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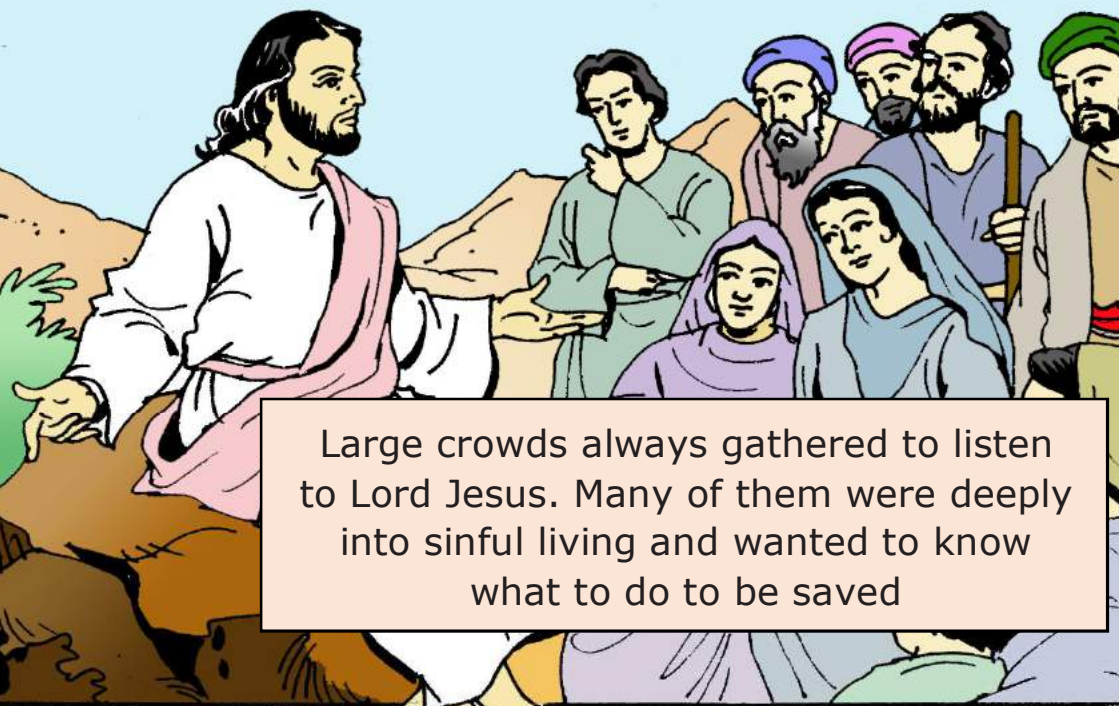


SOME STORIES NARRATED BY THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
2000 YEARS CONTAIN SUCH HEART TOUCHING AND
ABIDING TRUTHS THAT THEY HAVE FASCINATED
EVERYONE -- INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE NOT
FOLLOWERS OF LORD JESUS.

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FORM TO BRING THIS STORY TO MODERN READERS.

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Large crowds always gathered to listen to Lord Jesus. Many of them were deeply into sinful living and wanted to know what to do to be saved

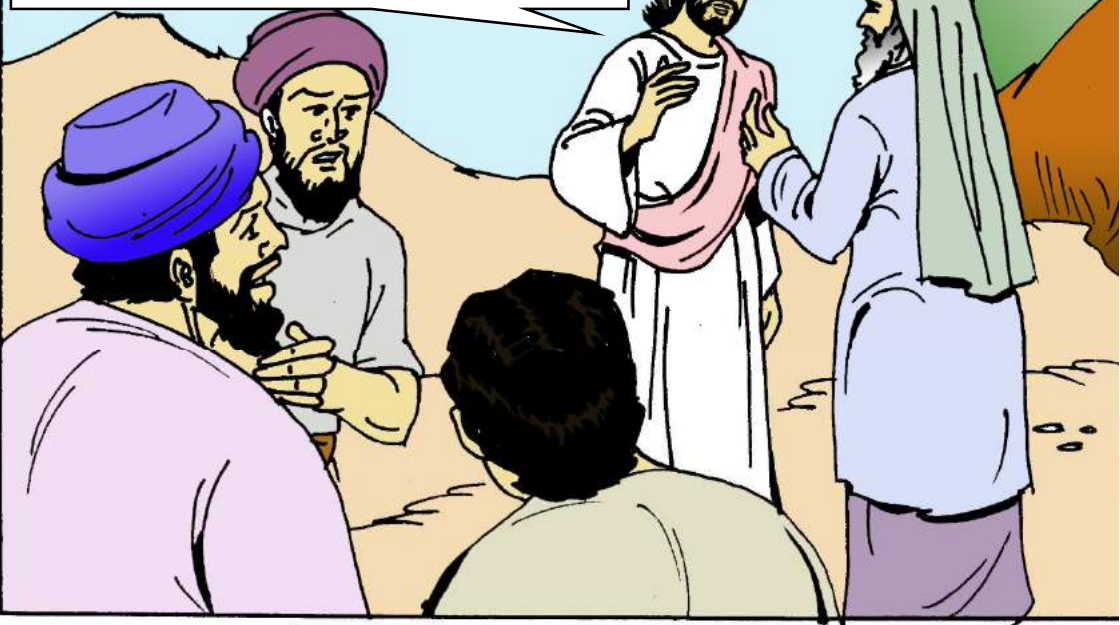
He should stop mingling with the scum!

O Great Teacher, You should not be seen in the company of sinners

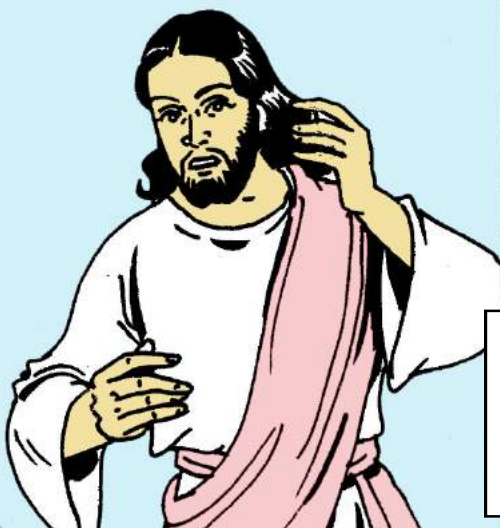


Jewish Leaders were very unhappy about this!

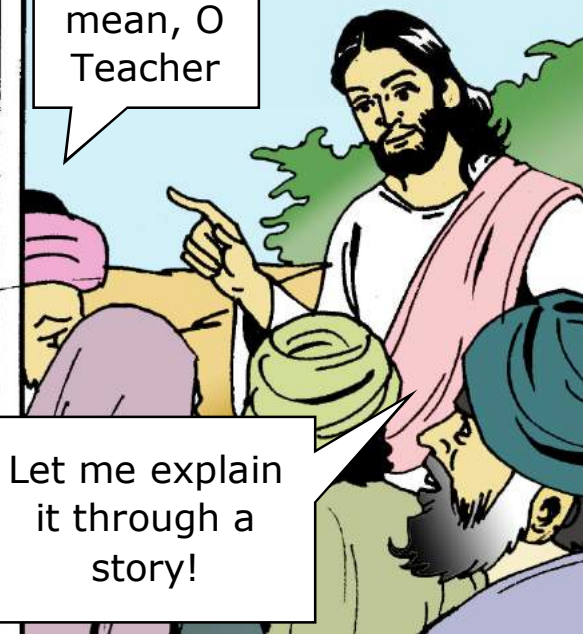
I have come to seek and
save sinners, not to avoid
them.



People are lost in sin.
What they need is
salvation, not rejection



What do
you
mean, O
Teacher



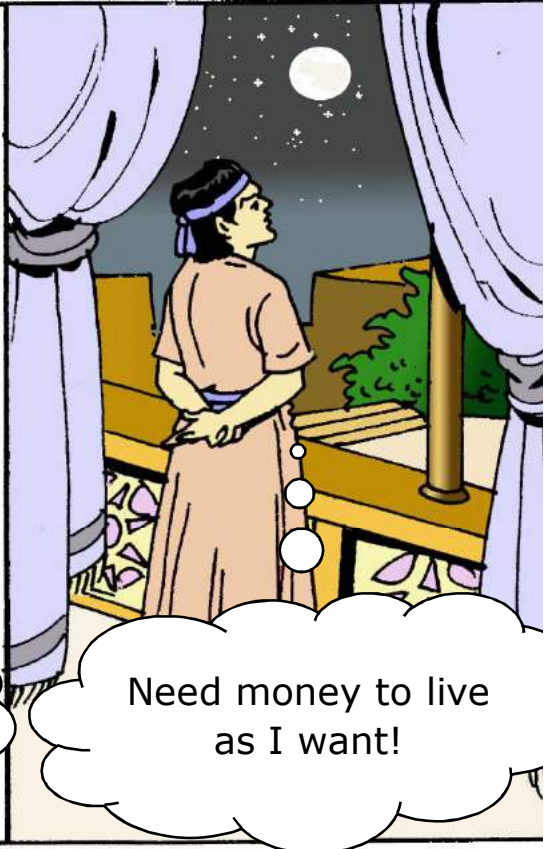
Let me explain
it through a
story!



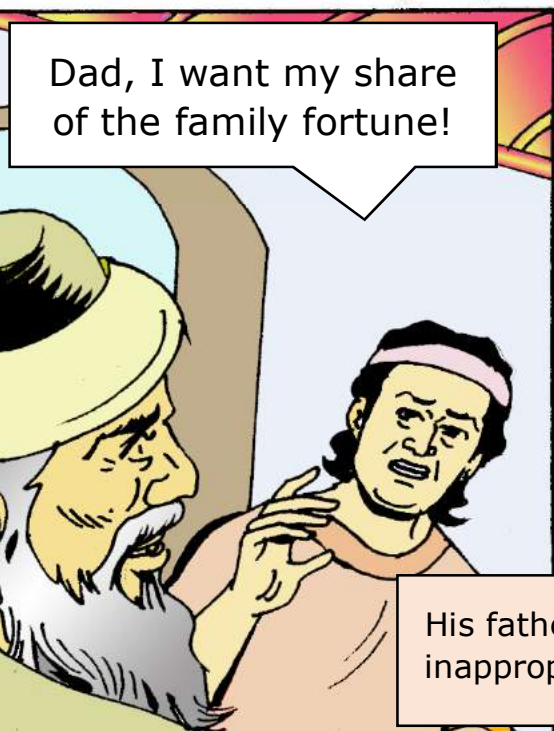
There was a very rich man who often had feasts with his family.



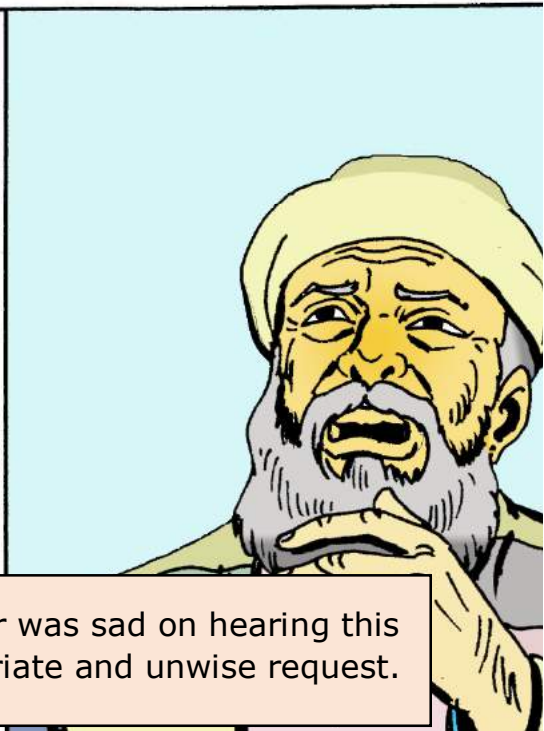
Must have feasts like this with my friends!



Need money to live as I want!



Dad, I want my share of the family fortune!



His father was sad on hearing this inappropriate and unwise request.



Okay, I will give you your share!



Now I can live as I please!



I hate living under this roof. I must escape fast from here.



Soon he sold his share and prepared to leave with the wealth.

Please don't leave!



Mom, I need freedom

Brother, do not desert us!



I do not need anyone to advise me!

Don't leave us brother.

Get lost. I'm no longer your brother!



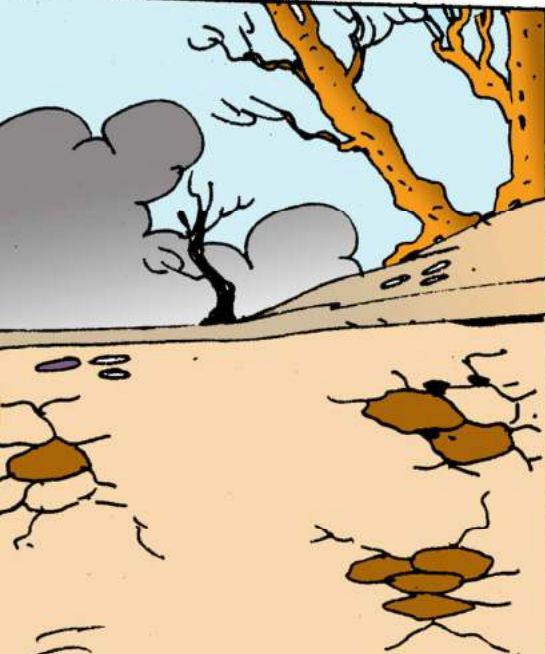


He gathered his riches and left for a distant land, unmindful of his dad's tears.



In a distant land he lived as he pleased. Many gathered around him to enjoy his riches.

His money was soon exhausted in revelry.



There was a famine. Food became scarce. He was starving.

Please give me something to eat, Sir!



Poor people started to beg.

The prodigal begged
many for a job.



Sir, I am starving. Please
give me a job!

I already have
too many men!



They wanted only my
money, but not me.



His friends said they did
not need a beggar friend!



Looks like a
pig-keeper.



I'm ready to accept even
this detestable job.



A servant approaches
the owner



My lord, the pigs
have multiplied
much. We need
extra hands.

We now need at least one more person.



The prodigal approaches the pig-owner

Please give me a job sir!



I will offer you a job. Have we met before?

I am an alien, Sir!



Oh, so you are the rich alien young man!
What happened to your riches?

He narrated his whole story to the rich man.



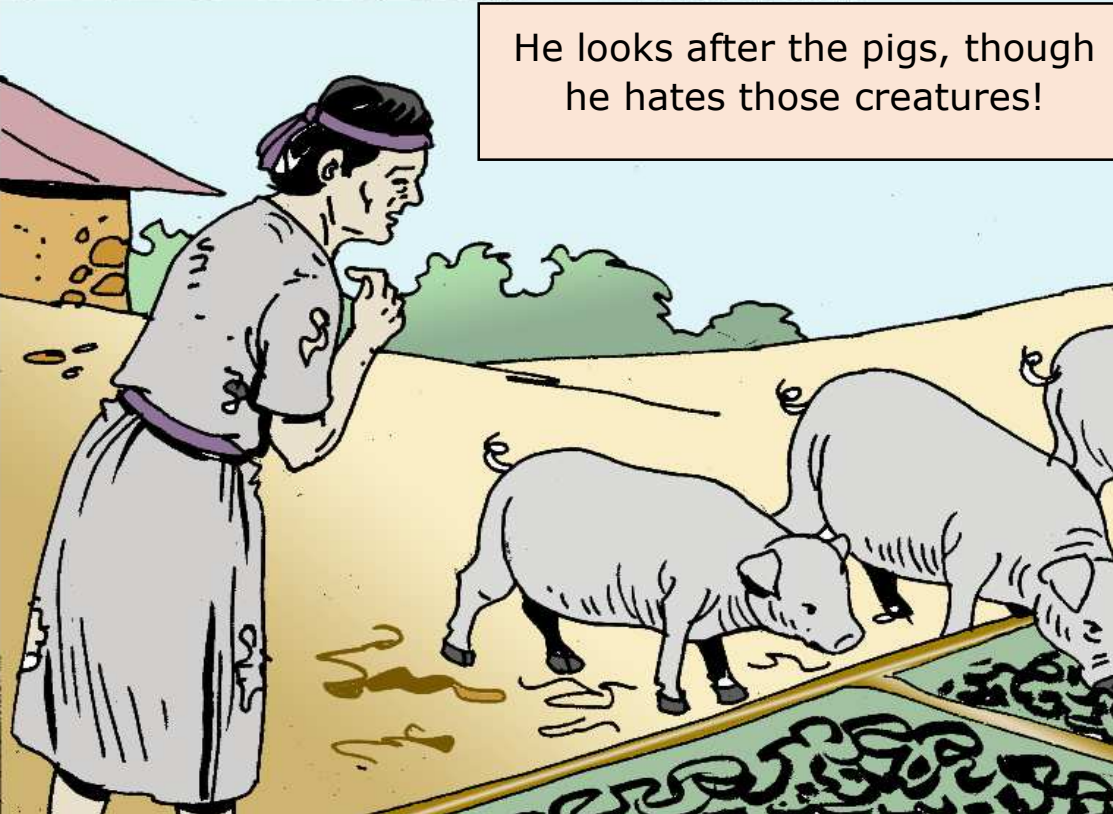
I lost it all. I am left with
neither money nor friends.



Can you look after pigs?



He looks after the pigs, though
he hates those creatures!



The stench there
overwhelms him.



Even the drinking water
was awful.



Won't they give us food?



Overcome by hunger, he tried to eat the food of pigs

Seems he was hungry for
a long time!



The owner was furious when he heard about it.



Fellow-servants also became abusive.



My father's servants have
so much food they throw
it away!



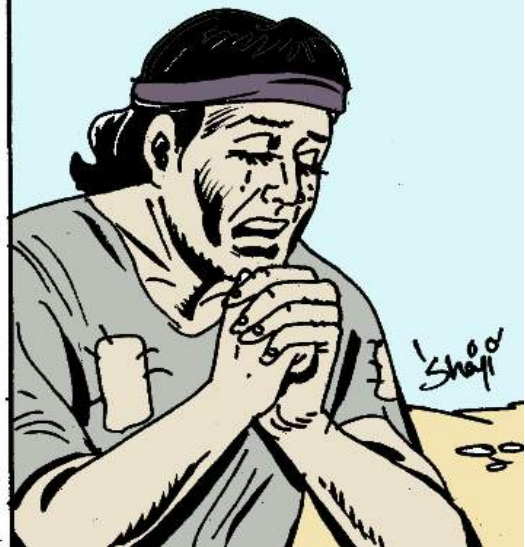
I am dying of hunger. I
must go back.



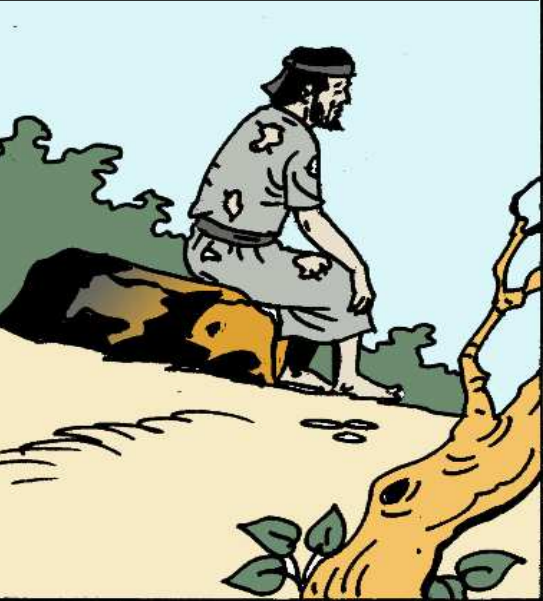
I will confess. I will plead
for pardon and compassion



After he forgives me, I
will plead that I be
made his servant.



After reflection he feels
this is the best course.



I cannot continue.
Master, I am leaving.



Where will you go in the
midst of this famine?



It is a long way from
here, but still I will walk
back to my father's
place.



Looks like a beggar, but the way he walks looks familiar!



Oh, that is my beloved son!



His father rushed to him in a great hurry!





He embraced his filth-covered son, and wept with joy.

He was awed by his father's response.



Father, I have sinned
against you and God. I
am not worthy to be
called you son.



Bring the best clothes,
sandals, and a ring for
my son.



He was quickly arrayed in
the best clothes.



New sandals and a ring
to designate his status.

Prepare a big feast.



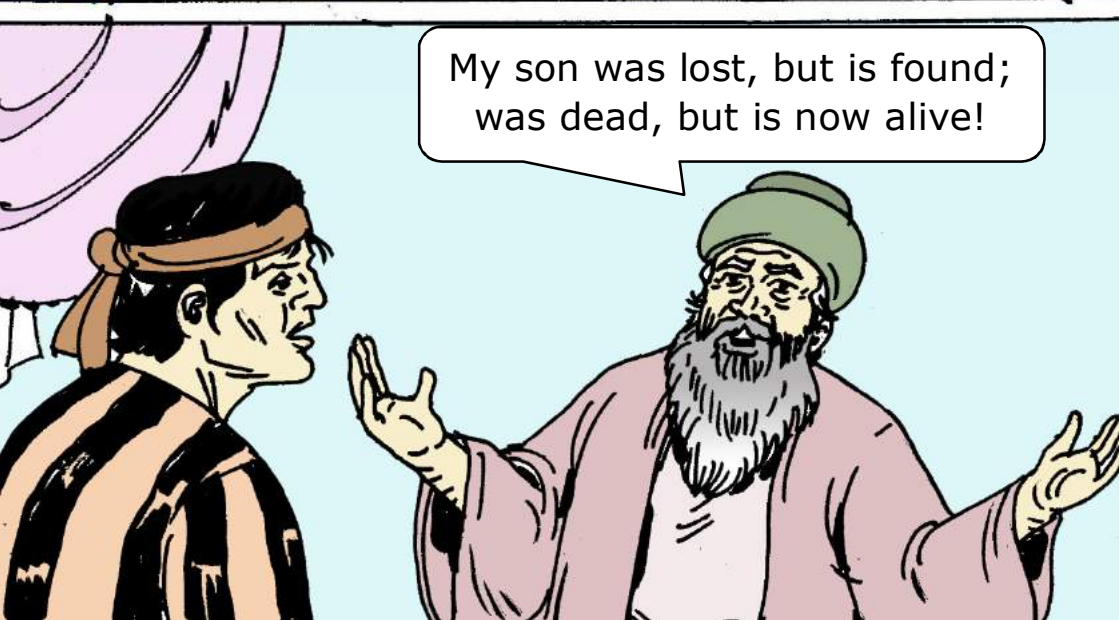
The BEST of everything!

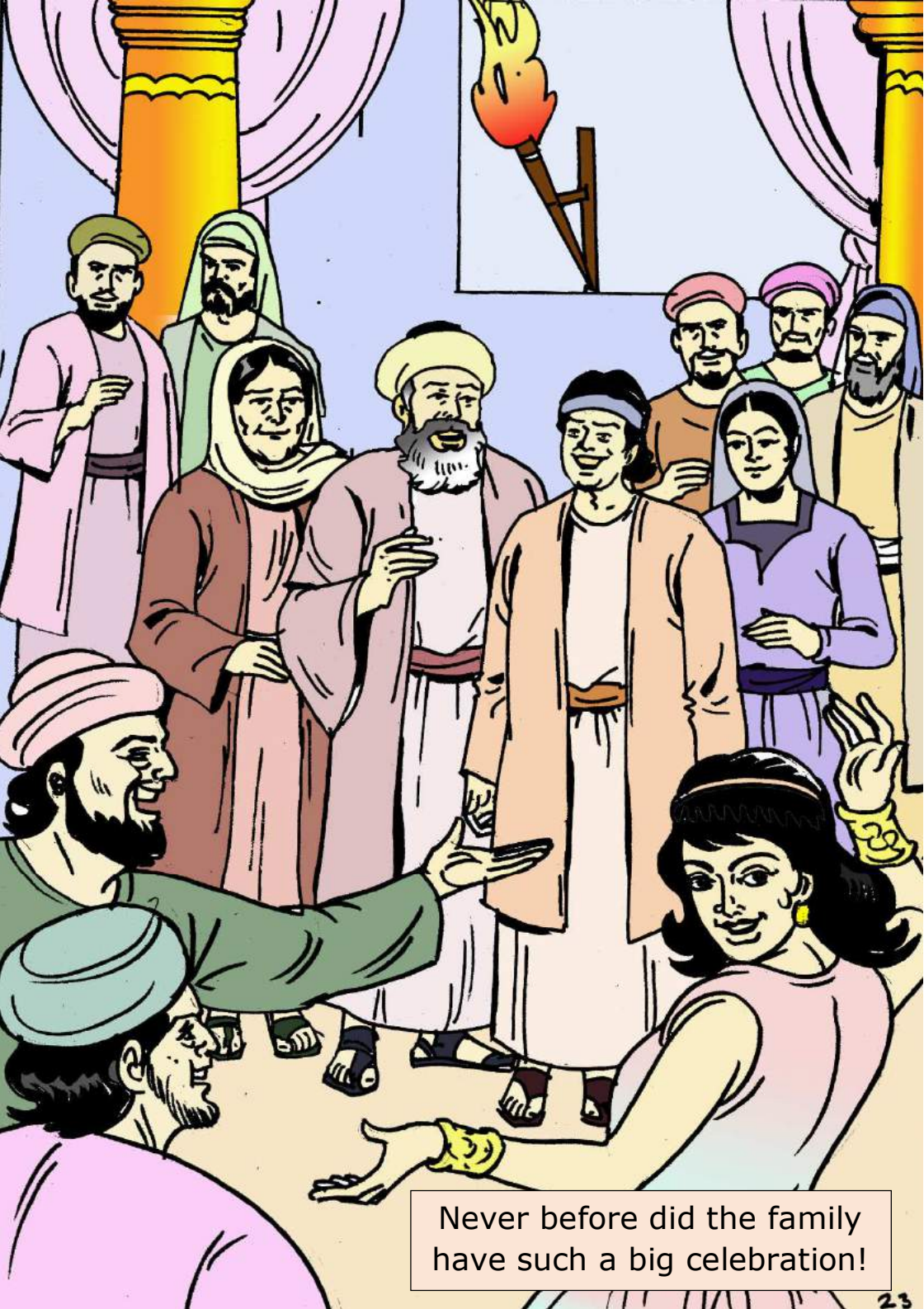


The BEST possible grape juice!



My son was lost, but is found;
was dead, but is now alive!





Never before did the family
have such a big celebration!

On his return from the fields the elder brother heard all this noise.



What kind of celebration is going on?



He called a servant out.

The father went out to plead with him.

I have been serving you for long without disobedience!



On hearing this the elder brother became furious and refused to enter the house.

But you never gave me the smallest thing to celebrate with my friends.



When this son who squandered all your property in the most



evil way came back, you arranged a feast?

Son all what I have is yours. Your brother who would be lost forever if we reject him.



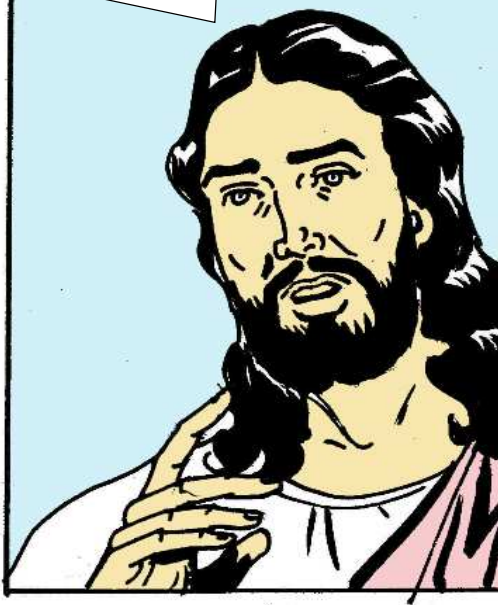
We need to redeem the lost. We need to celebrate their return.



I have come to the world to save sinner, not to destroy them.




I will welcome every repentant child.



Repent and come unto me, I will give you salvation.



On hearing this story, the people who had asked Jesus to avoid the company of sinners understood that they were behaving like the elder brother. They also understood that Lord Jesus had come to save those who were lost in sin. They also understood that anyone who returns to the Heavenly father will find the door wide open.



Each one of us has gone astray in one thing or other. What is more, ALL of us have gone away from God by sinning. However, God in His love is waiting for us to return to Him.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son (Jesus) so that whosoever believes in Him might not perish but might have Eternal Life” (Bible, John 3:16).

Please consider the above statements carefully!

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