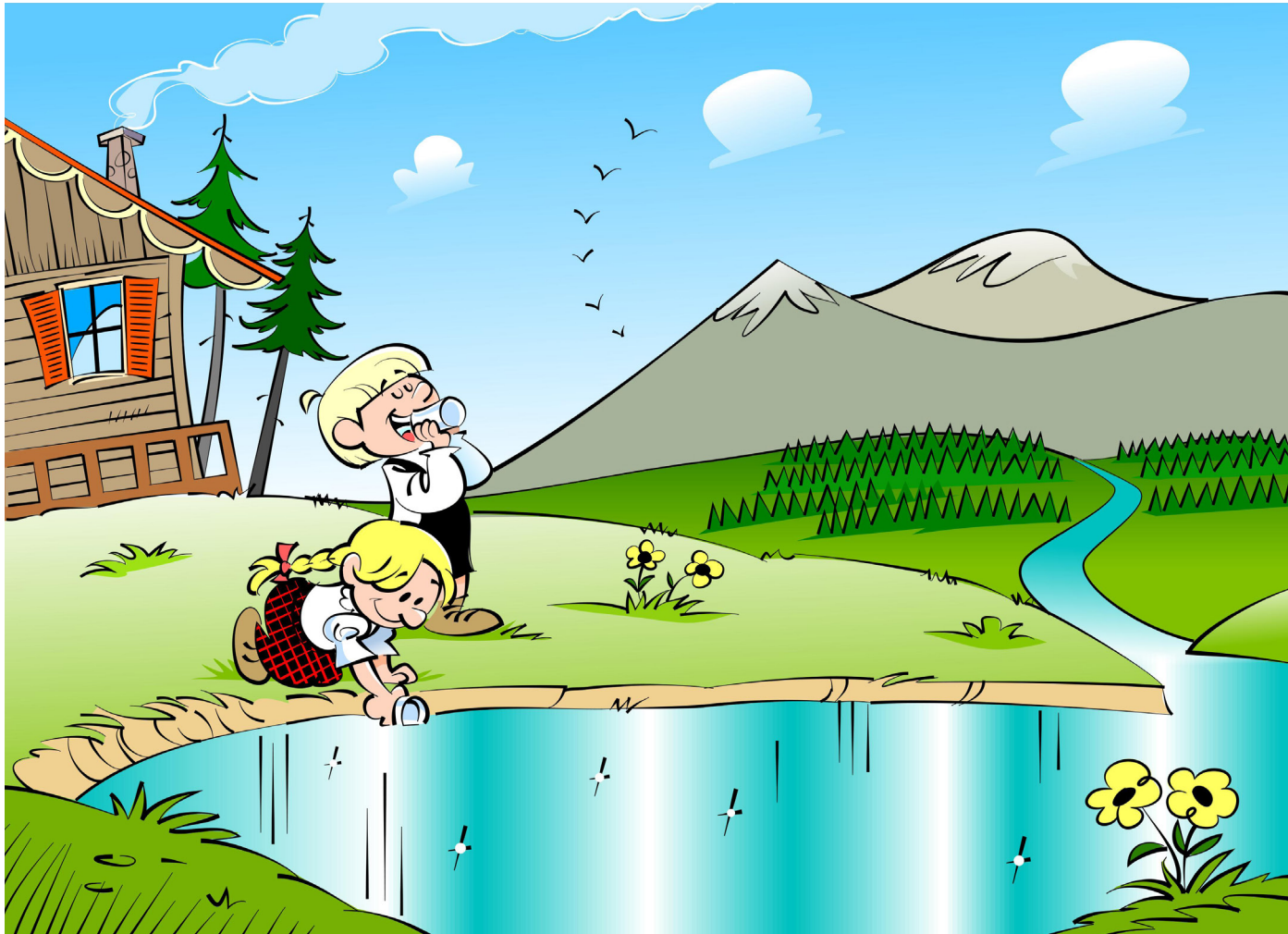


CRYSTAL-CLEAR WATER

IMAGINE IF YOU LIVED NEXT TO A BIG MOUNTAIN LAKE THAT WAS FULL OF REFRESHING CRYSTAL-CLEAR WATER THAT YOU COULD DRINK FROM WHENEVER YOU WANTED. THAT WOULD BE QUITE A TREAT! HAVING THE FREEDOM TO READ GOD'S WORD WHENEVER YOU WANT—WHENEVER YOUR HEART OR SOUL IS IN NEED OF REFRESHMENT—IS LIKE LIVING NEXT TO THAT LAKE.



GOD'S WORD FILLS THE THIRSTY SOUL AND BRINGS NOURISHMENT TO THE HEART. THE BIBLE SAYS: "GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HIS UNFAILING LOVE AND HIS WONDERFUL DEEDS FOR MANKIND, FOR HE SATISFIES THE THIRSTY AND FILLS THE HUNGRY WITH GOOD THINGS."¹

ANOTHER WONDERFUL THING ABOUT GOD'S WORD IS THAT YOU CAN ALSO SHARE IT WITH OTHERS. YOU CAN OFFER YOUR FRIENDS A DRINK FROM THAT REFRESHING MOUNTAIN LAKE. WHEN YOU SHARE GOD'S WORD WITH SOMEONE, IT'S AS IF YOU ARE SHARING A GLASS OF GOD'S REFRESHING WATER WITH THEM.



¹ Psalm 107:8–9 NIV

THE BIBLE SAYS: "RAIN AND SNOW FALL FROM THE SKY. THEY DON'T RETURN WITHOUT WATERING THE GROUND. THEY CAUSE THE PLANTS TO SPROUT AND GROW. AND THE PLANTS MAKE SEEDS FOR THE FARMER. AND FROM THESE SEEDS PEOPLE HAVE BREAD TO EAT. THE WORDS I SAY DO THE SAME THING. THEY WILL NOT RETURN TO ME EMPTY. THEY MAKE THE THINGS HAPPEN THAT I WANT TO HAPPEN. THEY SUCCEED IN DOING WHAT I SEND THEM TO DO."²

IT'S GREAT TO KNOW THAT GOD'S WORD NEVER FAILS ITS PURPOSE. IT WILL ALWAYS REFRESH THE THIRSTY SOUL AND WATER IT WITH GOD'S LOVE, COURAGE, AND HOPE.



READ JOHN 4 TO LEARN WHAT JESUS TEACHES THE WOMAN AT THE WELL ABOUT THE LIVING WORD.

JESUS ENCOURAGES US TO SHARE HIS TEACHINGS WITH OTHERS—WHETHER YOU SHARE A VERSE OR PRAYER WITH SOMEONE, OR WHETHER YOU ARE AN EXAMPLE OF HIS WAYS THROUGH YOUR ACTIONS.



² Isaiah 55:10–11 ICB

³ John 6:63 ESV