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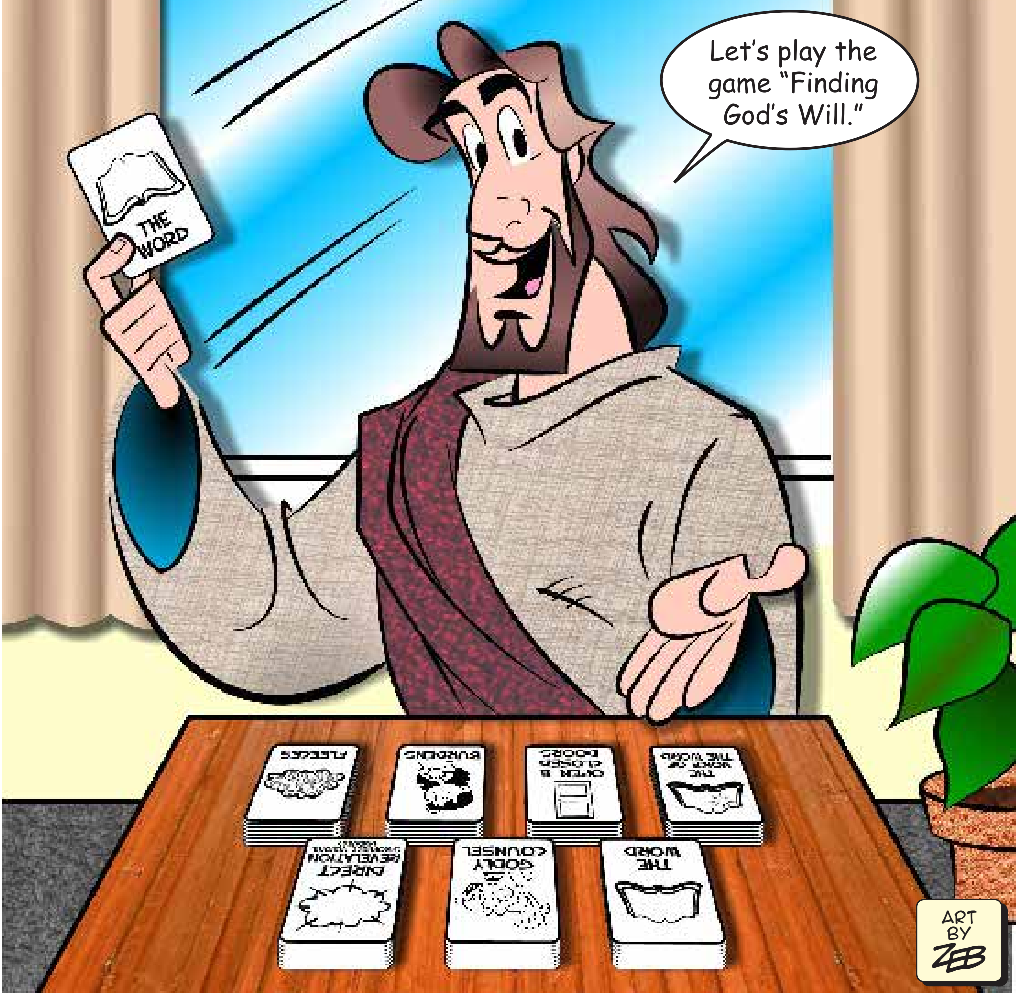
FINDING GOD'S WILL

Updated counsel for kids on using the seven ways to know God's will.


Let's play the game "Finding God's Will."
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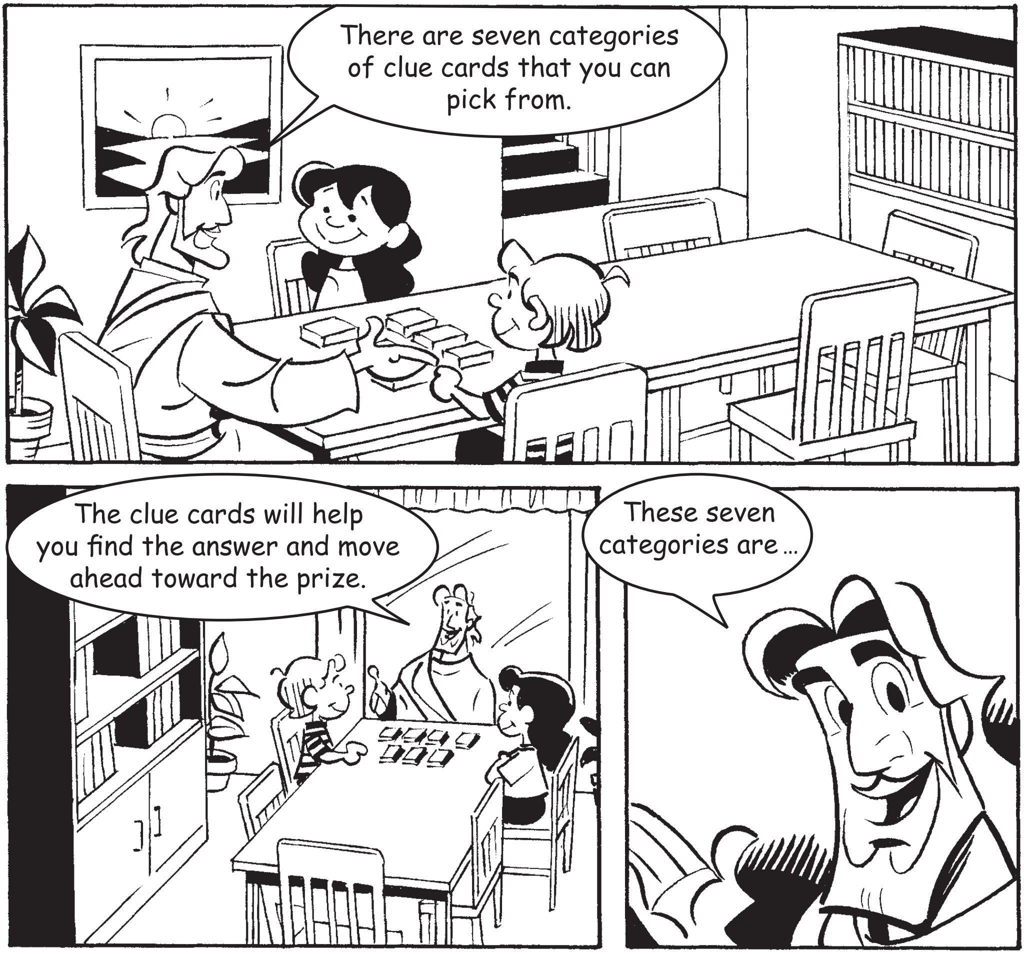
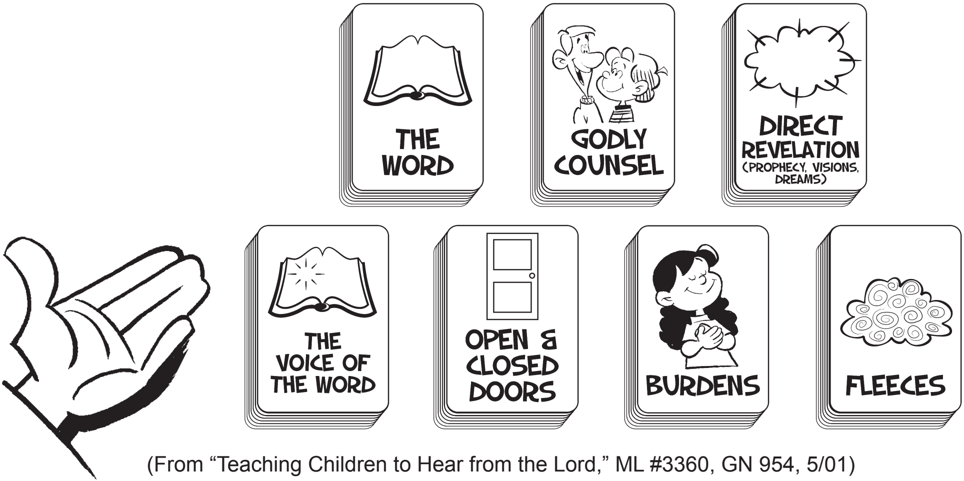

There are seven categories of clue cards that you can pick from.
The clue cards will help you find the answer and move ahead toward the prize.
These seven categories are …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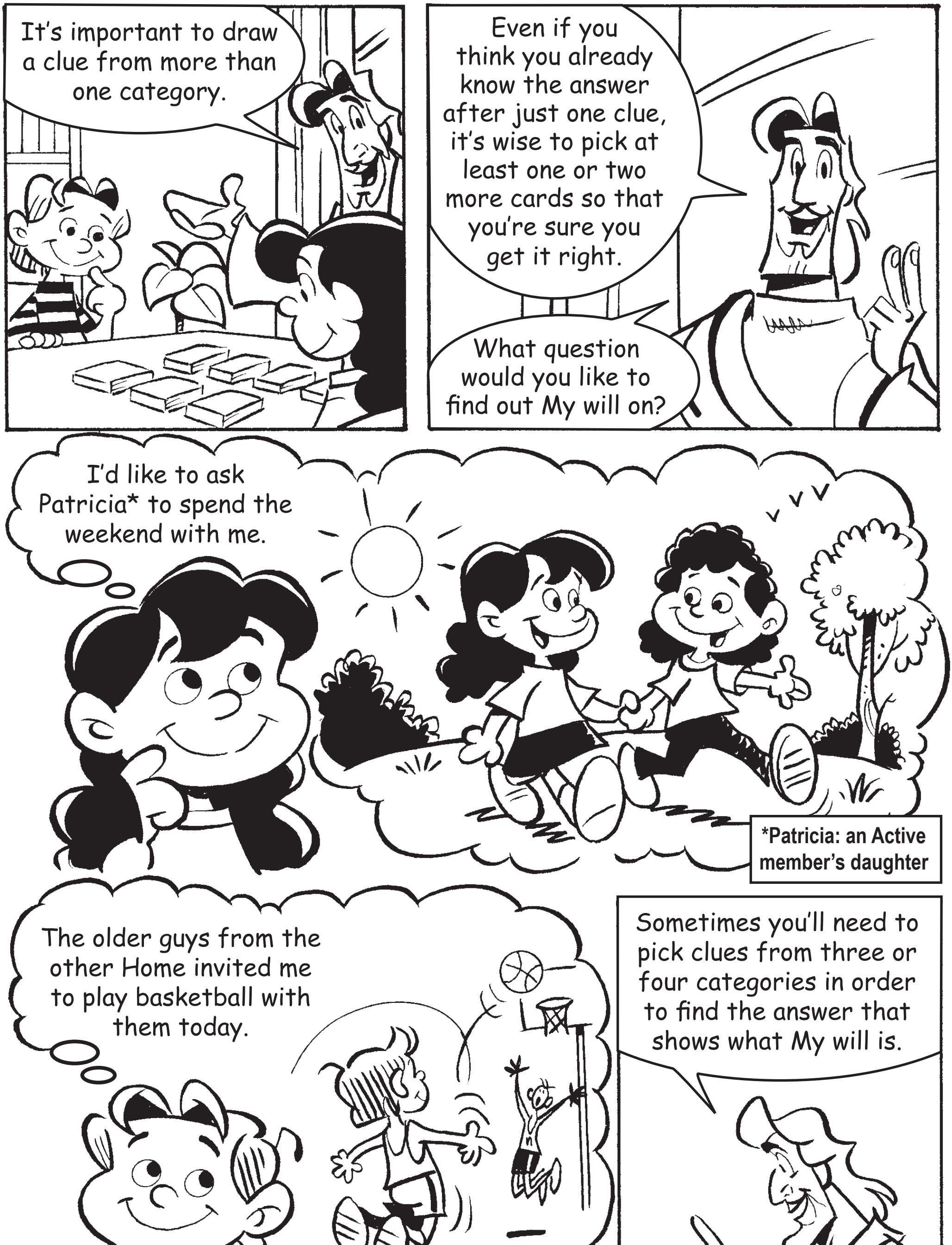
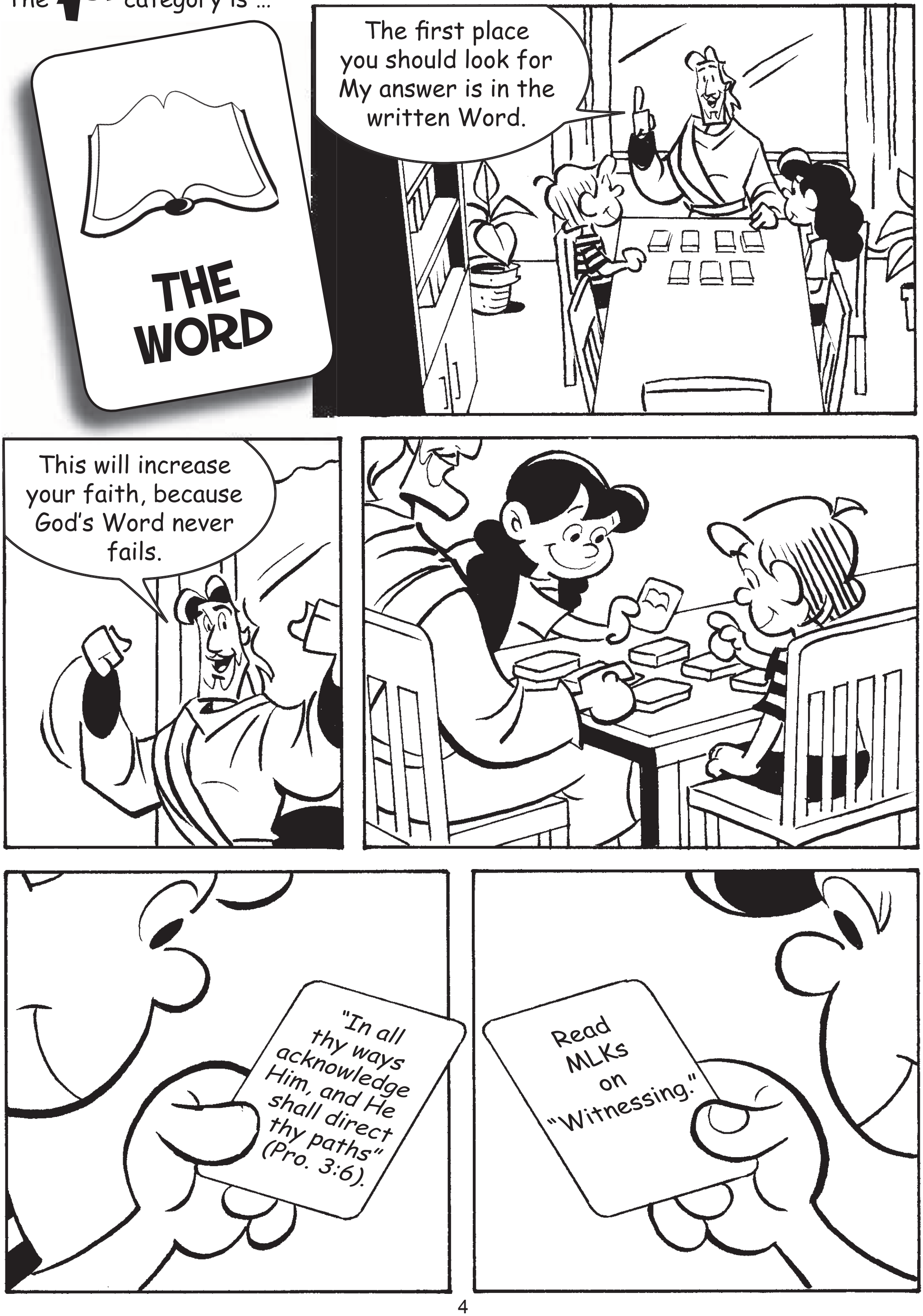
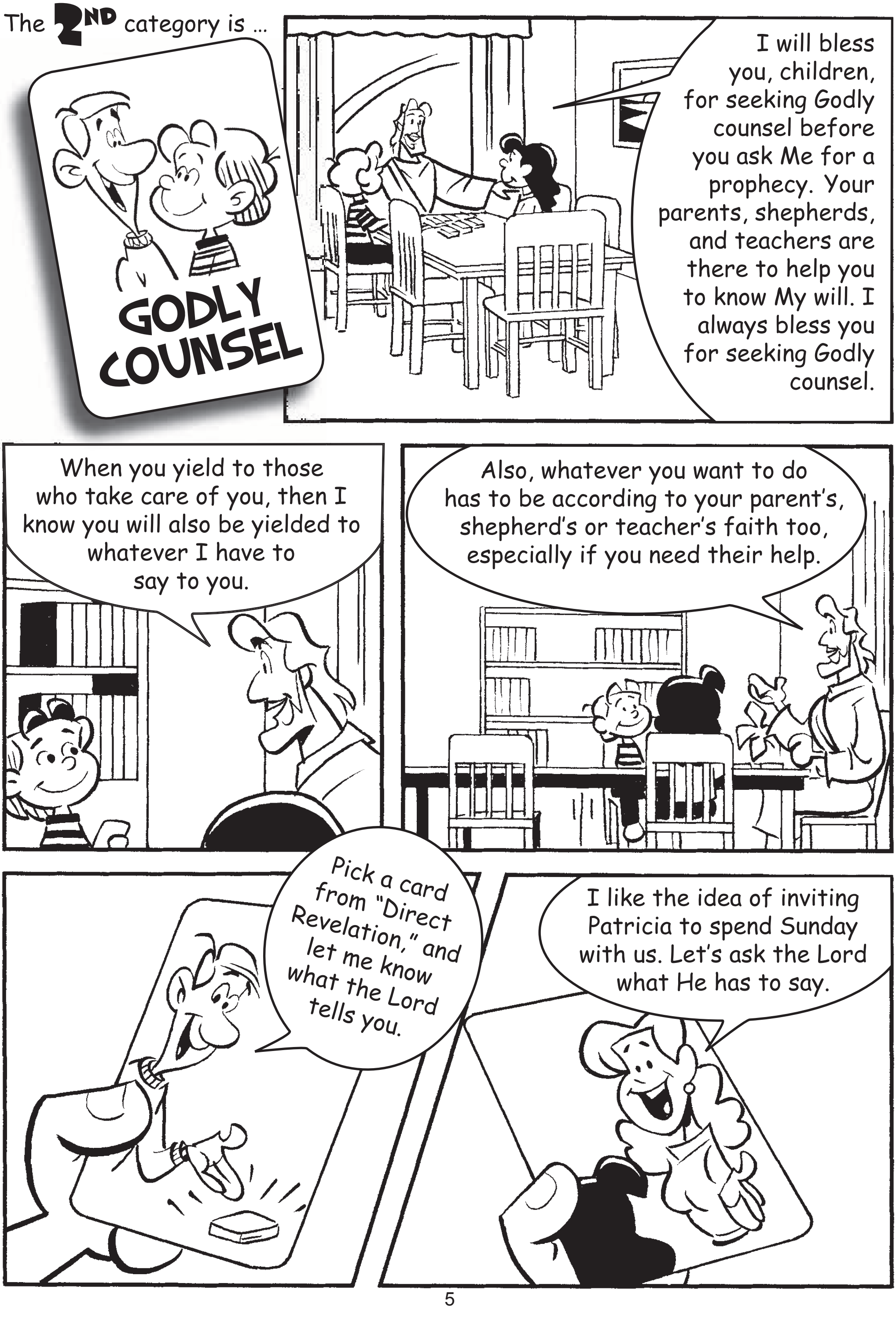

It's important to draw a clue from more than one category.
Even if you think you already know the answer after just one clue, it's wise to pick at least one or two more cards so that you're sure you get it right.
What question would you like to find out My will on?
I'd like to ask Patricia* to spend the weekend with me.
The older guys from the other Home invited me to play basketball with them today.
Sometimes you'll need to pick clues from three or four categories in order to find the answer that shows what My will is.

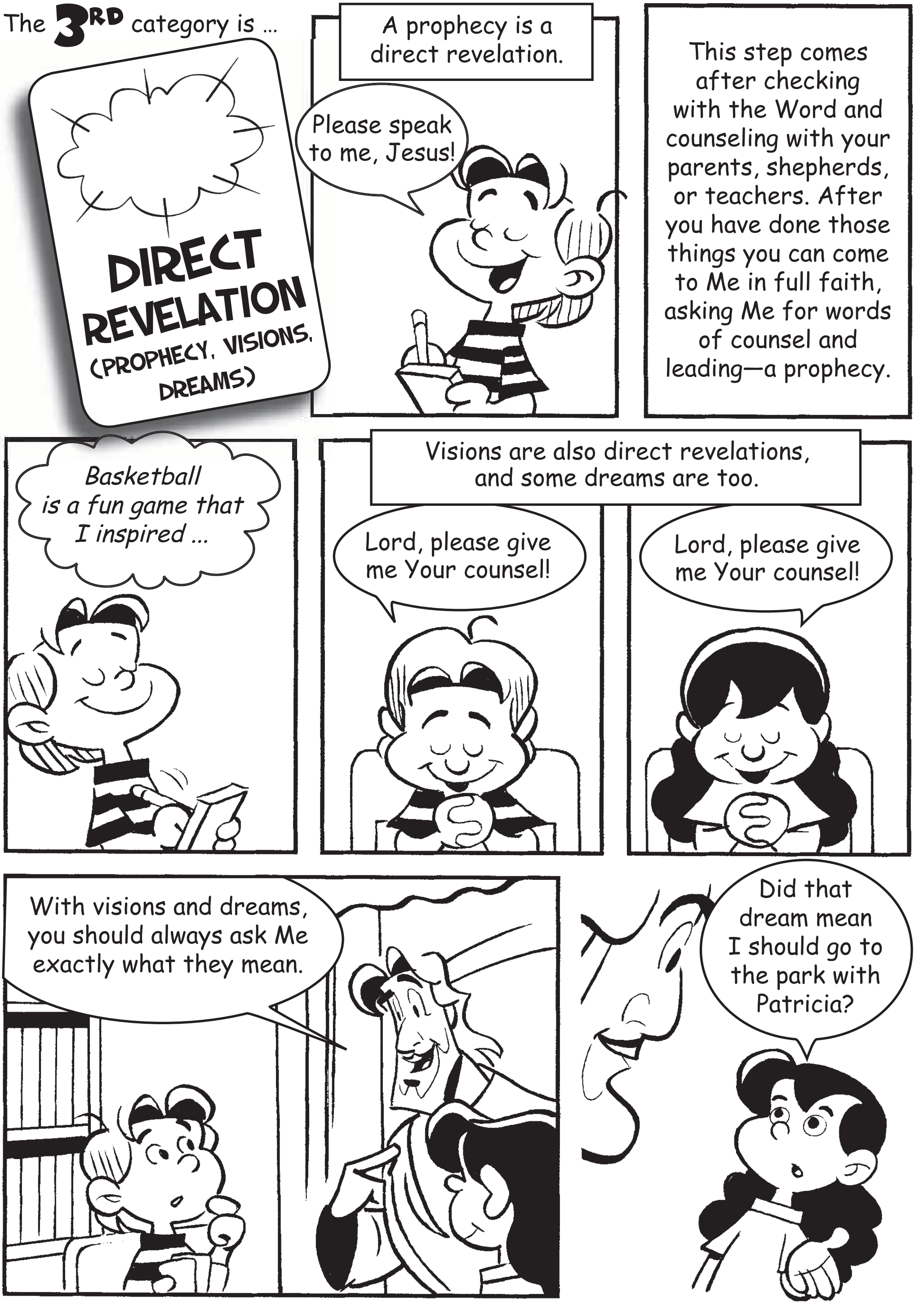
*Patricia: an Active member's daughter

The 1ST category is ...


THE WORD
The first place you should look for My answer is in the written Word.
This will increase your faith, because God's Word never fails.
"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths" (Pro. 3:6).
Read MLKs on "Witnessing."

The 2ND category is ...


GODLY COUNSEL
I will bless you, children, for seeking Godly counsel before you ask Me for a prophecy. Your parents, shepherds, and teachers are there to help you to know My will. I always bless you for seeking Godly counsel.
When you yield to those who take care of you, then I know you will also be yielded to whatever I have to say to you.
Also, whatever you want to do has to be according to your parent's, shepherd's or teacher's faith too, especially if you need their help.
Pick a card from "Direct Revelation," and let me know what the Lord tells you.
I like the idea of inviting Patricia to spend Sunday with us. Let's ask the Lord what He has to say.


The 3RD category is ...
DIRECT REVELATION (PROPHECY, VISIONS, DREAMS)
A prophecy is a direct revelation.
Please speak to me, Jesus!
This step comes after checking with the Word and counseling with your parents, shepherds, or teachers. After you have done those things you can come to Me in full faith, asking Me for words of counsel and leading—a prophecy.
Basketball is a fun game that I inspired ...
Visions are also direct revelations, and some dreams are too.
Lord, please give me Your counsel!
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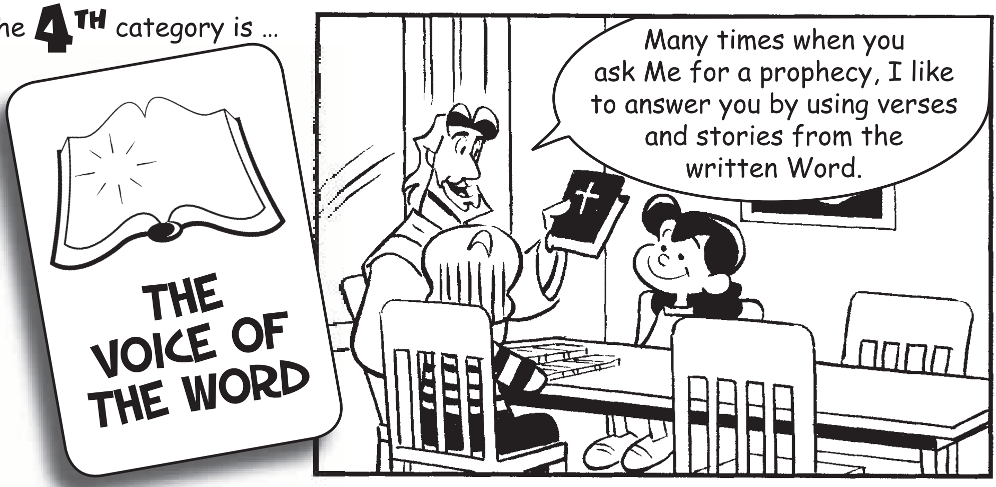
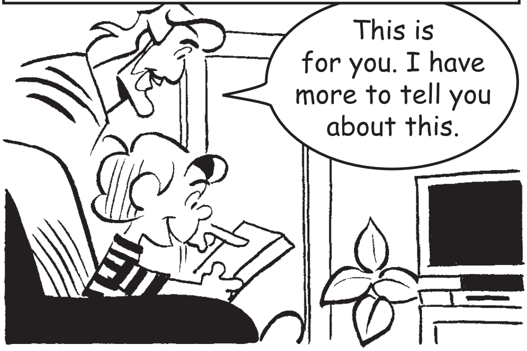
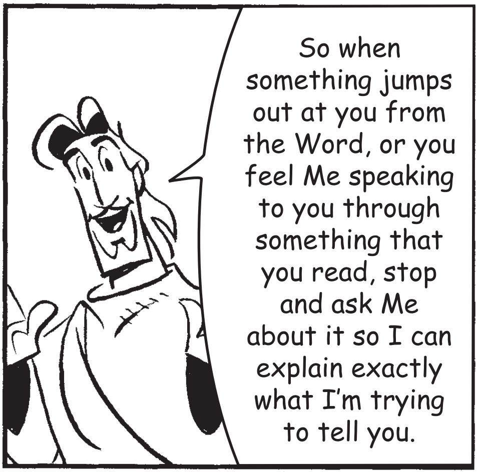
With visions and dreams, you should always ask Me exactly what they mean.
Did that dream mean I should go to the park with Patricia?

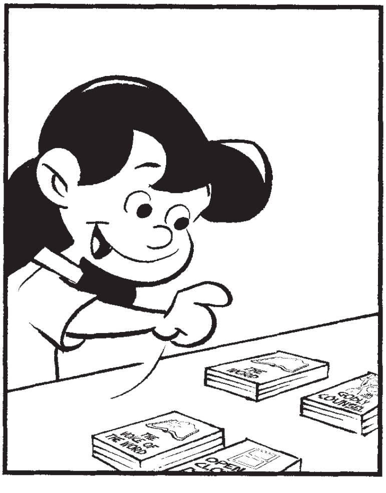
The 4TH category is …


THE VOICE OF THE WORD
Many times when you ask Me for a prophecy, I like to answer you by using verses and stories from the written Word.

Also, when you are reading the Word, I like to point out to you a certain verse or sentence and tell you …


This is for you. I have more to tell you about this.


So when something jumps out at you from the Word, or you feel Me speaking to you through something that you read, stop and ask Me about it so I can explain exactly what I'm trying to tell you.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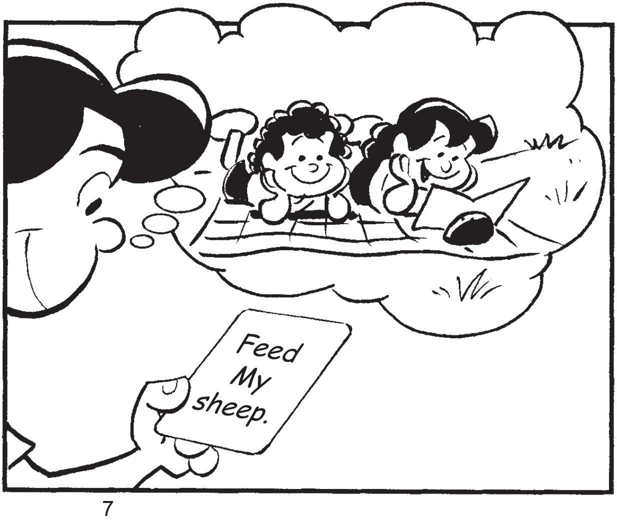
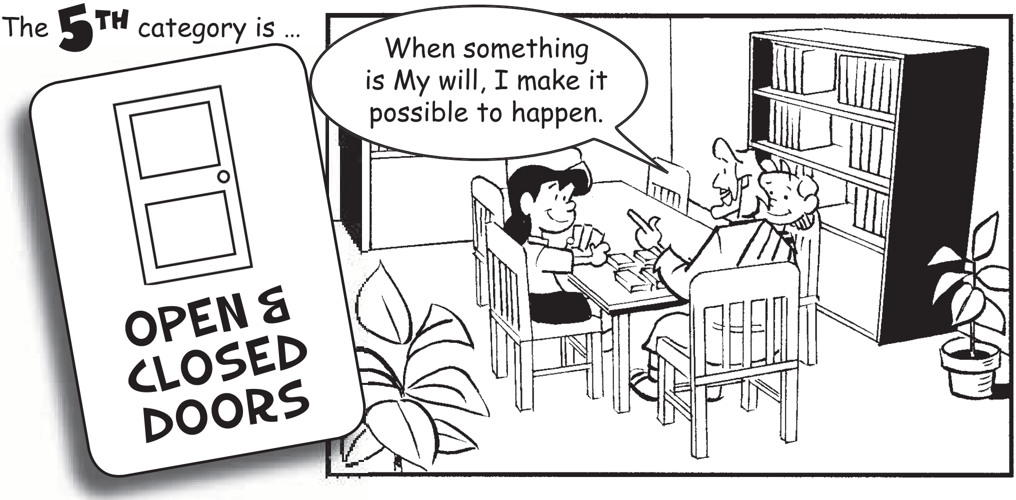
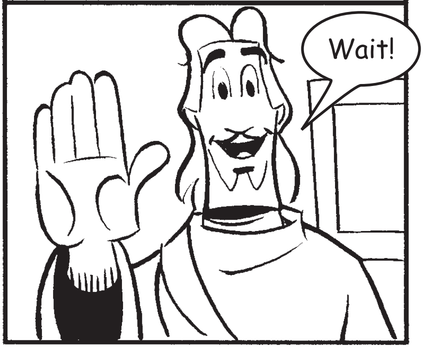

Feed My sheep.

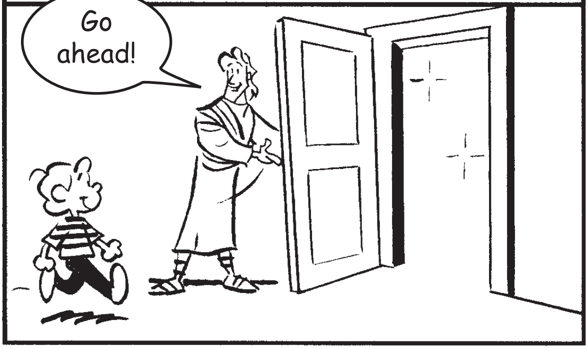
The 5TH category is ...

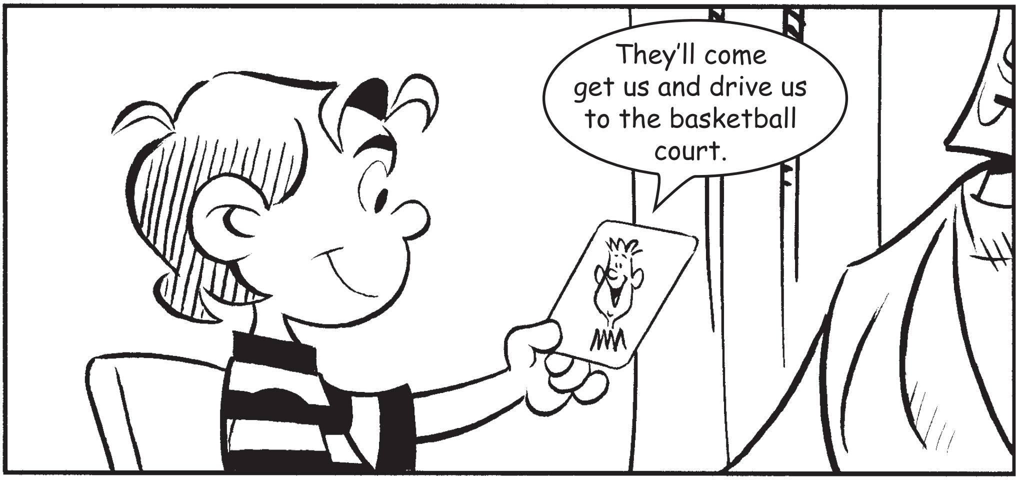

OPEN & CLOSED DOORS
When something is My will, I make it possible to happen.

However, sometimes I say to wait, because I haven't opened the door yet.

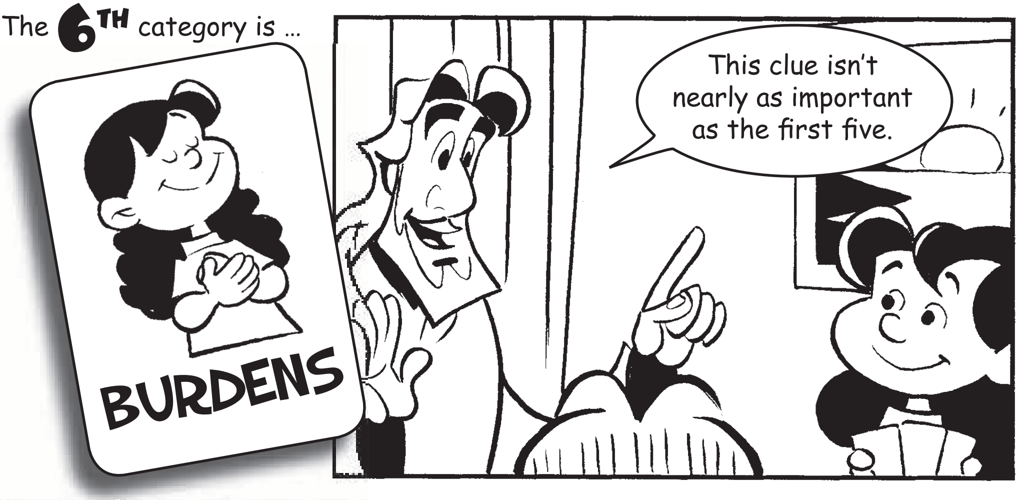


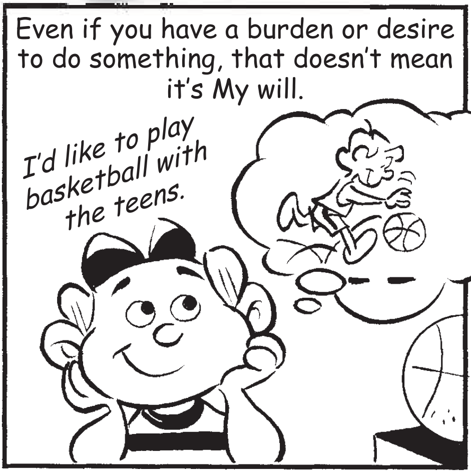
And sometimes I even tell you to go ahead by faith, and that I'll open the door when you get there.



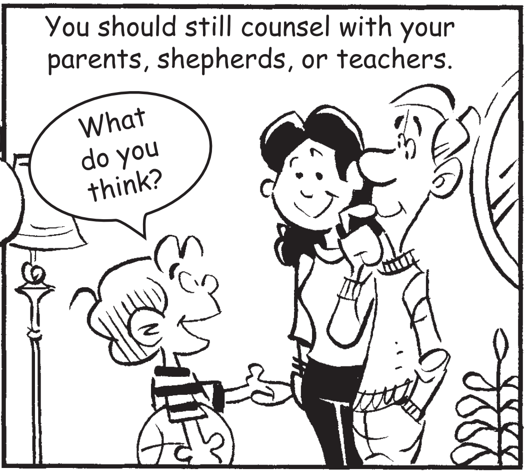

They'll come get us and drive us to the basketball court.

The 6TH category is ...

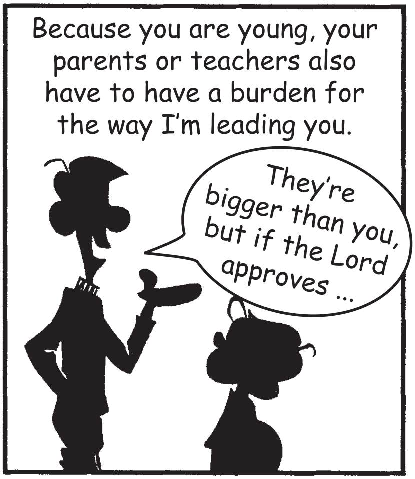

BURDENS
This clue isn't nearly as important as the first five.


Even if you have a burden or desire to do something, that doesn't mean it's My will.

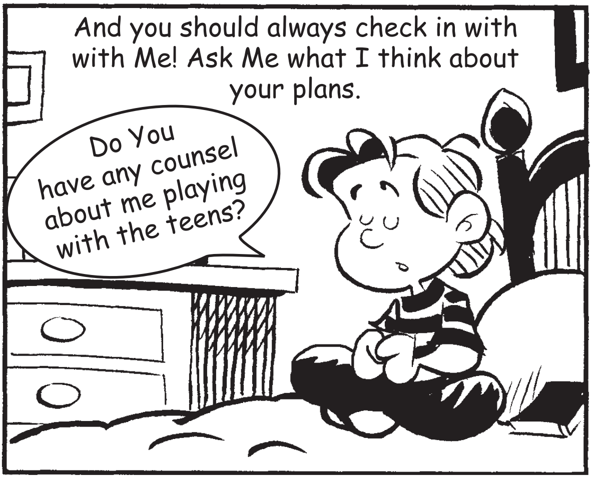
I'd like to play basketball with the teens.


You should still counsel with your parents, shepherds, or teachers.

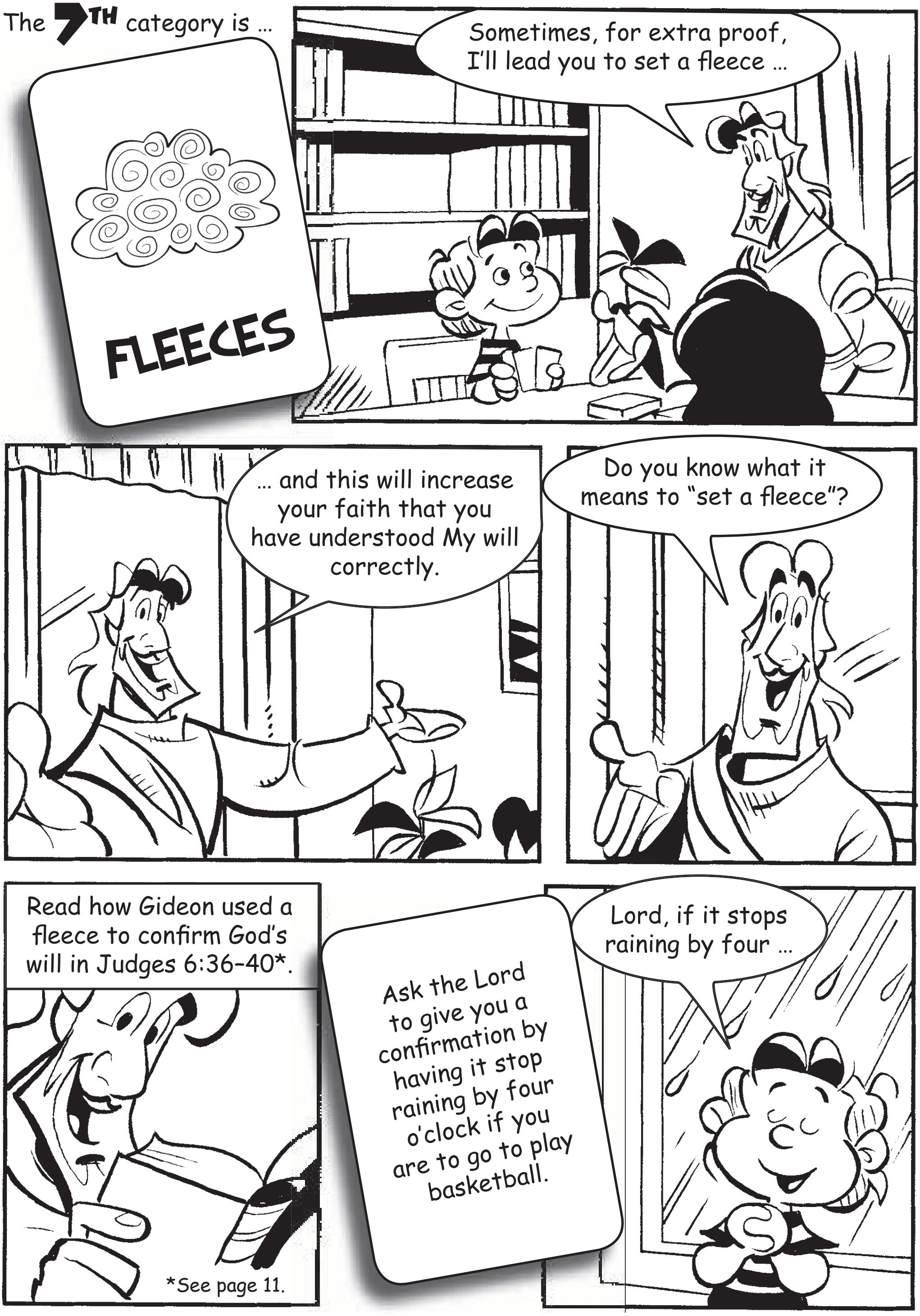
What do you think?


Because you are young, your parents or teachers also have to have a burden for the way I'm leading you.

They're bigger than you, but if the Lord approves ...


And you should always check in with with Me! Ask Me what I think about your plans.

Do You have any counsel about me playing with the teens?


The 7TH category is …
FLEECES
Sometimes, for extra proof, I'll lead you to set a fleece …
… and this will increase your faith that you have understood My will correctly.
Do you know what it means to "set a fleece"?
Read how Gideon used a fleece to confirm God's will in Judges 6:36–40*.
*See page 11.
Ask the Lord to give you a confirmation by having it stop raining by four o'clock if you are to go to play basketball.
Lord, if it stops raining by four …

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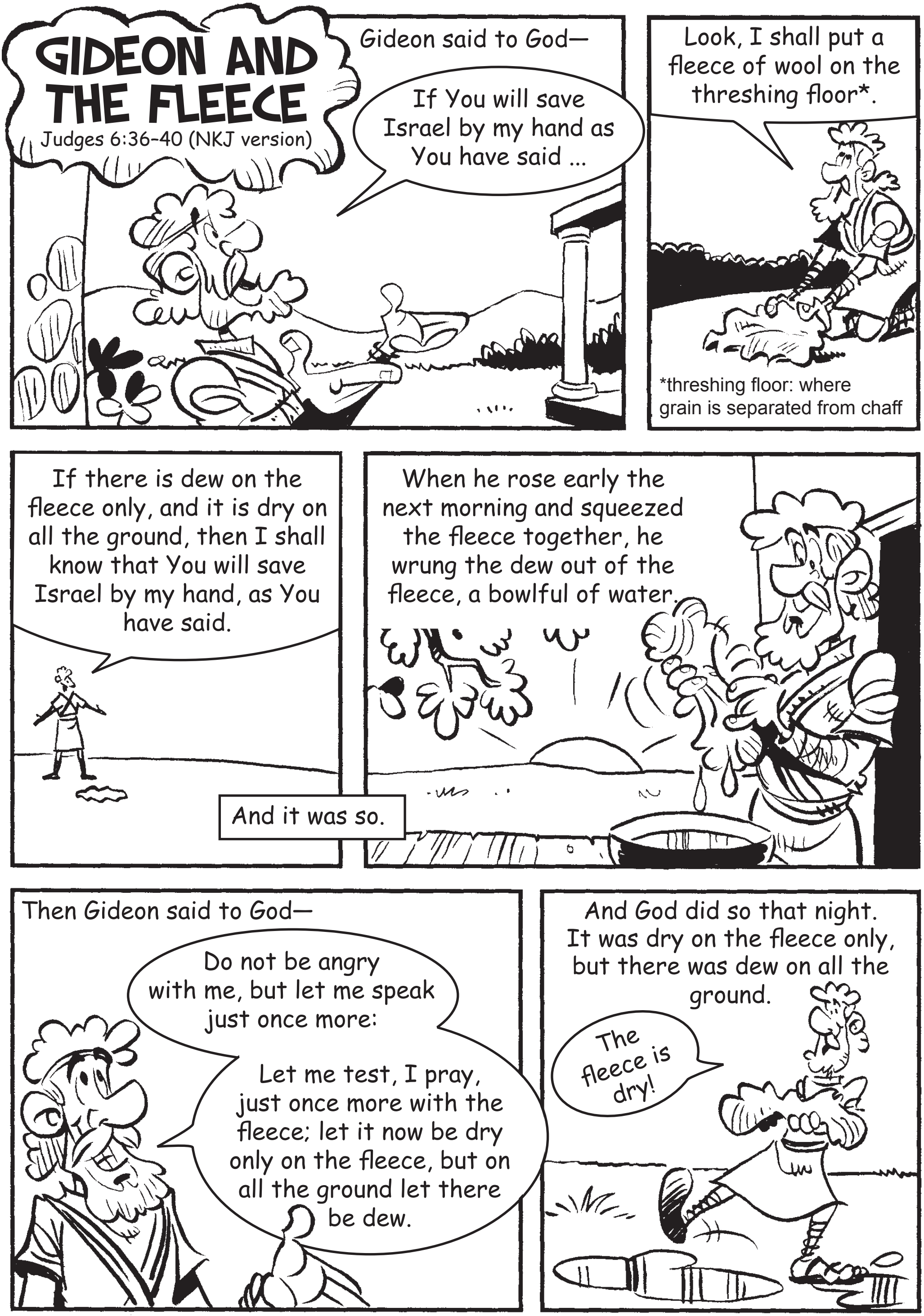
GIDEON AND THE FLEECE

Judges 6:36–40 (NKJ version)


Gideon said to God—
If You will save Israel by my hand as You have said ...
Look, I shall put a fleece of wool on the threshing floor*.
*threshing floor: where grain is separated from chaff
If there is dew on the fleece only, and it is dry on all the ground, then I shall know that You will save Israel by my hand, as You have said.
And it was so.
When he rose early the next morning and squeezed the fleece together, he wrung the dew out of the fleece, a bowlful of water.
Then Gideon said to God—
Do not be angry with me, but let me speak just once more:
Let me test, I pray, just once more with the fleece; let it now be dry only on the fleece, but on all the ground let there be dew.
And God did so that night. It was dry on the fleece only, but there was dew on all the ground.
The fleece is dry!

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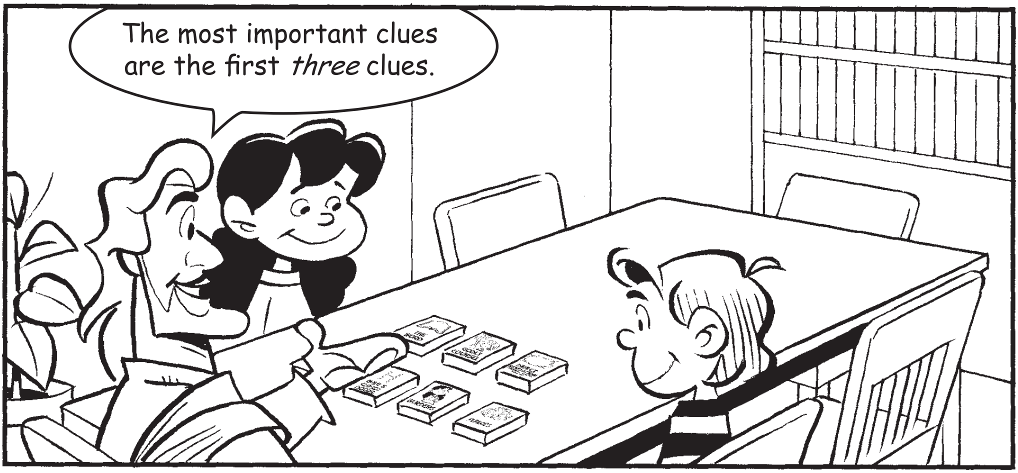
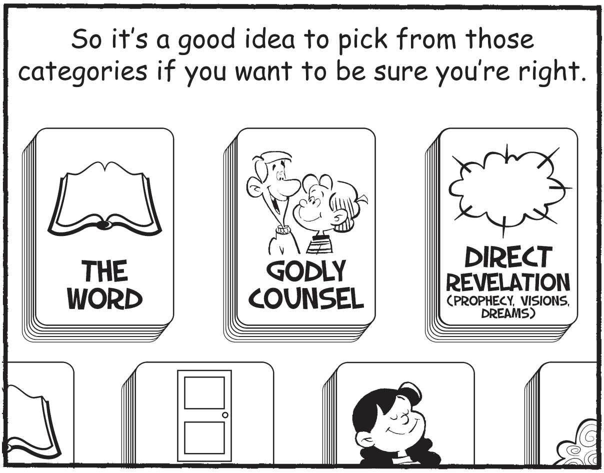

The most important clues are the first *three* clues.


So it's a good idea to pick from those categories if you want to be sure you're right.
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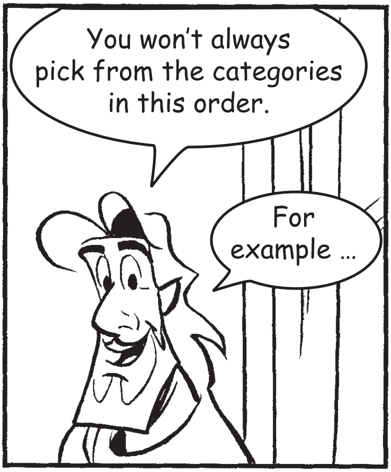
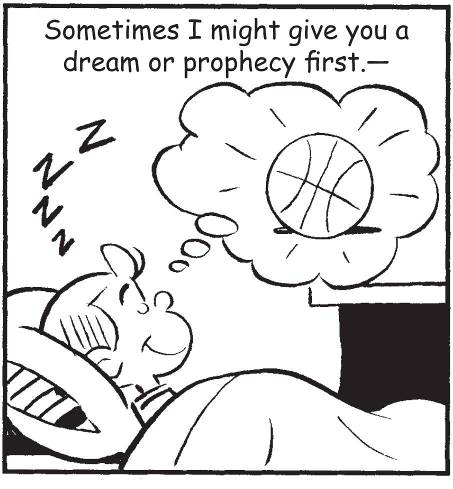

You won't always pick from the categories in this order.
For example ...


Sometimes I might give you a dream or prophecy first.—
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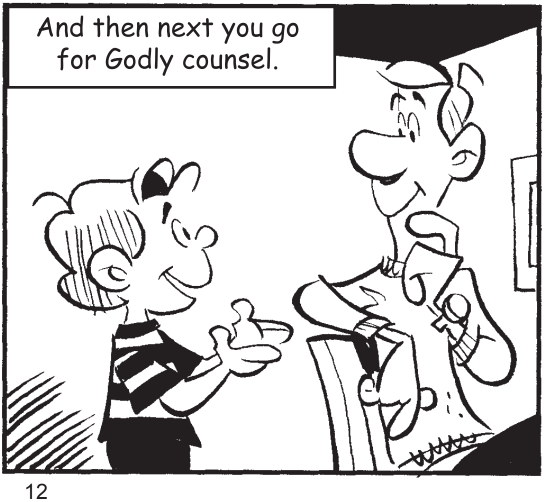
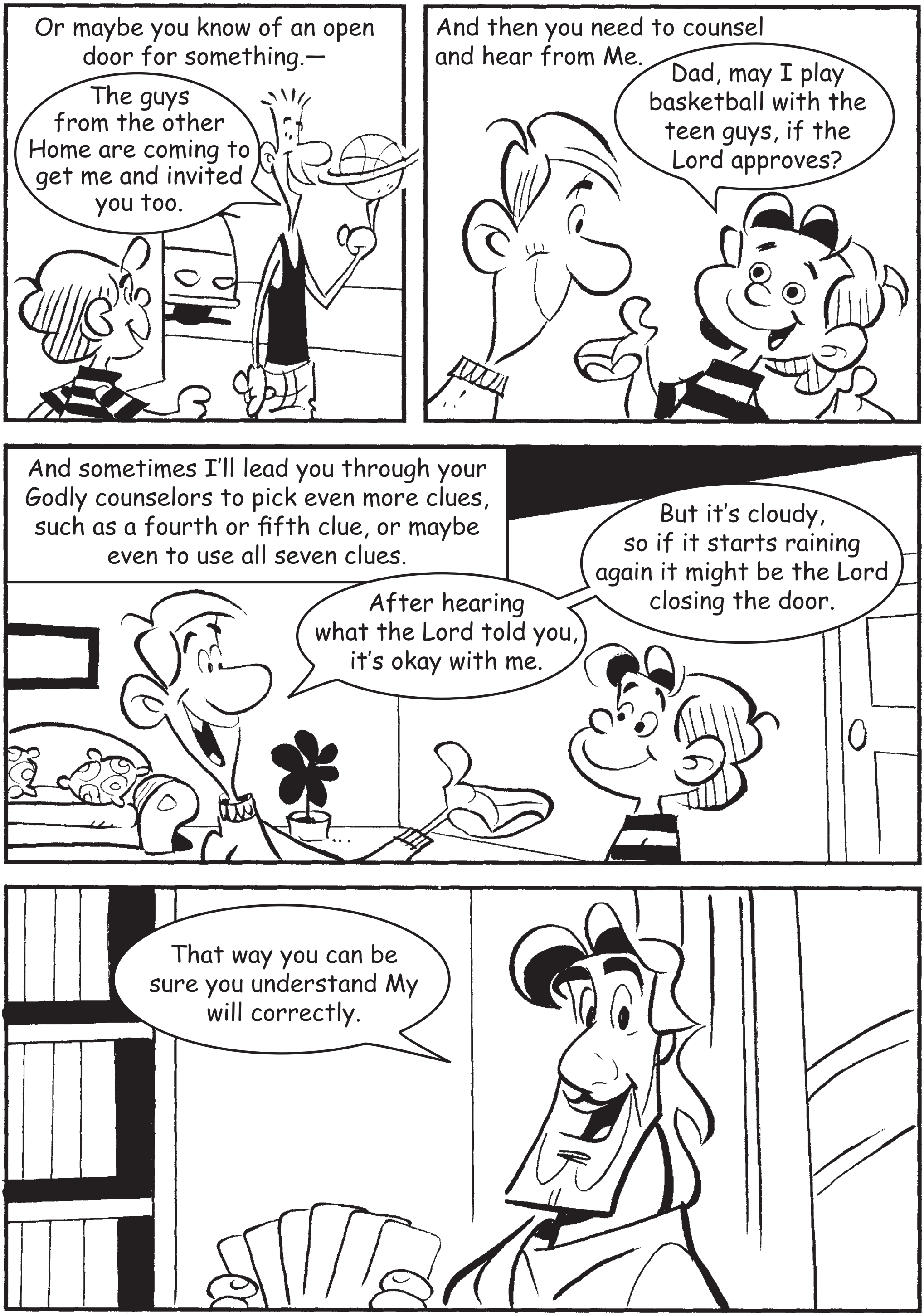
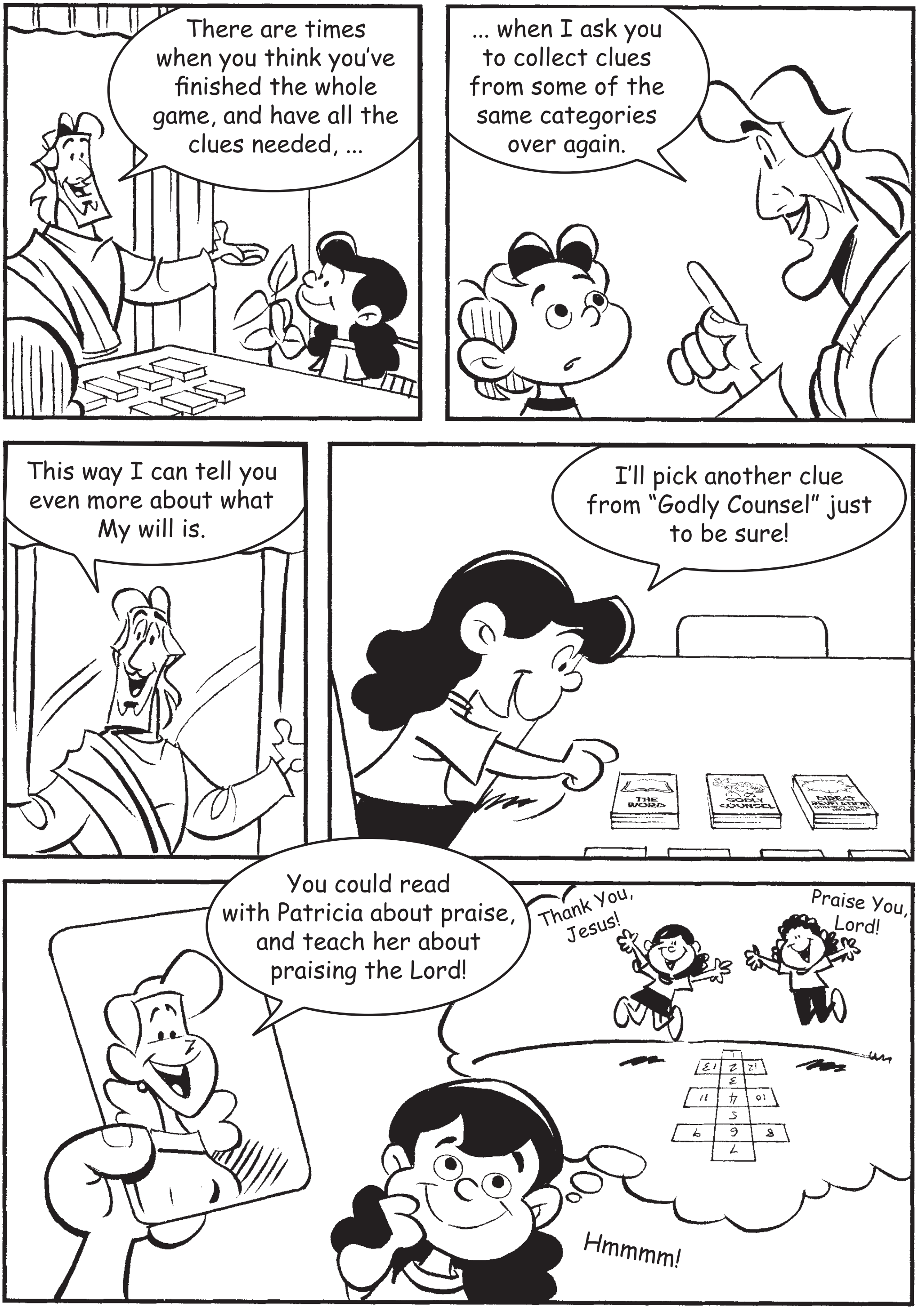

And then next you go for Godly counsel.


Or maybe you know of an open door for something.—
The guys from the other Home are coming to get me and invited you too.
And then you need to counsel and hear from Me.
Dad, may I play basketball with the teen guys, if the Lord approves?
And sometimes I'll lead you through your Godly counselors to pick even more clues, such as a fourth or fifth clue, or maybe even to use all seven clues.
After hearing what the Lord told you, it's okay with me.
But it's cloudy, so if it starts raining again it might be the Lord closing the door.
That way you can be sure you understand My will correctly.


There are times when you think you've finished the whole game, and have all the clues needed, ...
... when I ask you to collect clues from some of the same categories over again.
This way I can tell you even more about what My will is.
I'll pick another clue from "Godly Counsel" just to be sure!
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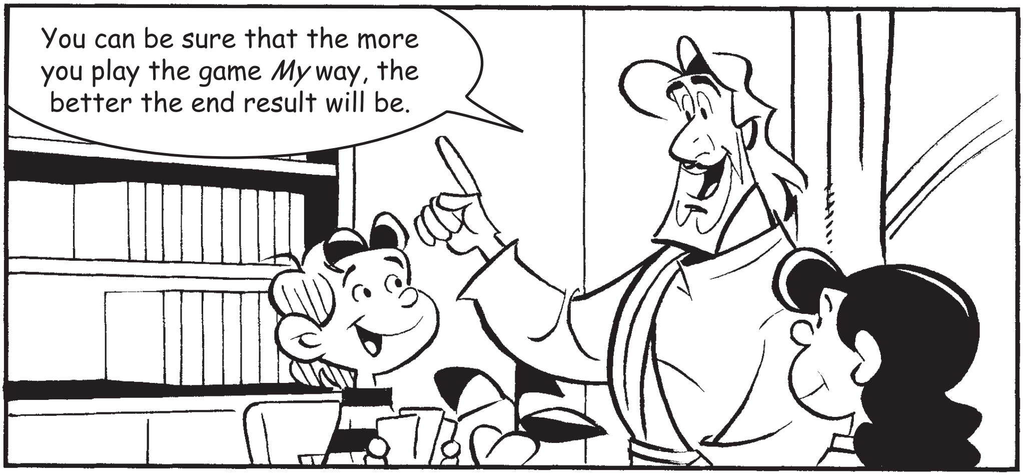
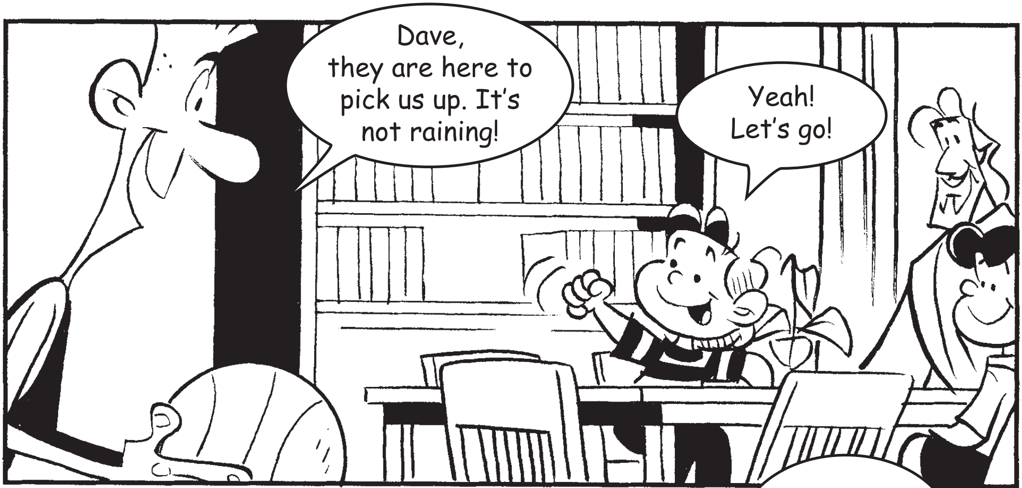
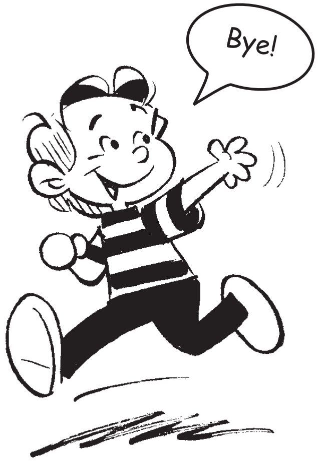
DIRECT REVELATION
You could read with Patricia about praise, and teach her about praising the Lord!
Thank You, Jesus!
Praise You, Lord!
Hmmmm!


You can be sure that the more you play the game *My* way, the better the end result will be.


Dave, they are here to pick us up. It's not raining!
Yeah! Let's go!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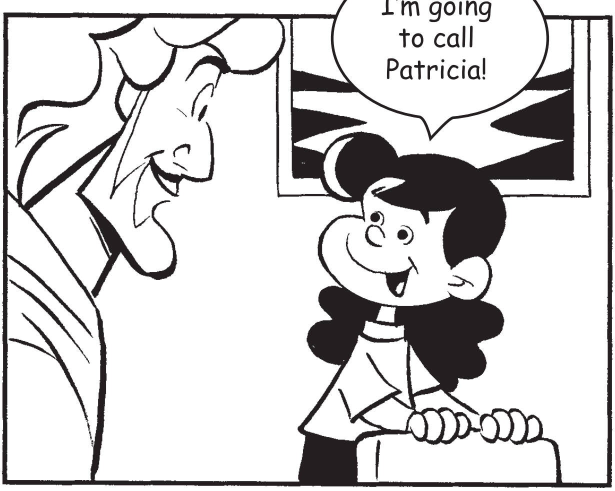
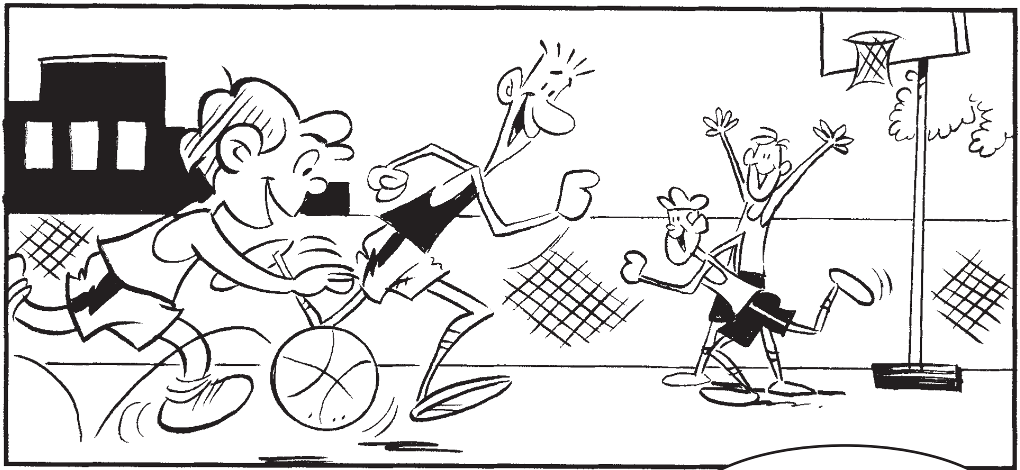
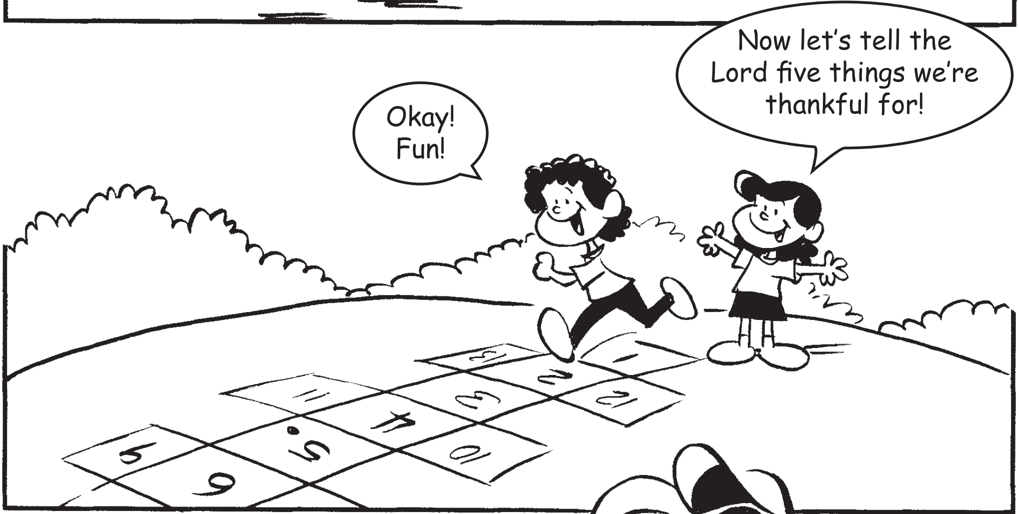

I'm going to call Patricia!




Now let's tell the Lord five things we're thankful for!
Okay! Fun!
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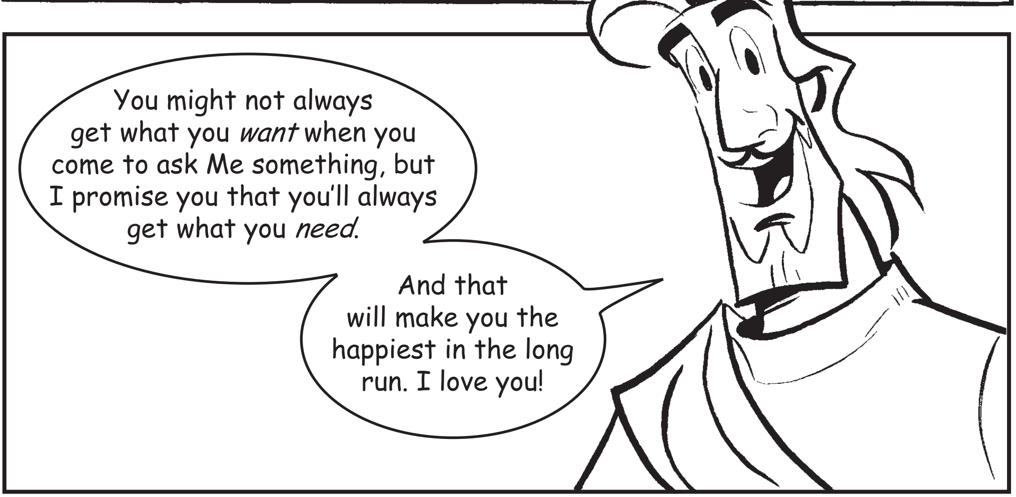
You might not always get what you *want* when you come to ask Me something, but I promise you that you'll always get what you *need*.
And that will make you the happiest in the long run. I love you!