
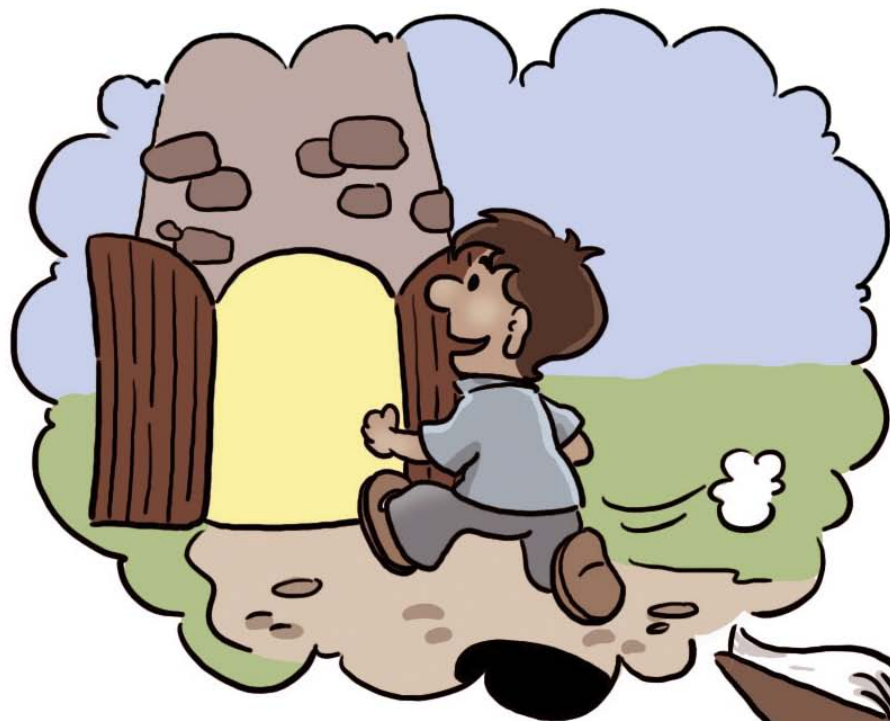


The Protective Tower



The name of the Lord is a
strong tower: the righteous
runneth into it, and is safe.

(Proverbs 18:10 KJV)



Jesus,
how do I run
into Your strong
tower?



Hi
there!

You can
run into My tower
by asking Me for help,
as well as by obeying your
parents and following the
guidance I give you
through them.



Why does this Bible promise say that I should run into Your tower?



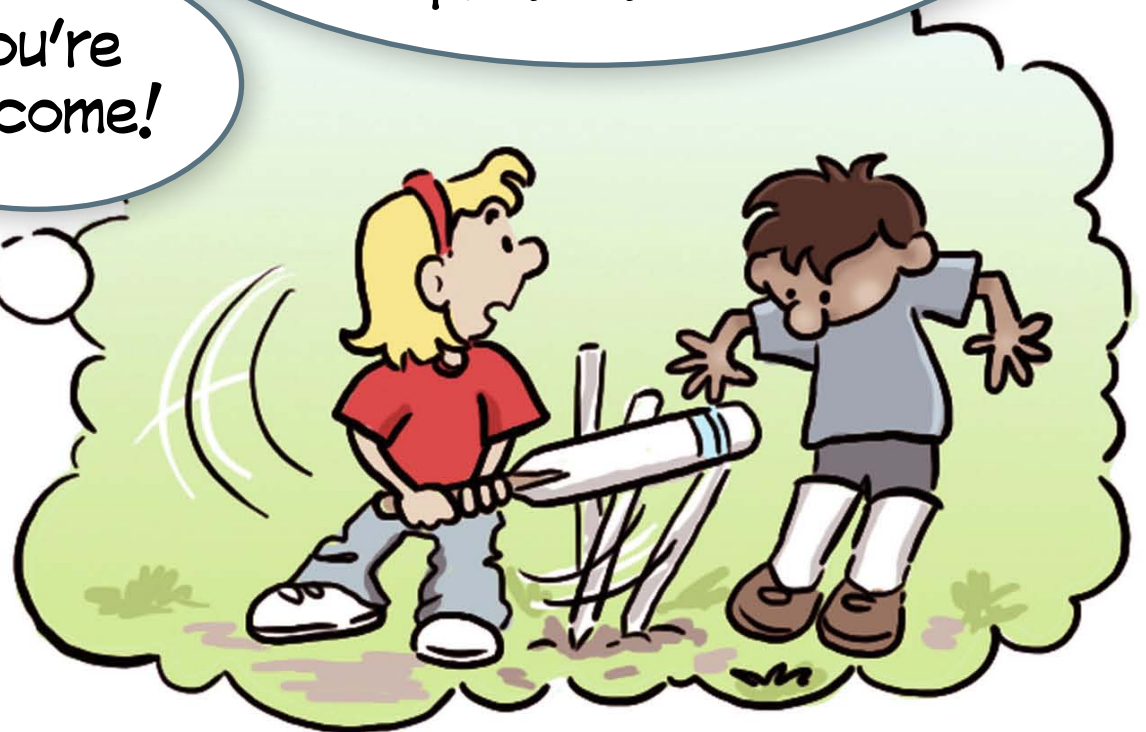
Aren't You
all powerful and
capable of protecting
me wherever I am, even
if I don't come to You
for protection?

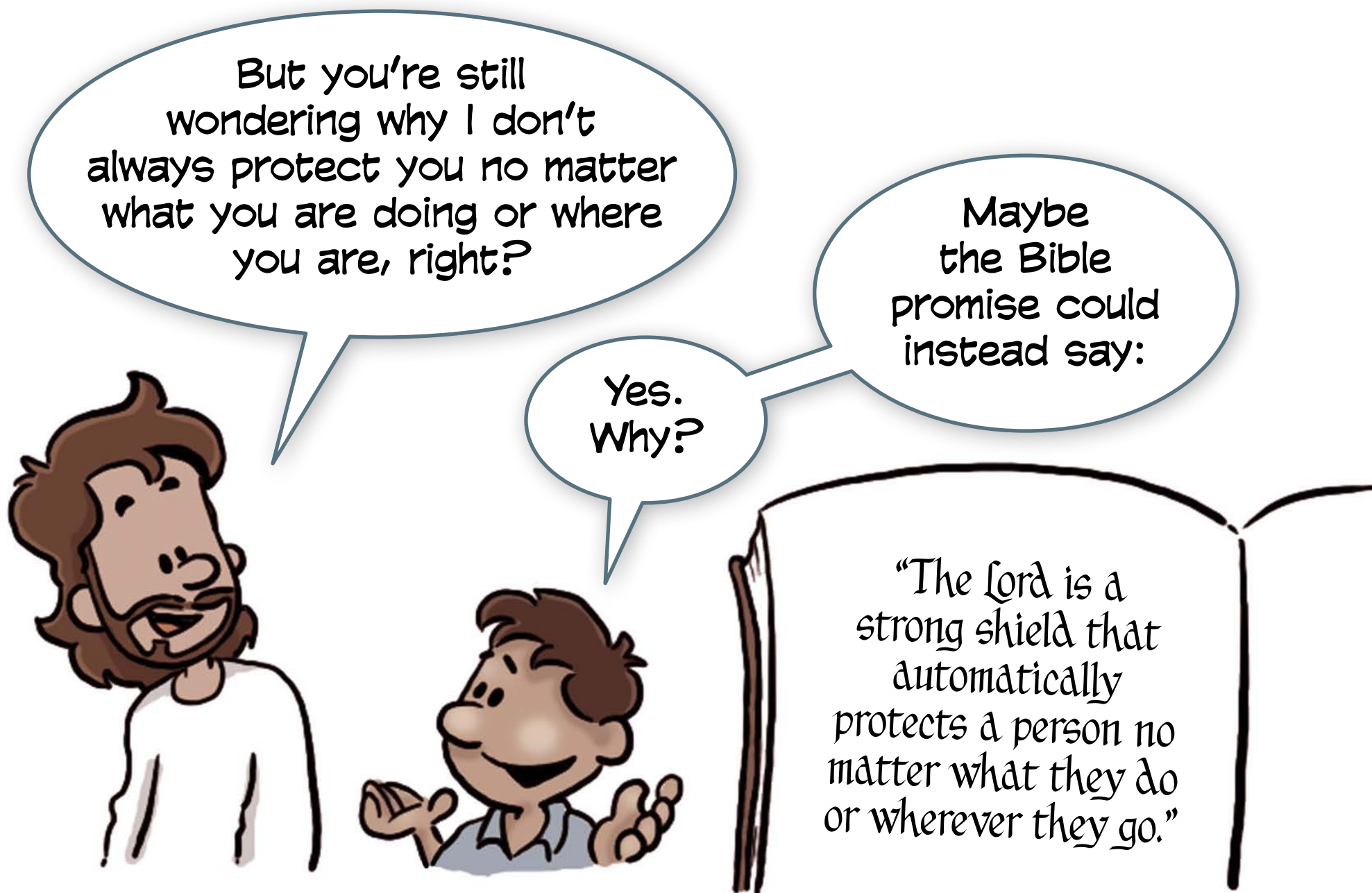


I often do protect you, even when you haven't asked Me to.

That's true. Like yesterday I forgot to pray before playing cricket, and I almost got hit by the striker's bat. Thanks for protecting me then, even though I hadn't asked You for protection.

You're welcome!





But you're still wondering why I don't always protect you no matter what you are doing or where you are, right?

Yes. Why?

Maybe the Bible promise could instead say:

"The Lord is a strong shield that automatically protects a person no matter what they do or wherever they go."





So if you are balancing on one foot on the railing around the top of a 10-story building, you want Me to protect you even if you are doing something that's unwise?

Well, I don't think I'd do something that crazy.





Or you probably want Me to keep you healthy even if you decide to eat mostly ice cream, cake, and candy, and seldom eat fruits and vegetables?



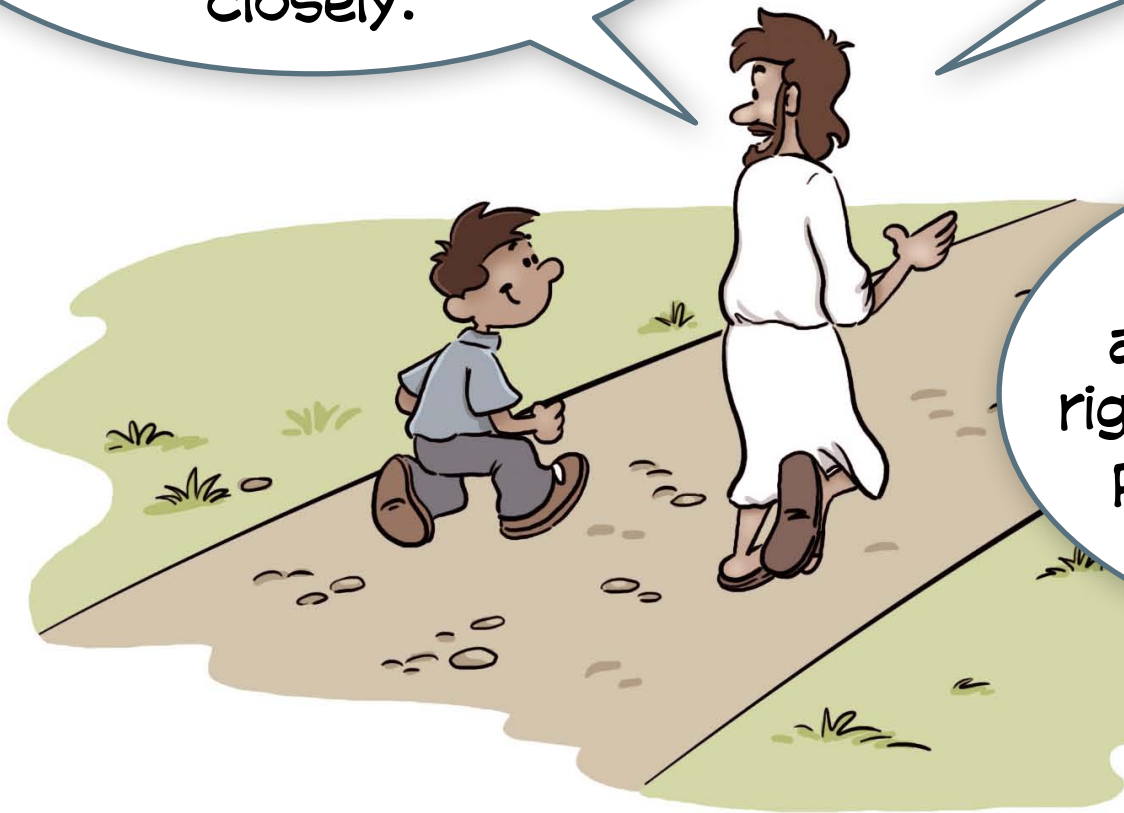
Hmm, that might be nice. Then I could eat all sorts of sugary sweets every day, and still stay healthy.



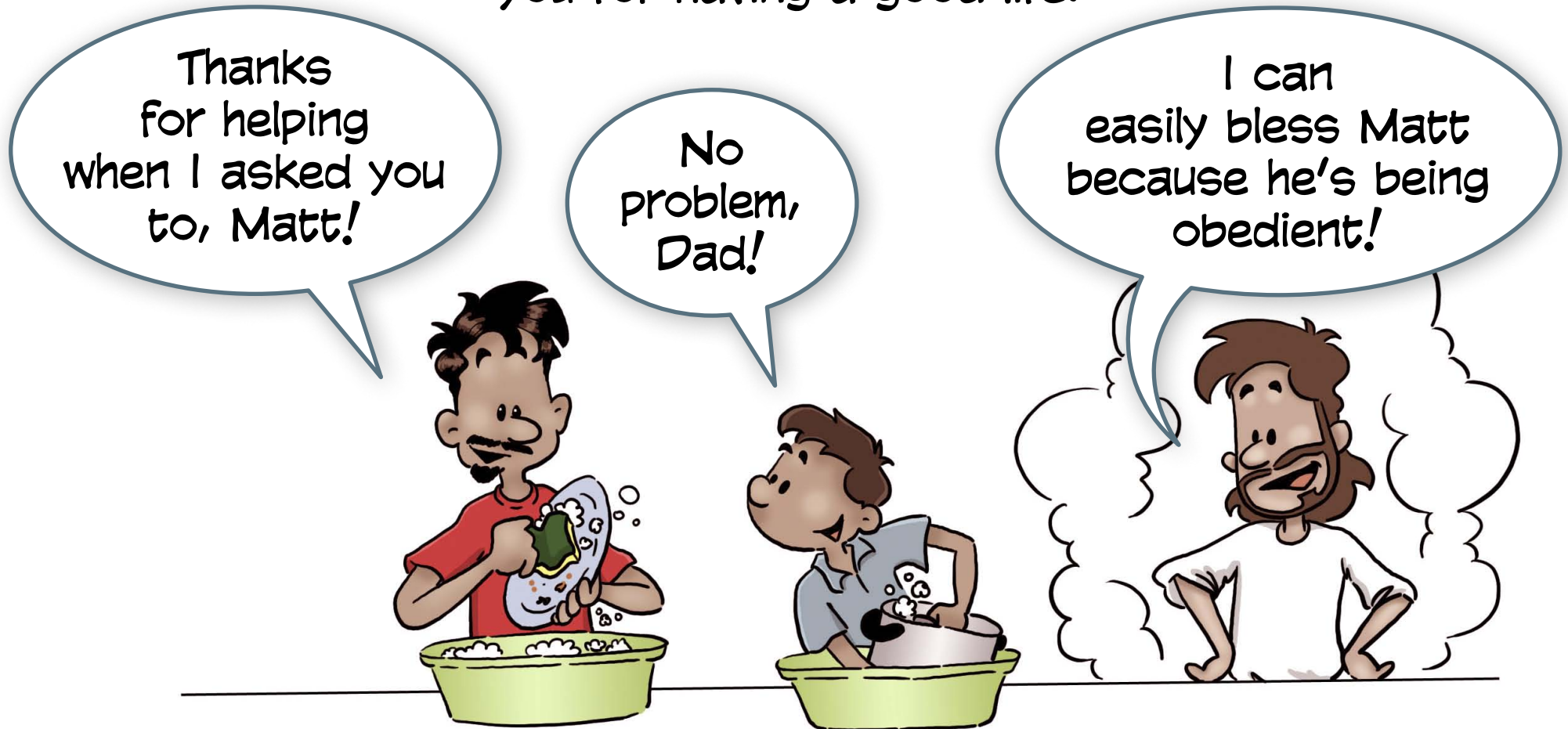
There's a reason that the promise says you have to *run* into My tower. That's because it's important for you to follow Me closely.

When your parents or I tell you something that you should do or not do, it's for your own good.

You need to make an effort to be in the right place to receive My protection—you have to come to Me.



And that means you need to do your best to obey what your mother and father or I ask you to do, and follow the instruction given to you for having a good life.



When you obey and follow closely, you have greater faith that I will take good care of you.



An example
is how I got over
that cough I had a month
ago. I had been eating my
fruits and vegetables and
not filling up on sweets,
and You blessed me by
healing me.

In that
case you
were obeying by
eating right.



And also, I've been
thanking You for my
food before I eat.



I know,
and I love hearing
those words of
gratitude!



Another point to remember is that I'm the God of miracles! So when you are close to Me, you are in the place where miracles can happen.

Oh, it's exciting to think about it that way!





Thanks
for Your
answers, Jesus!
I love You!





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