## NEAR TO GOD

"I AM THE VINE, AND YOU ARE THE BRANCHES. IF YOU STAY JOINED TO ME, AND I TO YOU, YOU WILL PRODUCE PLENTY OF FRUIT" (JOHN 15:5 ERV).

WHEN YOU (THE BRANCHES) ARE ATTACHED TO JESUS (THE VINE), THEN HIS LOVE WILL FLOW THROUGH YOU IN YOUR INTERACTIONS WITH OTHERS.

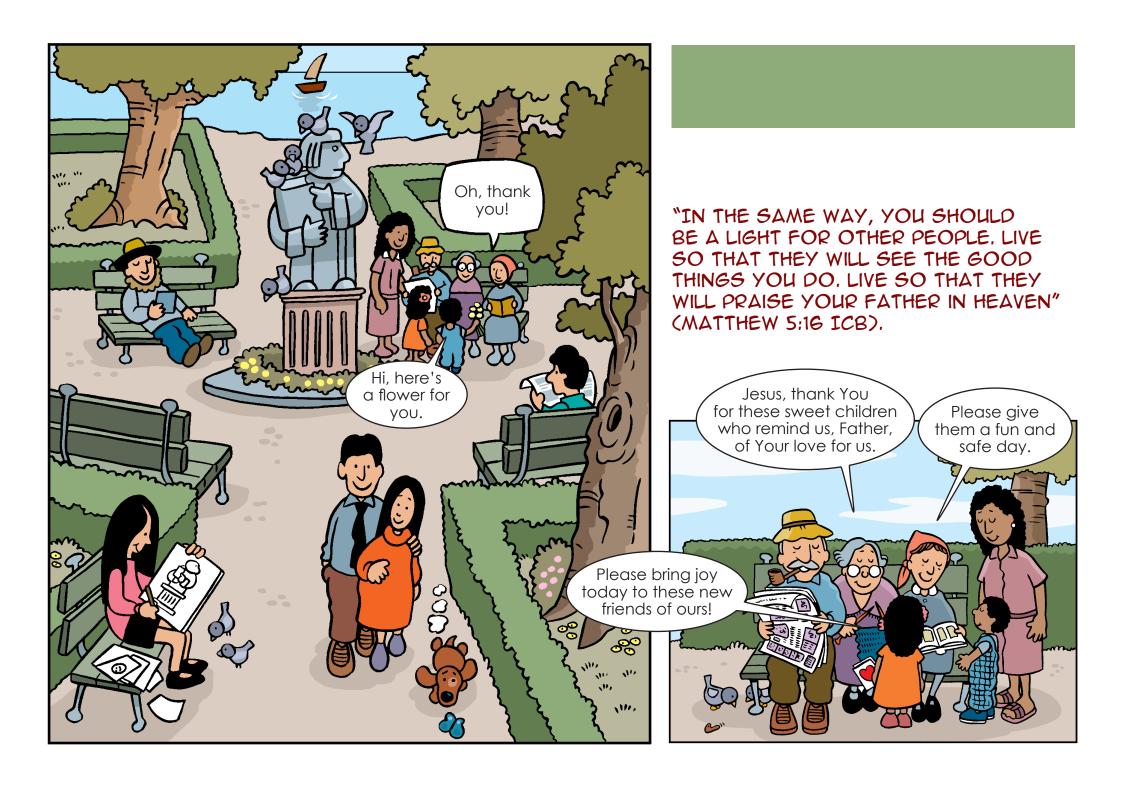
"THEY DELIGHT TO DRAW NEAR TO GOD" (ISAIAH 58:2 ESV).

"I WILL TEACH YOU AND GUIDE YOU IN THE WAY YOU SHOULD LIVE. I WILL WATCH OVER YOU AND BE YOUR GUIDE" (PSALM 32:8 ERV).

Please bless our time at the park.

Help us show kindness to those we meet like You did to the woman You met at the well.

(See <u>John 4:5–30</u>.)



THE CHILDREN THEN WENT TO THE PLAYGROUND, WHERE THEY ENJOYED PLAYING WITH OTHERS.

"BE FAIR TO OTHER PEOPLE. LOVE KINDNESS AND LOYALTY, AND HUMBLY OBEY YOUR GOD" (MICAH 6:8 ERV).

CAN YOU THINK OF WAYS THE CHILDREN MADE OTHERS HAPPY?

- THEY ENCOURAGED THE PEOPLE ON THE BENCH.
- THEY MADE FRIENDS AT THE PLAYGROUND.

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES HAPPIER? A KEY TO DOING SO IS TO DRAW CLOSE TO JESUS. WHEN YOU ARE CLOSE TO JESUS, HE CAN THEN MAKE YOU A BLESSING TO THE OTHER PEOPLE YOU INTERACT WITH DURING THE DAY.

"DRAW NEAR TO GOD AND HE WILL COME NEAR TO YOU" (JAMES 4:8 ERV).

"MY CHILDREN, OUR LOVE SHOULD NOT ONLY BE WORDS AND TALK. OUR LOVE MUST BE TRUE LOVE. AND WE SHOULD SHOW THAT LOVE BY WHAT WE DO" (1 JOHN 3:18 ICB).

