

# The Good\_News told by

## JOHN

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#### The <sup>a</sup>Word becomes a Man

<sup>1</sup> The <sup>b</sup>Word was there before any other thing started. The Word was with God and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the <sup>c</sup>beginning. <sup>3</sup> God and the <sup>d</sup>Word made everything there is. God did not make anything alone. <sup>4</sup> In the <sup>e</sup>Word there was <sup>f</sup>life, and this life was a light for the people of the world. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the <sup>g</sup>darkness and the dark can not put out the light. <sup>6</sup> God sent a man. His name was John.

<sup>7</sup> He came to tell the people about the light, so that everyone who heard it *\*could* <sup>h</sup>believe. <sup>8</sup> John was not this light, but God sent him to tell people that the light was coming.

<sup>9</sup> The <sup>i</sup>Word was the <sup>j</sup>true light. He had to bring light to everyone and He was coming to the world. <sup>10</sup> The <sup>k</sup>Word was in the world. God and

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<sup>a</sup>**Word:** another name for *\*Christ* because God *\*spoke* *\*through* Him.

<sup>b</sup>**Word:** another name for *\*Christ* because God *\*spoke* *\*through* Him.

<sup>c</sup>**beginning:** when God started to make the world.

<sup>d</sup>**Word:** another name for *\*Christ* because God *\*spoke* *\*through* Him.

<sup>e</sup>**Word:** another name for *\*Christ* because God *\*spoke* *\*through* Him.

<sup>f</sup>**life:** *\*really living* *\*forever*, it will never stop.

<sup>g</sup>**darkness:** where there is no light, you can not see anything. [*\*drawing # 57*]

<sup>h</sup>**believe:** to *\*know* Jesus, the *\*Son of God*, and *\*trust* Him to *\*save* you.

[*\*drawing # 16*]

<sup>i</sup>**Word:** another name for *\*Christ* because God *\*spoke* *\*through* Him.

<sup>j</sup>**true:** something that God says is right or *\*real*, it is not a *\*lie*.

<sup>k</sup>**Word:** another name for *\*Christ* because God *\*spoke* *\*through* Him.

the Word made the world, but the people of the world did not \*know the Word.

<sup>11</sup> The <sup>l</sup>Word came to his own people, but they did not <sup>m</sup>accept Him.

<sup>12</sup> Some people <sup>n</sup>accepted Him and they <sup>o</sup>believed in Him and He said they \*could be children of God. <sup>13</sup> They were <sup>p</sup>born again and became God's children. All children have <sup>q</sup>parents, but the children of God became his children because God became their Father.

<sup>14</sup> The <sup>r</sup>Word became a Man. He came to be with us and to live with us. We \*saw that He was the <sup>s</sup>King from <sup>t</sup>heaven, the one and only <sup>u</sup>Son of the Father. He came to show us that God is good and that the Word <sup>v</sup>really is God.

<sup>15</sup> John the Baptist told the people about the <sup>w</sup>Word. He <sup>x</sup>shouted and said: "This is the Man that I told you about when I said: "Someone will

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<sup>m</sup>**accept:** to \*believe that Jesus is the \*Son of God who \*saves people. [\*drawing # 16]

<sup>n</sup>**accept:** to \*believe that Jesus is the \*Son of God who \*saves people. [\*drawing # 16]

<sup>o</sup>**believe:** to \*know Jesus, the \*Son of God, and \*trust Him to \*save you. [\*drawing # 16]

<sup>p</sup>**born again:** when God starts to work in someone's heart and gives him a new \*life with God.

<sup>q</sup>**parents:** your mother and father are your parents.

<sup>r</sup>**Word:** another name for \*Christ because God \*spoke \*through Him.

<sup>s</sup>**King:** Jesus will come again to be King over all, everyone will \*bow down in front of Him.

<sup>t</sup>**heaven:** where the \*throne of God is, where his \*angels \*worship Him.

<sup>u</sup>**Son of God:** the Boy Child of God the Father, the Son is also God.

<sup>v</sup>**really:** \*true, not a \*lie, more than others.

<sup>w</sup>**Word:** another name for \*Christ because God \*spoke \*through Him.

<sup>x</sup>**shout:** to speak very \*loudly so that people can hear you from far away.

come after me, but He is more <sup>y</sup>important than I am because He lived long before I was born.” ’

<sup>16</sup> The <sup>z</sup>Word showed us that God wants to be very, very good to us.

<sup>17</sup> God gave his <sup>a</sup>laws to <sup>b</sup>Moses and Moses gave them to us, but we <sup>c</sup>received the <sup>d</sup>grace of God from Jesus \*Christ. His grace is <sup>e</sup>forever. It never stops. <sup>18</sup> No person on <sup>f</sup>earth has ever seen God. But Jesus \*Christ came to tell us and <sup>g</sup>explain to us what God is like. No one <sup>h</sup>else is like Jesus. He is God and He is always near the Father.

### The \*Jews want to \*know who John the Baptist is

<sup>19</sup> The \*Jews sent a few <sup>i</sup>priests and <sup>j</sup>Levites from Jerusalem to John. They asked him: ‘Who are you?’

John told them who he was. <sup>20</sup> He wanted them to \*know. He told the <sup>k</sup>truth and said to them: ‘I am not the \*Christ.’

<sup>21</sup> Then they asked John: ‘Who are you? Are you <sup>l</sup>Elijah?’

And John said: ‘No, I am not Elijah.’

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<sup>y</sup>**important:** a person who can tell other people what they must do.

<sup>z</sup>**Word:** another name for \*Christ because God \*spoke \*through Him.

<sup>a</sup>**laws of Moses:** the \*rules that God gave to his people in the \*Old\_Testament.

<sup>b</sup>**Moses:** a man of God in the \*Old\_Testament, God gave his \*laws to him.

<sup>c</sup>**receive:** to get something, to take what someone gives you. [\*drawing # 38]

<sup>d</sup>**grace:** the love of God for \*sinful people who do not \*deserve his love.

<sup>e</sup>**forever:** it will go on and on, it will never stop.

<sup>f</sup>**earth:** the world, the \*land and sea. [\*drawing # 172]

<sup>g</sup>**explain:** to help someone understand something.

<sup>h</sup>**else:** another person or other things.

<sup>i</sup>**priests:** people who worked for God and \*served Him. [\*drawing # 9]

<sup>j</sup>**Levites:** the people from the \*Levi \*tribe, only they \*could work at the \*temple.

<sup>k</sup>**truth:** what God says or what \*really happened, it is not a \*lie.

<sup>l</sup>**Elijah:** a \*prophet from the \*Old\_Testament.

They asked: ‘Are you the <sup>m</sup>Prophet?’

He answered and said: ‘No.’

<sup>22</sup> Then they asked him: ‘Who are you? Tell us. We must go and tell the people who sent us. What do you say about yourself?’

<sup>23</sup> John said:

‘I am the man who <sup>n</sup>shouts

in the <sup>o</sup>desert and I say:

<sup>p</sup>Prepare the way for the \*Lord.’<sup>q</sup>

This is what the <sup>r</sup>prophet Isaiah said. <sup>24</sup> The \*Jews also sent some <sup>s</sup>Pharisees to John. <sup>25</sup> The <sup>t</sup>Pharisees said to John: ‘You say you are not the \*Christ or Elijah or the <sup>u</sup>Prophet. Why then do you <sup>v</sup>baptise people?’ <sup>26</sup> John answered them and said: ‘I <sup>w</sup>baptise people with water. But there

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<sup>m</sup>**Prophet:** the Man that God \*would send to come and \*save the \*people\_of\_God.

<sup>n</sup>**shout:** to speak very \*loudly so that people can hear you from far away.

<sup>o</sup>**desert:** a big, dry, hot place with lots of sand and very little water. [\*drawing # 136]

<sup>p</sup>**prepare:** to get something ready before the time or before you do something.

<sup>q</sup>**John 1:23** These words are also in the \*Old Testament in Isaiah 40:3.

<sup>r</sup>**prophet:** a man of God who tells people what God says. [\*drawing # 16]

<sup>s</sup>**Pharisees:** a group of \*Jews who tried to do everything that the \*laws of Moses say.

<sup>t</sup>**Pharisees:** a group of \*Jews who tried to do everything that the \*laws of Moses say.

<sup>u</sup>**Prophet:** the Man that God \*would send to come and \*save the \*people\_of\_God.

<sup>v</sup>**baptise:** to \*pour or \*sprinkle water over someone's head or put him under water to show that he has \*turned to God.

<sup>w</sup>**baptise:** to \*pour or \*sprinkle water over someone's head or put him under water to show that he has \*turned to God.

is Someone <sup>x</sup>among you that you do not \*know. <sup>27</sup> He is the One who will come after me. He is very <sup>y</sup>important. I am not good <sup>z</sup>enough to take off his <sup>a</sup>sandals.’

<sup>28</sup> This happened in the town of Bethany on the other side of the Jordan River. John <sup>b</sup>baptised the people there.

**Jesus is the ‘Lamb of God who takes away the <sup>d</sup>sin of the world**

*(Also in Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22)*

<sup>29</sup> The next day John \*saw Jesus coming to him and John said <sup>e</sup>loudly: ‘Look, here is the <sup>f</sup>Lamb of God. God gave Him to us to take away the <sup>g</sup>sin of the world. <sup>30</sup> This is the Man that I told you about when I said there is Someone who will come after me and who is more <sup>h</sup>important than I am because He lived long before I was born. <sup>31</sup> I did not \*know who He was but I came to <sup>i</sup>baptise the \*Israelites with water so that

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<sup>x</sup>**among:** \*between others, with others. [\*drawing # 138]

<sup>y</sup>**important:** a person who can tell other people what they must do.

<sup>z</sup>**enough:** when you do not want any more or there does not have to be any more.

<sup>a</sup>**sandals:** shoes that you put onto your feet that are open at the top. [\*drawing # 30]

<sup>b</sup>**baptise:** to \*pour or \*sprinkle water over someone's head or put him under water to show that he has \*turned to God.

<sup>c</sup>**Lamb of God:** the \*Son of God who died because of our \*sins, like a sheep that was \*sacrificed. [\*drawing # 22]

<sup>d</sup>**sin:** bad things that people do \*which God hates.

<sup>e</sup>**loudly:** not soft, people can hear a person who \*shouts loudly from far away.

<sup>f</sup>**Lamb of God:** the \*Son of God who died because of our \*sins, like a sheep that was \*sacrificed. [\*drawing # 22]

<sup>g</sup>**sin:** bad things that people do \*which God hates.

<sup>h</sup>**important:** a person who can tell other people what they must do.

<sup>i</sup>**baptise:** to \*pour or \*sprinkle water over someone's head or put him under water to show that he has \*turned to God.

they will know who He is.’

<sup>32</sup> John also said: ‘I <sup>j</sup>\*saw the <sup>j</sup>Holy\_Spirit come down on Him like a <sup>k</sup>dove from <sup>l</sup>heaven and the Spirit stayed on Him. <sup>33</sup> Before this, I did not <sup>\*</sup>know who He was, but God sent me to <sup>m</sup>baptise with water and God told me: “When you see the <sup>n</sup>Spirit come down and stay on a Person, then you must know that He is the One. He will <sup>o</sup>baptise people with the <sup>p</sup>Holy\_Spirit.”

<sup>34</sup> I have seen it and I tell you: This Man is the <sup>q</sup>Son of God.’

### The first <sup>r</sup>disciples of Jesus

*(Also in Matthew 4:18-22, Mark 1:14-20, Luke 5:1-11)*

<sup>35</sup> The next day John and 2 of his <sup>s</sup>disciples were there again. <sup>36</sup> John <sup>\*</sup>saw Jesus walking past and John said: ‘Look, there is the <sup>t</sup>Lamb of God.’

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<sup>j</sup>**Holy\_Spirit:** God who talks to people and helps them to <sup>\*</sup>know his <sup>\*</sup>truth, you can not see Him.

<sup>k</sup>**dove:** a bird like a <sup>\*</sup>pigeon. [<sup>\*</sup>drawing # 147]

<sup>l</sup>**heaven:** where the <sup>\*</sup>throne of God is, where his <sup>\*</sup>angels <sup>\*</sup>worship Him.

<sup>m</sup>**baptise:** to <sup>\*</sup>pour or <sup>\*</sup>sprinkle water over someone's head or put him under water to show that he has <sup>\*</sup>turned to God.

<sup>n</sup>**Spirit:** God who talks to people and helps them to <sup>\*</sup>know his <sup>\*</sup>truth, you can not see Him.

<sup>o</sup>**baptise\_with\_the\_Holy\_Spirit:** when God lets his <sup>\*</sup>Spirit come into a person and stay in him.

<sup>p</sup>**Holy\_Spirit:** God who talks to people and helps them to <sup>\*</sup>know his <sup>\*</sup>truth, you can not see Him.

<sup>q</sup>**Son of God:** the Boy Child of God the Father, the Son is also God.

<sup>r</sup>**disciples:** the first <sup>\*</sup>believers who <sup>\*</sup>followed Jesus and learned from Him.

[<sup>\*</sup>drawing # 91]

<sup>s</sup>**disciple:** someone who learns from his <sup>\*</sup>teacher and does what the teacher says.

<sup>t</sup>**Lamb of God:** the <sup>\*</sup>Son of God who died because of our <sup>\*</sup>sins, like a sheep that was <sup>\*</sup>sacrificed. [<sup>\*</sup>drawing # 22]

<sup>37</sup> The 2 <sup>u</sup>disciples of John heard what he said and then they started to <sup>v</sup>follow Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Jesus looked back and He <sup>\*</sup>saw them <sup>w</sup>following Him.

He asked them: ‘What do you want?’ They answered: ‘<sup>x</sup>Rabbi, where do You stay?’ (A Rabbi is someone who teaches people how to <sup>y</sup>serve God).

<sup>39</sup> Jesus said to them: ‘Come and you will see.’

They went with Him and they <sup>\*</sup>saw the place where He stayed. It was about the 10th hour (4 o'clock in the <sup>z</sup>afternoon) and they stayed with Jesus all day. <sup>40</sup> Andrew was one of the 2 <sup>a</sup>disciples who heard what John said and started to <sup>b</sup>follow Jesus. He was the brother of Simon-Peter. <sup>41</sup> The first thing that Andrew did was to look for his brother Simon and he said to Simon: ‘We have <sup>c</sup>found the <sup>d</sup>Messiah, the <sup>\*</sup>Christ.’

<sup>42</sup> Then Andrew <sup>\*</sup>took his brother Simon to Jesus. When Jesus <sup>\*</sup>saw Simon, He said: ‘Your name is Simon, <sup>\*</sup>son of John. But now your name will be <sup>e</sup>Cephas.’ (Peter is the <sup>f</sup>Greek name for Cephas).

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<sup>u</sup>**disciple:** someone who learns from his <sup>\*</sup>teacher and does what the teacher says.

<sup>v</sup>**follow:** to learn from a <sup>\*</sup>teacher and do what he says and does.

<sup>w</sup>**follow:** to walk or run <sup>\*</sup>behind or after someone. [\*drawing # 179]

<sup>x</sup>**Rabbi:** a <sup>\*</sup>teacher who helps people understand the things of God.

<sup>y</sup>**serve:** to <sup>\*</sup>believe in God and do what He says.

<sup>z</sup>**afternoon:** from the <sup>\*</sup>middle of the day (<sup>\*</sup>noon) <sup>\*</sup>until the sun goes down.

<sup>a</sup>**disciple:** someone who learns from his <sup>\*</sup>teacher and does what the teacher says.

<sup>b</sup>**follow:** to learn from a <sup>\*</sup>teacher and do what he says and does.

<sup>c</sup>**found:** today I find something, yesterday I found it.

<sup>d</sup>**Messiah:** the <sup>\*</sup>Hebrew name for <sup>\*</sup>Christ, the <sup>\*</sup>anointed One, the <sup>\*</sup>Son of God.

<sup>e</sup>**Cephas:** another name for Simon-Peter, this name <sup>\*</sup>means ‘a <sup>\*</sup>rock’.

<sup>f</sup>**Greek:** the language of the people who live in Greece. The <sup>\*</sup>New Testament was <sup>\*</sup>written in Greek.

## Philip and Nathanael start to <sup>g</sup>follow Jesus

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus <sup>h</sup>decided to go to the <sup>i</sup>province of Galilee. He <sup>\*</sup>saw Philip and said to him: <sup>j</sup>'Follow Me.'<sup>44</sup> Philip lived in the town of Bethsaida, in the same town where Andrew and Peter lived. <sup>45</sup> Philip <sup>\*</sup>saw Nathanael and said to him: 'We have <sup>k</sup>found the Man that <sup>l</sup>Moses and the <sup>m</sup>prophets <sup>n</sup>wrote about. His name is Jesus. He is the <sup>\*</sup>son of Joseph and He comes from the town of Nazareth.'

<sup>46</sup> Nathanael said: 'Nazareth? Can there be something good that comes from Nazareth?' Philip said to him: 'Come and see.'

<sup>47</sup> When Jesus <sup>\*</sup>saw Nathanael coming, He said: 'This man is a <sup>o</sup>true <sup>\*</sup>Israelite. He has nothing <sup>p</sup>false in him.'<sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked Jesus: 'How do you <sup>\*</sup>know that? Do you know me?' Jesus said to him: 'I <sup>\*</sup>saw you when you were under the <sup>q</sup>fig tree, before Philip called you.'

<sup>49</sup> Nathanael said to Jesus: 'Rabbi, you are the <sup>s</sup>Son of God. You are

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<sup>g</sup>**follow:** to learn from a <sup>\*</sup>teacher and do what he says and does.

<sup>h</sup>**decide:** to think about what you want to do and <sup>\*</sup>choose to do it. [\*drawing # 41]

<sup>i</sup>**province of Galilee:** part of the <sup>\*</sup>land in the <sup>\*</sup>north of <sup>\*</sup>Israel, where Nazareth is. [\*map # 4]

<sup>j</sup>**follow:** to learn from a <sup>\*</sup>teacher and do what he says and does.

<sup>k</sup>**found:** today I find something, yesterday I found it.

<sup>l</sup>**Moses:** a man of God in the <sup>\*</sup>Old Testament, God gave his <sup>\*</sup>laws to him.

<sup>m</sup>**prophets:** men and women of God who tell people what God says. [\*drawing # 16]

<sup>n</sup>**wrote:** when someone put down words into a book or <sup>\*</sup>letter with a pen. [\*drawing # 47]

<sup>o</sup>**true:** something that God says is right or <sup>\*</sup>real, it is not a <sup>\*</sup>lie.

<sup>p</sup>**false:** something that is a <sup>\*</sup>lie or someone who is not talking the <sup>\*</sup>truth.

<sup>q</sup>**fig:** a <sup>\*</sup>fruit that is red and soft on the inside. [\*drawing # 73]

<sup>r</sup>**Rabbi:** a <sup>\*</sup>teacher who helps people understand the things of God.

<sup>s</sup>**Son of God:** the Boy Child of God the Father, the Son is also God.



the 'King\_of\_Israel.'

<sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him: 'You <sup>u</sup>believe in Me because I told you that I \*saw you under the <sup>v</sup>fig tree, but you will see much more wonderful things than that.'

<sup>51</sup> Jesus also said: 'I tell you this and it is sure: You will see <sup>w</sup>heaven open and the <sup>x</sup>angels of God going up to Him and coming down on Me, the <sup>y</sup>Son of man.'

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### Jesus changes water into wine

<sup>1</sup> After 2 days there was a <sup>z</sup>wedding. A man and a woman married in the town of Cana in <sup>a</sup>Galilee. Jesus' mother was there <sup>2</sup> and the people also <sup>b</sup>invited Jesus and his <sup>c</sup>disciples to the <sup>d</sup>wedding. <sup>3</sup> When there was no more wine, Jesus' mother said to Him: 'They have no more wine.'  
<sup>4</sup> Jesus said to her: 'Dear woman, why do you tell Me this? My time has

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**'King\_of\_Israel:** the \*ruler of the people of God in the \*Old\_Testament. [\*drawing # 27]

<sup>u</sup>**believe:** to \*know Jesus, the \*Son of God, and \*trust Him to \*save you.  
[\*drawing # 16]

<sup>v</sup>**fig:** a \*fruit that is red and soft on the inside. [\*drawing # 73]

<sup>w</sup>**heaven:** where the \*throne of God is, where his \*angels \*worship Him.

<sup>x</sup>**angel:** a \*servant of God who sometimes brings \*messages to people. \*Cherub-angels also had \*wings. [\*drawing # 4]

<sup>y</sup>**Son of man:** another name for \*Christ, the \*Son of God, who became man.  
[\*drawing # 22]

<sup>z</sup>**wedding:** a \*feast when a man and a woman get married.

<sup>a</sup>**Galilee:** the \*province in the \*north of \*Israel, where Nazareth is. [\*map # 4]

<sup>b</sup>**invite:** to ask a person to come to you, your home or \*feast.

<sup>c</sup>**disciples:** the first \*believers who \*followed Jesus and learned from Him.  
[\*drawing # 91]

<sup>d</sup>**wedding:** a \*feast when a man and a woman get married.

not come <sup>e</sup>yet.’

<sup>5</sup> Jesus' mother said to the <sup>f</sup>steward: ‘You must do what Jesus tells you to do.’

<sup>6</sup> There were 6 stone water <sup>g</sup>barrels. The \*Jews used the water in these barrels to wash and <sup>h</sup>purify themselves. There were 2 to 3 <sup>i</sup>measures of water in every barrel. <sup>7</sup> Jesus told the <sup>j</sup>stewards: ‘Fill the <sup>k</sup>barrels with water.’

They made the barrels full of water to the top. <sup>8</sup> Then Jesus told them: ‘Now <sup>l</sup>pour out the water and give it to the <sup>m</sup>chief-steward.’

They gave some of this water to the chief-steward. <sup>9</sup> The <sup>n</sup>chief-steward <sup>o</sup>tasted the water, but the water had become wine. He did not \*know where the wine came from, but the <sup>p</sup>stewards who <sup>q</sup>poured the water

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<sup>e</sup>**yet:** up to that time.

<sup>f</sup>**steward:** the person who brings the wine or food to the people who are eating.

<sup>g</sup>**barrel:** a holder that can take 22 litres of water or wine. [\*drawing # 118]

<sup>h</sup>**purify:** when the \*Jews washed their hands in a \*special way before they ate. [\*drawing # 18]

<sup>i</sup>**measure:** these 2 to 3 measures were about 80 to 120 litres.

<sup>j</sup>**steward:** the person who brings the wine or food to the people who are eating.

<sup>k</sup>**barrel:** a holder that can take 22 litres of water or wine. [\*drawing # 118]

<sup>l</sup>**pour:** to make water, wine or something flow out of a cup or a \*bowl. [\*drawing # 72]

<sup>m</sup>**chief-steward:** the \*leader of the workers who bring the wine or food to people who eat.

<sup>n</sup>**chief-steward:** the \*leader of the workers who bring the wine or food to people who eat.

<sup>o</sup>**taste:** if you put sugar or \*honey into your mouth, it tastes sweet.

<sup>p</sup>**steward:** the person who brings the wine or food to the people who are eating.

<sup>q</sup>**pour:** to make water, wine or something flow out of a cup or a \*bowl. [\*drawing # 72]

<sup>r</sup>knew. The chief-steward called the <sup>s</sup>bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him: 'People always give their <sup>t</sup>guests the best wine first, and when everyone has had a lot of wine, then they give them the wine that is not so good. But you have kept the best wine and now you give it to them.'

<sup>11</sup> This was Jesus' first <sup>u</sup>miracle. He did it in the town of Cana in <sup>v</sup>Galilee. There Jesus showed the people that He was God and his <sup>w</sup>disciples <sup>x</sup>believed in Him. <sup>12</sup> Then Jesus, his mother, his brothers and his <sup>y</sup>disciples went to the town of Capernaum for a few days.

### **Jesus <sup>z</sup>chases away people from the <sup>a</sup>temple-ground** (Also in Matthew 21:12-13, Mark 11:15-17, Luke 19:45-46)

<sup>13</sup> It was near the time of the <sup>\*</sup>Jewish <sup>b</sup>Passover and Jesus went to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> At the <sup>\*</sup>temple He <sup>\*</sup>saw people who were <sup>c</sup>selling <sup>d</sup>cattle,

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<sup>r</sup>**knew:** today I <sup>\*</sup>know, I have seen it or learned about it, yesterday I knew.

<sup>s</sup>**bridegroom:** a man is a bridegroom when he gets married to a woman.

<sup>t</sup>**guests:** people who <sup>\*</sup>visit you at home or come to your <sup>\*</sup>feast.

<sup>u</sup>**miracle:** a wonderful thing that God can do.

<sup>v</sup>**Galilee:** the <sup>\*</sup>province in the <sup>\*</sup>north of <sup>\*</sup>Israel, where Nazareth is. [\*map # 4]

<sup>w</sup>**disciples:** the first <sup>\*</sup>believers who <sup>\*</sup>followed Jesus and learned from Him.

[\*drawing # 91]

<sup>x</sup>**believe:** to <sup>\*</sup>know Jesus, the <sup>\*</sup>Son of God, and <sup>\*</sup>trust Him to <sup>\*</sup>save you.

[\*drawing # 16]

<sup>y</sup>**disciples:** the first <sup>\*</sup>believers who <sup>\*</sup>followed Jesus and learned from Him.

[\*drawing # 91]

<sup>z</sup>**chase away:** to make someone run away or <sup>\*</sup>flee. [\*drawing # 178]

<sup>a</sup>**temple-ground:** the place next to the <sup>\*</sup>temple where women and <sup>\*</sup>gentiles <sup>\*</sup>could come. [\*drawing # 7]

<sup>b</sup>**Passover:** a <sup>\*</sup>feast to remember how God <sup>\*</sup>saved his people when He <sup>\*</sup>brought them out of Egypt.

<sup>c</sup>**sell:** to give something to a person and he gives you money for it. [\*drawing # 41]

<sup>d</sup>**cattle:** cows and <sup>\*</sup>bulls. [\*drawing # 139]

sheep and <sup>e</sup>doves. There were also people who <sup>f</sup>exchanged money.

<sup>15</sup> Jesus <sup>\*</sup>took some <sup>g</sup>rope and He made a <sup>h</sup>whip. Then He <sup>i</sup>chased all of them out of the <sup>j</sup>temple-ground, and also the sheep and <sup>k</sup>cattle. He <sup>l</sup>threw the money of the people who had <sup>m</sup>exchanged it onto the <sup>n</sup>ground and He pushed over their tables. <sup>16</sup> He said to the people who <sup>o</sup>sold <sup>p</sup>doves: ‘Take these things out of here. Do not make my Father's house a place for buying and <sup>q</sup>selling.’

<sup>17</sup> And his <sup>r</sup>disciples remembered that in the <sup>s</sup>Old Testament it is

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<sup>e</sup>**dove:** a bird like a <sup>\*</sup>pigeon. [\*drawing # 147]

<sup>f</sup>**exchange money:** when the <sup>\*</sup>Jews gave their <sup>\*</sup>Roman money and <sup>\*</sup>got <sup>\*</sup>Jewish money to pay at the <sup>\*</sup>temple.

<sup>g</sup>**rope:** a strong thin <sup>\*</sup>piece of <sup>\*</sup>material that people use to <sup>\*</sup>tie things together. [\*drawing # 72]

<sup>h</sup>**whip:** a long <sup>\*</sup>piece of <sup>\*</sup>rope used to <sup>\*</sup>beat someone.

<sup>i</sup>**chase out:** to make someone run away or <sup>\*</sup>flee. [\*drawing # 178]

<sup>j</sup>**temple-ground:** the place next to the <sup>\*</sup>temple where women and <sup>\*</sup>gentiles <sup>\*</sup>could come. [\*drawing # 7]

<sup>k</sup>**cattle:** cows and <sup>\*</sup>bulls. [\*drawing # 139]

<sup>l</sup>**threw:** today I <sup>\*</sup>throw a stone at you, yesterday I threw a stone. [\*drawing # 110]

<sup>m</sup>**exchange money:** when the <sup>\*</sup>Jews gave their <sup>\*</sup>Roman money and <sup>\*</sup>got <sup>\*</sup>Jewish money to pay at the <sup>\*</sup>temple.

<sup>n</sup>**ground:** the sand outside where people walk or <sup>\*</sup>plant flowers and trees. [\*drawing # 75]

<sup>o</sup>**sold:** when you gave something to a person and he gave you money for it. [\*drawing # 41]

<sup>p</sup>**dove:** a bird like a <sup>\*</sup>pigeon. [\*drawing # 147]

<sup>q</sup>**sell:** to give something to a person and he gives you money for it. [\*drawing # 41]

<sup>r</sup>**disciples:** the first <sup>\*</sup>believers who <sup>\*</sup>followed Jesus and learned from Him. [\*drawing # 91]

<sup>s</sup>**Old Testament:** the first part of the Bible, it was <sup>\*</sup>written in the <sup>\*</sup>Hebrew language. [\*drawing # 119]

<sup>t</sup>written:

‘I will die because I love your house.’<sup>u</sup>

<sup>18</sup> The \*Jews asked Jesus: ‘Who said You may do this? Show us a <sup>v</sup>miracle to show that You may do these things.’ <sup>19</sup> Jesus said to them: ‘You can break down this \*temple and I will build it again in 3 days.’

<sup>20</sup> The \*Jews said: ‘People have worked for 46 years to build this \*temple. And You say You can build it in 3 days. We don't <sup>w</sup>believe You.’ <sup>21</sup> But Jesus was talking about his own body when He talked about the \*temple. <sup>22</sup> Later, after Jesus had died and He lived again, the <sup>x</sup>disciples remembered the words that He had said. Then they <sup>y</sup>believed in the <sup>z</sup>Old Testament and the words that Jesus had said.

### Jesus \*knows people

<sup>23</sup> Jesus was in Jerusalem for the <sup>a</sup>Passover. Many people \*saw the

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<sup>t</sup>**written:** when someone put down words into a book or \*letter with a pen.

[\*drawing # 47]

<sup>u</sup>**John 2:17** These words are also in the \*Old Testament in Psalm 69:10.

<sup>v</sup>**miracle:** a wonderful thing that God can do.

<sup>w</sup>**believe:** to think that someone is telling the \*truth and not \*lying.

<sup>x</sup>**disciples:** the first \*believers who \*followed Jesus and learned from Him.

[\*drawing # 91]

<sup>y</sup>**believe:** to \*know that God is the One who \*saves you and will help and do what He said. [\*drawing # 16]

<sup>z</sup>**Old Testament:** the first part of the Bible, it was \*written in the \*Hebrew language. [\*drawing # 119]

<sup>a</sup>**Passover:** a \*feast to remember how God \*saved his people when He \*brought them out of Egypt.

<sup>b</sup>miracles that He did and they started to <sup>c</sup>believe in Him. <sup>24</sup> But Jesus <sup>d</sup>knew what they were thinking. He knew that they did <sup>e</sup>not\_really <sup>f</sup>believe in Him. <sup>25</sup> Jesus did not need anyone to tell Him what a person was like. He <sup>g</sup>already <sup>h</sup>knew what people were thinking.

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#### Jesus and Nicodemus

<sup>1</sup> There was a <sup>i</sup>Pharisee. His name was Nicodemus. He was a <sup>j</sup>leader\_of\_the\_Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus in the night and said to Him: <sup>k</sup>Rabbi, we <sup>\*</sup>know that God has sent You to come and teach the people how to <sup>l</sup>serve Him. We have seen the <sup>m</sup>miracles that You are doing. No one can do these things if God is not with him.'

<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him: 'I tell you this and it is sure: A person must first

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<sup>b</sup>**miracle:** a wonderful thing that God can do.

<sup>c</sup>**believe:** to <sup>\*</sup>know Jesus, the <sup>\*</sup>Son of God, and <sup>\*</sup>trust Him to <sup>\*</sup>save you.

[<sup>\*</sup>drawing # 16]

<sup>d</sup>**knew:** today I <sup>\*</sup>know, I have seen it or learned about it, yesterday I knew.

<sup>e</sup>**not\_really:** not <sup>\*</sup>true, it did not or will not happen.

<sup>f</sup>**believe:** to <sup>\*</sup>know Jesus, the <sup>\*</sup>Son of God, and <sup>\*</sup>trust Him to <sup>\*</sup>save you. [<sup>\*</sup>drawing # 16]

<sup>g</sup>**already:** when something has started, is <sup>\*</sup>finished or has happened before.

[<sup>\*</sup>drawing # 83]

<sup>h</sup>**knew:** today I <sup>\*</sup>know, I have seen it or learned about it, yesterday I knew.

<sup>i</sup>**Pharisees:** a group of <sup>\*</sup>Jews who tried to do everything that the <sup>\*</sup>laws of Moses say.

<sup>j</sup>**leaders\_of\_the\_Jews:** the <sup>\*</sup>important people who told the <sup>\*</sup>Israelites what they had to do.

<sup>k</sup>**Rabbi:** a <sup>\*</sup>teacher who helps people understand the things of God.

<sup>l</sup>**serve:** to <sup>\*</sup>believe in God and do what He says.

<sup>m</sup>**miracle:** a wonderful thing that God can do.

be <sup>n</sup>born again, then he will \*know that God is his <sup>o</sup>King.’

<sup>4</sup> Nicodemus asked Him: ‘But how can a person be <sup>p</sup>born again when he is old? He can not go into his mother's <sup>q</sup>womb and come out a 2nd time and be born again.’

<sup>5</sup> Jesus said to him: ‘I tell you this and it is sure: A person must be born from water and from the <sup>r</sup>Spirit. Only then can he \*know that God is his <sup>s</sup>King. <sup>6</sup> When a person is born from his mother, a <sup>t</sup>human, then he is a human. But when someone is born from the <sup>u</sup>Spirit of God, then he is a child of God. <sup>7</sup> Do not be <sup>v</sup>surprised when I say you must be <sup>w</sup>born again. <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wants to blow. You can hear and see the wind blow but you do not \*know where it comes from and where it goes. It is the same with someone who is born of the <sup>x</sup>Spirit of God.’

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<sup>n</sup>**born again:** when God starts to work in someone's heart and gives him a new \*life with God.

<sup>o</sup>**King:** God is King over all, everyone must \*serve and \*worship Him.

<sup>p</sup>**born again:** when God starts to work in someone's heart and gives him a new \*life with God.

<sup>q</sup>**womb:** the place where a baby \*grows in a woman when she is \*pregnant.

[\*drawing # 72]

<sup>r</sup>**Spirit of God:** God who talks to people and helps them to \*know his \*truth, you can not see Him.

<sup>s</sup>**King:** God is King over all, everyone must \*serve and \*worship Him.

<sup>t</sup>**human:** a person, a man or a woman. [\*drawing # 179]

<sup>u</sup>**Spirit of God:** God who talks to people and helps them to \*know his \*truth, you can not see Him.

<sup>v</sup>**surprise:** when you did not think that something \*would happen, but then it happened.

<sup>w</sup>**born again:** when God starts to work in someone's heart and gives him a new \*life with God.

<sup>x</sup>**Spirit of God:** God who talks to people and helps them to \*know his \*truth, you can not see Him.

<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus asked Jesus: ‘How can this happen?’ <sup>10</sup> Jesus said: ‘You are a <sup>y</sup>teacher who tells the \*Israelites how to <sup>z</sup>serve God. Why don't you understand this? <sup>11</sup> I tell you this and it is sure: I and the people who <sup>a</sup>belong to Me speak about things that we \*know. We tell you what we have seen. But you do not <sup>b</sup>believe our words. <sup>12</sup> I told you about something that happened on <sup>c</sup>earth and you do not <sup>d</sup>believe it. Will you believe Me when I tell you about the things in <sup>e</sup>heaven? I don't think so. <sup>13</sup> Remember, no person has ever gone up to <sup>f</sup>heaven. Only I, the <sup>g</sup>Son of man, have and I came down from heaven. <sup>14</sup> The people will lift Me, the <sup>h</sup>Son of man, up. They will lift Me up and hang Me on a <sup>i</sup>cross as <sup>j</sup>Moses lifted the snake high up on a pole in the <sup>k</sup>desert. <sup>15</sup> Then everyone who <sup>l</sup>believes in Me will have <sup>m</sup>eternal\_life.’

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<sup>y</sup>**teacher:** a person who helps people understand, he teaches them.

<sup>z</sup>**serve:** to \*believe in God and do what He says.

<sup>a</sup>**belong:** to be the people of God or part of the people who \*serve Him.

<sup>b</sup>**believe:** to think that someone is telling the \*truth and not \*lying.

<sup>c</sup>**earth:** the world, the \*land and sea. [\*drawing # 172]

<sup>d</sup>**believe:** to think that someone is telling the \*truth and not \*lying.

<sup>e</sup>**heaven:** where the \*throne of God is, where his \*angels \*worship Him.

<sup>f</sup>**heaven:** where the \*throne of God is, where his \*angels \*worship Him.

<sup>g</sup>**Son of man:** another name for \*Christ, the \*Son of God, who became man.

[\*drawing # 22]

<sup>h</sup>**Son of man:** another name for \*Christ, the \*Son of God, who became man.

[\*drawing # 22]

<sup>i</sup>**cross:** 2 wooden poles like a + on \*which they killed people. [\*drawing # 23]

<sup>j</sup>**Moses:** a man of God in the \*Old Testament, God gave his \*laws to him.

<sup>k</sup>**desert:** a big, dry, hot place with lots of sand and very little water. [\*drawing # 136]

<sup>l</sup>**believe:** to \*know Jesus, the \*Son of God, and \*trust Him to \*save you. [\*drawing # 16]

<sup>m</sup>**eternal\_life:** to live with God \*forever, it will never stop.



## God will <sup>n</sup>save every person who <sup>o</sup>believes in Jesus

<sup>16</sup> God loved the people in the world so much that He gave his one and only <sup>p</sup>Son so that everyone who <sup>q</sup>believes in Him will not be <sup>r</sup>lost but have <sup>s</sup>eternal\_life. <sup>17</sup> God sent His <sup>t</sup>Son to the people in the world, but his Son did not come to <sup>u</sup>punish the people. No, God sent his Son to <sup>v</sup>save the people. <sup>18</sup> No other person is like the <sup>w</sup>Son of God. If someone <sup>x</sup>believes in the Son, then God will not <sup>y</sup>punish him. But God will punish everyone who does not believe in the Son of God. <sup>19</sup> This is how God <sup>z</sup>judges people: The light came into this world, but the people loved the <sup>a</sup>darkness, not the light. Why? They loved the darkness because they did bad things in the dark. <sup>20</sup> People who do bad things do not love the light. They do not come into the light because they do not want people to see

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<sup>n</sup>**save:** when God *\*forgives* people's *\*sins* and gives them *\*eternal\_life*.

<sup>o</sup>**believe:** to *\*know* Jesus, the *\*Son of God*, and *\*trust* Him to *\*save* you.

[\*drawing # 16]

<sup>p</sup>**Son of God:** the Boy Child of God the Father, the Son is also God.

<sup>q</sup>**believe:** to *\*know* Jesus, the *\*Son of God*, and *\*trust* Him to *\*save* you.

[\*drawing # 16]

<sup>r</sup>**lost:** to be far away from God and not to have *\*eternal\_life*.

<sup>s</sup>**eternal\_life:** to live with God *\*forever*, it will never stop.

<sup>t</sup>**Son of God:** the Boy Child of God the Father, the Son is also God.

<sup>u</sup>**punish:** to make someone *\*suffer* because he has done wrong or to make him stop doing it. [\*drawing # 54]

<sup>v</sup>**save:** when God *\*forgives* people's *\*sins* and gives them *\*eternal\_life*.

<sup>w</sup>**Son of God:** the Boy Child of God the Father, the Son is also God.

<sup>x</sup>**believe:** to *\*know* Jesus, the *\*Son of God*, and *\*trust* Him to *\*save* you.

[\*drawing # 16]

<sup>y</sup>**punish:** to make someone *\*suffer* because he has done wrong or to make him stop doing it. [\*drawing # 54]

<sup>z</sup>**judge:** when God *\*decides* who has done right and who has done wrong.

<sup>a</sup>**darkness:** where there is no light, you can not see anything. [\*drawing # 57]

what they do. <sup>21</sup> But people who live as God wants them to live come to the light because they want people to see that they listen to God.

### John the Baptist talks about Jesus

<sup>22</sup> Then Jesus and his <sup>b</sup>disciples went to the <sup>c</sup>province of Judea. Jesus stayed there with his disciples for a few days and He <sup>d</sup>baptised people.

<sup>23</sup> John was also <sup>e</sup>baptising people at the town of Aenon near Salim, because there was a lot of water there. The people came to him and he baptised them. <sup>24</sup> (This was before John was put in <sup>f</sup>jail). <sup>25</sup> Some of John's <sup>g</sup>disciples started to <sup>h</sup>argue with a \*Jew about how you must <sup>i</sup>purify yourself. <sup>26</sup> They went to John and told him: '<sup>j</sup>Rabbi, the Man who was with you on the other side of the Jordan River, the Man that you told us about, is now <sup>k</sup>baptising people and all the people are going to Him.'

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<sup>b</sup>**disciples:** the first \*believers who \*followed Jesus and learned from Him.

[\*drawing # 91]

<sup>c</sup>**province of Judea:** part of the \*land in the \*south of \*Israel, where Jerusalem is.

[\*map # 4]

<sup>d</sup>**baptise:** to \*pour or \*sprinkle water over someone's head or put him under water to show that God has \*forgiven his \*sins.

<sup>e</sup>**baptise:** to \*pour or \*sprinkle water over someone's head or put him under water to show that he has \*turned to God.

<sup>f</sup>**jail:** a place with strong walls where \*guards keep bad people and \*prisoners.

[\*drawing # 51]

<sup>g</sup>**disciple:** someone who learns from his \*teacher and does what the teacher says.

<sup>h</sup>**argue:** talk to a person and fight with him, using words.

<sup>i</sup>**purify:** when the \*Jews washed their hands in a \*special way before they ate.

[\*drawing # 18]

<sup>j</sup>**Rabbi:** a \*teacher who helps people understand the things of God.

<sup>k</sup>**baptise:** to \*pour or \*sprinkle water over someone's head or put him under water to show that God has \*forgiven his \*sins.

<sup>27</sup> Then John said: 'It is God who <sup>l</sup>decided this. <sup>28</sup> Can you remember that I told you that I am not the \*Christ? God sent me before the Christ. <sup>29</sup> At a <sup>m</sup>wedding it is the <sup>n</sup>bridegroom who gets the <sup>o</sup>bride. The bridegroom's friend stands near him and he waits for the bridegroom to come. When he comes, his friend is happy. I am like that friend, so I am very happy now. <sup>30</sup> Jesus must become more <sup>p</sup>important and I must become <sup>q</sup>unimportant.'

### Jesus is very <sup>r</sup>important

<sup>31</sup> Jesus came from <sup>s</sup>heaven and He is more <sup>t</sup>important than everyone. Someone who comes from the world <sup>u</sup>belongs to the world, and he talks about things of the world. Someone who comes from heaven is more important than anyone on <sup>v</sup>earth. <sup>32</sup> He talks about the things that He \*saw and heard, but no one wants to <sup>w</sup>believe what He says. <sup>33</sup> Anyone

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<sup>l</sup>**decide:** to think about what you want to do and \*choose to do it. [\*drawing # 41]

<sup>m</sup>**wedding:** a \*feast when a man and a woman get married.

<sup>n</sup>**bridegroom:** a man is a bridegroom when he gets married to a woman.

<sup>o</sup>**bride:** a woman is a bride when she gets married to a man.

<sup>p</sup>**important:** something or someone that you think about all the time and don't forget.

<sup>q</sup>**unimportant:** something that you forget \*quickly, you don't think about it.

<sup>r</sup>**important:** something or someone that you think about all the time and don't forget.

<sup>s</sup>**heaven:** where the \*throne of God is, where his \*angels \*worship Him.

<sup>t</sup>**important:** something or someone that you think about all the time and don't forget.

<sup>u</sup>**belong:** to be part of something.

<sup>v</sup>**earth:** the world, the \*land and sea. [\*drawing # 172]

<sup>w</sup>**believe:** to think that someone is telling the \*truth and not \*lying.

who <sup>x</sup>believes what Jesus says shows that God is <sup>y</sup>really God. <sup>34</sup> God sent his <sup>z</sup>Son to come and tell people what God said to Him, because God gave Him his <sup>a</sup>Spirit. <sup>35</sup> The Father loves the <sup>b</sup>Son and He gave everything so that the Son can <sup>c</sup>rule over everything and everyone. <sup>36</sup> Anyone who <sup>d</sup>believes in the <sup>e</sup>Son has <sup>f</sup>eternal\_life. But anyone who does not <sup>g</sup>obey the Son will not have life. God will <sup>h</sup>punish him and He will not stop doing it.

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<sup>x</sup>**believe:** to think that someone is telling the \*truth and not \*lying.

<sup>y</sup>**really:** \*true, not a \*lie, more than others.

<sup>z</sup>**Son of God:** the Boy Child of God the Father, the Son is also God.

<sup>a</sup>**Spirit of God:** God who talks to people and helps them to \*know his \*truth, you can not see Him.

<sup>b</sup>**Son of God:** the Boy Child of God the Father, the Son is also God.

<sup>c</sup>**rule:** when He tells people what they must do and they must listen to Him.

<sup>d</sup>**believe:** to \*know Jesus, the \*Son of God, and \*trust Him to \*save you.

[\*drawing # 16]

<sup>e</sup>**Son of God:** the Boy Child of God the Father, the Son is also God.

<sup>f</sup>**eternal\_life:** to live with God \*forever, it will never stop.

<sup>g</sup>**obey:** to listen to a \*law or a person and do what he says.

<sup>h</sup>**punish:** to make someone \*suffer because he has done wrong or to make him stop doing it. [\*drawing # 54]