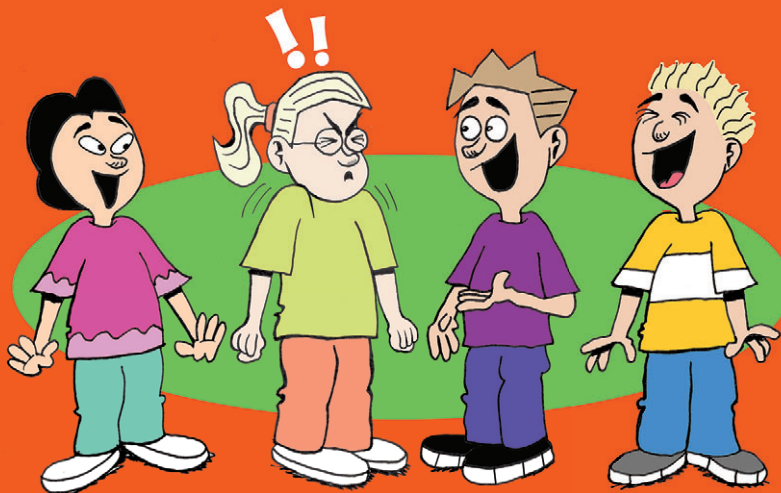


A Tucker Barnes Adventure

INVITING OLIVER

The New Boy Seemed Like a Perfect Fit for the Skit





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ARE YOU GUYS DOING ANYTHING FOR THE CHURCH TALENT SHOW?

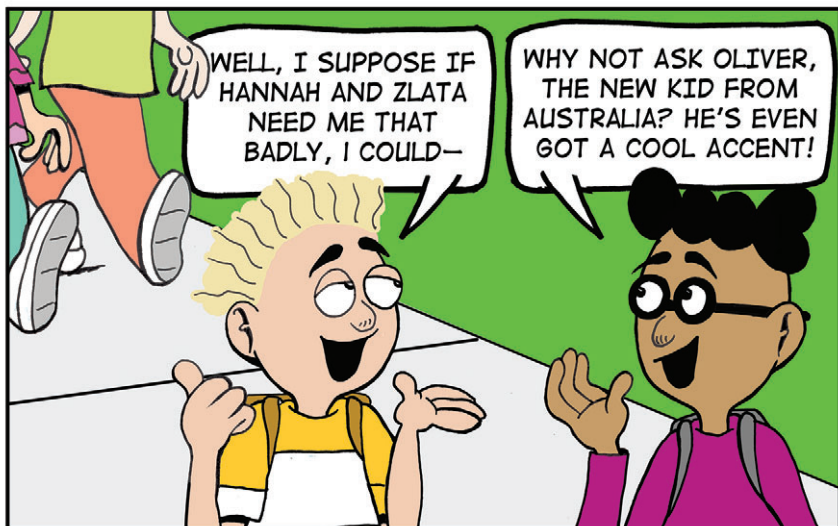
RICO ASKED ME TO HELP HIM.

I'M PLAYING "PIANO MAN" ON MY GUITAR!



HEY, ARE YOU GUYS UP THERE TALKING ABOUT THE CHURCH TALENT SHOW? ZLATA AND I ARE DOING A SKIT!

WE NEED SOMEONE TO PLAY A CUTE AND SMART MIDDLE SCHOOL BOY. CAN YOU THINK OF ANYONE?

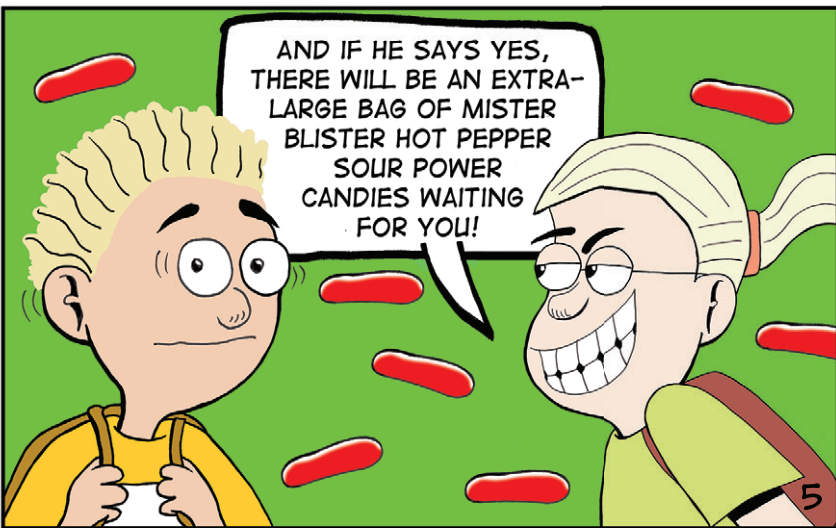


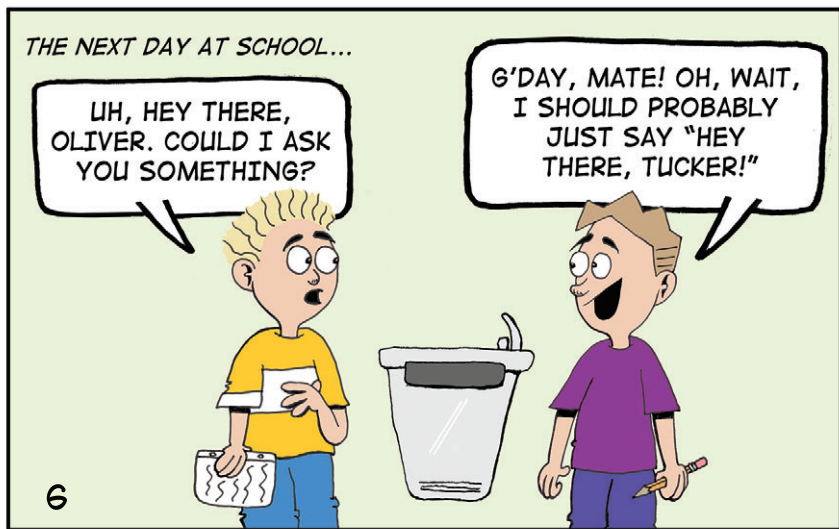
ME?! WHY DON'T YOU INVITE HIM?

BECAUSE IF TWO **GIRLS** ASK HIM, HE'LL PROBABLY SAY NO. BUT IF ANOTHER **BOY** ASKS HIM, HE MIGHT SAY YES!



AND IF HE SAYS YES, THERE WILL BE AN EXTRA-LARGE BAG OF MISTER BLISTER HOT PEPPER SOUR POWER CANDIES WAITING FOR YOU!






LISTEN, OLIVER, UM, I MEAN, YOU MAY NOT BE
A "CHURCH" KIND OF PERSON, BUT, WELL, UM, SEE,
ZLATA AND I WERE WONDERING . . .


NO WORRIES,
MATE! WHAT
DO YOU
WANT TO
ASK ME?

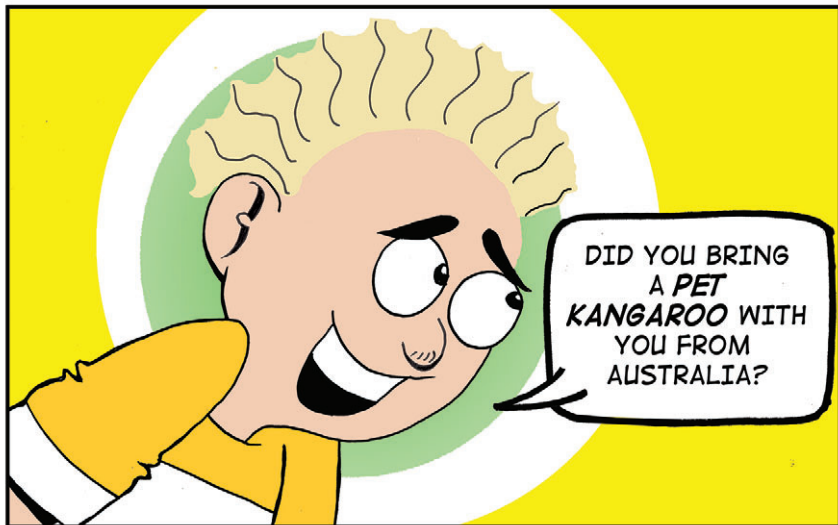
WHAT JESUS SAID

Just before Jesus went back to heaven, He left some important instructions.
Use the picture clues to find out what He said!

"So  _____ (rhymes with "know")

and make followers of all  _____ [rhymes with "steeple"]

in the  _____ (rhymes with "curled").





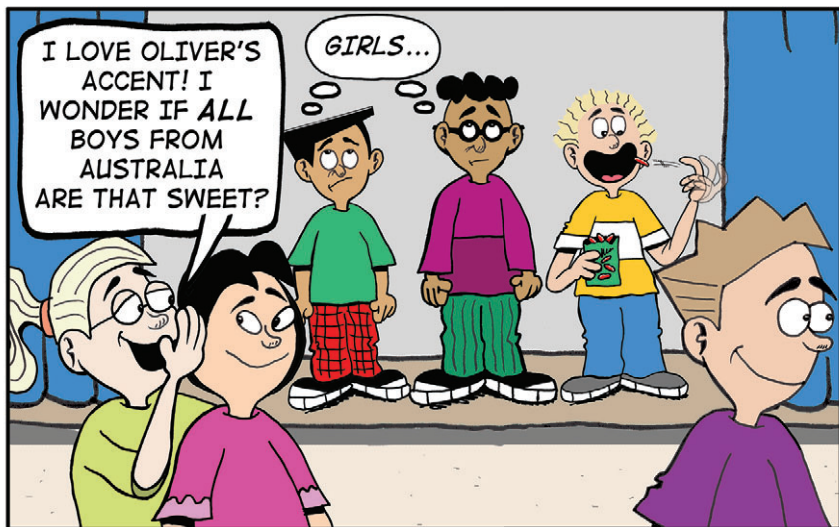
MISTER BLISTER HOT
PEPPER SOUR POWER CANDIES
ARE IN MY FUTURE!

WHO SHOULD I TALK TO
ABOUT IT, TUCKER?
TUCKER...



THANKS FOR BEING IN
OUR SKIT, OLIVER!

SURE THING! I DON'T KNOW
ANYTHING ABOUT *CHURCH*, BUT
I'VE BEEN IN LOTS OF *SKITS*!





YOU'RE INVITED!

You don't have to start out by inviting someone to church. Unscramble the words below to learn about some other activities your friends might enjoy!

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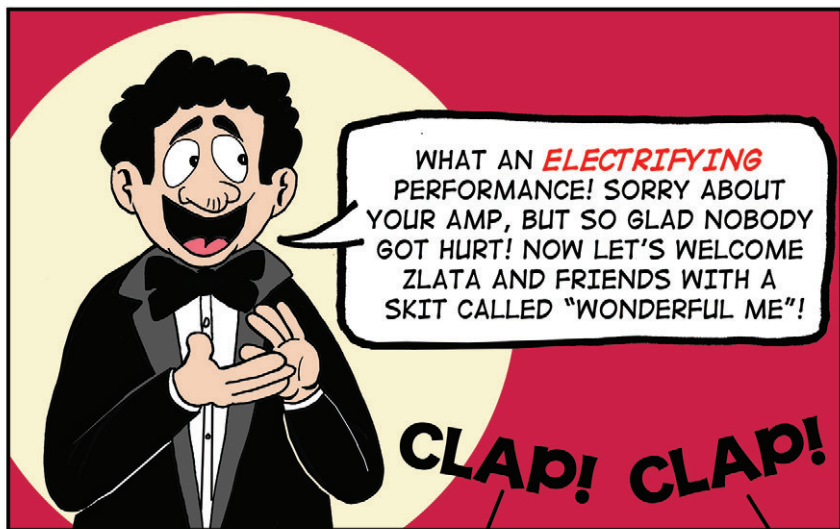
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THE SKIT IS A HIT!

NO, YOU'RE NOT MAD AT ME, YOU'RE MAD ABOUT ME! THAT'S BECAUSE I'M SO HANDSOME AND HUMBLE!


HAHA!

HAHA!


THE NEXT DAY AT SCHOOL...

THE CHURCH TALENT SHOW WAS A LOT OF **FUN!** THANKS FOR INVITING ME, TUCKER!

SURE! DO YOU WANT TO COME TO CHURCH WITH ME THIS WEEKEND? WE HAVE FUN LEARNING ABOUT GOD!

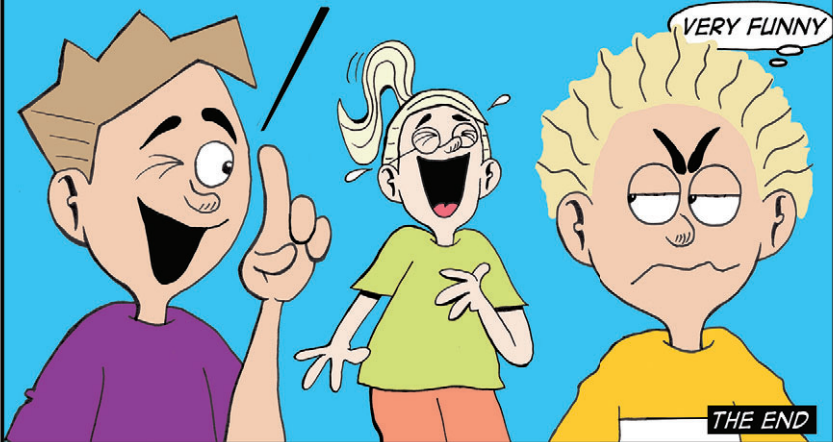
A cartoon boy with spiky blonde hair and a yellow shirt is speaking. He has a wide, happy expression with large eyes and a big smile. His right hand is raised with fingers spread. A large speech bubble is positioned to his left.

I LEARN A LOT ABOUT GOD
AT CHURCH, AND HE'S BECOME
REALLY IMPORTANT TO ME.
I'M PRETTY SURE HE'S GOT
SOMETHING SPECIAL IN MIND
JUST FOR YOU, OLIVER!

A cartoon boy with spiky brown hair and a purple shirt is smiling broadly. He has large eyes and a wide, happy expression. He is standing in front of a row of grey lockers. A speech bubble is positioned to his right.

THAT SOUNDS GREAT,
TUCKER! AND YOUR
FAMILY WON'T EVEN
NEED TO PICK ME UP!

I'LL JUST RIDE MY *PET KANGAROO!*

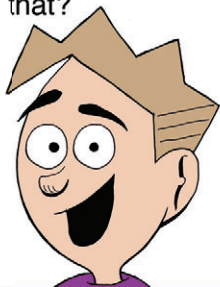


Why Bother?

Every person—including kids—has an empty spot in their heart that only Jesus can fill. When you introduce someone to Jesus, you're pointing the way toward a better life now and a future home in heaven. How great is that?

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!

*Answers: What Jesus Said: go, people, world (Matthew 28:19).
You're Invited: birthday party, Vacation Bible School, gym night,
play games, ride bikes.*



REALLY TRULY!

FUN FACTS

- In the Bible, a disciple named Andrew often brought someone to meet Jesus. One example is found in John 1:38-42.

- There are more kangaroos than humans in Australia.
—onekindplanet.org



- Most kids who accept Jesus already have a Christian friend. Could your friend be waiting for you to invite him or her to meet Jesus?



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