

A Tucker Barnes Adventure

HELPING LITTLE LUTHER

The Polite Farm Boy Wanted Lamar to Coach Him





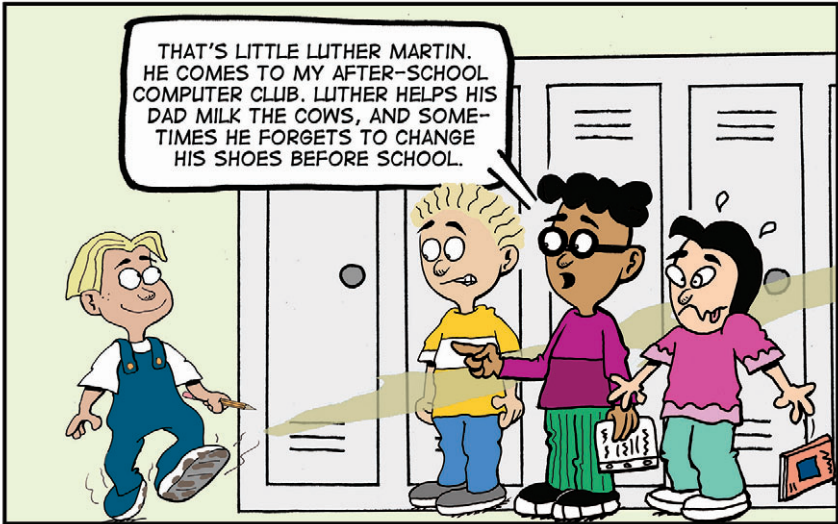
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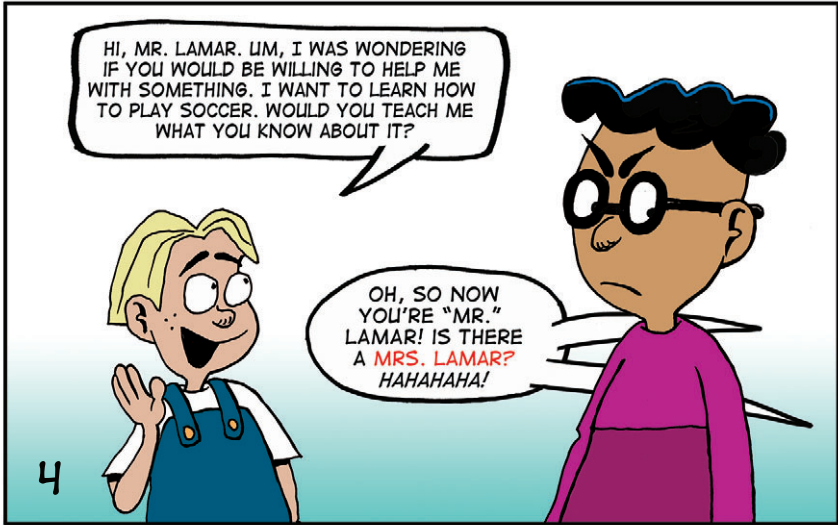
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WHAT'S THAT
AWFUL SMELL?





THAT'S LITTLE LUTHER MARTIN. HE COMES TO MY AFTER-SCHOOL COMPUTER CLUB. LUTHER HELPS HIS DAD MILK THE COWS, AND SOMETIMES HE FORGETS TO CHANGE HIS SHOES BEFORE SCHOOL.

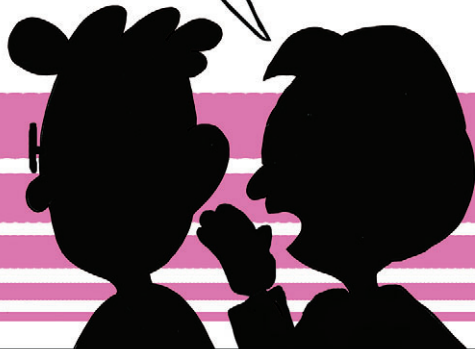


HI, MR. LAMAR. UM, I WAS WONDERING IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP ME WITH SOMETHING. I WANT TO LEARN HOW TO PLAY SOCCER. WOULD YOU TEACH ME WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?

OH, SO NOW YOU'RE "MR." LAMAR! IS THERE A **MRS. LAMAR?**
HAHAHAHA!



LAMAR, I REALLY THINK YOU SHOULD HELP LITTLE LUTHER. HE NEEDS YOU!



CRACK THE CODE

Can you discover the coded message in the story below? Hint: "Read beneath the lines."

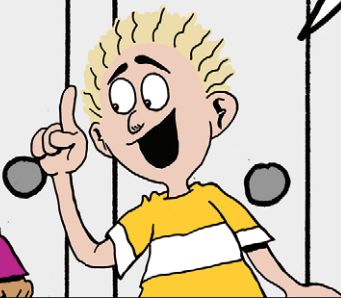
Little Luther had always wanted to be a farmer. One day, his dad said, "Little Luther, I think you're ready to join the local Junior Farmers Club." Luther smiled and said, "With your help, Dad, I've learned a lot. I would like to be around others my age who enjoy farming." "Well, the milking is all finished, so let's go and get you signed up!" And later that night, Little Luther was officially a Junior Farmer!

WELL, LUTHER, MAYBE I COULD AT LEAST —



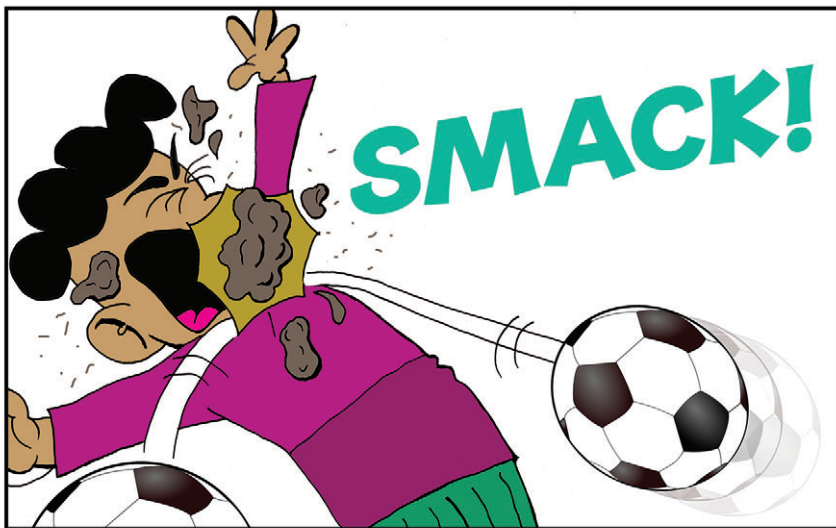
GREAT! I'LL HAVE MY MOM
TELL YOUR MOM HOW TO
GET TO OUR FARM. WE CAN
PRACTICE IN THE PASTURE!

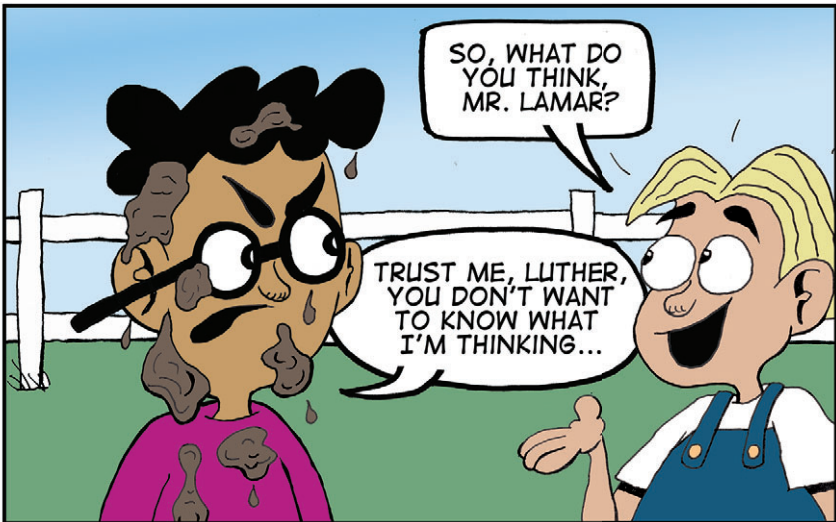
BE SURE AND LET YOUR WIFE
KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
WE DON'T WANT HER TO BE
WORRIED ABOUT YOU,
"MR. LAMAR"!



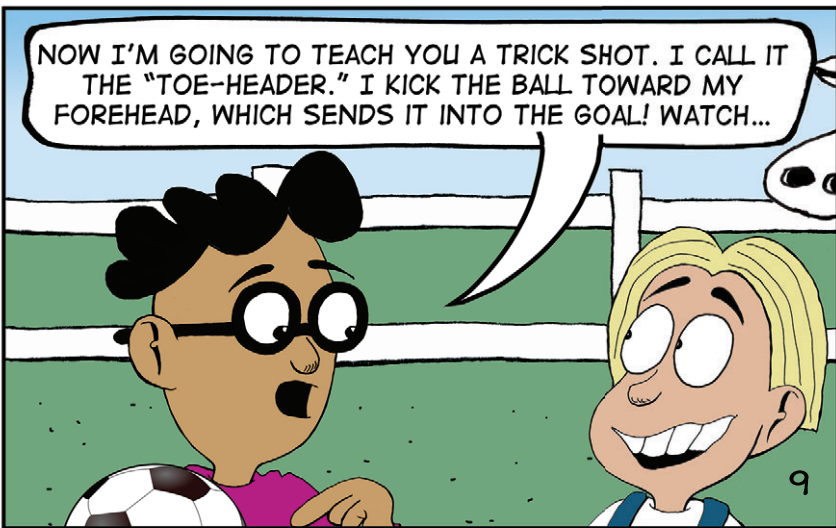
THE NEXT DAY
AFTER SCHOOL...

OK, LUTHER, KICK THE BALL
JUST LIKE I SHOWED YOU.
I'LL BE THE GOALIE.





NOW I'M GOING TO TEACH YOU A TRICK SHOT. I CALL IT THE "TOE-HEADER." I KICK THE BALL TOWARD MY FOREHEAD, WHICH SENDS IT INTO THE GOAL! WATCH...



HELP WANTED

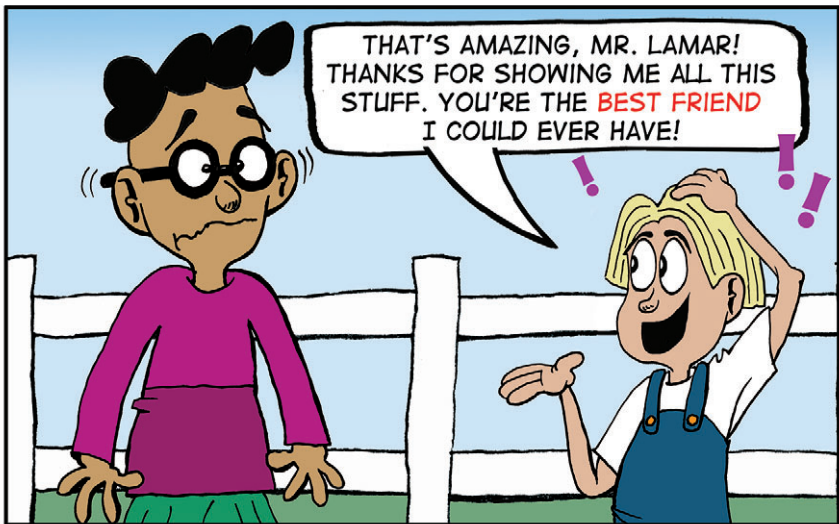
All around the world, people need different kinds of help. What kind of help might these people need?

Today, how can you help someone at home, in class, on the playground, or somewhere else?

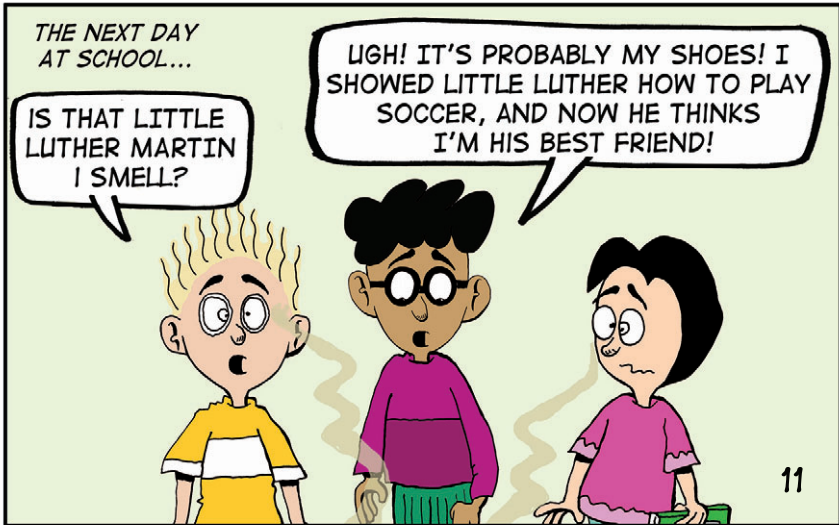


"We must not become tired of doing good. We will receive our harvest of eternal life at the right time. We must not give up!" —Galatians 6:9, ICB





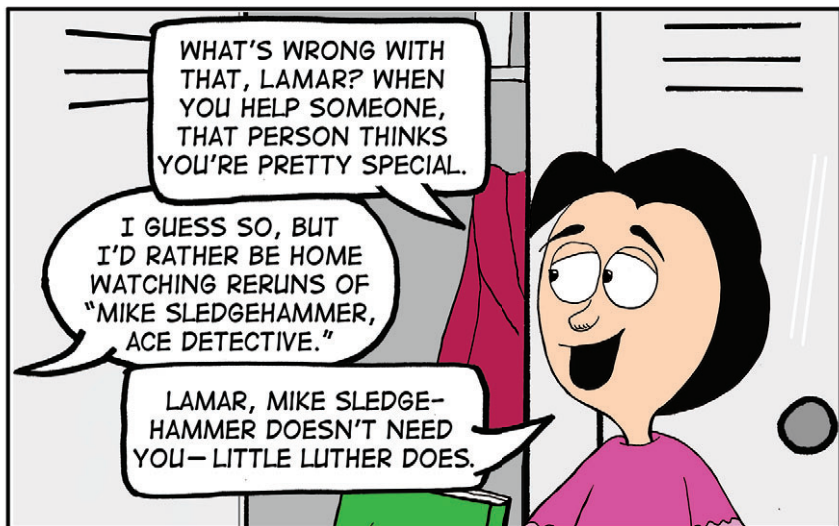
THAT'S AMAZING, MR. LAMAR!
THANKS FOR SHOWING ME ALL THIS
STUFF. YOU'RE THE **BEST FRIEND**
I COULD EVER HAVE!



THE NEXT DAY
AT SCHOOL...

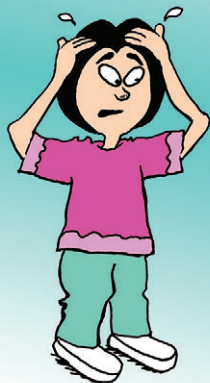
IS THAT LITTLE
LUTHER MARTIN
I SMELL?

UGH! IT'S PROBABLY MY SHOES! I
SHOWED LITTLE LUTHER HOW TO PLAY
SOCCER, AND NOW HE THINKS
I'M HIS BEST FRIEND!



LATER THAT AFTER-
NOON, AT RECESS...

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! LITTLE LUTHER
HAS THE SOCCER BALL RIGHT IN
FRONT OF THE GOAL! LUTHER, GO
FOR THE TOE-HEADER!



POWER VERSE

“This is my command:
Love each other as
I have loved you”
(John 15:12)..



LITTLE LUTHER SCORED!



HELPING LITTLE LUTHER
REALLY PAID OFF!



AND I'M SURE YOUR WIFE IS PROUD OF YOU TOO, "MR. LAMAR"!



THE END

So, What Difference Does It Make?

Helping others can cause them to realize they're not alone, that someone cares about them. Wouldn't that make a difference to *you*?

If you'd like to learn more about the Bible, see the back cover! And if a friend gave you this comic booklet, ask him or her for others!



Answer to Crack the Code: Write only the words that fall beneath the lines. Message: ALWAYS BE READY TO HELP OTHERS.

REALLY TRULY!

FUN FACTS

- A group of early Christians became known as “the gamblers” because they gambled with their lives in caring for people with deadly diseases. —*William Barclay’s Study Bible: Philippians*
- Studies show that helping others on a regular basis can cause you to live longer! —mentalfloss.com
- SOS is a Morse code signal for help. Many people believe it stands for “save our ship,” but the letters don’t represent any specific words. —acronyms.thefreedictionary.com



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