

The Gospel in Clay



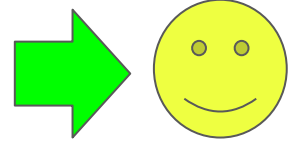
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Who is Jesus

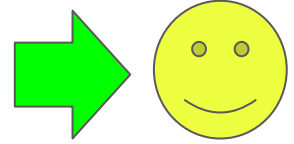
Jesus is the son of God who showed love and kindness to everyone. He told stories and helped people who were sick. He taught us to pray and showed God's power. Even when treated badly, Jesus loved everyone and wanted them to be happy with God. Jesus is our Lord and savior. He saves us from our sins.

In the Bible

New Testament



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The Gospels

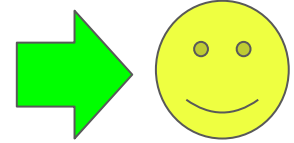
Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John were special writers who told the story of Jesus. Their books are called the Gospels, and "Gospel" means "Good News!" Some, like Matthew and John, were Jesus's disciples and saw everything he did. Others, like Luke and Mark, talked to many people who knew Jesus to get all the details correct.

In the Bible

New Testament



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Luke

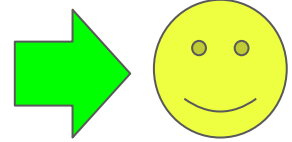
Many people told stories about Jesus, but Luke wanted to write them down carefully. He wanted everyone to know the real truth! Luke acted like a detective, gathering stories and checking facts. He looked at other books and talked to people who knew Jesus. Then, he wrote his own book, so everyone could read the true story of Jesus.

In the Bible

Luke 1:1-4



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Jesus: The Word

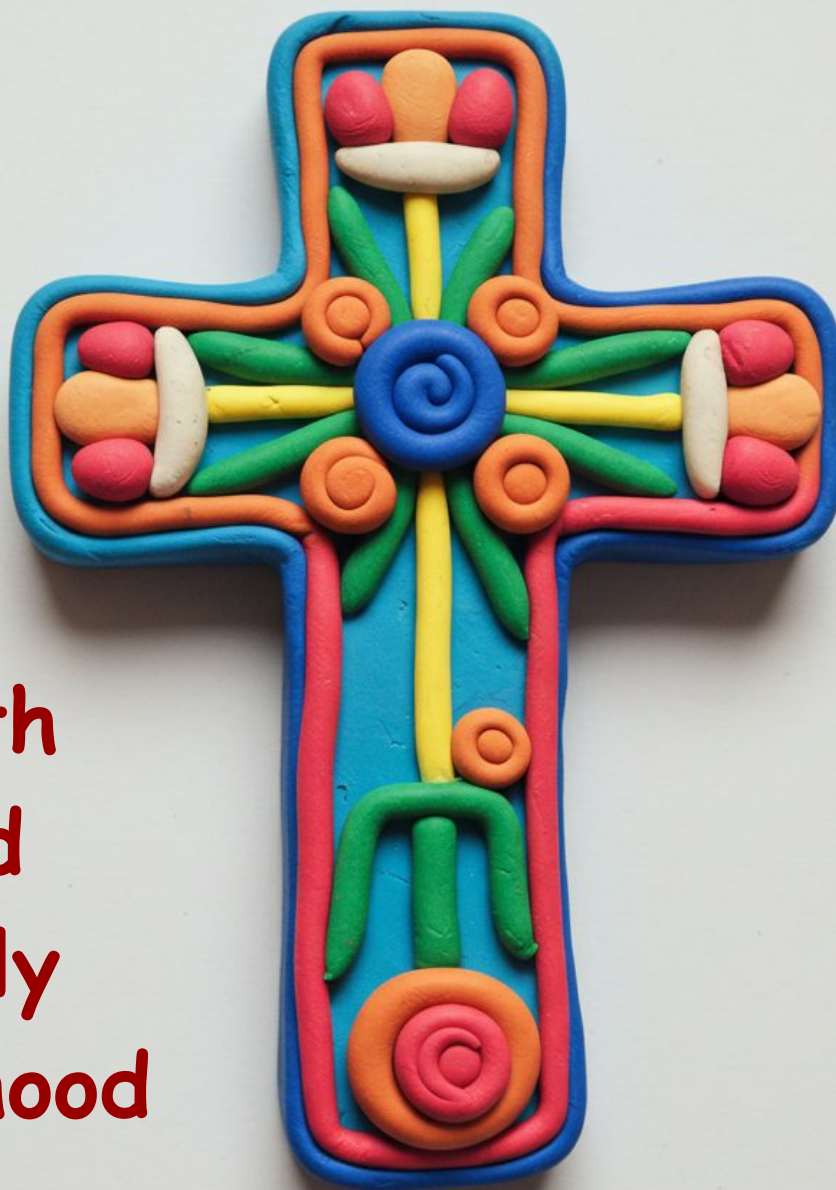
John starts his book by saying, "In the beginning was the Word," meaning Jesus was with God from the very start. Imagine "the Word" is like God's special message or plan, and that message *is* Jesus! Just like we use words to talk and share ideas, God used Jesus to show us who He is. Jesus is God's way of telling us, "I love you!"

In the Bible

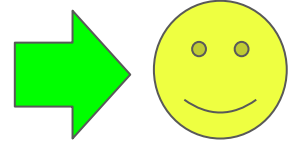
John 1:1-14



**Birth
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Early
Childhood**



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A Surprise for Zechariah

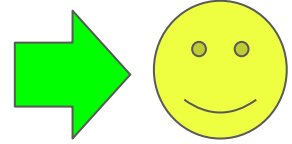
Zechariah was a priest who prayed for a baby with his wife, Elizabeth. One day, while in the temple, an angel appeared and said God had heard their prayers, and they would have a son named John. Zechariah was surprised because they were very old and he didn't believe right away. Because he didn't believe, he couldn't talk until John was born.

In the Bible

Luke 1:5-25



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A Big Surprise for Mary

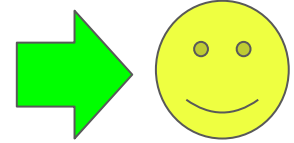
God sent the angel Gabriel to visit a kind girl named Mary. The angel told Mary she would have a very special baby named Jesus, who would be God's Son. Mary was surprised but trusted God. She asked how this could happen, and the angel explained that God's power would make it possible. Mary said yes to God's plan with a willing heart.

In the Bible

Luke 1:26-38



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Happy News Shared!

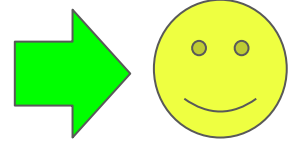
Mary visited her relative Elizabeth, and God's amazing plan was unfolding. When Mary arrived, Elizabeth's baby (John) jumped, and Elizabeth knew God was doing something special with Mary's baby (Jesus). Mary was filled with joy and sang a song about God's goodness. They were both excited about the wonderful things God was doing!

In the Bible

Luke 1:39-56



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John is Born!

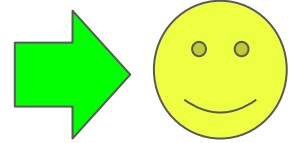
Elizabeth had her baby, and everyone was happy! They wanted to name him Zechariah, after his dad, but Elizabeth said, "No! His name is John." Zechariah couldn't talk then, but he wrote down, "His name is John," and suddenly he could speak! He praised God, and everyone wondered what a special boy John would be.

In the Bible

Luke 1:57-80



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Jesus is Born in Bethlehem

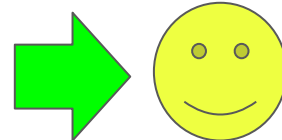
A long time ago, Caesar Augustus, the ruler, made everyone go back to their hometowns to be counted. So, Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem. While they were there, it was time for Mary to have her baby. They couldn't find a room to stay in, so Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger (a bed for animals).

In the Bible

Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 2:1-7



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A Heavenly Announcement

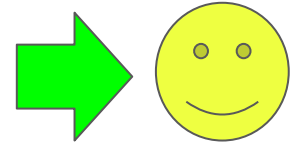
One night, shepherds were surprised by a shining angel. The angel told them that Jesus was born and was lying in a manger. Right away, a huge group of angels appeared, singing and praising God. The shepherds went quickly to find Jesus, and when they saw him, they told everyone about the amazing news from the angels!

In the Bible

Luke 2:8-20



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Visitors from the East

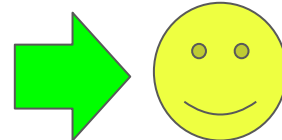
After Jesus was born, some wise men from the East saw a special star. They knew it meant a new king had been born, so they traveled to find him. They followed the star and finally found Jesus with Mary. The wise men bowed down and gave Jesus precious gifts. Then, God warned them in a dream to go home a different way for their safety.

In the Bible

Matthew 2:1-12



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Running Away and Coming Home

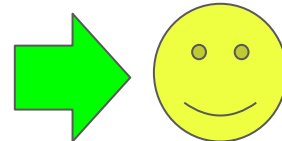
An angel warned Joseph in a dream to take Mary and Jesus and run to Egypt because King Herod wanted to hurt Jesus. They stayed there until Herod died. Then, the angel said it was safe to go back, but they were afraid of Herod's son. So, they went to live in Nazareth, which is what the prophets said would happen.

In the Bible

Matthew 2:13-23



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Young Jesus at the Temple

Jesus grew up strong and wise. When he was twelve, he went to Jerusalem with his family. But when they left, Jesus stayed behind at the temple! His parents were worried when they couldn't find him. After three days, they found him talking and asking questions to the teachers. Everyone was amazed at how smart he was!

In the Bible

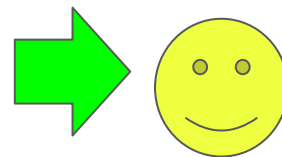
Luke 2:40-52



**The
Baptism
of
Jesus**



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John Prepares the Way

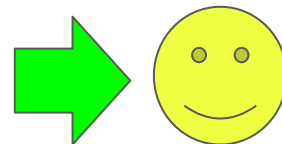
John was a special messenger sent by God to get people ready for Jesus. He lived in the desert and wore unusual clothes. John told everyone to turn away from their sins and be baptized in the river. He preached that someone much greater than him was coming. John's job was to help people believe in Jesus, he started baptizing people.

In the Bible

Matthew 3:1-12, Mark 1:1-8, Luke 3:1-18, John 1:15-31



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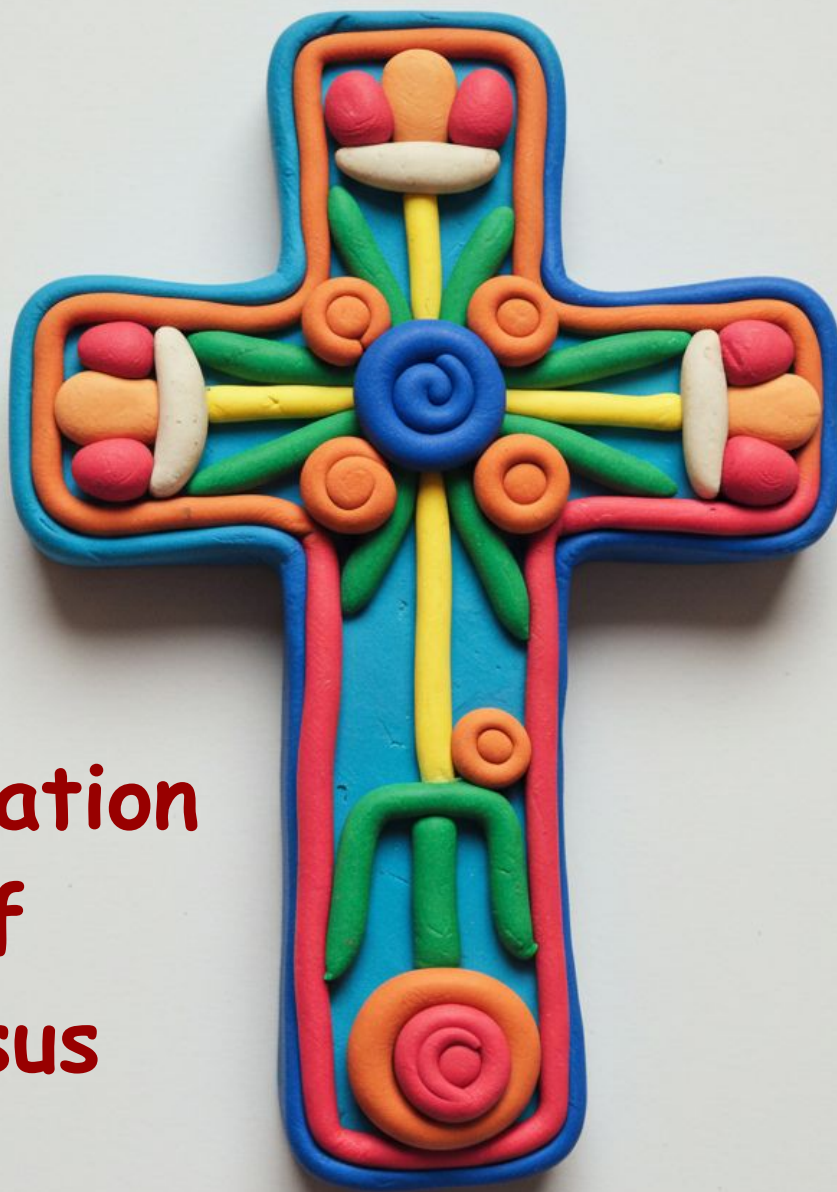
Jesus Gets Baptized

Jesus went to John the Baptist to be baptized in the river. When Jesus came up out of the water, the sky opened, and the Holy Spirit came down like a dove. A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love!" Jesus's baptism showed that he was starting his important work.

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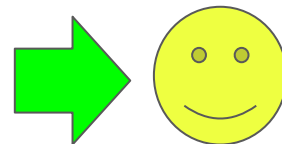
Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22,
John 1:32-34





**Temptation
of
Jesus**

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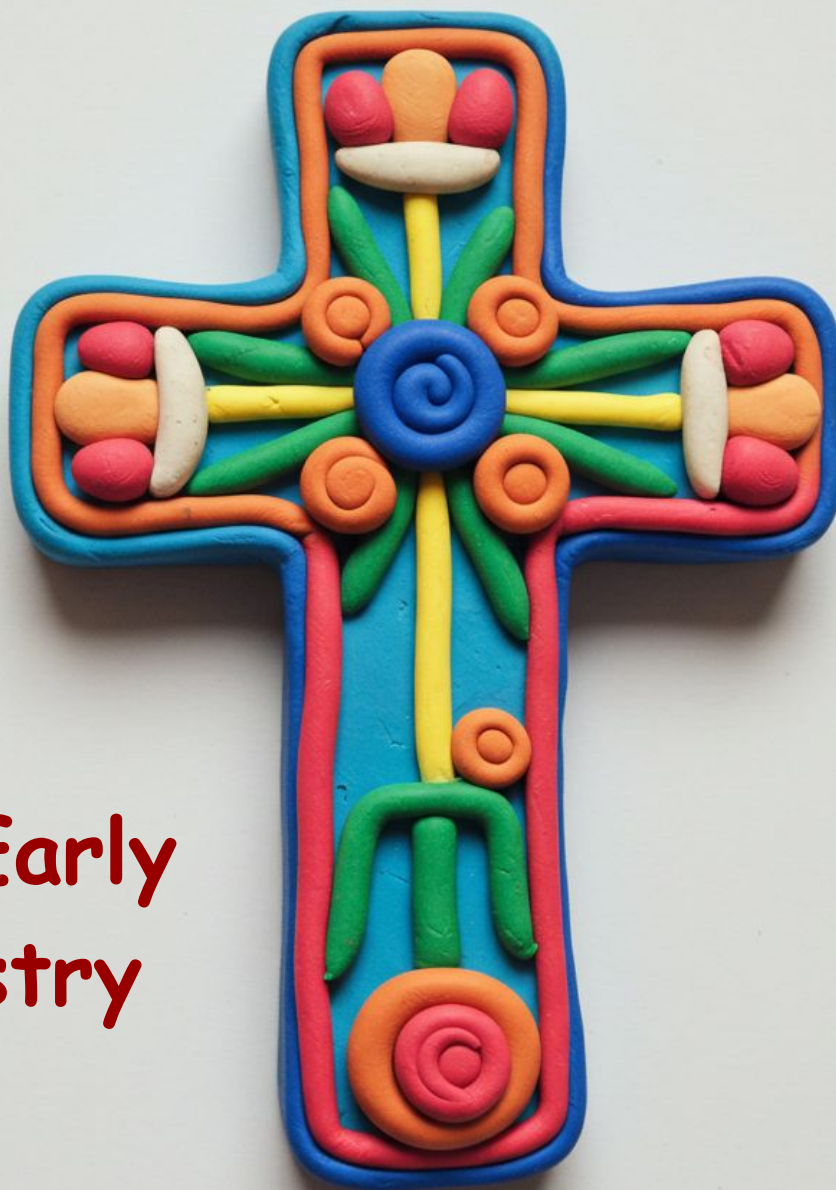
Jesus is Tested

After Jesus was baptized, he went to the desert, where he was tested by the devil. The devil tried to trick Jesus into using his power for himself instead of for God. He tempted Jesus with food, power, and showing off. But Jesus used God's words to fight back every time. Jesus stayed strong and didn't give in to the devil's tricks.

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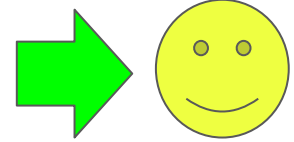
Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13, Luke 4:1-13





The Early
Ministry

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Peter and Andrew Meet Jesus

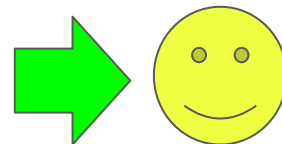
John the Baptist saw Jesus and told two of his followers, "Look, there is the Lamb of God!" The two followers left John and went to follow Jesus. One of them, Andrew, found his brother Simon (Peter) and told him, "We have found the Messiah!" Then Andrew brought Peter to meet Jesus.

In the Bible

John 1:35-42



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Philip and Nathanael Meet Jesus

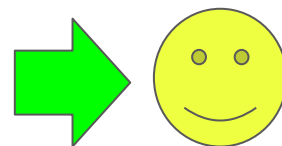
Jesus called Philip to be his follower. Right away, Philip went to tell his friend Nathanael about Jesus. Nathanael was doubtful, but Jesus knew something special about him! Jesus said he saw him under a fig tree, which convinced Nathanael. Nathanael believed, and Jesus promised greater things to come.

In the Bible

John 1:43-51



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The Galilean Wedding

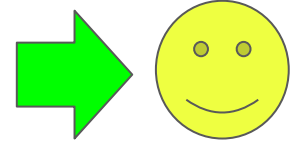
Jesus, his mother, and his disciples went to a wedding party. When the wine ran out, Jesus helped! He told the helpers to fill big jars with water. Then, something amazing happened – the water turned into wine! It was Jesus' first special miracle, showing he could do wonderful things. The party was saved, and everyone was very happy!

In the Bible

John 2:1-11



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Cleaning God's House

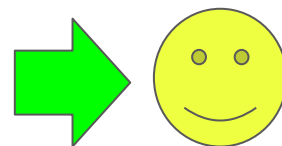
Jesus went to Jerusalem for a special holiday called Passover. He saw people selling animals and changing money right inside God's house, the Temple! This made Jesus sad and a little angry because the Temple should be a peaceful place to pray. He told them to stop and showed that God's house is special.

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John 2:12-25



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A Teacher of Teachers

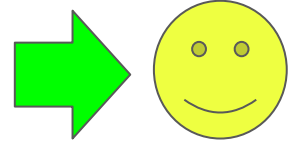
Respected teacher Nicodemus visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus learned from Jesus about a new spiritual birth needed to enter God's kingdom. Jesus shared God's immense love for the world, sending His Son so that everyone believing in Him could have eternal life.

In the Bible

John 3:1-21



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Woman at the Well

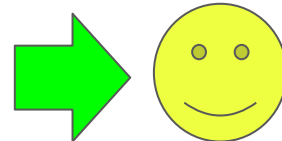
Jesus was tired and sat by a well. A woman came to get water, and Jesus asked her for a drink! Jesus told her about special "living water" that would make her never thirsty again – the gift of knowing God. He taught her that it's important to worship God with our hearts and in truth, no matter where we are.

In the Bible

John 4:3-42



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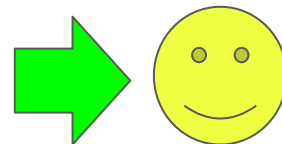
King Herod Puts John in Jail

King Herod was doing some mean things, and John the Baptist told him it was wrong. John also told Herod he shouldn't have married Herodias, his brother's wife. This made Herod so mad that he threw John into jail and locked him up. So, while Jesus started his important work, John was in prison.

In the Bible

Matthew 4:12, Matthew 14:3, Mark 1:14, Mark 6:17,
Luke 3:19-20, John 3:24





The Good News Returns to Galilee

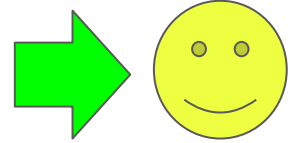
After John the Baptist was put in jail, Jesus went to Galilee, telling everyone the good news from God! He said, "The time is here! God's kingdom is near! Turn away from your sins and believe the good news!" Jesus wanted people to know it was time for God's special rule to begin, and they needed to believe in him.

In the Bible

Matthew 4:12, Mark 1:14-15, Luke 4:14-15, Luke 4:16-30, John 4:43-45



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Jesus Reads in Nazareth

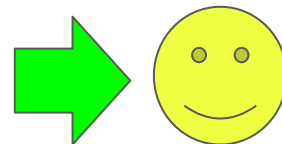
Jesus went to his hometown, Nazareth, and went to the synagogue. He read from the scroll of Isaiah about someone bringing good news to the poor and setting people free. Then Jesus said that this was happening *today!* People were amazed, but then they got angry and tried to throw him out of town, but he walked right through the crowd and left.

In the Bible

Luke 4:16-30



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Fishers of People

As Jesus walked by a lake, he saw two brothers, Simon (Peter) and Andrew, fishing with a net. Jesus called out to them, "Come with me, and I'll teach you to catch people instead of fish!" Right away, they left their nets and followed him. Then Jesus saw two more brothers, James and John. Jesus called them too, and they also left to follow him.

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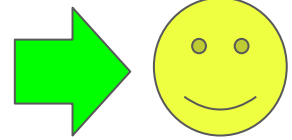
Matthew 4:12-22, Mark 1:16-20, Luke 5:1-11





Miracles

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A Sick Boy Healed from Far Away

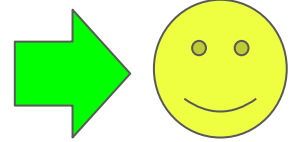
A royal official heard Jesus could heal. His son was very sick in another town, so he asked Jesus for help. Jesus said his son would live. The dad believed and went home. His servants met him with joyful news: his son was healed at the exact time Jesus spoke! Because of this miracle from far away, the man and his family put their trust in Jesus.

In the Bible

Matthew 4:12-22, Mark 1:16-20, Luke 5:1-11



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Jesus and the Scary Spirit

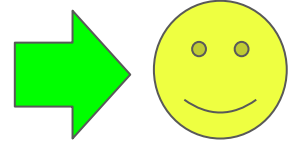
Jesus went to the town of Capernaum and taught in the synagogue on the Sabbath. The people were amazed at his teaching! But then, a man with a scary spirit shouted at Jesus. Jesus told the spirit to be quiet and come out, and it did! Everyone was surprised and wondered what kind of power Jesus had.

In the Bible

Mark 1:21-28, Luke 4:31-37



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Jesus Heals Many

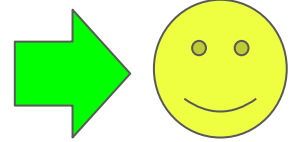
Right after leaving the synagogue, Jesus went to Simon and Andrew's house. Simon's mother-in-law was very sick with a fever, but Jesus took her hand and healed her, and she felt better! That evening, many people brought those who were sick or had evil spirits to Jesus. He healed them all and told the evil spirits to be quiet.

In the Bible

Matthew 8:14-17, Mark 1:29-34, Luke 4:38-41



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Jesus Prays and Travels

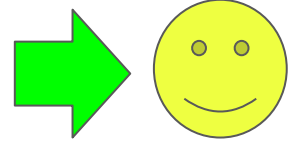
Early in the morning, Jesus went to a quiet place to pray. Simon and his friends went to look for him. When they found Jesus, they told him that everyone was looking for him. But Jesus said he needed to go to other towns to preach too. So, Jesus traveled all over Galilee, preaching and casting out demons.

In the Bible

Matthew 4:23-25, Mark 1:35-39, Luke 4:42-44



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Jesus Heals a Sick Man

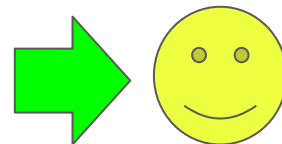
A man with a yucky skin disease called leprosy came to Jesus and asked to be healed. Jesus felt sorry for him and touched him, saying, "Be healed!". Right away, the man's skin got better!. Jesus told the man to tell no one, but the man was so happy that he told everyone. Because of that, it was hard for Jesus to go into towns.

In the Bible

Matthew 8:1-4, Mark 1:40-45, Luke 5:12-16



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Jesus Calms the Storm

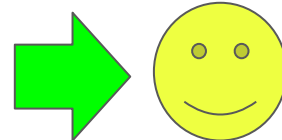
One evening, Jesus and his disciples were crossing a lake in a boat. A big storm came, and the waves were crashing over the boat. The disciples were scared, but Jesus was asleep. They woke him up, and Jesus told the wind and the waves to "Be still!". The storm stopped, and everyone was amazed.

In the Bible

Matthew 8:18-27, Mark 4:35-41, Luke 8:22-25



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Jesus Helps Man in Graveyard

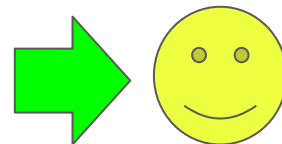
Jesus and his disciples sailed to the other side of a lake. There, they met a man who was very troubled by evil spirits. He lived in tombs and was very strong. But when Jesus told the spirits to leave, they had to obey! The man was healed and wanted to go with Jesus, but Jesus told him to go home and tell everyone what God had done for him.

In the Bible

Matthew 8:28-34, Mark 5:1-20, Luke 8:26-39



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A Girl and a Sick Woman

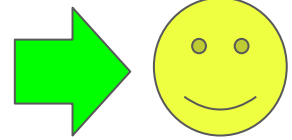
A man named Jairus asked Jesus to heal his very sick daughter. Jesus went with him, but on the way, a woman who had been sick for twelve years touched Jesus and was healed. Then, someone came and said Jairus's daughter had died. But Jesus told Jairus to believe. When Jesus got to the girl, he took her hand, and she stood up alive!

In the Bible

Matthew 9:18-26, Mark 5:21-43, Luke 8:40-56



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Jesus Helps the Blind and Deaf

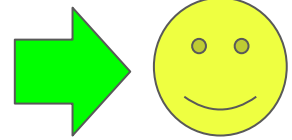
Two blind men followed Jesus, shouting for him to help them. Jesus touched their eyes, and suddenly, they could see! Then, some people brought a man who couldn't talk because of an evil spirit. Jesus drove out the spirit, and the man could talk! The crowds were amazed at these miracles.

In the Bible

Matthew 9:27-34



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A Man Lowered Through the Roof

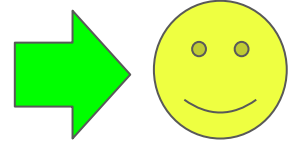
When Jesus was in a house teaching, some men brought a friend who couldn't move. But they couldn't get inside because of the crowd! So, they made a hole in the roof and lowered their friend down on a mat right in front of Jesus. Jesus told the man his sins were forgiven and then healed him so he could walk! The people were amazed!

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Matthew 9:1-8, Mark 2:1-12, Luke 5:17-26



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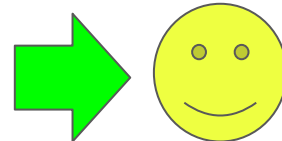
Jesus Eats with Sinners

Jesus saw a man named Levi, who collected taxes, and said, "Follow me!" Levi got up and followed Jesus. Then Jesus ate at Levi's house with lots of tax collectors and sinners. Some didn't like that, but Jesus said he came to help those who know they need help, because sick people need a doctor, not healthy people.

In the Bible

Matthew 9:9-13, Mark 2:13-17, Luke 5:27-32





Why Jesus's Disciples Didn't Fast

Some people asked Jesus why his disciples didn't fast (go without food) like other religious people. Jesus answered that it would be silly for the wedding guests to be sad and not eat while the bridegroom (Jesus) was still with them! But he said a time would come when he'd be gone, and then they would fast.

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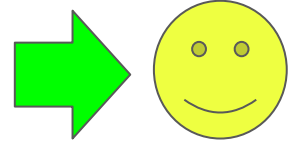
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Feast
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Bethesda

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Healing at the Pool

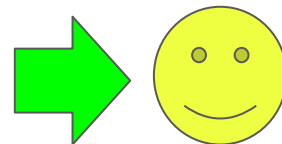
Jesus went to Jerusalem for a special Jewish celebration. There, he visited a pool where many sick people lay, hoping to be healed. One man had been ill for a very long time. Jesus asked him if he wanted to get well, and then Jesus healed him! The man got up, picked up his mat, and walked!

In the Bible

John 5:1-15,



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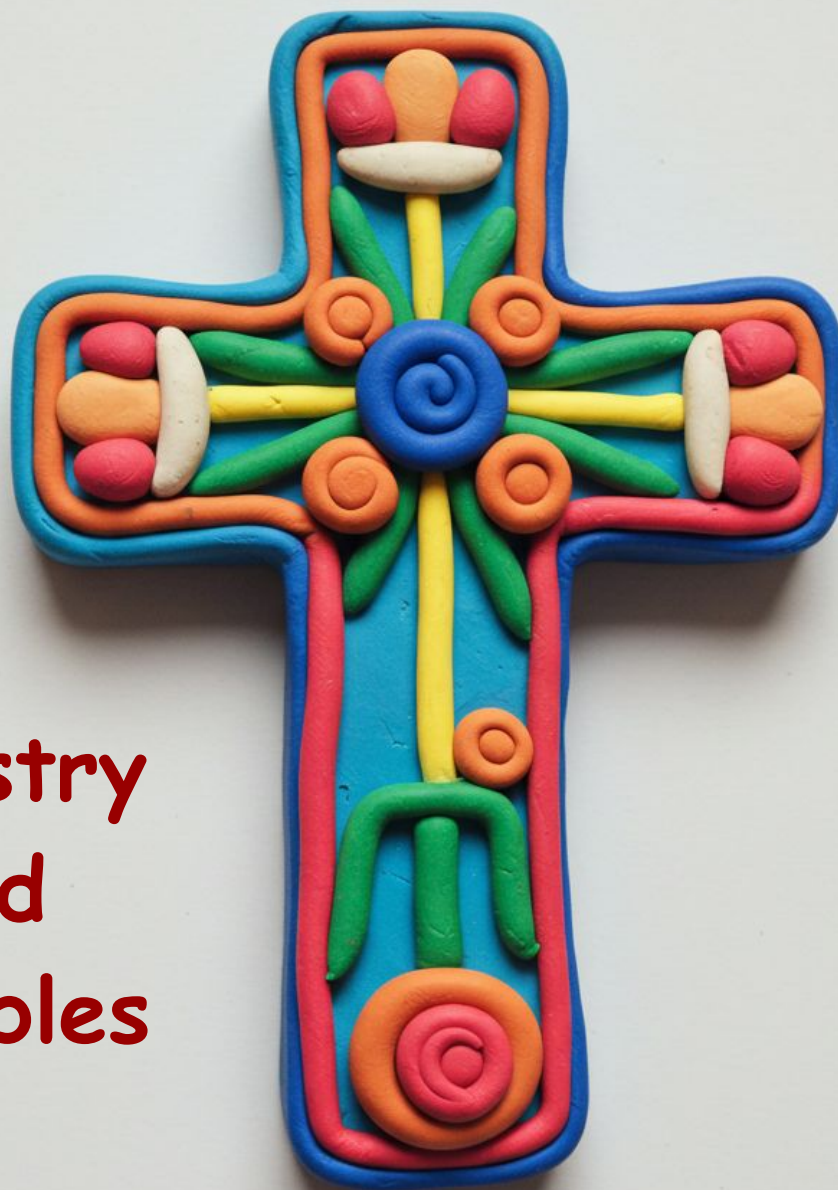
Honoring the Father

Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath, which made some Jewish leaders angry. Jesus explained that he was doing what his Father (God) does. He said that he can do what the Father does, and that people should honor the Son (Jesus) just like they honor the Father. Jesus also talked about how listening to his words is like having eternal life.

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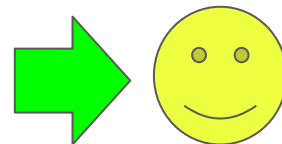
John 5:16-47





Ministry
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Eating on the Sabbath

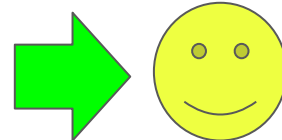
Jesus and his disciples were walking through a field, and his disciples picked some grain to eat because they were hungry. Some people didn't like this because it was the Sabbath, a day of rest. But Jesus reminded them that even King David ate when he was hungry. Jesus said the Sabbath was made for people, not people for the Sabbath.

In the Bible

Matthew 12:1-8, Mark 2:23-28, Luke 6:1-5



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Jesus Heals on the Sabbath!

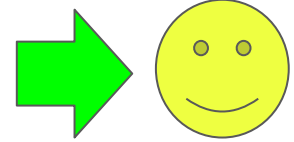
Jesus went to a synagogue and saw a man with a hurt hand. Even though it was a special rest day, Jesus knew it was okay to help him. The angry church leaders watched, but Jesus healed the man's hand! Lots of people heard about Jesus and came to him to be healed from sicknesses.

In the Bible

Matthew 12:9-21, Mark 3:1-12, Luke 6:6-11



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Jesus Chooses His Special Helpers!

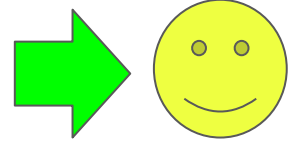
Jesus went up on a hill and chose twelve special men to be his helpers, called apostles. Their names were Simon (also called Peter), James, John, Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James (another one!), Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot. Jesus wanted them to later tell everyone about God.

In the Bible

Matthew 10:2-4, Mark 3:13-19, Luke 6:12-16



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Jesus Teaches on a Hill!

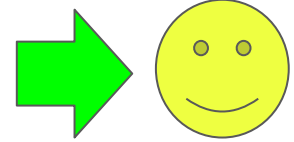
Jesus went up on a hill and taught a big crowd. He said to be kind, even to enemies, and to forgive others. He said it's important to love God and not just pretend to be good on the outside. He taught them how to pray and told them not to worry too much about things. He told them they were lights. Jesus wanted everyone to follow God's way.

In the Bible

Matthew 5:1 - 7:29, Luke 6:17-49



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A Soldier's Great Faith

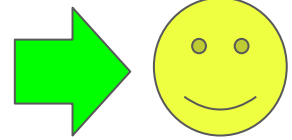
A kind soldier asked Jesus to heal his sick servant. Jesus said he would go to the soldier's house, but the soldier felt he wasn't good enough. He believed Jesus could heal his servant just by saying the word from far away. Jesus was amazed by the soldier's great faith and healed the servant right then and there!

In the Bible

Matthew 8:5-13, Luke 7:1-10



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Jesus Raises a Widow's Son

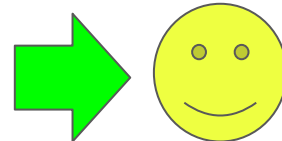
In the town of Nain, there was a funeral procession for a young man. His mother was a widow, and she was very sad. Jesus saw her and felt sorry for her. He went up to her and touched the coffin. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" And the young man sat up and started talking. Everyone was amazed, and they praised God.

In the Bible

Luke 7:1-10



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John Asks About Jesus

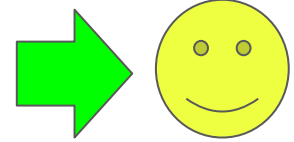
John, in jail, heard about Jesus' miracles. He sent friends to ask if Jesus was the one they'd been waiting for. Jesus told them about his healings and good news. Then Jesus said John was a great prophet, but those in God's kingdom are even greater! Some people didn't believe John or Jesus.

In the Bible

Matthew 11:2-19, Luke 7:18-35



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Uh Oh! Cities Didn't Listen

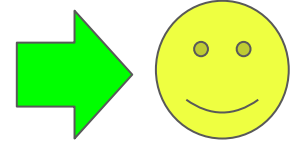
Jesus was a little sad. He had done many amazing miracles in some towns, like Capernaum and Bethsaida. But the people there didn't listen or change their hearts. So, Jesus said it would be harder for those towns on judgment. Even Sodom would have turned away from bad things if they'd seen what these towns saw! It's important to listen to Jesus.

In the Bible

Matthew 11:20-24



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Jesus Helps Us Rest

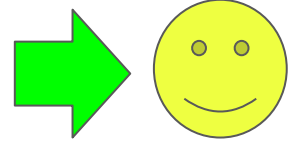
Jesus thanked God, his Father in heaven! He said that God hid wise things from the bad people but showed them to good people. Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are tired and carrying heavy things, and I will give you rest." He said to learn from him because he is gentle and kind, and following him will give you peace in your hearts.

In the Bible

Matthew 11:25-30



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A Woman's Loving Tears

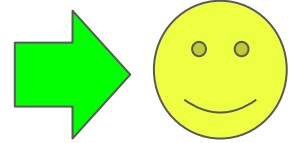
Jesus was eating at a Pharisee's house. A woman who had made some bad choices came in, feeling very sorry. She knelt down and cried, her tears falling on Jesus' feet. She used her hair to wipe them, then kissed his feet and poured her special perfume on them. The Pharisee thought this was wrong, but Jesus said she showed great love because she knew she was forgiven.

In the Bible

Luke 7:36-50



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Jesus and His Disciples

After this, Jesus traveled around to different towns and villages. He told people the good news about God's kingdom. His twelve disciples were with him. Some women who Jesus had healed from sickness and bad spirits also went with him. These women used their own money to help Jesus and his disciples. They were all working together!

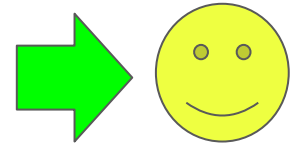
In the Bible

Luke 8:1-3





Jesus
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Jesus Teaches Parables

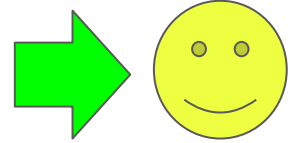
Jesus loved to teach people by telling them special stories called parables. He told them many stories like this, as much as they could understand. He didn't always explain everything to everyone. But later, when he was alone with his disciples, he would explain all the secret meanings of the stories to them. It helped them learn more about God's kingdom!

In the Bible

Matthew 13:34-35, Mark 4:33-34



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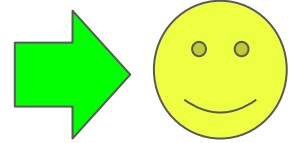
Parable of the Sower

A farmer scattered seeds. Some were eaten by birds, some withered on rocks, and some were choked by thorns. But some seeds fell on good ground and grew big and strong, giving lots of grain. Jesus said the seeds are like God's words, and our hearts are like the different grounds. We need good hearts to let God's words grow in us!

In the Bible

Matthew 13:1-23, Mark 4:1-20, Luke 8:4-15





Parable of the Lamp

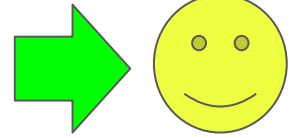
Jesus said, "Would you hide a lamp under a bowl?" Of course not! You put it where everyone can see its light. What is hidden will be shown, and what is secret will be brought out. Pay attention to what you hear. The more you give, the more you will receive. So, let your light shine for everyone!

In the Bible

Mark 4:21-25, Luke 8:16-18



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Parable of the Growing Seed

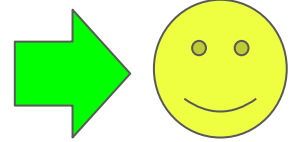
Jesus told a story about a farmer who scattered seeds. Then he slept and went about his days. The seeds sprouted and grew tall all by themselves! First, a little shoot, then a head, and finally, full grain. When the grain was ready, the farmer harvested it. This is how God's kingdom grows – in its own way and time, without us fully understanding how!

In the Bible

Mark 4:26-29



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Parable of the Wheat and Tares

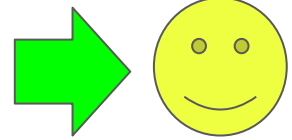
A farmer planted good seeds. But a bad guy secretly planted yucky weed seeds in the same field! The good wheat and the bad weeds grew up together. The farmer said, "Let them both grow until it's time to gather." Then, the weeds will be thrown away, and the good wheat will be kept safe. This shows that good and bad will be together until the end.

In the Bible

Matthew 13:24-30



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Wheat and Tares Explained

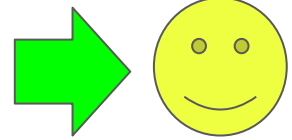
Jesus said the farmer with good seeds is him. The good seeds (wheat) are his followers. The bad guy with weed seeds is the devil, and those seeds (tares) are his followers. When the world ends, angels will take away the bad weeds and burn them. But Jesus's followers will shine like the sun in God's special place forever!

In the Bible

Matthew 13:36-43



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Parable of the Mustard Seed

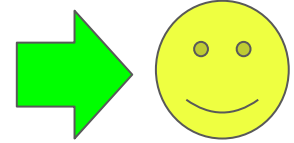
Jesus told about a tiny mustard seed, the smallest seed you can imagine! But when it's planted, it grows into a huge plant, bigger than all the garden plants. It becomes like a tree, and birds can even come and make nests in its branches. This shows that even small beginnings can grow into something big and amazing, just like God's kingdom!

In the Bible

Matthew 13:31-32, Mark 4:30-32, Luke 13:18-19



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Parable of the Yeast

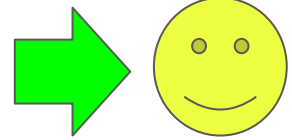
Jesus said God's kingdom is like yeast that a woman mixed into a big bowl of flour. Even though you can't see the yeast working much at first, it slowly spreads through all the dough. Little by little, the yeast makes the whole batch of dough rise and become big and fluffy bread! So, even small things can have a big impact for God.

In the Bible

Matthew 13:33 Luke 13:20-21



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Parable of the Hidden Treasure

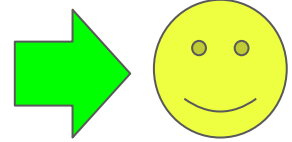
Jesus said God's kingdom is like finding treasure hidden in a field! A person finds it and is so happy that they hide it again. Then, they sell everything they have to buy that field. This shows that God's kingdom is so amazing and valuable that it's worth giving up everything to have it!

In the Bible

Matthew 13:44



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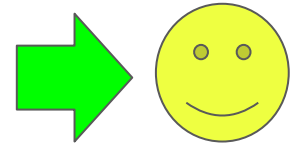
Parable of the Costly Pearl

Jesus said God's kingdom is also like a merchant looking for beautiful pearls. When he finds one pearl that is super special and worth more than anything else, he sells everything he owns to buy it! This shows that God's kingdom is like that amazing pearl – it's so precious that having it is worth more than anything in the whole world!

In the Bible

Matthew 13:45-46





Parable of the Net

Jesus said God's kingdom is like a big fishing net thrown into the lake. It catches all sorts of fish, good and bad. When the net is full, the fishermen pull it to shore and sort the fish, keeping the good ones and throwing away the bad ones. It will be the same at the end of the world: the bad people will be separated from the good.

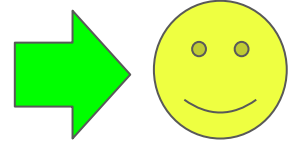
In the Bible

Matthew 13:47-50





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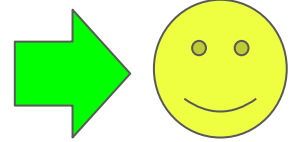
Jesus's Bigger Family

Jesus was busy teaching when someone said, "Your mother and brothers are outside." Jesus looked at everyone listening and said, "These are my mother and brothers! Anyone who does what God wants is my brother, sister, and mother." This shows that following God makes you part of Jesus's very own family – a big and special family!

In the Bible

Matthew 12:46-50, Mark 3:31-35, Luke 8:19-21





Sad Surprise in His Hometown

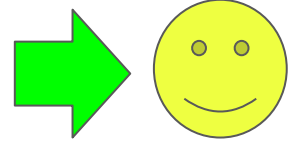
Jesus went back to his hometown and taught in their church. The people were amazed! They asked, "Where did this man get such wisdom and power? Isn't he just the carpenter's son?" They were surprised and didn't believe in him. Jesus said that people respect a prophet everywhere except in their own hometown. Because they didn't believe, Jesus didn't do many powerful things there.

In the Bible

Matthew 13:53-58, Mark 6:1-6



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Jesus Helps Everyone

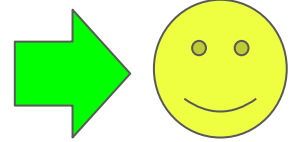
Jesus traveled to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues and healing every sickness. He saw the crowds and felt sorry for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Jesus told his disciples to pray for more workers to help these people. After this, Jesus sent his twelve helpers out to teach in the towns.

In the Bible

Matthew 9:35-38, 11:1, Mark 6:6



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Jesus Sends His Disciples

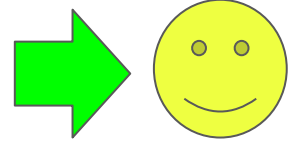
Jesus sent his twelve friends, the disciples, to tell people about God's kingdom. He told them to heal sick people and tell everyone that God's kingdom is near. He said they wouldn't need to pack much because God would take care of them. Sometimes people would welcome them, and sometimes they wouldn't. Anyone who helps Jesus's friends is like helping Jesus himself!

In the Bible

Matthew 10:5-42, Mark 6:7-13, Luke 9:1-6



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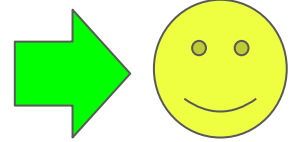
John the Baptist Loses His Head

King Herod was angry with John the Baptist for telling him it was wrong to marry Herodias. So, Herod put John in prison. At Herod's birthday party, Herodias's daughter danced and pleased him so much that he promised her anything she wanted. Her mother told her to ask for John's head on a plate, and sadly, Herod did it.

In the Bible

Matthew 14:3-12, Mark 6:17-29





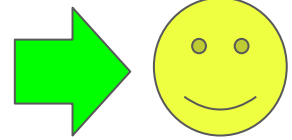
King Herod Antipas Worries

King Herod Antipas heard about all the amazing things Jesus was doing. Some people thought Jesus was John the Baptist, who Herod had chopped off his head! Herod felt guilty and scared. He thought John had come back to life and was doing these powerful miracles. This shows that even powerful people can be afraid when they do wrong things.

In the Bible

Matthew 14:1-2, Mark 6:14-16, Luke 9:7-9





Sharing a Little, Feeding Many

Jesus and his disciples were teaching a big crowd and the crowd became hungry. They only had five small loaves and two fish.

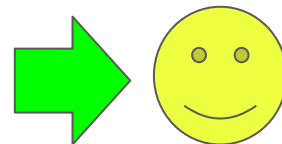
Jesus thanked God, broke the bread loaves, and told his disciples to share. Amazingly, everyone ate until they were full! Even with just a little, Jesus made sure everyone had enough. God always gives us provisions!

In the Bible

Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:30-44, Luke 9:10-17,
John 6:1-15



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Jesus Walks on Water!

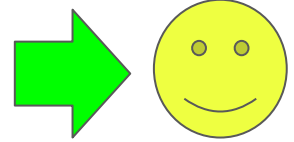
Jesus sent his disciples in a boat, and then he went up on a hill to pray. The boat got caught in a big storm! In the middle of the night, the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water! They were scared, but Jesus said, "Don't be afraid, it is I!" Peter even walked on the water for a bit! Jesus helped them into the boat, and the storm stopped. It was a miracle!

In the Bible

Matthew 14:22-33, Mark 6:45-52, John 6:16-21



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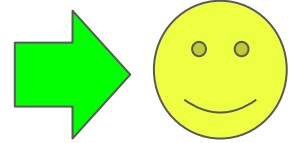
Jesus Heals in Gennesaret

After their boat ride, Jesus and his friends landed in a place called Gennesaret. When the people there recognized Jesus, they ran all around telling everyone he had arrived. People brought all their sick friends to him. They begged Jesus to let them just touch the edge of his clothes. And everyone who touched him was healed!

In the Bible

Matthew 14:34-36, Mark 6:53-56





Jesus: The Bread of Life

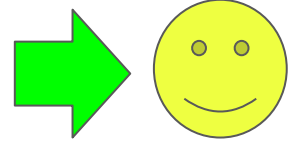
The next day, people looked for Jesus. He told them they wanted food that doesn't last. Jesus said, "I am the bread that gives real life from heaven! If you believe in me, you will never be hungry or thirsty." Some people didn't understand, but Jesus explained that he came to give them true life forever if they believe in him.

In the Bible

John 6:22-65



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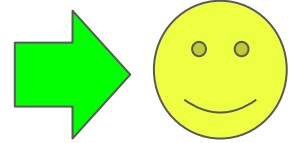
Clean Hands, Clean Hearts

Some important religious leaders asked Jesus why his disciples didn't wash their hands in a special way before eating. Jesus said that what goes *into* your mouth isn't what makes you truly unclean. It's the bad thoughts and feelings that come *out* of your heart that make you unclean. So, it's more important to have a good heart than just clean hands.

In the Bible

Matthew 15:1-20, Mark 7:1-23





A Mom's Great Faith

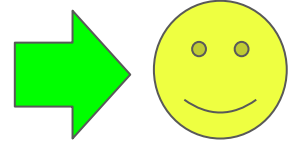
Jesus went to another place. A woman whose daughter was very sick came to him. She wasn't even from his people, but she begged Jesus to heal her daughter. Jesus first said it wasn't right to take the children's food and give it to the dogs. But the woman said even the dogs eat the crumbs. Jesus was so impressed by her faith that he healed her daughter right then and there!

In the Bible

Matthew 15:21-28, Mark 7:24-30



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Jesus Heals a Deaf Man

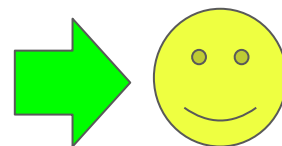
Jesus went to a man who couldn't hear or talk well. Jesus took him away from the crowd, put his fingers in the man's ears, and touched his tongue. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Be opened!" Right away, the man could hear clearly and speak plainly! Jesus told everyone not to tell anyone, but they were so amazed they told everyone anyway!

In the Bible

Matthew 15:29-31, Mark 7:31-37



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Another Big Meal!

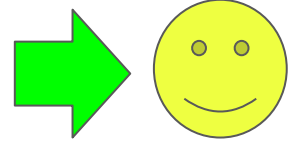
A huge crowd had been with Jesus for three days, and they were all out of food. Jesus felt sorry for them and didn't want to send them away hungry. His friends only had seven loaves of bread and a few small fish. Jesus thanked God, broke the food, and told his friends to share. Everyone ate until they were full, and they even had seven baskets of leftovers!

In the Bible

Matthew 15:32-39, Mark 8:1-9



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No Special Sign for Them

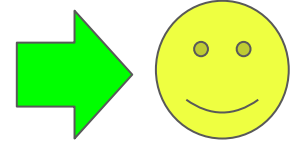
Jesus and his friends got in a boat and went to another place. Some important religious leaders came and started arguing with Jesus. They wanted him to show them a special sign from heaven to prove who he was. Jesus felt very sad and said, "Why do you keep asking for a sign? No special sign will be given to you!" Then he left them and got back in the boat.

In the Bible

Matthew 16:1-4, Mark 8:10-13



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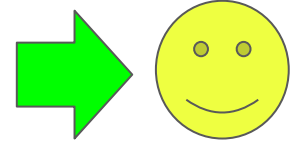
Watch Out for Bad Ideas!

Jesus and his disciples forgot to bring enough bread. Jesus warned them to be careful about the "yeast" of the important religious leaders and Herod. His friends were confused and talked about not having bread. But Jesus said, "Don't you remember how I fed so many people with just a few loaves? You should understand that I'm not talking about bread, but about their bad teachings!"

In the Bible

Matthew 16:5-12, Mark 8:14-21





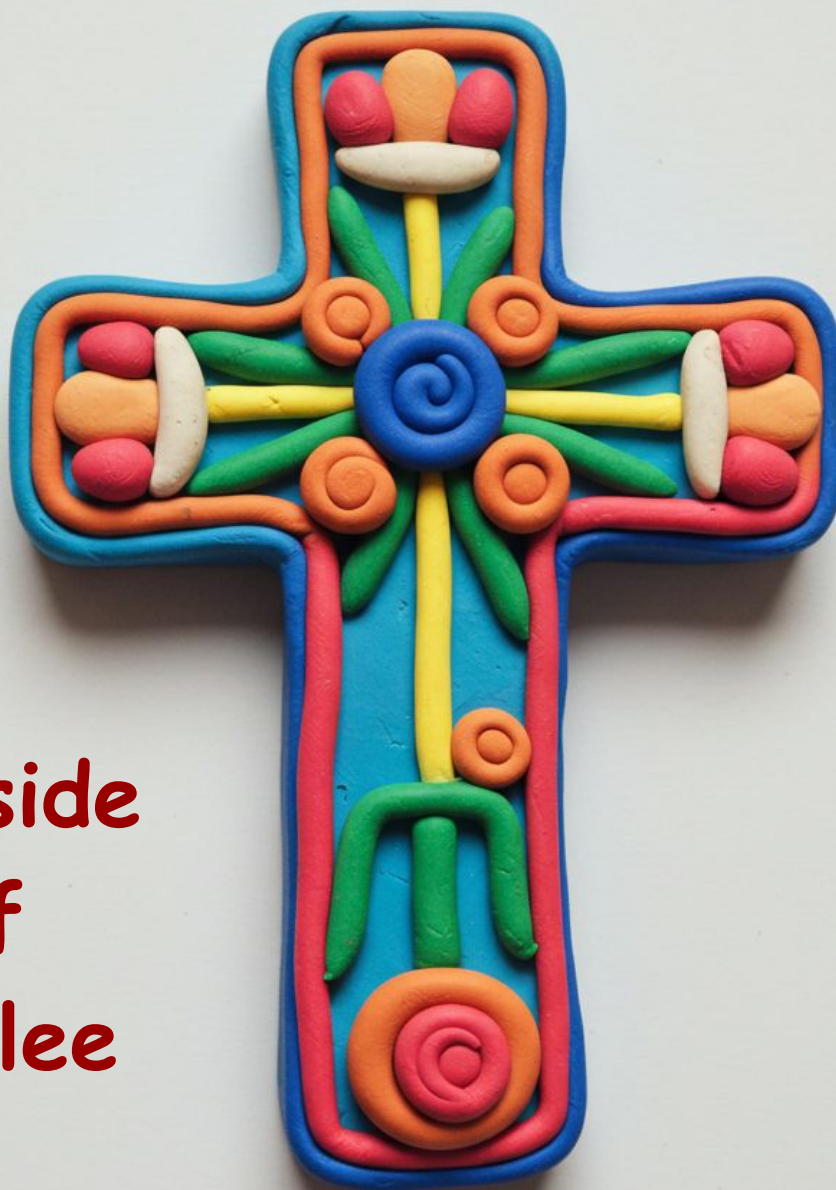
Jesus Heals a Blind Man Slowly

Jesus and his friends went to a town. Some people brought a blind man to Jesus and asked him to touch him. Jesus took the man's hand and led him outside the town. He spit on the man's eyes and asked if he could see. The man said he saw people, but they looked like trees walking around. Then Jesus touched his eyes again, and the man could see everything clearly!

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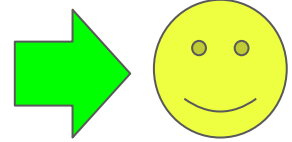
Mark 8:22-26





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Peter Knows Who Jesus Is

Jesus asked his friends who people thought he was. Then he asked them, "Who do *you* say I am?" Peter said, "You are the Christ, God's Son!" Jesus said Peter was right.

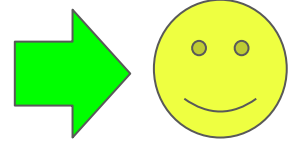
Later, when some followers left, Jesus asked his twelve disciples if they would go too.

Peter said, "No! You have the words for real life, so we'll stay with you."

In the Bible

Matthew 16:13-19, Mark 8:27-29, Luke 9:18-20,
John 6:66-71





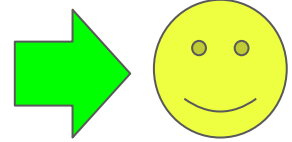
Jesus Talks About Hard Times

Jesus told his friends he had to go to Jerusalem to suffer and die, but then rise again. Peter didn't like hearing this. Jesus said that to follow him, they must give up what they want and follow him instead. He said if they try to save their own lives, they'll lose them, but if they give their lives for him, they'll save them. He also said some would see God's power soon.

In the Bible

Matthew 16:20-28, Mark 8:30-38, 9:1
Luke 9:21-27





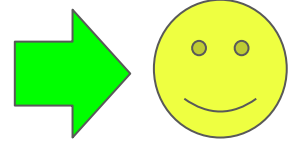
Shining Jesus on the Mountain

Jesus took Peter, James, and John up high. Jesus's face shone brightly, and his clothes turned white! Moses and Elijah appeared, talking with him. A cloud came, and God said, "This is my Son, listen to him!" When the cloud left, only Jesus was there. He told them to keep it a secret until he rose from the dead.

In the Bible

Matthew 17:1-9, Mark 9:2-10, Luke 9:28-36





A Boy Jesus Couldn't Heal at First

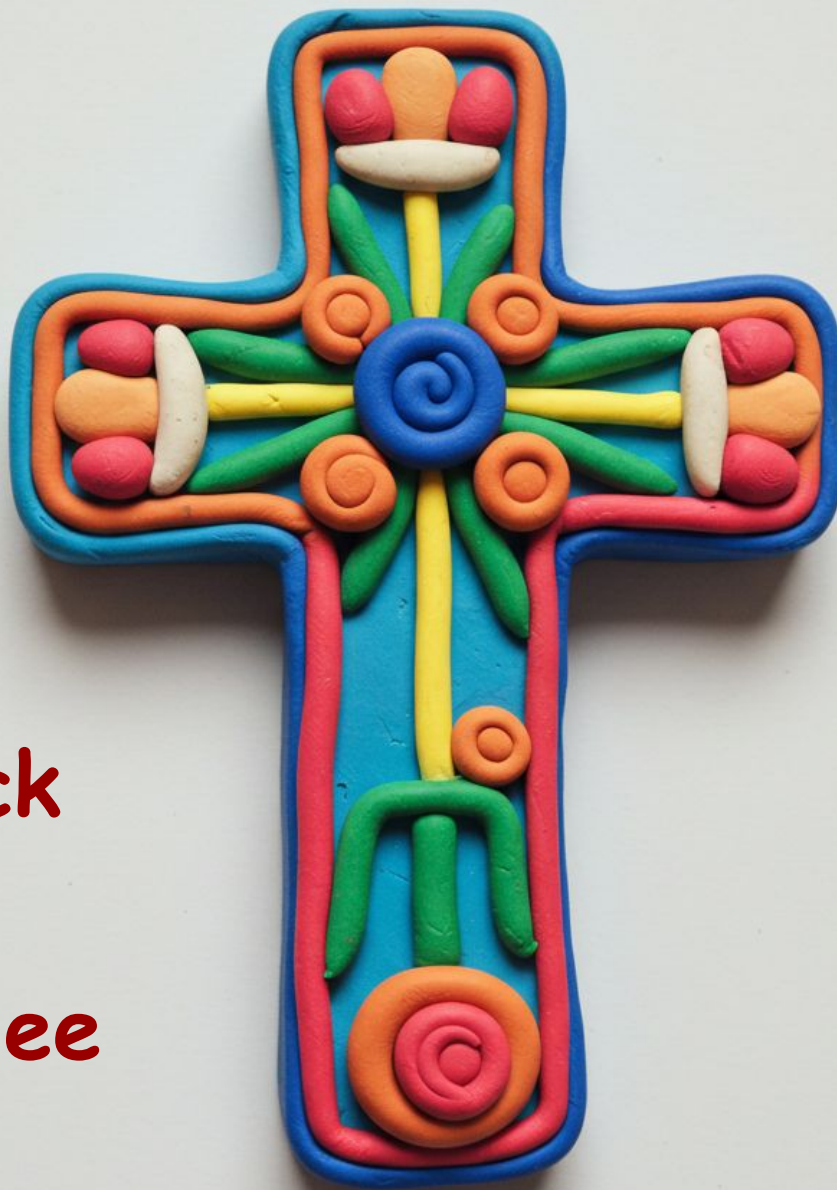
When Jesus and his disciples came down the mountain, a man begged Jesus to heal his very sick son. The other disciples had tried but couldn't. Jesus said they didn't have enough faith! After a struggle, Jesus healed the boy completely. Later, Jesus told his disciples that they couldn't heal him because they didn't believe enough and didn't pray. Even a little faith can do amazing things!

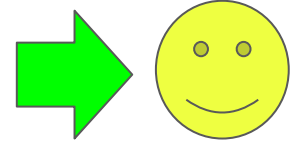
In the Bible

Matthew 17:14-21, Mark 9:14-29, Luke 9:37-42



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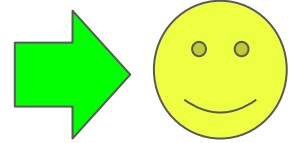
Jesus Says He Will Die and Rise Again

Jesus told his disciples that he would be handed over to others, and they would kill him. But he also said that after three days, he would rise again. His friends were very sad and didn't understand.

In the Bible

Matthew 17:22-23, Mark 9:30-32, Luke 9:43:-45





Paying Taxes with a Fish

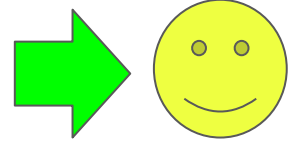
Some tax collectors asked Peter if Jesus paid the temple tax. Jesus knew this and asked Peter, "Do kings make their own kids pay taxes?" Peter said no. Jesus said they didn't have to pay either, but to avoid trouble, he told Peter to go fishing. Jesus said the first fish Peter caught would have a coin in its mouth, enough to pay the tax for both of them.

In the Bible

Matthew 17:24-27



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Being Truly Great

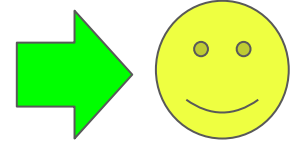
Jesus' disciples were arguing about who was the most important. Jesus told them that to be truly great, they needed to become like little children. He said that the person who is the most humble and willing to serve others is the greatest of all.

In the Bible

Matthew 18:1-5, Mark 9:33-37, Luke 9:46-48



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If They Help in Jesus' Name

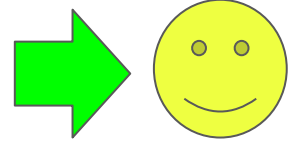
John, one of Jesus' disciples, told Jesus that they saw someone casting out demons using Jesus' name. John and the others told him to stop because he wasn't following them. But Jesus said, "Don't stop him! Anyone who is not against us is for us."

In the Bible

Mark 9:38-41, Luke 9:49-50



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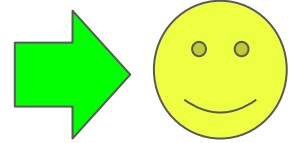
Be Careful Not to Cause Others to Sin

Jesus warned that anyone who causes a child (or anyone who believes in him) to sin will face serious consequences. It's better to lose something yourself than to cause someone else to turn away from God. So, we should be very careful not to do anything that might lead others to do wrong.

In the Bible

Matthew 18:6-9, Mark 9:42-48, Luke 17:2





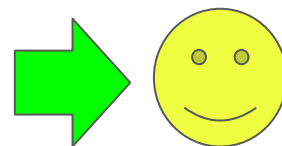
Finding the Lost

Jesus told three stories. First, a shepherd looked everywhere for one lost sheep and was so happy to find it! Second, a woman searched hard for her lost coin until she found it and celebrated. Third, a father welcomed his son back with joy after he had wandered off. These stories show how much God loves us and is happy when we turn back to him.

In the Bible

Matthew 18:10-14, Luke 15:1-32





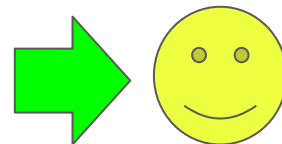
Helping a Friend Who Makes a Mistake

If a friend does something wrong, first talk to them privately, just the two of you. If they listen, that's wonderful! If they don't, take one or two other friends with you to help. If they still don't listen, then they can't be your friend anymore. Jesus wants us to help our friends get back on the right path.

In the Bible

Matthew 18:15-17





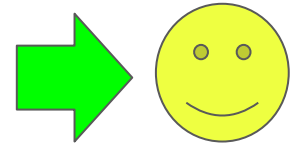
Praying Together Has Power

Jesus said that when we decide things together as believers, it's like it's already decided in heaven! He also said that when two or three people pray together in his name, he is there with them. This means our prayers and decisions together are important to God. It is very important that we agree with each other!

In the Bible

Matthew 18:18-20





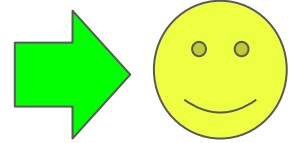
Forgive Each Other Like God Forgives Us

Peter asked Jesus if he should forgive someone seven times. Jesus said, "No, not just seven times, but many, many times!" He told a story about a servant who owed a lot of money but was forgiven. Then, that servant wouldn't forgive someone who owed him a little. Jesus said God will forgive us, so we should forgive each other too.

In the Bible

Matthew 18:21-35





Be at Peace with Each Other

Jesus said that everyone will be "salted with fire," which means everyone will face some kind of testing. He also said, "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again?" Then he told them, "Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other." This means we should try hard to get along and live peacefully with everyone.

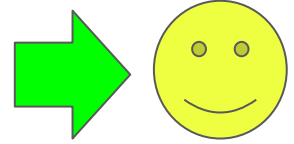
In the Bible

Mark 9:49-50





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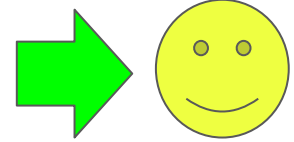
Jesus Goes to Jerusalem

The time was getting close for Jesus to go up to heaven. He decided to go to Jerusalem. His brothers told him to go to the big festival there so everyone could see his amazing miracles. But Jesus told them he would go later, quietly. He knew it wasn't the right time for everyone to see him yet.

In the Bible

Luke 9:51, John 7:1-10





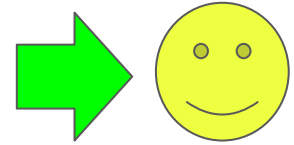
Not Everyone Welcomed Jesus

Jesus sent some of his friends ahead to a town to get things ready for him. But the people in that town didn't want to welcome Jesus because he was going to Jerusalem. James and John, Jesus' friends, got angry and wanted to call down fire on them! But Jesus told them that their anger was not the right way. They needed to show love, not anger.

In the Bible

Luke 9:52-56





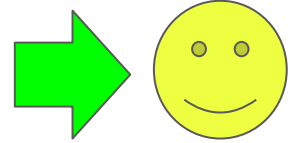
Following Jesus Means Putting Him First

As Jesus walked, three people said they would follow him. One wanted to wait until his father died. Another wanted to say goodbye to his family. But Jesus said that following him means not looking back. It's like plowing a field – you need to keep your eyes forward. Following Jesus requires putting him first in our lives.

In the Bible

Matthew 8:19-22, Luke 9:57-62





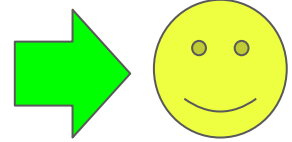
What People Thought About Jesus

During a festival, people had different ideas about Jesus - some good, some bad. Jesus taught in the temple, amazing many. Some believed, but others argued. Even the guards sent to arrest him were impressed by his words. The leaders were angry and disagreed about who Jesus was.

In the Bible

John 7:11-53





Jesus Shows Kindness to a Woman

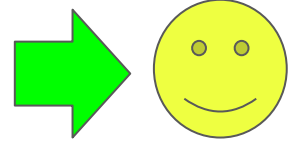
Religious leaders brought a woman who did wrong to Jesus, wanting him to say she should be punished. Jesus bent down and wrote on the ground. Then he said, "Whoever has never sinned can throw the first stone." Everyone left. Jesus told the woman he didn't punish her and to stop sinning.

In the Bible

John 8:1-11



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Jesus is the Light

Jesus said he is the light of the world, and those who follow him will have true light.

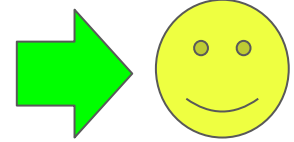
Some leaders argued with him. Jesus told them they needed to believe in him. He even said Abraham was glad to see his time. This made the leaders very angry!

In the Bible

John 8:12-59



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Jesus Gives Sight to a Blind Man

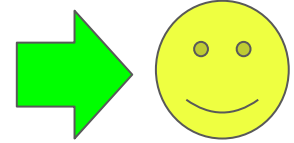
Jesus saw a man who had been blind since he was born. Jesus put mud on the man's eyes and told him to go wash. When the man washed, he could see! Some people didn't believe it, and the religious leaders were angry because Jesus healed him on the Sabbath. The man said Jesus must have come from God.

In the Bible

John 9:1-41



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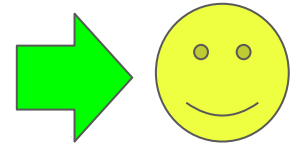
Jesus, the Good Shepherd

Jesus said he is like a good shepherd who takes care of his sheep. He knows each one, and they know his voice. A thief tries to sneak in and hurt the sheep, but the shepherd protects them. Jesus said he came so his sheep could have life that is full and good. Some people didn't believe him, and they argued about his words.

In the Bible

John 10:1-21





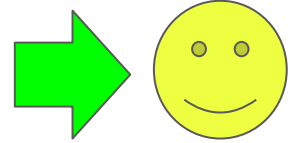
Jesus and His Followers

During the Feast of Dedication, some leaders asked Jesus if he was the Messiah. Jesus said he already told them, and his miracles showed it, but they didn't believe. He said his followers listen to him, and he keeps them safe forever with his Father. Jesus and his Father are united.

In the Bible

John 10:22-30





Many Believe in Jesus

Jesus went back across the Jordan River to the place where John used to baptize people. Many people came to Jesus there. They remembered how John had talked about Jesus. Even though John didn't do big miracles, everything he said about Jesus was true. And in that place, many people started to believe in Jesus.

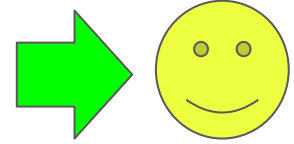
In the Bible

John 10:40-42



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Jesus Sends Out Helpers

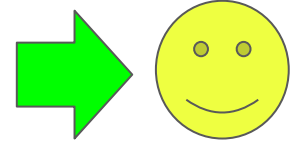
Jesus chose 72 of his followers and sent them out in pairs to every town he planned to visit. He told them to pray for more workers and warned them that they would face challenges like lambs among wolves. He instructed them to travel light, share peace, heal the sick, and tell people that God's kingdom was near.

In the Bible

Luke 10:1-16



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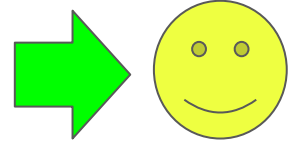
The Joyful Return

Jesus sent out his disciples to tell people about God. They came back super happy because even the tricky demons listened to them when they used Jesus' name! Jesus was happy too. He said God showed these important things to regular people, not just the smart ones. He told them they were lucky to see and hear all that they did.

In the Bible

Luke 10:17-24





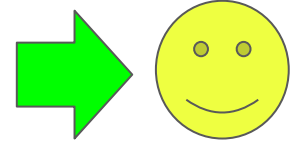
The Helpful Neighbor

A smart man asked Jesus how to have forever life. Jesus said to love God and your neighbor. The man asked, "Who is my neighbor?" So Jesus told a story about a hurt man. Some people passed by, but a kind stranger helped him. Jesus said that stranger was the neighbor, and we should be like him and help anyone who needs it.

In the Bible

Luke 10:25-37





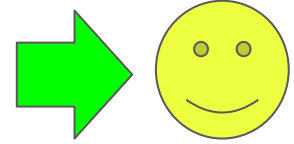
Visiting Mary and Martha

Jesus went to visit his friends Mary and Martha. Martha was busy making sure everything was perfect. Mary sat and listened to Jesus talk. Martha got a little upset that Mary wasn't helping. But Jesus said Mary chose the better thing, because listening to God's words is the most important thing of all.

In the Bible

Luke 10:38-42





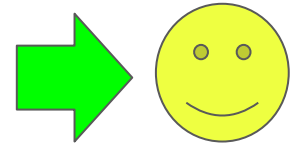
The Lord's Prayer

Jesus taught us how to talk to God. We should say, "Our Father in heaven," and ask for his name to be special. We ask for his way to happen on Earth like it does in heaven. We ask for our food for today and to forgive us like we forgive others. And we ask him to help us stay away from bad things. Amen!

In the Bible

Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:1-4





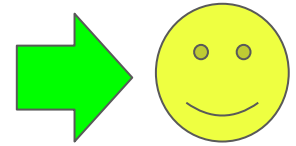
Asking for Help

Imagine a friend comes to your house late at night asking for bread. Even though it's late, you'd probably help! Jesus said God is like that friend, but even better. If we ask him for good things, he will give them to us. So keep asking, keep searching, and keep knocking, and God will answer!

In the Bible

Matthew 7:7-11, Luke 5-13





Jesus's Power and Our Words

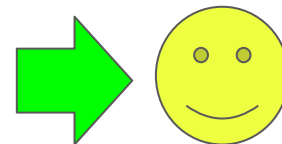
Jesus healed a man who couldn't see or talk, and everyone was amazed! Some mean people said Jesus used evil power, but Jesus said that's silly, like fighting yourself. He said good people do good things, and bad people do bad things, just like good trees make good fruit and bad trees make bad fruit. Our words show what's in our hearts, so we should be careful to say good things.

In the Bible

Matthew 12:22-37, Mark 3:20-30, Luke 11:14-23



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The Empty House

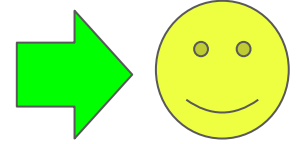
Jesus told a spooky story. When an evil spirit leaves someone, it wanders around. If it doesn't find a new home, it comes back to the person. If that person's life is empty and not filled with the Holy Spirit, the mean spirit brings even more bad spirits! Jesus was teaching that it's not enough just to get rid of bad things; we need to fill our lives with goodness.

In the Bible

Matthew 12:43-45, Luke 11:24-28



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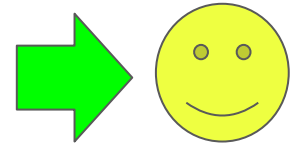
A Sign from God

Lots of people wanted a special sign from Jesus. But Jesus said they already had one: Jonah! Just like Jonah was in the big fish for three days and then told people to change, Jesus would be in the ground for three days and then rise to tell people to change. The teachings of Jesus are wise, so we should listen to him!

In the Bible

Matthew 12:38-42, Luke 11:29-32





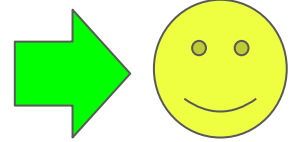
The Lamp of Your Body

Jesus said your eye is like a lamp for your body. If your eye is clear and sees well, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad and doesn't see clearly, your whole body will be full of darkness. So be careful! If the light inside you becomes darkness, that's a very dark darkness indeed. Jesus was teaching us to keep our focus good and pure.

In the Bible

Matthew 5:15, 6:22-23, Luke 11:33-36





Clean Inside, Not Just Outside

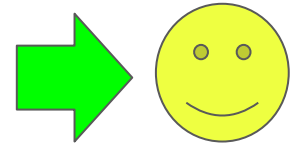
Jesus ate with some important religious leaders. They were surprised he didn't wash his hands first! But Jesus said they were like cups that look clean on the outside but are dirty inside. He said it's more important to be good and fair on the inside. If your inside is clean, then your outside will be clean too! Jesus wanted them to care more about being good in their hearts.

In the Bible

Matthew 23:1-39, Luke 11:37-54



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Being True

Jesus told his friends to be real, not pretend to be good like some leaders. Secrets are in the dark but will be found out in the light!

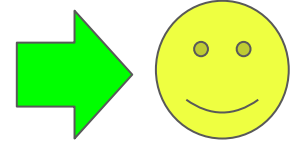
Don't be scared of people who can only hurt your body. God knows everything about you and cares for you. If you tell people you believe in Jesus, he'll be happy. The Holy Spirit will help you know what to say when you need it.

In the Bible

Matthew 10:26-33, Luke 12:1-12



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Don't Love Money Too Much

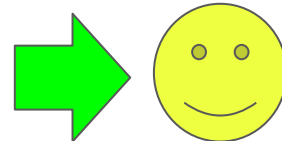
Someone wanted Jesus to help him get more money, but Jesus said no! He warned everyone to be careful about wanting too much. Having lots of things doesn't make you truly happy. Jesus told a story about a rich man who only cared about keeping his money safe but then died. Jesus said it's better to trust God than to just chase after money.

In the Bible

Matthew 6:25-33, Luke 12:13-31



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Getting Ready for Jesus

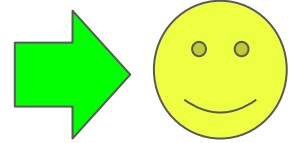
Jesus told his friends not to be afraid because God wants to give them His kingdom! He said to sell their things and give to the poor. It's like having a treasure in heaven that won't disappear. Be ready for Jesus to come back, like servants waiting for their master. Always be prepared! Jesus said his coming might cause trouble, even in families, as people choose to follow him.

In the Bible

Luke 12:32-59



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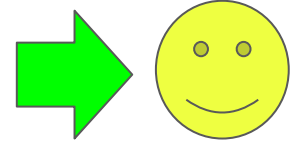
A Second Chance

Some people told Jesus bad things that happened. Jesus said those people weren't worse sinners than anyone else. Then he told a story about a fig tree that didn't grow fruit for three years. The gardener wanted to give it another chance, to dig around it and give it food. Jesus was teaching that God is patient and gives us chances to change and do good.

In the Bible

Luke 13:1-9





The Woman Made Straight

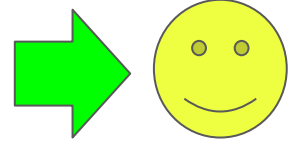
On a Sabbath, Jesus was teaching, and a woman was there who had been bent over for eighteen years by an evil spirit. When Jesus saw her, he felt sorry for her. He touched her and said, "Woman, you are free!" Right away, she stood up straight and praised God! Some leaders were angry Jesus healed on the Sabbath, but Jesus said it was right to help someone suffering.

In the Bible

Luke 13:10-17



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Tiny Seed, Big Tree

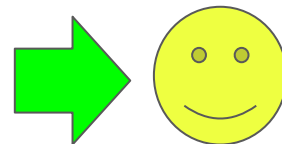
Jesus said God's kingdom is like a tiny mustard seed. It's the smallest seed, but when it grows, it becomes a big tree where birds can make nests! Jesus was showing that even though God's kingdom might seem small at first, it will grow and help many people.

In the Bible

Matthew 13:31-32, Mark 4:30-32, Luke 13:18-19



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Hidden Yeast, Big Bread

Jesus said God's kingdom is also like yeast that a woman mixes into a big bowl of flour. Even though you can't see the yeast working much, it spreads through all the dough and makes it rise into a big loaf of bread! Jesus was showing that God's kingdom might start small and unseen, but it will grow and affect many people.

In the Bible

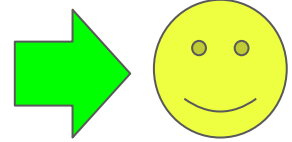
Matthew 13:33, Luke 13:20-21





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Journeying and Teaching

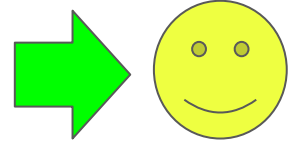
Jesus traveled through towns and villages, teaching people and making his way towards Jerusalem. This was a significant journey, as Jerusalem was where he knew he would face important events. Luke highlights Jesus' consistent teaching and his determined path towards his ultimate purpose.

In the Bible

Luke 13:22



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The Narrow Door

Someone asked Jesus if only a few people would be saved. Jesus said to try hard to go through the narrow door! It's like a doorway that's not very wide. Some people will try to get in later, but the door will be closed.

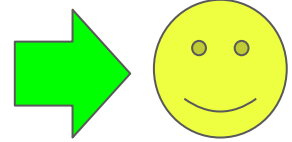
People will come from all over and sit with God, but some who thought they were first will be last, and some who were last will be first.

In the Bible

Luke 13:23-30



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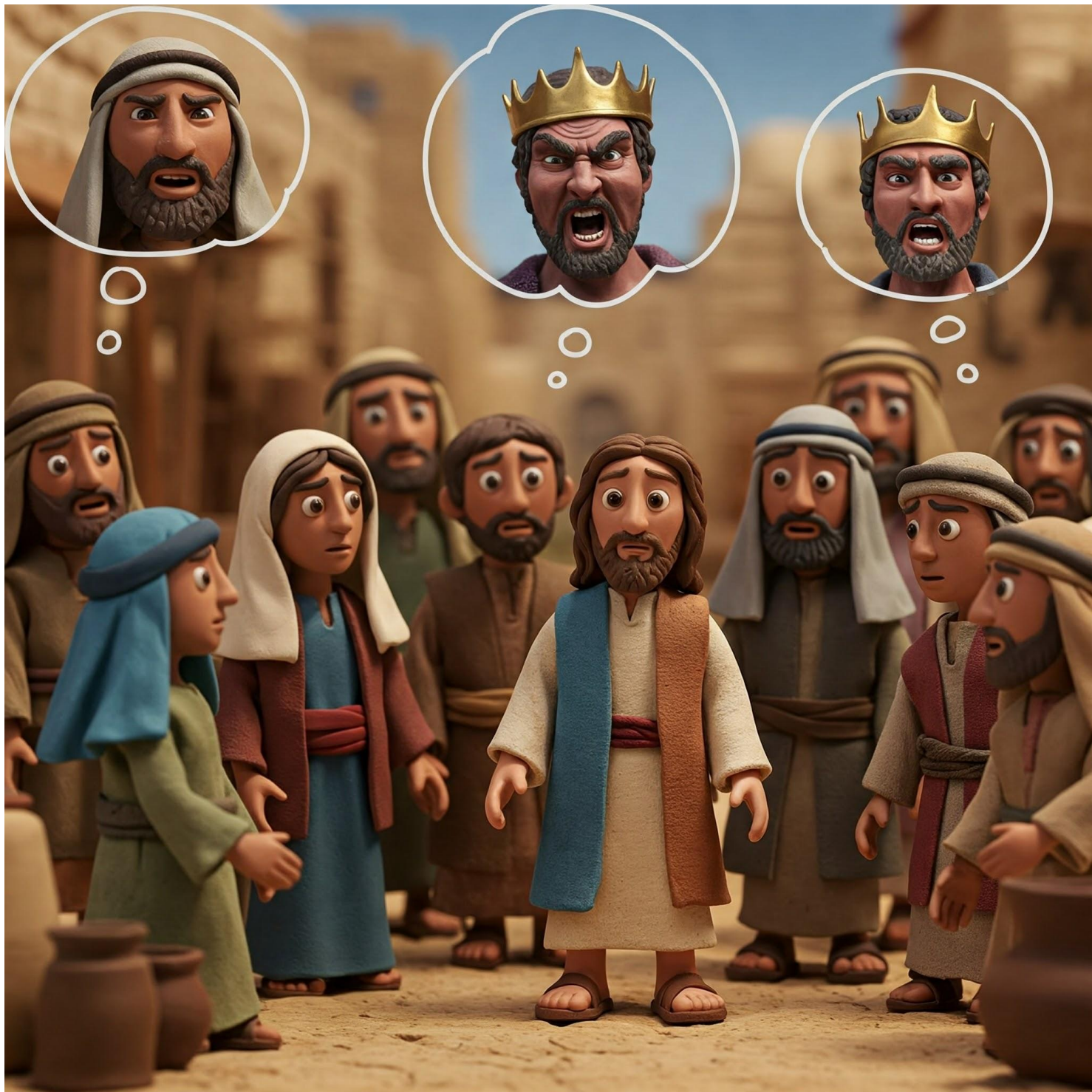


Keep Going to Jerusalem

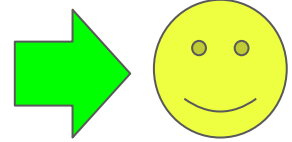
Some people told Jesus that King Herod wanted to hurt him. But Jesus said, "Go tell that fox that I'll keep healing people and teaching today and tomorrow, and on the third day my work will be done." Jesus knew he needed to go to Jerusalem, and nothing would stop him from getting there, because that's where important things had to happen.

In the Bible

Luke 13:31-33



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Jesus Loves Jerusalem

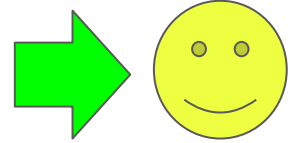
Jesus was sad about Jerusalem. He said, "Jerusalem, Jerusalem! You kill the prophets and hurt those God sends to you. How much I wanted to gather you like a mother hen gathers her chicks, but you didn't want me to!" Jesus knew tough times were coming for Jerusalem because they didn't listen to God.

In the Bible

Matthew 23:37-39, Luke 13:34-35



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Healing on the Sabbath

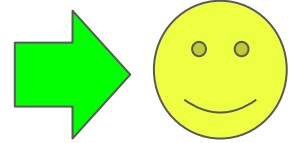
Jesus was eating at a leader's house on a Sabbath. A man with swollen legs was there. The religious leaders watched to see if Jesus would heal him, which they thought wasn't allowed on the Sabbath. Jesus asked if it was okay to do good or bad on that day. When they didn't answer, Jesus healed the man. He said it makes sense to help someone in need, even on the Sabbath.

In the Bible

Luke 14:1-6



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Choosing the Best Seat

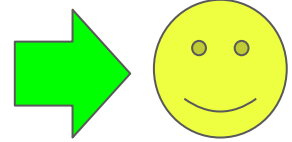
Jesus saw people rushing to get the best seats at a party. He said, when you're invited, sit in the lowest place. Then the host might say, "Come up higher!" and everyone will see you honored. If you try to make yourself important, you'll be made lower. But if you're humble, you'll be lifted up. When you have a party, invite the poor, crippled, and blind. God will reward you!

In the Bible

Luke 14:7-14



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Parable of the Great Supper!

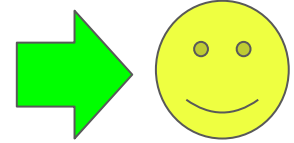
A king had a party for his son but many guests didn't come. So the king said to invite everyone! The party was full of all kinds of people. But one guest didn't wear proper clothes, and the king was upset. Jesus said God invites everyone to his special kingdom party, but we should come ready to honor him.

In the Bible

Matthew 22:1-14, Luke 14:15-24



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Choosing Jesus

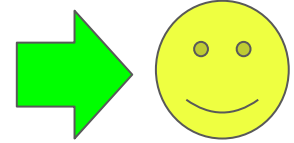
Jesus said loving him needs to come before loving your family. Following Jesus means being willing to face hard times, like carrying a heavy cross. He wants us to really think about what it means to follow him, just like someone building a tower or a king going to war needs to plan carefully. Don't be like salt that loses its flavor and isn't useful anymore!

In the Bible

Matthew 10:37-38, Luke 14:25-35



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Parables of Steward and Man and Lazarus

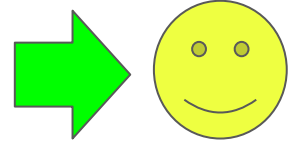
Jesus told two stories. First, a sneaky manager used his power in a clever way. Jesus said we should be just as smart about doing good. Then, he told about a rich man who ignored a poor beggar named Lazarus. When they died, Lazarus was happy with God, but the rich man was not. It's important to care for others and choose what truly matters.

In the Bible

Luke 16:1-31



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Taking Care and Forgiving

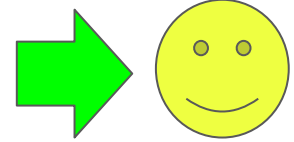
Jesus said it's very wrong to cause a child to stumble in their faith. It's better to lose something ourselves than to hurt them. If someone does something wrong, we should gently talk to them. If they listen, great! We should always be ready to forgive someone who says they are sorry.

In the Bible

Matthew 18:6-15, Luke 17:1-4



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Believing Big and Serving Humbly

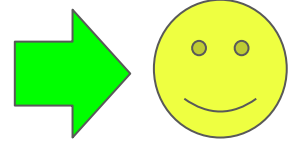
Jesus said if we have faith as tiny as a mustard seed, we can do amazing things! We could even tell a mountain to move. The disciples asked Jesus to give them more faith. Jesus also told a story about servants who just did what they were supposed to do. Even when we do everything asked, we're just doing our duty and should be humble.

In the Bible

Matthew 17:20, Luke 17:5-10



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Thank You for Healing

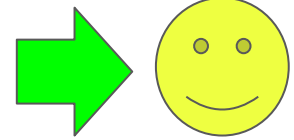
Jesus healed ten men who had a sickness. One of them, when he saw he was well, came back to thank Jesus and praise God. Jesus noticed that only one returned. He told the man that his thankfulness and faith had made him well. It's important to say thank you when someone helps us!

In the Bible

Luke 17:11-19



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God's Kingdom and the Future

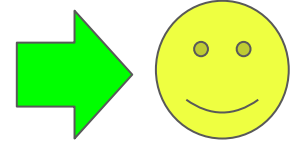
Some people asked Jesus when God's kingdom would come. He said it won't be something you can just see. God's kingdom is already among you! He also talked about a future time when he will return, and it will be sudden, like lightning. People will be going about their day, and some will be taken and others left. We should always be ready.

In the Bible

Luke 17::20-37



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Parable of the Unjust Judge

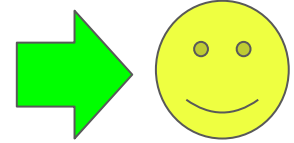
Jesus told a story about a woman who kept asking a judge for what was right. The judge didn't respect God or people, but because she kept bothering him, he finally helped her. Jesus said that God is much better than that judge and will surely help those who keep praying to him day and night. So, never give up asking God!

In the Bible

Luke 18:1-8



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Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican

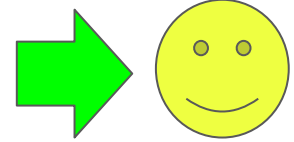
Jesus told a story about two men praying. One was a proud religious leader who bragged about how good he was. The other was a tax collector who felt very ashamed and just asked God to be kind to him. Jesus said the humble tax collector was the one God accepted, not the one who thought he was better than everyone else. It's important to be humble when we pray.

In the Bible

Luke 18:9-14



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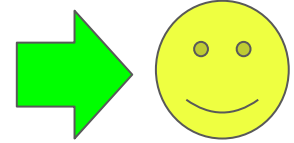
What Jesus Said About Marriage

Some people asked Jesus if it was okay for a man to divorce his wife for any reason. Jesus said that God made people male and female from the beginning, and a man should leave his family to be joined with his wife, becoming one. He said divorce is only allowed in very serious situations and that anyone who remarries after divorcing for other reasons is not following God's plan.

In the Bible

Matthew 19:1-12, Mark 10:1-12





Jesus Welcomes Children

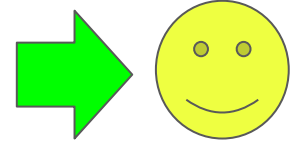
People brought little children to Jesus so he could bless them. The disciples told them to stop, but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." He even held the children in his arms and blessed them. Jesus wants everyone, even little ones, to come to him.

In the Bible

Matthew 19:13-15, Mark 10:13-16, Luke 18:15-17



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The Rich Young Man

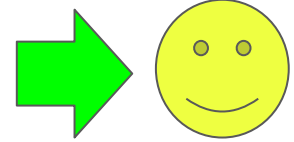
A rich young man asked Jesus what good thing he needed to do to have eternal life. Jesus told him to follow the commandments. The man said he had. Then Jesus said he needed to sell all his possessions and follow him. The man became sad. Jesus said it's hard for rich people to enter God's kingdom, like trying to fit a big camel through a tiny needle's eye. With God, anything is possible!

In the Bible

Matthew 19:16-26, Mark 10:17-27, Luke 18:18-27



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What Followers Will Receive

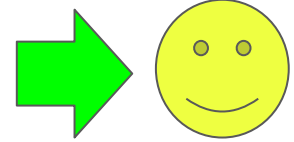
Peter said that they had left everything to follow Jesus. Jesus told them that everyone who leaves homes, family, or anything for him will receive much more in this life and will have eternal life in the future. Even though some who are first now will be last, and some who are last now will be first in God's kingdom.

In the Bible

Matthew 19:27-30, Mark 10:28-31, Luke 18:28-30



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Parable of the Vineyard Workers

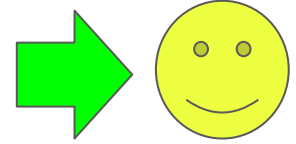
Jesus told a story about workers hired at different times who all got the same pay at the end of the day. Some who worked longer were not happy. But the owner said he was being fair. This shows God is very generous, and his kindness isn't always how we think it should be.

In the Bible

Matthew 20:1-16



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Jesus Tells About His Death

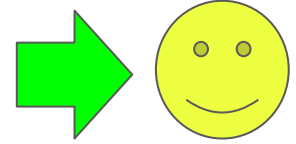
Jesus told his followers that they were going to Jerusalem. There, he would be handed over to the religious leaders, who would say he should die. They would make fun of him, beat him, and finally kill him. But Jesus also said that on the third day, he would rise again.

In the Bible

Matthew 20:17-19, Mark 10:32-34, Luke 18:31-34



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Who Is the Greatest?

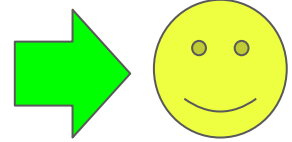
The mother of James and John asked Jesus for special places of honor in his kingdom. Jesus said true greatness comes from serving others, not being served. Just like him, the Son of Man, who came to serve and give his life to help many. If you want to be first, you should be like a servant to everyone else.

In the Bible

Matthew 20:20-28, Mark 10:35-45



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Jesus Heals Blind Men

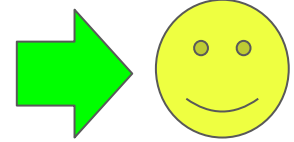
As Jesus was leaving Jericho, some blind men cried out, "Lord, have mercy on us!" People told them to be quiet, but they shouted even louder. Jesus stopped and asked what they wanted. They said they wanted to see. Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes, and right away they could see and followed him.

In the Bible

Matthew 20:29-34, Mark 10:46-52, Luke 18:35-43



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Zacchaeus's Changed Heart

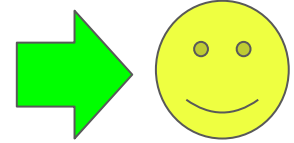
Zacchaeus, a short and rich tax man, climbed a tree to see Jesus. Jesus called him down and went to his house. Even though others complained, Zacchaeus promised to give to the poor and make things right. Jesus said salvation came to Zacchaeus's home because he had a changed heart.

In the Bible

Luke 19:1-10



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Parable of the Ten Talents

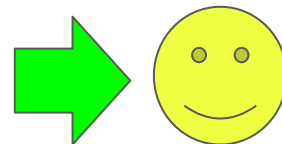
Jesus told a story about a master who gave his servants different amounts of money to look after while he was away. Two servants used the money wisely and earned more. But one servant hid his money and did nothing. The master was pleased with the first two and rewarded them, but he was angry with the lazy servant who didn't try. We should use what God gives us to do good things.

In the Bible

Matthew 25:14-30, Luke 19:11-28



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Lazarus Lives Again!

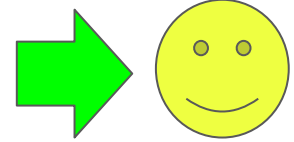
Jesus' friend Lazarus was sick and died. When Jesus arrived, Lazarus had been dead for four days. Jesus went to his tomb and shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" And amazingly, Lazarus walked out! This incredible miracle showed Jesus' power over death, and many people believed in him because they saw it happen.

In the Bible

John 11:1-44



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Planning to Stop Jesus

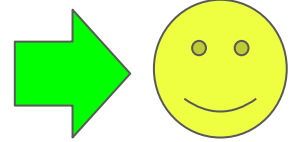
After seeing Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead, many Jewish leaders believed in him. But some went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. The Pharisees and the chief priests were worried that everyone would follow Jesus, and the Romans would take away their power. So, they made a plan to have Jesus killed.

In the Bible

John 11:45-53



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Waiting for Jesus

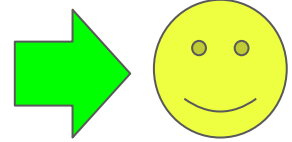
Since the leaders wanted to kill him, Jesus stayed away in a town called Ephraim. As Passover got closer, many people went to Jerusalem and wondered if Jesus would come. The leaders had even told everyone to report where Jesus was so they could arrest him when he arrived for the festival.

In the Bible

John 11:54-57



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A Special Gift for Jesus

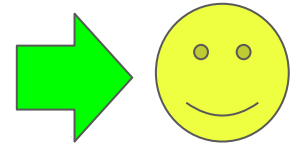
While Jesus was eating, a woman came and poured expensive perfume on his head (Matthew & Mark) or feet (Luke & John), wiping it with her hair. One disciple thought this was a waste, saying the money could have helped the poor. But Jesus said she did a beautiful thing to prepare him for burial and that her act would always be remembered.

In the Bible

Matthew 26:6-13, Mark 14:3-9, Luke 7:36-50,
John 12:1-11



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Jesus Enters Jerusalem

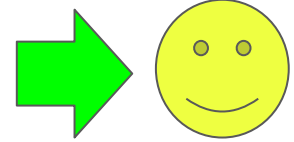
Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, just as the prophets said. Many people spread their cloaks on the road and waved palm branches, shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" and "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" The whole city was excited and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

In the Bible

Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-10, Luke 19:29-44,
John 12:12-19



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Jesus Clears the Temple Again

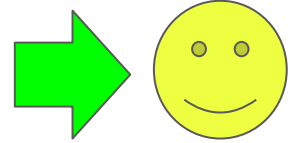
Jesus went into the temple and drove out all the people buying and selling things there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves. He said, "It is written, 'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it a 'den of robbers.'" The religious leaders were angry and looked for a way to kill him.

In the Bible

Matthew 21:12-16, Mark 11:15-18, Luke 19:45-48



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The Withered Fig Tree

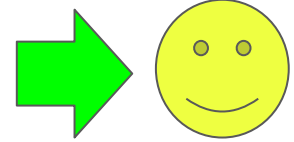
Jesus was hungry and saw a fig tree, but it had no fruit, only leaves. So, he said to it, "May you never bear fruit again!" Right away, the tree withered. The disciples were amazed. Jesus told them that if they had faith and didn't doubt, they could not only do what he did to the tree but even more. He said that if they believe, they will receive whatever they ask for in prayer.

In the Bible

Matthew 21:17-22, Mark 11:11-14, 11:19-23



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Forgive Others to Be Forgiven

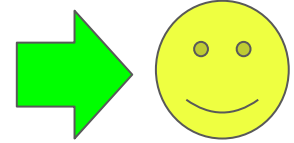
Jesus said that if you forgive others when they do wrong to you, your Father in heaven will also forgive you. But if you don't forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your sins either. He also said that when you pray, if you hold anything against someone, forgive them so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins.

In the Bible

Matthew 6:14-15, Mark 11:24-26



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Questioning Jesus' Power

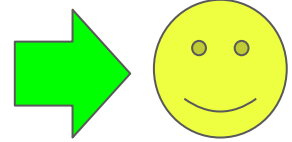
The religious leaders asked Jesus what right he had to do the things he was doing. Jesus asked them about John the Baptist: was his authority from God or people? They couldn't answer because they were afraid of what the crowd would think. So, they said they didn't know, and Jesus said he wouldn't tell them his authority either.

In the Bible

Matthew 21:23-27, Mark 11:27-33, Luke 20:1-8



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Parable of the Two Sons

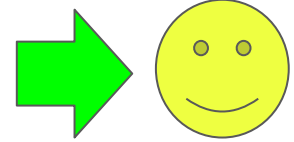
Jesus told about two sons. One said no to working but then did it. The other said yes but didn't go. Jesus asked which son obeyed. It was the first. Jesus said that even those who seem far from God but then believe will enter God's kingdom before those who only say they will obey.

In the Bible

Matthew 21:28-32



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The Parable of the Wicked Farmers

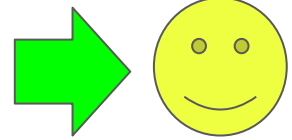
Jesus told about a vineyard owner whose renters hurt and killed his servants and even his son, wanting to steal the vineyard. Jesus asked what the owner would do. The people said he'd punish them. Jesus said God would take his kingdom from those wicked leaders and give it to others who would do what is right. He was talking about the Pharisees.

In the Bible

Matthew 21:33-46, Mark 12:1-12, Luke 20:9-18



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Parable of the Wedding Feast

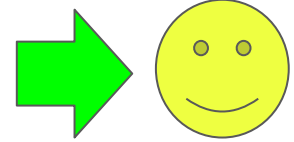
Jesus told about a king's wedding feast. Many invited guests refused to come and even hurt the messengers. So, the king invited everyone he could find. But one guest without proper clothes was thrown out. This shows God invites everyone to his kingdom, but we need to come with a heart ready for him.

In the Bible

Matthew 22:1-14, Luke 14:16-24



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Paying Taxes to Caesar

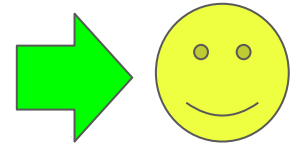
Some tricky people tried to trap Jesus by asking if it was right to pay taxes to Caesar, the Roman ruler. Jesus knew their sneaky plan. He asked to see a coin and whose picture and name were on it. They said Caesar's. Then Jesus said, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." They were amazed by his wise answer.

In the Bible

Matthew 22:15-22, Mark 12:13-17, Luke 20:20-26



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Being Alive with God

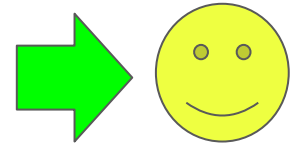
Some people who didn't believe in rising from the dead tried to trick Jesus with a question about a woman who married seven brothers. Jesus said they were wrong because in heaven, people won't marry but will be like angels. He said God is the God of the living, not the dead. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are alive with him!

In the Bible

Matthew 22:23-33, Mark 12:18-27, Luke 20:27-40



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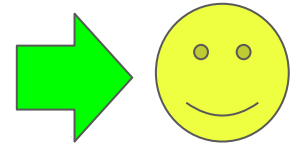
Love is the Law

A religious teacher asked Jesus which commandment was the most important. Jesus said the first and most important is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. The second most important is to love your neighbor as yourself. He said all the other commandments are based on these two. If you love God and love others, you're following what's most important.

In the Bible

Matthew 22:34-40, Mark 12:28-34





Whose Son Is the Christ?

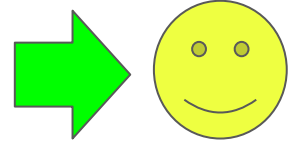
Jesus asked the religious leaders a question: Whose son is the Christ? They said he is the son of David. Then Jesus asked how David, inspired by the Holy Spirit, could call him "Lord"? For David said, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.'" If David calls him "Lord," how can he be his son? No one could answer him.

In the Bible

Matthew 22:41-46, Mark 12:35-37, Luke 20:41-44



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Don't Just Talk, Do!

Jesus warned about the religious leaders who say one thing but do another. They love attention and titles but don't truly follow God's ways. Jesus said your real leaders should be servants. He said these hypocrites will face trouble for not practicing what they preach and for hurting others. It's important to actually do what God wants, not just talk about it.

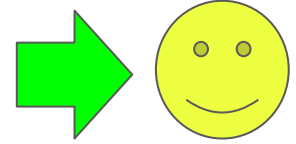
In the Bible

Matthew 23:1-39, Mark 12:38-40, Luke 20:45-47

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The Widow's Mite

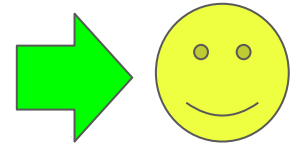
Jesus watched people putting money in the temple offering box. Many rich people gave large amounts. Then a poor widow came and put in two very small coins. Jesus told his disciples that this poor widow had given more than all the rich people because they gave only a small part of what they had, but she gave everything she had to live on. Her small gift showed great faith and generosity.

In the Bible

Mark 12:41-44, Luke 21:1-4



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Jesus Will Return: Always Be Ready!

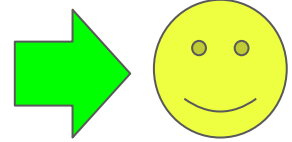
Jesus said the temple would be destroyed and talked about signs before he returns, like fake leaders, wars, and hard times. His followers would face trouble. But they needed to stay aware and pray because no one knows exactly when he will come back. It will be like a surprise, so always be ready!

In the Bible

Matthew 24:1-51, Mark 13:1-37, Luke 21:5-36



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Parable of the 10 Virgins

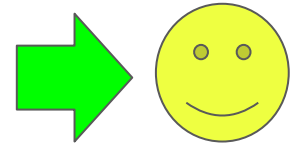
Jesus told a story about ten friends waiting for a wedding. Five were wise and brought extra oil for their lamps, but five were foolish and didn't. When the bridegroom was late, the foolish friends ran out of oil and had to leave to buy more, missing the wedding. Jesus said to always be ready because you don't know when he will return.

In the Bible

Matthew 25:1-13



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Parable of the Talents

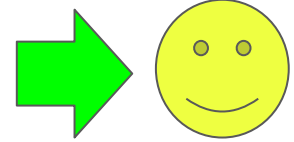
Jesus told a story about a master who gave his servants different amounts of money to care for. Two servants used it wisely and earned more. But one hid his money and did nothing. The master praised the first two and was angry with the lazy one. We should use what God gives us to do good things and grow his kingdom.

In the Bible

Matthew 25:14-30, Luke 19:11-27



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Loving Others Means Loving Jesus

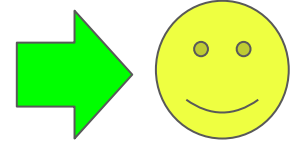
Jesus said when he comes back, he'll judge everyone based on how they treated others. If you gave food, water, clothes, care to the sick, or visited those in prison, you were helping him! Those who did these things will enter his kingdom. But those who didn't help the needy didn't help him. Our actions toward others show our love for Jesus.

In the Bible

Matthew 25:31-46



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Jesus' Important Hour

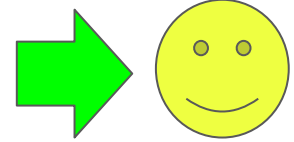
Some Greeks wanted to see Jesus. He said it was time for him to be glorified, like a seed dying to grow. Loving your life too much means losing it, but following him leads to forever life. Jesus was worried but wanted to honor God. A voice spoke from heaven. Jesus said to believe in him as the light.

In the Bible

John 12:20-36



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Trust the Light Jesus Brings

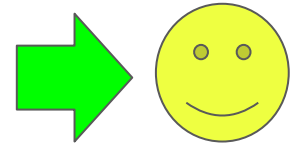
Even after Jesus' miracles, many still didn't believe, just like the prophets said. Some leaders believed but kept it secret. Jesus said believing in him is believing in God. He came as light so no one has to stay in darkness. His words will judge those who ignore them. Believe in the light. Jesus is the light in you!

In the Bible

John 12:37-50



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Planning Against Jesus

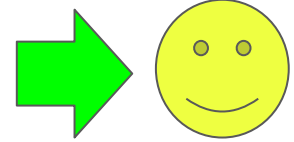
The time for the Passover festival was near. The chief priests and the teachers of the law met together and made a plan to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. They were afraid of the people and didn't want to cause a riot during the festival. They wanted to get rid of Jesus quietly.

In the Bible

Matthew 26:1-5, Mark 14:1-2, Luke 22:1-2



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Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

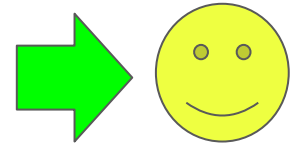
Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' twelve disciples, went to the chief priests and asked what they would give him if he helped them arrest Jesus. They were very happy and agreed to pay him thirty pieces of silver. From that time on, Judas looked for a good opportunity to hand Jesus over to them secretly.

In the Bible

Matthew 26:14-16, Mark 14:10-11, Luke 22:3-6



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The Last Supper

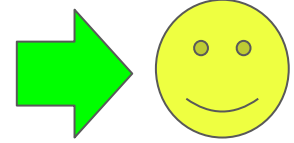
Jesus and his disciples celebrated the Passover meal. Jesus knew someone would betray him, which made them sad and ask, "Is it me?" Jesus shared bread, saying it was his body, and wine, saying it was his blood for forgiveness. He told them to do this to remember him. He also taught them to love one another as he loved them.

In the Bible

Matthew 26:17-30, Mark 14:12-26, Luke 22:7-23,
John 13:1-35



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True Greatness: Serving Others

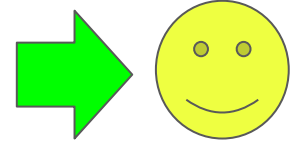
During their meal, the disciples started arguing about who was the most important. But Jesus told them that in his kingdom, the greatest leaders are those who serve others, just like he serves them. He promised them that they would sit on thrones and judge the twelve tribes of Israel in his kingdom because they had stayed with him through his trials.

In the Bible

Luke 22:24-30



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Everyone Will Leave, But Peter Denies

Jesus told his disciples that they would all turn away from him that night. Peter insisted he never would, even if everyone else did.

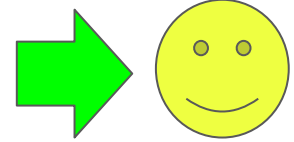
Jesus told Peter that before the rooster crowed twice (or once, in Luke), Peter would deny knowing him three times. Peter strongly said he would never deny Jesus, even if he had to die with him, and all the other disciples said the same.

In the Bible

Matthew 26:31-35, Mark 14:27-31, Luke 22:31-39,
John 13:36-38



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Trust Jesus and His Promises

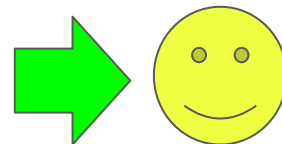
Jesus told his upset friends to believe in God and in him. He was going to get a place ready for them and would return for them. He said he is the way to God. He promised to send the Holy Spirit to help them and give them real peace. He told them to love him and do what he said.

In the Bible

John 14:1-31



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Jesus is the Vine

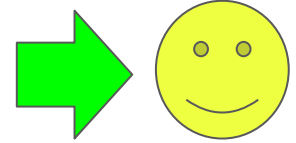
Jesus said he's the vine, and God is the gardener. Stay connected to Jesus like branches to a vine to grow good fruit. Love each other as Jesus loves you. He calls you friends. The world might hate you because it hated him, but the Holy Spirit will help you tell others about Jesus.

In the Bible

John 15:1-27



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Trouble and Triumph

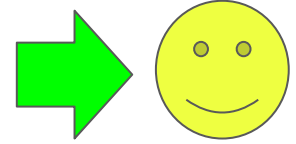
Jesus told his friends they would face hard times for following him. They would be put out and even killed by people thinking they were serving God. But Jesus said he was going away and would send the Holy Spirit to help them. They would be sad for a little while, but then their joy would be huge! He told them all this so they could have peace in him because he has overcome the world!

In the Bible

John 16:1-33



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Jesus' Prayer for Unity

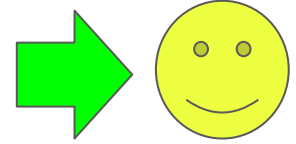
Jesus prayed to his Father for his followers. He asked God to make them one, just like he and God are one, so the world would believe. He asked God to protect them and make them holy with the truth. He also prayed for everyone who would believe in Jesus because of his followers, that they all would be united in love.

In the Bible

John 17:1-26



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Jesus' Hard Prayer

In the garden, Jesus asked his friends to stay awake while he prayed. He was deeply sad and asked God if there was another way, but he would do what God wanted. He found his friends sleeping and told them to stay awake. He prayed again. The last time, he knew it was time for him to be handed over to be killed.

In the Bible

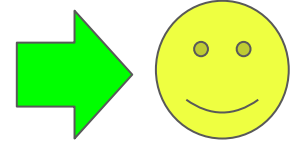
Matthew 26:36-46, Mark 14:32-42, Luke 22:40-46,
John 18:1



**Betrayal
and
Trial of
Christ**



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Jesus Is Arrested

While Jesus was still talking, Judas came with a crowd carrying swords and clubs.

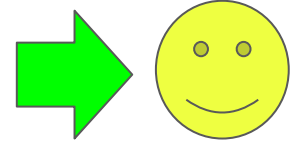
Judas kissed Jesus to show the soldiers who to arrest. They grabbed Jesus. Peter, trying to defend him, cut off a servant's ear. But Jesus told Peter to put his sword away, saying he had to do what God wanted. Then all of Jesus' followers ran away.

In the Bible

Matthew 26:47-56, Mark 14:43-52, Luke 22:47-53,
John 18:2-11



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Jesus Before Annas and Caiaphas

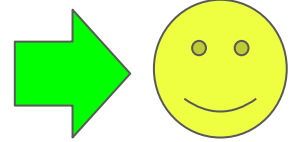
Jesus was first taken to Annas, a respected former high priest and father-in-law of Caiaphas, the current high priest. Annas questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. Jesus replied that he had spoken openly and anyone who heard him could testify. Jesus was sent to Caiaphas, where the religious leaders had gathered, looking for a reason to accuse and condemn him.

In the Bible

Matthew 26:57-58, Mark 14:53-54, Luke 22:54-65,
John 18:12-27



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Peter Says He Doesn't Know Jesus

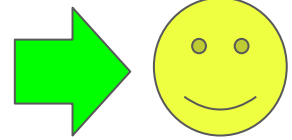
In the courtyard, people recognized Peter as being with Jesus. Three times he said he didn't know him, even swearing. Right after the last time, a rooster crowed. Peter remembered Jesus' warning and was heartbroken, going outside to cry.

In the Bible

Matthew 26:69-75, Mark 14:66-72



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False Accusations Against Jesus

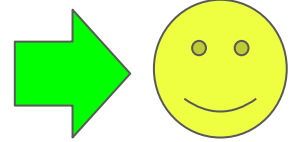
The religious leaders looked for lies to accuse Jesus so they could kill him. Many people lied, but their stories didn't match. The high priest asked if Jesus was the Christ. Jesus said yes. They said he insulted God and deserved death. They made fun of him and hit him.

In the Bible

Matthew 26:59-68, Mark 14:55-65, Luke 22:66-71



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Jesus Before Pilate

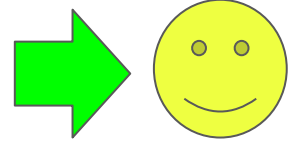
Early in the morning, the religious leaders decided to hand Jesus over to Pilate. They accused him of many things. Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "You say so." The chief priests kept making accusations, but Jesus didn't say anything, which surprised Pilate.

In the Bible

Matthew 27:1-2, 27:11-14, Mark 15:1-5, Luke 23:1-6,
John 18:33-40,



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Judas's Sad End

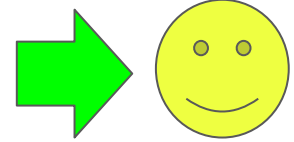
Judas, who betrayed Jesus, felt guilty when he saw Jesus condemned. He returned the silver to the leaders, saying he betrayed an innocent man. They didn't care. Judas threw the money down and killed himself. The leaders used the money to buy a burial field, called the "Field of Blood," as the prophet said.

In the Bible

Matthew 27:3-10



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Herod Makes Fun of Jesus

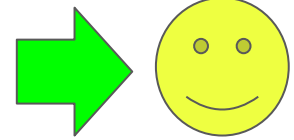
Pilate sent Jesus to Herod. Herod was curious and asked Jesus many questions, hoping to see a miracle. But Jesus didn't answer him. The religious leaders kept shouting accusations. Herod and his soldiers made fun of Jesus, dressed him in fancy clothes, and sent him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends that day.

In the Bible

Luke 23:7-12



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The Crowd Chooses Barabbas

Pilate tried to free Jesus, offering the crowd a choice for Passover. But the chief priests stirred them up to ask for Barabbas, a criminal. Pilate asked what to do with Jesus, and they shouted to crucify him. Pilate, wanting to please the crowd, released Barabbas and handed Jesus over to be crucified.

In the Bible

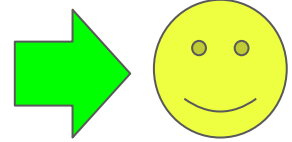
Matthew 27:15-26, Mark 15:6-15, Luke 23:13-25,
John 18:29, 19:16





Resurrection
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Ascension

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Soldiers Mock Jesus

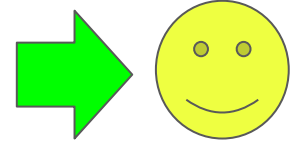
Pilate's soldiers took Jesus inside and gathered the whole company. They dressed him in a purple robe, put a crown of thorns on his head, and began to call out, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck him, spat on him, and knelt down to mock him. After they had made fun of him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes back on him.

In the Bible

Matthew 27:27-31, Mark 15:16-20, Luke 23:36-37,
John 19:1-3



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Jesus Is Crucified

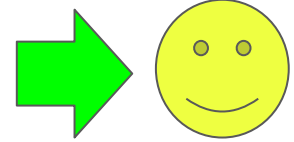
The soldiers led Jesus away to crucify him. They made Simon of Cyrene carry Jesus' cross. They brought Jesus to Golgotha and crucified him with two criminals. The soldiers divided his clothes. A sign above him read, "This is the King of the Jews." Jesus prayed for those crucifying him.

In the Bible

Matthew 27:32-38, Mark 15:21-28, Luke 23:26-34,
John 19:17-24



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Jesus Cares for His Mother

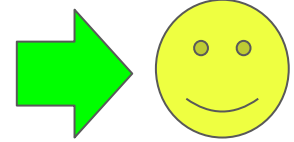
Near the cross stood Jesus' mother, his mother's sister, Mary Magdalene, and another Mary. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing there, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

In the Bible

John 19:25-27



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People Mock Jesus on the Cross

People passing by shook their heads and insulted Jesus, saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross!"

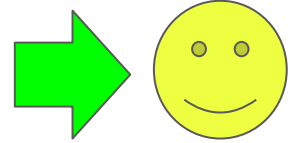
The chief priests and teachers of the law also made fun of him, saying he saved others but couldn't save himself. Even a criminal hanging next to him hurled insults at him.

In the Bible

Matthew 27:39-44, Mark 15:29-32, Luke 23:35-39



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One Thief's Plea

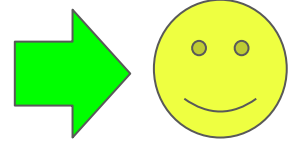
One of the criminals hanging next to Jesus also insulted him. But the other criminal told him to be quiet, saying they deserved to die but Jesus had done nothing wrong. Then he said to Jesus, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

In the Bible

Luke 23:40-43



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Jesus Dies on the Cross

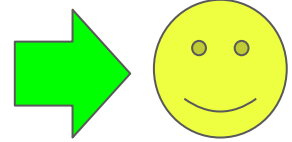
Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew & Mark). Then he said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit" (Luke). Knowing that everything was now finished, Jesus said, "I am thirsty" (John), and then, "It is finished" (John). With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

In the Bible

Matthew 27:50, Mark 15:37, Luke 23:46, John 19:28-30



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Darkness and Earthquake

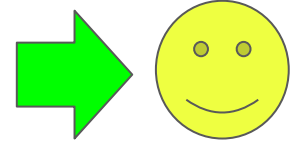
From noon until three in the afternoon, darkness covered the whole land. The sun stopped shining. Then Jesus cried out loudly and died. At that moment, the curtain in the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, rocks split, and tombs broke open.

In the Bible

Matthew 27:45-53, Mark 15:33-38, Luke 23:44-45



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Witnesses at the Cross

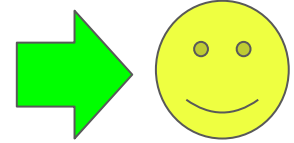
The Roman officer who saw how Jesus died said, "Surely he was the Son of God!" Many women who had followed Jesus from Galilee stood at a distance, watching. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and Joseph, and Salome. They had cared for Jesus and his needs.

In the Bible

Matthew 27:54-56, Mark 15:39-41, Luke 23:47-49



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Spear in Jesus' Side

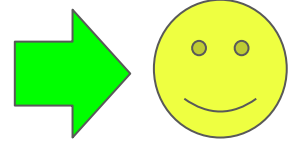
It was the day before the Sabbath, so leaders wanted the crucified to die quickly. Soldiers broke the criminals' legs but saw Jesus was already dead, so they didn't break his. One soldier pierced Jesus' side with a spear, and out came blood and water. This showed the scripture was true: none of his bones would be broken, and they would look on him whom they pierced.

In the Bible

John 19:31-37



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Jesus Is Buried

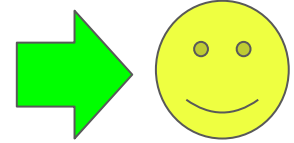
Joseph of Arimathea, a rich follower of Jesus, asked Pilate for Jesus' body. Pilate agreed. Joseph took the body down, wrapped it in linen cloth with spices (John), and laid it in his own new tomb cut in the rock. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary saw where Jesus was laid. It was the day before the Sabbath.

In the Bible

Matthew 27:57-61, Mark 15:42-47, Luke 23:50-56,
John 19:38-42



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Guards Watch the Tomb; A Lie Spreads

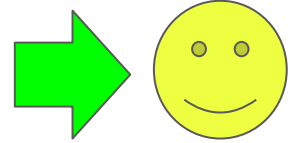
The day after burial, leaders asked for guards at Jesus' tomb to stop his followers from stealing the body. Pilate agreed. Later, guards told the leaders what happened. The Jewish leaders paid them to lie, saying the disciples stole the body while they slept. This false story spread.

In the Bible

Matthew 27:62-66, 28:11-15



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He Is Risen!

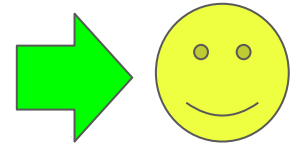
Early Sunday, women went to Jesus' tomb with spices but found it empty! Angels said Jesus had risen as he promised. The women, joyful and scared, ran to tell the disciples. Jesus met them and told them to tell his brothers to go to Galilee. Mary Magdalene saw the risen Jesus first, and he told her to share the good news. He was alive!

In the Bible

Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 16:1-11, Luke 24:1-12,
John 20:1-18



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Walk to Emmaus

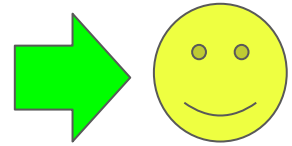
Later that day, Jesus appeared to two followers walking to Emmaus, but they didn't know it was him. He explained the scriptures about the Messiah. When he broke bread with them, they recognized him, but he vanished. Excited, they said their hearts burned as he spoke and hurried back to Jerusalem to tell the others what happened.

In the Bible

Mark 16:12-13, Luke 24:13-35



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Doubting Thomas

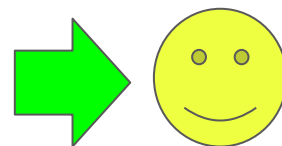
Jesus appeared to his disciples, but Thomas wasn't there and didn't believe they had seen him. A week later, Jesus appeared again while Thomas was with them. He told Thomas to touch his wounds. Then Thomas believed and said, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said it's a blessing to believe even without seeing him.

In the Bible

Mark 16:14-18, Luke 24:36-49, John 20:19-29



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Feed My Sheep

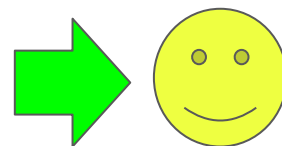
Jesus appeared to His disciples by the sea. They caught many fish with his help and shared breakfast. Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved him, reminding Peter of his earlier denial. Each time Peter said yes, Jesus told him to "feed my sheep," meaning to care for others and share God's love. This showed forgiveness and gave Peter a mission to serve.

In the Bible

John 21:1-23



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The Great Commission

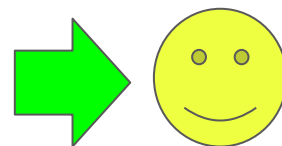
Jesus met His disciples on a mountain and told them to share His teachings everywhere. He said, “Make disciples, baptize them, and teach them to obey my commands.” Jesus reminded them He has all power in heaven and earth. He promised, “I am always with you, to the very end of the world.” This tells us to share God’s love and help others follow Jesus.

In the Bible

Matthew 28:16-20



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Jesus Did So Much

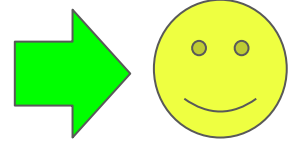
The Bible tells us Jesus did many amazing things, but not all are written down. What's included is to help us believe he is God's Son and have eternal life. The disciple John wrote these stories and says Jesus did so many more things that the world couldn't hold all the books if they were written! It reminds us how incredible His love and life are.

In the Bible

John 20:30-31, 21:24-25



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Jesus Goes to Heaven

Jesus blessed his disciples and was taken to heaven, sitting at God's right hand. The disciples joyfully spread his message everywhere, praising God daily. These verses remind us of Jesus' power, love, and the mission to share his teachings.

In the Bible

Mark 16:19-20, Luke 24:50-53



