

THE Three-legged Walk

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(Jesus:) Thomas and Sara struggled to get along. It seemed there was always something for them to disagree about. The funny thing was that both of them seemed to make friends fine with everyone else.—They even shared the same friends. However, Thomas and Sara seemed to be in a constant conflict over goodness-knows-what. Watch what happens as they play a game together at a party and learn how to get along.



"Thomas, this is starting to bother me!" Sarah exclaimed in frustration. "I'm trying to go one way, but then you want to go the opposite way and we

fall."

"And what about me?!" Thomas responded.

Sarah turned her head and crossed her arms while pouting.

Thomas and Sara each had one leg in the same pair of pants, and whenever one tried to go somewhere, it seemed the other was insistent on going in the opposite direction. From the time they had each put a leg into the same pair of pants, they hadn't managed to get anywhere; they continually landed in a heap of legs, arms, and angry words.

"This is not working AT ALL!" Thomas said.

"Don't make me look like the villain," Sarah replied.

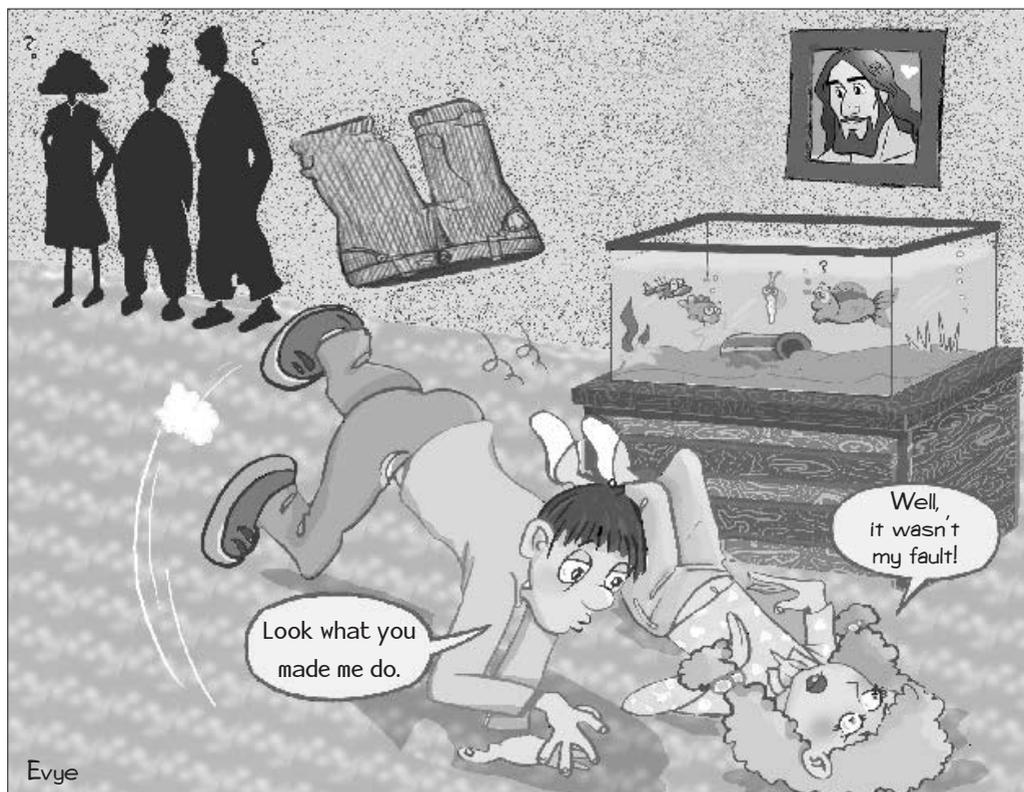
Just then two of their

friends, Matt and Karen, came strolling by. They were playing the same game as Thomas and Sarah—both had one leg in a pair of pants—but unlike Thomas and Sarah, Matt and Karen were walking along without any problems.

"How do they do that?" Sarah asked. "We keep falling all the time. It's totally frustrating."

Thomas called out to Matt and Karen, "How do you guys do it? Every time we try we just fall in a heap!"

Matt answered, "Well, we took a minute to hear from the



Lord before we started and He showed us to follow each other. First Karen takes a turn and we go her way and then I take a turn and we go my way."

"Sarah, that's great!" Thomas exclaimed. "We've been both trying to go different ways and that's why we just wind up in a heap again and again."

Sarah stood up. "So, I'm supposed to go wherever you want to go?"

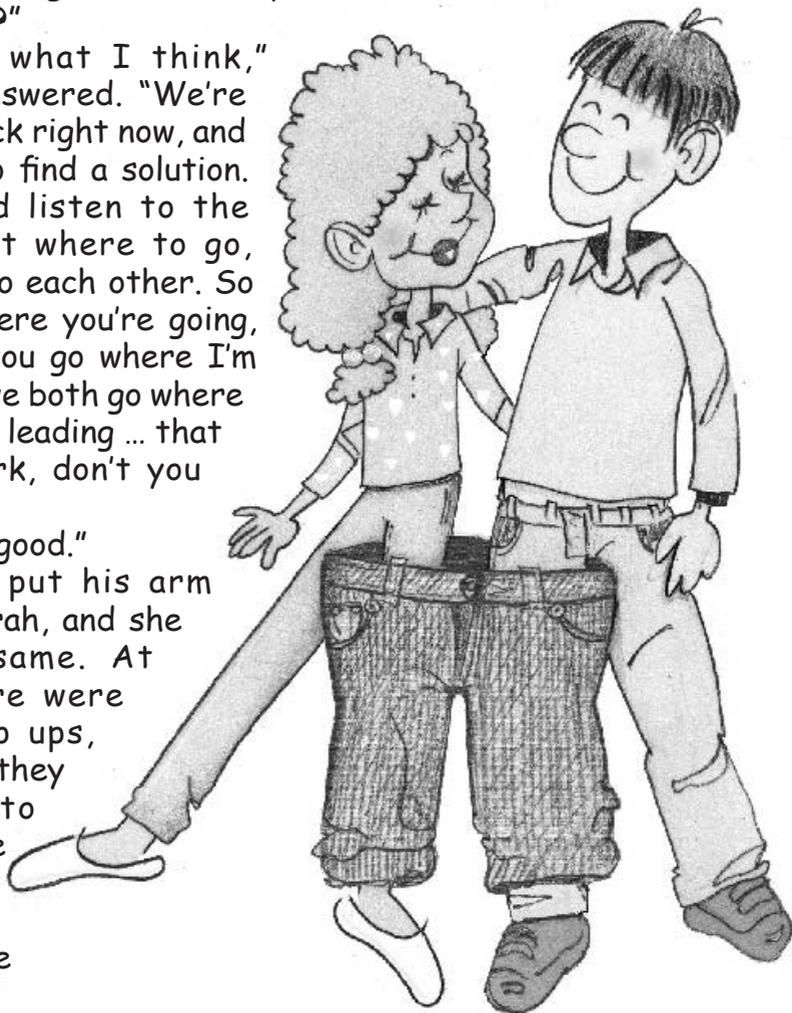
"Here's what I think," Thomas answered. "We're pretty stuck right now, and we need to find a solution. We should listen to the Lord about where to go, and yield to each other. So if I go where you're going, and then you go where I'm going and we both go where the Lord is leading ... that should work, don't you think?"

"Sounds good."

Thomas put his arm around Sarah, and she did the same. At first there were a few trip ups, but slowly they started to get the hang of it. Soon they were

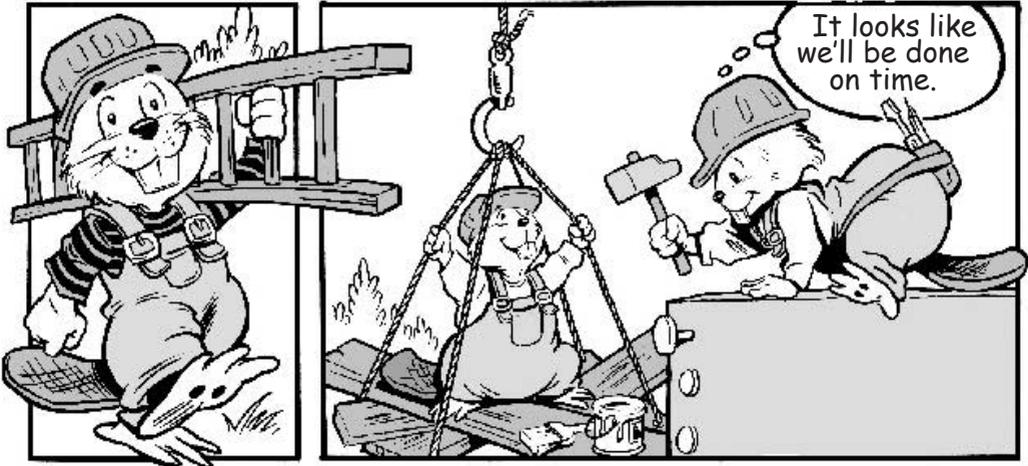
walking happily together to each other's destination, arm-in-arm.

Will you try the same with someone you find yourself in conflict with? Try being considerate of his or her needs and desires.—It may be the secret to developing a wonderful friendship.

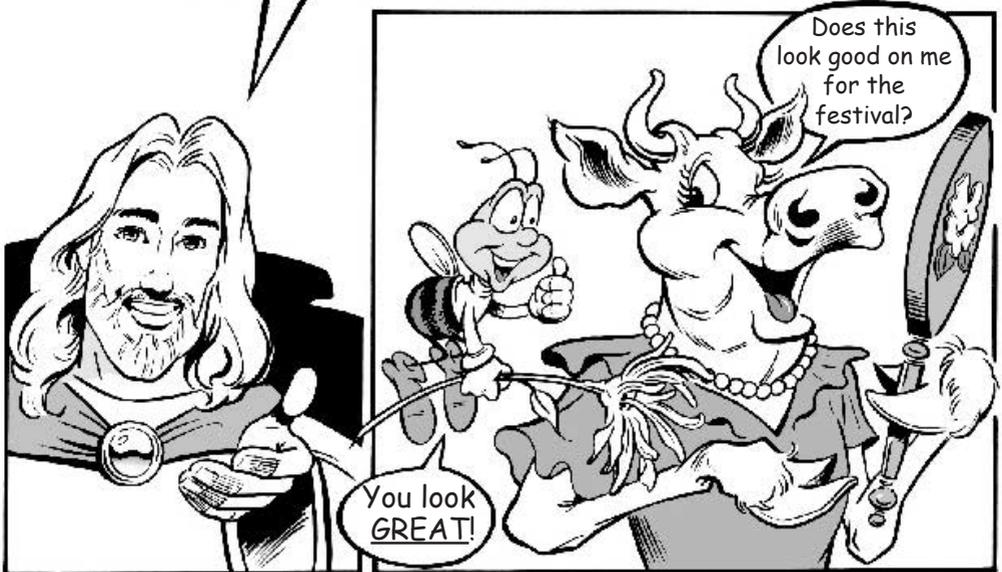


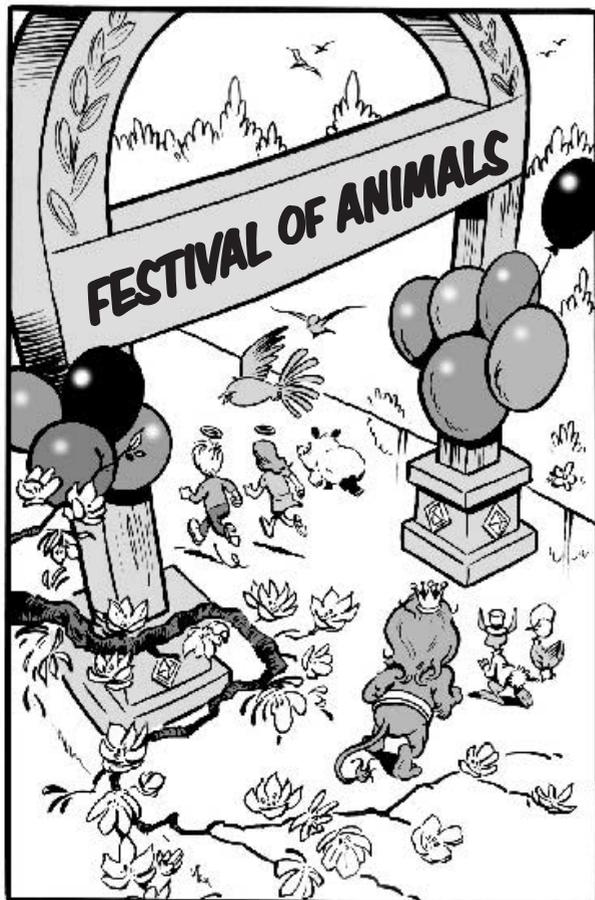
FESTIVAL OF ANIMALS!

Art by Philippe La Plume



Have you ever had an appreciation night for a group of people, like the adults or the parents and teachers, or friends? When you do, it helps you see just how special those people really are, when on a normal day-to-day level you don't really get to see much of what they do.



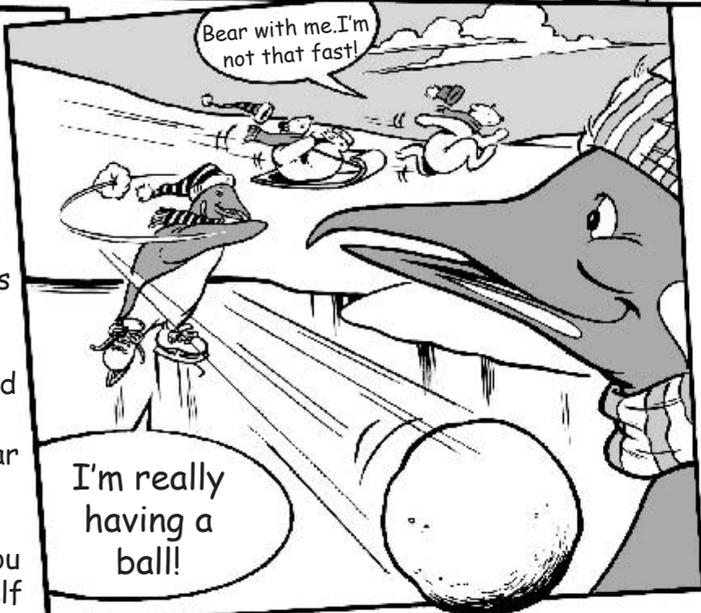


We have events like that up Here in Heaven too, and one of the most fun events is the Festival of Animals. This is the moment for My animals of Heaven to shine, and to show off their skills, talents, and the way they live.





The festival takes place all over Heaven. But with the speed of thought you can zip here and there as fast as you want. You can watch herds of wild mustangs dashing across a Heavenly prairie, and then zip to a snowy region to watch polar bears, seals, and penguins playing on the ice and snow. You can minimize yourself and find out exactly what it's like to be a ladybug.





Or you can make yourself a little larger and ride the back of a hummingbird as she uses her beak to drink nectar from a flower. You can enter the panther's den, and play with her cubs. You can frolic on the trees with the squirrels, and help them gather nuts.



And the neat thing about it all is that you can talk with the animals while all this is happening. You can find out what Heaven means to them, and how life is different for them up Here than it was on Earth.



From what I've heard of Earth, I wouldn't mind having a little romp down there sometime, though I might frighten the inhabitants there. ...



What is the question?

To be or not to be, that is the question.

Of course, there are some creatures up Here who never existed on Earth. They might even seem like aliens to you. But they're all Here, all part of the action. Every creature of nature I ever created is invited to take part in this festival.



It's a day to honor the kingdom of creatures I have designed to keep man company, and to add more life to the worlds I've created. Man is very special to Me, but animals have their place in My heart as well. Once you've been to a Festival of Animals, you'll understand why.

