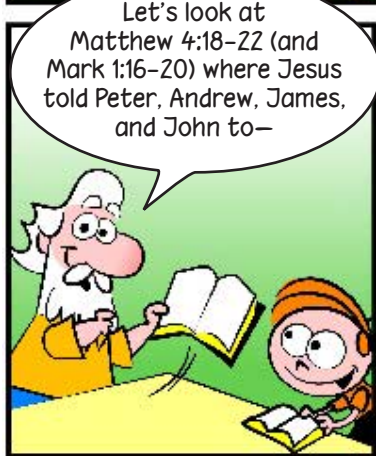
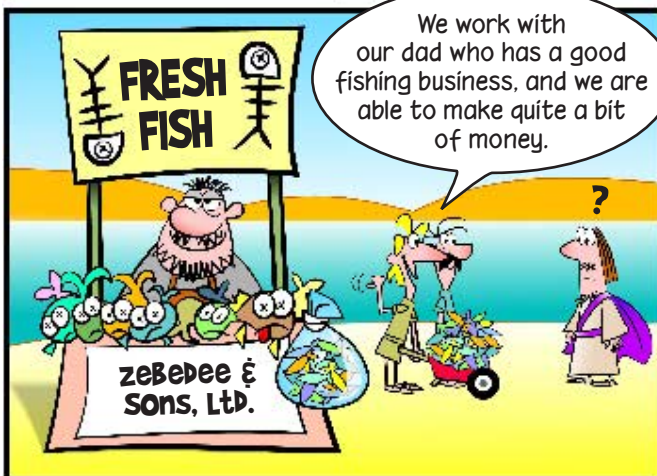
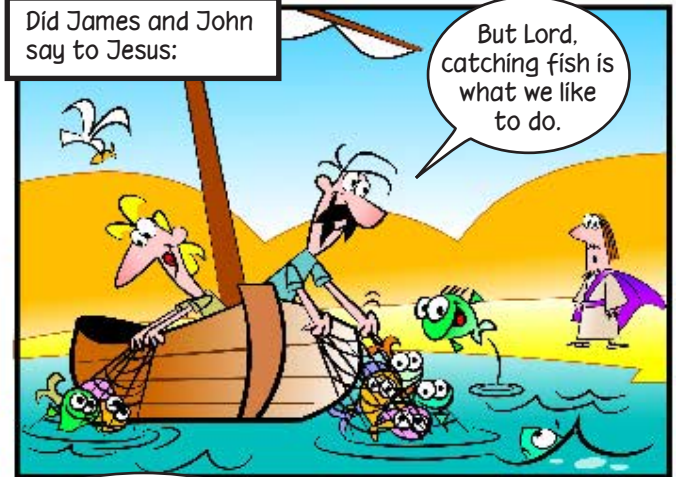
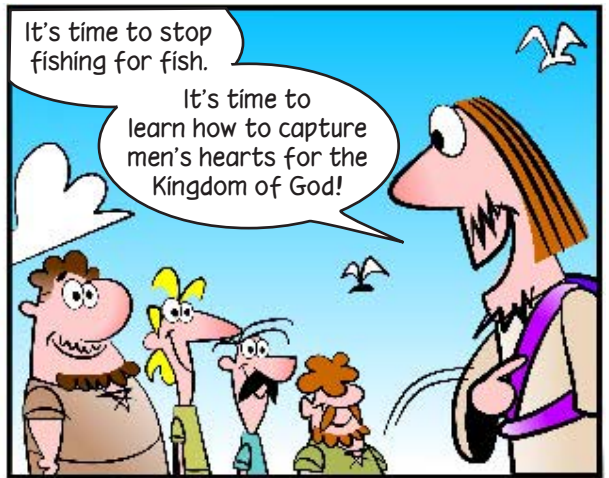


# Fishers of Men!



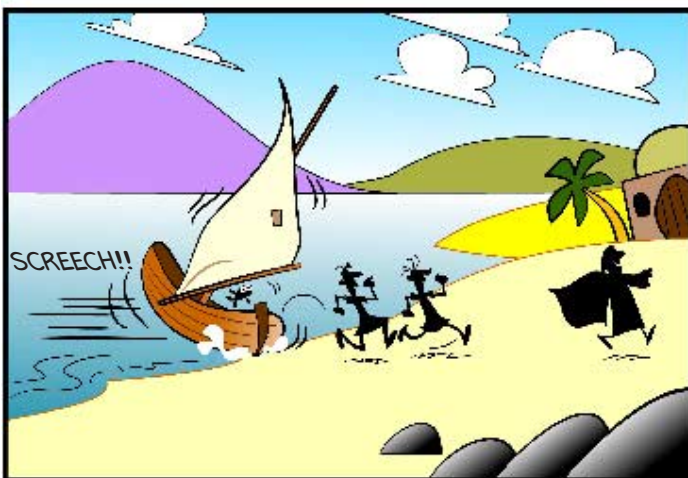




Just before Jesus asked them to forsake their fishing jobs, He was telling them about the Kingdom of Heaven (Mark 1:14-15; Matthew 4:17).

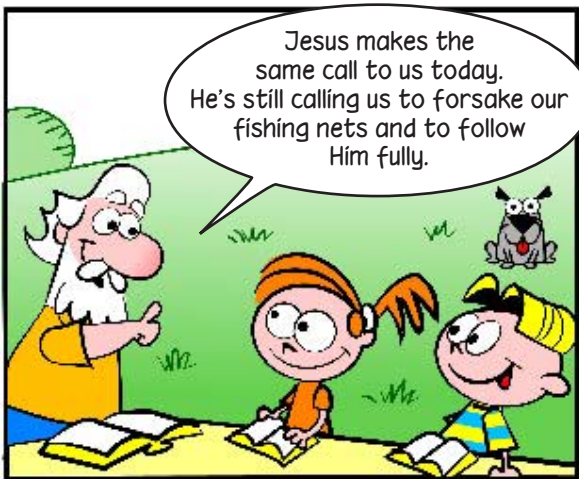


They loved what they heard, and they wanted it. They wanted the Word of God and truth that Jesus was offering them.



So when Jesus offered them a job with Him—one of fishing for men's hearts—they were eager to have it. They knew for sure He had a message they wanted.

They wanted the Kingdom of Heaven, and they knew it promised greater riches than the fishing business did—Heavenly riches. They wanted Jesus!



**J**ESUS is still calling men and women today to stop living for the things of this world, and to instead devote their lives to living for Him.



Make a list in your Word notebook of some of the people you know personally who follow and serve Jesus. What did they have to forsake in order to do this?

**W**HAT IF James and John, and Peter, and Andrew had decided to keep fishing? They could have answered Jesus' call to them with—

We'll come listen to You preach, because we like what You say.

But when You're not preaching, we'll keep fishing. It's our business. It's our way of life.



**W**HAT IF Matthew hadn't quit his job as a tax collector?

50 shekels!

NEXT!

TAXES  
PAY  
HERE

ROMA



**W**HAT IF the disciples had decided to keep working at their jobs, and to only listen to Jesus when they had extra time?

One, two, three...

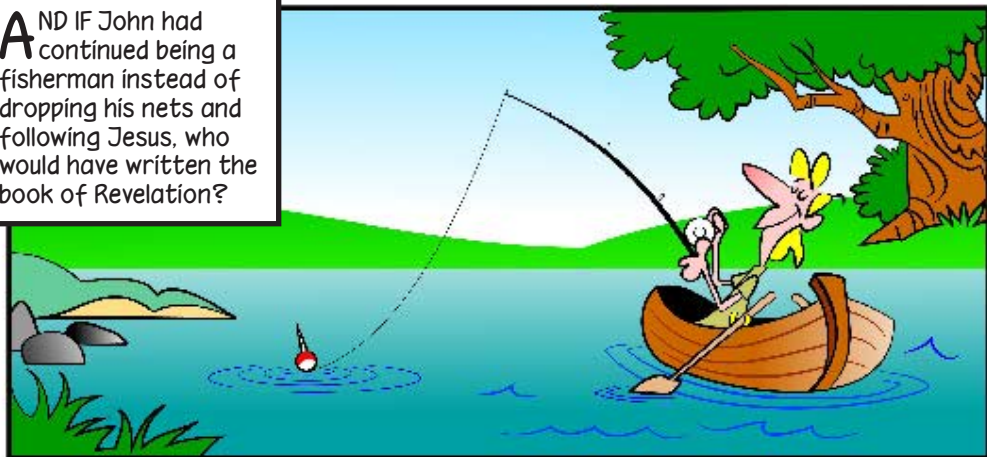
We'll be with You in a bit, Master!

Do you think the world would have heard of Jesus?

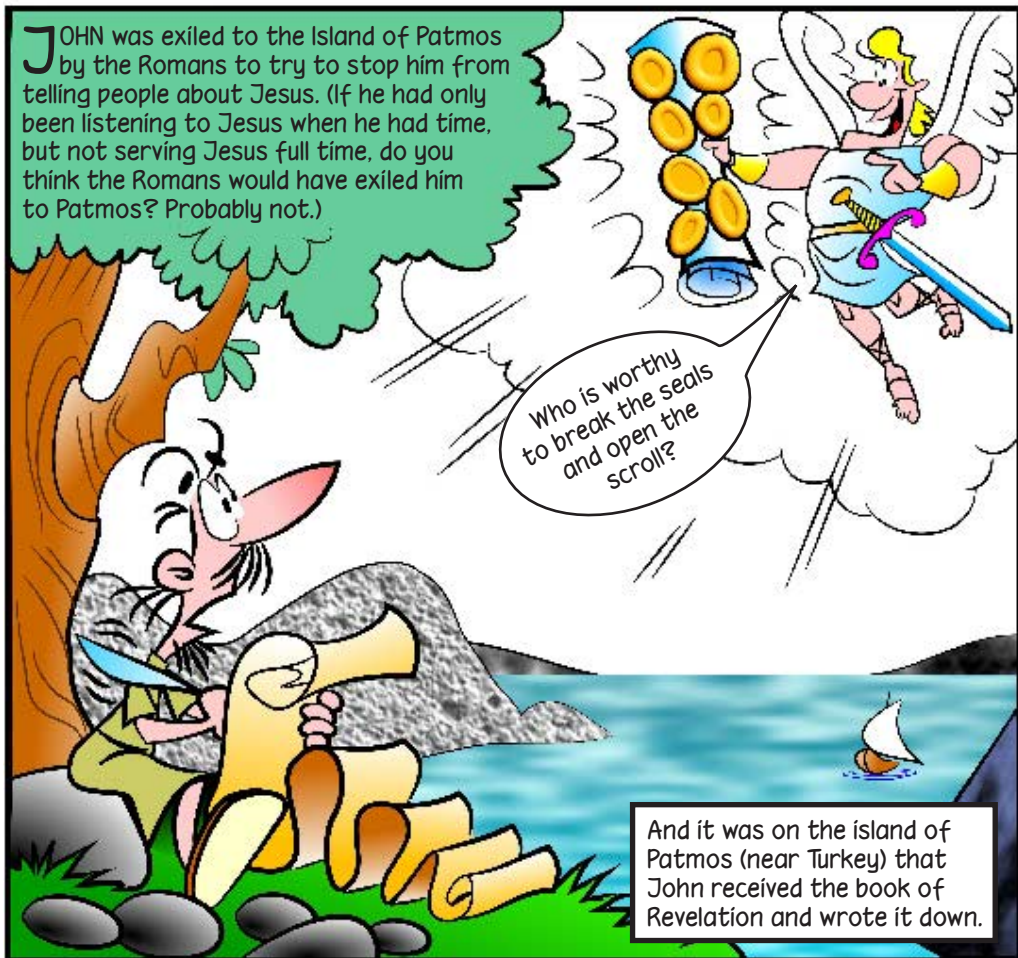




**A**ND IF John had continued being a fisherman instead of dropping his nets and following Jesus, who would have written the book of Revelation?



**J**OHAN was exiled to the island of Patmos by the Romans to try to stop him from telling people about Jesus. (If he had only been listening to Jesus when he had time, but not serving Jesus full time, do you think the Romans would have exiled him to Patmos? Probably not.)



And it was on the island of Patmos (near Turkey) that John received the book of Revelation and wrote it down.



**W**E also wouldn't have the book of Acts if Peter and Paul, and the other disciples had just kept working at their jobs full time. There wouldn't have been all of those exciting witnessing adventures to write about. Just think what we wouldn't have today if the apostles hadn't left their former jobs and ways of life behind and followed Jesus fully.

All ye that dwell at Jerusalem, hearken to my words!

PRAISE GOD!

SAUL! SAUL!

RUMBLE!

We're free!

RUMBLE!

Hallelujah!

Find three witnessing adventures in the book of Acts, and retell the adventures in your own words, or write a short story about them.

LET'S SEE what would have happened if Matthew had said:

Lord, I like collecting taxes because I make a good living doing this.

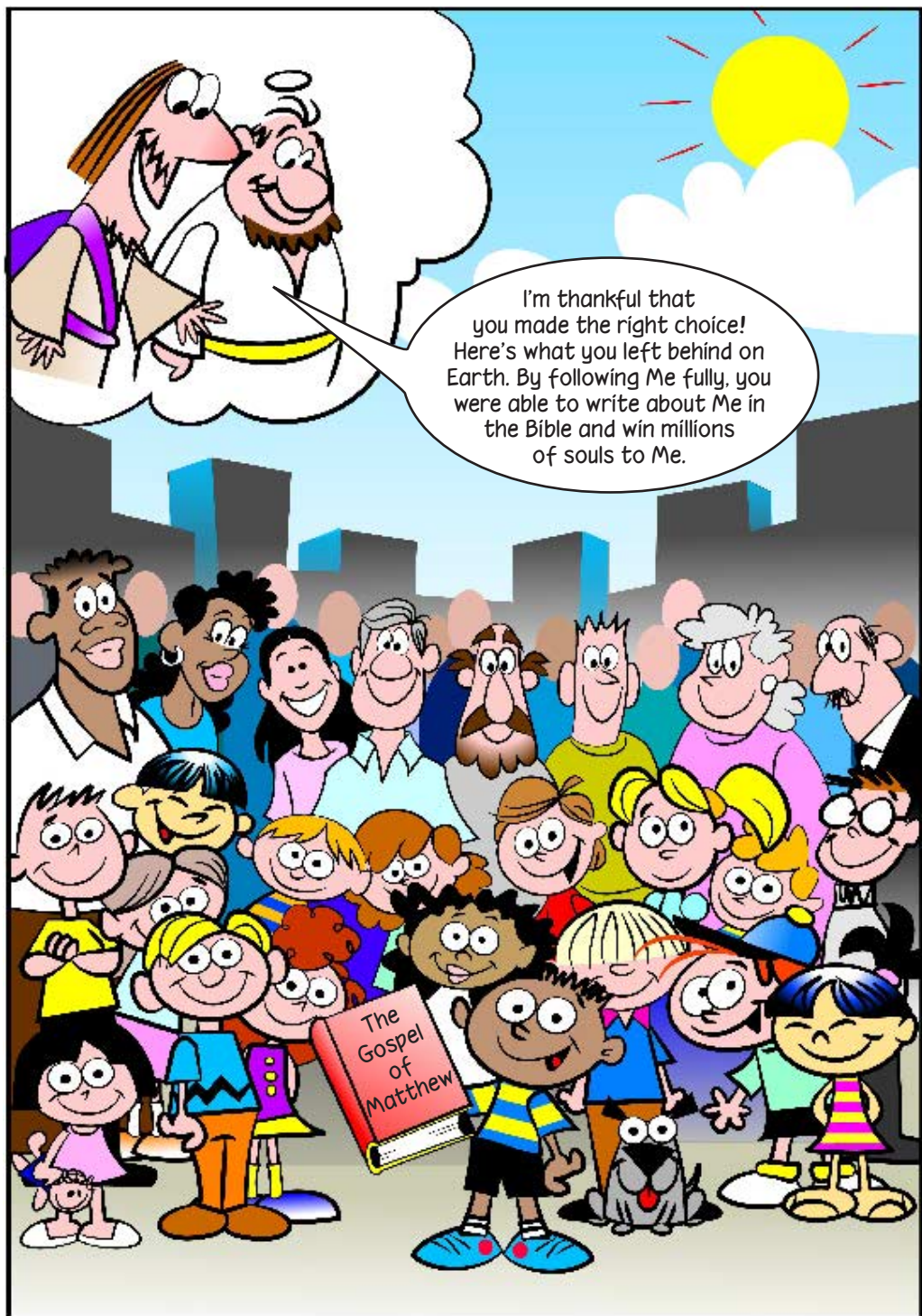
So I'm going to keep my job as a tax collector, but I'll come see You on the weekends.



Here's what you would have left behind if you had continued being a tax collector.

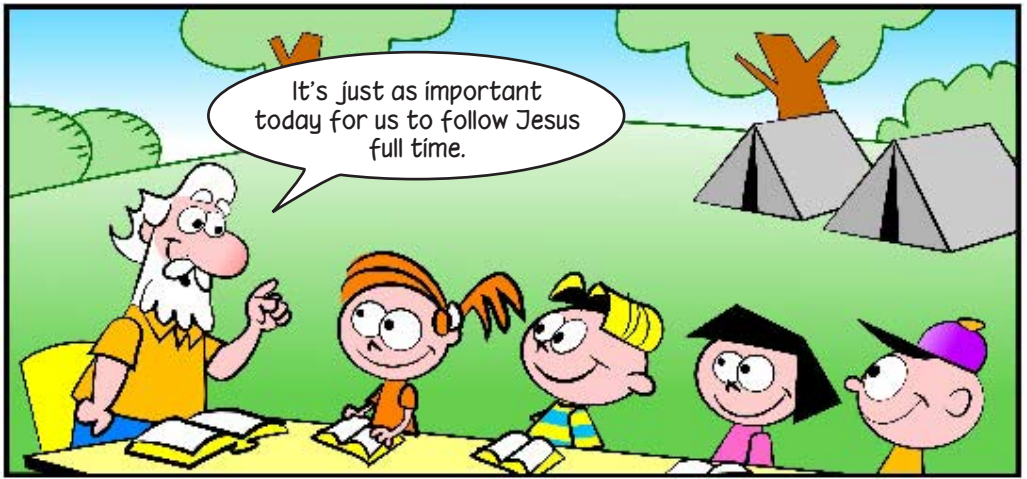
Just think what would have happened if you had lived for yourself. Many souls wouldn't have come to Me.



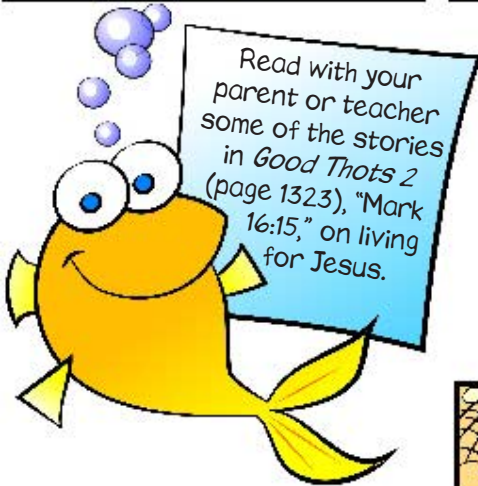
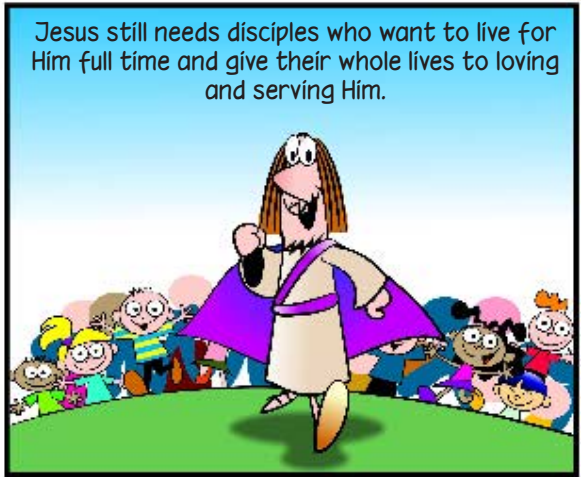


**N**OW let's look at what rewards Peter, Andrew, James, and John would have had if they hadn't followed Jesus' call to them, and had only listened to Him when it was convenient.





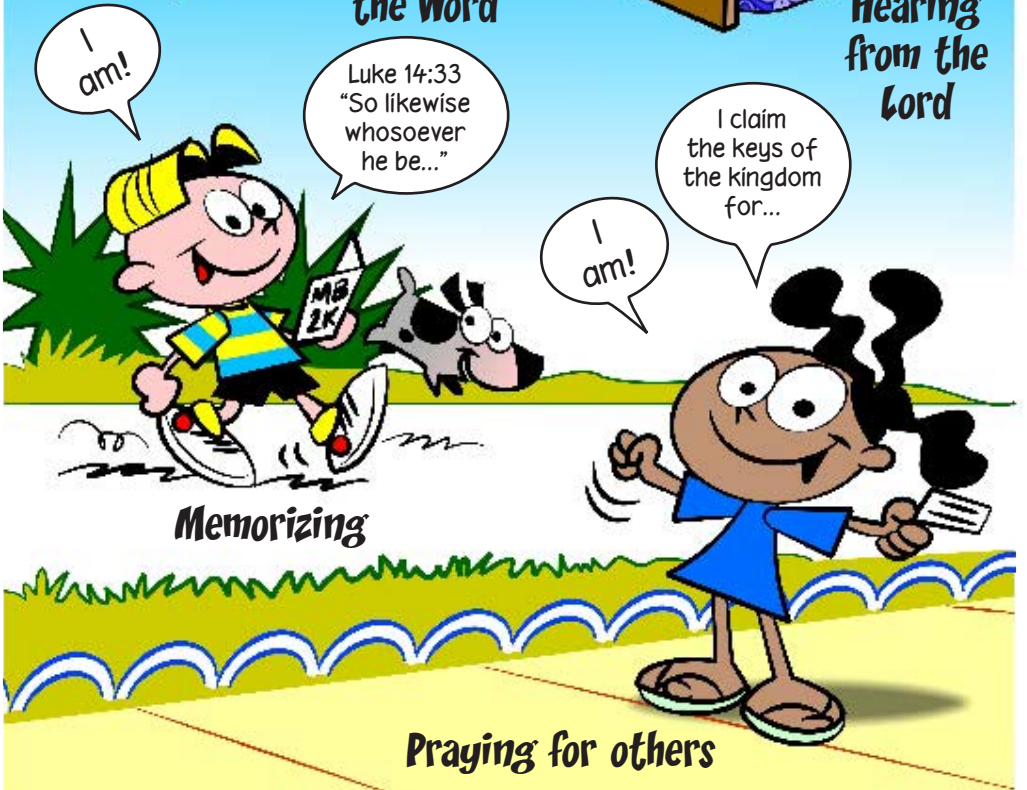
There are billions of people today who need to hear about Jesus.



There are many nice Christians who know Jesus, who believe Jesus and have Him in their hearts. Jesus loves and is thankful for them. But Jesus especially needs those who are willing to drop their nets—in other words, drop out of their jobs, and give their full lives to telling others about Him.



# Are you training to Be a



# full-time Disciple for Jesus?



Doing scholastics



Cleaning your room

More reading of the Word



**Passing out tracts**



**Helping with Bible studies or classes for Activated meetings**



**Learning to greet people, courtesy, manners**



**Praying with someone to get saved**