

A Tucker Barnes Adventure

NO WAY TO PAY

Rico Couldn't Make Things Right On His Own





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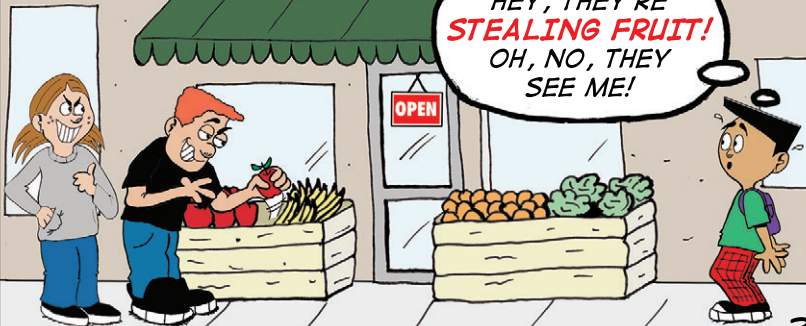
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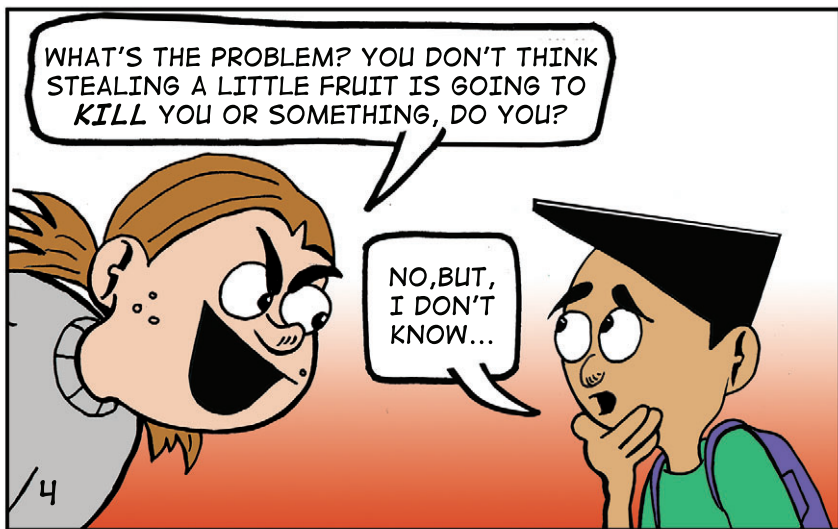
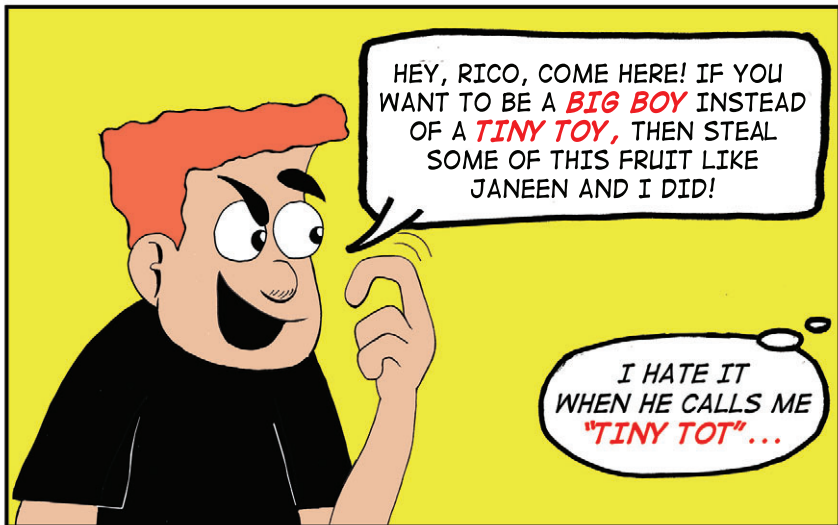
**BUSTER MUSCLEMAN
AND BIG MEAN JANEEN
ARE UP AHEAD! WHY DO I HAVE
TO WALK BEHIND THOSE TWO
BULLIES EVERY DAY
AFTER SCHOOL?**

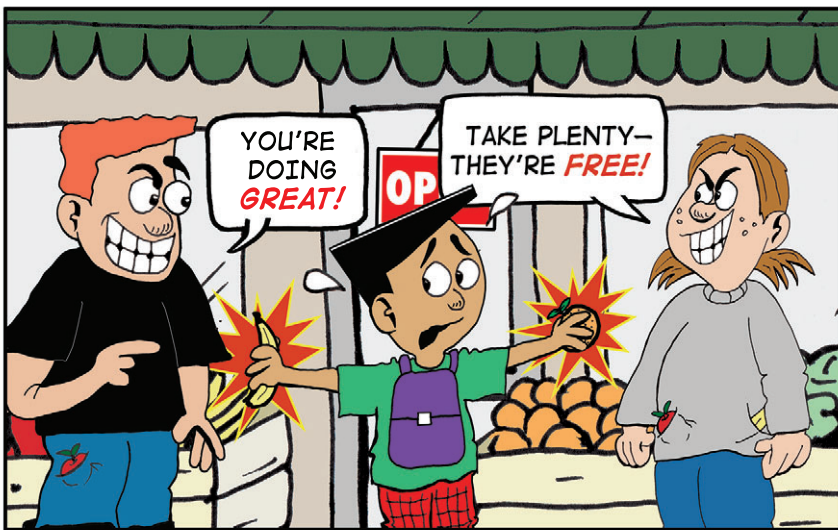
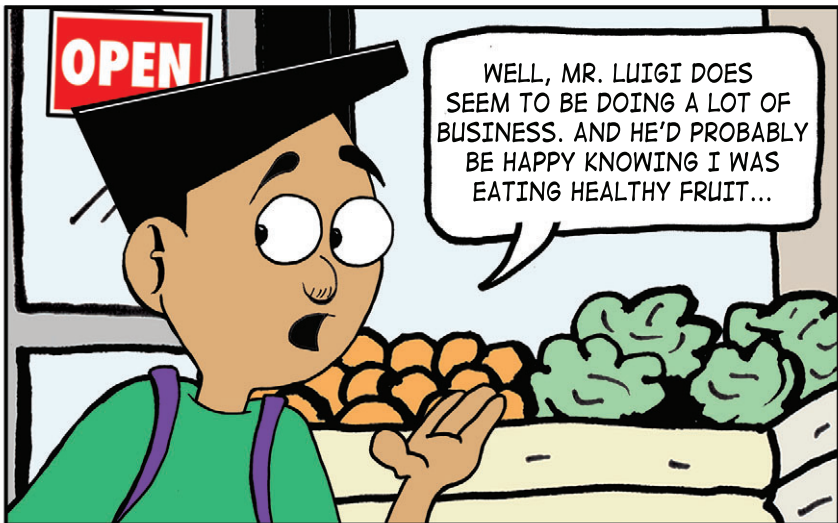


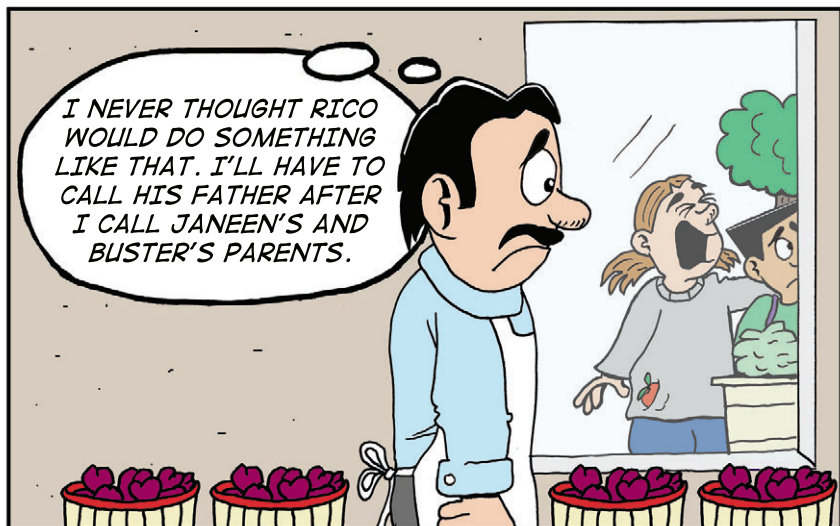
Luigi's
GARDEN of EATIN'
Fruits and Vegetables

**HEY, THEY'RE
STEALING FRUIT!
OH, NO, THEY
SEE ME!**











HEADPHONES SHAPED
LIKE A ROCKET!

YOU'RE RIGHT —
I DON'T BELIEVE IT.

GOOD NEWS!

Find and circle all the words from
this amazing Bible verse found in
Romans 5:8:

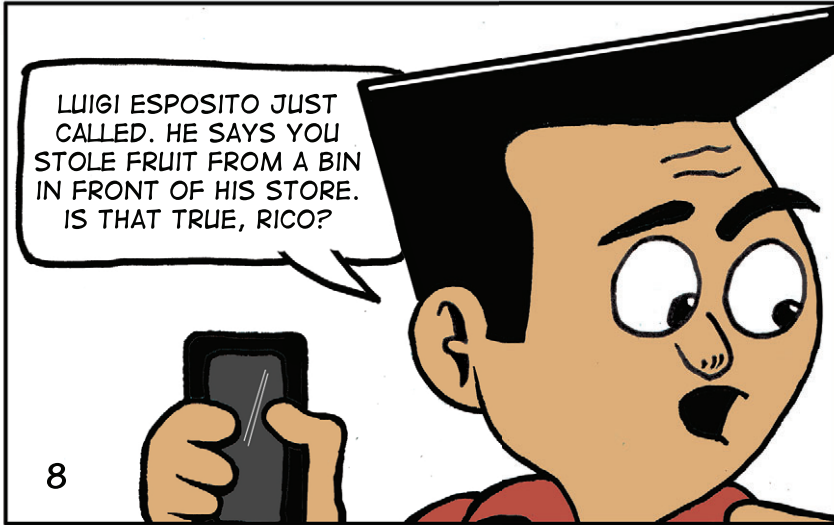
**But Christ died for
us while we were
still sinners.**



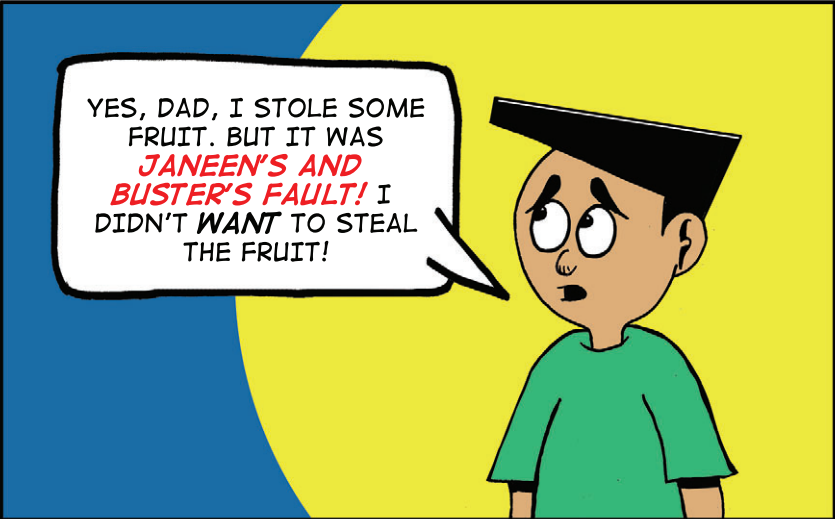
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TUCKER, YOUR MOM IS READY TO GO. RICO NEEDS TO STAY HERE. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A LITTLE TALK.



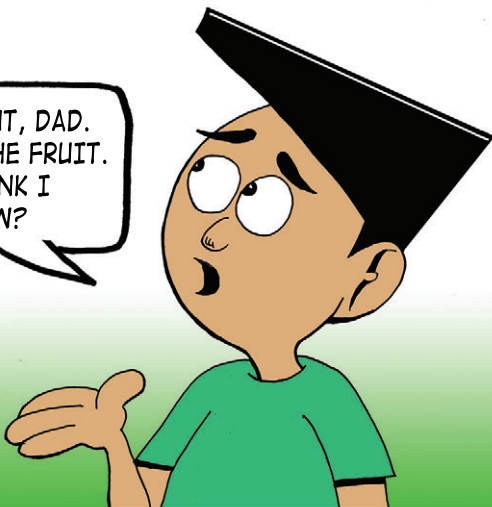
LUIGI ESPOSITO JUST CALLED. HE SAYS YOU STOLE FRUIT FROM A BIN IN FRONT OF HIS STORE. IS THAT TRUE, RICO?




YES, DAD, I STOLE SOME
FRUIT. BUT IT WAS
*JANEEN'S AND
BUSTER'S FAULT!* I
DIDN'T WANT TO STEAL
THE FRUIT!



NO, RICO,
YOU
CHOSE TO
STEAL THE
FRUIT!



I KNOW YOU'RE RIGHT, DAD.
I'M SORRY I STOLE THE FRUIT.
WHAT DO YOU THINK I
SHOULD DO NOW?



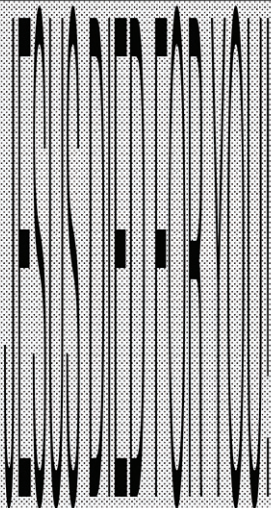
THERE'S A PRICE TO
PAY, SON. WE'LL
STOP BY LUIGI'S
MARKET TOMORROW.
AFTER I GET
HOME FROM WORK.

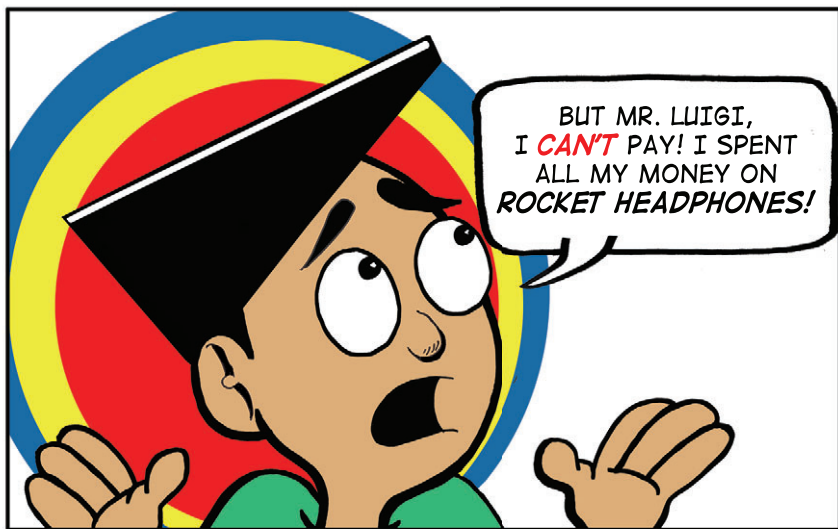
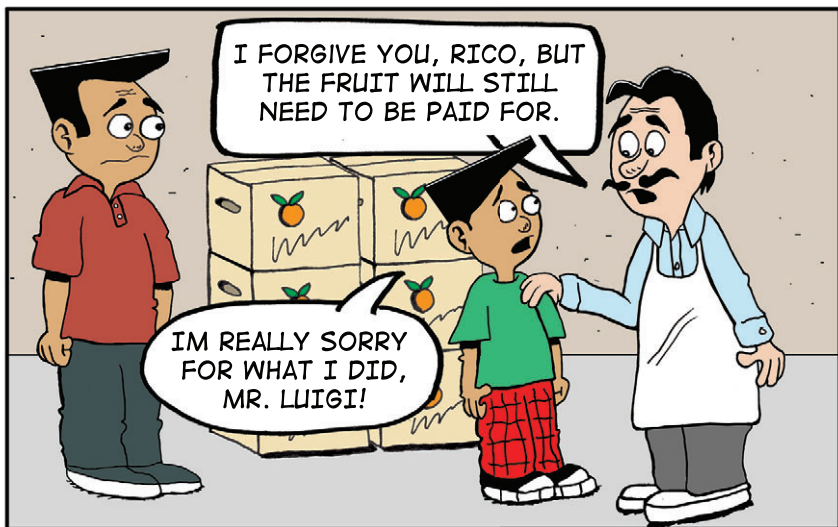


A BIG QUESTION

Why did Jesus have to die? The Bible says "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 3:23). When human beings do bad things, that's called sinning. So, according to the Bible, we should all be dead! But Jesus loved us so much that He died in our place! Amazing!

To remind yourself of what this really means, tilt the bottom of the page toward your eyes. What does the image at the right say?



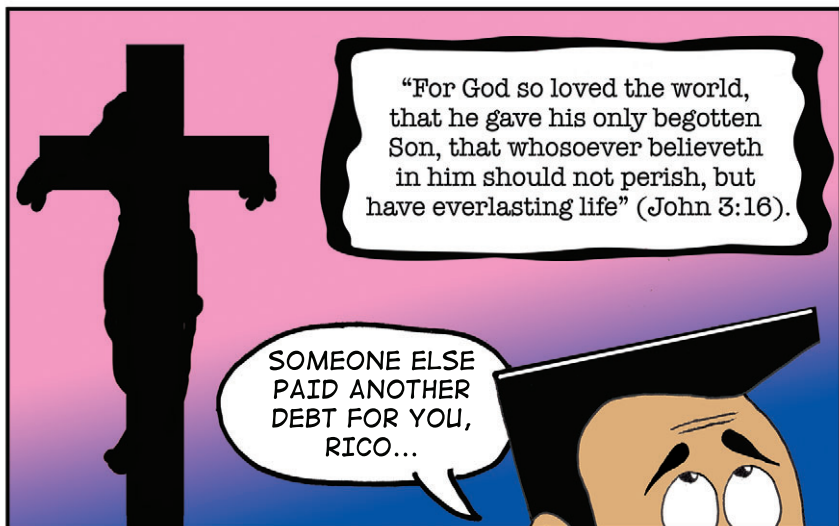


DON'T WORRY, LUIGI. RICO MADE A MISTAKE, BUT I'LL PAY THE COST.

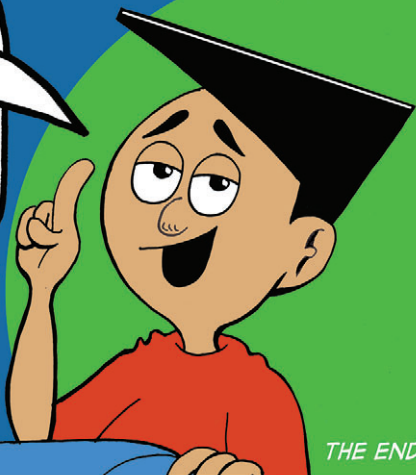
WHATEVER YOU THINK IS BEST, MANUEL.

THANKS FOR PAYING WHAT I OWED, DAD. WHY DID YOU DO IT?

RICO, YOU MADE A MISTAKE, BUT YOU'RE STILL MY CHILD. I PAID THE PRICE BECAUSE I LOVE YOU!




I NEED ONE OF THOSE
SIREN ALERTS IN MY
BRAIN! IT COULD REMIND
ME TO THANK JESUS
FOR PAYING MY
DEBT OF SIN!



THE END

What Does It Mean for YOU?

When Jesus died on the cross, it paved the way for you to be His friend forever. The price of sin has been paid! Why not follow Jesus as a way of saying thanks?



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

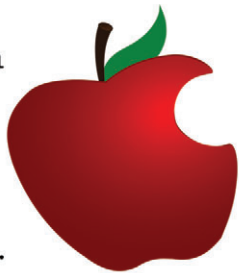


Answers: A Big Question: JESUS DIED FOR YOU. Good News:

REALLY TRULY!

FUN FACTS

- The term “gospel” means “good news.” It refers to the good news that Jesus paid the penalty for our sins!
- Sin came into the world when the first humans—Adam and Eve—chose to eat fruit from a special tree that God had placed off-limits. You can read the story in Genesis, chapter 3.
- No one can ever be good enough to earn their way to heaven. The key is to simply believe in Jesus and follow Him.



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