can wipe the table and Mary Dear's high-chair!
I can put the leftover food away in containers and do the rinse, and put all the dry dishes away!
Aunt Dora, remember how Grandpa taught us to wipe our plates with our paper napkins? He said it's not good to waste serviettes or tissues. We should use them many times over!
Yes, it's my job to cut the napkins in half so they are only two layers thick and not four layers!
And when we don't have a napkin, we can scrape our plate with a nice plastic spatula. It makes it easier on the dishwashers!
David, let's put all the scraps in this bowl. We can feed them to the Mommy Cat and the kittens!
And the birdies really like bread-crumbs!
Oh, no! Aunt Dora, look! Somebody left a sharp knife in the water!
I almost cut myself because I didn't see it!


It's dangerous to leave sharp knives either in the wash water or the rinse water. An adult should wash them right away, separately from everything else, and put them in a special, safe place!
We can put them in our special knife rack that Uncle Alf and I made out of wood!
Prevention is better than cure!
Here's the way either David or an adult should wash the knives:
Do them one at a time with the blade pointing down and away from you! That way you make it harder for any accident to happen!
Yes Ma'am! Techi and I won't wash knives until we're older!
Brush! Brush!
DISHWASHING CHECKLIST:
Look! There's a new poster on the wall!
Yes, that's the dish-washing checklist! Let's read it together so we will remember all the points!
And after we've finished the dishes, we can check the list to make sure we haven't forgotten anything!

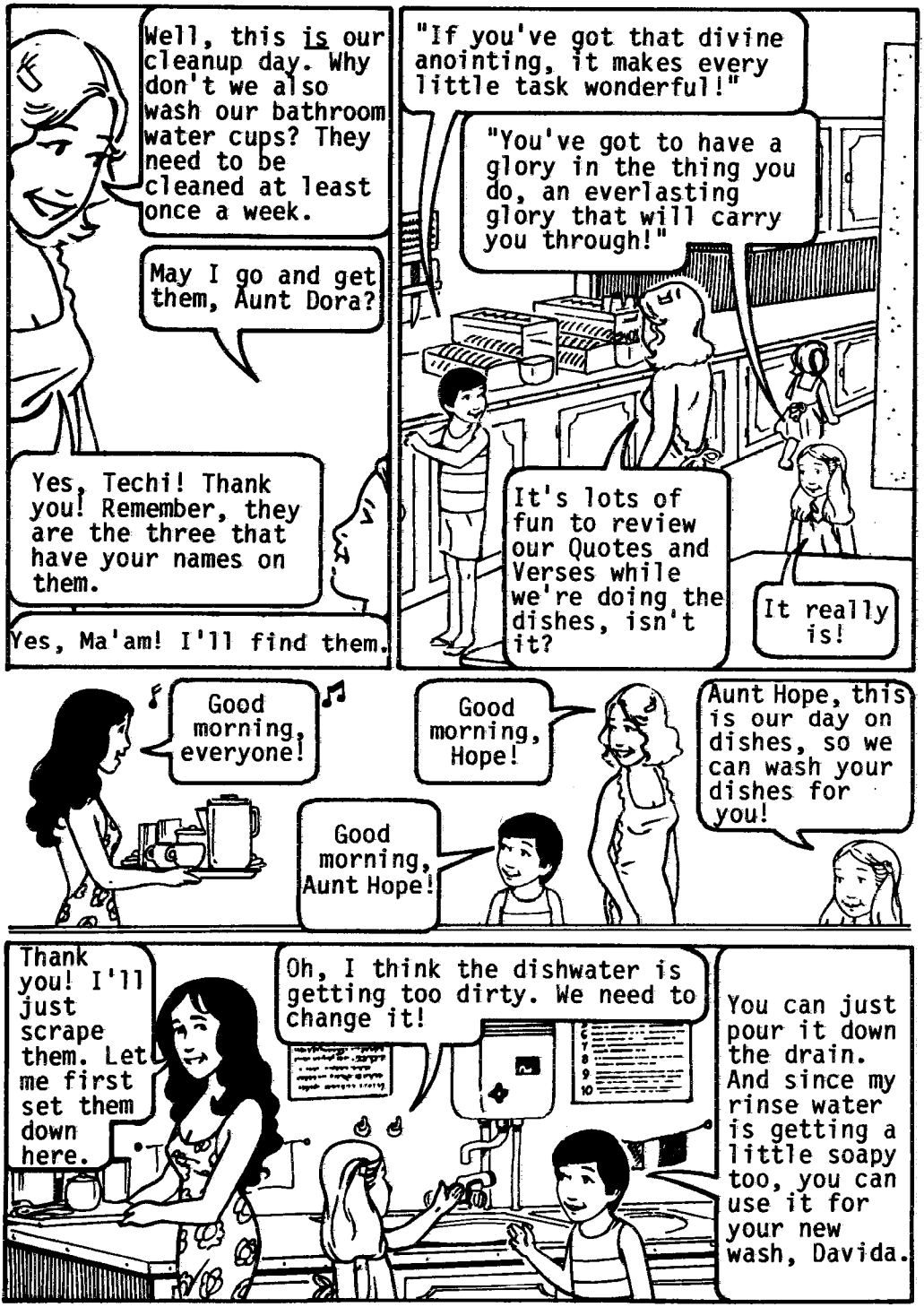

Aunt Dora, thank you so much for washing the dish basins for us and for setting up the dishwater right away after breakfast! It makes it so much easier for us to do our dishes!
It's a pleasure, Davida!
Look! I stacked all the scraped dishes neatly and put all the silverware in one bowl to soak. Now it doesn't look like such a big job anymore!
Yes, it takes a little work to organise them at first, but then it makes everything flow smoothly!
Children, I really appreciate your help! I'm so glad we didn't wait till later to do the dishes, because then we'd have to scrub really hard to get the food off the plates.
It's a blessing to help you, Aunt Dora!
Oh, David, you're so sweet!
Remember what Grandpa taught us about supper dishes?
Let's do the dishes right away before it's too late and we get too tired.
Most of all, so we won't make too much noise in the kitchen and disturb our neighbours, who usually go to bed much earlier than we do. And remember that the one who does the cooking shouldn't also have to wash the dishes!
God bless you!
Yes, Sir!
Yes, Sir!
Yes, Sir!
Amen!

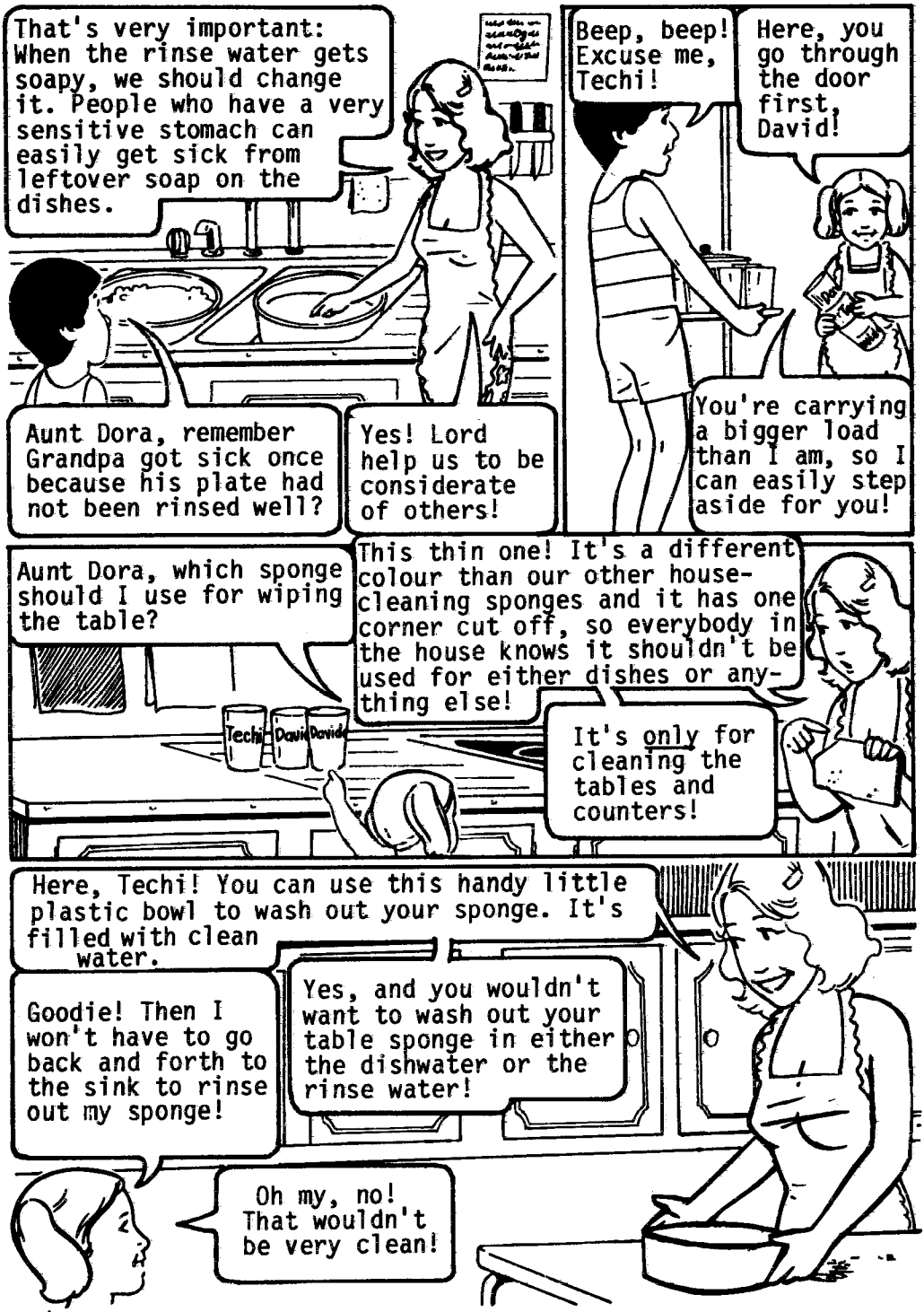

If, for some reason, you are not able to wash the dishes right after eating, put them to soak all the way underwater so the dirty plates won't attract any ants or flies or roaches!
Shall I use this sponge to wash the dishes, Aunt Dora?
Well, you could use a sponge or a soft brush, but it might be better to use this thin dishcloth for our plastic dishes because the cloths wash and dry easier. We use a fresh clean one every day.
evention is better than cure!
Then what do we use this stiff brush for?
The brush really helps to scrub out pots and pans, but don't use it on Teflon pans or it will scratch them. For Teflon we use a soft plastic brush.
It scrubs the food off really well! Thank You Lord!
Now, after you use a dish-cloth, make sure you wash it out real well, wring it out and hang it up to air and dry, okay?
Okay! Yes, Ma'am!
Thank you, Techi, for stacking and putting the dishes in the right order for washing: Cups and glasses first, then silverware, then plates, bowls, and last, the pots and pans.
You're welcome, Davida. Mommy taught us that this is the order we should wash them in.

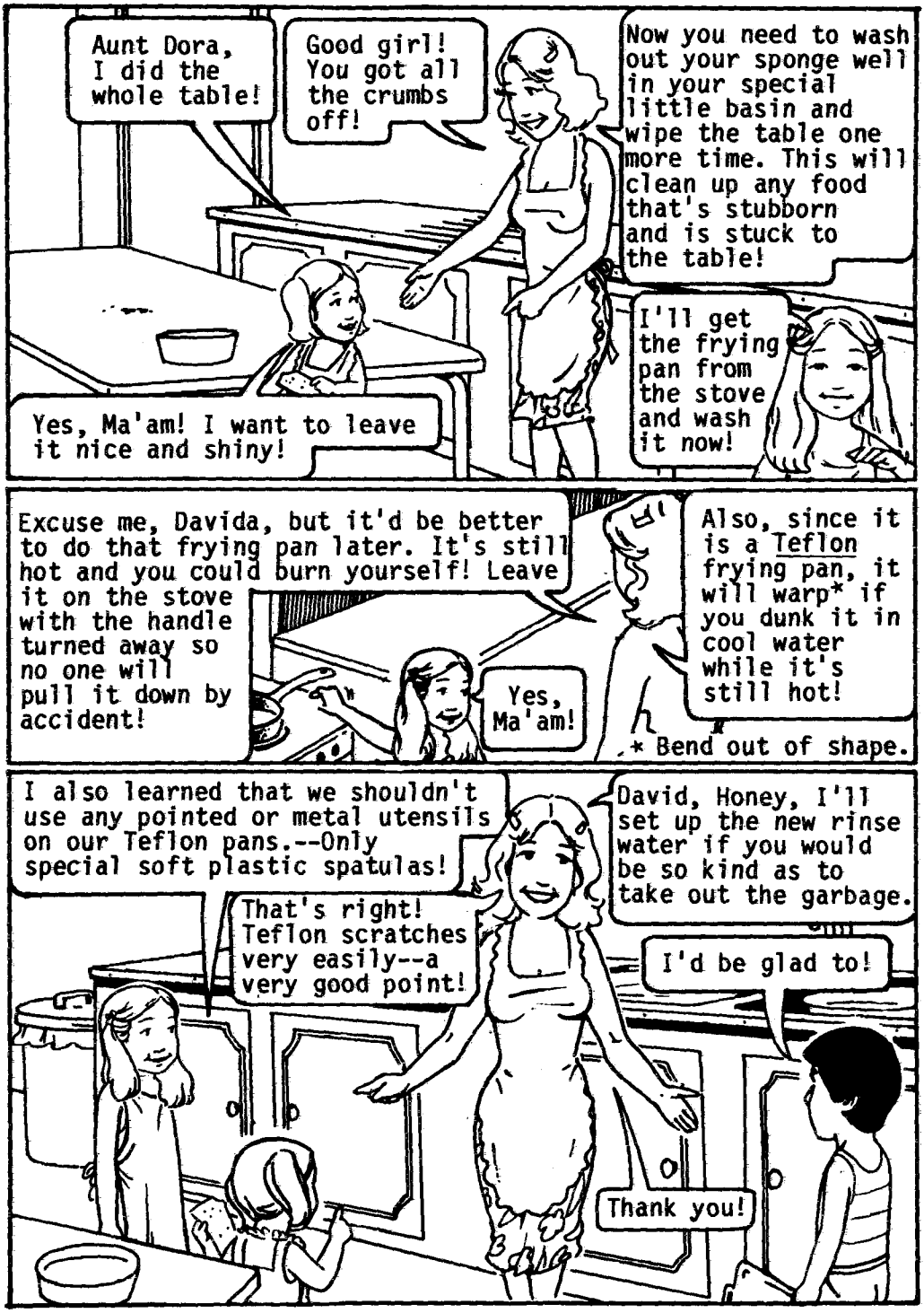

Is the water hot, Davida?
No, it's not too hot. It's just nice warm water!
Because if your dish-water is too hot to put your hands in, then it's too hot!
Oh, just one good squirt is enough! Because everyone has wiped their empty plates clean with a paper napkin, we don't have to scrub too hard or use very much soap!
How much dishsoap do you put in, Davida?
Squirt!
Sometimes if the liquid dish soaps we've bought in the stores are too concentrated, I dilute them a bit to make them less strong, and so they'll last longer too.
There! That's enough water!
Waste not, Want not!
FWOOOOOOOSH!
DISH SOAP
I'm going to put these dishes away in the cupboards so we can start with empty dishracks!
David, be sure to only put dry dishes away, okay?
Yes, Ma'am!
Here's where the plates go, and here's the place for the bowls. Up here is the place for the coffee mugs, and here is where these plastic glasses go!
Excuse me, David!

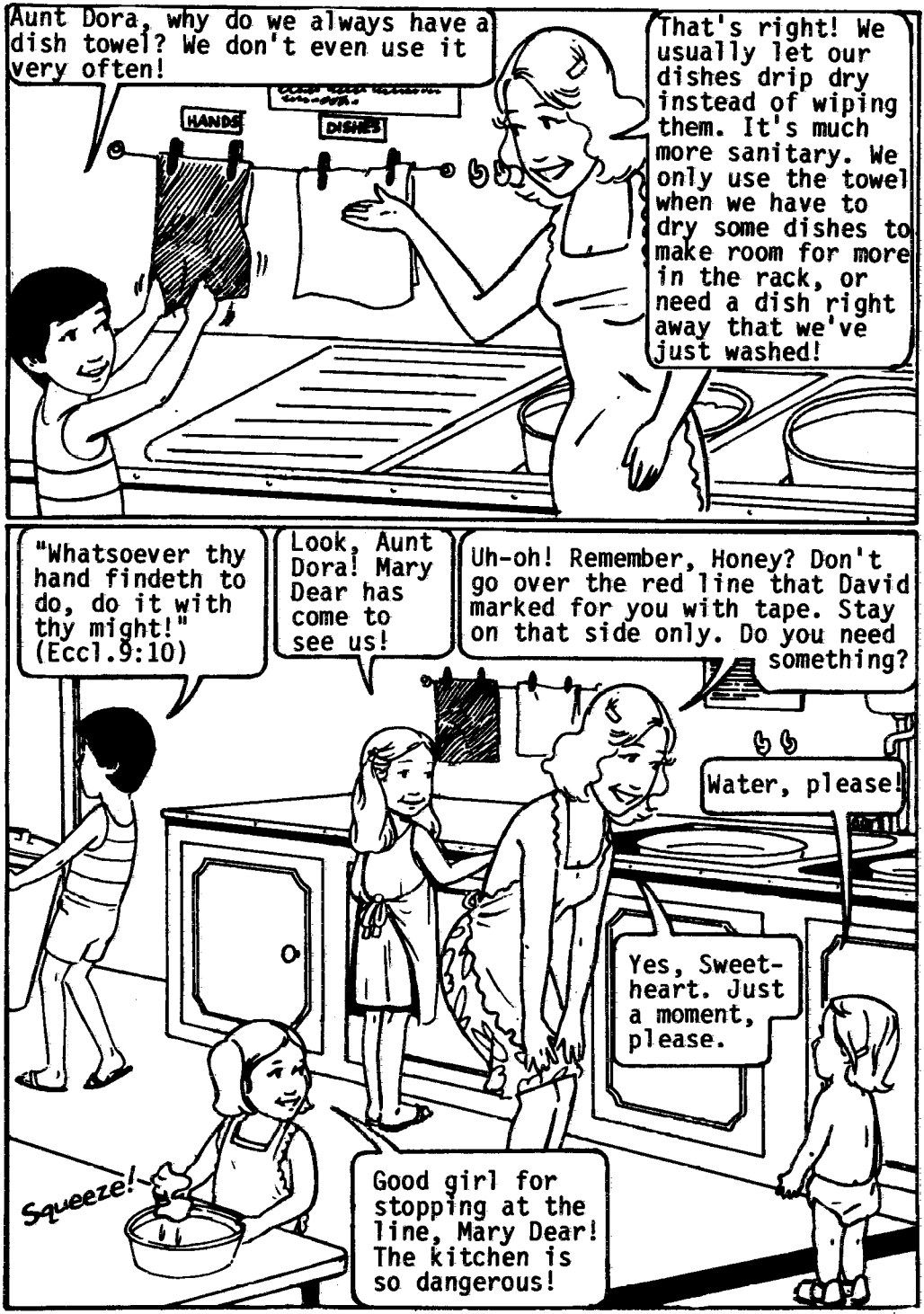

It's good to let the cups air out! We'd better not stack them together or put them face down. Keep them facing up. Then they will stay nice and clean and free of germs.
Yes, Ma'am! I'll do that.
Excuse me, I have to go potty. I'll be right back!
Please rinse out the dish-cloth & brush before hanging them up to air.
Let's start stacking all the dishes in the rack that is furthest away from the rinse water, and fill that one up first.
Yes, Ma'am! That way, when I set the wet dishes in the dishrack, they won't drip all over the other dishes that are already starting to dry.
That's right.
Look, Aunt Dora. I'll put all the glasses up here in a row, upside down.
Good! And all the spoons, knives and forks will drain really well if you put them standing upright in their places in this little container on the side of the dishrack.

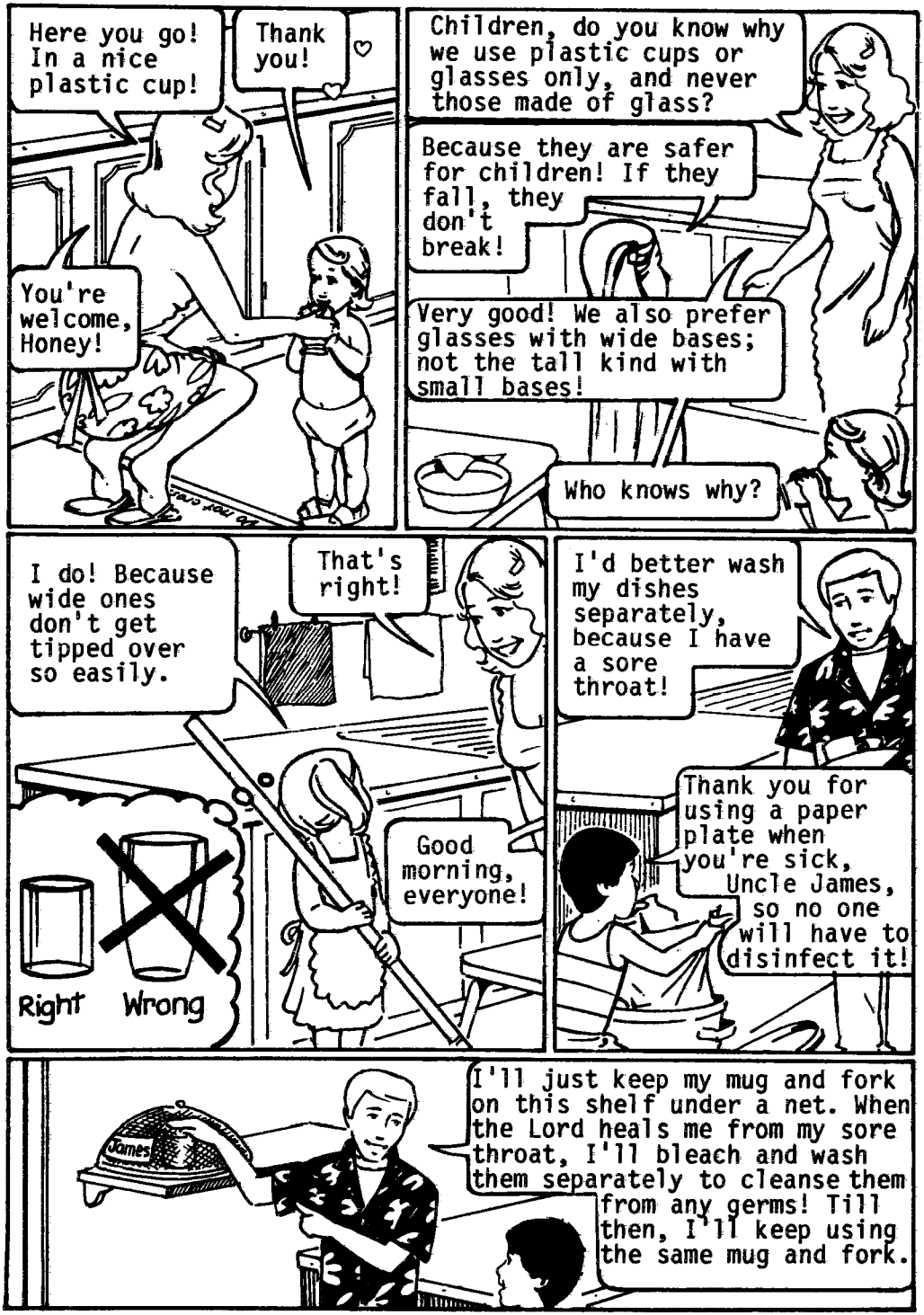

Also, I'll be careful to put each dish into its slot to save space.
Very good! And remember that the bowls shouldn't be placed with the open side up!
When they are in the dishrack, they should always be facing downward so the water can drain out. And never stack two bowls or glasses together or they won't be able to dry!
That's good to know! Let me change it!
Wow! We are really learning a lot this morning!
Yes! Like Grandpa says, "We should always be looking for new and better ways of doing things."
And "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much." (Luke 16:10)
Oh no, Davida, there's a lipstick mark on this glass! How funny!
Oops! I'm sorry! I'll do it again.
Oh, that must have been mine!--Ha!
Be sure you wash the rim of the glasses thoroughly, as well as the bottom!
Davida, did you remember to wash your hands?
Yes, Ma'am! I washed them in the bathroom sink!
Oh, good! Because we shouldn't wash our hands in the dishwater!

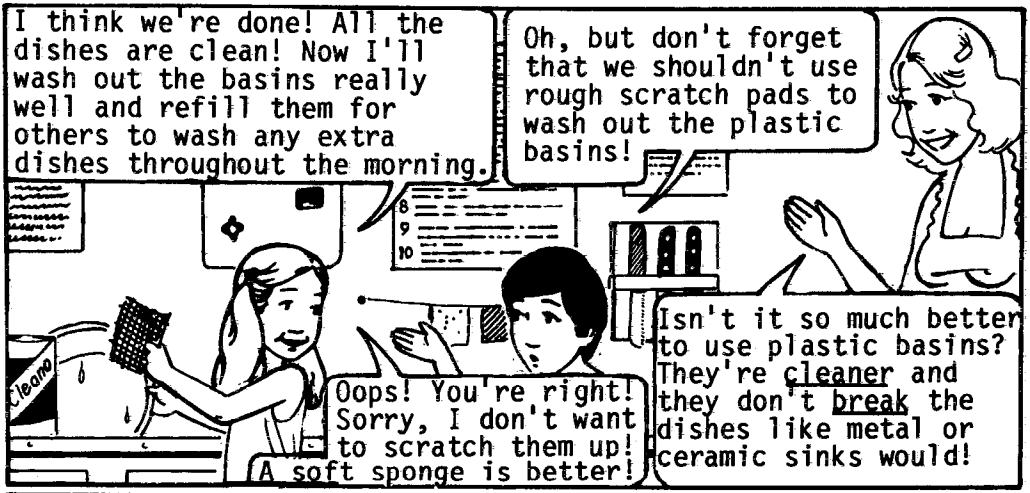

Well, this is our cleanup day. Why don't we also wash our bathroom water cups? They need to be cleaned at least once a week.
May I go and get them, Aunt Dora?
Yes, Techi! Thank you! Remember, they are the three that have your names on them.
Yes, Ma'am! I'll find them.
"If you've got that divine anointing, it makes every little task wonderful!"
"You've got to have a glory in the thing you do, an everlasting glory that will carry you through!"
It's lots of fun to review our Quotes and Verses while we're doing the dishes, isn't it?
It really is!
Good morning, everyone!
Good morning, Hope!
Good morning, Aunt Hope!
Aunt Hope, this is our day on dishes, so we can wash your dishes for you!
Thank you! I'll just scrape them. Let me first set them down here.
Oh, I think the dishwater is getting too dirty. We need to change it!
You can just pour it down the drain. And since my rinse water is getting a little soapy too, you can use it for your new wash, Davida.

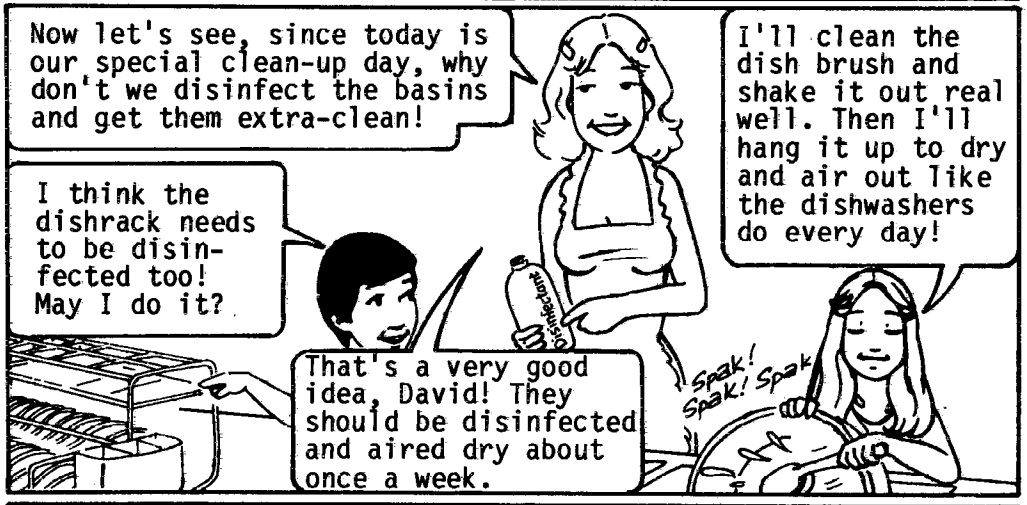

That's very important: When the rinse water gets soapy, we should change it. People who have a very sensitive stomach can easily get sick from leftover soap on the dishes.
Aunt Dora, remember Grandpa got sick once because his plate had not been rinsed well?
Yes! Lord help us to be considerate of others!
Beep, beep! Excuse me, Techi!
Here, you go through the door first, David!
You're carrying a bigger load than I am, so I can easily step aside for you!
Aunt Dora, which sponge should I use for wiping the table?
This thin one! It's a different colour than our other house-cleaning sponges and it has one corner cut off, so everybody in the house knows it shouldn't be used for either dishes or anything else!
It's only for cleaning the tables and counters!
Techi
David
David
Here, Techi! You can use this handy little plastic bowl to wash out your sponge. It's filled with clean water.
Goodie! Then I won't have to go back and forth to the sink to rinse out my sponge!
Yes, and you wouldn't want to wash out your table sponge in either the dishwater or the rinse water!
Oh my, no! That wouldn't be very clean!


Aunt Dora, I did the whole table!
Good girl! You got all the crumbs off!
Now you need to wash out your sponge well in your special little basin and wipe the table one more time. This will clean up any food that's stubborn and is stuck to the table!
I'll get the frying pan from the stove and wash it now!
Yes, Ma'am! I want to leave it nice and shiny!
Excuse me, Davida, but it'd be better to do that frying pan later. It's still hot and you could burn yourself! Leave it on the stove with the handle turned away so no one will pull it down by accident!
Yes, Ma'am!
Also, since it is a Teflon frying pan, it will warp* if you dunk it in cool water while it's still hot!
* Bend out of shape.
I also learned that we shouldn't use any pointed or metal utensils on our Teflon pans.--Only special soft plastic spatulas!
That's right! Teflon scratches very easily--a very good point!
David, Honey, I'll set up the new rinse water if you would be so kind as to take out the garbage.
I'd be glad to!
Thank you!

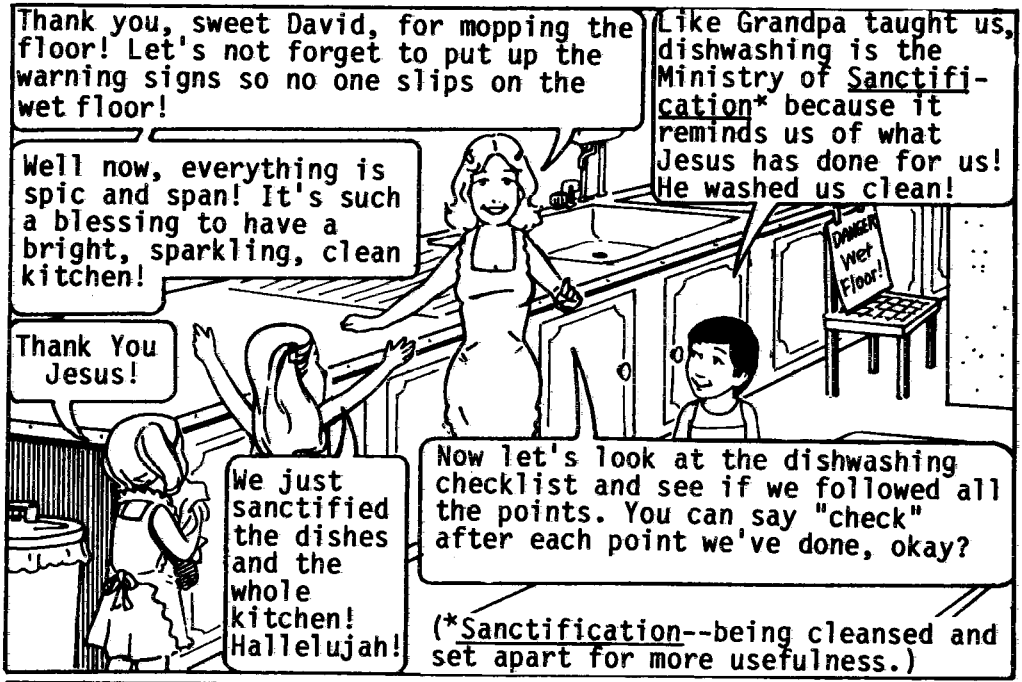

Aunt Dora, why do we always have a dish towel? We don't even use it very often!
HANDS
DISHES
That's right! We usually let our dishes drip dry instead of wiping them. It's much more sanitary. We only use the towel when we have to dry some dishes to make room for more in the rack, or need a dish right away that we've just washed!
"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might!" (Eccl.9:10)
Look, Aunt Dora! Mary Dear has come to see us!
Uh-oh! Remember, Honey? Don't go over the red line that David marked for you with tape. Stay on that side only. Do you need something?
Water, please!
Yes, Sweetheart. Just a moment, please.
Squeeze!
Good girl for stopping at the line, Mary Dear! The kitchen is so dangerous!


Here you go! In a nice plastic cup!
Thank you!
You're welcome, Honey!
Children, do you know why we use plastic cups or glasses only, and never those made of glass?
Because they are safer for children! If they fall, they don't break!
Very good! We also prefer glasses with wide bases; not the tall kind with small bases!
Who knows why?
I do! Because wide ones don't get tipped over so easily.
That's right!
Good morning, everyone!
Right
Wrong
I'd better wash my dishes separately, because I have a sore throat!
Thank you for using a paper plate when you're sick, Uncle James, so no one will have to disinfect it!
James
I'll just keep my mug and fork on this shelf under a net. When the Lord heals me from my sore throat, I'll bleach and wash them separately to cleanse them from any germs! Till then, I'll keep using the same mug and fork.


I think we're done! All the dishes are clean! Now I'll wash out the basins really well and refill them for others to wash any extra dishes throughout the morning.
Oh, but don't forget that we shouldn't use rough scratch pads to wash out the plastic basins!
Isn't it so much better to use plastic basins? They're cleaner and they don't break the dishes like metal or ceramic sinks would!
Oops! You're right! Sorry, I don't want to scratch them up! A soft sponge is better!
Cleanser


Now let's see, since today is our special clean-up day, why don't we disinfect the basins and get them extra-clean!
I'll clean the dish brush and shake it out real well. Then I'll hang it up to dry and air out like the dishwashers do every day!
I think the dishrack needs to be disinfected too! May I do it?
That's a very good idea, David! They should be disinfected and aired dry about once a week.
Disinfectant
Spak! Spak! Spak


Aunt Dora, I finished sweeping the floor. Should I collect the used dish towels and dish cloths, and take them to the laundry area?
Yes, Techi! God bless you for thinking of all these details! This is my kitchen laundry day so I'll wash them out really well!
My, all you children have been such hard little workers this morning!

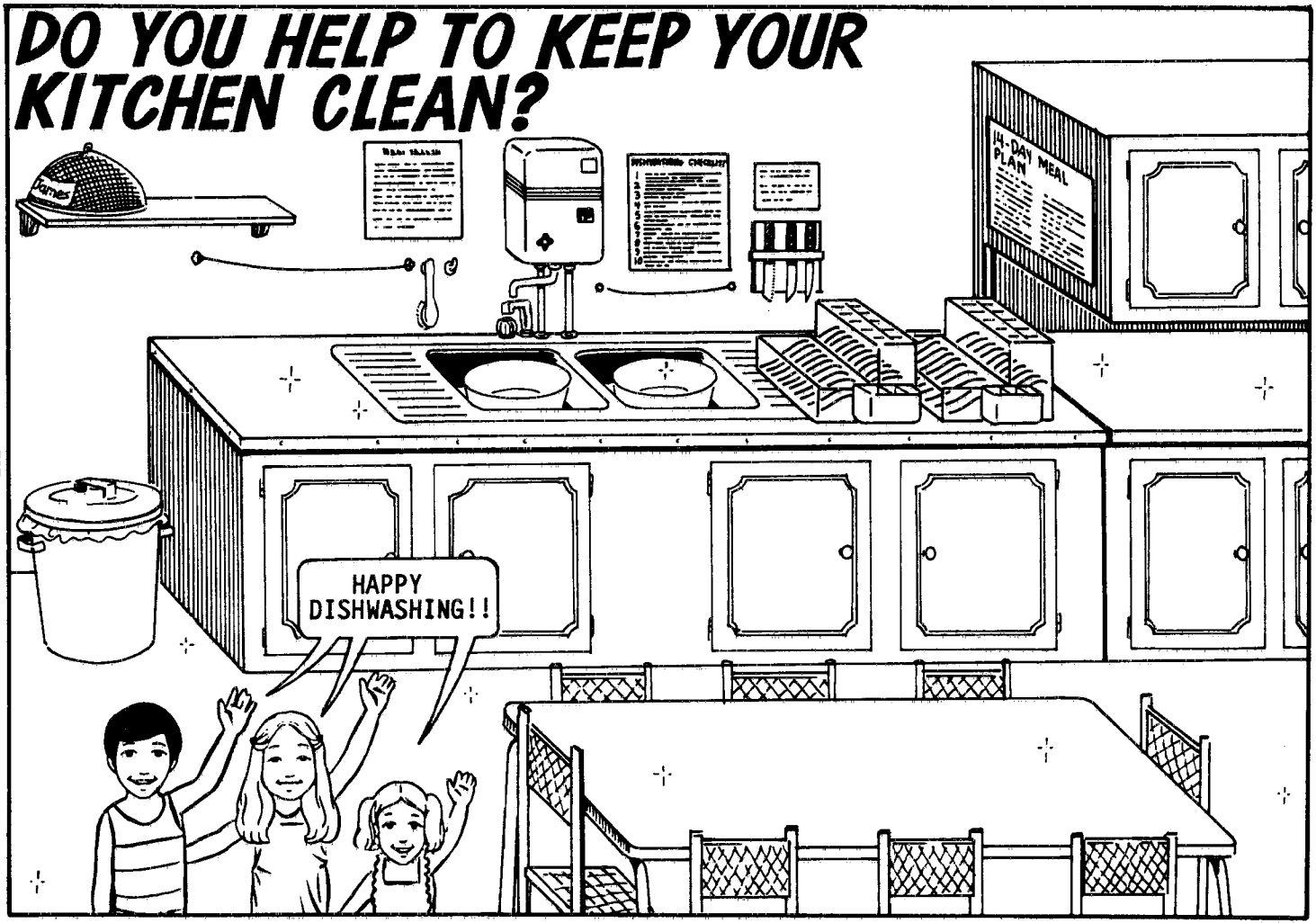


DISHWASHING CHECKLIST:
The Ministry of Sanctification!

Thank you, dear dishwashers, for washing the dishes and keeping the kitchen clean!--"Cleanliness is Godliness!"

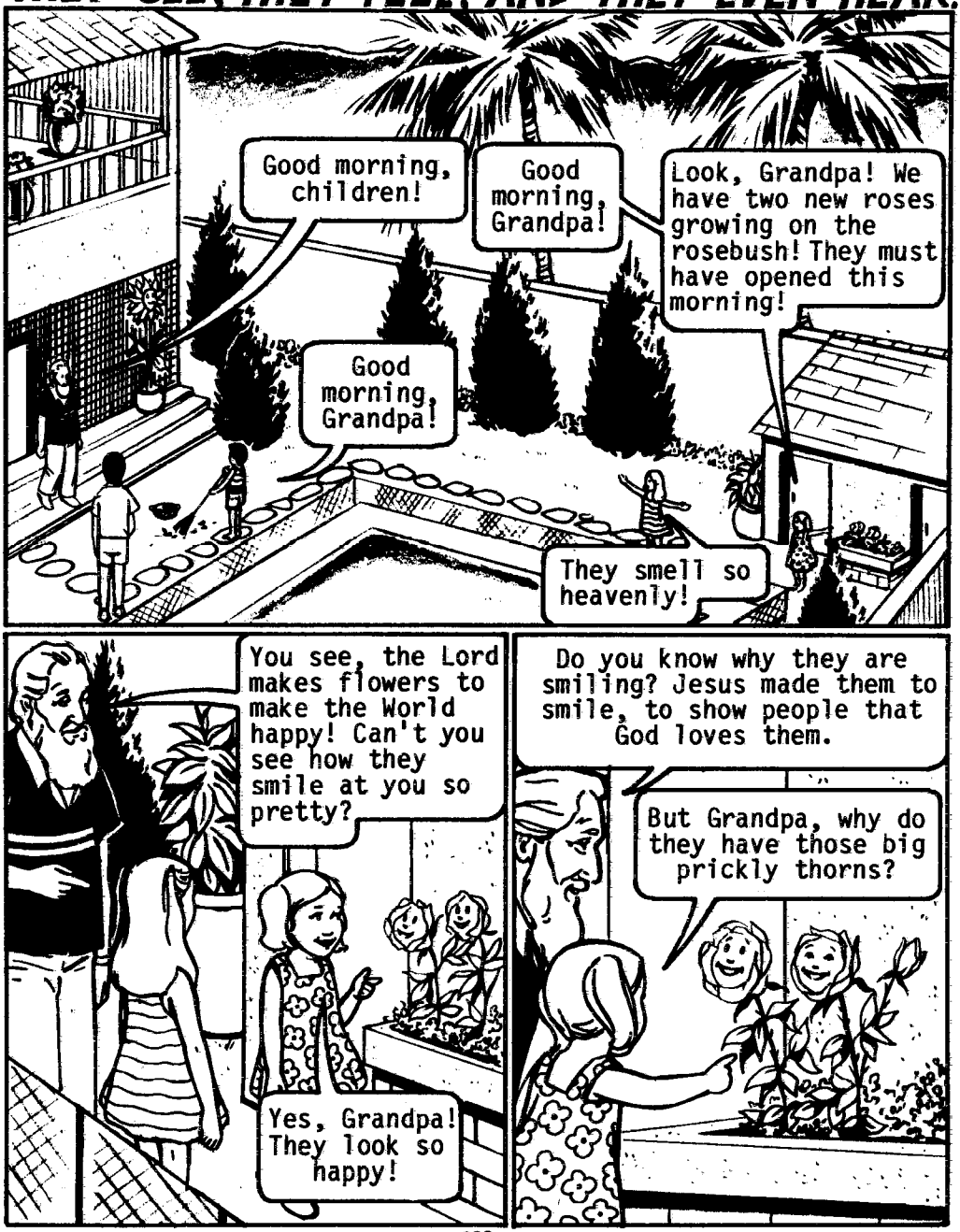
1. Use trays to clear the table to save so many trips back and forth!
2. Put leftovers in the fridge in hard plastic, ceramic or glass leftover containers with a lid!
3. Scrape plates and bowls with napkins or a spatula!
4. Wash your dish basins before and after you wash the dishes and refill them for others to use throughout the day!
5. Use clean soapy water for the dishes and change your water when necessary; keep your rinse water clean!
6. Order of dishwashing: Plastic glasses--cups--silverware--plates--bowls--pots.
7. Arrange all dishes neatly in the dishdrains.
8. Wipe all counters, table and fridge door with the table sponge; clean the stove.
9. Sweep and mop the kitchen once a day and put up a warning sign in the doorway when the floor is wet.
10. Come back later to put the dry dishes into the cupboards.

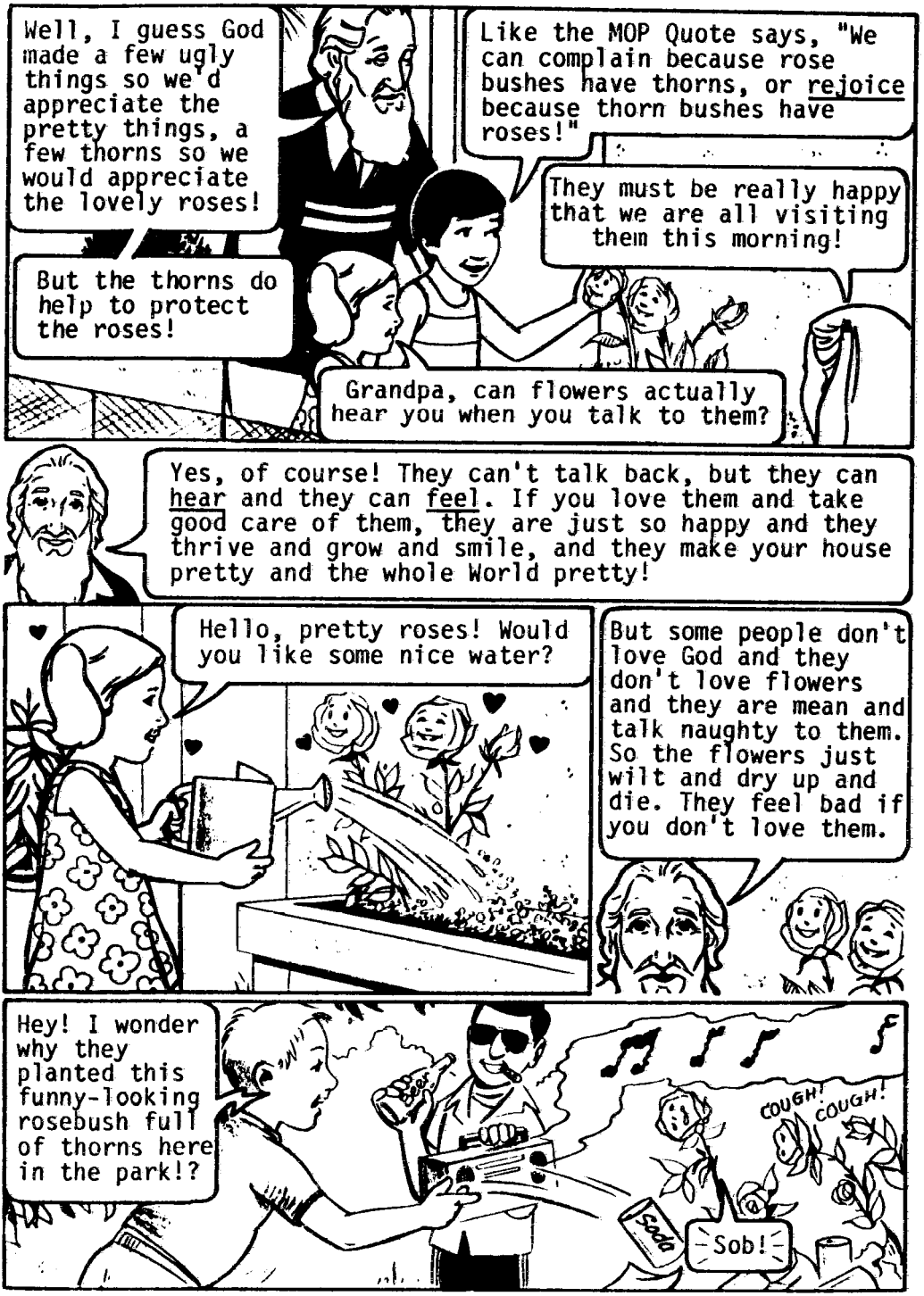
Thank you for a job well done!


DO YOU HELP TO KEEP YOUR KITCHEN CLEAN?
Names
14-DAY MEAL PLAN
HAPPY DISHWASHING!!

PLANTS AND FLOWERS!

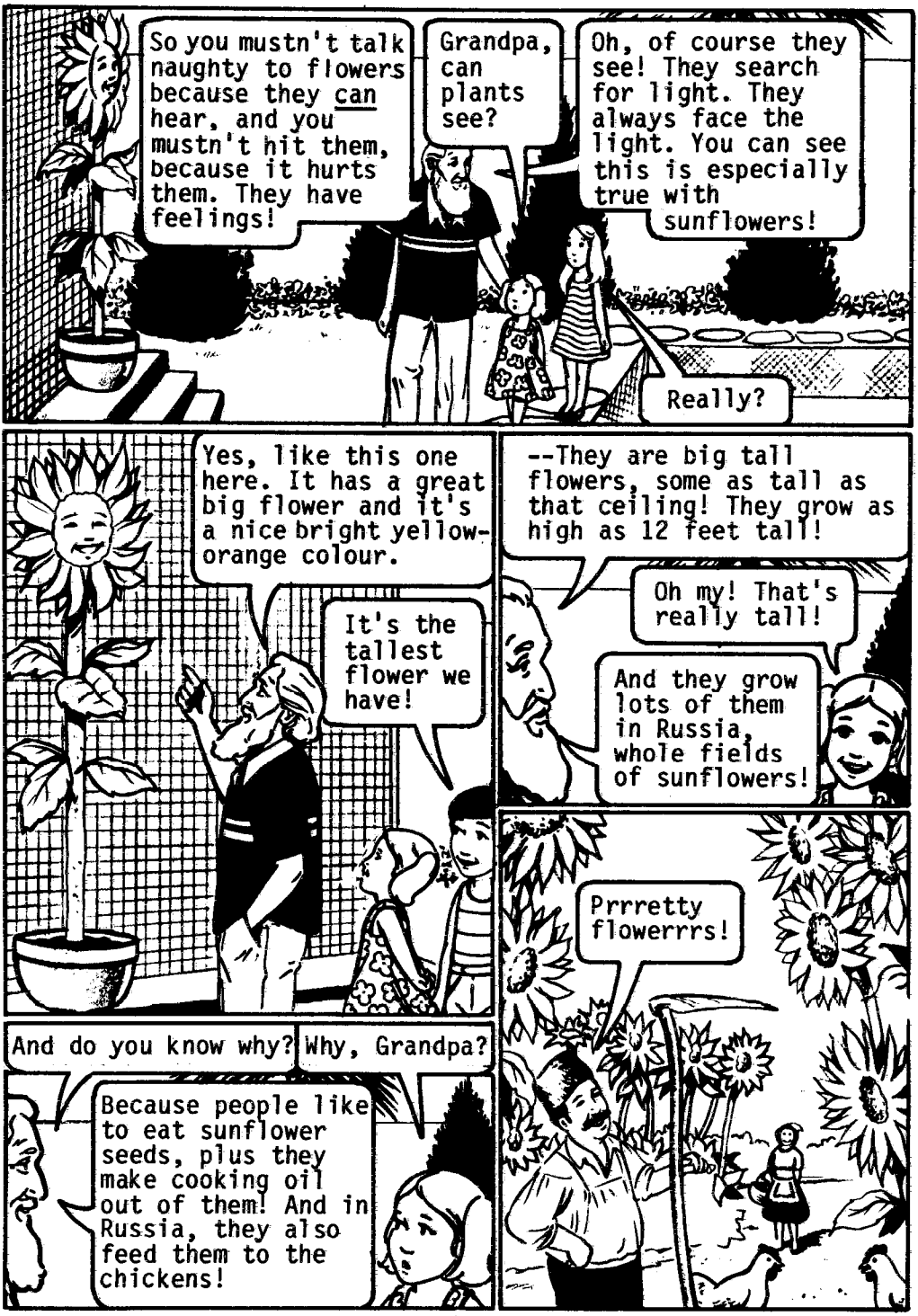
THEY SEE, THEY FEEL, AND THEY EVEN HEAR!

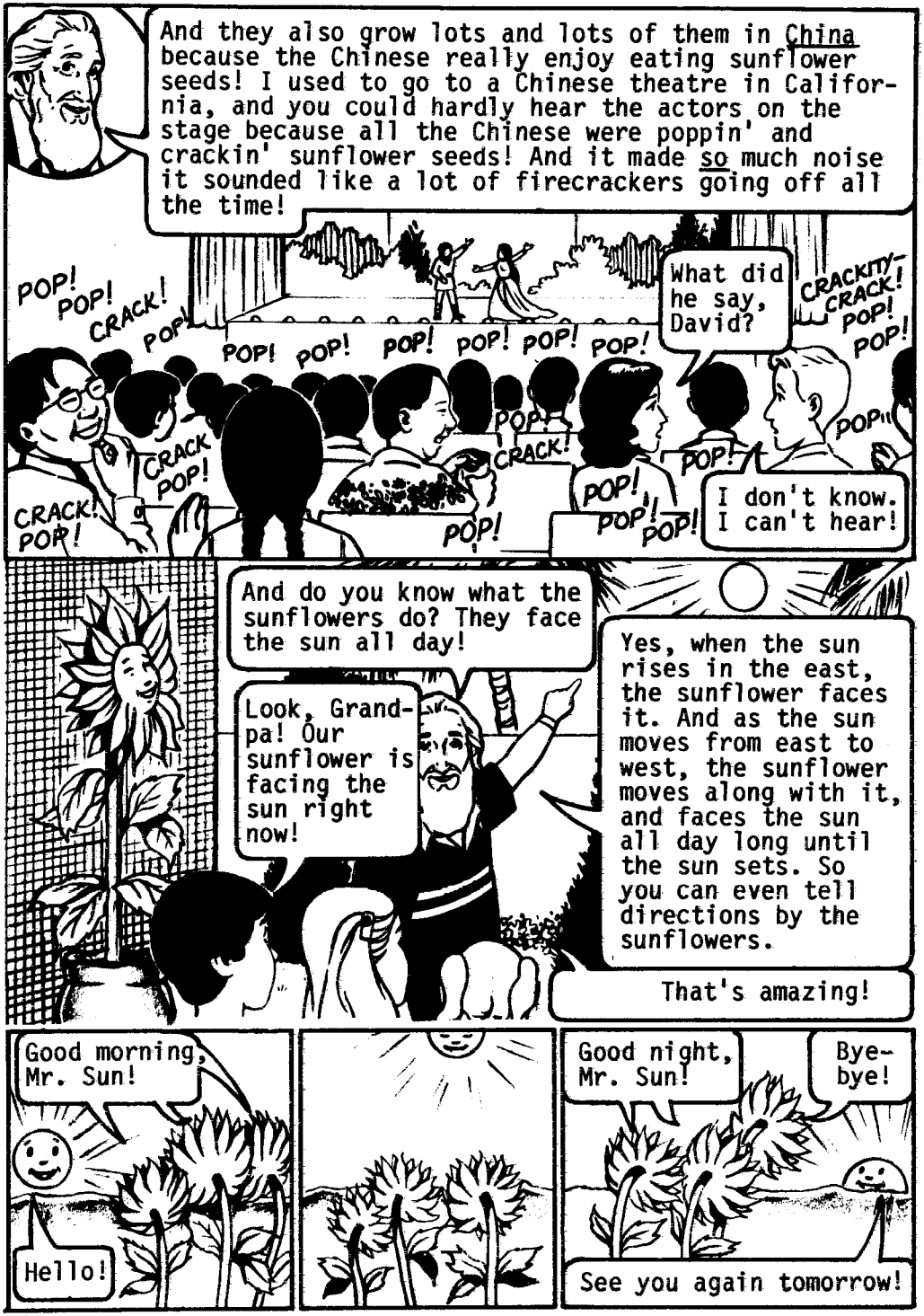



Well, I guess God made a few ugly things so we'd appreciate the pretty things, a few thorns so we would appreciate the lovely roses!
But the thorns do help to protect the roses!
Like the MOP Quote says, "We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses!"
They must be really happy that we are all visiting them this morning!
Grandpa, can flowers actually hear you when you talk to them?
Yes, of course! They can't talk back, but they can hear and they can feel. If you love them and take good care of them, they are just so happy and they thrive and grow and smile, and they make your house pretty and the whole World pretty!
Hello, pretty roses! Would you like some nice water?
But some people don't love God and they don't love flowers and they are mean and talk naughty to them. So the flowers just wilt and dry up and die. They feel bad if you don't love them.
Hey! I wonder why they planted this funny-looking rosebush full of thorns here in the park!?
COUGH! COUGH!
Sob!


Flowers are just like people--if you treat them kindly and with love, they'll smile and they'll look pretty and be happy!
Good morning, Rosa! My, you look so pretty today!
OIL
We love you, Rosa!
Thank you! I love you too!
But if you're not nice to them, they will feel very bad, and gloomy and sad.
Rosa, how come it takes you so long to do one simple thing?! Blah, blah.
Oh! I'm sorry! I bumped it and snapped one of its leaves off!
SNAP
Ouch!
Oh dear! Look! Some kind of liquid is coming out!
The liquid is called sap. It's the juice that carries the food for the plant.
Oh dear! The plant is bleeding! I'm so sorry!
Next time try not to touch or brush against the plants. They're very delicate. They're pretty to look at, but it's not good to touch them!
Yes, Sir!


Alf, can you please go and get some scotch tape and tape the stem up quickly so no one will get the sap on them?
Yes, Sir!
Why don't you both go and wash your hands, because if you've gotten some of the sap on your fingers and then you stick them in your mouth, it could make you sick.
Yes, Sir!
There! It's all bandaged up!
Thank you! I'll be OK.
Did you know that a plant has feelings and will move away from where it got hit or where it was touched unlovingly? They do it so slowly that you can't see it, but they actually move.
Watch out, Harry! You hit the plant!
BUMP!
Hey!
When people brush by and hit the ends of the stems of a potted plant, little by little the plant will move away so it won't get hit anymore.
A few days later--
Look! The plant has bent away!


So you mustn't talk naughty to flowers because they can hear, and you mustn't hit them, because it hurts them. They have feelings!
Grandpa, can plants see?
Oh, of course they see! They search for light. They always face the light. You can see this is especially true with sunflowers!
Really?
Yes, like this one here. It has a great big flower and it's a nice bright yellow-orange colour.
It's the tallest flower we have!
--They are big tall flowers, some as tall as that ceiling! They grow as high as 12 feet tall!
Oh my! That's really tall!
And they grow lots of them in Russia, whole fields of sunflowers!
Prrretty flowerrrs!
And do you know why?
Why, Grandpa?
Because people like to eat sunflower seeds, plus they make cooking oil out of them! And in Russia, they also feed them to the chickens!

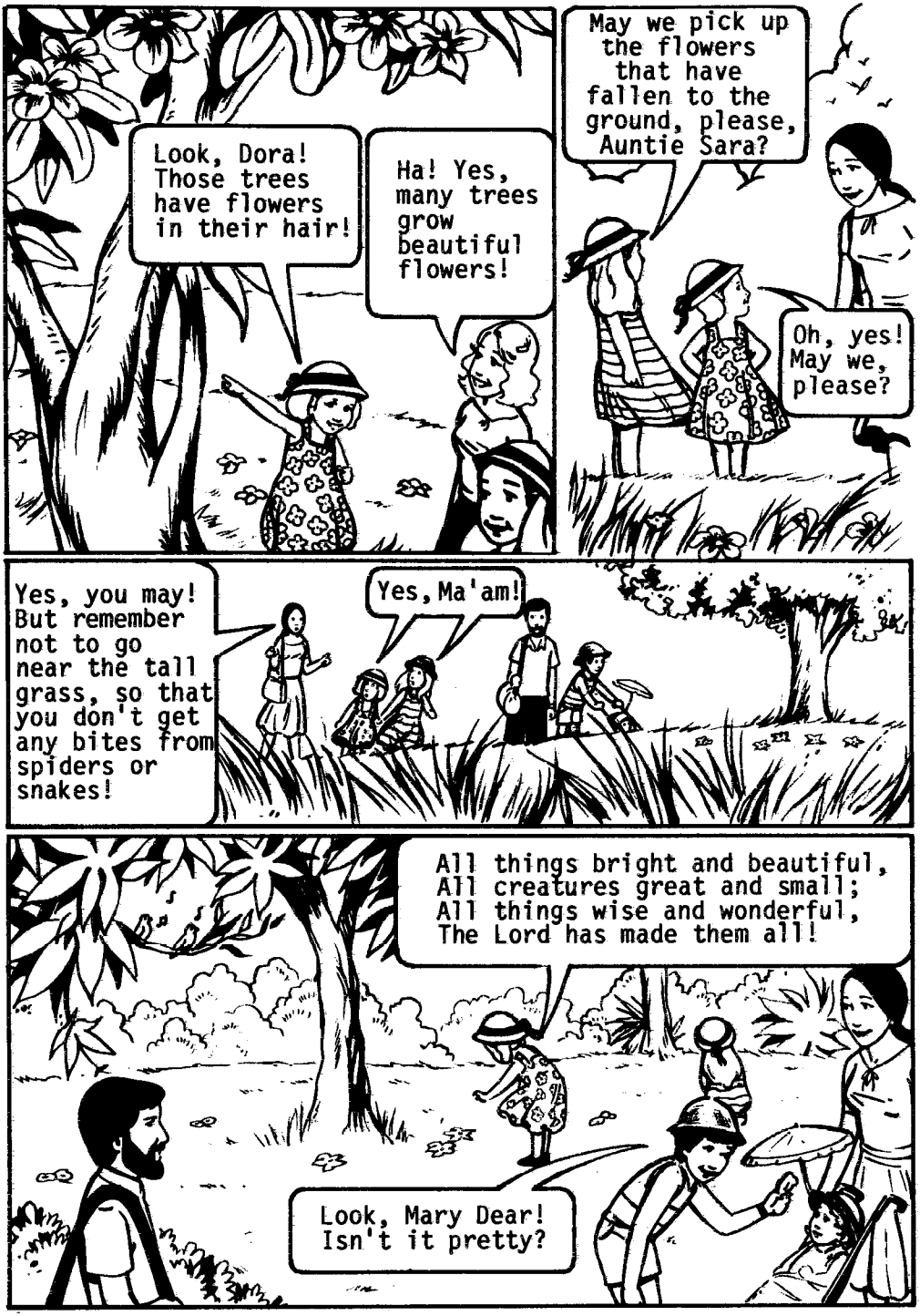

And they also grow lots and lots of them in China because the Chinese really enjoy eating sunflower seeds! I used to go to a Chinese theatre in California, and you could hardly hear the actors on the stage because all the Chinese were poppin' and crackin' sunflower seeds! And it made so much noise it sounded like a lot of firecrackers going off all the time!
POP! POP! CRACK! POP!
POP! POP! POP! POP! POP! POP!
What did he say, David?
CRACKITY-CRACK! POP! POP!
CRACK POP!
CRACK! POP!
POP! POP! POP!
I don't know. I can't hear!
And do you know what the sunflowers do? They face the sun all day!
Look, Grandpa! Our sunflower is facing the sun right now!
Yes, when the sun rises in the east, the sunflower faces it. And as the sun moves from east to west, the sunflower moves along with it, and faces the sun all day long until the sun sets. So you can even tell directions by the sunflowers.
That's amazing!
Good morning, Mr. Sun!
Hello!
Good night, Mr. Sun!
Bye-bye!
See you again tomorrow!


And they know that the sun is going to get up on the other side of the World the next morning, so during the night they keep turning around, until by morning they're facing east again, waiting for the sun to rise!
Aahhh! Here comes the sun! I got all turned back just in time! Praise God!
So flowers move and they do have feelings and they do see! Why else would they turn toward the sun unless they were looking for the sun?
Is that why that plant is leaning sideways, Grandpa?
Yes, because no matter where you set a plant, most of its leaves and flowers turn to where the light is!
"Truly the light is sweet." (Eccl.11:7)
They're looking for the light and they turn toward the light, just like you and I should do! We should always look toward our Light, our Sun, Jesus, so we can absorb His Light!
We love You so much, Jesus!


And did you know that plants couldn't even grow without the light? They look at the light all day and this makes something happen inside their leaves called Photosynthesis. It produces sugars that help feed the plant.
White sugar?
No, not bad white sugar, but natural sugar!--God's good plant sugar!
Here! Let's set this flower on the steps where it can get lots of God's sunlight!
Flowers are just like us! We can't live without Jesus either! We have to face the Light! We have to always face Jesus to live!
We have to open up our hearts and let the sunshine in!
And if we're filled with the sunshine of His love, then we can overflow on others and we'll cause them to grow and to blossom like flowers.
Jesus loves you and me...
So let's keep the flower of our heart open to the Light! Then we'll glow with brightness and colour and beauty! And let's be like the sunflowers, always "looking unto Jesus"!

SAVING FLOWERS AND SOULS!



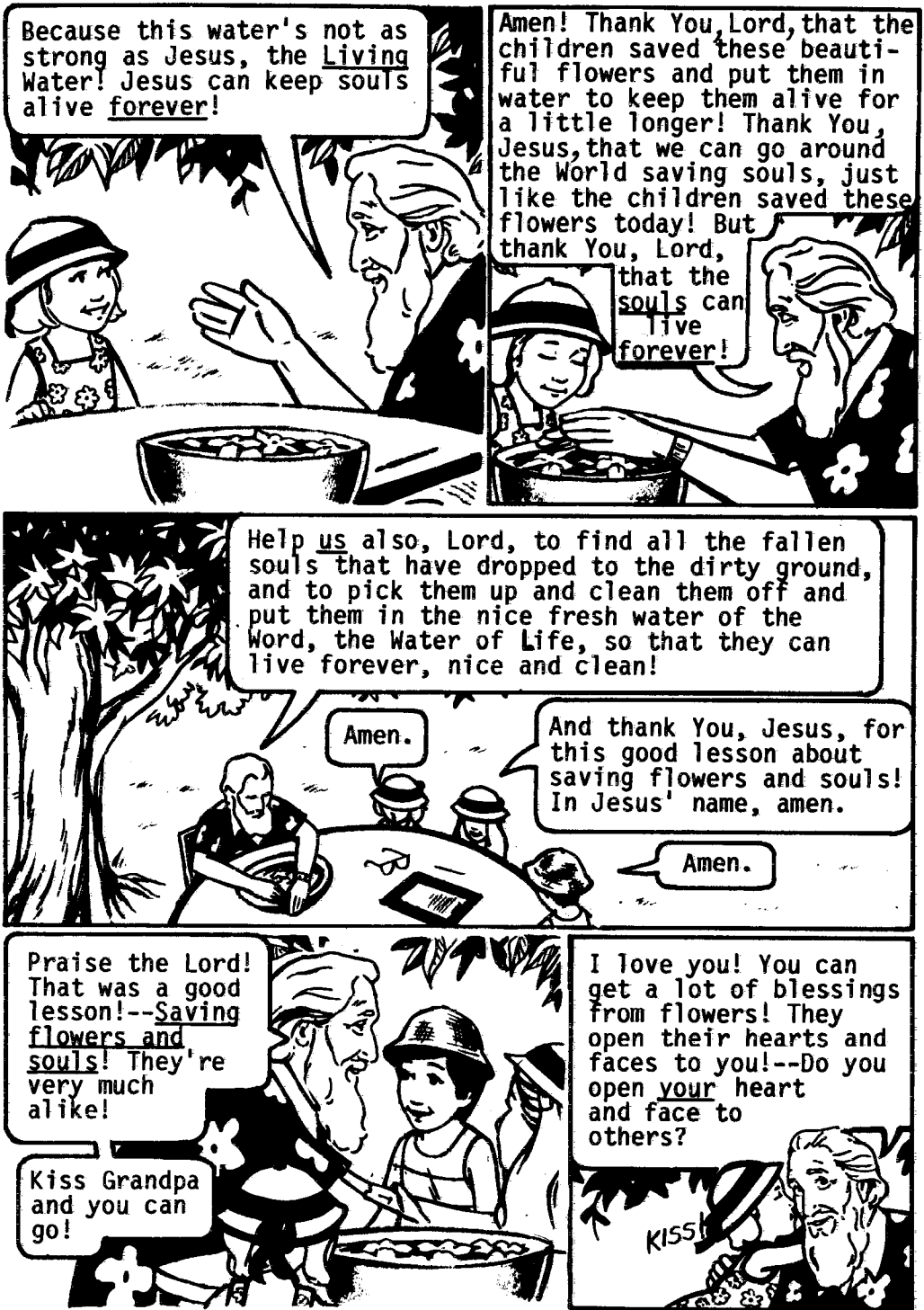

Look, Dora! Those trees have flowers in their hair!
Ha! Yes, many trees grow beautiful flowers!
May we pick up the flowers that have fallen to the ground, please, Auntie Sara?
Oh, yes! May we, please?
Yes, you may! But remember not to go near the tall grass, so that you don't get any bites from spiders or snakes!
Yes, Ma'am!
All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small;
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord has made them all!
Look, Mary Dear! Isn't it pretty?


Oh dear! Some of them are bad and all brown and wilted!
Well, let's just save the good ones! We can take them home and put them in water!
Oh, what sweet children you have! They are so well behaved!
What is your name, my dear?
My name is Techi, and I'm five years old!
This is for you!
Thank you! What a darling little girl you are!
God bless you! I love you!
Later--
Did you have a nice walk, children?
Oh yes, thank you, Grandpa! It was beautiful!
Grandpa, we found some flowers and I gave one to a lady we met!


That was sweet! That was really showing love! That's witnessing!
You don't have to preach people a sermon, or even quote them a Scripture!--Whenever you show someone love, that's witnessing!
When Mommy was a girl, she and her girlfriend used to stand on the corner and just smile at people, and people would smile back, and that was preaching God's love!
What sweet girls!
They must be angels!
Maybe there is Someone up there Who loves me!
You know how I know if they're sweet people? If I smile at them and they smile back!
That's right! You know they have God's love if they smile back at you, don't you?

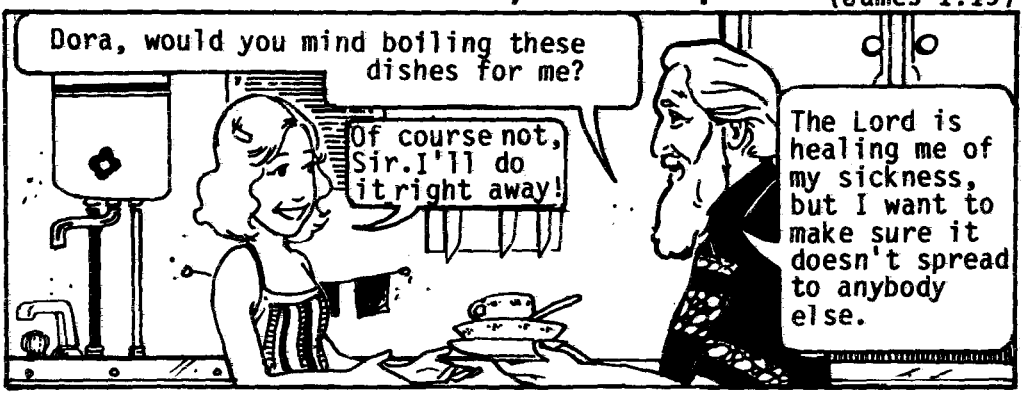

Just like the smiling flowers are witnessing to people of God's beautiful Creation!
Oh my! They're so pretty! So beautiful!
Grandpa, some of them had turned brown and were no good!
See, those flowers are just like lost souls in the World! Jesus grows them on the trees to make the World look so pretty!
But then they get tired of hanging on the tree and they fall to the ground, and Jesus hopes we'll come along and pick them up and save them!
I've saved you just in time!


But they're still pretty when they fall!
Yes, they're still pretty, and the Lord wants us to save them while they're still pretty!
It's just like the way we save souls! We come along and save them and pick them up.
Jesus can save you!
And then we put the souls in Jesus, the Water of Life, so they can look pretty in the Lord's House!
Hallelujah!
Thank You, Jesus!
Praise the Lord!
And then they live forever! They never die like these flowers do! Even when we put these flowers in this basin of water, eventually they will die and we'll have to throw them out!
But why do they die in the water?

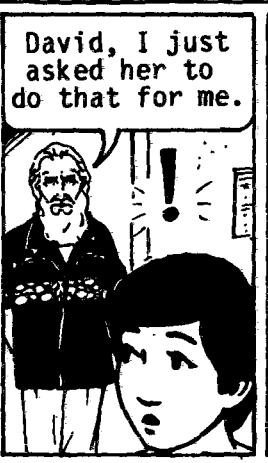

Because this water's not as strong as Jesus, the Living Water! Jesus can keep souls alive forever!
Amen! Thank You, Lord, that the children saved these beautiful flowers and put them in water to keep them alive for a little longer! Thank You, Jesus, that we can go around the World saving souls, just like the children saved these flowers today! But thank You, Lord, that the souls can live forever!
Help us also, Lord, to find all the fallen souls that have dropped to the dirty ground, and to pick them up and clean them off and put them in the nice fresh water of the Word, the Water of Life, so that they can live forever, nice and clean!
Amen.
And thank You, Jesus, for this good lesson about saving flowers and souls! In Jesus' name, amen.
Amen.
Praise the Lord! That was a good lesson!--Saving flowers and souls! They're very much alike!
Kiss Grandpa and you can go!
I love you! You can get a lot of blessings from flowers! They open their hearts and faces to you!--Do you open your heart and face to others?
KISS!

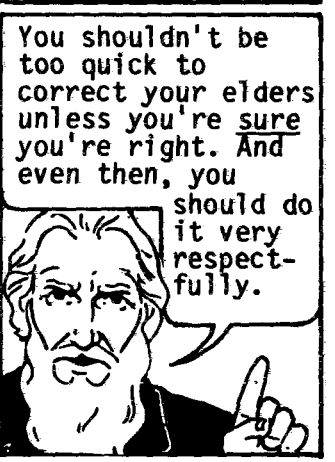
THE BLIND MEN AND THE ELEPHANT!

Be Swift to Hear, Slow to Speak! (James 1:19)

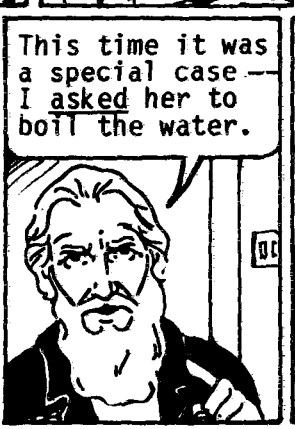




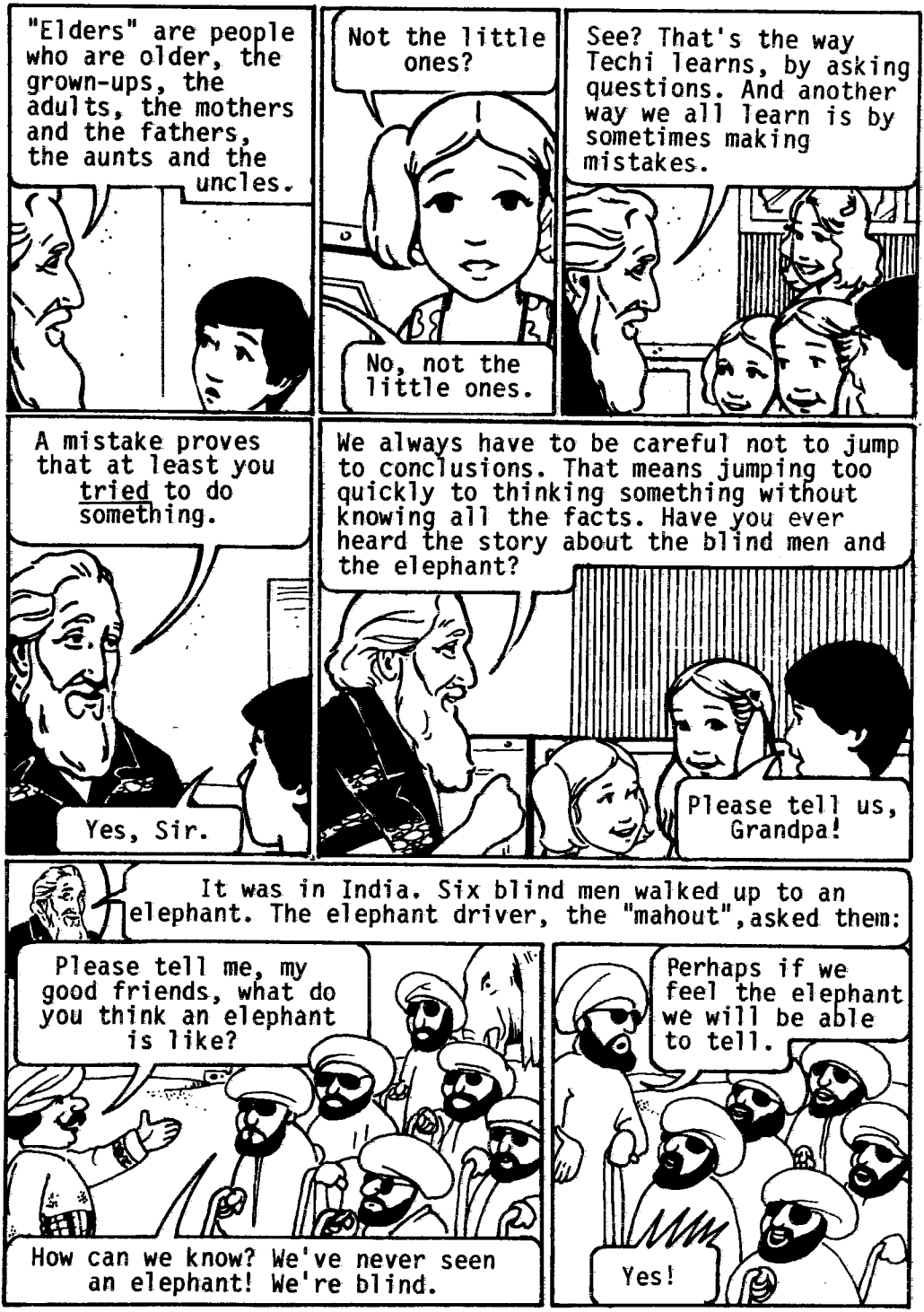


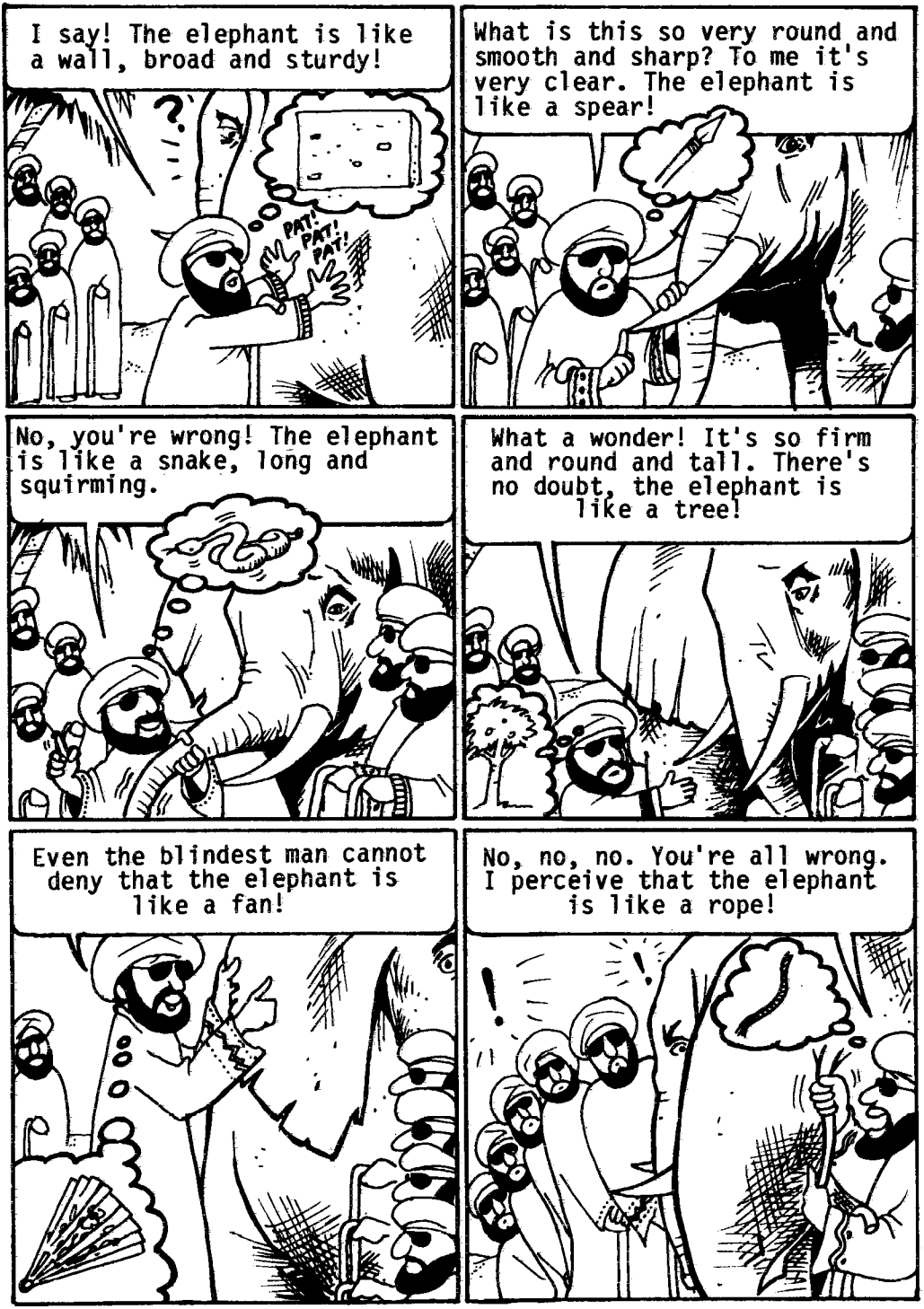


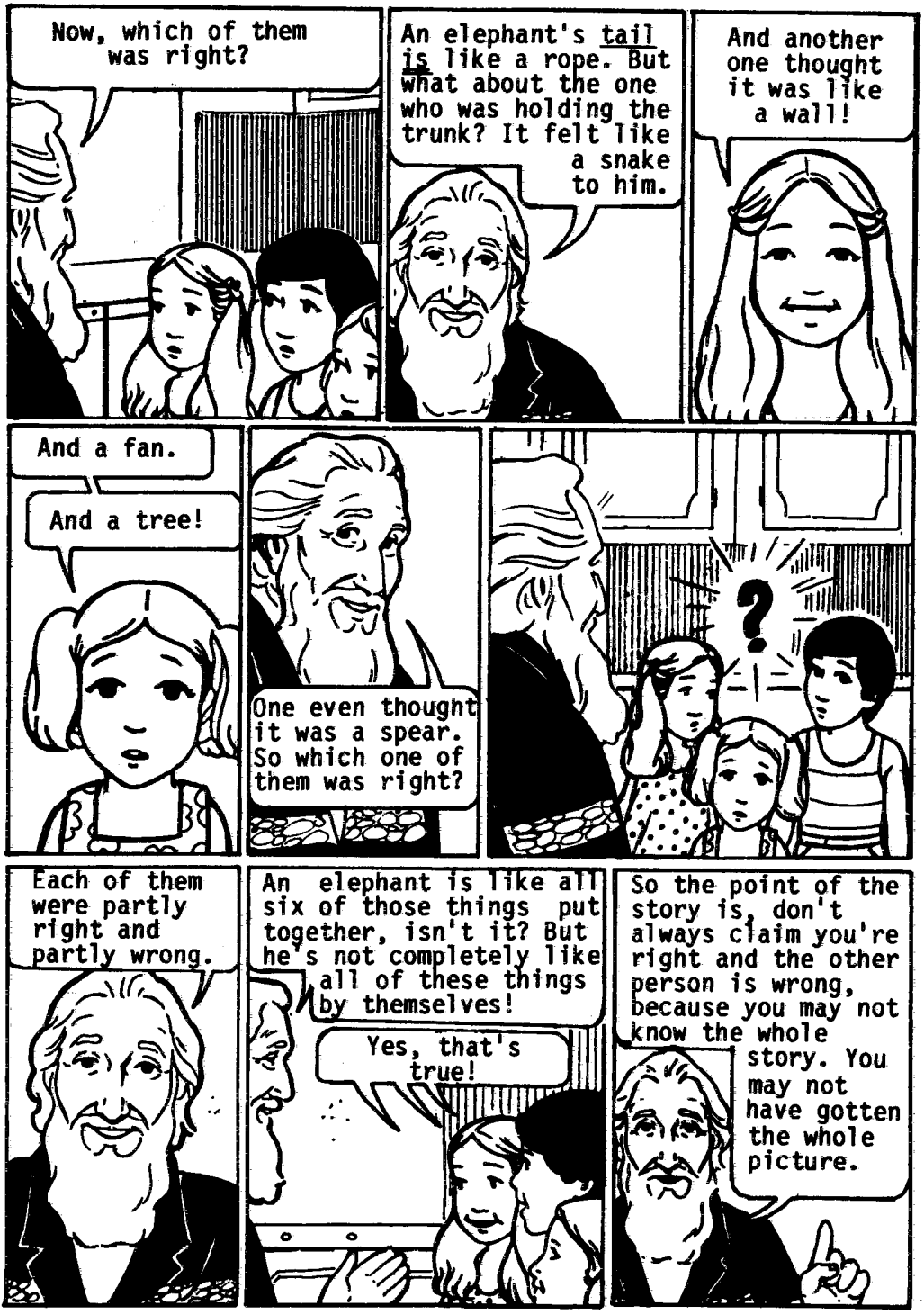






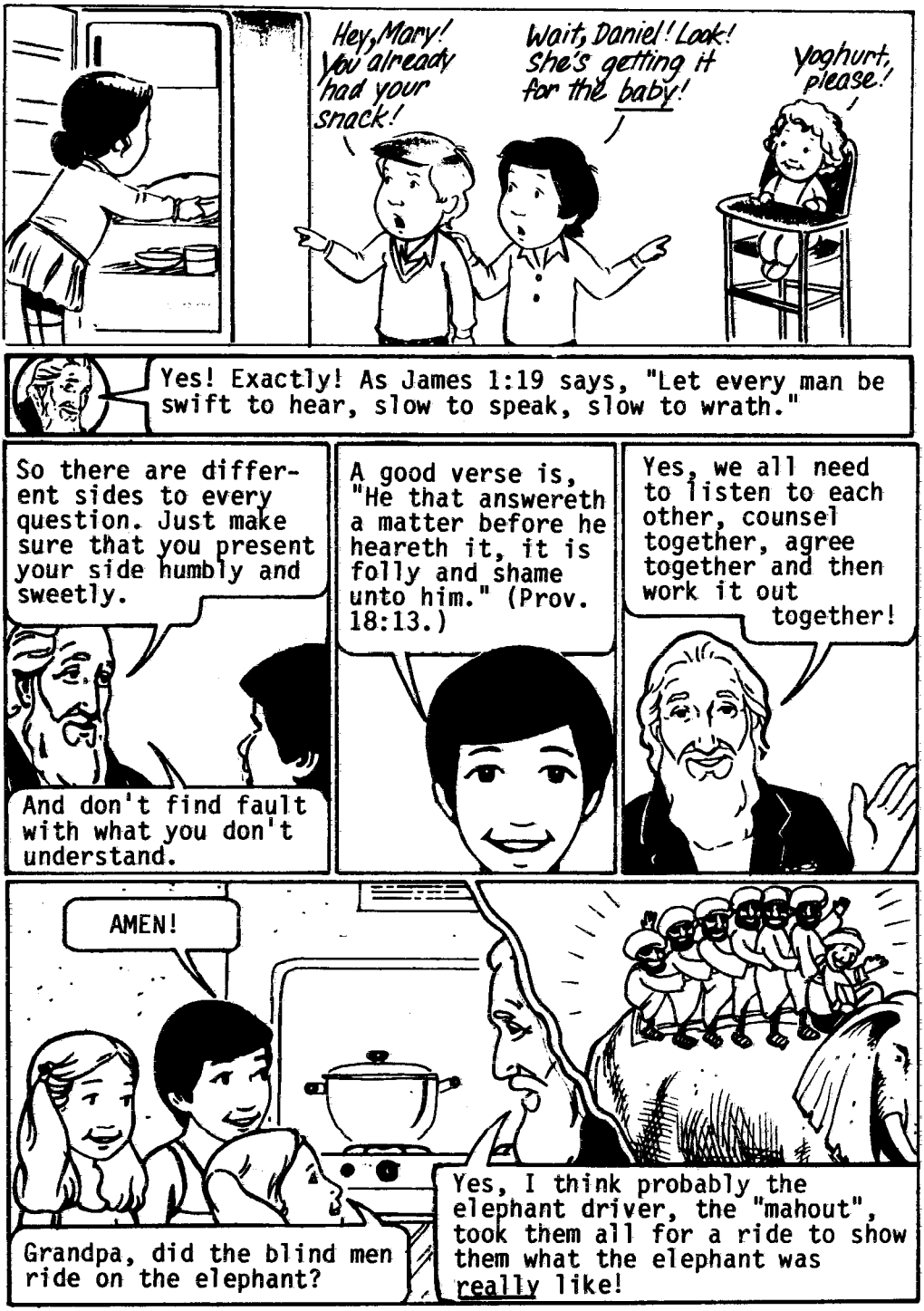

"Elders" are people who are older, the grown-ups, the adults, the mothers and the fathers, the aunts and the uncles.
Not the little ones?
No, not the little ones.
See? That's the way Techi learns, by asking questions. And another way we all learn is by sometimes making mistakes.
A mistake proves that at least you tried to do something.
Yes, Sir.
We always have to be careful not to jump to conclusions. That means jumping too quickly to thinking something without knowing all the facts. Have you ever heard the story about the blind men and the elephant?
Please tell us, Grandpa!
It was in India. Six blind men walked up to an elephant. The elephant driver, the "mahout", asked them:
Please tell me, my good friends, what do you think an elephant is like?
How can we know? We've never seen an elephant! We're blind.
Perhaps if we feel the elephant we will be able to tell.
Yes!


I say! The elephant is like a wall, broad and sturdy!
?
PAT! PAT! PAT!
What is this so very round and smooth and sharp? To me it's very clear. The elephant is like a spear!
No, you're wrong! The elephant is like a snake, long and squirming.
What a wonder! It's so firm and round and tall. There's no doubt, the elephant is like a tree!
Even the blindest man cannot deny that the elephant is like a fan!
No, no, no. You're all wrong. I perceive that the elephant is like a rope!
!
?


Now, which of them was right?
An elephant's tail is like a rope. But what about the one who was holding the trunk? It felt like a snake to him.
And another one thought it was like a wall!
And a fan.
And a tree!
One even thought it was a spear. So which one of them was right?
?
Each of them were partly right and partly wrong.
An elephant is like all six of those things put together, isn't it? But he's not completely like all of these things by themselves!
Yes, that's true!
So the point of the story is, don't always claim you're right and the other person is wrong, because you may not know the whole story. You may not have gotten the whole picture.


Perhaps you've just got ahold of the elephant by the leg or the tail or the side or the tusk or the ear or the trunk.
So just because something looks to you like it's this way or that way, it doesn't mean that the other person is necessarily wrong. Maybe he sees another side!
But a lot of people today are like those blind men: They refuse to believe that there is another side than the one they know! They close their eyes to the truth!
Oh my!
They say:
I refuse to believe in the Spirit World or the angels or Heaven because I can't see them! They don't exist! There is no Heaven!
But of course there is Heaven! You've been there, Grandpa!
Yes, I've visited Heaven! And maybe you've been there too in your dreams!
I have, Grandpa!
Some people even say there is no God, because they can't see Him!
But there is a God!
Of course there is!

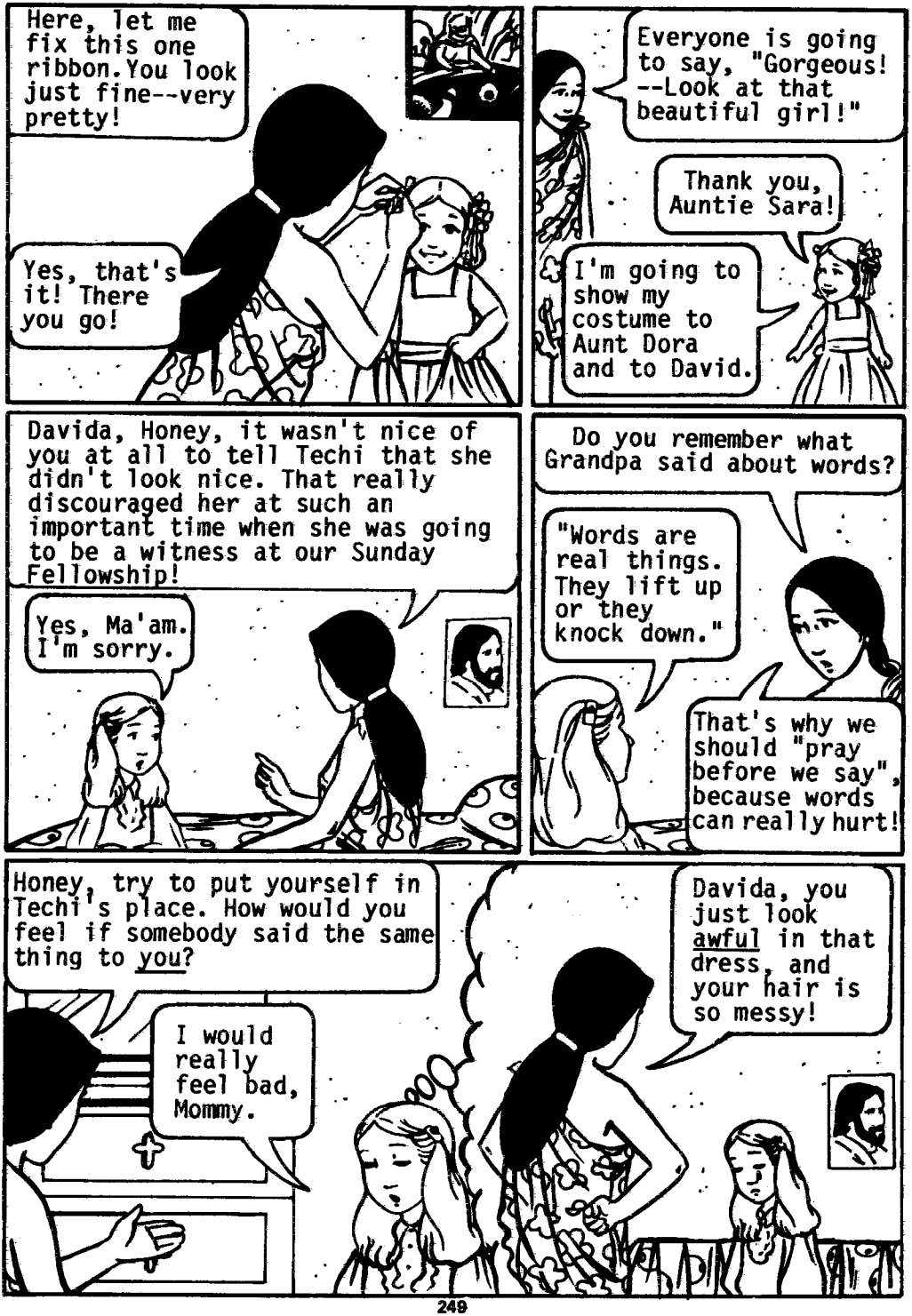

People who refuse to believe in the Spirit World just because they can't see it are as silly as someone who says:
I don't believe that China exists, because I have never seen it!
But there is a China!
Yes! Just because you can't see it from here, doesn't mean there is no China!
But there is a China! I've travelled there! I've been there and visited it and I've seen it with my own eyes! Look at the photographs I took of it when I was there!
Hmmmph! I flatly refuse to believe it exists!
Ha! How ridiculous can you get? But so many people today do close their eyes and criticise things they don't understand!
Oh my!
So just because something looks wrong to you, it doesn't mean that that's the way it is. There may be something else you don't know.
Like when I saw Dora boiling the water and thought she was making coffee.
Yes, you didn't know she was doing it for Grandpa's sick dishes.
Grandpa, that's just like the quote on "Wise Speech" in the Kidz MOP! It says, "Be slow of tongue and quick of eye!"

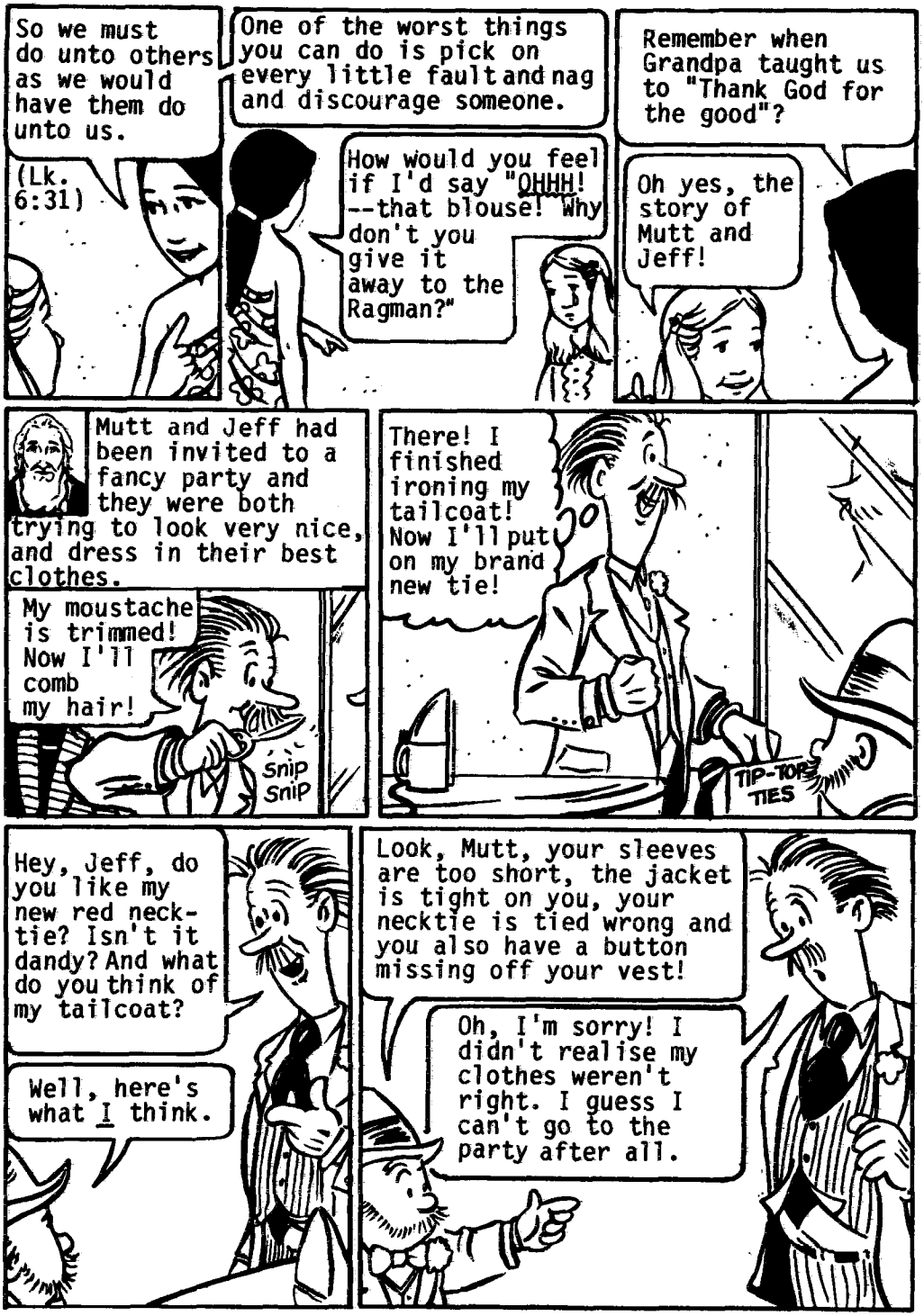

Hey, Mary! You already had your snack!
Wait, Daniel! Look! She's getting it for the baby!
Yoghurt, please!
Yes! Exactly! As James 1:19 says, "Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath."
So there are different sides to every question. Just make sure that you present your side humbly and sweetly.
And don't find fault with what you don't understand.
A good verse is, "He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him." (Prov. 18:13.)
Yes, we all need to listen to each other, counsel together, agree together and then work it out together!
AMEN!
Grandpa, did the blind men ride on the elephant?
Yes, I think probably the elephant driver, the "mahout", took them all for a ride to show them what the elephant was really like!

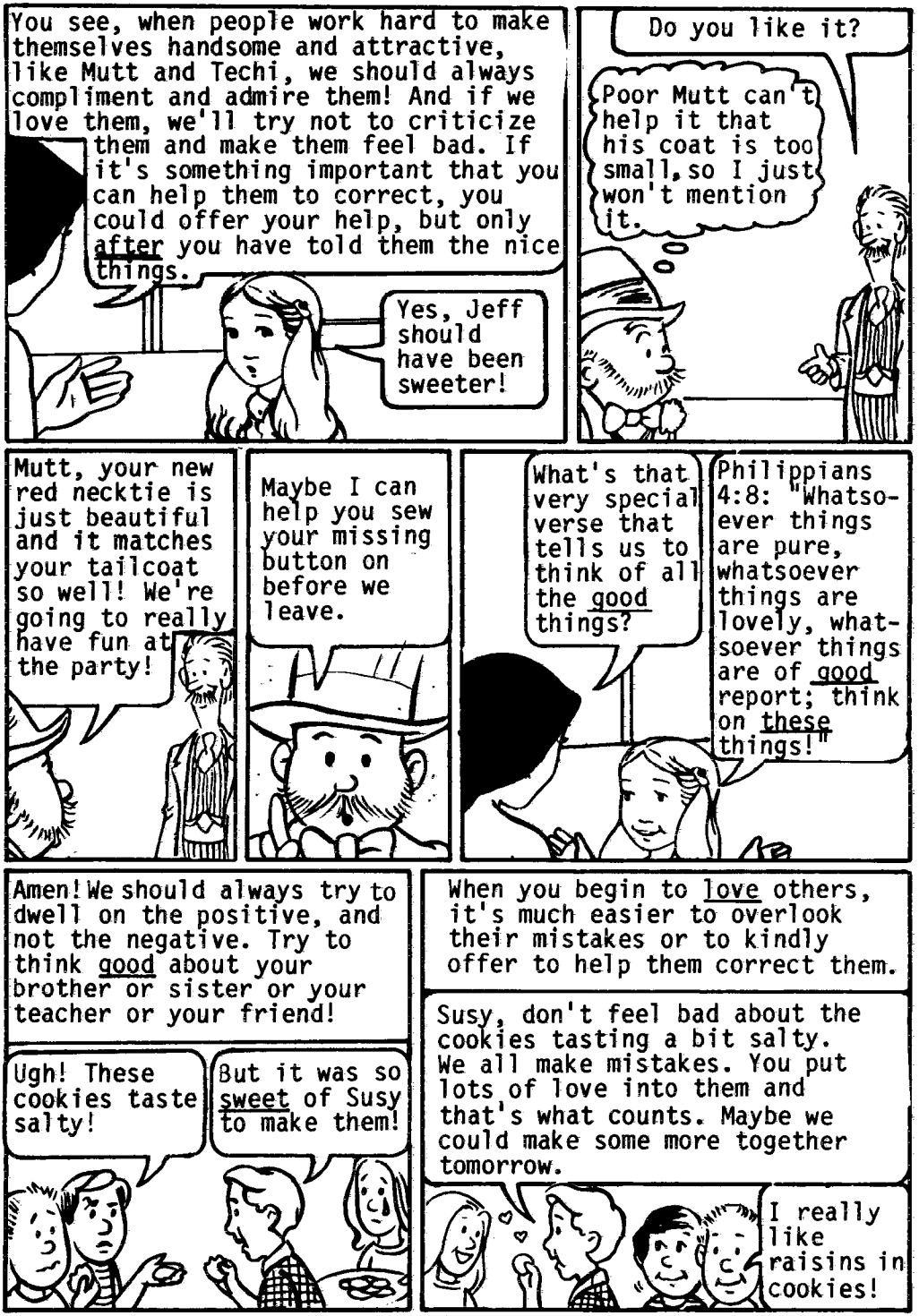
BE KIND!

--Phil. 4:8!
Think on good things!




Here, let me fix this one ribbon. You look just fine--very pretty!
Yes, that's it! There you go!
Everyone is going to say, "Gorgeous! --Look at that beautiful girl!"
Thank you, Auntie Sara!
I'm going to show my costume to Aunt Dora and to David.
Davida, Honey, it wasn't nice of you at all to tell Techi that she didn't look nice. That really discouraged her at such an important time when she was going to be a witness at our Sunday Fellowship!
Yes, Ma'am. I'm sorry.
Do you remember what Grandpa said about words?
"Words are real things. They lift up or they knock down."
That's why we should "pray before we say", because words can really hurt!
Honey, try to put yourself in Techi's place. How would you feel if somebody said the same thing to you?
I would really feel bad, Mommy.
Davida, you just look awful in that dress, and your hair is so messy!


So we must do unto others as we would have them do unto us.
(Lk. 6:31)
One of the worst things you can do is pick on every little fault and nag and discourage someone.
How would you feel if I'd say "OHHH! --that blouse! Why don't you give it away to the Ragman?"
Remember when Grandpa taught us to "Thank God for the good"?
Oh yes, the story of Mutt and Jeff!
Mutt and Jeff had been invited to a fancy party and they were both trying to look very nice, and dress in their best clothes.
My moustache is trimmed! Now I'll comb my hair!
Snip Snip
There! I finished ironing my tailcoat! Now I'll put on my brand new tie!
TIP-TOP TIES
Hey, Jeff, do you like my new red necktie? Isn't it dandy? And what do you think of my tailcoat?
Well, here's what I think.
Look, Mutt, your sleeves are too short, the jacket is tight on you, your necktie is tied wrong and you also have a button missing off your vest!
Oh, I'm sorry! I didn't realise my clothes weren't right. I guess I can't go to the party after all.


You see, when people work hard to make themselves handsome and attractive, like Mutt and Techi, we should always compliment and admire them! And if we love them, we'll try not to criticize them and make them feel bad. If it's something important that you can help them to correct, you could offer your help, but only after you have told them the nice things.
Yes, Jeff should have been sweeter!
Do you like it?
Poor Mutt can't help it that his coat is too small, so I just won't mention it.
Mutt, your new red necktie is just beautiful and it matches your tailcoat so well! We're going to really have fun at the party!
Maybe I can help you sew your missing button on before we leave.
What's that very special verse that tells us to think of all the good things?
Philippians 4:8: "Whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; think on these things!"
Amen! We should always try to dwell on the positive, and not the negative. Try to think good about your brother or sister or your teacher or your friend!
Ugh! These cookies taste salty!
But it was so sweet of Susy to make them!
When you begin to love others, it's much easier to overlook their mistakes or to kindly offer to help them correct them.
Susy, don't feel bad about the cookies tasting a bit salty. We all make mistakes. You put lots of love into them and that's what counts. Maybe we could make some more together tomorrow.
I really like raisins in cookies!

Look how Grandpa is always encouraging us and praising us for everything good we do, and not emphasizing our mistakes.

Gem, that was a delicious meal! God bless you! Don't feel bad that you burned the potatoes. The meat and veggies were just perfect!

Oh, Grandpa!--I forgot your watch!

But you remembered my glasses and that's what I needed most.

David, that was a job well done! And all by yourself, too!

But Grandpa I made a mistake.

I saw it, Son, but it doesn't really matter. And I don't think anybody else will notice.

And think how encouraging the Lord is to us! He really appreciates us and has good words for us no matter how many faults we have.

Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loveth much. (Lk.7:47)

But the Devil, he is the <u>Accuser</u> of the Saints. <u>His</u> job is to find our mistakes and accuse us of our faults to try to discourage us from serving God. He just picks and picks at all the little things that are wrong.

Do you like how I cleaned up my room?

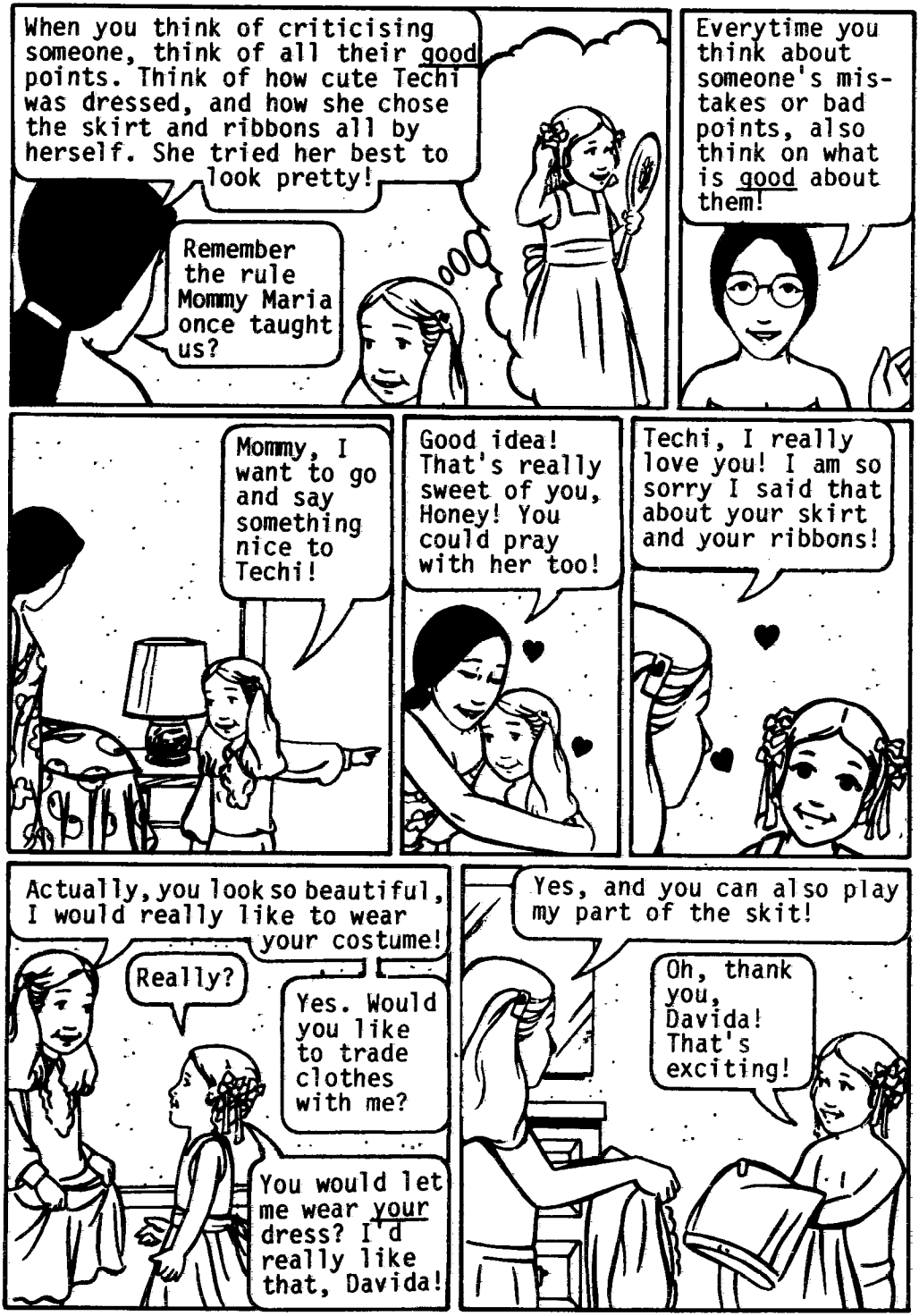
Hmmph! Look! There is still a cobweb in that corner and there's a wrinkle in the bedspread!

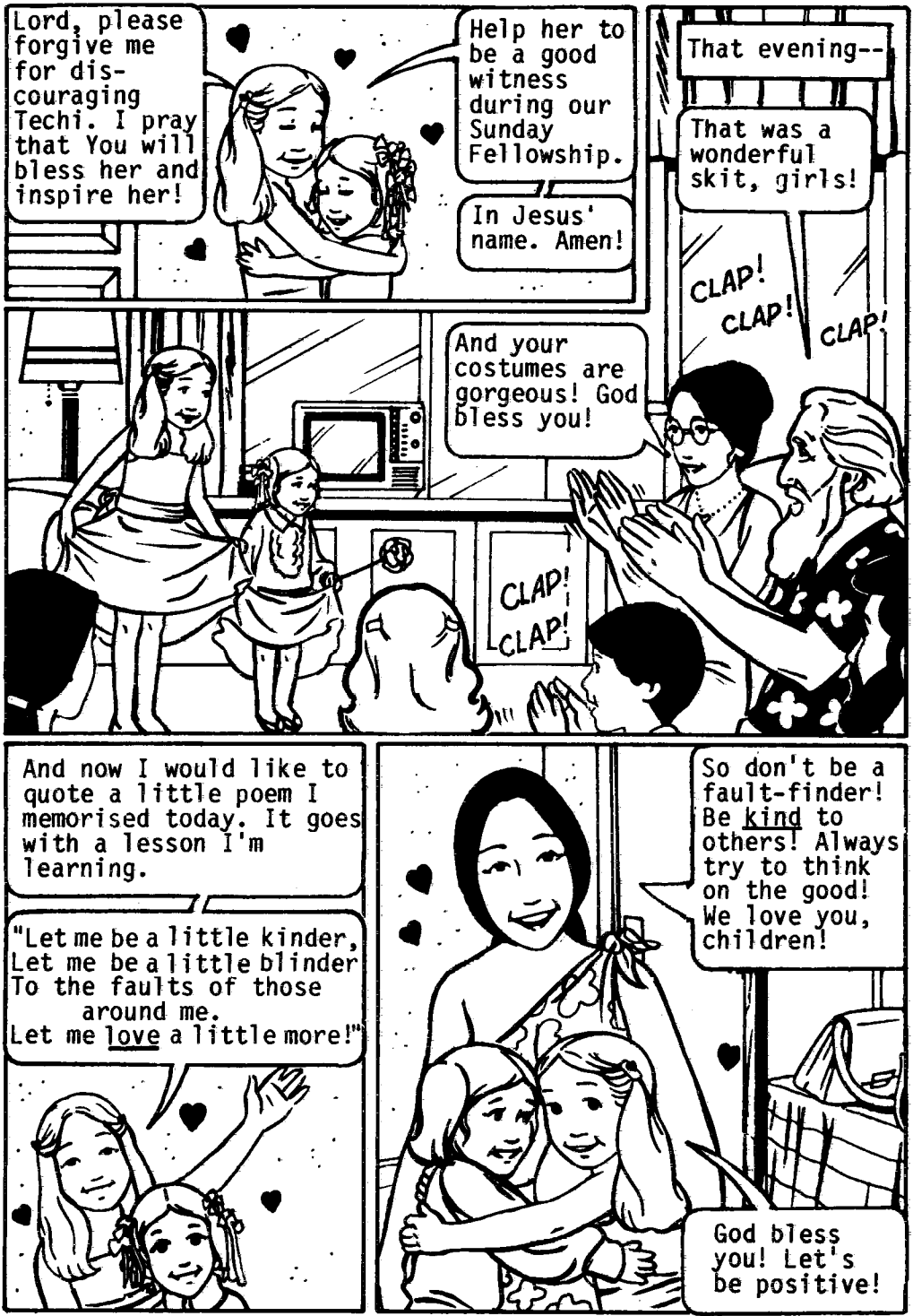
You did a sloppy job!

So when the Devil whispers in your ear to make you want to say something unkind to someone, <u>rebuke</u> him! Start praising the Lord!

You did such a good <u>big</u> clean-up job!

Praise God!


When you think of criticising someone, think of all their good points. Think of how cute Techi was dressed, and how she chose the skirt and ribbons all by herself. She tried her best to look pretty!
Remember the rule Mommy Maria once taught us?
Everytime you think about someone's mistakes or bad points, also think on what is good about them!
Mommy, I want to go and say something nice to Techi!
Good idea! That's really sweet of you, Honey! You could pray with her too!
Techi, I really love you! I am so sorry I said that about your skirt and your ribbons!
Actually, you look so beautiful, I would really like to wear your costume!
Really?
Yes. Would you like to trade clothes with me?
You would let me wear your dress? I'd really like that, Davida!
Yes, and you can also play my part of the skit!
Oh, thank you, Davida! That's exciting!


Lord, please forgive me for discouraging Techi. I pray that You will bless her and inspire her!
Help her to be a good witness during our Sunday Fellowship.
In Jesus' name. Amen!
That evening--
That was a wonderful skit, girls!
CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!
And your costumes are gorgeous! God bless you!
CLAP! CLAP!
And now I would like to quote a little poem I memorised today. It goes with a lesson I'm learning.
"Let me be a little kinder, Let me be a little blinder To the faults of those around me. Let me love a little more!"
So don't be a fault-finder! Be kind to others! Always try to think on the good! We love you, children!
God bless you! Let's be positive!

KEEP TRYING!

--"PATIENCE TAKES FAITH!"



The first thing I ever wanted to be when I was a little boy was a train driver, an operator of a big steam locomotive!

Oh! That would be fun!

Later on I wanted to be an astronomer and study all about the stars.

--Then an electronics engineer.

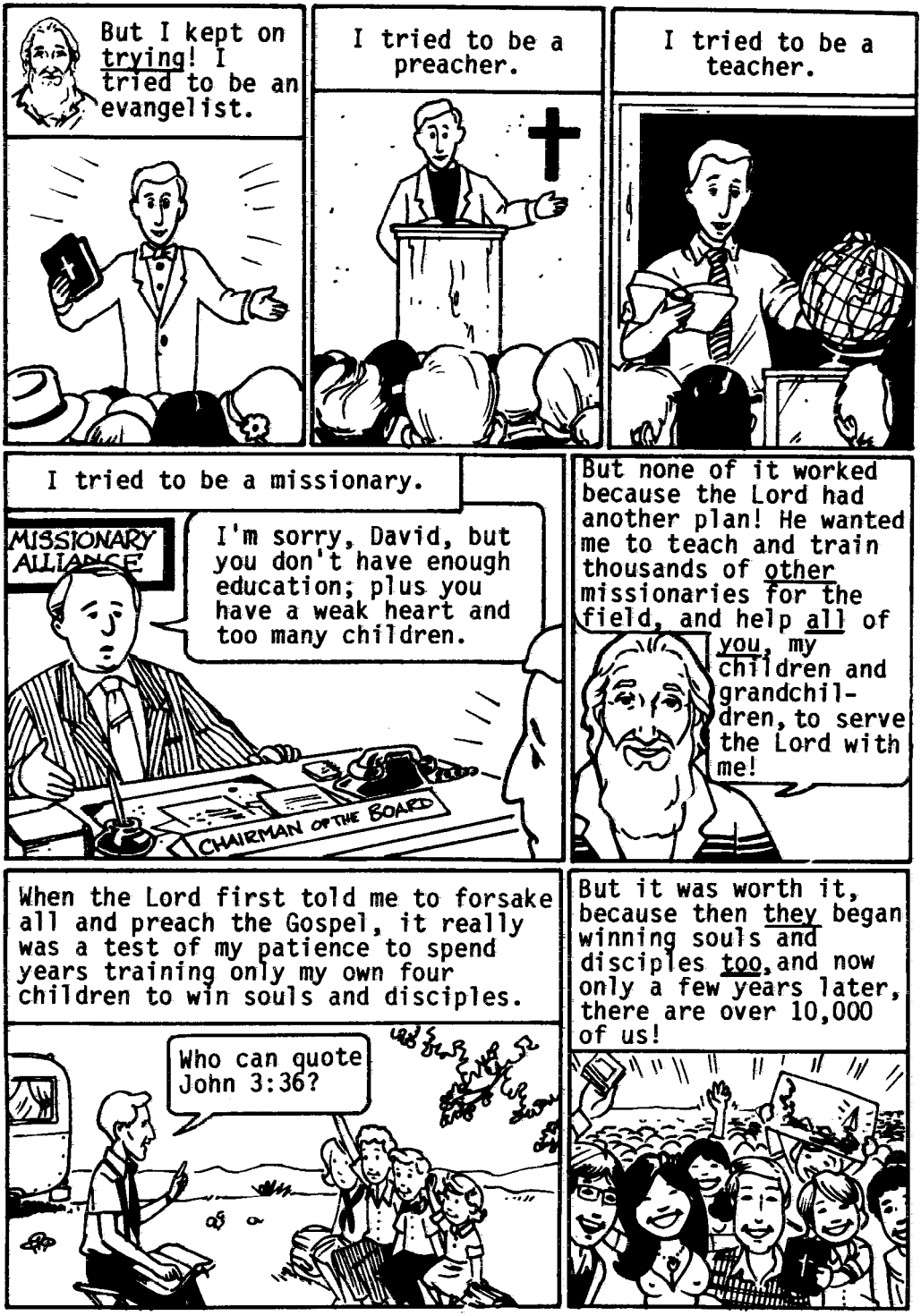
Next, a mechanic.

And after a while, a carpenter.

Oh, and then I longed to be a gardener, to work with the flowers and plants all day in the fresh air and sunshine.

Grandpa, but you are good at all those jobs!

Well, I learned a lot of different things that the Lord was able to use later. But I still hadn't found my calling, my hole. --Like those little silver balls that are still out of their holes.


But I kept on trying! I tried to be an evangelist.
I tried to be a preacher.
I tried to be a teacher.
I tried to be a missionary.
MISSIONARY ALLIANCE
I'm sorry, David, but you don't have enough education; plus you have a weak heart and too many children.
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
But none of it worked because the Lord had another plan! He wanted me to teach and train thousands of other missionaries for the field, and help all of you, my children and grandchildren, to serve the Lord with me!
When the Lord first told me to forsake all and preach the Gospel, it really was a test of my patience to spend years training only my own four children to win souls and disciples.
Who can quote John 3:36?
But it was worth it, because then they began winning souls and disciples too, and now only a few years later, there are over 10,000 of us!

Do you see what the Lord is trying to teach you with that game, Techi? --Patience!

It takes time to learn patience, just like it took Grandpa 49 years to find out what he was supposed to do!

I almost got one little ball into the hole!

RATTLE! RATTLE!

Move it like this. Keep trying!

Waiting and learning patience is part of our training! There are many examples of patience in the Bible. Who remembers one?

The story of Job!

Rattle

Rattle

Yes, Job had to learn a lot of patience. He had to keep trusting the Lord even though everything went wrong! (Job 13:15)

But in the end the Lord gave him twice as much as he had before.

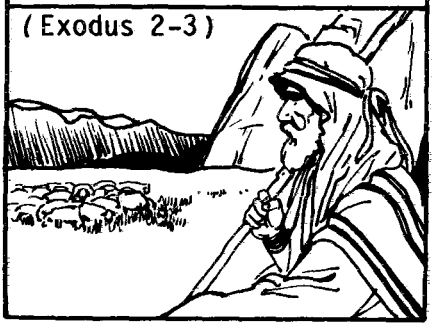
Look at the patience of Jacob. He worked 7 years for one girl; then 7 more years for another girl; and then another 7 years for the flocks. He stuck with his job for 21 years! (Gen. 29)

And think of Moses! When he was a young man, he impatiently tried to free God's children in his own strength and he failed!

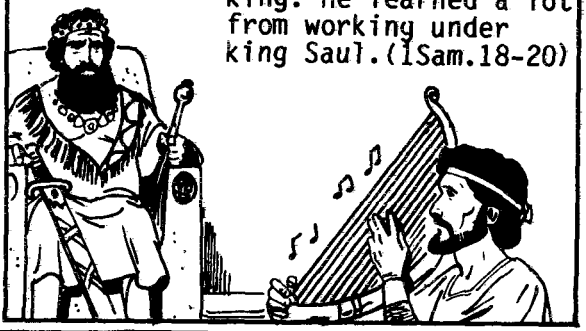
I'd better leave Egypt!

It took him 40 years of patiently taking care of sheep to learn to slow down and trust God to do the job!

(Exodus 2-3)

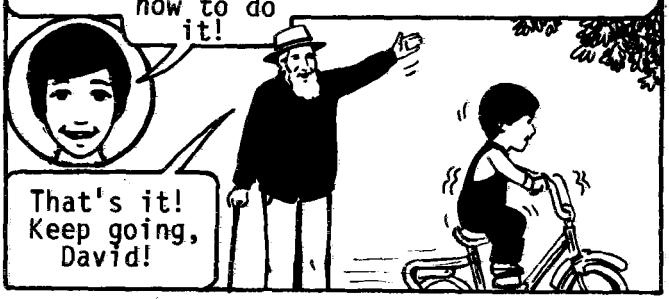


David was anointed to be king when he was just a lad, yet he had to patiently work under old king Saul for 24 years before he was ready to be king. He learned a lot from working under king Saul. (1Sam.18-20)



Yes, Techi, or like when I was learning to ride my bicycle. I didn't just give up because it was hard and I fell a few times. Grandpa encouraged me to keep on trying and practicing until I learned how to do it!

That's it! Keep going, David!



Grandpa, look! I've got one little ball in the hole!



See? You did it! I knew you could do it!

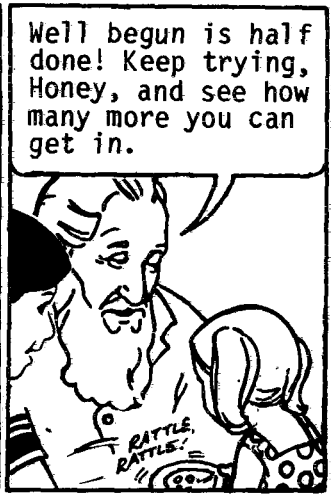
RATTLE RATTLE!

Patience really works, Grandpa!



Well begun is half done! Keep trying, Honey, and see how many more you can get in.

RATTLE, RATTLE!



Grandpa, now I've got two balls in the holes!




Praise the Lord! God gets His greatest victories out of seeming defeats, if you just keep trying and don't give up!
RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE!
Tip it a little bit this way, Techi. And if you don't get the ball in the hole, try again!
I see.
RATTLE
Like the verse, "Let us run with patience the race that is set before us"! (Heb.12:1)
Grandpa, Grandpa, now I've got four in!
That's wonderful! God bless you for helping her, David. See? You encouraged her to have patience!
Grandpa, I know another good verse: "Wait on the Lord and be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart." (Ps.27:14)
RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE!
Amen! Don't get discouraged but be of good courage!
OH, NO!
WHAT HAPPENED?
One of the little balls came out of the hole!
Don't worry about the ones that get away, Honey.


You should be so thankful for the blessings that you have, that you don't worry about the ones that you missed. Like when you go fishing.
Ha, ha! The biggest fish were the ones that got away!
Leave me alone! I refuse to be discouraged! I just thank Jesus for the ones I did catch! Hallelujah!
Later--
Grandpa, I did eight! I finished! All the little balls are in their holes!
That's terrific! See? You didn't give up! It pays not to give up!
Hallelujah! That's really good! Now aren't you glad you didn't give up?
Yes, Ma'am!
So when you're tempted to quit and get discouraged, don't give up! Just keep trying! "Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you." (Luke 11:9)
"And let us not be weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." (Gal.6:9)

LET'S BE THANKFUL!

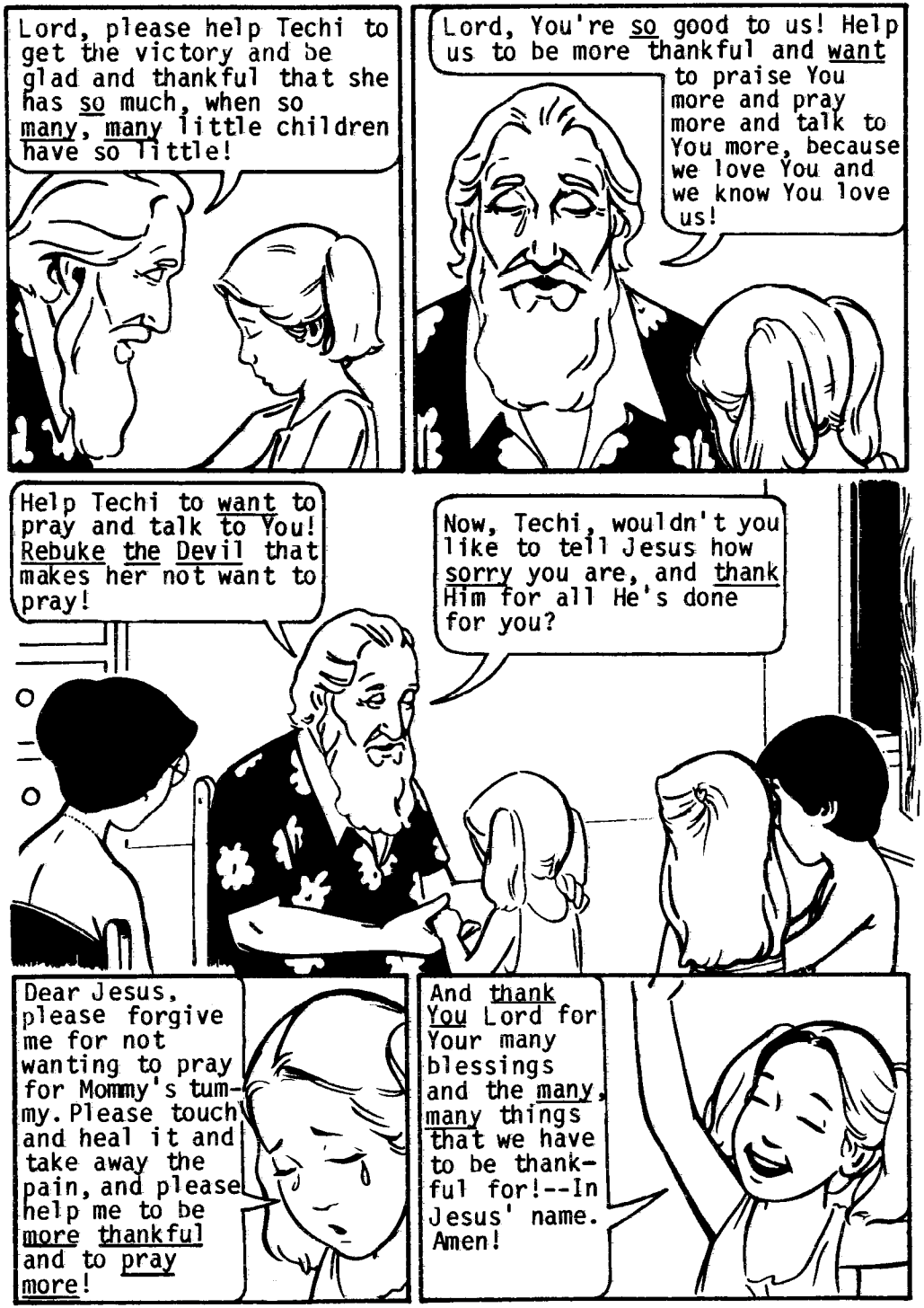



Yes, that's a good verse! What about you, Techi? Do you have a verse that you'd like to claim?
JESUS
Well, I'd like to read this book now!
Do you mean that you don't want to pray for Mommy's sick tummy?!
Techi, Sweetheart, please come and pray!
But we've already prayed so much tonight.
Sigh!
Techi! Do you want to have bad dreams and nightmares?
Oh no, Grandpa!
JESUS
Well, it's dangerous not to pray! I wouldn't want to sleep in a room with a little girl who didn't want to pray...
If you don't want to pray, you're going to have to sleep somewhere else! It's dangerous to live with people who don't want to pray!


We should be so thankful that we can pray and that Jesus hears our prayers and answers them!
Do you begrudge the Lord just a few minutes of prayer? I don't think that's very nice when the Lord is so good to us and gives us everything!
We could be having all kinds of trouble, living in places where big wars are going on!
RUN!!
BOOM!
Did you know that there are millions of little children in the World who have no home and no Mommy and Daddy! You could be starving and have no place to live or sleep!
Nobody loves me!
I'm so hungry!
Where shall we sleep, David?

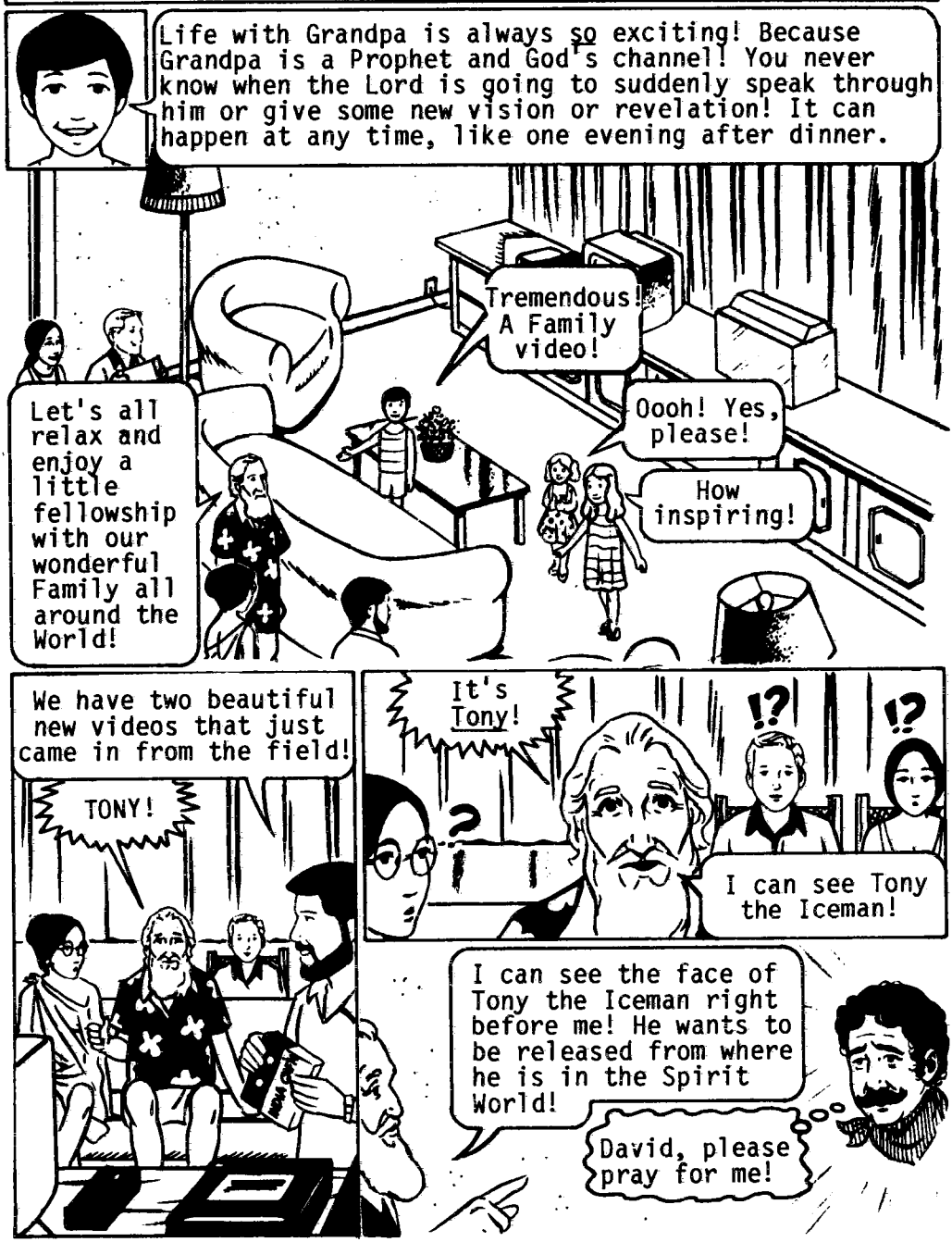

We have so much to be thankful for, and so much to praise the Lord about! Aren't you thankful for how good God is to us?
Yes, I am, Grandpa!
You have good parents and loved ones and a Family and playmates...
You have a nice safe house to live in...
...with comfy beds..
ZZZ-ZZZ
...and lots of nice things to eat!
There aren't people shooting at us and bombing us and trying to blow us up and kill us!
GET DOWN!!
BOOM!
ZING!
ZING!
ZING!

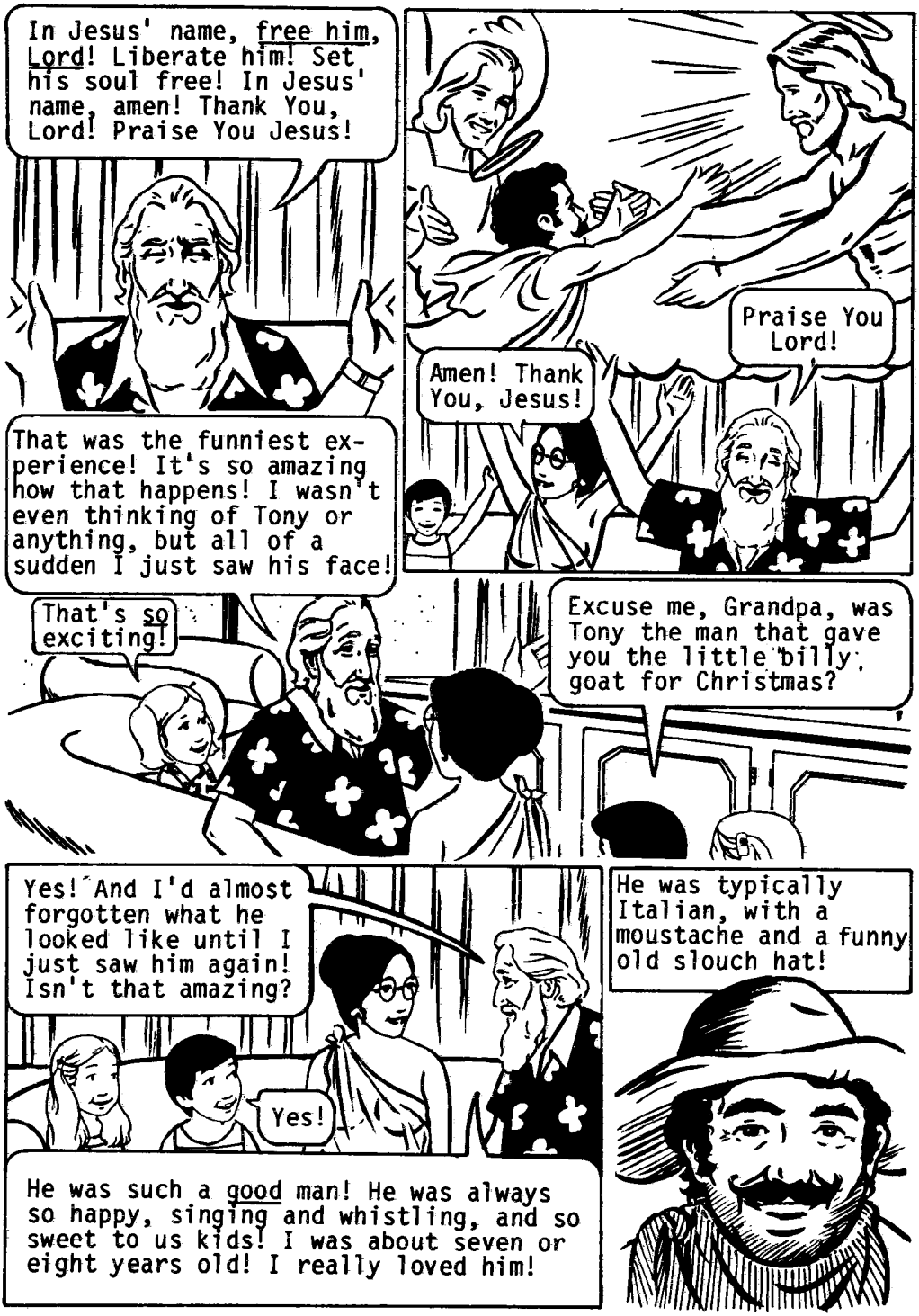

You have so much to be thankful for! You don't have to sleep on a sidewalk...
David, I'm cccold!
Here's another sheet of newspaper, Techi.
...and you don't have to look in garbage cans for things to eat!
Just this crust of bread. We'll have to share it among the three of us.
Did you find anything, David?
...And you don't have to go out in rags like so many, many poor people all over the World.
There are millions of children in the World who don't have all the blessings and things that you have, and you should be very thankful. Amen?
Amen!


Lord, please help Techi to get the victory and be glad and thankful that she has so much, when so many, many little children have so little!
Lord, You're so good to us! Help us to be more thankful and want to praise You more and pray more and talk to You more, because we love You and we know You love us!
Help Techi to want to pray and talk to You! Rebuke the Devil that makes her not want to pray!
Now, Techi, wouldn't you like to tell Jesus how sorry you are, and thank Him for all He's done for you?
Dear Jesus, please forgive me for not wanting to pray for Mommy's tummy. Please touch and heal it and take away the pain, and please help me to be more thankful and to pray more!
And thank You Lord for Your many blessings and the many, many things that we have to be thankful for!--In Jesus' name. Amen!


That's good, Honey! You're thankful and you prayed!
God bless you, Honey! I love you!...And I'm so thankful to have such a good little girl that likes to pray and praise the Lord and thank Him for things!
Jesus is so good to us!
Thank You, Jesus!
We should never be sorry we have to pray! We should always be thankful that we can pray, and we should pray many, many times a day!
Prayer is not just asking the Lord for things, but praising Him and thanking Him for the many blessings He gives us!
Aren't you thankful for how good God is to us?
Amen! So let's be thankful, shall we?

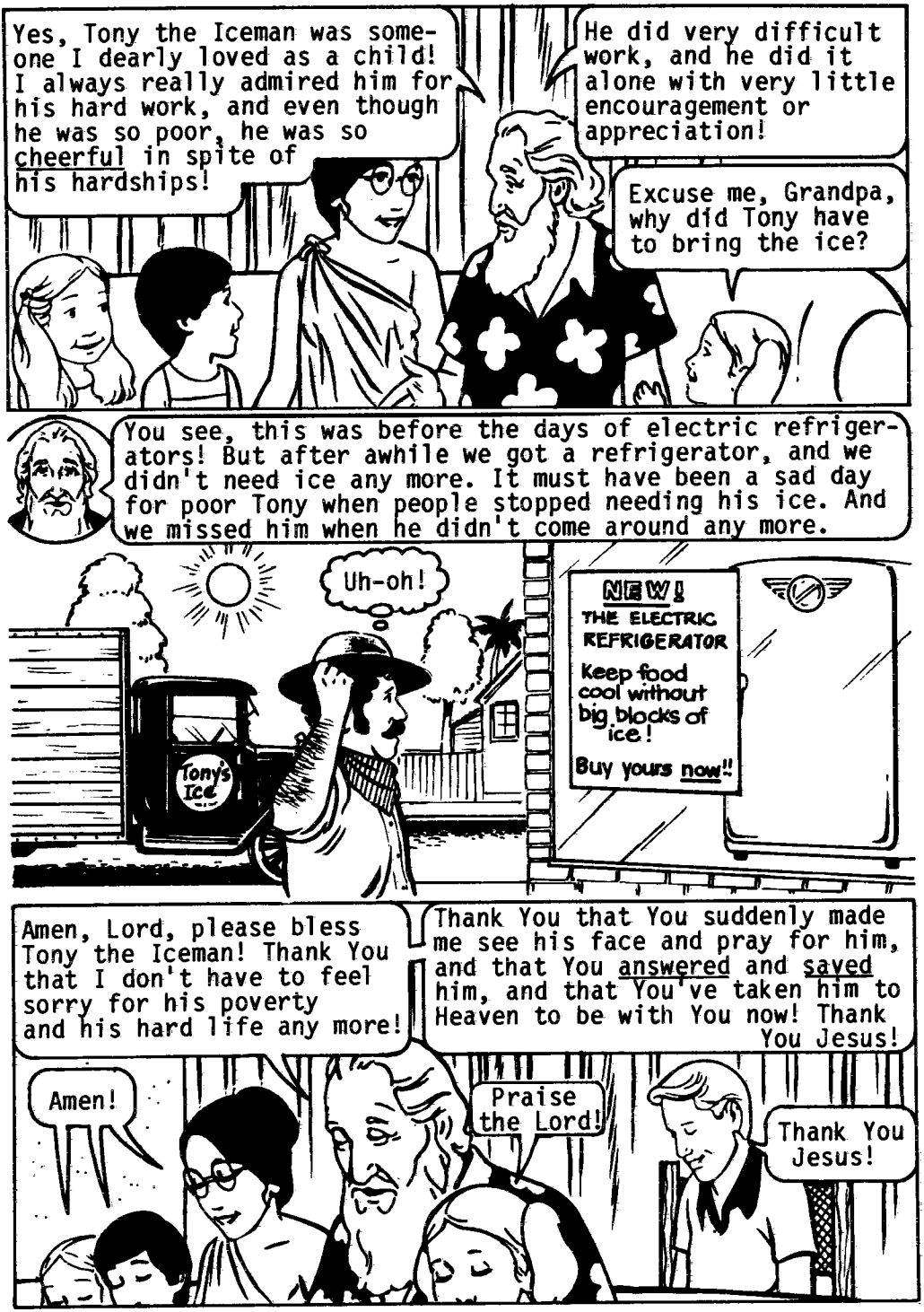
TONY THE ICEMAN!



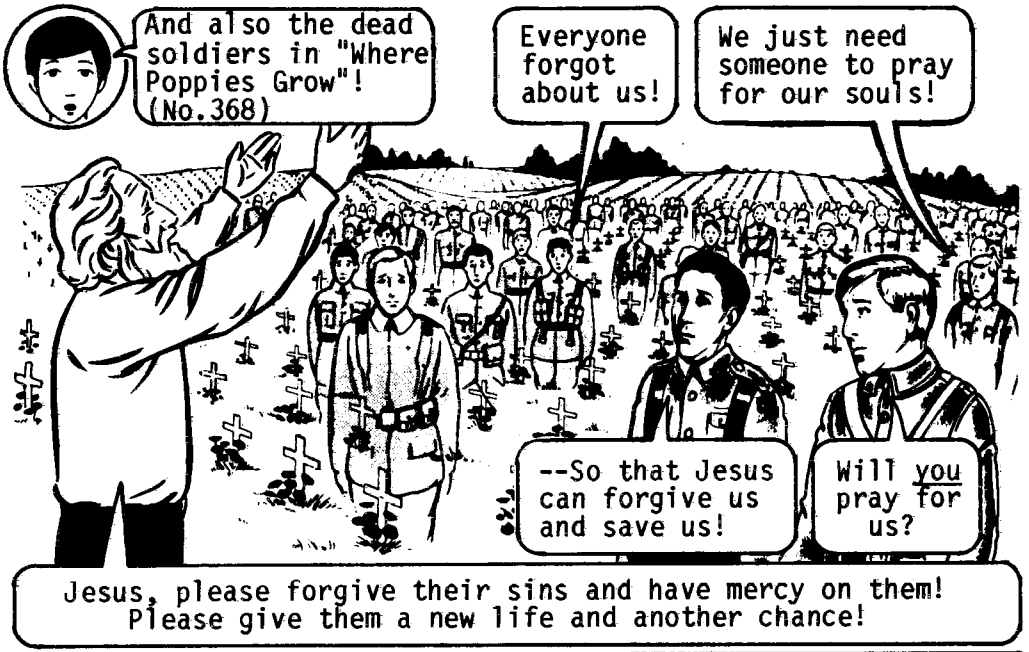

In Jesus' name, free him, Lord! Liberate him! Set his soul free! In Jesus' name, amen! Thank You, Lord! Praise You Jesus!
Amen! Thank You, Jesus!
Praise You Lord!
That was the funniest experience! It's so amazing how that happens! I wasn't even thinking of Tony or anything, but all of a sudden I just saw his face!
That's so exciting!
Excuse me, Grandpa, was Tony the man that gave you the little billy goat for Christmas?
Yes! And I'd almost forgotten what he looked like until I just saw him again! Isn't that amazing?
Yes!
He was such a good man! He was always so happy, singing and whistling, and so sweet to us kids! I was about seven or eight years old! I really loved him!
He was typically Italian, with a moustache and a funny old slouch hat!

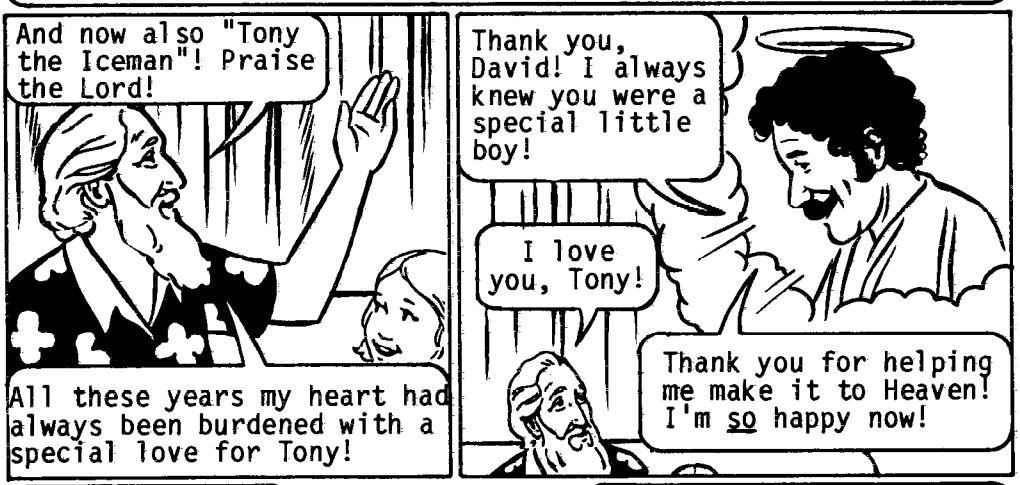

He used to wear this great big leather pouch on his back, in which he'd carry from 50 to 100 pounds of ice!
Good morning, Mr. Tony!
Hey! Bon giorno, David! Good morning! And how is my special little friend today?
Very well, thank you!
Here, let me open the door wide for you!
Grazie Tanto (Thank you so much), David!
Whew! That looks like really hard work!
There, Mama Virginia! For you! Plenty of ice!
God bless you, Tony! I don't know how you do it!--Carrying those huge blocks of ice under the hot tropical sun! I admire you!
ACME ICE BOX


Whew! It's so hot today!
Hello, Tony! Thank you for the excellent bottle of wine you gave us for Christmas!
It was a real treat!
Daddy, Tony made it himself!
You're welcome, Signore(Sir)! Tell me David, how is your little goat?
He's so cute! I've been feeding him with a bottle!
Baaa baa!
Look! Our poor old dog! The little billy goat always comes around when he's sleeping and nudges him with his tiny horns! He wants to butt and play!
Ha!
Butt... Butt!
Grrrr..
Ha! Ha!
Ha! Ha!
Ha! But dogs don't like to play like that! They don't butt with their heads like goats do!
God bless Tony for giving us this cute goat! He's so poor and yet he gives so much!
Baaa!
Tony, won't you sit down awhile and have a cool drink? You look so hot and tired!
Thank you, Signora (Ma'am)! But I've got a lot more ice to deliver before it all melts!
Bye-bye, Tony! See you again soon!
Ciao, ("Chow") David! Bye!
God bless Tony! I hope I can always be as sweet and as cheerful and as happy as he is!


Yes, Tony the Iceman was someone I dearly loved as a child! I always really admired him for his hard work, and even though he was so poor, he was so cheerful in spite of his hardships!
He did very difficult work, and he did it alone with very little encouragement or appreciation!
Excuse me, Grandpa, why did Tony have to bring the ice?
You see, this was before the days of electric refrigerators! But after awhile we got a refrigerator, and we didn't need ice any more. It must have been a sad day for poor Tony when people stopped needing his ice. And we missed him when he didn't come around any more.
Uh-oh!
Tony's Ice
NEW! THE ELECTRIC REFRIGERATOR
Keep food cool without big blocks of ice!
Buy yours now!!
Amen, Lord, please bless Tony the Iceman! Thank You that I don't have to feel sorry for his poverty and his hard life any more!
Thank You that You suddenly made me see his face and pray for him, and that You answered and saved him, and that You've taken him to Heaven to be with You now! Thank You Jesus!
Amen!
Praise the Lord!
Thank You Jesus!

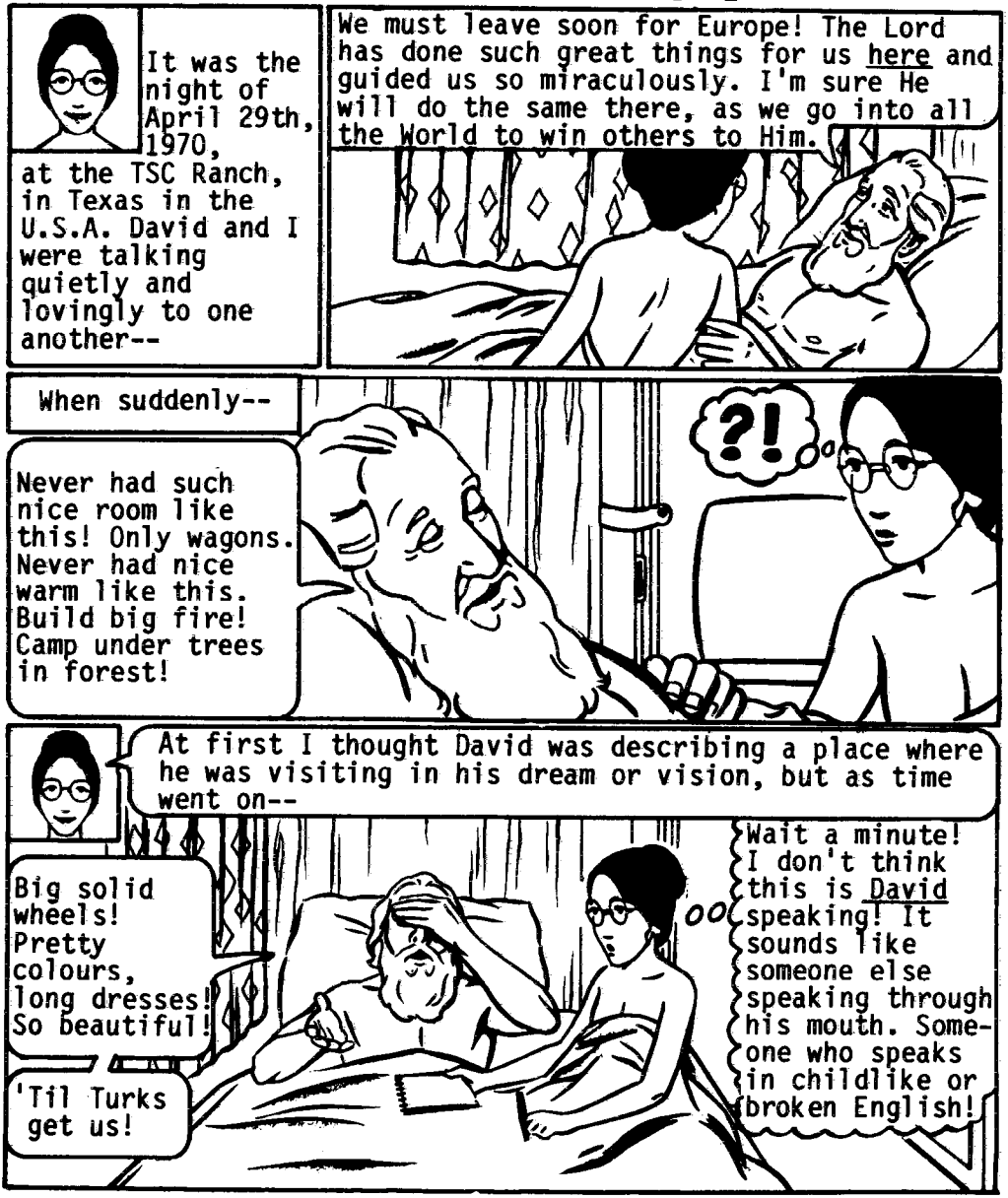

Isn't that wonderful that we can pray for people's salvation, even when they're dead, and the Lord in His love and mercy will save them!
Oh, yes!
Grandpa, you were like the "Operator"!
Right! I was Tony's "Operator", and even though he's been dead many years, I prayed for him and the Lord released him!
Like the people you prayed for and set free from the Chinese Cemetery!(No.1264)
Raise them, Jesus! Raise them by Thy mercy! Raise them by Thy love!
And the "Singapore Sailor"! (No.1262)
I've come to tell you my story, why I died here! Please pray for me!
And release me!
Yes, and there have been quite a few others that appeared to me wanting to be liberated and freed, like the sailors on the "Treasure Ship"! (No.614)
Lord, they've been down here a long time and they've finished their job! Please release them now!
We're free!
Praise God!


And also the dead soldiers in "Where Poppies Grow"! (No.368)
Everyone forgot about us!
We just need someone to pray for our souls!
--So that Jesus can forgive us and save us!
Will you pray for us?
Jesus, please forgive their sins and have mercy on them! Please give them a new life and another chance!


And now also "Tony the Iceman"! Praise the Lord!
All these years my heart had always been burdened with a special love for Tony!
Thank you, David! I always knew you were a special little boy!
I love you, Tony!
Thank you for helping me make it to Heaven! I'm so happy now!


The Bible says, "Even the spirits are subject unto us". (Luke 10:20) And "Whatsoever thou shalt loose on Earth shall be loosed in Heaven". (Mat.16:19)
Are you exercising your power to release spirits?
You have the power in Jesus' name! Use it! "Loose them and let them go"!

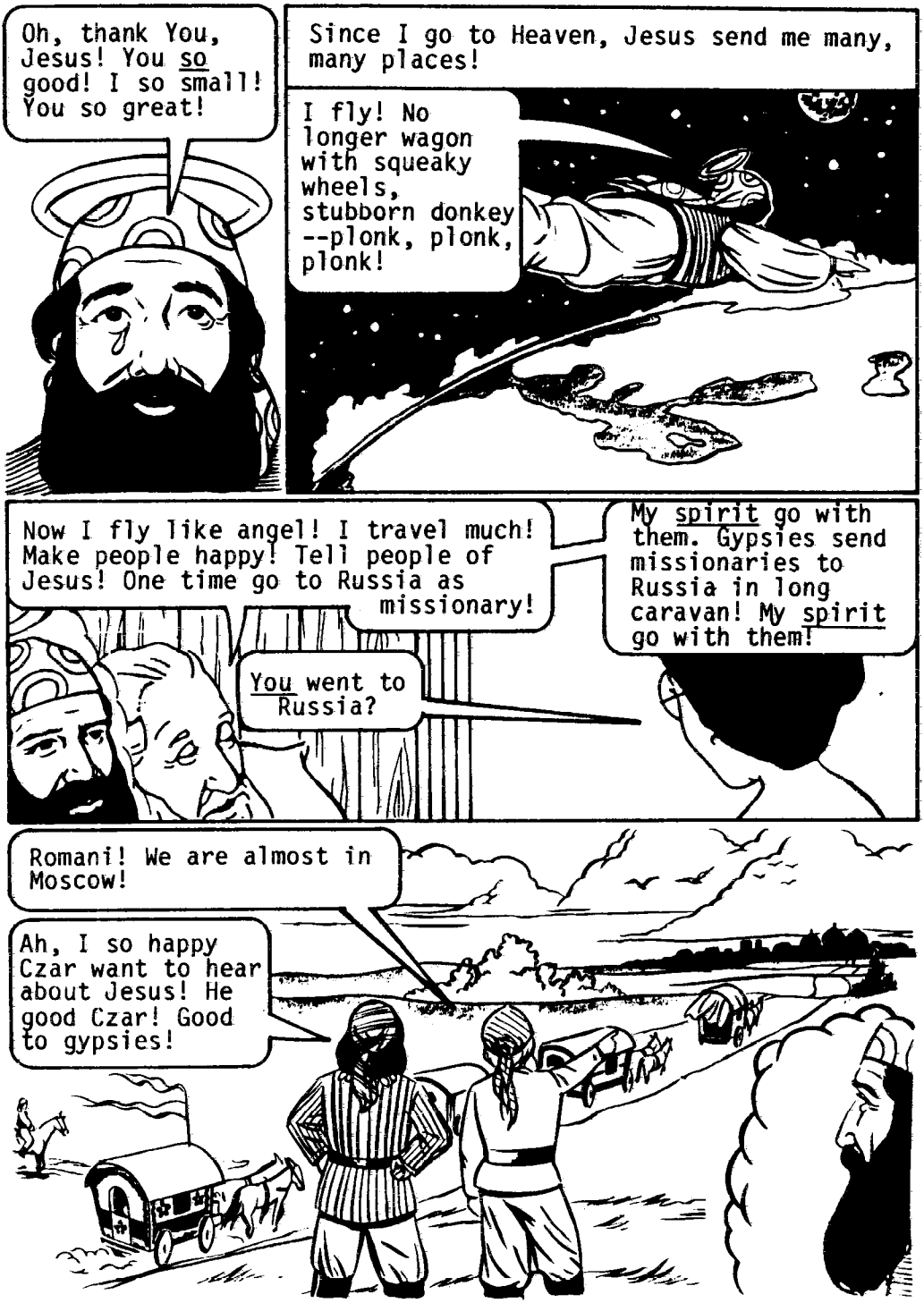
THE TRUE LIFE STORY OF ABRAHIM THE GYPSY KING!



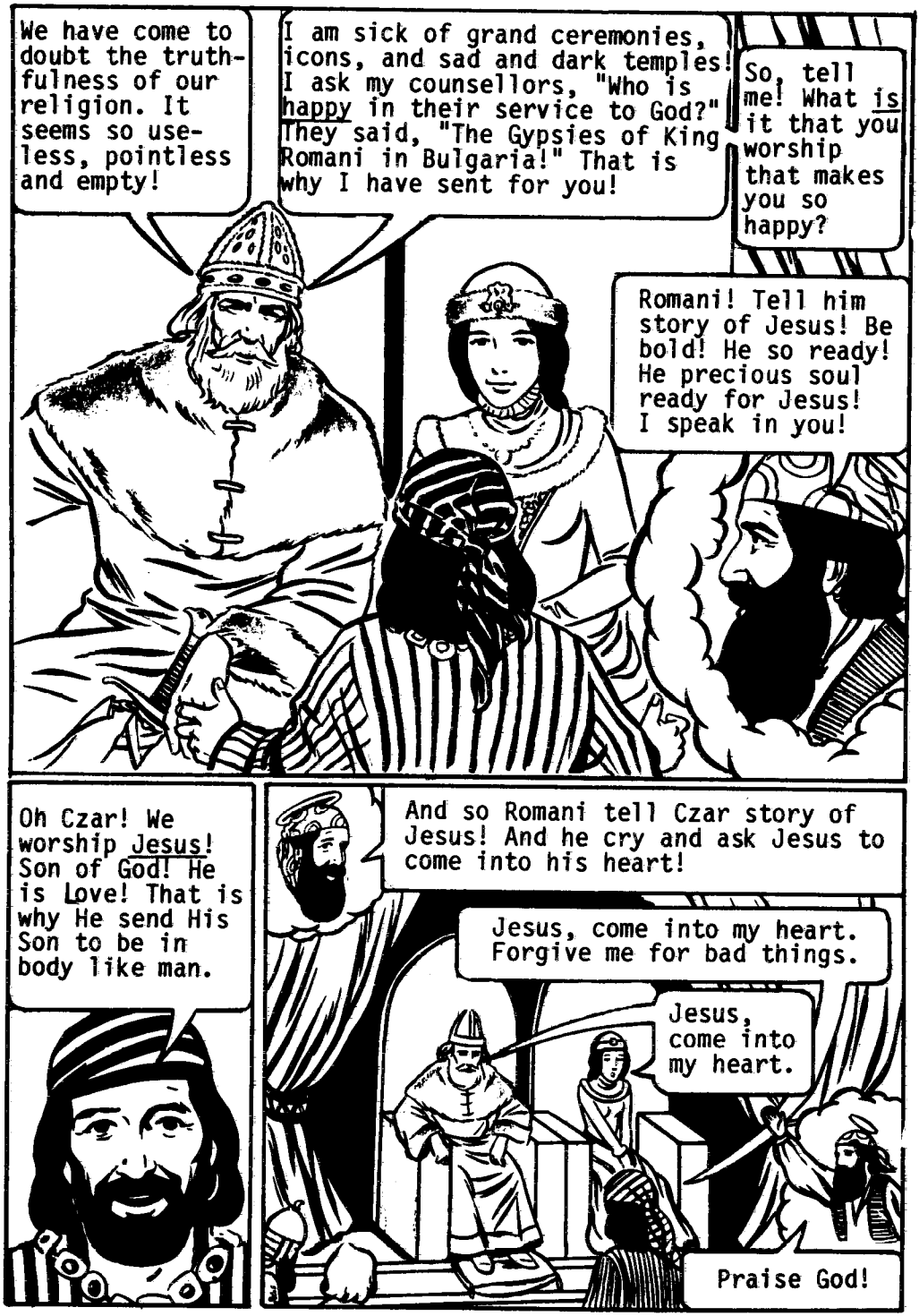

No warning! Turks come right out of woods, screaming and yelling on big horses! Wear little furry hats, and slaughter right and left with swords!
They kill me too! They cut off my head!
Yaahh!
Aylee
ABRAHIM! WATCH OUT!
Oh, Jesus! Help us!
But we go up! We all go up to be with Jesus!

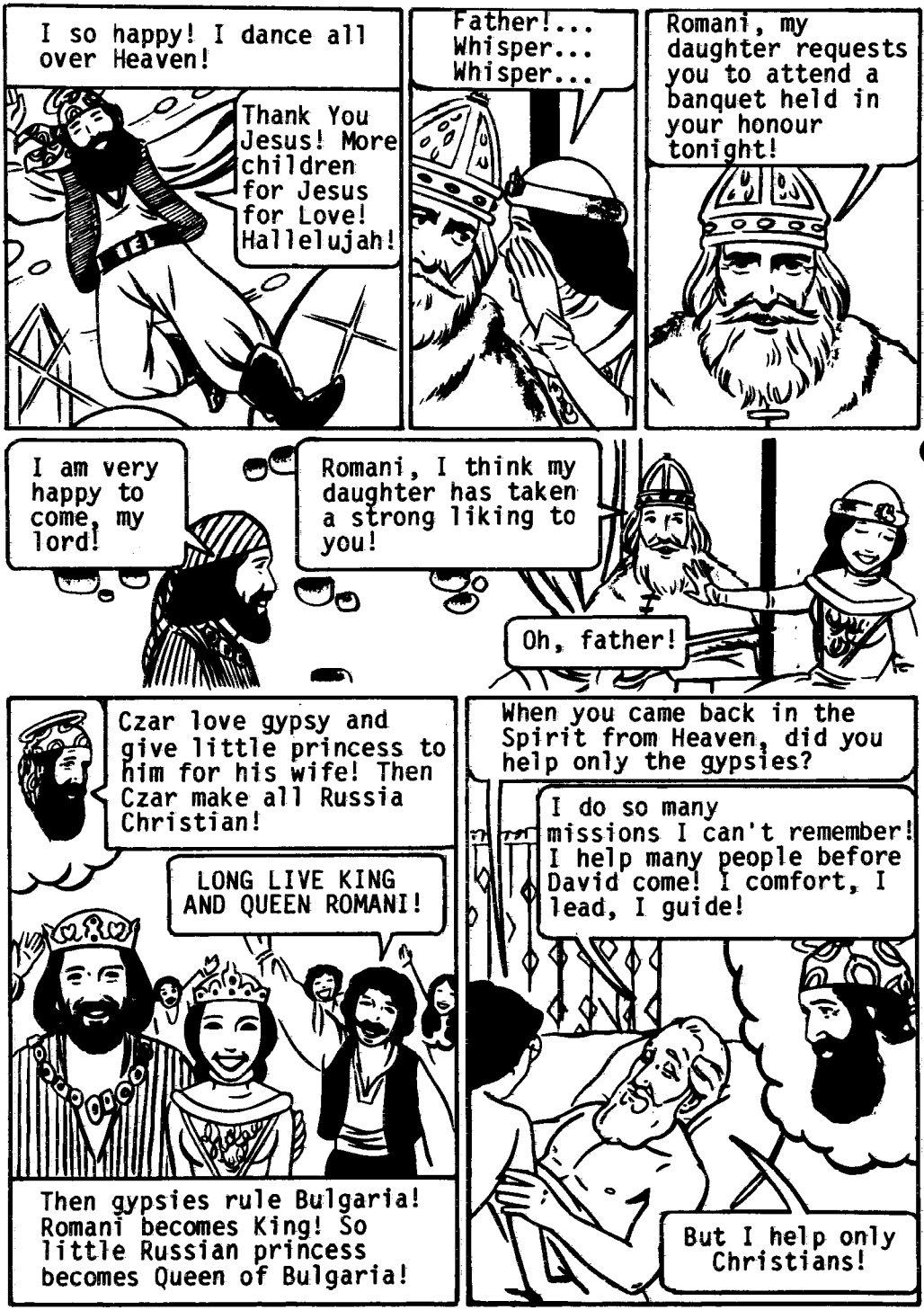

Oh, Jesus! Jesus! I come up! I come up to be with You!
Come, Abrahim! I shall take you Home, where you shall find peace at last!
Seem like yesterday when I go Home with my people!
Finish long journey! Arrive Home! Hallelujah!
Come, Abrahim, to the City of Love!
What's it like in Heaven?
Heaven is big! Lots of room!
With planets?
With stars and moon! Everything is Heaven, everything!
But Heavenly City come down from Heaven! City like big gem! Gold and diamond! Buildings like glass, like Crystal!
Heavenly City much more beautiful than anything in the World!
Even better than forest in Bulgaria!


Everybody so beautiful in Heaven! Everybody have long hair and beautiful figures! Just as Jesus make!
Everybody so young and beautiful! Nobody old in Heaven!
Everybody on some level! This level, that level, another level! Everybody different! Everybody have a different reward!
This is your level, Abrahim! This is your home, your mansion!
So big house for little Abrahim? But why?
Because you loved Jesus, and were faithful unto death! Well done, thou good and faithful servant! Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord! (Mat.25:21)
Welcome, Abrahim!
Daddy!
Mama! Papa! My children! My friends!

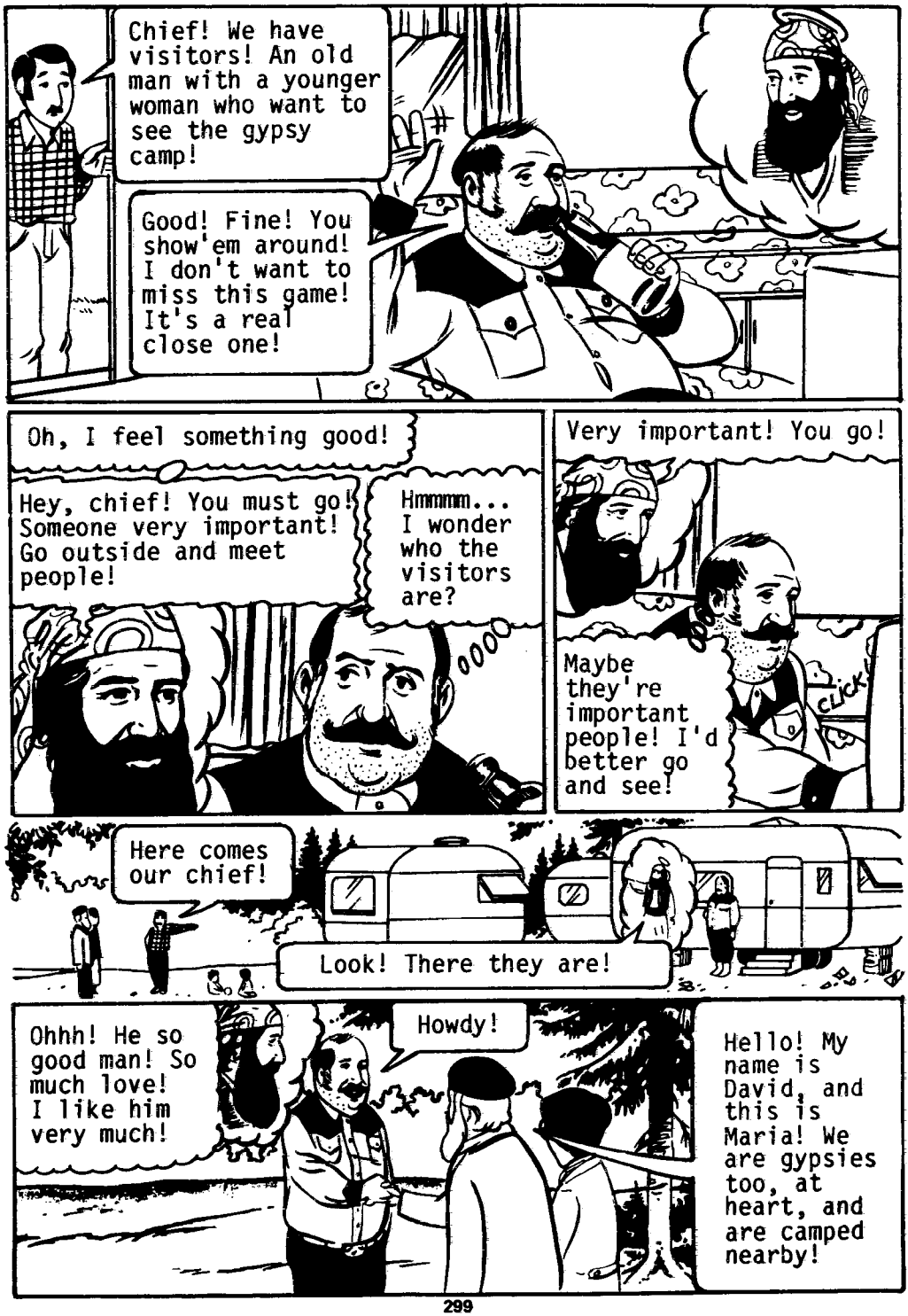

Oh, thank You, Jesus! You so good! I so small! You so great!
Since I go to Heaven, Jesus send me many, many places!
I fly! No longer wagon with squeaky wheels, stubborn donkey --plonk, plonk, plonk!
Now I fly like angel! I travel much! Make people happy! Tell people of Jesus! One time go to Russia as missionary!
My spirit go with them. Gypsies send missionaries to Russia in long caravan! My spirit go with them!
You went to Russia?
Romani! We are almost in Moscow!
Ah, I so happy Czar want to hear about Jesus! He good Czar! Good to gypsies!

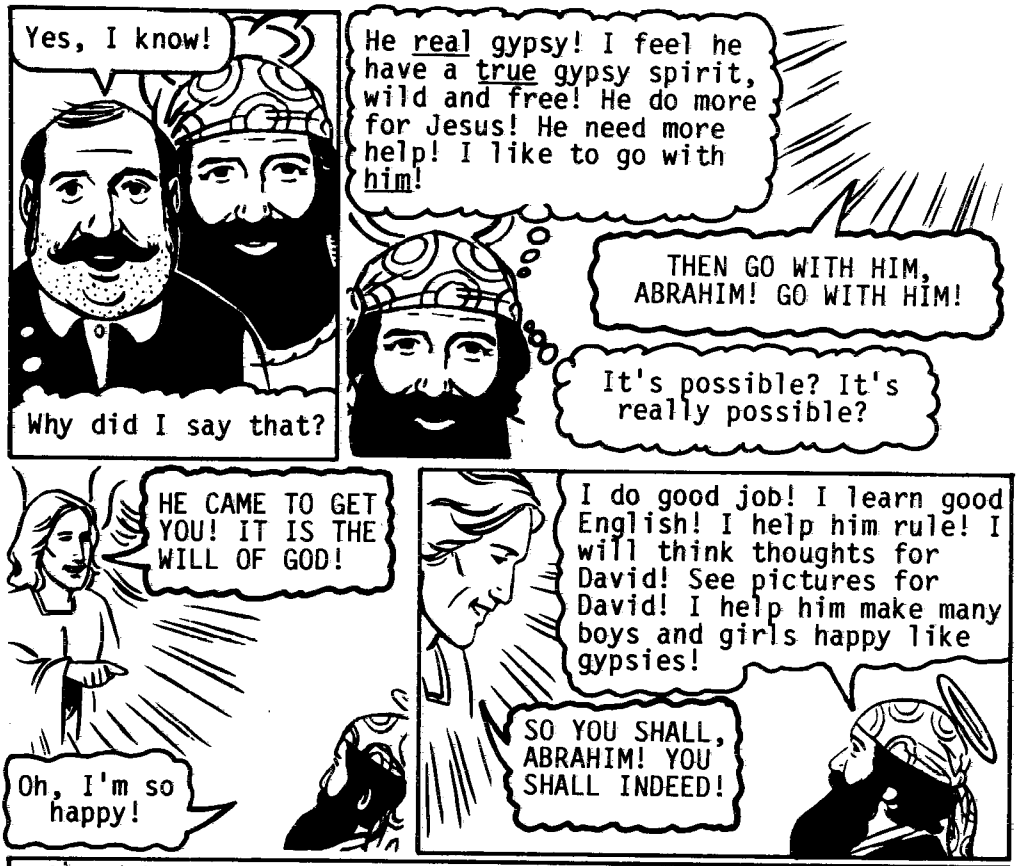

Take no thought how or what you speak! It is the Spirit that speaks, not you, Romani!
I only tool for Spirit of God! Jesus must give me words to say to Czar!
He will, O king! He faithful! He give words!
Czar say, "Come! Come!" So we go and speak to him! I help Gypsy King Romani from Spirit World say good words!
KING ROMANI OF THE GYPSIES!!
Ta-Ta Taa
Allow him to approach!
Oh, father! He is very strong and handsome!
Yes, my daughter, and I hear that he's the servant of a wonderful God!
Welcome, King Romani! Please rise!
You call for humble Romani?
Romani, I will speak frankly! I am not a happy man, and my people are not happy!


We have come to doubt the truthfulness of our religion. It seems so useless, pointless and empty!
I am sick of grand ceremonies, icons, and sad and dark temples! I ask my counsellors, "Who is happy in their service to God?" They said, "The Gypsies of King Romani in Bulgaria!" That is why I have sent for you!
So, tell me! What is it that you worship that makes you so happy?
Romani! Tell him story of Jesus! Be bold! He so ready! He precious soul ready for Jesus! I speak in you!
Oh Czar! We worship Jesus! Son of God! He is Love! That is why He send His Son to be in body like man.
And so Romani tell Czar story of Jesus! And he cry and ask Jesus to come into his heart!
Jesus, come into my heart. Forgive me for bad things.
Jesus, come into my heart.
Praise God!


I so happy! I dance all over Heaven!
Thank You Jesus! More children for Jesus for Love! Hallelujah!
Father!... Whisper... Whisper...
Romani, my daughter requests you to attend a banquet held in your honour tonight!
I am very happy to come, my lord!
Romani, I think my daughter has taken a strong liking to you!
Oh, father!
Czar love gypsy and give little princess to him for his wife! Then Czar make all Russia Christian!
LONG LIVE KING AND QUEEN ROMANI!
Then gypsies rule Bulgaria! Romani becomes King! So little Russian princess becomes Queen of Bulgaria!
When you came back in the Spirit from Heaven, did you help only the gypsies?
I do so many missions I can't remember! I help many people before David come! I comfort, I lead, I guide!
But I help only Christians!


I help Armenians to cross desert when Turks come! I help many martyrs killed for Jesus! Because I die for Jesus, I help many people die for Jesus!
Oh, Jesus! Where do we go from here?
This way! To Persia!
Then what happened to the gypsies?
Oh, my people still wander, many people wander many places! We wander in all Europe 'til sometimes we forget who we are!
Today, gypsy men drink! Wives stay home, watch television!
I was guiding spirit of gypsy king in Houston, in America! But gypsies in Houston no more gypsies! So I leave him and go with new king--David!
Good shot! Good shot!
KNOCK ! KNOCK !
Natuska, could you see who's at the door! And while you're at it, could you bring me another beer?
RARH!
AND IT'S A LONG SHOT BY McKINLEY ACROSS THE LINE
RARH!
BUGS BUNNY
Stupid imagination! Image-nation!


Chief! We have visitors! An old man with a younger woman who want to see the gypsy camp!
Good! Fine! You show'em around! I don't want to miss this game! It's a real close one!
Oh, I feel something good!
Hey, chief! You must go! Someone very important! Go outside and meet people!
Hmmmm... I wonder who the visitors are?
Very important! You go!
Maybe they're important people! I'd better go and see!
CLICK
Here comes our chief!
Look! There they are!
Ohhh! He so good man! So much love! I like him very much!
Howdy!
Hello! My name is David, and this is Maria! We are gypsies too, at heart, and are camped nearby!


Yes, I know!
Why did I say that?
He real gypsy! I feel he have a true gypsy spirit, wild and free! He do more for Jesus! He need more help! I like to go with him!
THEN GO WITH HIM, ABRAHIM! GO WITH HIM!
It's possible? It's really possible?
HE CAME TO GET YOU! IT IS THE WILL OF GOD!
Oh, I'm so happy!
I do good job! I learn good English! I help him rule! I will think thoughts for David! See pictures for David! I help him make many boys and girls happy like gypsies!
SO YOU SHALL, ABRAHIM! YOU SHALL INDEED!
♪Abrahim, watch your children play...
So God take me from old gypsies and give me to you, because you believe! Gypsies today no longer believe like in old times! They just want things! But David, he still Gypsy! His gypsies need more help!


David still travel with many, many children, like my band of gypsies in Bulgaria! Same thing! Same problems! Wheel break, car like mule, won't go, get stuck in mud! But we go! We always go!
Push!
We need more boards under the wheels!
VROOOOOOOMM!
Yes, Sir!
And so Abrahim has continued now for years to be our constant companion, guide, and helpful spiritual counsellor!
With his rich experiences of the past, and wisdom of the ages, Abrahim has been our closest spiritual friend among the many God has given us!
YOU GOTTA BE A BABY, TO GO TO HEAVEN...
David! I bring you message from Jesus!
Ahh, how wonderful!
Abrahim has stayed close by us all through these marvellous years of the exploding Jesus Revolution!


As a messenger from God, like an angel from above, he's ever with us as one of the Lord's own holy spirits, revealing to us the wonders of God, under his guiding hand!
"Behold with what love I have kissed thy father and manifested Myself unto him!"
Prophesying of the future, Abrahim once told us--
I like it here with you! But pretty soon David die! Pretty soon he go with me, by Holy Spirit from God!
Your time has come, David!
I take you home!
Halleujah! Thanks be to Jesus! Thank you, too, Abrahim!
Then you take gypsies in wagons, and you go! You Gypsy Queen! You be good Shepherdess! The Spirit of the Lord will speak through you! And they shall love their Gypsy Queen, and you shall guide them into a New World, 'til Jesus comes!
Word of God

WHERE GYPSIES COME FROM:

1. Gypsies are early descendants of Jethro the Midianite, father-in-law of Moses, one of the early Arabs.
2. Jonadab, son of Rechab, a descendent of Jethro, commanded his Rechabite tribe never to live in houses, but in tents or mobile dwellings all their lives, so they'd always be ready to move to survive. They were faithful to keep this commandment, and therefore God promised them that He would preserve them throughout all the ages!--And He has. The Gypsies are descendents of this Rechabite tribe! Some of them acted as guides for the Israelites on their march from Sinai to Canaan. They then settled in Judah.



3. The Jews eventually drove them back into Egypt where they lived as wanderers in the desert until captured by Babylonians as slaves.

4. It was in Babylon that they were first nicknamed "Gypsies," being from Egypt!
5. These "Gypsy" Arabs were then released and wandered eastward to Persia, then into
6. Northern India to which modern historians have traced them as far back as the 700's A.D.! They had a Kingdom there.
7. When kings of India drove them out, they wandered back westward to Persia, 8. Armenia, 9. Russia, 10. Romania, 11. Hungary, 12. and Bugaria. Abrahim's tribe was killed by Turks in Bulgaria in 1272, but the Gypsies have kept on the move and are now found all over the World by the millions.

ANIMAL TRANSPORTATION!

Hello, children! Are you enjoying these wonderful Grandpa stories? We're so happy that we can share them with you! One night Grandpa was reading to us from the "Children's Book of the Future"!

THE KIDZ BOF

Look!

Look! Here we are coming back with Jesus at the Battle of Armageddon, riding on Heavenly white horses, to destroy the Antichrist and his followers!

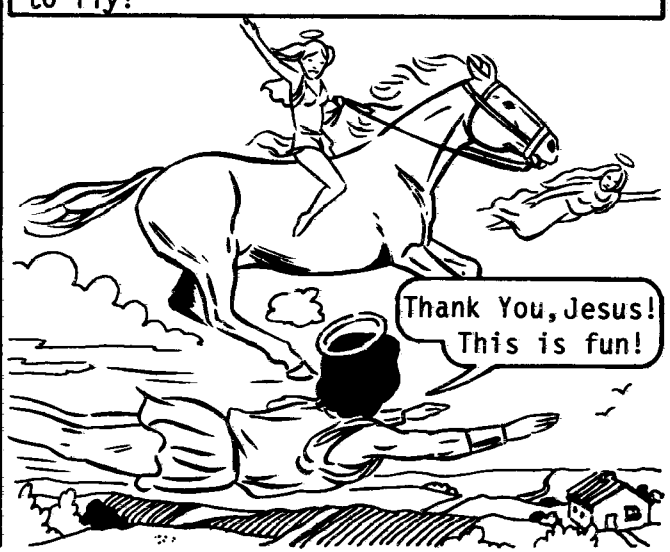


After the Battle of Armageddon is over, will we still ride on horses, Grandpa, during the Millennium?

THE

Yes, we can if we want to! For fun!

But we won't need to because we'll have our new supernatural bodies and be able to fly!



But the people on Earth will have to return to using horses and other forms of animal transportation!

Like the Lord showed you in "Psychic Sees The Future"! (No.285)

Yes, the Lord showed me a vision of these automobile assembly lines, moving in a brightly lighted factory--

Fzzzt!!....

Bang! clang!

Work faster, Men!

Then all of a sudden they just turned into carriages, wagons and buggies!

Slow down and enjoy your work, Men!

The Lord was showing me that the day is coming when they aren't going to make cars any more!

Then I saw beautiful green hills, valleys, trees and farms! Everything was peaceful! There was a man plowing with a mule with his family close by. Everything was green and growing!

Come, Dear! It's time to go home!

Then they all climbed into a buggy, and drove to a house that had old-fashioned windows with handmade glass with funny bubbles in it!

Giddyup, Old Dobbin!

Dinner's ready, boys!

The Lord also showed me the day when all the cars are going to be in the junkyard! They will be outlawed and good for nothing anymore! And the Lord said:

"Thinkest thou that in the Golden Age of Pureness that shall come shortly, that there shall be these foul things which contaminate My pure air, that slay more than they that die in battle?--Nay, it shall not be so!"

"But rather thou shalt ride within the slow and ponderous, time-consuming vehicles of the past and future, drawn by those peaceful beasts of burden which My hand hath created, according to the beautiful things which I have made for the Age of Peace that is soon to come!"

Good morning, Rajiv!

Hello, Kumar!

Yes, the days are coming when no one is going to move rapidly except <u>us</u>!

THE KIDZ MOP

We'll be able to travel at the speed of <u>thought</u>!

Yes! All you'll have to do is <u>think</u> yourself someplace and you'll be <u>there</u>!

Can you give this message to Chang on his farm in South China?

Yes, Sir!

POOF!

Hi there, Mr. Chang! I've got an important message for you!

PING!

Yes, the World's people will be pretty well tied down! They won't be able to travel about so much and cause so much trouble and damage! They'll have to jog along with horses and buggies, and riding on camels and donkeys, like people have done for 1000's of years, and still do in poor countries today!

When you travel like that you really have a lot of time to think & to admire God's Creation & fellowship with each other!

Thanks for the lift into town, Ned!

You're welcome! We'll have time for a nice chat!

People think we couldn't possibly get along without cars and airplanes, but if we didn't have them, everybody wouldn't be in such a hurry to get places!

Now that the cars are all gone, it feels so safe to walk the streets! --So quiet too!

Adios!

Adios, Juan! See you again next week!

Instead of flying on airplanes, you could spend a nice little vacation on a sailing ship!

We'll be in Japan in 3 weeks!

Thank You, Jesus! We'll have lots of time to rest, read and pray!

Look! Dolphins!

Did you know that the art and skill of sailing has not been lost? People still learn to sail as a sport today! They also still make buggies and carriages!

Because people are going to have to travel like that in the Millennium!

Right! So don't you think we should learn a bit about these things? Wouldn't you like to learn about the transportation of the future?

Oh yes, please, Grandpa!

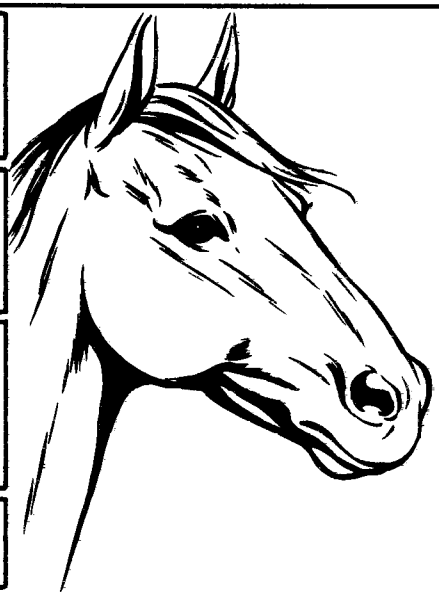
HOW GOD MADE THE HORSE:

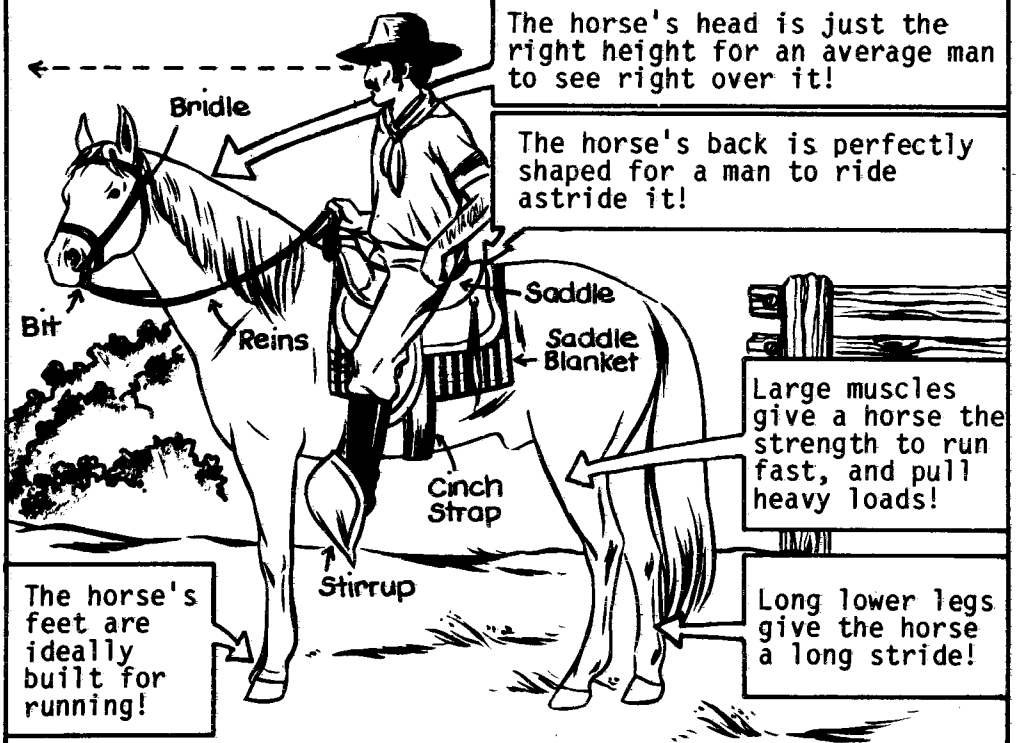
Horses have very sharp hearing and can move their ears to catch sounds from almost any direction!

Horses have larger eyes than any other animal! They can see very well in both daylight and the dark!

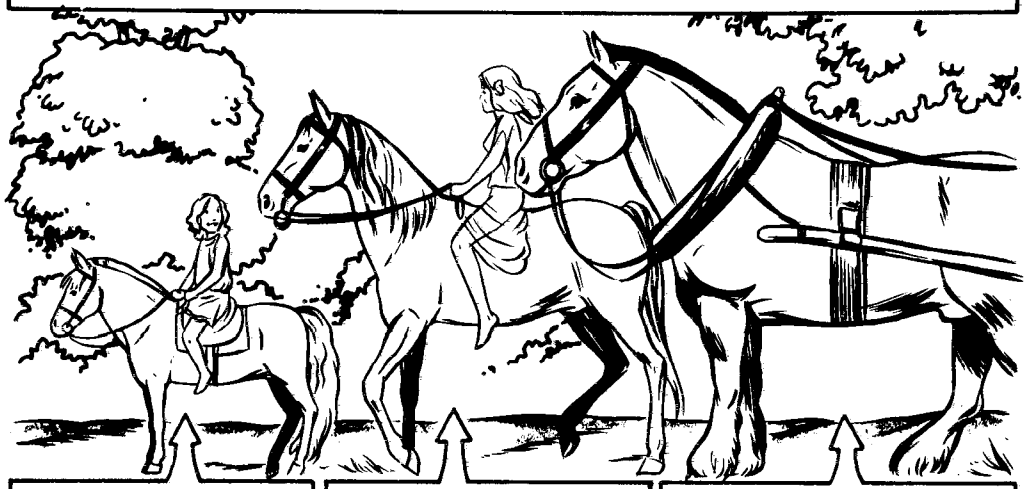
Horses have a large field of vision! They can look forwards with one eye and backwards with the other at the same time!

Wide nostrils help a running horse breathe easily!





Horses are prized for their strength, speed and beauty! Before the automobile, horses provided the fastest and surest way to travel on land! God made the horse well-suited for working and running, and perfectly designed for man to ride!



PONIES

A pony is any horse that is less than five feet ten inches tall. They usually weigh less than 800 pounds. Most ponies are good horses for children!

LIGHT HORSES

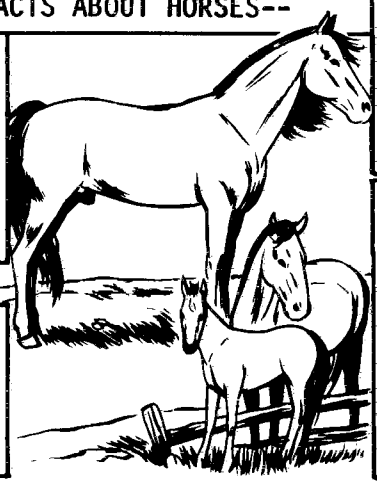
These have small bones and thin legs and weigh less than 1,300 pounds. They make good riding horses and can pull coaches and buggies!

HEAVY HORSES

These have large bones and thick sturdy legs. Many weigh more than 2,000 pounds. They are good for farm work and pulling ploughs and heavy wagons!

OTHER INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT HORSES--

God gave most horses good memories, and they can be easily trained to quickly obey commands! Most horses are eager to obey their masters!



Horses do not eat meat. They eat grass, grain and hay. Horses usually live to be about 20 years old.

A male horse is called a "stallion", a female horse a "mare", and a baby horse a "foal".

Throughout history the horse has been a partner and friend to man, giving him power and speed, helping him farm, carry passengers and soldiers and explore new lands.

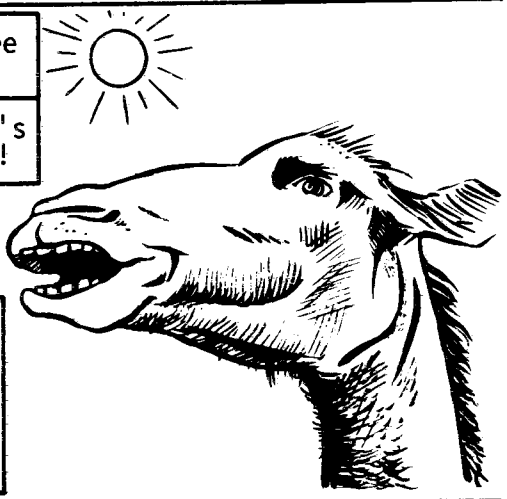
HOW GOD MADE THE CAMEL:

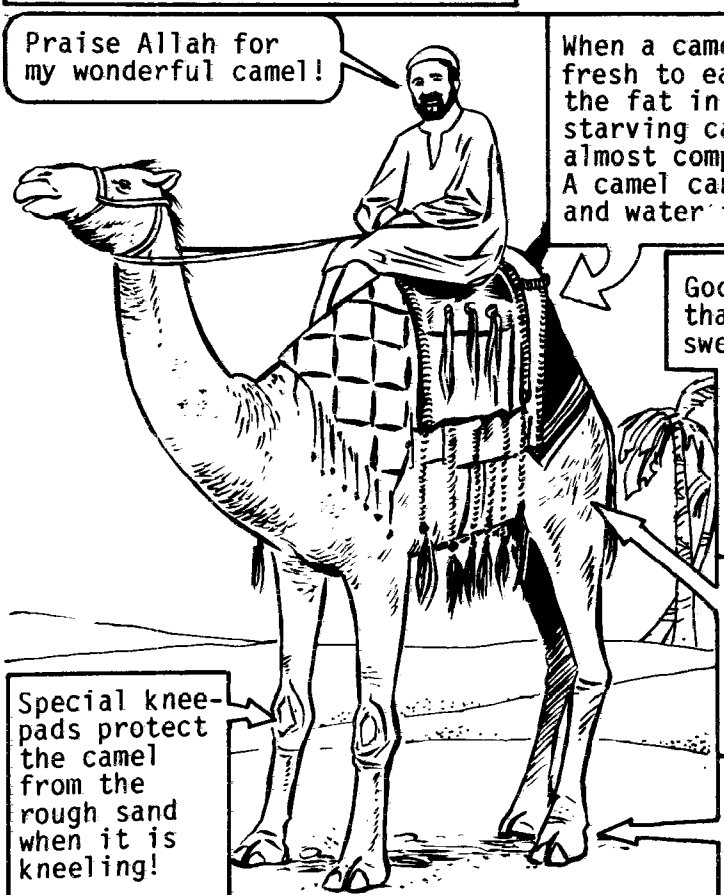
High-set eyes help the camel see for long distances!

Long eyelashes shield the camel's eyes from the fierce desert sun!

The camel's nostril slits can be closed during a sandstorm to keep out the sand!

The camel has strong, yellow teeth which can chew almost anything! It will eagerly eat bitter, thorny shrubs, and even bones and blankets! Nothing seems to give him indigestion!





When a camel has nothing fresh to eat, it lives off the fat in its hump! A starving camel's hump will almost completely disappear! A camel can go without food and water for many days!

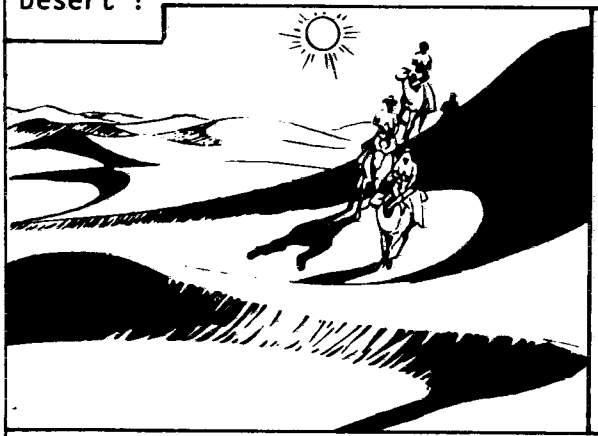
God made camels so that they hardly sweat at all. So the camel stores in its body most of the water it drinks instead of sweating it out!

A camel's thick hairy coat protects it from extreme temperatures and blowing sand!

Special knee-pads protect the camel from the rough sand when it is kneeling!

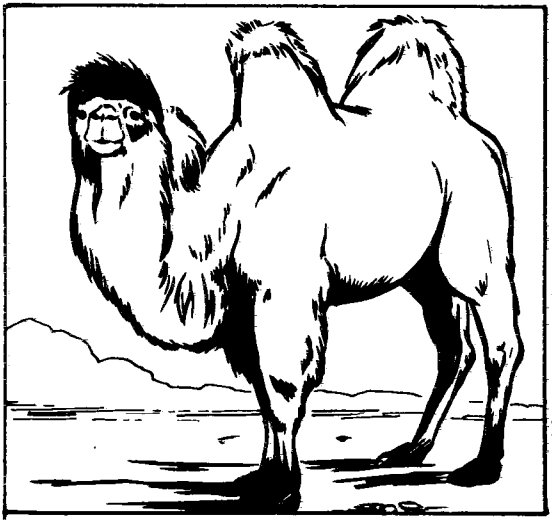
Wide 2-toed feet keep it from sinking in the desert sand!

Camels are one of the most useful animals that God made! Without the camel, man could not travel over the great deserts of Africa and Asia! Camels are sometimes called "The Ships of the Desert"!





Pack camels move slowly, but surely! They can travel about 25 miles a day, carrying up to 1,000 pounds of baggage!



There are 2 types of camels: The Arabian Camel (above) has one hump. It is found mainly in the desert countries of North Africa and Arabia!

The Bactrian Camel (left) has 2 humps. It has shorter legs and is heavier than the Arabian Camel, It lives in the countries of North Central Asia. (See Map.)

Camels are known to be sad, sullen and mean! They have very bad tempers and nothing seems to make them happy. They will often kick and bite for no reason, and murmur and whine when being loaded! However, once started, the camel patiently carries its load for long distances. The camel is the chief reason that people can live in desert areas!



They need me! They can't do without me!

HOW GOD MADE THE ELEPHANT:

The elephant smells, drinks and feeds itself with its trunk! No animal has a better nose!

Elephants have the largest ears in the World! They constantly move them and use them as fans!

The elephant's trunk is strong enough to pick up a 600 pound log, yet skillful enough to pick up a peanut!

Elephants use their tusks to dig for food and to fight. With their tusks they can carry a load weighing up to a ton!

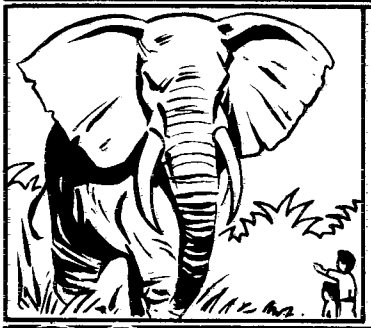
The elephant's trunk is about six feet long and has 40 thousand different muscles!

Elephants are especially useful in moving logs! They can work on rough ground or in thick forests where big machines cannot go! The elephant will put the log down exactly where it is told to!

The average male Asian elephant is nine feet tall at the shoulder, and weighs between 7,000 and 12,000 pounds. It lives in parts of India and Southeast Asia.(See map pg.318)

The elephant is the largest and most powerful animal that lives on the land! Trained elephants are usually docile, obedient, loyal, and affectionate! They are still used as work animals in Asia and Africa today. Elephants were once used as personal transportation by Indian maharajahs* and princes!

* The title of a ruling prince in India.



The African Elephant (left) is larger, fiercer, and more difficult to train than the Asian Elephant. An average male African elephant stands about 11-1/2 feet tall at its shoulder, and weighs from 12,000 to 14,000 pounds. They mainly live in areas of Africa South of the Sahara Desert. They have larger ears than the Asian elephants and are dark grey.



A herd of elephants can go through the jungle with surprisingly little noise! They usually shuffle along single file!

An elephant feels with the sensitive tip of its trunk, and uses it to caress its mate or its young! Elephants "kiss" by putting the tips of their trunks in each other's mouths!



Elephants are the best swimmers of all land animals.

Elephants eat up to 600 pounds of grass, leaves and small branches a day! To do this they must almost constantly be eating!

An elephant can also use its trunk as a trumpet, or to give itself a shower!



Usually the same driver or "mahout" stays with the elephant for its whole life! The mahout guides the animal by giving it signals behind its ears with his feet! A well-trained elephant can learn to obey about 30 different spoken orders!

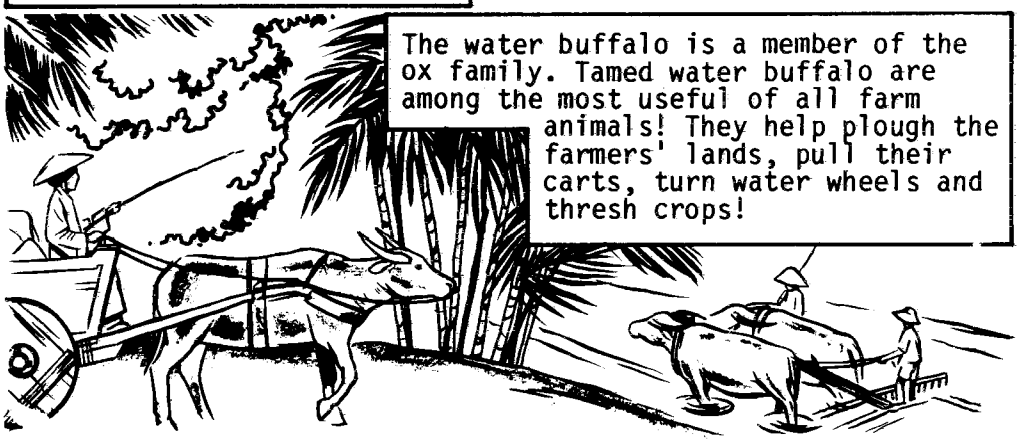


HOW GOD MADE THE WATER BUFFALO:

With its smooth, curved horns, a water buffalo can fight off a wild tiger!

The water buffalo's strong muscles provide more than 90% of the agricultural power in Southeast Asia!

They can work in mud and flooded fields where other animals cannot find footing!



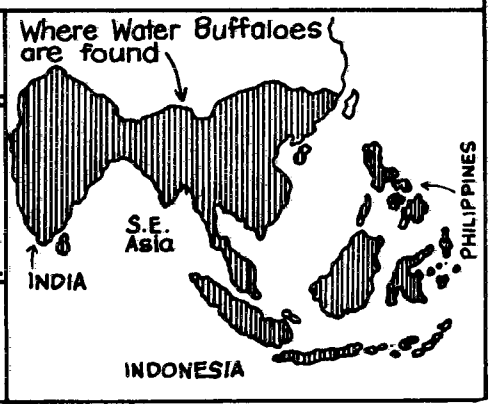
The water buffalo is a member of the ox family. Tamed water buffalo are among the most useful of all farm animals! They help plough the farmers' lands, pull their carts, turn water wheels and thresh crops!

These age-old residents of the Third World rice paddies are called "water buffalo" because they like to wallow in water and mud for a large part of the day!

They produce 70% of the milk in India!

Almost all of the World's 130 million water buffaloes are in Asia, where they are still used in the same way as their ancestors were thousands of years ago!

When its working life is done, the buffalo can be sold for its meat and hide.



HOW GOD MADE THE DONKEY:

The ass, or donkey, with its perky, jerky ears and big, innocent eyes, and cuddly oversized head, has been transporting man and his belongings since the beginning of Time.

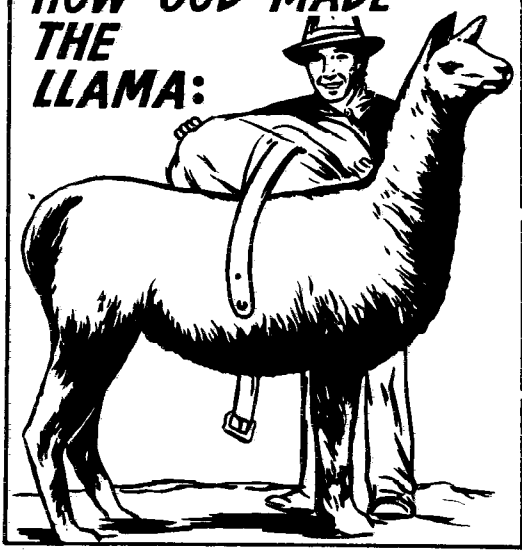
This simple, humble, trusty little beast carried Mary to Bethlehem, Jesus to Jerusalem, and followed Don Quixote and Sancho to battle! Donkeys have the reputation of being able to go anywhere and carry anything!



There are several types of donkeys. People use light speedy donkeys for riding, and the larger, heavier ones for pulling carts, or carrying loads.

Donkeys are smaller and sturdier than horses. They stand about four feet tall. They do not require as much care or good food as horses do.

HOW GOD MADE THE LLAMA:



The Llama is the famous beast of burden of South America! They are found all over the Andes mountains. They provide the mountain Indians with transport, food and clothing.

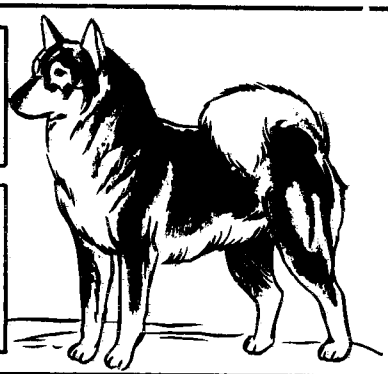
Llamas are most useful as a pack animal. They are very sure-footed on the mountain trails! They can carry a load of about 100 pounds!

They are hardy animals that can live for weeks without water. Like camels, llamas are very stubborn and temperamental!

HOW GOD MADE THE ESKIMO DOG:

The Eskimo Dog is a name given to three rugged breeds of similar dogs: The Eskimo, the Alaskan Malamute, and the Siberian Husky. Because they are stocky and small they can move over ice and snow easily! They weigh about 85 pounds when fully grown!

Their feet are large and hairy so they will not sink in the snow!



Their furry outer coats keep them warm so that they can sleep in snow!

They carry their tails up in the air so they won't get hardened by frozen snow.

A second inner coat of fine hair stops them from ever getting "soaked to the skin"!

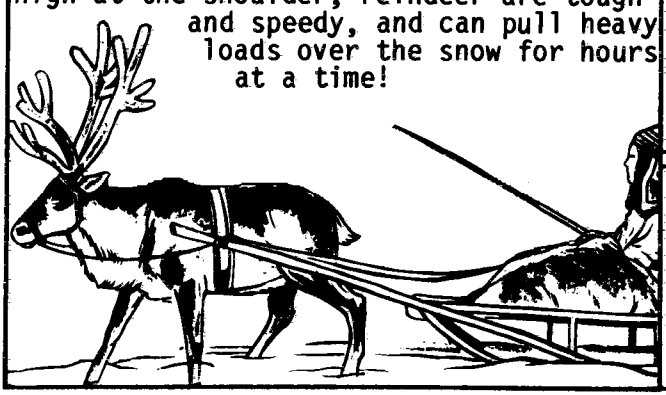


Ten dogs can pull a load of 1,000 pounds 25 miles in one day!

In the arctic areas of Alaska, Canada and Siberia, dog sleds are often the only way to travel in the Winter!

HOW GOD MADE THE REINDEER:

Reindeer live in parts of Northern Europe and Asia. To the people of Lapland in Finland the reindeer is a horse, sheep and cow, all in one! They provide the people with transport, clothing, meat and milk! Although they stand only 3-1/2 feet high at the shoulder, reindeer are tough and speedy, and can pull heavy loads over the snow for hours at a time!

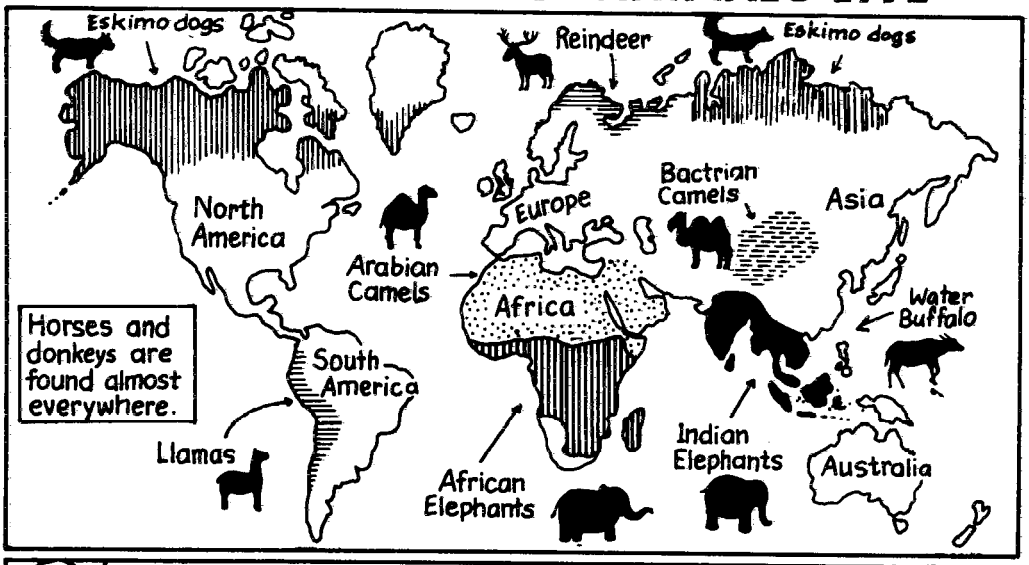


Their skins are used to make clothing, bedding, and even the Laplander's tents!

Their broad antlers drop off every year, and are used to make knives and household utensils!

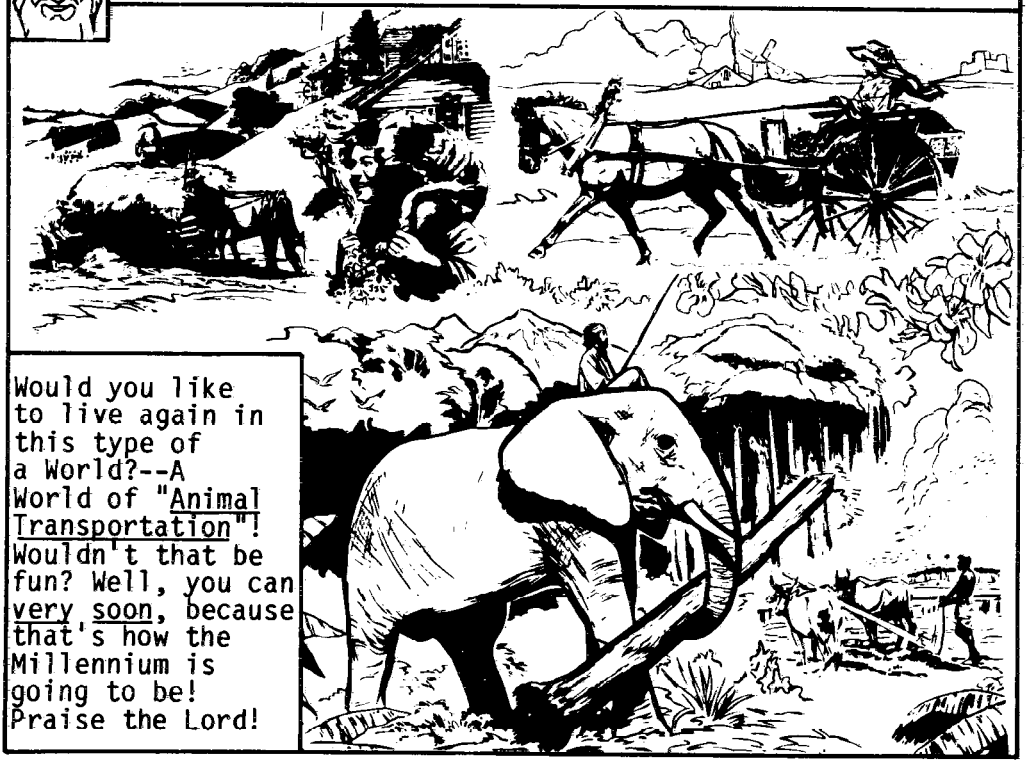
The large reindeer herds increase in number every year, so there are always plenty of reindeer to provide all the natives' needs!

WHERE THESE USEFUL ANIMALS LIVE:





Did you find it interesting to learn all about the transportation of the future?



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THE LIVES OF GREAT CHRISTIANS

MARTIN LUTHER

Well, here we are again all together! Are you ready for another story?

Yes, Grandpa!

Will you please tell us about Martin Luther?

Oh, Martin Luther was a great man of God! He was a brave warrior of the faith who won many victories against the Church System!

MARTIN LUTHER

He stood like one man against the whole World, but he won because God was with him!

He was a lot like me in many ways!

You're a fighter too, Grandpa!

Yes, and he was explosive! He spoke freely and boldly! He didn't care what others thought of him, he just wanted to speak the Truth!

He was very sexy! He had lots of children and his house was always full of people! He really believed in enjoying life! Sounds like me, huh?

Yes!

Ha! Ha!

That's right!

Maybe you'll see other ways that Martin Luther was like Grandpa as we read his life story.

MARTIN LUTHER

THE STORY OF MARTIN LUTHER

PART 1

Martin Luther was born more than 500 years ago, on November 10, 1483, in Eisleben, Germany. He was the oldest son of a poor family of miners. The day after his birth he was dedicated to God. He was named after St. Martin, a Christian soldier who, many years before, had destroyed the old pagan idols in France and showed the love of Jesus to the people.



When he was five years old, he started going to school. All of his teachers were monks who lived together in a place called a monastery.



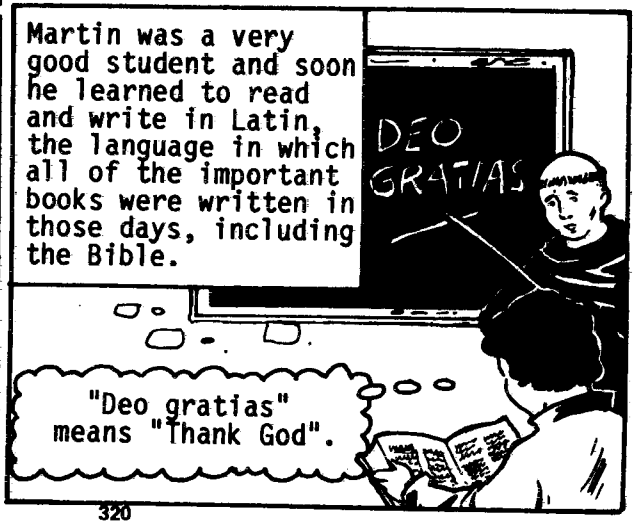
His mother often had to have a lot of faith for Martin's school lunches.



He often had to go busking to pay for his meals and his books.



Martin was a very good student and soon he learned to read and write in Latin, the language in which all of the important books were written in those days, including the Bible.



The monks taught the children that to be saved they had to pay for their sins and do lots of good works and pray to the saints.

You must try to be perfect or God will punish you!!

Martin thought that God was always angry at him. He didn't know that God is Love and that Jesus was very close to him.

God must be very, very far from me.

The only time he felt close to the Lord was when he walked by himself through the woods.

Everything is so beautiful! It's like God is everywhere!

He would often sing as he went along! One day while passing by a church--

When I sing, I don't feel sad.

All the maidens are dancing

You, there! Young man!

Who taught you to sing like that?

No one taught me, Sir.

I like to sing! I often earn a few coins by singing in the streets.

Would you like to sing in my choir?

I'd be very glad to, Sir!

And that's where Martin first received his training as a singer, a talent that God was going to wonderfully use later on! He also learned to play the flute and the lute, a stringed instrument which sounded sort of like a guitar.



He continued his education at the University of Erfurt where he studied to become a lawyer. He was a brilliant student!

Martin, you know every small detail of the law!



Thank you, Sir.

One of the greatest events of his life happened at the University one day--



Hmmm! The Holy Bible! This must be an interesting book! I think I'll read it.

"For God sent not His Son into the World to condemn the World, but that the World through Him might be <u>saved</u>." (John 3:17)



Fascinating! I wonder if I can be saved even though I'm so bad?

Why didn't someone tell me about the Bible before?



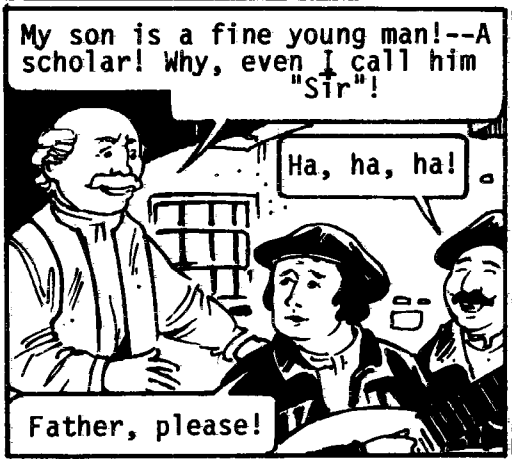
From then on he was deeply interested in seeking the truth about God and how to please Him.

PART II THE THUNDERBOLT!

Shortly before he was to receive his Master's Degree* in Law, Martin Luther went to spend a brief holiday with his parents and friends.

* A title given for completing advanced studies.

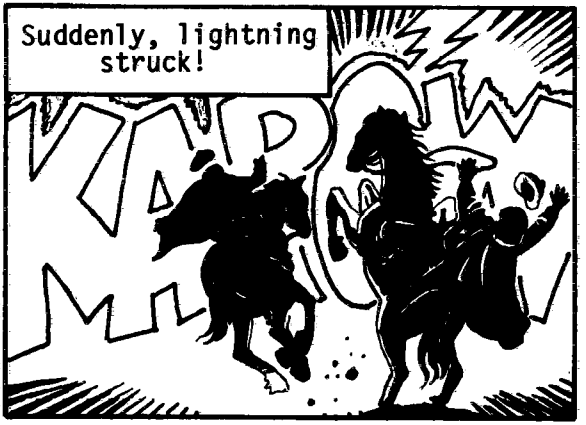






But God had other plans for him. Later that day, on the way back to the University:






Oooo!
Franz!? FRANZ!!
Oh no! He's dead! God must be angry!
I must earn forgiveness! Oh God, I promise to become a monk!
And so, Martin, afraid of death, decided to leave his family and his career, and joined the Augustinian monastery at Erfurt.
What do you want, my Son?
I beg your mercy and God's mercy, Father. I want to become a monk.
Life in a monastery is very hard, my Son. There is little food, little sleep, many long prayers and much hard work! Are you prepared for all this?
Yes, Father, I'll do all I can!
Martin thought that he could earn God's mercy by his good works.--And how hard he tried! He did everything he was told and much more.
SCRUB! SCRUB!
He fasted for days at a time and lay on the cold stone floor for hours saying long prayers.
O Almighty God!
He would go out begging sometimes for days on end.
Alms, * please?
* Alms: Money given to help the poor!

He spent so much time telling the monks of all his sins that they didn't want to listen anymore.

Brothers, I am a terrible sinner! Do you know what I did?



Martin, please. Let's not talk about it!

Many years later Martin said, "If ever a monk could get to Heaven by his monkery, I was that monk!" But the more he tried to be good and perfect, the more he realised what a hopeless sinner he was. It was impossible to save himself no matter what he did!

Then, one day, he opened his heart to the head of the monastery--

Father, I just can't find peace in my soul! God is angry at me!



Don't be a fool, Brother Martin! God loves you!

It says in the Holy Bible that "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins"! (1John 1:9)



I think the time is right. Here's a present for you: Your very own copy of the Sacred Scriptures!



Thank you, Father John!

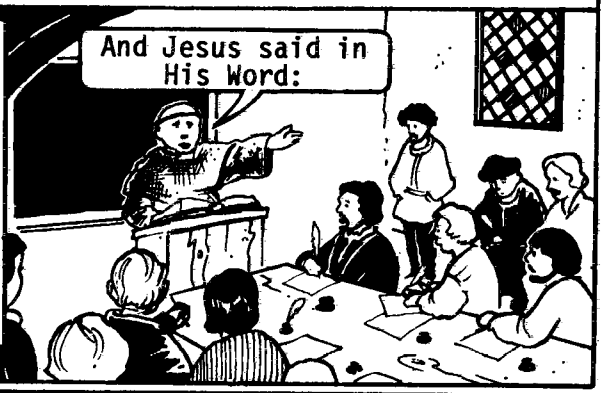
Hungry for the Truth, Martin spent long hours reading over his Latin Bible. And one day he found a verse that stood out like a flash of light!



Hmmm! I wonder if that means that faith alone can save me?

PART III THE CITY OF IDOLS!

Martin was sent to teach at the University in Wittenberg, built by Duke Frederick of Saxony. The people found his Bible classes very interesting, because until then only the priests had been allowed to read the Bible.

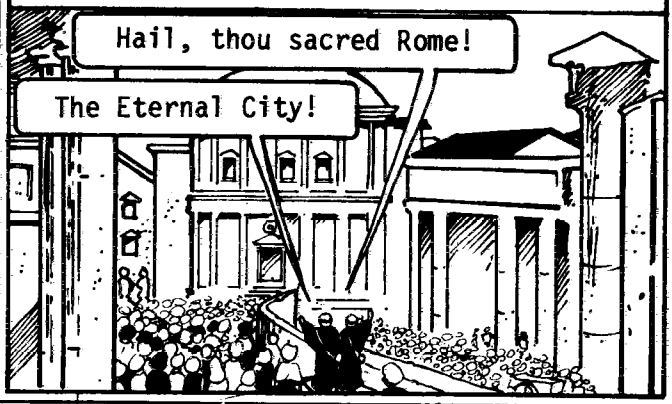


On 1510 he was sent on a special mission to Rome.



This is a great privilege!

After walking for 6 weeks, they arrived!



Through the centuries, people had become worshippers of the city of Rome. It had become full of idols, which they called relics or icons, and the people would bow down to them.



It was believed that visitors who paid to see these relics wouldn't have to suffer so long for their sins in Purgatory, a kind of "waiting place" between Heaven and Hell where Catholics believed people could work off their sins!

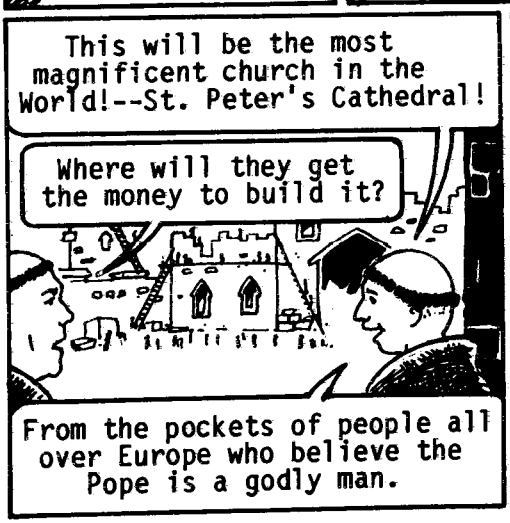


But Rome was far from being a "holy" city. Martin began hearing and seeing things that made him very sad and upset!

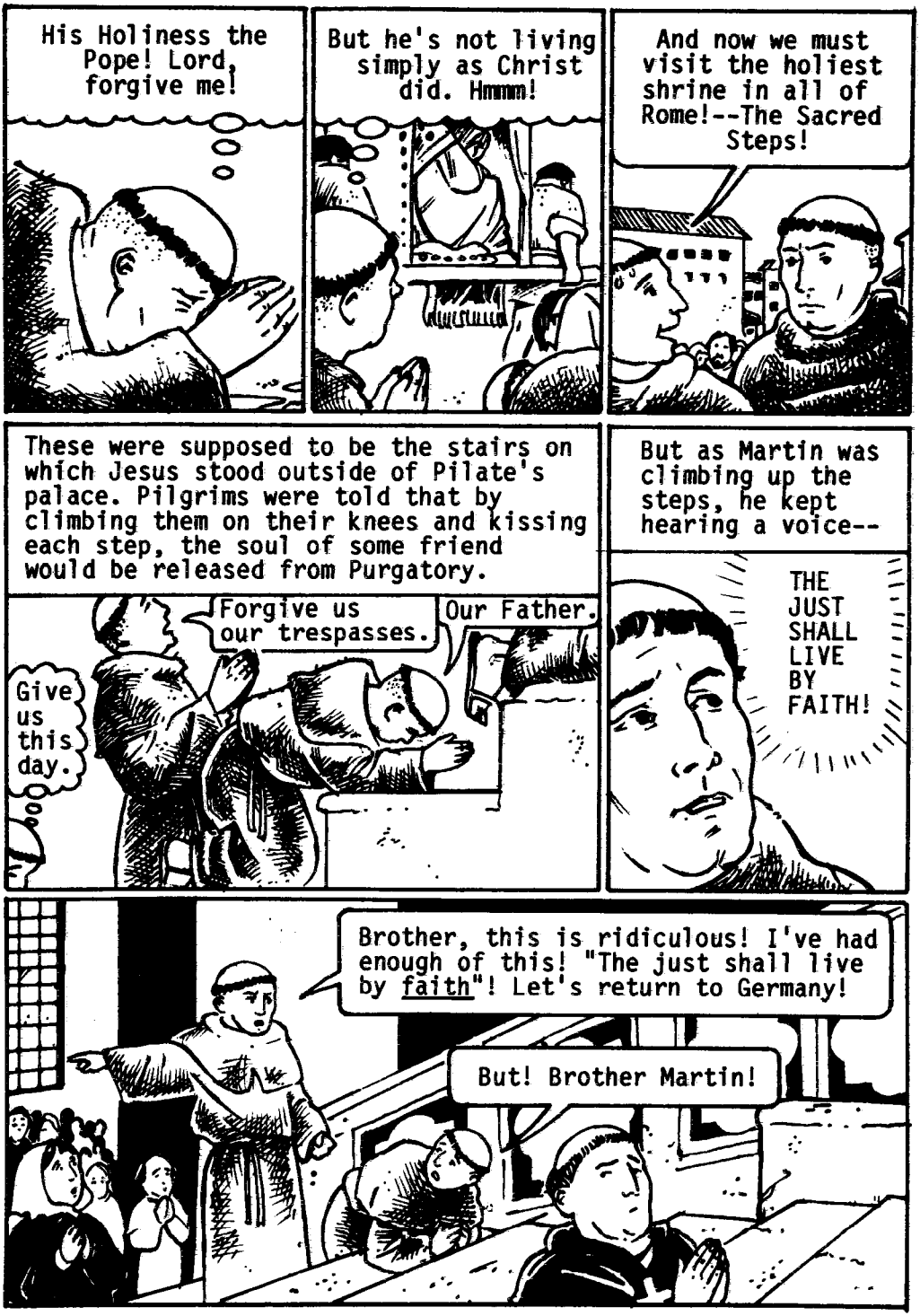











His Holiness the Pope! Lord, forgive me!
But he's not living simply as Christ did. Hmmm!
And now we must visit the holiest shrine in all of Rome!--The Sacred Steps!
These were supposed to be the stairs on which Jesus stood outside of Pilate's palace. Pilgrims were told that by climbing them on their knees and kissing each step, the soul of some friend would be released from Purgatory.
Forgive us our trespasses.
Our Father.
Give us this day.
But as Martin was climbing up the steps, he kept hearing a voice--
THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH!
Brother, this is ridiculous! I've had enough of this! "The just shall live by faith"! Let's return to Germany!
But! Brother Martin!

PART IV

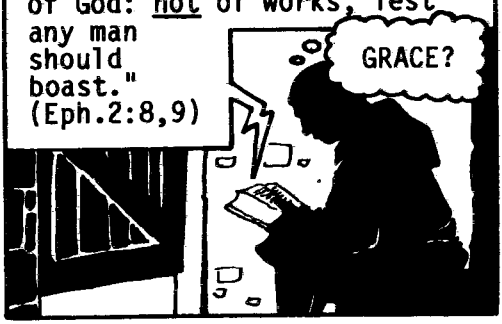
SAVED BY GRACE!

Back in Germany, Martin Luther continued teaching in the University and was granted the degree of Doctor of Theology, which is supposed to mean that you have the knowledge of God and of religion. Yet he still wasn't certain about one of God's simplest truths.



Until one day, on the toilet--

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." (Eph.2:8,9)



Then--Salvation is a gift! It's not earned by good works or praying to the saints! I can just be saved by the grace of God!







Next day at the University--

If you picture the Bible as a mighty tree and every verse a little branch, I have shaken every one of those branches, and I've come to a wonderful discovery:



We are saved by faith, and faith alone! Salvation is a gift of God and not of works!

Martin began preaching Salvation by Grace, and many of his students believed! Instead of rambling on in dull Latin that made the students go to sleep, he would read them the Bible and explain it to them in their own language!

God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for us! And Jesus has paid for all of our sins!

But Dr. Luther, the Church says that we must be good to go to Heaven.

All I know is what it says in the Bible: "For all have sinned --but the gift of God is Eternal Life!" (Romans 3:23,6:23)

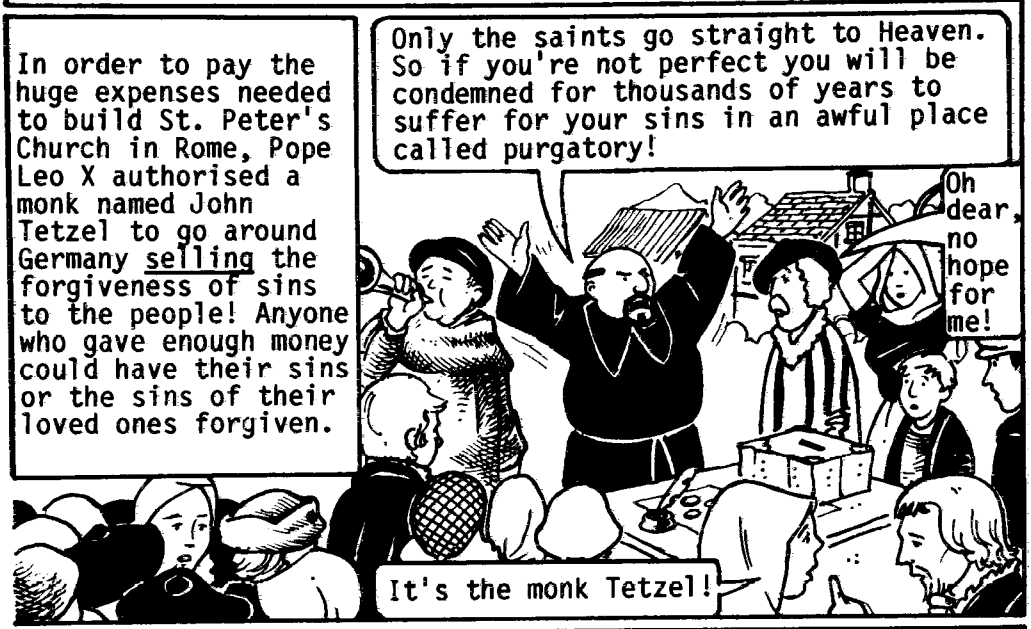
Every one of you can know God for yourself and love Him personally through Jesus!

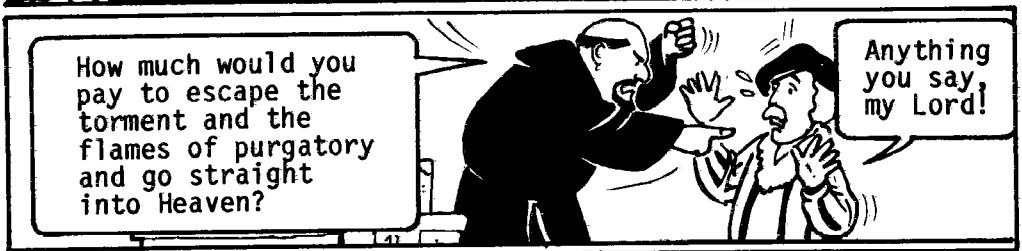
Oh, that's wonderful!

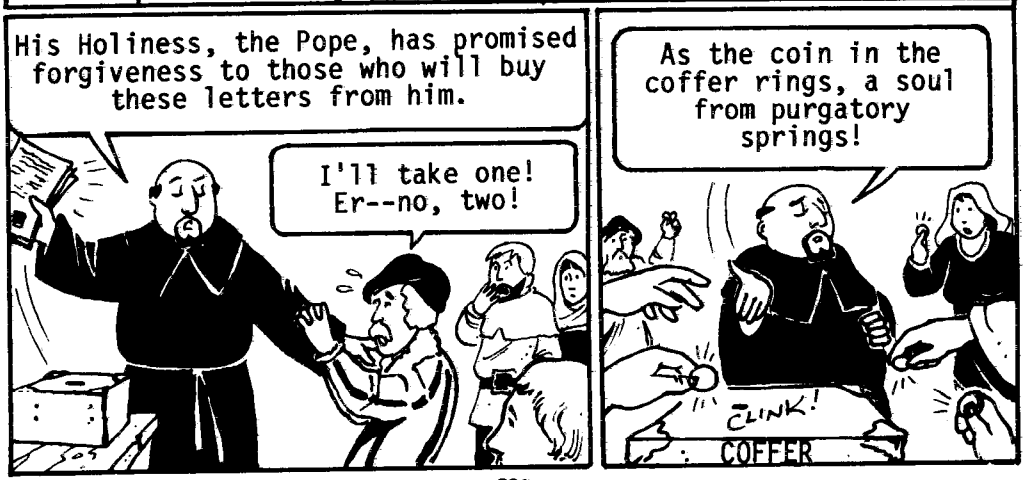
After a long dark night, a new day has risen!! We must tell everyone about it!

That was the spark that started the explosion that was soon to come!

PART V FORGIVENESS FOR SALE!







Melancthon, Luther's friend and assistant, brought him the news--

A monk named Tetzel is going around everywhere <u>selling</u> forgiveness of sins!

Outrageous! Salvation is so costly that <u>none</u> of us could afford to <u>pay</u> for it! But Jesus gave it to us for free!

I'll knock a hole in the drum of that proud monk Tetzel!

That night, Luther wrote down all the reasons he could think of on why salvation can't be bought with money. He numbered each paragraph and they added up to 95.

SSKSST! SKSST! SKSST!

Early the next morning, on October 31, 1517, he nailed them onto the door of the church!

TOK! TOK! TOK!

Let's read what it says!

Good God! It says that it doesn't take money, good works or anything but <u>faith</u> to go to Heaven!

Men don't need to bargain with God for forgiveness. --It's <u>free</u>!

They could <u>burn</u> Luther for saying this!

These became known as the 95 Theses. They were soon translated, and in only four weeks printed copies of these spread throughout all of Europe. Like one of Luther's friends said, it was "as if the angels themselves were messengers"!

PART VI THE MESSAGE SPREADS!

Finally the news reached the Pope.



These must be the writings of a drunk German!

No, your Holiness. He is a professor and everyone is following him!



How dare he say I can't forgive sins! Bring him to Rome!



But God raised a powerful prince to support and protect His chosen man! Duke Frederick of Saxony stood up in his defense and demanded that Martin Luther be given a fair court trial in Germany. At that time the Pope needed the Duke's support, so he couldn't harm Luther.

Several times Luther was called before important church leaders to see if he would change his mind:

Dr. Luther, you must admit that you are wrong.



But I can prove from the Bible!

You will prove nothing! The Pope says that you are wrong and the Pope never fails!



Sir, only the Word of God never fails! The Pope is not above, but under, the Word of God!

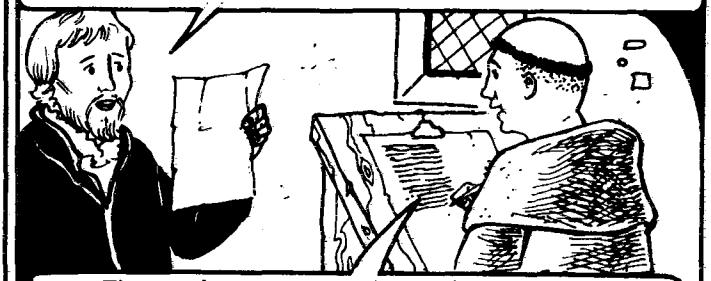
The Pope should forsake all and go back to the simplicity of the first apostles!



Enough, Luther! I warn you, say no more!

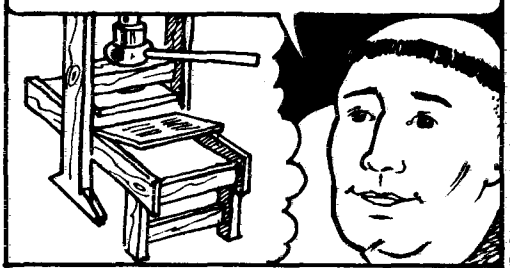
Back at the University, he continued to teach his radical doctrines and he began to explain what God had showed him by writing many tracts which were printed all over the Christian World.

Dr. Luther, listen to this!--A letter from a young monk in Rome who says that he is risking his life to distribute your writings throughout the city!



The written Word is doing the job, Melancthon!

Thank God for the printing press,* God's greatest gift to multiply and to spread His Truth!



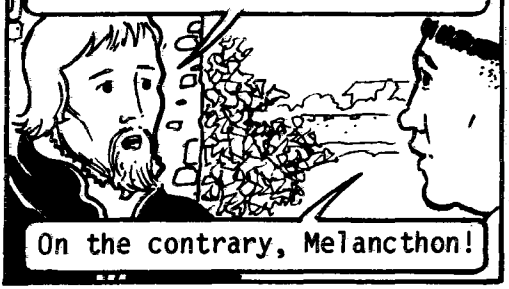
* The printing press had just been invented in 1440.

From this time on, Luther wrote a tremendous amount of letters, tracts, sermons and books, averaging one long writing every two weeks for the rest of his life. It was enough to fill 102 huge volumes!



Yet he was never too busy--

We are going to be busier than ever today, Sir. I suggest that we cut our prayer time in half.



On the contrary, Melancthon!

Today we have so much to do that instead of spending two hours, we must spend four hours in prayer!



No wonder he was such a great man of God and accomplished so much! He let God do it, instead of trying to do it himself!

Oh, Melancthon, if only we could pray the way this dog watches this morsel of meat: All his thoughts concentrated on it alone!

Sometime later--

Dr. Luther, a letter for you. It's from the Pope!!

It's a last warning. He says I must apologise or be excommunicated!* Ha!

GULP!

* Not allowed to be a member of the church.

He calls me a rebel and tells me to shut up, but he is the rebel! God is using my enemies to make me raise my voice! I must speak, shout and write till my enemies have had enough!

CRUMPLE!

I suggest we light a bonfire and burn this letter together with all the church books that don't preach the Truth!

That night--

Farewell, Rome! The wrath of God has come upon you as you deserved!

PART VII THE STAND OF FAITH!

In the meantime, Charles V had been elected Emperor of Germany. He was only 21 years old when he decided there was to be a "Diet", a council meeting, in the town of Worms.* All the Princes, Dukes and Bishops of the German States would be gathered together to judge Martin Luther.

* Pronounced "Vurms".

THE CATHEDRAL AT WORMS

Martin, don't go! They're after your life!

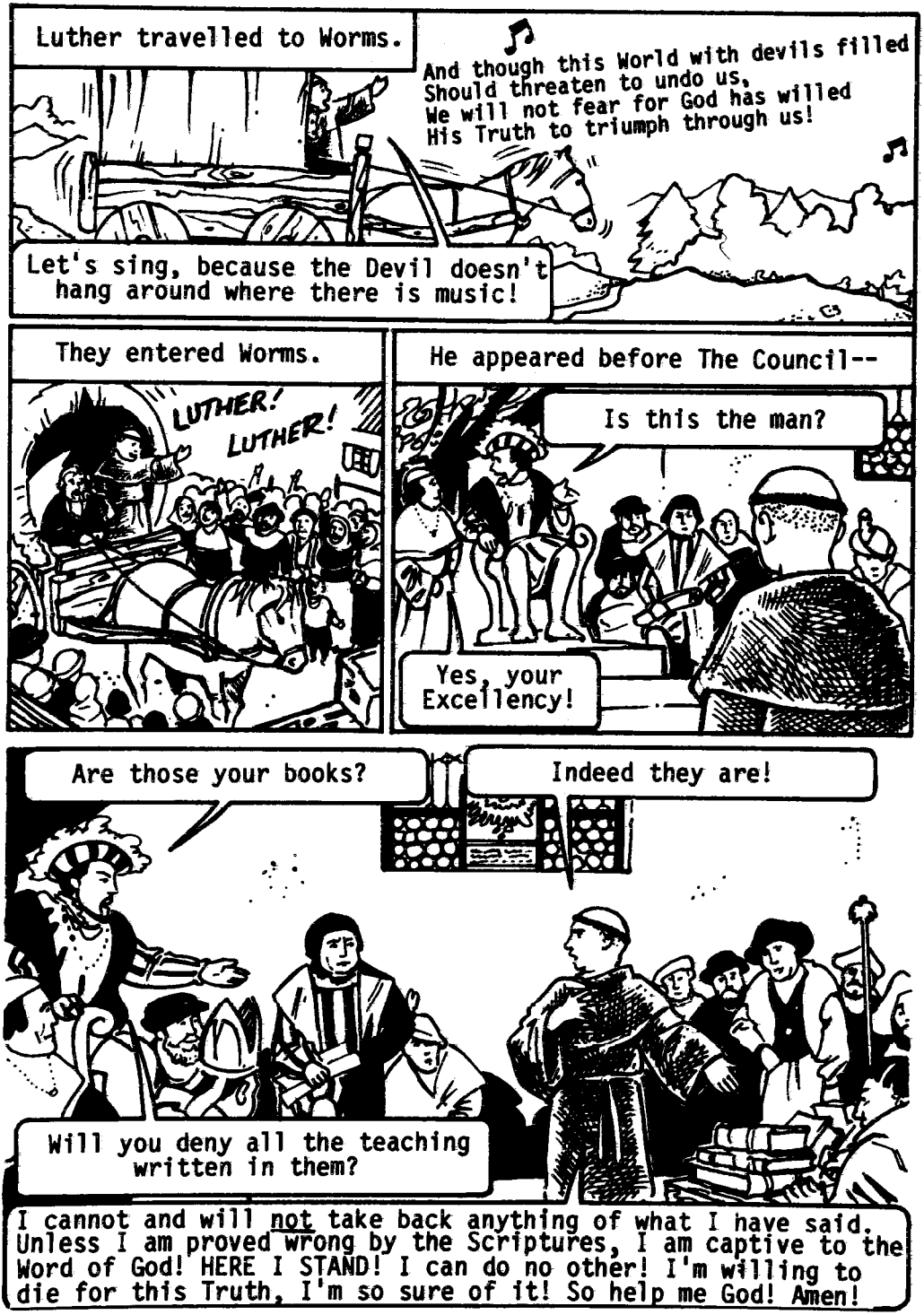
I have to go! I can't be a coward! I must reply to their false charges and deliver my soul as a witness to the Truth! (Ezekiel 3:17-19)

I would go even if there were as many devils waiting for me in Worms as there are tiles on the houses there! I am going for the love of the Truth!

I am driven into the middle of the storm!

That night--

Oh Lord, stand by me against all the World's wisdom. Oh, stand by me. Oh, do it! Thou true, eternal God!


Luther travelled to Worms.
And though this World with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear for God has willed
His Truth to triumph through us!
Let's sing, because the Devil doesn't hang around where there is music!
They entered Worms.
LUTHER!
LUTHER!
He appeared before The Council--
Is this the man?
Yes, your Excellency!
Are those your books?
Indeed they are!
Will you deny all the teaching written in them?
I cannot and will not take back anything of what I have said. Unless I am proved wrong by the Scriptures, I am captive to the Word of God! HERE I STAND! I can do no other! I'm willing to die for this Truth, I'm so sure of it! So help me God! Amen!


Then you shall be banned from my Empire!
From that moment his life was in extreme danger. He started his journey back.
Melancthon, I still haven't had time to do what I really want to do.
What's that?
Translate the Bible into German! The common people can't read it in Latin and yet it's the only Bible they've got.
It's a wonderful idea, Martin. Maybe some day you'll have the time.
Suddenly--
HALT!
Where's Luther?!
Here!
Take him! Quickly!
They disappeared again into the black forest.
MARTIN!

Rumours spread: The famed German artist Albrecht Dürer said--

"Oh God, if Luther is dead, who will explain to us the Gospel?"

Luther was taken to a big fortified castle.

Sorry we had to save you this way, Dr. Luther.

Save me?

Yes, Duke Frederick the Wise sent us to save you from the Pope's men!

And how long will I have to stay here?

A few months, perhaps even a year. But there must be some work, some writing you especially want to do. This is the time to get on with it!

The Bible!--I can translate the Bible into German!

This time of captivity was no doubt ordained of God, for there Martin translated the New Testament into German, the language of the people. He worked fast and in only 11 weeks he finished it!--And upon his translation the entire German language of today is based!


But it was a time of great battles with the Enemy! One night--
Ha! Ha! Ha!
Look at this long list! These are all your sins, Martin Luther!
He read them one by one--
It's all true, but you've forgotten one thing--
"The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin!" (1John 1:7)
I rebuke you, Satan, in Jesus' name!!!
CRASH!

PART VIII

MORE ABOUT LUTHER!

Luther's teachings spread throughout Europe until his followers were strong enough to defy the power of the Church. The peasants, led by some of Luther's followers, started a revolution, but Luther made a mistake. He turned against them and sided with the rulers and the System because he thought that he could still change the Church. But sad to say, the Old Church didn't change.





Luther married a nun. He helped her to escape from her convent. They lived in an old monastery given to them by the Duke. It was always crowded with visitors who came to listen to him.



Dr. Luther, all of Europe is shocked that an old monk like you has gotten married!

Ha!

The devils are weeping but the angels are laughing! Ha!

Oh, I'm drunk with love! It's wonderful! Sex is a gift of God, just like God gave us this good wine!



Prince Phillip of Hesse has two wives!!!

In the sight of God that's a true marriage!

Luther had six children and adopted many more. He was always talking, reading and preaching, and his students would take notes of everything he said.



Erasmus the philosopher says that surely man can do a little work for his salvation!

BAM!

Nothing! Just believe in Jesus!

Dr. Luther, should I send my son to the University of Leipzig?



If the Universities don't work diligently to explain and engrave the Bible in the hearts of the youth, they will become the very gates of Hell itself!

They say that the Jews are lending money to the Emperor to buy new firearms to fight his wars!

I think those weapons were invented by Satan himself!

And the Devil is in that game the Jews play of lending money and asking for more in return. Gold and silver are their God! The Devil has possessed those people!

No Christian should be fooled by the Jews! What did our Lord say about them?

"Oh generation of vipers! Ye are of your father, the Devil!" (Matthew 23:33, John 8:44)

Remember their answer to Pilate--

CRUCIFY HIM!!

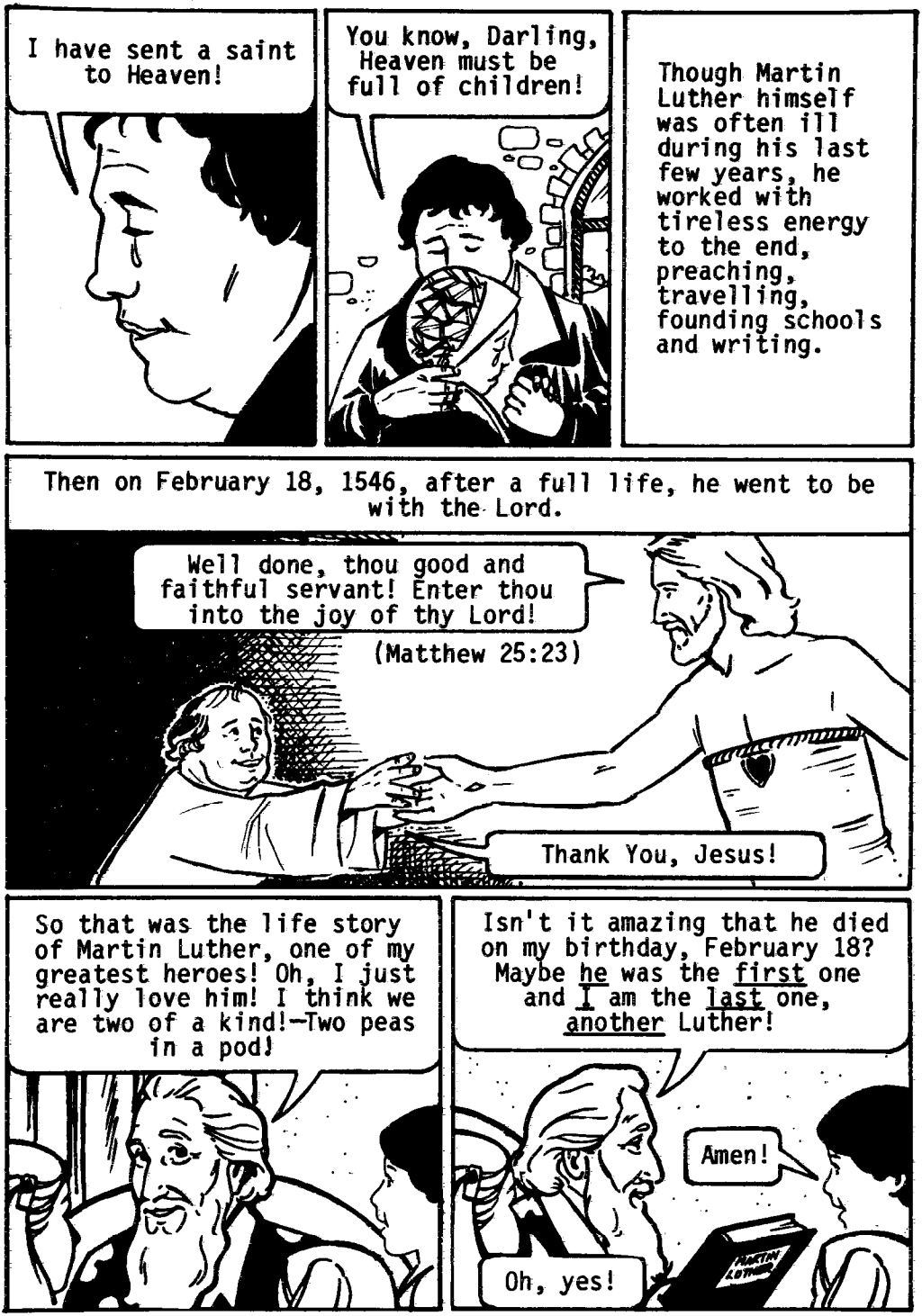
Jesus said: "He that hateth Me, hateth My Father also"! (John 15:23) So they hate God. They are a satanic breed!

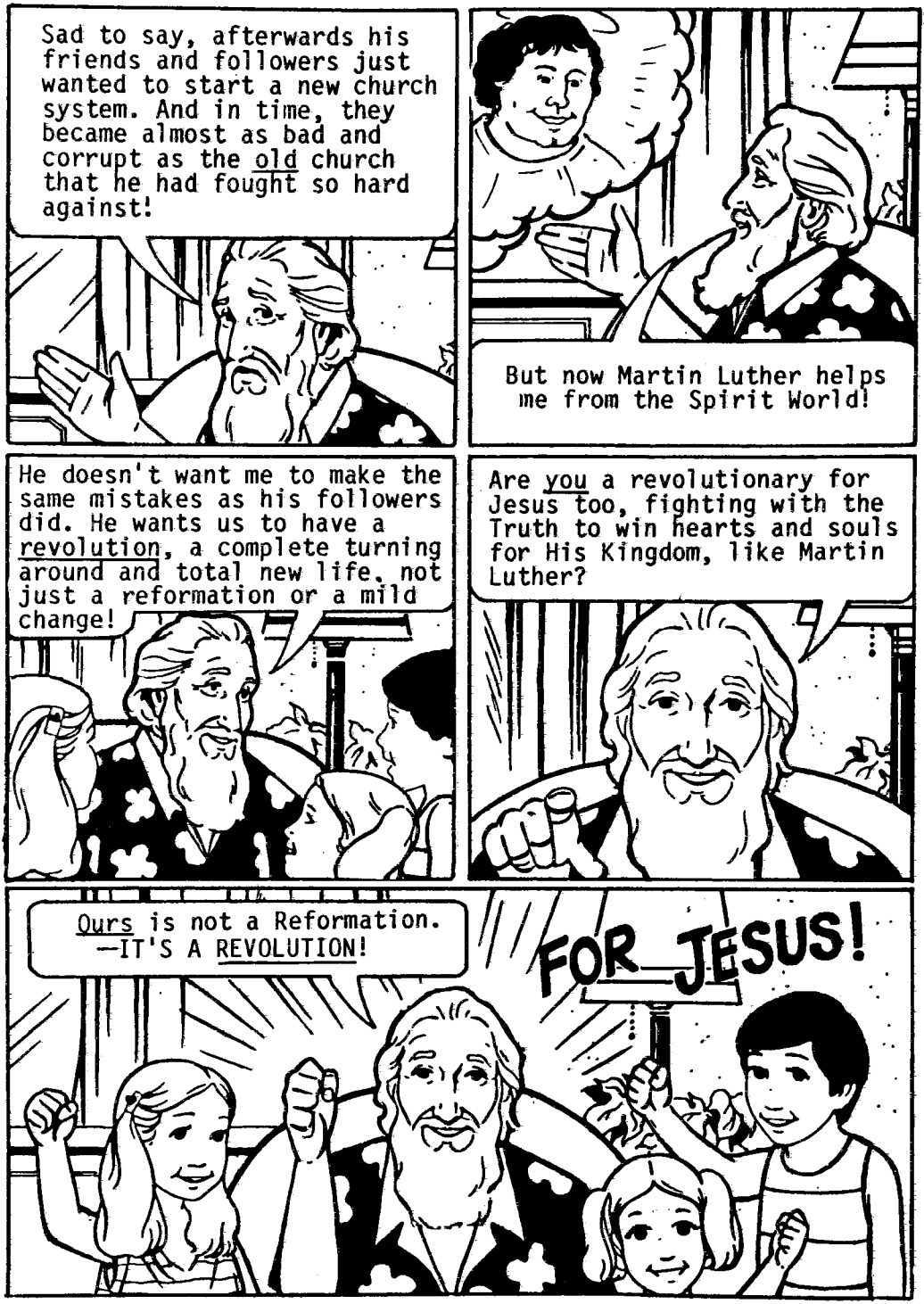
Know, my dear Christians, that next to the Devil, you have no more bitter and poisonous enemy than a Jew who earnestly desires to be a Jew! If they refuse to accept the Lord and won't stop their devilish behaviour, they should be driven out and their synagogues shut!

Maybe mild-hearted Christians will believe I am too hard. But just think if God would say to us on the Day of Judgement--

"You're a Christian and know that the Jews openly cursed My Son Jesus! How come you gave them a place to do so and protected them in your country, city or house?"

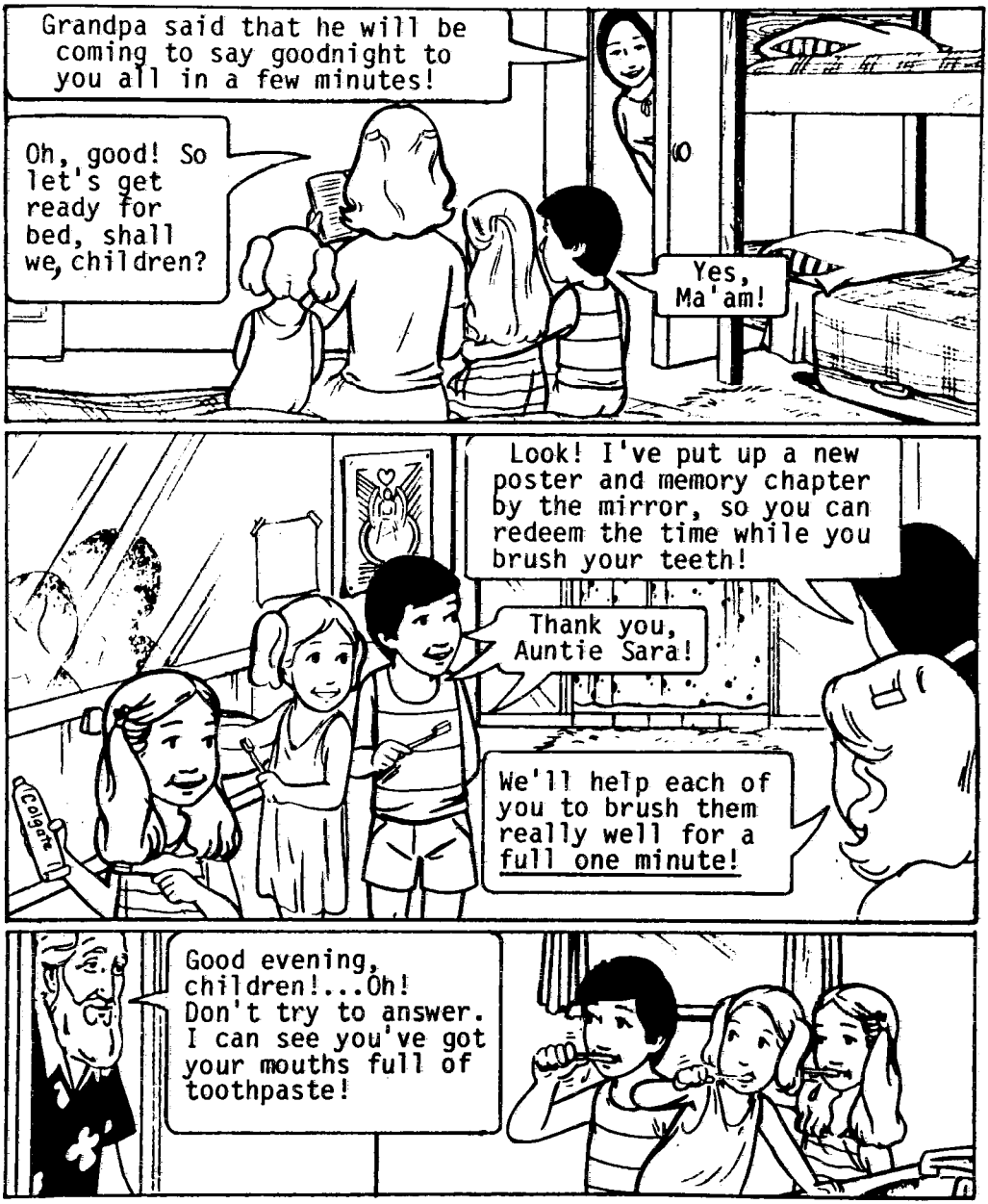

Enough talk about the Jews! But you know I'm not gentle when I get on this subject.
Well, there's nothing better than a soothing melody to calm one's anger.
Music is the greatest gift; indeed it is Divine! It puts to flight all sad thoughts!
Dr. Luther, a man has brought an orphan child. He wants to know if perhaps you can adopt him.
Martin, we already have too many people living in the house!
Don't worry, dear! For every additional mouth God will provide! Tell the man to bring the child in!
Go to sleep, dear little boy. I have no gold to give you, but a rich God!
A few years later, after a brief illness, his 13-year-old daughter died in his arms!
Darling, it is well with you. You will rise and shine like a star, yes, like the sun!

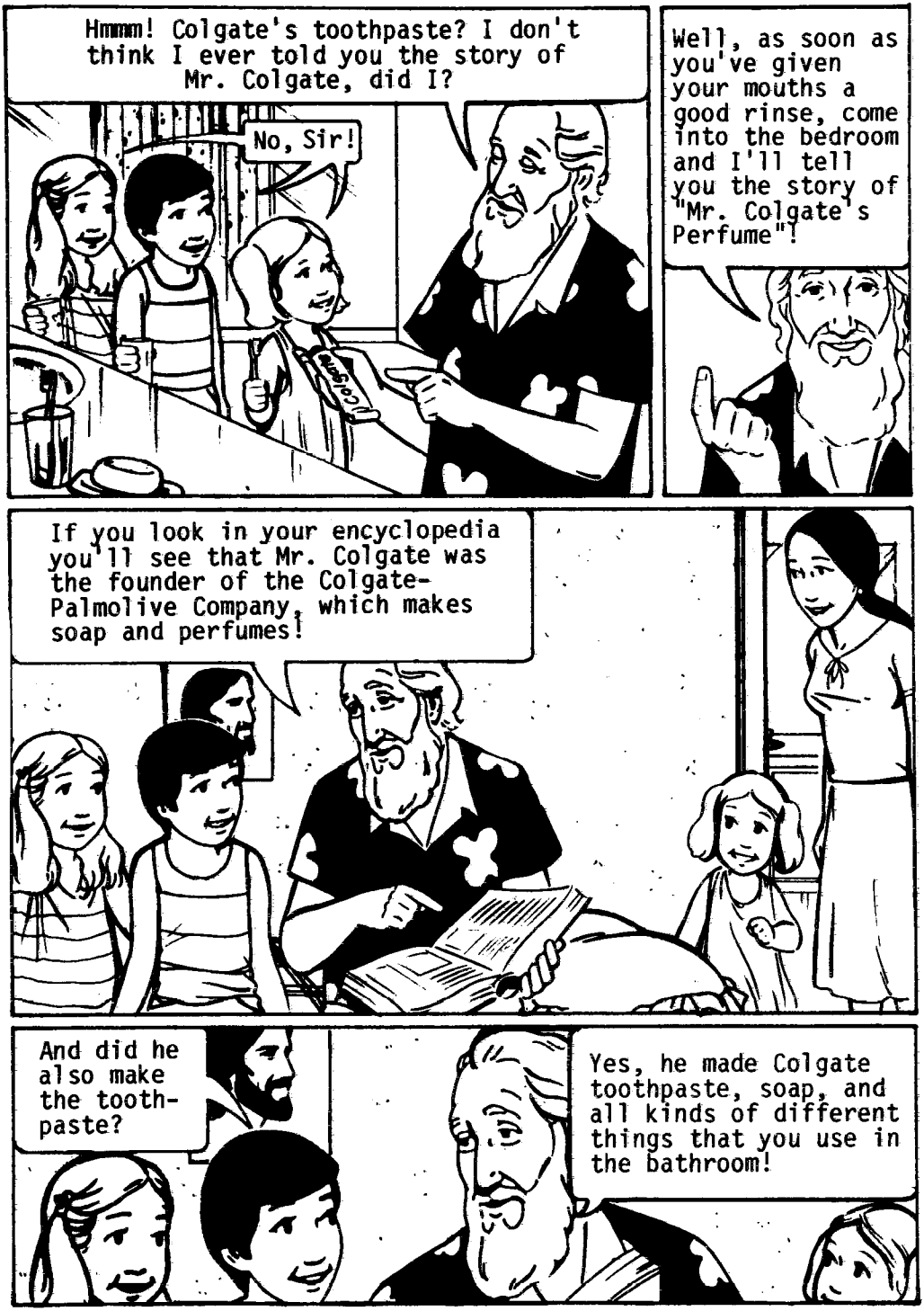

I have sent a saint to Heaven!
You know, Darling, Heaven must be full of children!
Though Martin Luther himself was often ill during his last few years, he worked with tireless energy to the end, preaching, travelling, founding schools and writing.
Then on February 18, 1546, after a full life, he went to be with the Lord.
Well done, thou good and faithful servant! Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!
(Matthew 25:23)
Thank You, Jesus!
So that was the life story of Martin Luther, one of my greatest heroes! Oh, I just really love him! I think we are two of a kind!—Two peas in a pod!
Isn't it amazing that he died on my birthday, February 18? Maybe he was the first one and I am the last one, another Luther!
Amen!
Oh, yes!
MARTIN LUTHER


Sad to say, afterwards his friends and followers just wanted to start a new church system. And in time, they became almost as bad and corrupt as the old church that he had fought so hard against!
But now Martin Luther helps me from the Spirit World!
He doesn't want me to make the same mistakes as his followers did. He wants us to have a revolution, a complete turning around and total new life, not just a reformation or a mild change!
Are you a revolutionary for Jesus too, fighting with the Truth to win hearts and souls for His Kingdom, like Martin Luther?
Ours is not a Reformation. —IT'S A REVOLUTION!
FOR JESUS!

MR. COLGATE'S PERFUME!

-A Victory out of Seeming Defeat!




Hmmm! Colgate's toothpaste? I don't think I ever told you the story of Mr. Colgate, did I?
No, Sir!
Colgate
Well, as soon as you've given your mouths a good rinse, come into the bedroom and I'll tell you the story of "Mr. Colgate's Perfume"!
If you look in your encyclopedia you'll see that Mr. Colgate was the founder of the Colgate-Palmolive Company, which makes soap and perfumes!
And did he also make the tooth-paste?
Yes, he made Colgate toothpaste, soap, and all kinds of different things that you use in the bathroom!


But before he was famous, Mr. Colgate was a poor chemist in America who worked at home inventing new perfumes!
No, no, no! That's not it!
Dear Lord, please show me the right mixture!
Hmmm! Maybe I should add some more rose fragrance!
Yes! That's it! That's it!
Oh, thank You Jesus! It smells so good! I know that everyone will want to buy this heavenly fragrance!
Yes, Sir? What can I do for you?
My name is Mr. Colgate, and I'm the maker of "Colgate's Perfume"! Would you like to buy some to sell in your shop?
And so Mr. Colgate went around town trying to sell his perfume to all the different stores!


I'm sorry, young man, but I've never heard of you or your perfume.
Well, you see, I'm just getting started!
Please just smell some and you'll see that it has the most lovely fragrance!
I'm sorry, but I really don't have time right now...if you'll excuse me, please!
Ummm! It smells mighty good, Son! But you see, my customers only want to buy perfumes that have famous names!
Why don't you try the little corner store at the end of the street? Maybe they'll take it!
JAKE'S GENERAL STORE
No, I don't want it in my store! Clear off!
Oh dear! I feel so low and discouraged! I've tried everywhere and nobody wants to buy my perfume! How am I going to earn money and be able to eat?


Dear Jesus, please help me! When I received You as my Saviour, I promised that I would live my life for You, Lord, and always give You 10% of all the money I earned!
So please help me to sell this perfume, Lord, for Thy glory! In Jesus' name, amen!
THOMPSON'S QUALITY SHOP
ONLY THE BEST
GULP!
This is the last store in town, and the fanciest! It really will take a miracle to sell it in here!
But "all things are possible to him that believeth." (Mark 9:23) I claim that verse in Jesus' name!


Excuse me, Sir! I'm Mr. Colgate of "Colgate's Perfume"!
Never heard of you! I'm sorry, Mr. Colgate, but in this store we only sell the finest and most famous brands!
Try the little store at the end of the street!
But I already have! Please! You're my last hope!
Excuse me, Mr. Colgate, but I'm a very busy man!
What can I do now, Lord? I've tried everything!
SLAM
Ooo!
BUMP
OH NO! MY PERFUME!


Why don't you watch where you're going? Now look what you've done!
That was my only bottle of perfume! Now I've lost everything!
What's going on here? Ah, Colgate! I might have known it was you!--Why...
I'm sorry, Sir, it was an accident!
Excuse me, Sir, but what is that gorgeous odour?
I beg your pardon, Madame?
What is that most delightful fragrance? That beautiful perfume!
Mmmm! It is lovely!
It's simply heavenly!
Where is that beautiful smell coming from?
I think it's from over there!


Colgate! Hurry up and give me another bottle of that perfume! I'll buy it right now!
But...But that's the only bottle I've got! I'll have to go home and make some more!
Where is it? Where can we buy that perfume?
Oooh! It's just divine!
Ladies! Ladies! We're sorry but we don't have any more of this wonderful perfume to sell you at this time!
But, come back first thing tomorrow and we'll have a grand sale of "Colgate's Perfume"!
Mr. Colgate, Sir! Please go quickly home and make some more perfume! Hurry up, and bring it back first thing in the morning!
Yes, Sir! I will!
I'll buy all the perfume you can make, and I'll pay you well for it!
Yes, Sir! Thank you, Sir!


And so Mr. Colgate went home and made all the perfume that he could!
Thank You, Lord, for answering my prayer! Truly Your ways are not our ways! Please help me to stay awake and make as much perfume as I can!
XXX ALCOHOL
The next morning...
Ah, Mr. Colgate! I'm so glad you've come! It seems as if every lady in town has now heard about your special perfume!
Here it is!
And dear Mr. Colgate sold so much perfume that pretty soon he was selling it in every store. Women everywhere were buying it!--And he became a rich man!
Good day, Mr. Colgate! I must congratulate you on your heavenly perfume!
It seems to be every woman's favourite!


Well, thank the Lord! It was only He Who helped me make the perfume and sell it!
Good day, Mr. Colgate! I'm from the daily newspaper! Can I ask you a few questions?
By all means, yes!
What are your plans now for the future?
Well, I'd like to start making other things like soaps and toothpastes!
BUY COLGATE'S
Mr. Colgate, now that your perfume is famous all over America, you have become a very rich man! What do you plan to do with your money?
I would like to use the money the Lord gave me to help preach the Gospel, and to help the people of America to read their Bibles!
And whether I'm rich or poor I will always keep my promise to give 10% of everything I earn to the Lord!

So Mr. Colgate started making soap too, and by and by he started making "Colgate's Toothpaste."

And everybody bought the toothpaste!

Yes! You see, Jesus blessed him because he was always faithful to give his tithe!

Is he dead now?

Well, of course, Mr. Colgate has gone now to be with the Lord! But he's <u>not</u> dead, because Jesus said, "He that believeth in Me shall <u>never</u> die!" (John 11:26)

But, Grandpa, why did the bottle spill?

Because the Lord wanted all the ladies in the shop to smell the perfume! So He let it spill and smell up the whole place so that they would come running to buy it!

You see, God gets some of His greatest victories out of seeming defeat, and it takes an impossible situation for God to do a miracle!

"All things work together for good to them that love God." (Rom.8:28)

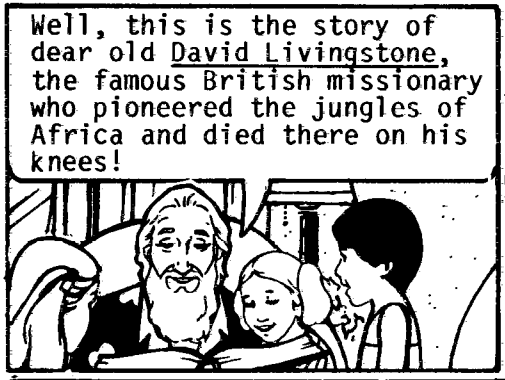
Right! And sometimes God <u>makes</u> us by <u>breaking</u> us! By the time God's ready to make you really great, He makes absolutely <u>nothing</u> out of you, to show it's only <u>Jesus</u>!

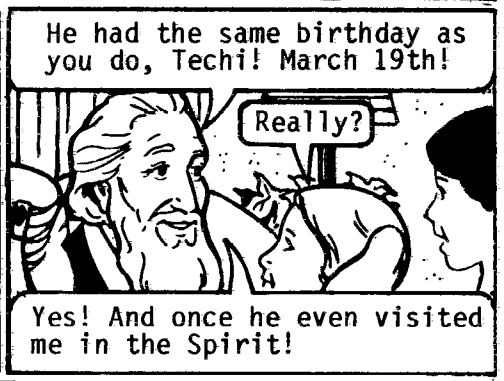
So that's the story of how Mr. Colgate became famous! And he became a great Christian who helped found the American Bible Union! And he always gave 10% of everything he made to the Lord! Isn't that a wonderful story?

Amen!

THE STORY OF DAVID LIVINGSTONE!

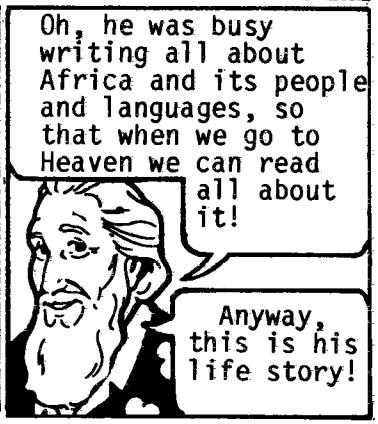








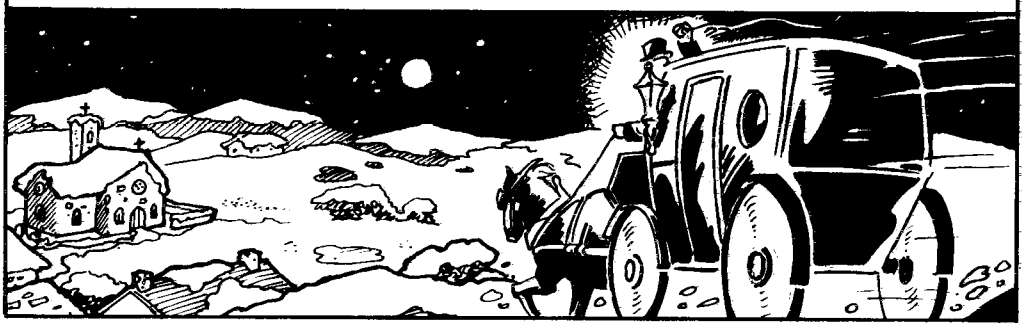


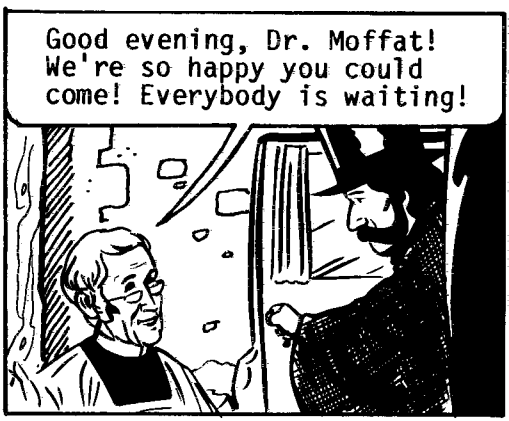


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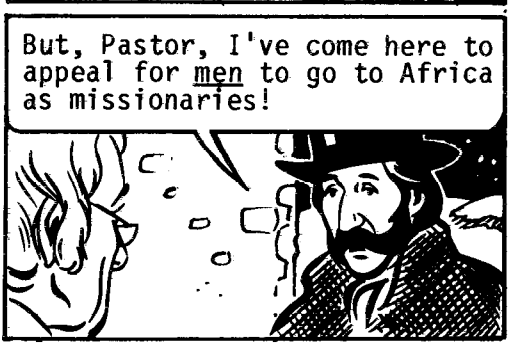
PART 1 "THE BOY IN THE ORGAN LOFT!"

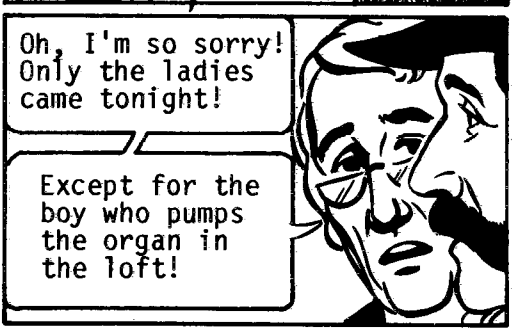
It was a cold wintry night when Dr. Moffat, a well-known missionary from Africa, arrived to preach a sermon in a small Scottish church.

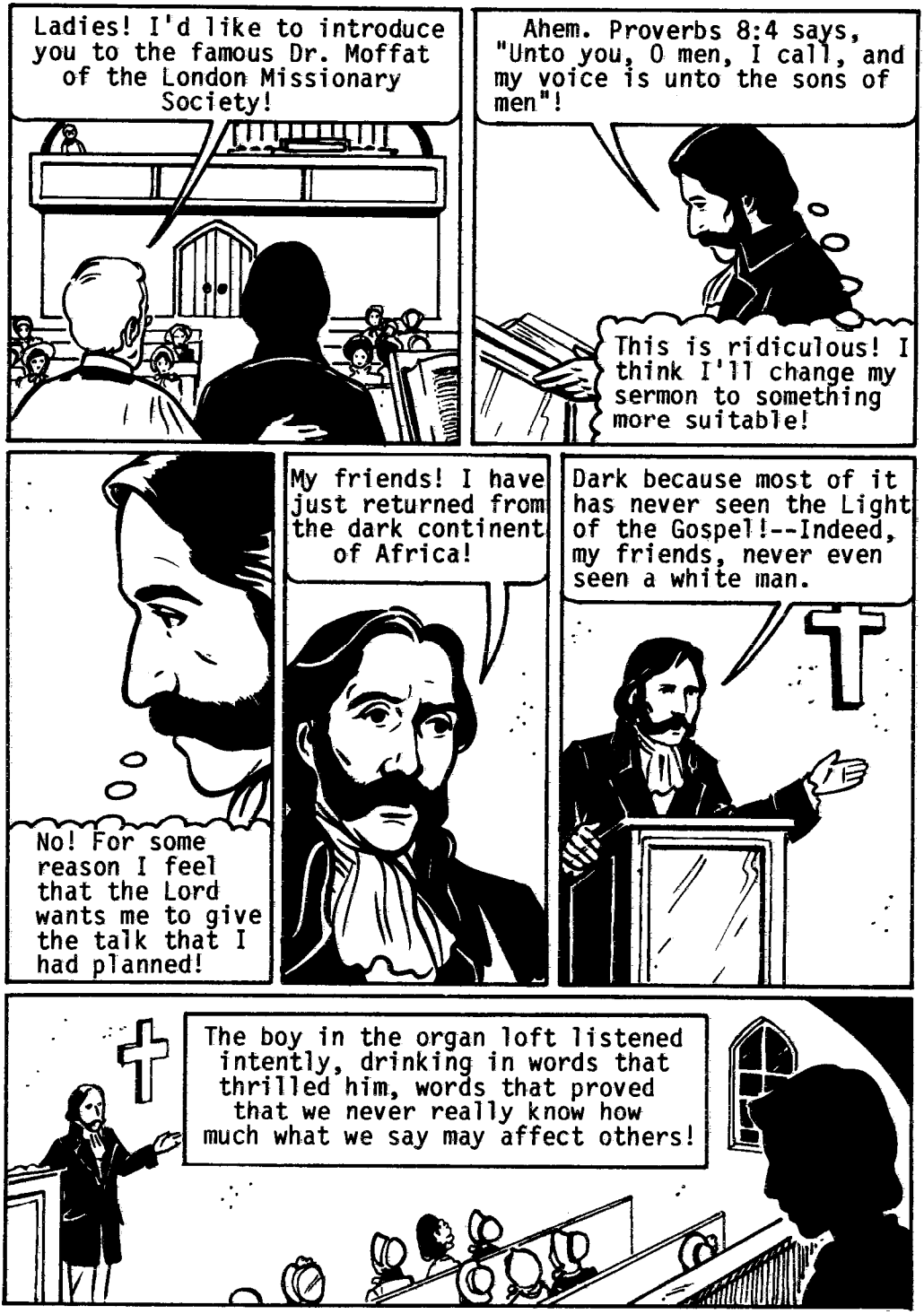


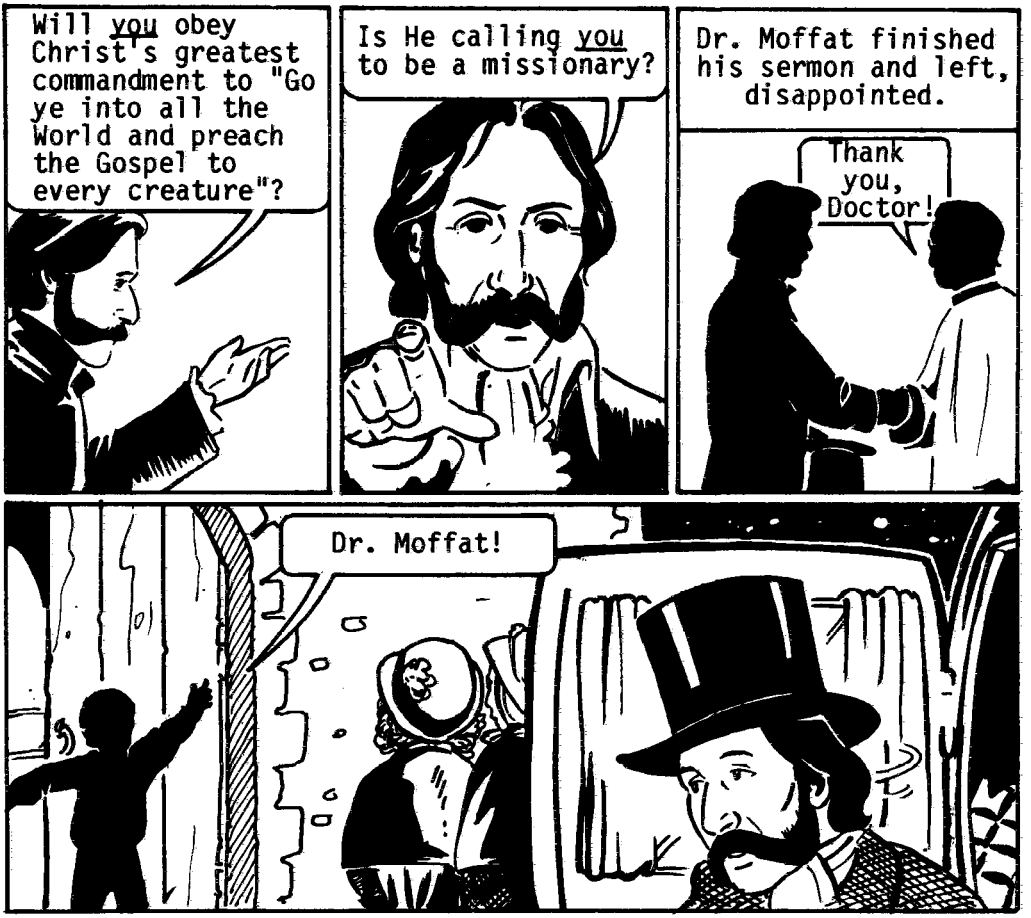








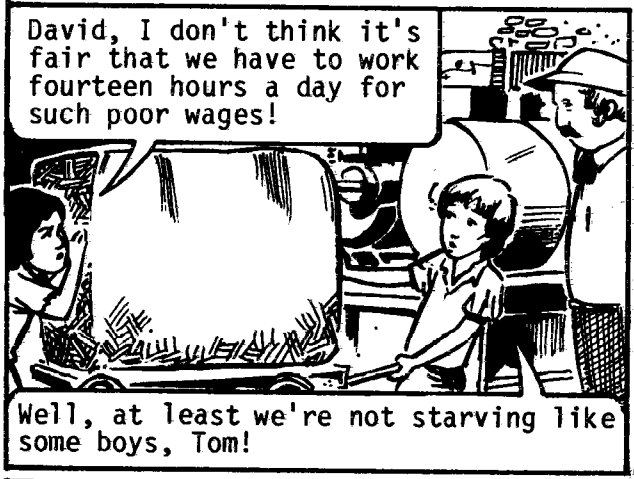

Ladies! I'd like to introduce you to the famous Dr. Moffat of the London Missionary Society!
Ahem. Proverbs 8:4 says, "Unto you, O men, I call, and my voice is unto the sons of men"!
This is ridiculous! I think I'll change my sermon to something more suitable!
No! For some reason I feel that the Lord wants me to give the talk that I had planned!
My friends! I have just returned from the dark continent of Africa!
Dark because most of it has never seen the Light of the Gospel!--Indeed, my friends, never even seen a white man.
The boy in the organ loft listened intently, drinking in words that thrilled him, words that proved that we never really know how much what we say may affect others!

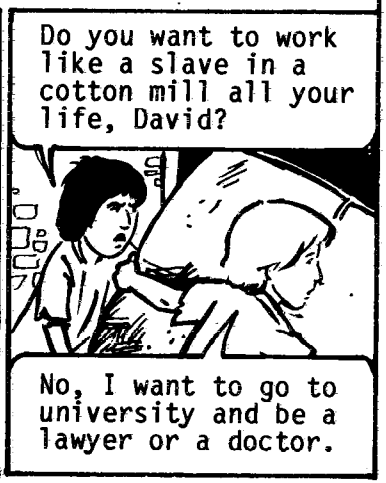


But God gets some of His greatest victories out of seeming defeat, because it was that small boy in the organ loft who later remembered Dr. Moffat's plea, and devoted his entire life to preaching the Gospel in Africa!



David Livingstone was born in the small Scottish village of Blantyre on March 19, 1813. His family was poor, and so when he was 10, David had to leave school and go to work in a cotton mill!



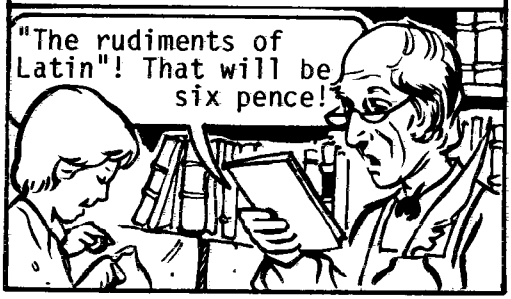








When Livingstone later wrote the story of his life, he said, "With my first week's wages I bought a school book!



"For many years I would finish work at eight o'clock and then go to evening school until ten!"




"I then continued my studies at home until midnight, or sometimes even later."
"Until my mother would stop me!"
David! You must go to bed now! You've got to be at the factory by six in the morning!
Yes, Mother!
David Livingstone's father and mother were good Christians and made sure that David's studies didn't stop him from going to church and Sunday school.
David and Tom! I think it's time that you two boys received Jesus as your personal Saviour!
Yes! I'd like to receive Jesus as my Saviour!
David! Don't do it! Don't throw your life away on books and religion!
In fact, I'd like to become a preacher like you, Pastor!
Well, I'm sorry! Religion is not for me! I have better things to do with my life!
Tom!
You go your way, David! I'll go mine!

And so David Livingstone decided to become a preacher! But his first attempt ended in failure.





Livingstone later said that it was that pastor's smile, questioning and tender, which led him to make his final decision to devote his life to preaching the Gospel in foreign lands! He made up his mind to go to Africa as a missionary!

Immediately he began to study medicine, for every missionary was also expected to heal the sick.



I'll start saving my money so that I can go to medical school for a few months every year!

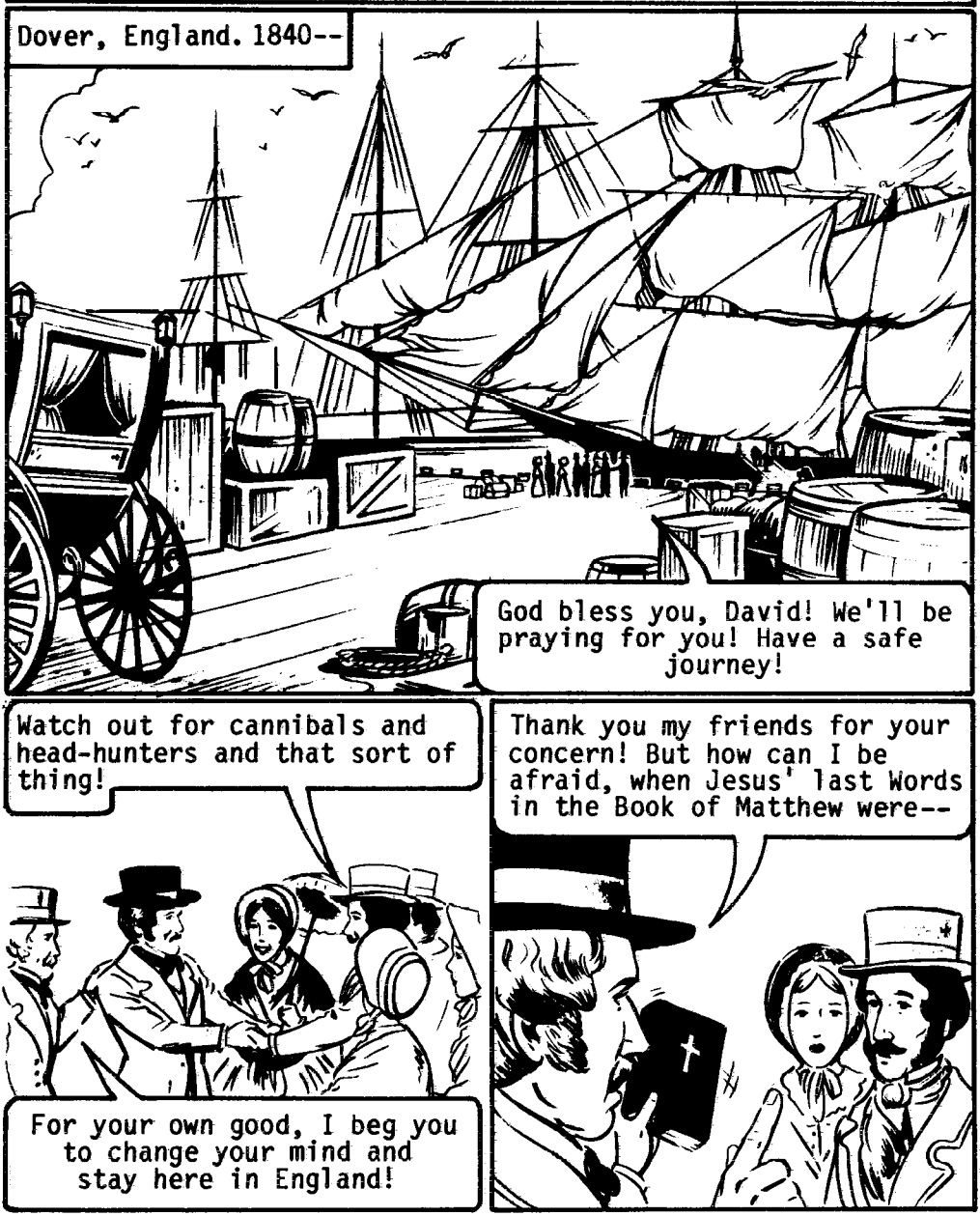
At the age of 27, after working in the mill for 17 years, David became a qualified doctor.



Thank You, Lord! At last I feel like my life's work for You is ready to begin!

THE STORY OF DAVID LIVINGSTONE PART II

THE "APOSTLE OF AFRICA"!



"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the World"! (Matthew 28:20)

That, my friends, is the Word of a Gentleman! A promise that He cannot and will not break!

So what have I to fear? Come, let us be going!

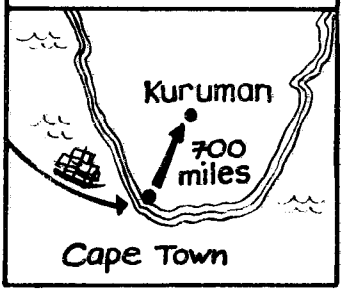
And so Livingstone set sail.

After a long voyage of three months, during which he spent much of his time witnessing to the sailors, Livingstone arrived in South Africa!

Land ho!

At last! Africa! I claim this land for Thee, Lord!

Livingstone landed at Cape Town, and then travelled 700 miles by ox-cart to a mission station at Kuruman run by Dr. Moffat!



At Kuruman, Livingstone spent his time preaching the Gospel, healing the sick, and learning the local languages!

Bwana (Master), you good doctor! Better than witch doctor!

How do I say in native tongue, "Jesus is best doctor"?

But soon he felt the Lord calling him to go further North into the country of the tribes who had never heard about Jesus!

From here on, David, you're entering country that is completely unknown to white man, and inhabited by fierce and savage tribes, like the Matabele and Bakwena!

God be with you, David! Remember that He has promised you every inch of ground that you set foot on! (Joshua 1:3)

As Livingstone travelled, he faithfully made maps and records of everything he saw, the rocks, the hills, the trees, the animals.

Thank You, Jesus, for all the wonders of Thy Creation!

But suddenly--

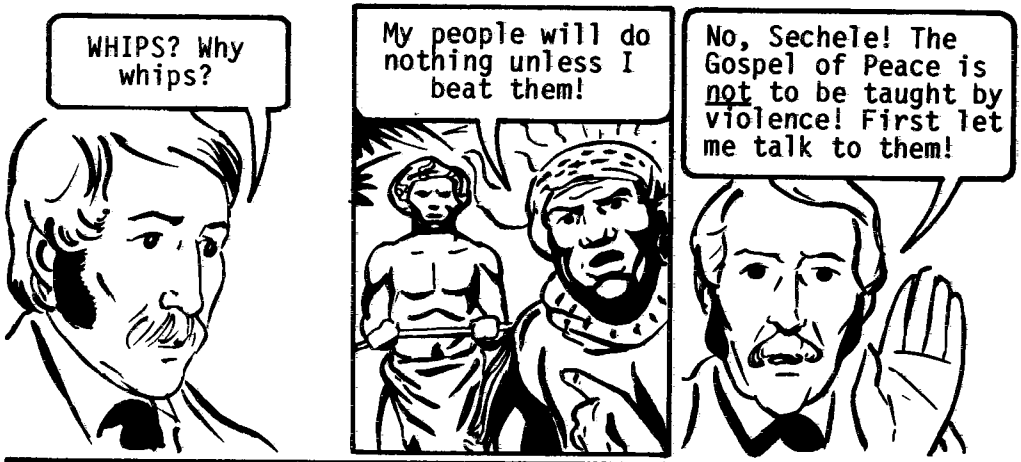
AARRGH!

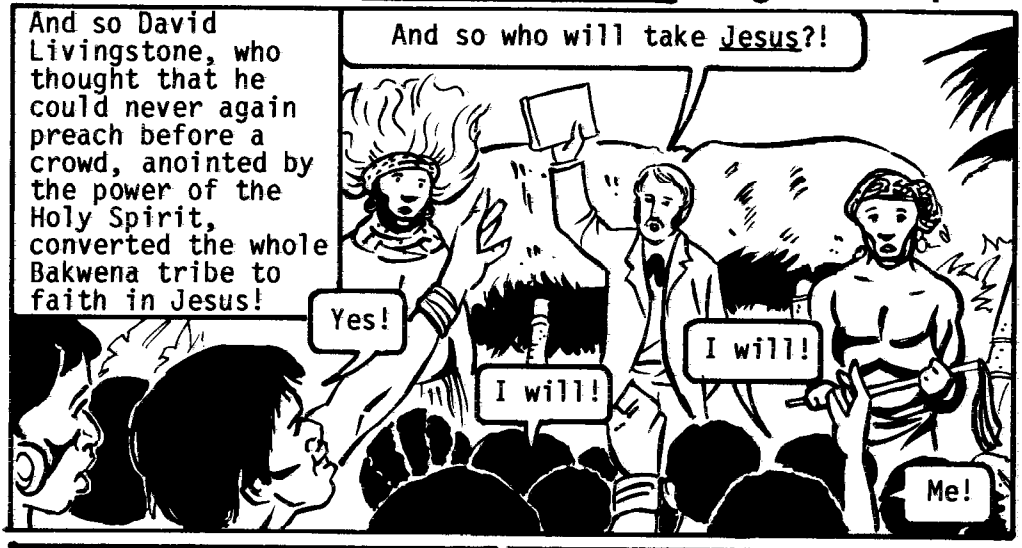
Bakwena tribe! They will kill us!


Have faith, my good man! We are God's messengers! His angels protect us!
Good day, gentlemen! My name is Dr. Livingstone! I come in peace! I come to see your chief! I bring him good news!
They are surprised, Bwana, that you speak African tongue!
Come!
Tumm...
Tum...
Tum!
At the Bakwena village of Mabotsa--
Why is he looking at me like that?
He has never seen white man!


I am Sechele, chief of the Bakwena! Are you a god?
No, but I am sent by God with a message for you and your whole tribe!
It is written in this Book! I will read it to you!
A little later--
And that is what God has sent me to tell you! That He loves you and sent His Son to die for you, so that you and your people can go to Heaven!
What happen if man is not saved?
Why, then he's lost. He does not go to Heaven!
If it is true that all men who die not saved are lost, then why did your people not come to tell us this story before now? This is not good!
Dear Lord! It's going to take more than words to get through to him! It's going to take a sample of Thy Love and Thy Power!


That night--
You! White man! Come see chief!
POKE!
Wh-What for?
My daughter is very sick! Witch-doctor say she die!
Can your God heal her?
Yes! My God can heal her! He's her God too!
Dear Jesus! Please help me! They need to see a miracle!
The next day--
Father!
My daughter! You are well!
Now I would like to hear all you have to say about this great God, and His Son Who die for us!
And so the great chief Sechele of the Bakwena tribe received Jesus as His Saviour!
Jesus good! I think it good for whole tribe to become Christians!
Good!
Tell the headmen to bring their whips!







In 1842 David Livingstone started his first mission station at the Bakwena village of Mabotsa, far from all other white men, and surrounded by wild and savage tribes. But because Livingstone loved and cared for them, even the most savage natives soon learned to love and trust him! During his 30 years as a missionary in Africa, Livingstone won many thousands of souls to the Lord!

THE STORY OF DAVID LIVINGSTONE PART III

GOD'S EXPLORER!

After living alone at Mabotsa for two years, David Livingstone married Mary Moffat, the daughter of the famous missionary who had first inspired him to go to Africa.

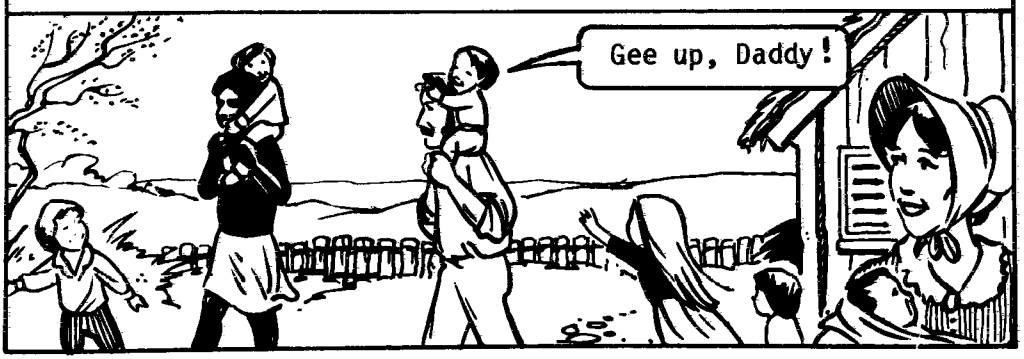
In 1847, they built a new mission station with their own hands, 80 miles north of Mabotsa at a place called Kolobeng.



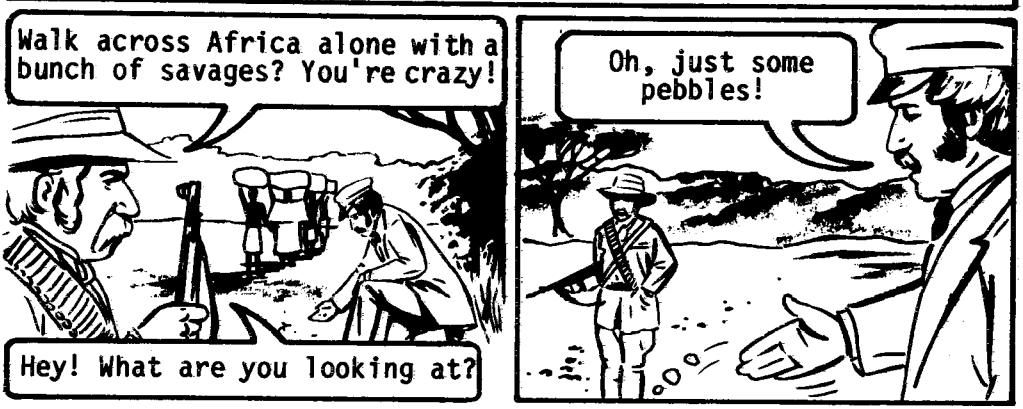
Livingstone had six children whilst in Africa. Sometimes they would travel with him on his missionary journeys!



It was a happy marriage, for although there was a serious side to Livingstone's nature, he had a keen sense of humour and was always ready for what he called "merriment and play"!



During his many travels, Livingstone never forgot that his chief reason for being in Africa was to spread the Gospel and make it possible for others to follow in his footsteps! He once summed up his feelings to a hunter who briefly travelled with him on his great West to East journey across Africa.

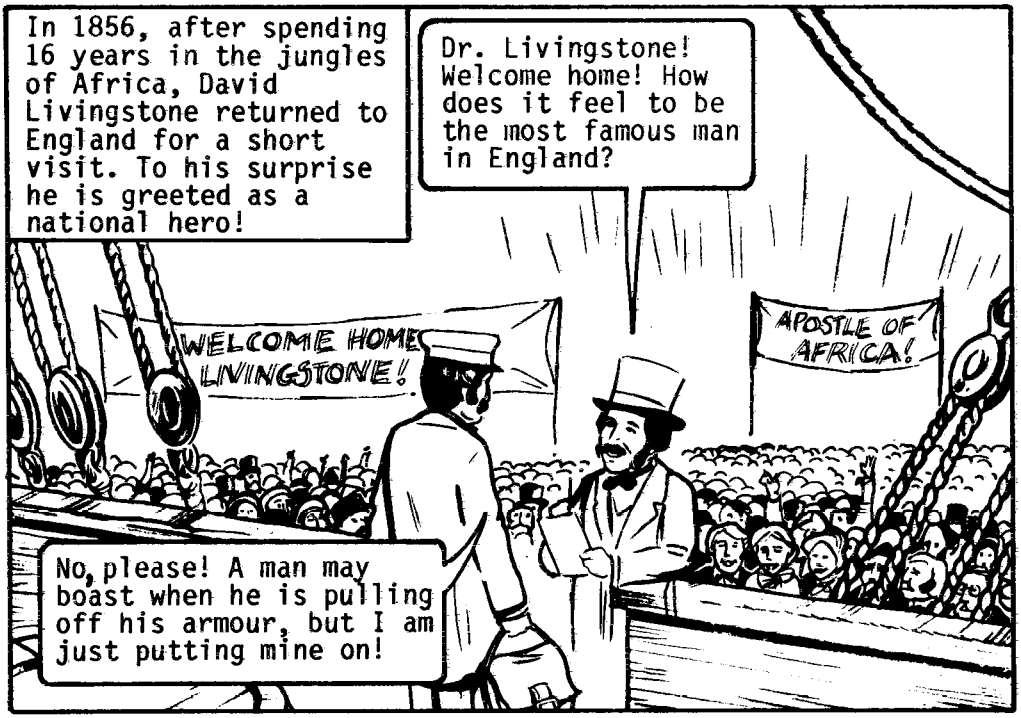


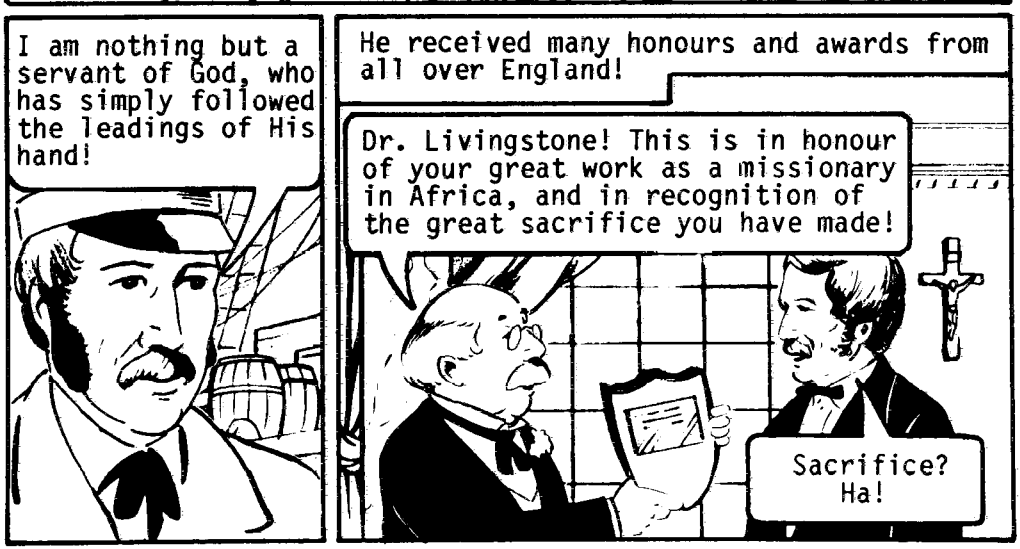




THE STORY OF DAVID LIVINGSTONE PART IV

"I NEVER MADE A SACRIFICE!"

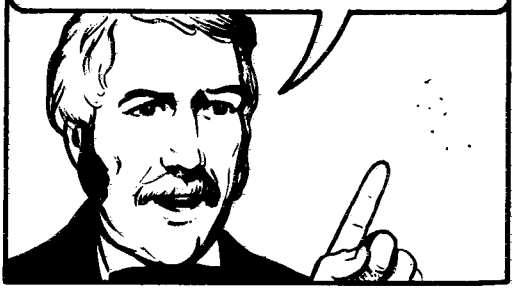




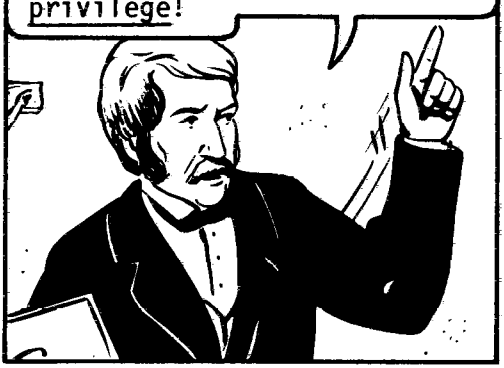
Ladies and Gentlemen, I never made a sacrifice! No matter how much I gave up, God always gave me back much more!



Can that be called a sacrifice which is simply a small part paid back of the great debt that we owe to God, which we can never repay?



Sacrifice? Away with such a word! Such a thought! Such an idea! It is definitely no sacrifice! Rather it is a privilege!



Worry, sickness, hardships and danger may sometimes cause our spirits to waver and sink; but let this be only for a moment! Because all these are nothing when compared to the glory which shall hereafter be revealed in us, and for us! (Romans 8:18)



Sacrifice? Of such a word we ought not to talk when we remember the great sacrifice that Jesus made when He left His Father's throne on High, to give His life for us!



Ladies and Gentlemen, I never made a sacrifice!



Livingstone's speeches and writings while in England inspired many other missionaries to go to the mission field.

In 1858 Livingstone returned to Africa where he spent the next 11 years preaching the Gospel and exploring! By 1871 no one in England had heard any news from him for 4 years!

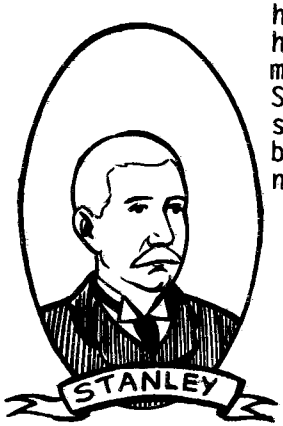
He probably died of malaria!

NEWSPAPER

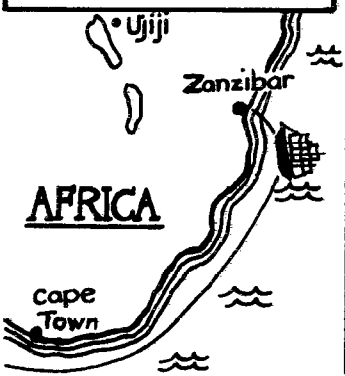
LIVINGSTONE STILL MISSING

Or was killed by wild savages!

In order to find out what had happened to him, a young man called Stanley was sent to Africa by an American newspaper.



He started his search from Zanzibar on the East coast.



May the Lord go with you, Stanley!



Well, thank you! But actually I'm not a Christian like Dr. Livingstone!

After many months Stanley heard stories from natives of an old white man lying sick at Ujiji.



Stanley at last reached Livingstone! This is how he described their meeting.

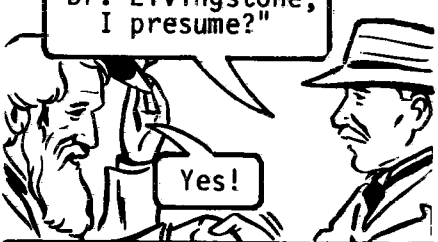


"As I came nearer I saw the white face of an old man among the natives! He had on a old cap with a gold band around it, and a short jacket of red blanket cloth!"

"I took off my hat and said--

Dr. Livingstone, I presume?"

Yes!



It was one of the most famous meetings in history!

Stanley stayed 4 months.

Meet my two most faithful servants, Susi and Chumah!

How does he manage to live here? Is he crazy?

Stanley wrote--

"I have found myself wondering at this solitary old man who carries out everything that is said in the Bible, 'Leave all things and follow Me'! I marvel at his love, his gentleness, his enthusiasm and good humour, the earnestness with which he goes about his business! I must admit that his love and compassion are becoming quite contagious!"

Then one night--

Sir, when I came to Africa I was a well known atheist. But seeing the way you live has converted me.

I would like to become a Christian like you!

After he received the Lord, the time came for Stanley to return to England.

For your health's sake, Sir, I beg you to come back with me!

Go back?

I will go anywhere-- provided it be forward!

MOP 94:10

A few years later Stanley returned to Africa to carry on the work that Livingstone had started!

Two days after Stanley left, Livingstone wrote--

"March 19, My birthday! My Jesus, my King, my life, my all! I again dedicate my whole self to Thee! Accept me, and grant, O gracious Father, that before this year is gone that I may finish my work for Thee! In Jesus' name I ask it, amen."

It was just one year later that Livingstone went home to be with the Lord!

During that last year Livingstone made one more journey. But he was a sick man and in constant pain, often not able to sit up. But he pushed on!

♪LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL!♪

He finally reached Old Chitambo where on May 1st, 1873--

Sssh! Susi! Bwana is praying!

No, Chumah. Bwana is dead.

The Lord took him while he was kneeling in prayer!

With great risk to their lives because of local superstitions about death, his two faithful servants, Susi and Chumah, embalmed his body and carried it, along with his diaries and medical supplies, 1500 miles to the sea! From there it was brought back to England by ship!


And so, David Livingstone, one of the greatest men of the 19th century, was buried in the famous London church, Westminster Abbey. His funeral was one of the greatest that London had ever seen!
Boom!
Boom!
DONG!
DONNG!
DONG!
In the great throng was a shabbily-dressed bum!
Hey!
Get back, you old drunk!
Lemme through!
And where do you think you're going?
I wanna see David!
I have a right to see him!
And who do you think you are?
I knew him better than any of you! We were in Sunday school together! I was his boyhood friend, Tom!
He decided for Christ. I decided against Him!

On Livingstone's tomb it says--

"FOR 30 YEARS HIS LIFE WAS SPENT IN AN UNWEARIED EFFORT TO EVANGELIZE THE NATIVE RACES, AND TO EXPLORE THE UNDISCOVERED SECRETS OF CENTRAL AFRICA."

But most important of all are the thousands of souls that he won to the Lord, and the many people he inspired in future generations to give their lives to the Lord as missionaries on the field!

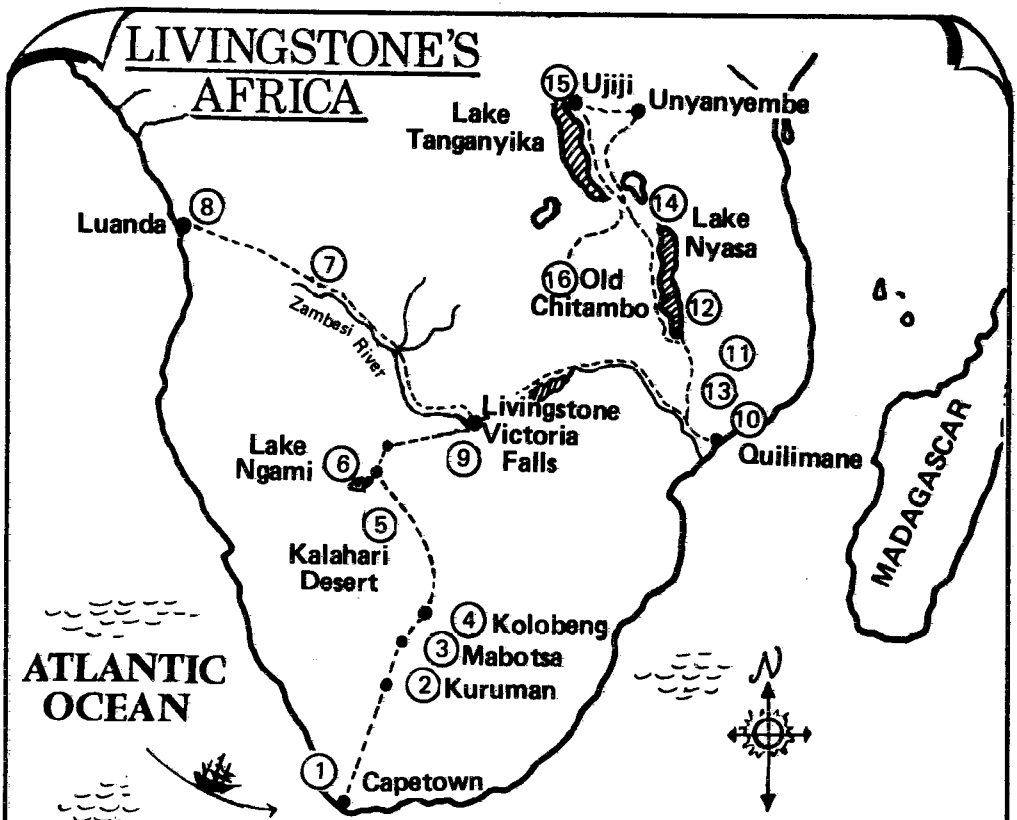






"It is something to be a missionary! The morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy when they saw the field which the first missionary was to fill! The great and loving God, before Whom the angels veil their faces, had an only Son, and He was sent to Earth as a Missionary Physician. It is something to be a follower, however feeble, in the wake of the Great Teacher and only Model Missionary that ever appeared among men, and now that He is the Head over all things, King of kings, and Lord of lords, what commission is equal to that which a missionary holds from Him? For my own part, I never ceased to rejoice that God has appointed me to such an office!"

DAVID LIVINGSTONE. (MOP 83:38)



Before Livingstone, the whole of Central Africa north of Kuruman was completely unexplored! No white man had ever been there! During his 30 years in Africa, Livingstone travelled 29,000 (29 thousand) miles, and accurately mapped 1,000,000 (1 million) miles of the African continent! He discovered 6 lakes, and many great rivers, including the largest waterfall in the World, Victoria Falls! He was also the first man to cross Africa from coast to coast! Before this vast area of Africa had other white people living there, people called it "Livingstone's Land"!

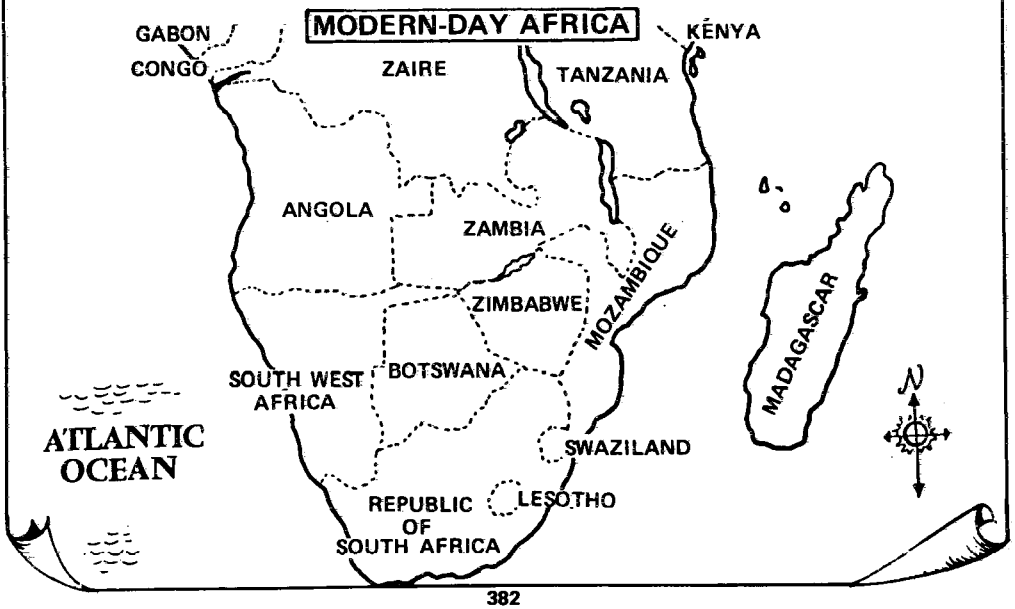
KEY TO MAP

1. March 1841. Livingstone arrives in Africa.
2. July 1841. Arrives in Kuruman on the Cape Frontier (in present day South Africa.) Works for 2 years with Dr. Moffat, a famous pioneer missionary.
3. 1844-45. Mabotsa (in present day South Africa). Converts Bakwena tribe and starts own mission station. Marries Mary Moffat, daughter of Dr. Moffat.
4. Kolobeng (in present day South Africa). Builds new mission station with Mary. Lives here 5 years.
5. Crosses the great Kalahari Desert (in Botswana today). Previously thought to be uncrossable.

6. 1849. Discovers Lake Ngami in Botswana. This lake in the huge waste of African desert was Livingstone's first great discovery.
7. The Zambesi River (in Zambia today). First explored by Livingstone in 1851 in search for new places suitable for mission stations. Reaches Luanda 1854.
8. Sept.1854. From Luanda (capital of Angola today), Livingstone sets off to cross Africa from the West coast to the East, an incredible trek of 7,000 (7 thousand) miles which makes him World-famous.
9. 1855: On this journey Livingstone discovers one of the great natural wonders of the World, Victoria Falls (in present day Zimbabwe), which he named after the Queen. It is the largest waterfall in the World.

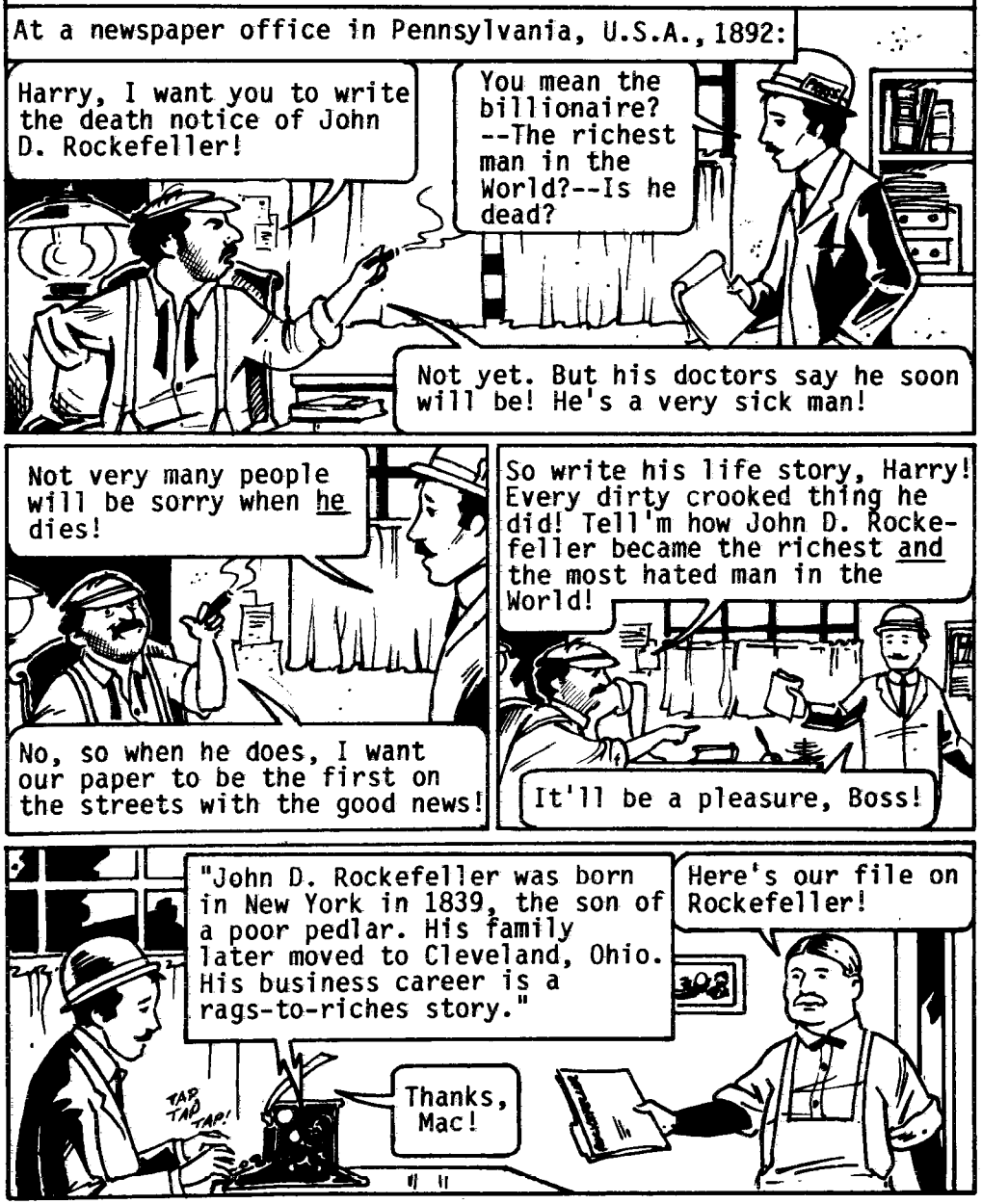
9a. The town that was built on the bank of the river is called "Livingstone" in honour of the great explorer.

10. Livingstone reaches Quilimane (in Mozambique today), on the West coast of Africa in May 1856.
11. He frees 84 slaves after a gun battle with slave traders, the start of his fight to abolish the cruel African slave trade.
12. 1859: Discovers Lake Nyasa (Now Lake Malawi in Malawi), one of the three greatest lakes in Africa.
13. To explore Lake Nyasa, he and hundreds of natives haul a large sailing boat hundreds of miles overland!
14. 1869: Livingstone explores Lake Tanganyika (Tanzania today). He falls seriously ill with malarial fever.
15. 1871: Ujiji (in present day Tanzania), where Stanley and Livingstone meet.
16. Old Chitambo (in present day Zambia), where Livingstone went to be with the Lord in 1873, at 60 years old.



THE BILLIONAIRE!

THE STORY OF JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER!



"When he was 16, he went to work in a business firm, earning $3.50 a week!"

I'll never get rich like this! I'm going to start my own business!

"At the age of 19, Rockefeller borrowed $1000, and started his own business!"

It must all be paid back within 6 months and you must pay interest.*

Don't worry! I want nothing more in life than to make money!--Lots of it!

And I don't care who I have to step on to get it!

*(interest: The money paid by a borrower for the use of borrowed money.)

"5 years later he entered the Oil Business! His cruel and often unfair business methods soon put him far ahead of his rivals! He didn't hesitate to stamp out any competition!"

If I can't ship my oil to the city I'll go broke!

Sorry, Sir! The train is full of Rockefeller's oil!

He bribed*you not to take my oil, didn't he?!!

Ssssh! Don't holler so loud, Buddy! Rockefeller's men might hear you!

*(bribed: dishonestly paid.)

"At the age of 33 he earned his first million dollars."

You've done it, John! You've made your million! Now slow down and let's enjoy life!

Not until I've made a billion!

"At the age of 43 his company sold more than 90% of the oil in the United States."



There it is, Son! The biggest company in the World! I built it!

"At the age of 53, John D. Rockefeller became the richest man on Earth and the World's first billionaire! Yet he was so hated by those he'd wronged, that he had to have armed guards to protect him day and night! But all his money couldn't buy him health."

TAP TAP!

Hmm! I wonder what is he sick with?

I'm going to try to get an interview with Rockefeller!

I'm a reporter from the Daily Press! I've come to interview Mr. Rockefeller!

Sorry, Buddy! Mr. Rockefeller doesn't like reporters!

But...

You heard me! Get out of here! Scram!

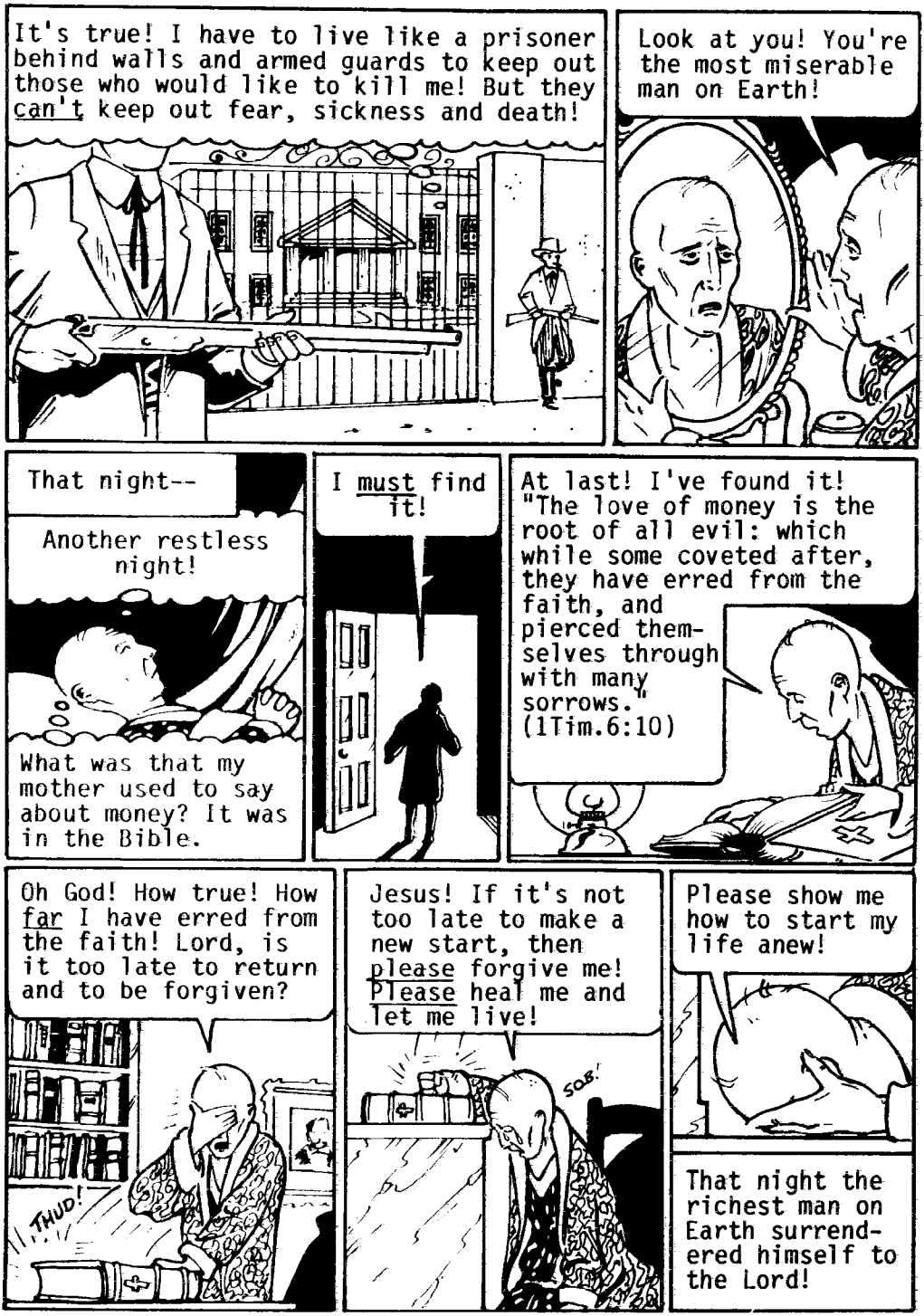
Excuse me, Sir! Are you a friend of Mr. Rockefeller?

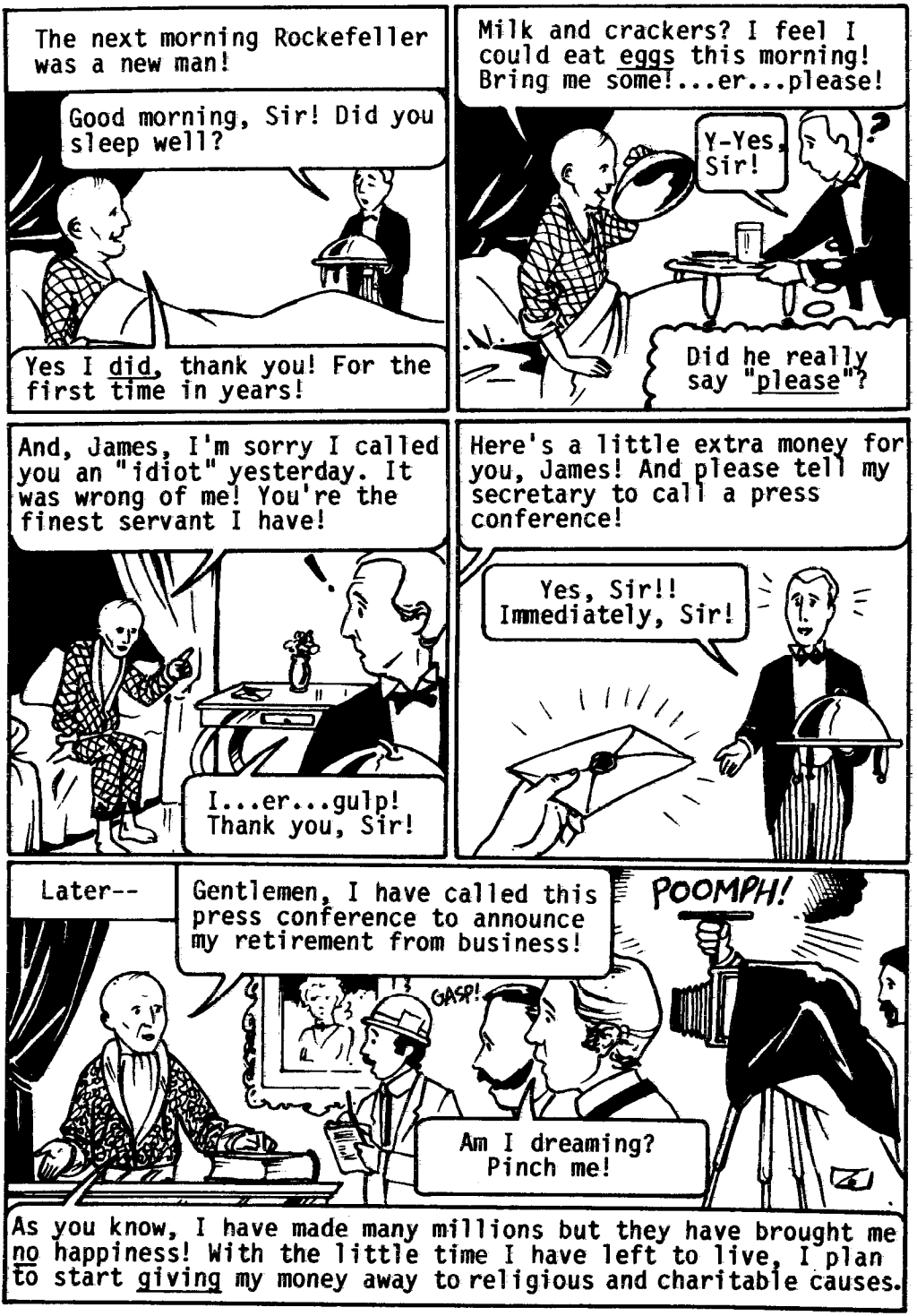
That man doesn't have a friend in the World! I'm just here on business.

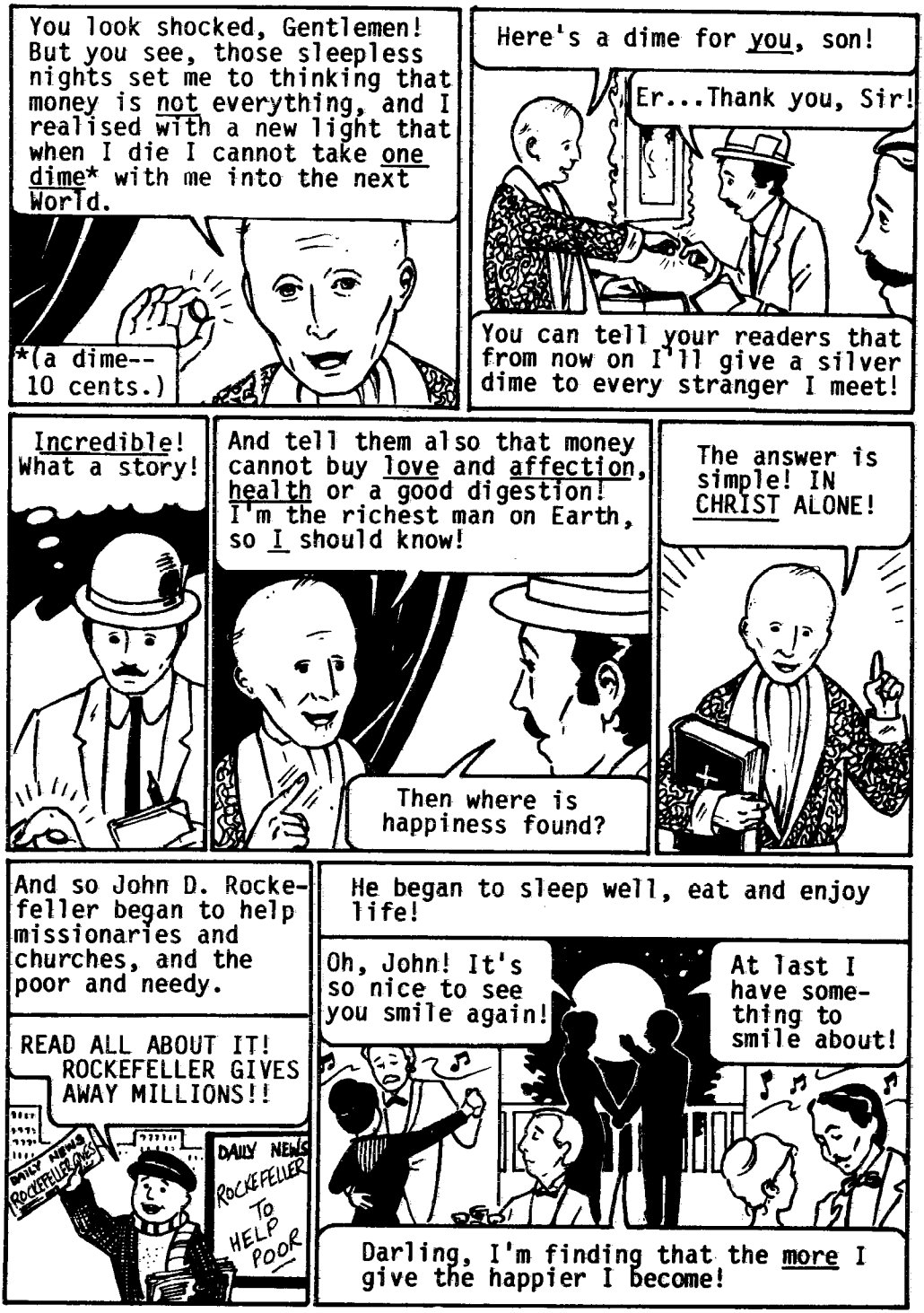
Then can you tell me about this disease he has?

Yes, it's caused him to go completely bald. The hair of his head has dropped off. His eyelashes and eyebrows have disappeared. And he's all shrunken like an Egyptian mummy! Not a pretty sight!

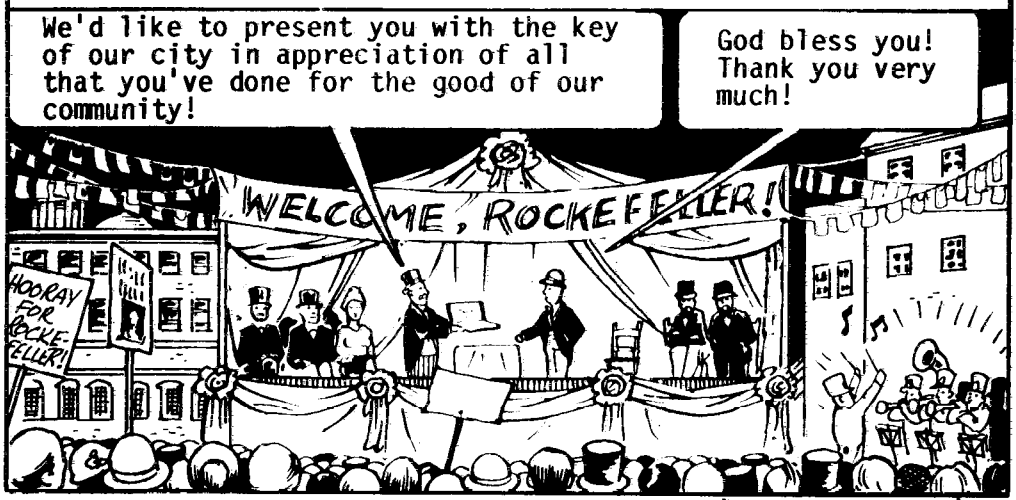

How long does he have to live?
Less than a year!
In the Rockefeller mansion--
Good morning, Sir! Did you sleep well?
No! I never sleep well!
Eggs? You idiot! Don't you know I can't eat eggs?
Bring me milk and crackers!
What's the point? I make billions of dollars but all I can digest is milk and crackers!
John! That's the first time I've heard you admit that money is not everything!
Now don't start preaching at me!
Well, it's true! Look at you, John! You enjoy nothing in life! I can't even remember the last time you smiled!
BE QUIET!
Sob! You learned how to make money! But you never learned how to live! Sob!
SLAM!


It's true! I have to live like a prisoner behind walls and armed guards to keep out those who would like to kill me! But they can't keep out fear, sickness and death!
Look at you! You're the most miserable man on Earth!
That night--
Another restless night!
What was that my mother used to say about money? It was in the Bible.
I must find it!
At last! I've found it! "The love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." (1Tim.6:10)
Oh God! How true! How far I have erred from the faith! Lord, is it too late to return and to be forgiven?
THUD!
Jesus! If it's not too late to make a new start, then please forgive me! Please heal me and let me live!
SOB!
Please show me how to start my life anew!
That night the richest man on Earth surrendered himself to the Lord!


The next morning Rockefeller was a new man!
Good morning, Sir! Did you sleep well?
Yes I did, thank you! For the first time in years!
Milk and crackers? I feel I could eat eggs this morning! Bring me some!...er...please!
Y-Yes, Sir!
?
Did he really say "please"?
And, James, I'm sorry I called you an "idiot" yesterday. It was wrong of me! You're the finest servant I have!
I...er...gulp! Thank you, Sir!
Here's a little extra money for you, James! And please tell my secretary to call a press conference!
Yes, Sir!! Immediately, Sir!
Later--
Gentlemen, I have called this press conference to announce my retirement from business!
POOMPH!
GASP!
Am I dreaming? Pinch me!
As you know, I have made many millions but they have brought me no happiness! With the little time I have left to live, I plan to start giving my money away to religious and charitable causes.

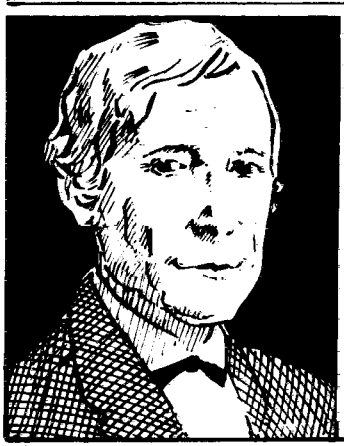

You look shocked, Gentlemen! But you see, those sleepless nights set me to thinking that money is not everything, and I realised with a new light that when I die I cannot take one dime* with me into the next World.
*(a dime-- 10 cents.)
Here's a dime for you, son!
Er...Thank you, Sir!
You can tell your readers that from now on I'll give a silver dime to every stranger I meet!
Incredible! What a story!
And tell them also that money cannot buy love and affection, health or a good digestion! I'm the richest man on Earth, so I should know!
Then where is happiness found?
The answer is simple! IN CHRIST ALONE!
And so John D. Rockefeller began to help missionaries and churches, and the poor and needy.
READ ALL ABOUT IT! ROCKEFELLER GIVES AWAY MILLIONS!!
DAILY NEWS ROCKEFELLER GIVES!
DAILY NEWS ROCKEFELLER TO HELP POOR
He began to sleep well, eat and enjoy life!
Oh, John! It's so nice to see you smile again!
At last I have something to smile about!
Darling, I'm finding that the more I give the happier I become!

From being one of the World's most hated men, he became one of the most loved!



The doctors said that he would not live past the age of 54, but he lived until he was 98! God blessed him with 44 more years during which he gave away $750 million dollars!* --The greatest amount ever given away by any man to this day!
And he always gave a dime* to everyone he met.
*(Today, this amount of money is worth 10 times more, a dime back then was the value of $1 today!)





Do you have sleepless nights and ill health? Is your heart heavy laden with the cares and riches of this World? Jesus says, "Come unto Me all ye that are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) Like Rockefeller, it's never too late to start living your life for Jesus! Just tell Him:

"Dear Jesus, I know I need Your love in my life! Please forgive me for my selfish living and my lack of love! Please come into my heart and fill me with Your love, that I may share it with others! In Jesus' name, amen!"

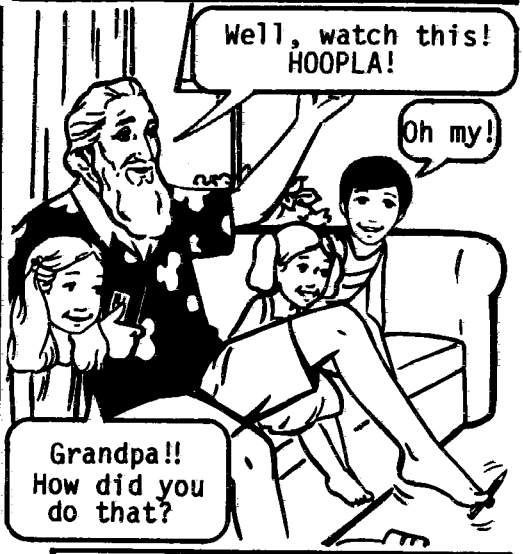

So that's the story of John D. Rockefeller, the billionaire! I met him once when I was a boy!
Where, Grandpa?
LIVES of GREAT MEN
He used to go to a small Baptist Church in Ormond Beach, Florida! Mother took Lamont and I to see him!
Which one is Mr. Rockefeller, Mother?
... with the Cross of Jesus...
There he is, right up front! Singing away with all his heart!
After Church, Lamont and I went up to shake his hand, and he gave each of us a shiny new silver dime!
Take care of it now, Son! Invest it wisely!
Thank you, Sir!
I kept mine for years!
Does God say it's wrong to be rich? Not really! He just says to watch out what riches do to you!
God doesn't mind rich people as long as they give it away or share it!
Right! It's all in how you use your riches that counts! And the richest people in God's Kingdom are those who give the most! The Lord heaps more blessings on His children than we can hold, because they give His love to others!

HANDICAPS!

- Can Be Overcome!

Handicap--a disadvantage or disability that make progress or success in life difficult.







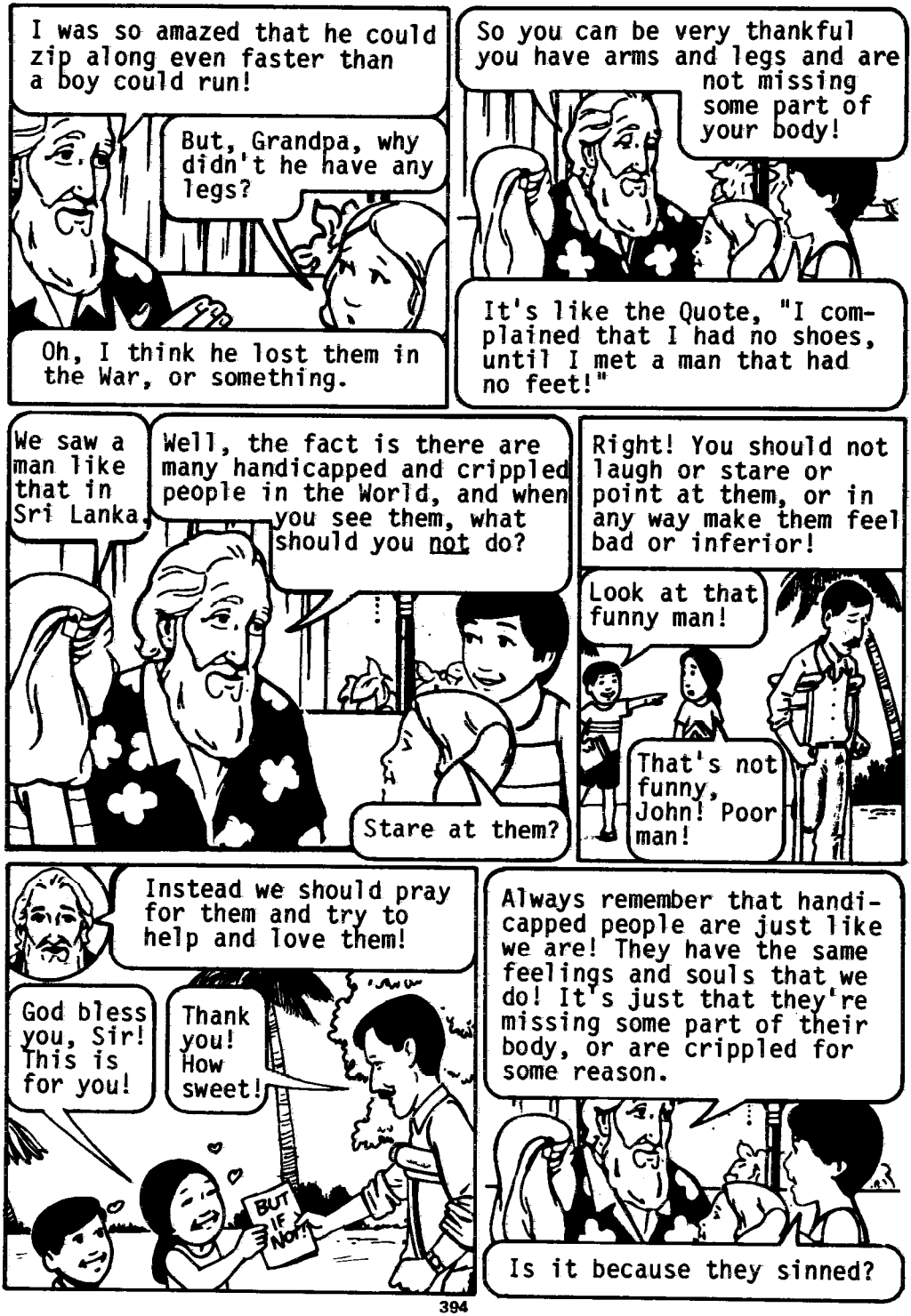
It takes practice! You see, once when I was a boy I went to the circus with my best friend, Lamont, and saw this man who had no arms!

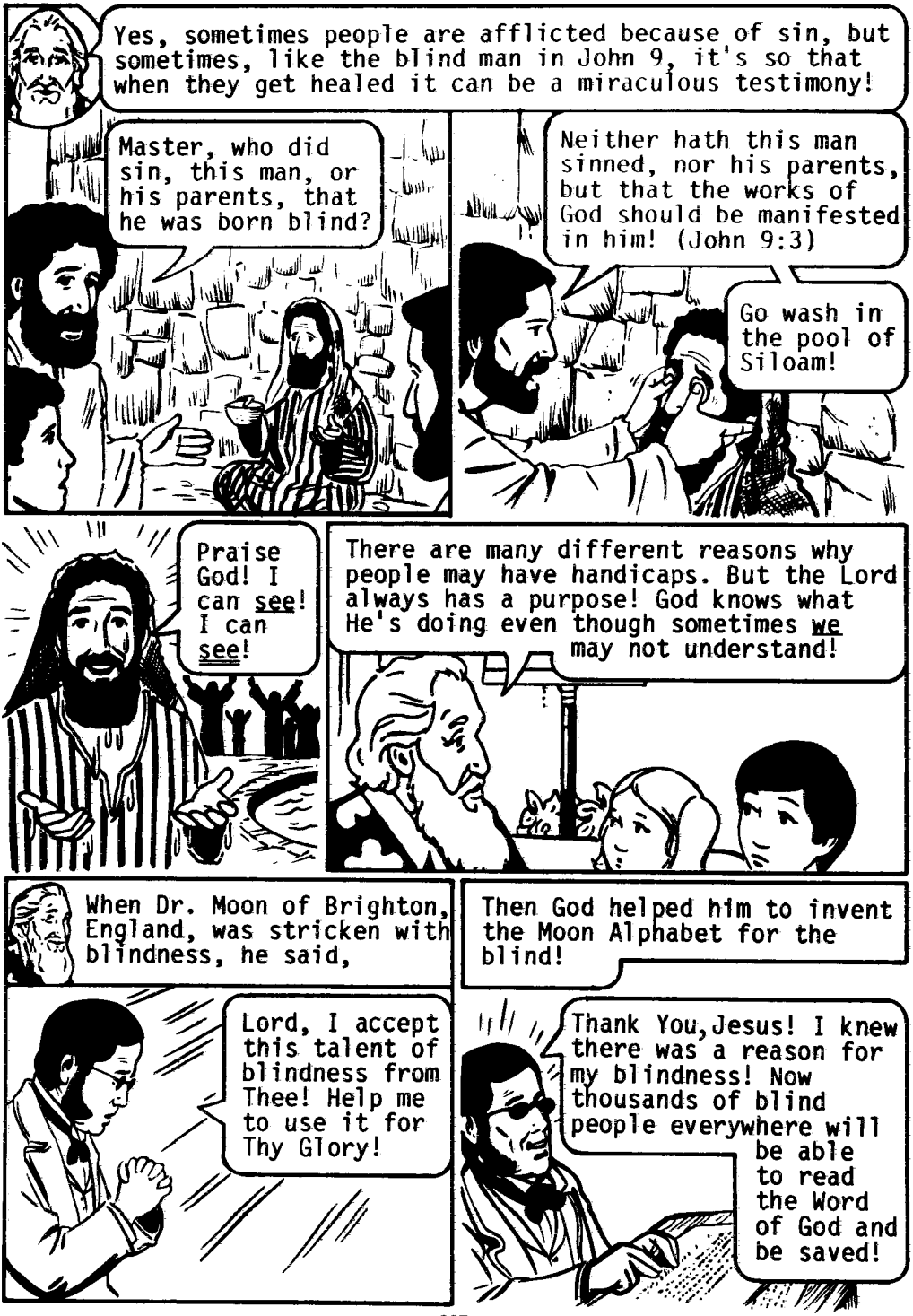







Lamont and I were so impressed that we went home and practiced for hours this amazing "feat with our feet"!
There! Phew! I did it!
But boy, it's really hard!
Yes, it sure makes me thankful that I have good health and a good body!
Gulp! I'd better clean up my mess now!
And so, because as a boy I practiced picking things up with my toes, even today I'm still quite good at it!
But the main lesson that the armless man taught me was that with real effort and practice you can learn to overcome disabilities and handicaps!
In fact, there used to be a man I knew in Miami who didn't have any legs.
I'll race you!
Okay! Let's go!
Look at that! He pushes himself along on that board!
Can't catch me! Ha!
ZOOOM!


I was so amazed that he could zip along even faster than a boy could run!
But, Grandpa, why didn't he have any legs?
Oh, I think he lost them in the War, or something.
So you can be very thankful you have arms and legs and are not missing some part of your body!
It's like the Quote, "I complained that I had no shoes, until I met a man that had no feet!"
We saw a man like that in Sri Lanka.
Well, the fact is there are many handicapped and crippled people in the World, and when you see them, what should you not do?
Stare at them?
Right! You should not laugh or stare or point at them, or in any way make them feel bad or inferior!
Look at that funny man!
That's not funny, John! Poor man!
Instead we should pray for them and try to help and love them!
God bless you, Sir! This is for you!
Thank you! How sweet!
BUT IF NOT!
Always remember that handicapped people are just like we are! They have the same feelings and souls that we do! It's just that they're missing some part of their body, or are crippled for some reason.
Is it because they sinned?


Yes, sometimes people are afflicted because of sin, but sometimes, like the blind man in John 9, it's so that when they get healed it can be a miraculous testimony!
Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?
Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents, but that the works of God should be manifested in him! (John 9:3)
Go wash in the pool of Siloam!
Praise God! I can see! I can see!
There are many different reasons why people may have handicaps. But the Lord always has a purpose! God knows what He's doing even though sometimes we may not understand!
When Dr. Moon of Brighton, England, was stricken with blindness, he said,
Then God helped him to invent the Moon Alphabet for the blind!
Lord, I accept this talent of blindness from Thee! Help me to use it for Thy Glory!
Thank You, Jesus! I knew there was a reason for my blindness! Now thousands of blind people everywhere will be able to read the Word of God and be saved!

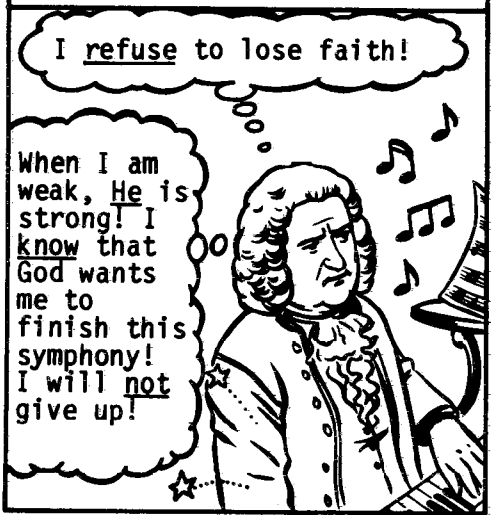
Hellen Keller was known and admired throughout the World for the way she overcame her handicaps! Although blind, deaf and dumb, she lived a full and complete life, and brought hope, courage and help to thousands of other handicapped people!
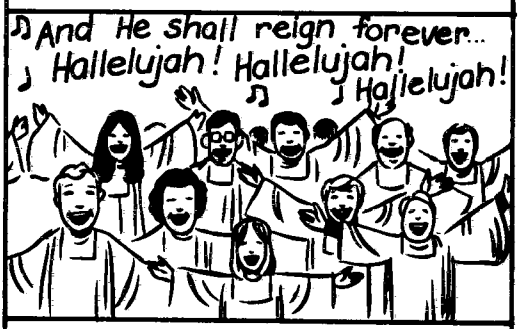




Did you know that Shakespeare was a cripple, the famous poets Lord Byron and Sir Walter Scott were lame, Alexander the Great was a hunchback, and Thomas Edison who invented the phonograph was deaf?!

The great composer, Handel, became paralyzed and unable to move his right side.



And he went on to compose his greatest work, "The Hallelujah Chorus"!



Yes, God gets some of His greatest victories out of seeming defeat, and many of the World's great men have had serious handicaps which they had to overcome!

So, if you have a handicap, remember the Lord can help you turn it into a blessing! Praise the Lord, and use it for His Glory as best you can!



And we should all learn to love and encourage and help and pray for those who are handicapped! There are even a few handicapped people in our missionary Family, serving the Lord and witnessing faithfully to others! There is no limit to what God can do with a person who is yielded and willing to do His Will! Hallelujah!

THE ADVANTAGE OF A HANDICAP!

--How To Be Happy Though Handicapped!

Grandpa, we have a boy in the Family who is handicapped because he's deaf. He sent us a letter telling us about himself. Can we read it together?



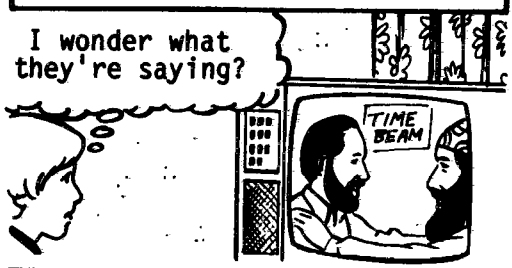
Dear Family, My name is Zion. I am 11 years old, and I am deaf. Because I can't hear, I also can't speak well, but I have learned to talk with my hands!



My Mother and Daddy and sisters and brothers know how to talk to me with their hands too!

Do you want to know what it's like to be deaf?-- It's kind of like watching a TV with no sound!

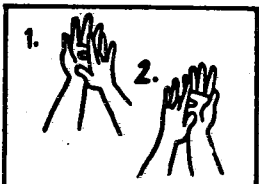
I wonder what they're saying?



It's like living in a World with the sound turned off! Because I've never heard what words sound like, I can't talk!



But I know a lot of words in Sign Language!--Over 1000 words! This is how you say Jesus loves you!:



JESUS
Bent right middle finger touches left palm;reverse. (Nails in Jesus hands.)



LOVE
Hands crossed on heart.



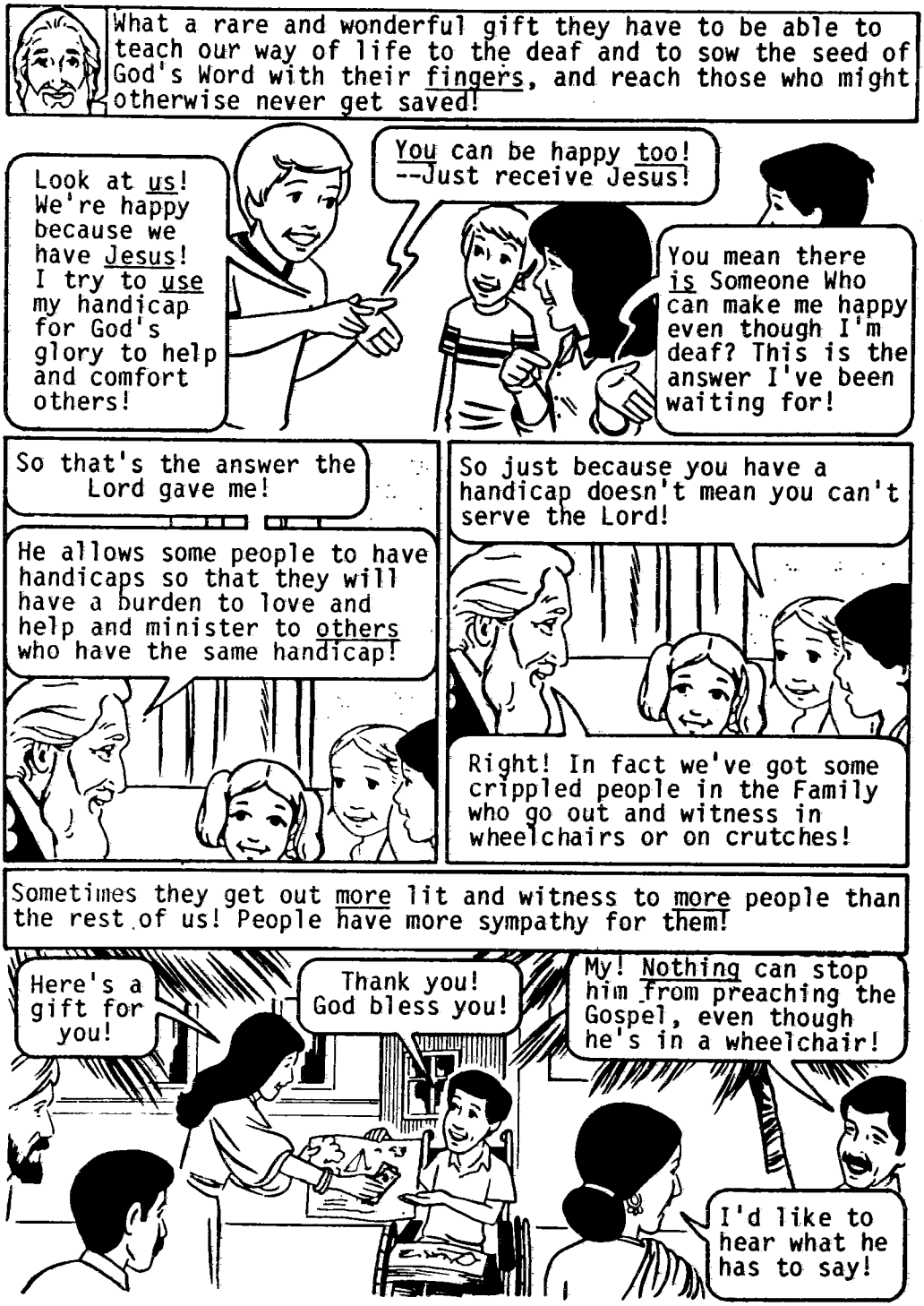
YOU
Index points at person addressed.

Grandpa, it's so sad that he's deaf! Why doesn't the Lord heal him?



"Did you know that there are over 30 million people in the World who are deaf like me? God loves them very much and wants us to be able to witness to them! I love you! Love, Zion."


I didn't understand that, either, until the other day when I really got desperate in prayer!
Then the Lord gave me a wonderful vision!
Lord, Zion and his parents have obeyed Your Word! They've gone to the mission field! They've done all that they possibly can do! --So Jesus, please show me why You haven't healed this boy!
DAVID! LOOK AT ZION! I want him and his parents to have a ministry to deaf people!
I could see Zion and his family showing our posters to all these deaf children and explaining each one in sign language! It was so beautiful! The deaf children were "listening" to his fingers!
Jesus sent us to tell you what Heaven is like!
This is the Heavenly City where you won't be deaf anymore!
Zion's five younger brothers and sisters were even singing for the deaf children and clapping their hands, playing on their instruments of ten strings!
I don't have a sad God, I have a happy God!
I can't hear what they're singing, but I can see their joy and light and love!
If that deaf boy can be so happy, maybe I could be happy too!


What a rare and wonderful gift they have to be able to teach our way of life to the deaf and to sow the seed of God's Word with their fingers, and reach those who might otherwise never get saved!
Look at us! We're happy because we have Jesus! I try to use my handicap for God's glory to help and comfort others!
You can be happy too! --Just receive Jesus!
You mean there is Someone Who can make me happy even though I'm deaf? This is the answer I've been waiting for!
So that's the answer the Lord gave me!
He allows some people to have handicaps so that they will have a burden to love and help and minister to others who have the same handicap!
So just because you have a handicap doesn't mean you can't serve the Lord!
Right! In fact we've got some crippled people in the Family who go out and witness in wheelchairs or on crutches!
Sometimes they get out more lit and witness to more people than the rest of us! People have more sympathy for them!
Here's a gift for you!
Thank you! God bless you!
My! Nothing can stop him from preaching the Gospel, even though he's in a wheelchair!
I'd like to hear what he has to say!


See, just because someone is handicapped, God doesn't throw him on the scrap heap! Some of the greatest saints of God who ever lived had handicaps!--I even have one!
I have a crippled left arm and hand!
How did it get crippled, Grandpa?
I broke it when I was a boy, and the bones didn't join back together very well!
See this big bulge on my left arm? That's where it was broken!
So my left hand can do very little!
But as a result my right hand became unusually strong because I used it twice as much.--One time as a boy, I went over to the drug store where the big boys from the football team would line up to play on the "squeeze machine"!
UMMPH!
50! That's really good!
TEST YO
You had to squeeze the handles on the machine together as hard as you could! Then a little arrow would show you how strong your grip was!
May I please try?
Ha! Sure! Why not?
The little shrimp! He'll probably score 20! Ha! Ha!
Or 10!
TEST YOUR STRENGTH! -The Squeeze Machine!
WHAT?? 70!! That's more than any of us have ever scored!
How can his grip be stronger than ours?

See! I turned my handicap into an advantage! Handicaps can keep you humble and able to sympathise with others! --And out of some handicaps can come very successful ministries.

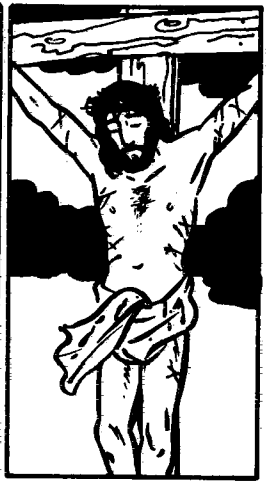
I guess this is just my "thorn in the flesh", like the Apostle Paul had! It helps keep me humble! (2Cor.12:7)

Well, if it doesn't stop you from serving the Lord, maybe I could serve Him too!

God can use that handicap for His glory! Don't be ashamed of it!

If He doesn't heal you, then ask Him to use you with your handicap for His glory!

Did you know that we all have a handicap of some kind? We're all handicapped with sin, weaknesses, failures and mistakes!--All of us! That's why Jesus had to die for us, to save us from our sins!



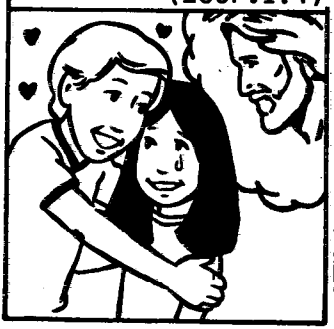
"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God"! (Romans 3:23)

Amen! And aren't you glad that you're still sinners, so that you can sympathise with other sinners and tell them how to get saved?

Our own sins, mistakes and handicaps help to humble us and bring us closer to Jesus!

I need You so much, Jesus!

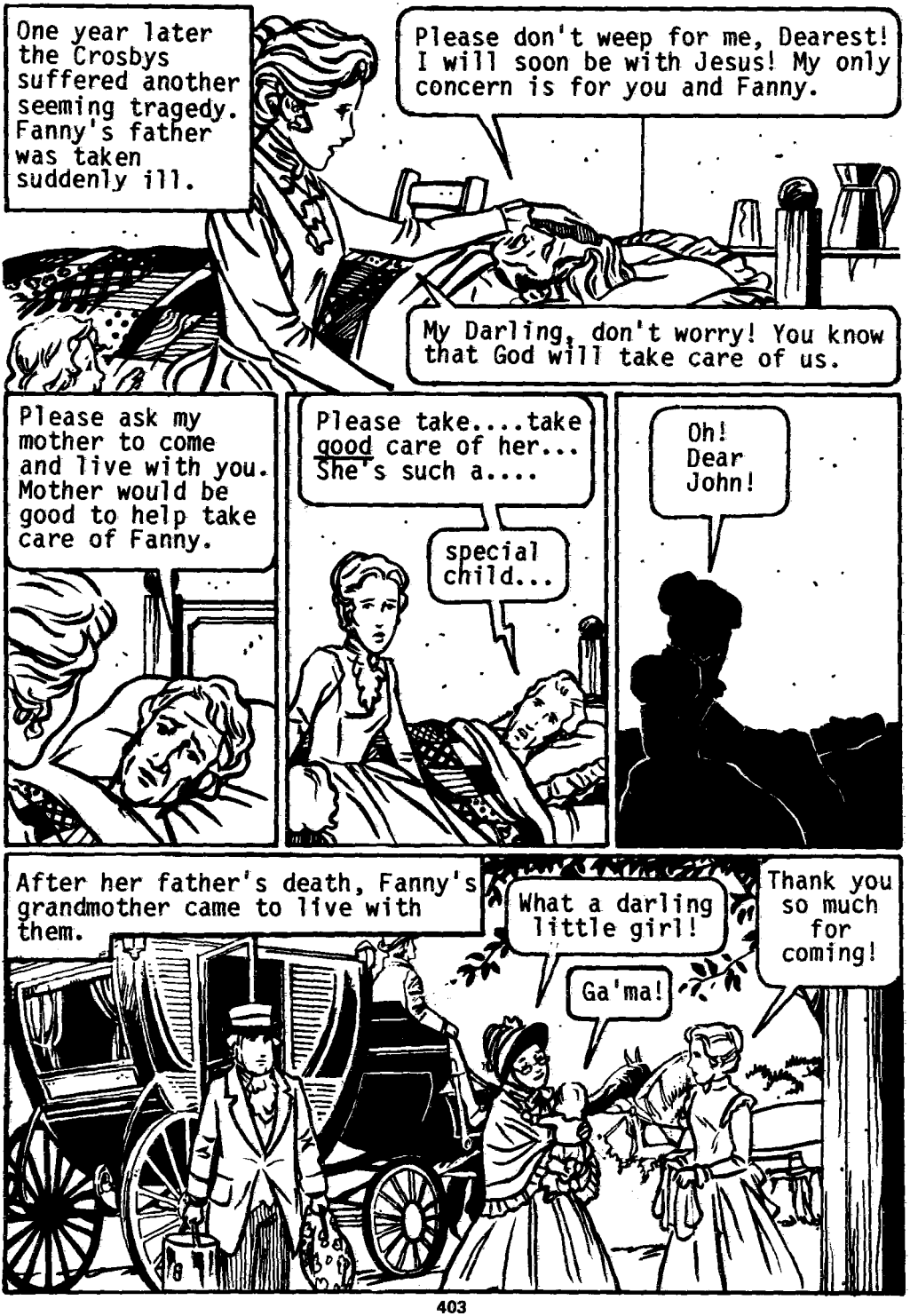
So that we can comfort others with the comfort wherewith we are comforted of God! (2Cor.1:4)

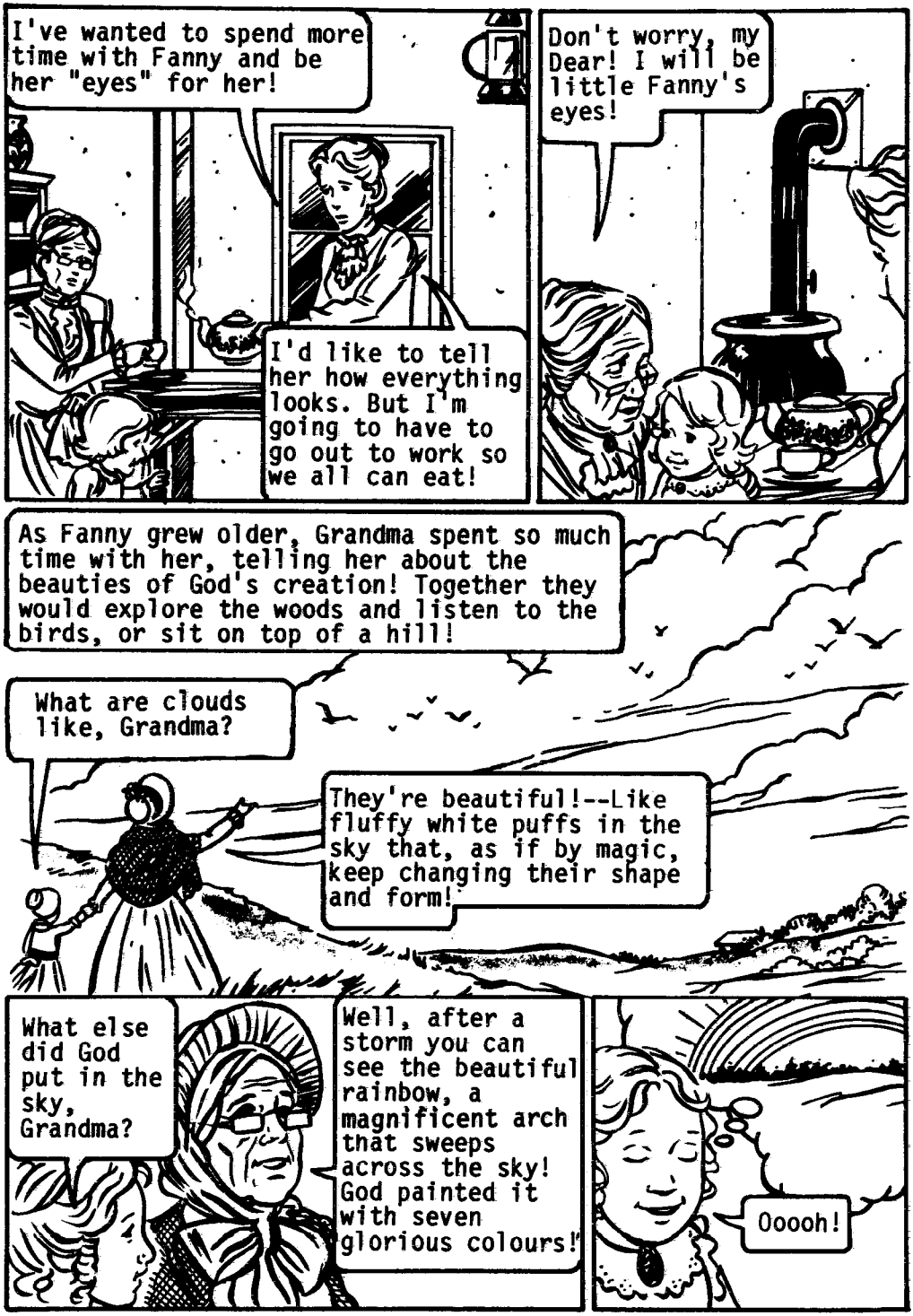


Praise God! Thank You Jesus!--For the advantages of a handicap!

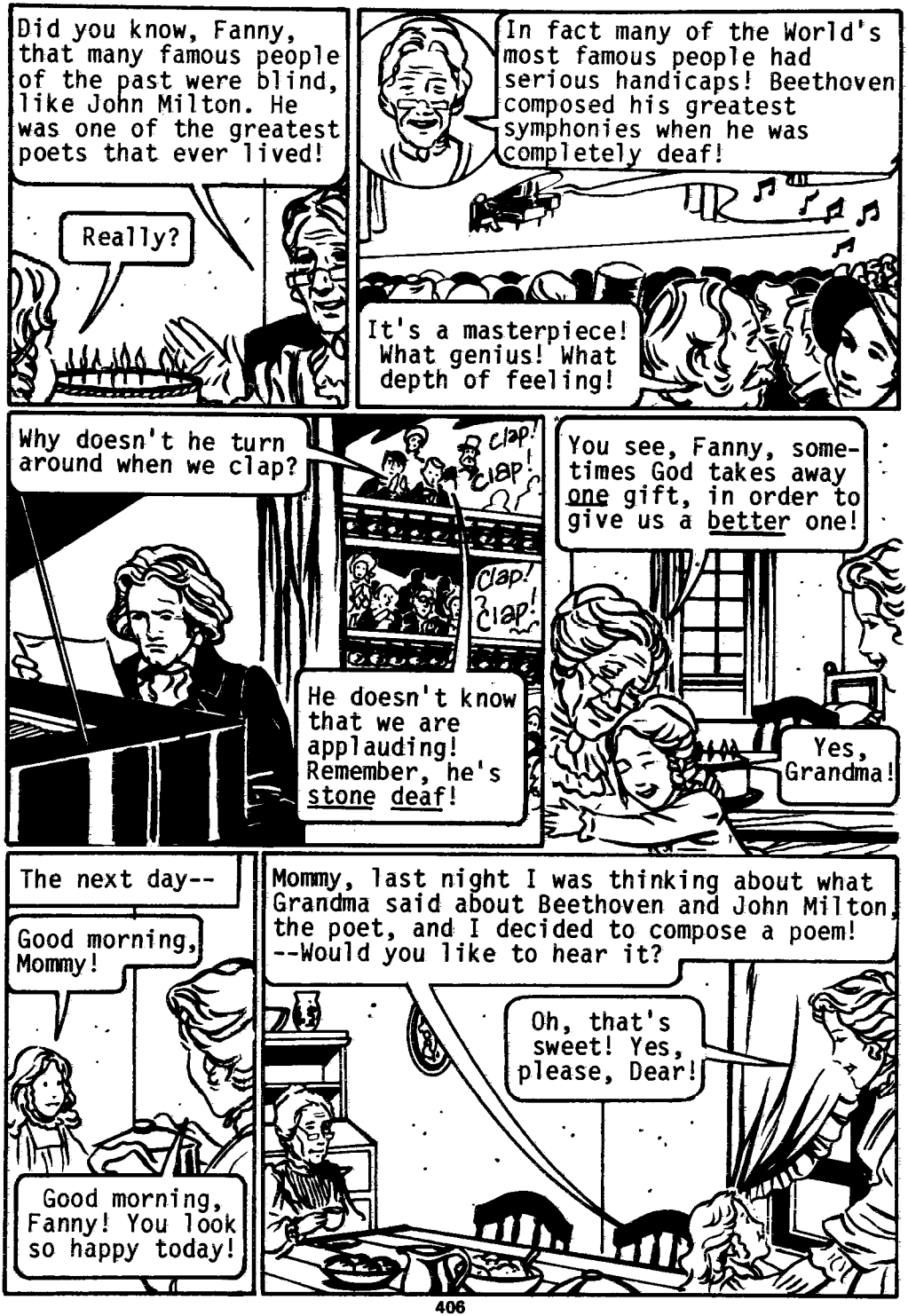
THE TRUE LIFE STORY OF FANNY CROSBY!

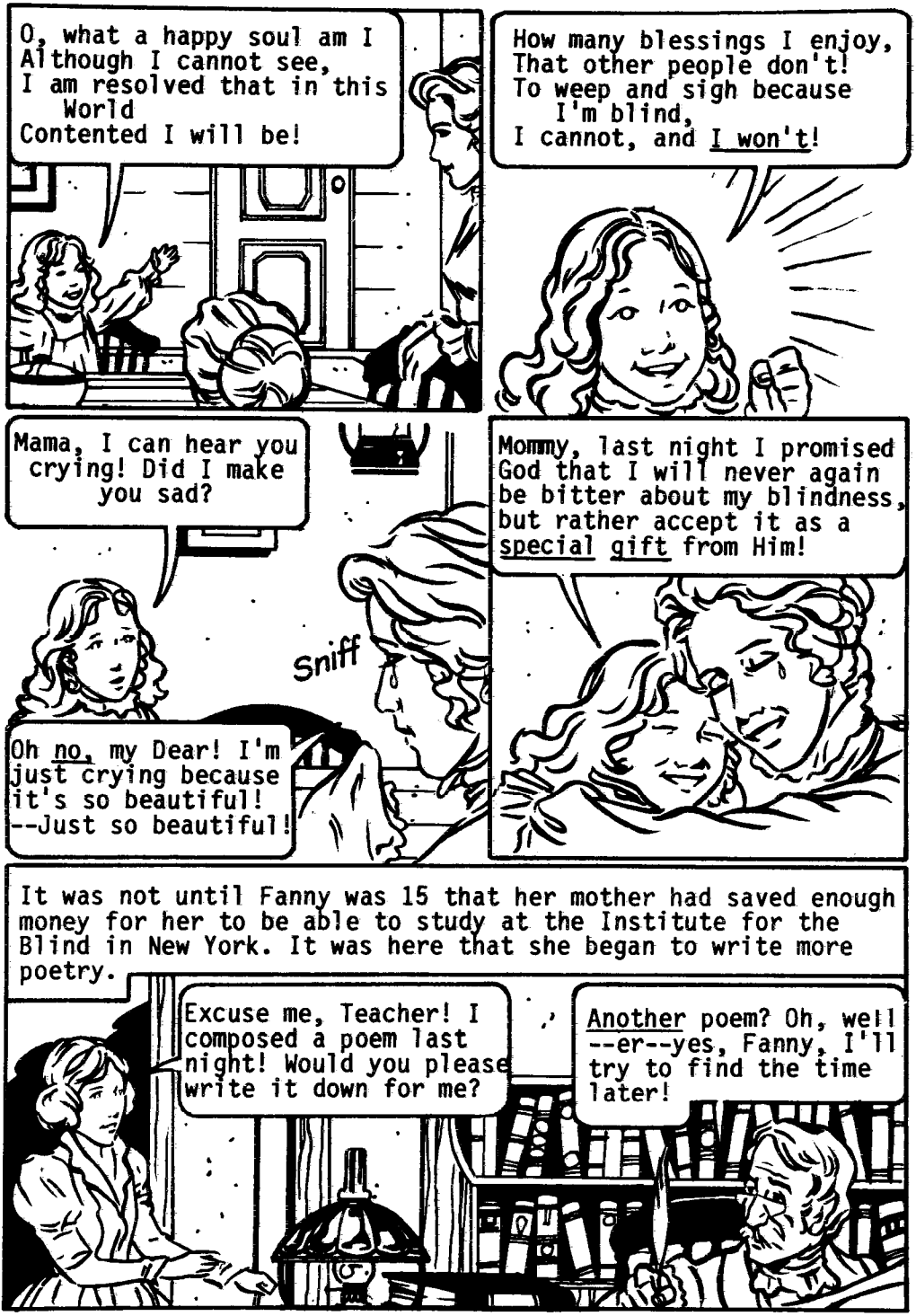



One year later the Crosbys suffered another seeming tragedy. Fanny's father was taken suddenly ill.
Please don't weep for me, Dearest! I will soon be with Jesus! My only concern is for you and Fanny.
My Darling, don't worry! You know that God will take care of us.
Please ask my mother to come and live with you. Mother would be good to help take care of Fanny.
Please take....take good care of her... She's such a....
special child...
Oh! Dear John!
After her father's death, Fanny's grandmother came to live with them.
What a darling little girl!
Ga'ma!
Thank you so much for coming!

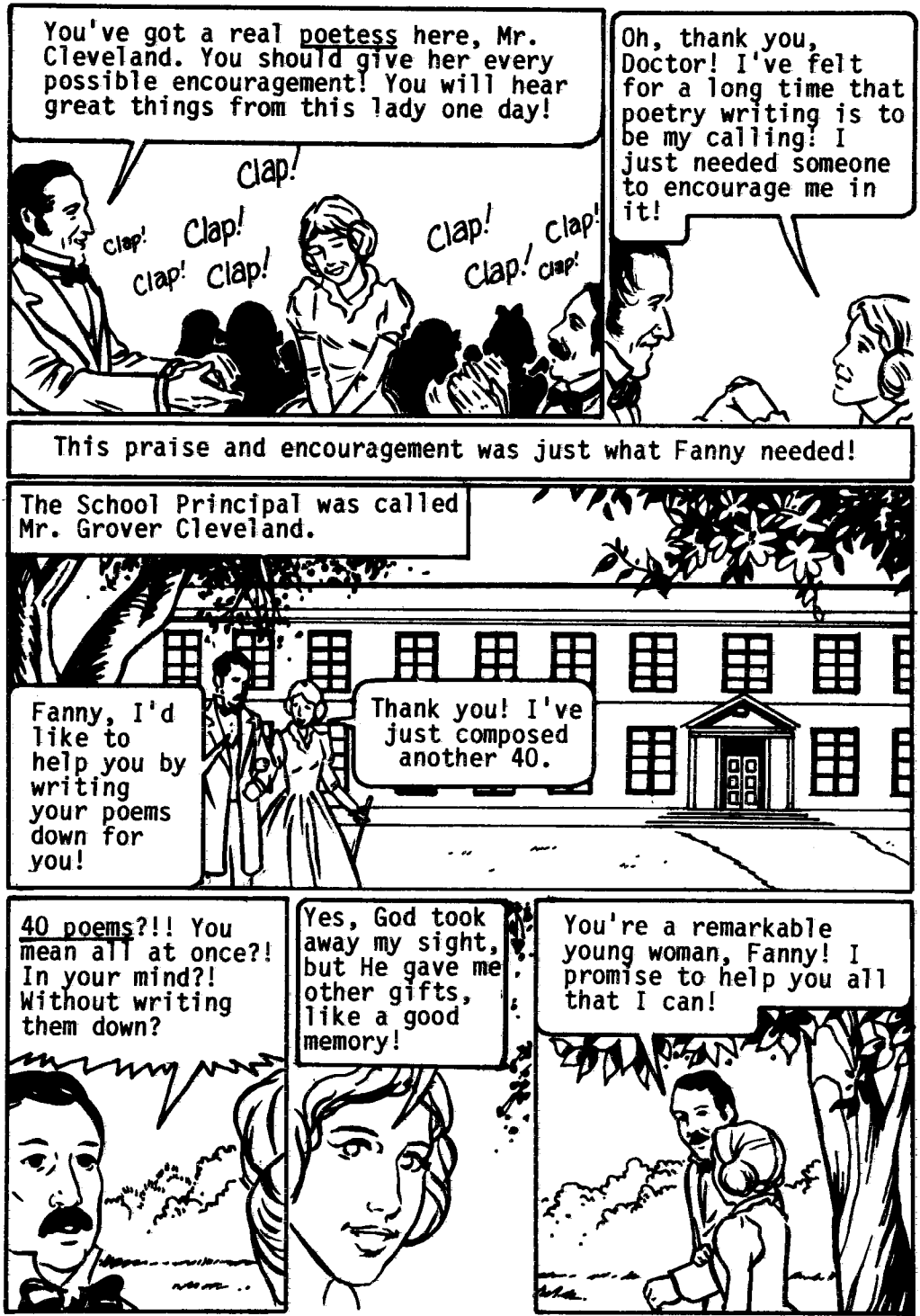

I've wanted to spend more time with Fanny and be her "eyes" for her!
I'd like to tell her how everything looks. But I'm going to have to go out to work so we all can eat!
Don't worry, my Dear! I will be little Fanny's eyes!
As Fanny grew older, Grandma spent so much time with her, telling her about the beauties of God's creation! Together they would explore the woods and listen to the birds, or sit on top of a hill!
What are clouds like, Grandma?
They're beautiful!--Like fluffy white puffs in the sky that, as if by magic, keep changing their shape and form!
What else did God put in the sky, Grandma?
Well, after a storm you can see the beautiful rainbow, a magnificent arch that sweeps across the sky! God painted it with seven glorious colours!
Ooooh!


Sit on my lap and I'll tell you the story of Noah, and how God made the first rainbow as a sign that He would never again cover the Earth with a flood!
Fanny liked the times that Grandma read to her out of the Bible best of all!
The stories are so beautiful, Grandma! Oh, how I wish I could read them too!
Fanny! I have a splendid idea!
Since you can't see to read the verses in the Bible, I'm going to help you memorise them!
Oh, yes please, Grandma! Then I can have the Bible with me always, in my heart!
Soon little Fanny Crosby had learned many verses, Psalms and Proverbs, and the whole Book of Ruth by heart!
On her 8th Birthday--
Happy Birthday, dear Fanny!
Thank you, Mama! May I help light the candles, please?
Oh, if God would grant me one wish for next year, it would be that I could see!
My sweet one! So many nights we've prayed for your blindness, and now we must trust the Lord! Although now you do not understand why God has let this happen, one day you surely will!


Did you know, Fanny, that many famous people of the past were blind, like John Milton. He was one of the greatest poets that ever lived!
Really?
In fact many of the World's most famous people had serious handicaps! Beethoven composed his greatest symphonies when he was completely deaf!
It's a masterpiece! What genius! What depth of feeling!
Why doesn't he turn around when we clap?
Clap! Clap!
Clap! Clap!
He doesn't know that we are applauding! Remember, he's stone deaf!
You see, Fanny, sometimes God takes away one gift, in order to give us a better one!
Yes, Grandma!
The next day--
Good morning, Mommy!
Good morning, Fanny! You look so happy today!
Mommy, last night I was thinking about what Grandma said about Beethoven and John Milton, the poet, and I decided to compose a poem! --Would you like to hear it?
Oh, that's sweet! Yes, please, Dear!


O, what a happy soul am I
Although I cannot see,
I am resolved that in this World
Contented I will be!
How many blessings I enjoy,
That other people don't!
To weep and sigh because I'm blind,
I cannot, and I won't!
Mama, I can hear you crying! Did I make you sad?
Sniff
Oh no, my Dear! I'm just crying because it's so beautiful! --Just so beautiful!
Mommy, last night I promised God that I will never again be bitter about my blindness, but rather accept it as a special gift from Him!
It was not until Fanny was 15 that her mother had saved enough money for her to be able to study at the Institute for the Blind in New York. It was here that she began to write more poetry.
Excuse me, Teacher! I composed a poem last night! Would you please write it down for me?
Another poem? Oh, well --er--yes, Fanny, I'll try to find the time later!


At first her teachers and friends tried to discourage her--
If I thought, I mean--knew--that a word of mine--
Thinking up more poetry? Really, Fanny, what's the point?
I mean, what good will they ever do anyone?
Oh dear! Maybe they're right! I'm just wasting my time!
Then one day a doctor came to examine all the blind students--
Fanny, it says here that you like to write poems! I'd very much like to hear one!
You would? Well--er--this one is called, well, I don't have a name for it yet. It says,
If I knew that a word of mine,
A word not kind and true,
Might leave its trace
On a loved one's face,
I'd never speak harshly,
Would you?
If I knew that the light of a smile
Might linger the whole day through,
And lighten some heart
With a heavier part,
I wouldn't withhold it.
Would you?


You've got a real poetess here, Mr. Cleveland. You should give her every possible encouragement! You will hear great things from this lady one day!
Clap! Clap! Clap! Clap! Clap! Clap! Clap! Clap! Clap!
Oh, thank you, Doctor! I've felt for a long time that poetry writing is to be my calling! I just needed someone to encourage me in it!
This praise and encouragement was just what Fanny needed!
The School Principal was called Mr. Grover Cleveland.
Fanny, I'd like to help you by writing your poems down for you!
Thank you! I've just composed another 40.
40 poems?!! You mean all at once?! In your mind?! Without writing them down?
Yes, God took away my sight, but He gave me other gifts, like a good memory!
You're a remarkable young woman, Fanny! I promise to help you all that I can!

Fanny Crosby spent 23 years at the Institute, first as a student, then as a teacher. She married a blind singer named Alexander Van Alystyne.

Fanny, my Dearest, I'm determined to have your poems set to music! They will make the most beautiful hymns!

God gave them a little baby who soon went back to be with Jesus.

The Lord knew that it would be very hard for us to take proper care of him!

I'll miss cuddling him in my arms! But I know that he's safe in the arms of Jesus now!

The Lord gave me this poem for our departed little one!

Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast,
There by His Love o'ershaded
Sweetly my soul shall rest!

Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe from corroding care,
Safe from the World's temptations,
Sin cannot harm me there!

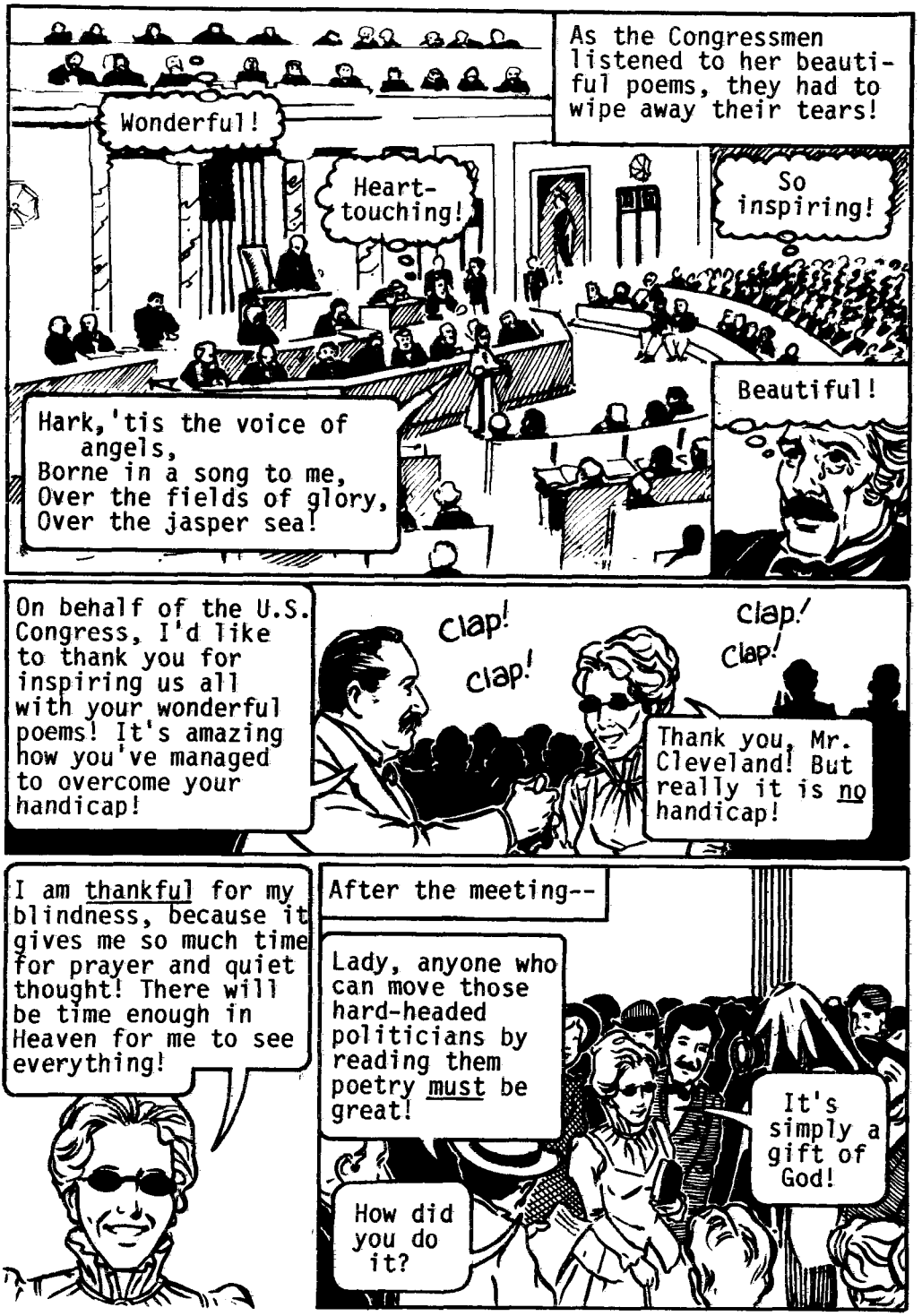
"Safe in the Arms of Jesus" was to become one of Fanny's best known hymns!

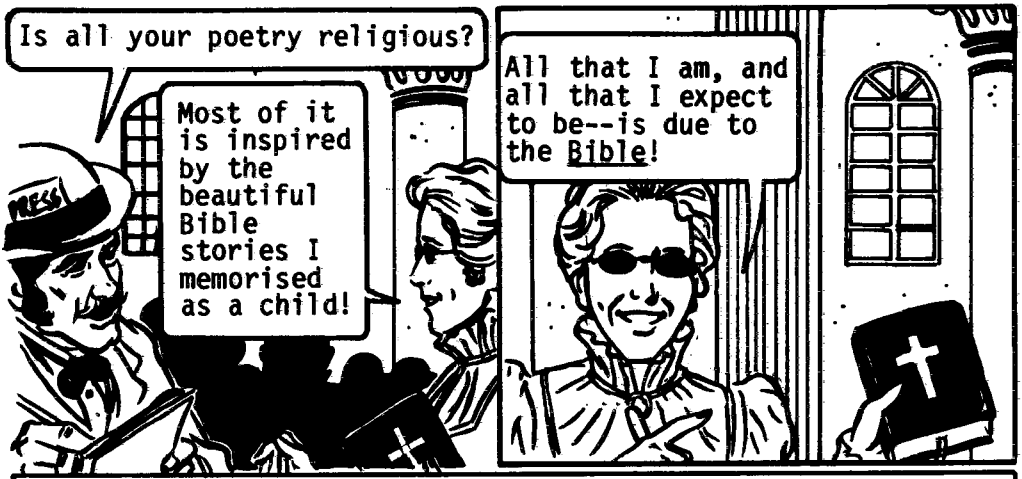
One day Fanny received an exciting letter!

It says,

My dearest Fanny,
When I left the Institute, I went into politics, and am now a Congressman!* I've arranged for you to recite your poems before all Congress! Please come!
Your old friend,
Grover Cleveland.

* An important politician in the United States government.

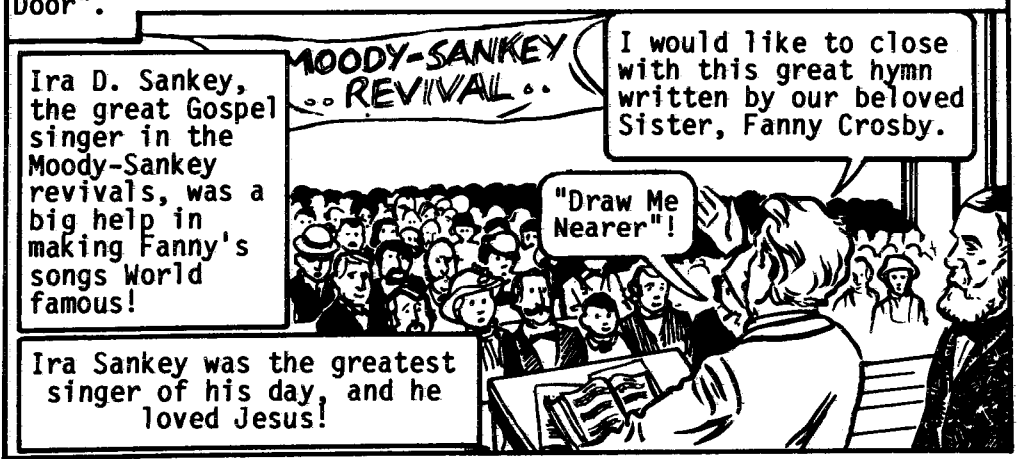

As the Congressmen listened to her beautiful poems, they had to wipe away their tears!
Wonderful!
Heart-touching!
So inspiring!
Beautiful!
Hark, 'tis the voice of angels,
Borne in a song to me,
Over the fields of glory,
Over the jasper sea!
On behalf of the U.S. Congress, I'd like to thank you for inspiring us all with your wonderful poems! It's amazing how you've managed to overcome your handicap!
Clap!
Clap!
Clap!
Clap!
Thank you, Mr. Cleveland! But really it is no handicap!
I am thankful for my blindness, because it gives me so much time for prayer and quiet thought! There will be time enough in Heaven for me to see everything!
After the meeting--
Lady, anyone who can move those hard-headed politicians by reading them poetry must be great!
How did you do it?
It's simply a gift of God!



As a result of her visit to Congress, Fanny Crosby made many important new friends, and how thrilled she was when her old friend Grover Cleveland became President of the United States!



Many of her hymns were inspired by her witnessing experiences, great hymns like "Rescue the Perishing" and "Behold Me At the Door".



I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy Voice,
And it told Thy Love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of Faith
And be closer drawn to Thee!

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To Thy precious bleeding side!

Fanny had a great love for children! They included her in their games, told her of their joys, and came to her for comfort!

Hello, children!

Aunt Fanny! Please come out and play with us!

Aunt Fanny! You're our very best friend!

Aunt Fanny, you're so much fun to talk to!

Please, Aunt Fanny, tell me a story!

I hear your sweet voices ask me that so many times a day! So I've written you a special song that goes--

Tell me the story of Jesus,
Write on my heart every word!
Tell me the story most precious,
Sweetest that ever was heard!

Tell how the angels in chorus
Sang as they welcomed His birth,
"Glory to God in the Highest!
Peace and good tidings to Earth!"

Tell of the cross where they nailed Him,
Writhing in anguish and pain;
Tell of the grave where they laid Him,
But tell how He liveth again!


One day--
Excuse me, Ma'am! There's a Mr. Sankey here to see you!
Please show him in!
Ira! What a pleasant surprise!
Dear Fanny, I've come to you for comfort! Recently I became ill, and--
Now I, too, have become blind!
It must be a time of great sorrow for you, Ira.
But out of life's sufferings come some of our richest rewards!
Together the two blind workers for the Lord sang the hymns which the one had written and the other had made famous around the World!
Take the World, but give me Jesus!
On the evening of her 90th Birthday, Fanny's friends had a party in her honour.
A toast! To a truly gifted woman! Fanny Crosby!
Amen!
Yes!


Fanny, I think it's a great misfortune that the Lord did not give you sight when He showered so many other gifts upon you!
Not at all! You see, Pastor, God has the power to transform all "misfortunes" into Godsends!
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In fact, do you know that if before birth I had been able to make one request, it would have been that I should be born blind!
But why?!
Because when I get to Heaven the first face that shall ever gladden my sight, will be that of my Saviour, Jesus!
On Feb.11, 1915, at the age of 95, Fanny Crosby went to be with the Lord! Long before the funeral service began, the church was packed with Presidents, Ministers, Statesmen, Songwriters, boys and girls!--All of them Fanny's friends!
Many of her more than 8000 published hymns were sung!
Safe in the arms of Jesus...
And now we'll sing a hymn that expressed Fanny's heart's desire, "To See My Saviour First of All!"

"When my life's work is ended
And I cross the swelling tide,
When the bright and glorious
morning I shall see,
I shall know my Redeemer
When I reach the other side,
And His smile will be the
first to welcome me!"



"Oh, the soul-thrilling rapture
When I view His blessed face,
And the luster of His kindly
beaming eye!
How my full heart will praise
Him,
For the mercy, love and grace
That prepares for me
A mansion in the sky!"



"Oh, the dear ones in glory,
How they beckon me to come,
And our parting by the river
I recall!
To the sweet vales of Eden
They will sing my welcome home;
But I long to see my Saviour
First of all!"



"Thro' the gates of the City
In a robe of spotless white,
He will lead me where no tears
will ever fall!
In the glad song of ages
I shall mingle with delight,
But I long to see my Saviour
First of all!"

