



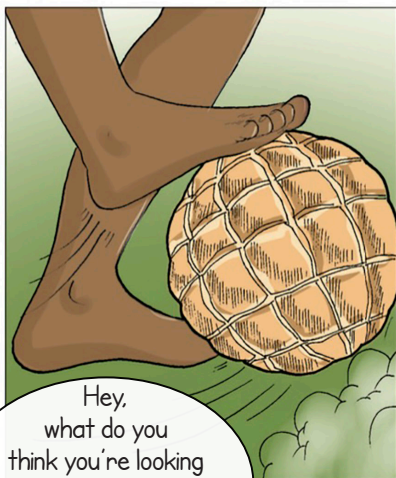
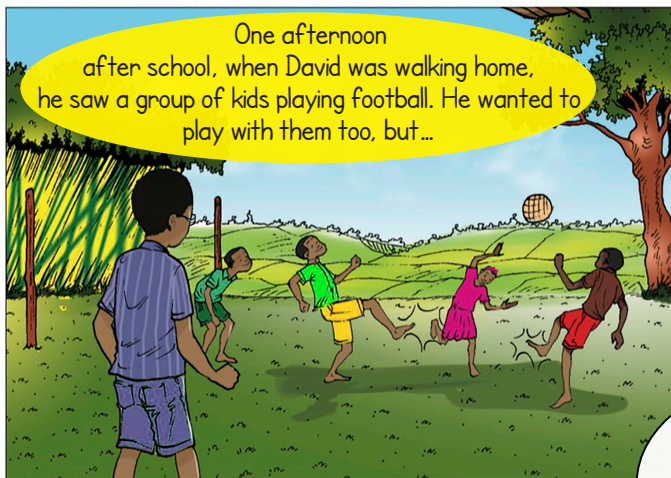
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GOD'S AMAZiNG LOVE



CHARACTERS





David was very upset that they looked down on him...

Or what? Are you going to hit me? I'm not scared of you, little kid!

Stop making fun of me!!

Suddenly, the boy that was making fun of David came right up to him.



The group of kids began chanting and telling him to punch David.

Hit him!

One of David's classmates was worried...

I'm going to go tell David's mom.

David couldn't hold back any longer... He punched the mean boy in the face.



As the
two boys fought, they
heard a loud voice...

STOP FIGHTING!



David's mum
pushed through the large crowd
that had gathered to watch.


What
is going on?
Why are you two
fighting?



He
punched me in
the face and now my
nose is bleeding!

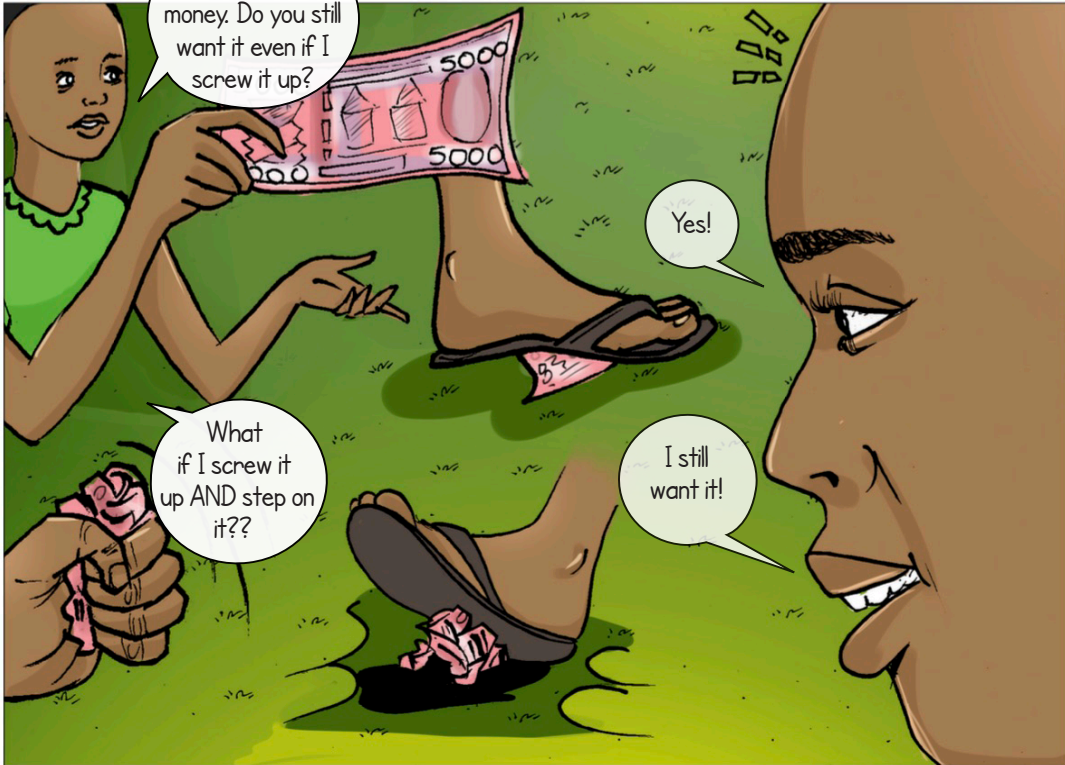






Why did his mother still love him even though he was naughty?

That's real love. David's mum's love is like God's love. He loves us not because we are good or bad, rich or poor, dumb or smart, but because we are His children.



It's like this money. Do you still want it even if I screw it up?

Yes!

What if I screw it up AND step on it??

I still want it!



Do
you still
want it, EVEN if
I spit on it?!

Of
course!
Because
it is valuable.



That
money is just like
you and me and EVERY
one of us! No matter how bad, good,
short, tall, poor, rich, smart or not
smart, every one of us is valuable
because we are God's children.
God loves you and you are
very important to him!

Discussion Questions

For the Alongsider:

Please share with your little brother or sister a time when someone looked down on you.

For the Little Brother/Sister

- 1 - How have you felt when others look down on you?
Could you share that feeling?
- 2 - How do you think God feels when others look down on you?
- 3 - Do you think that God would stop loving you if you did something wrong?
Why or why not?



Group Activity

As a group, think of one simple activity you can do to show love to your little brothers and sisters.

You should not spend money for this activity.

If you can, take a picture of the activity and send it to your Alongsiders coordinator.

Luke 15:11-20 (The Parable of the Lost Son)

There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.



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