

J-O-Y—For Making Decisions!

I Can Hear from Jesus—Part 4



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When you ask Me a question, how can you be sure that what you hear is from Me, and not your own thoughts?

You speak first!

Yes, that's right. I speak first.



Jesus, I have a question.



Yesterday when we were outside, Kevin wanted to play basketball, but I wanted to go swimming.



Jesus, can we go swimming?



Yes.



But Mommy heard from You too, and she said to play basketball first and swim later. Did Mommy or I get the wrong answer?



Both you and your mommy heard from Me.

See, this is what happened...



Your mommy asked
for My will above all, so
she put **Me** first.

Who knows what
J-O-Y stands for?

J = Jesus,
O = Others,
Y = You.

That's right.

You see,
your mommy put
Me first.

J is for
Jesus.

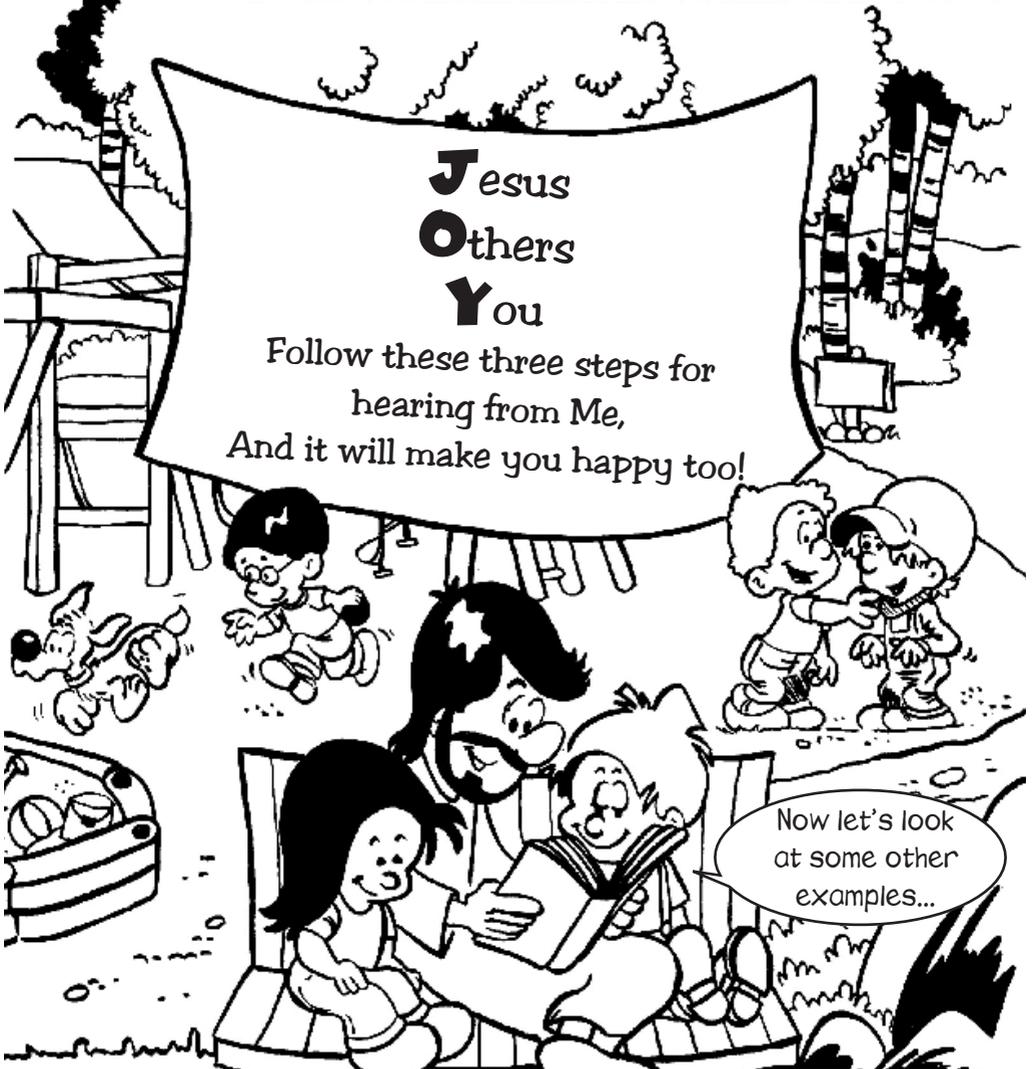
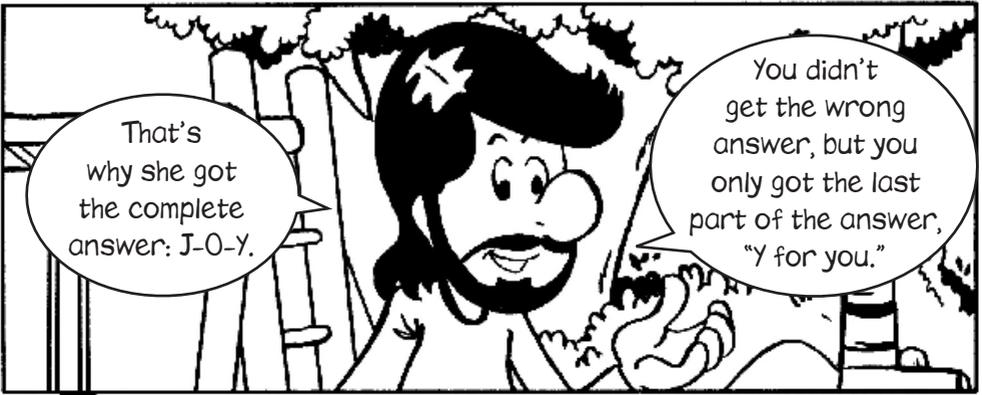
And she
asked Me what
was best for you.

O is for
others.

And last
of all, she asked
about what she
wanted.

Y is for you.







I don't want to nap! I'm not tired.

You need to rest, Nick.

I'll go to bed early tonight. Okay?

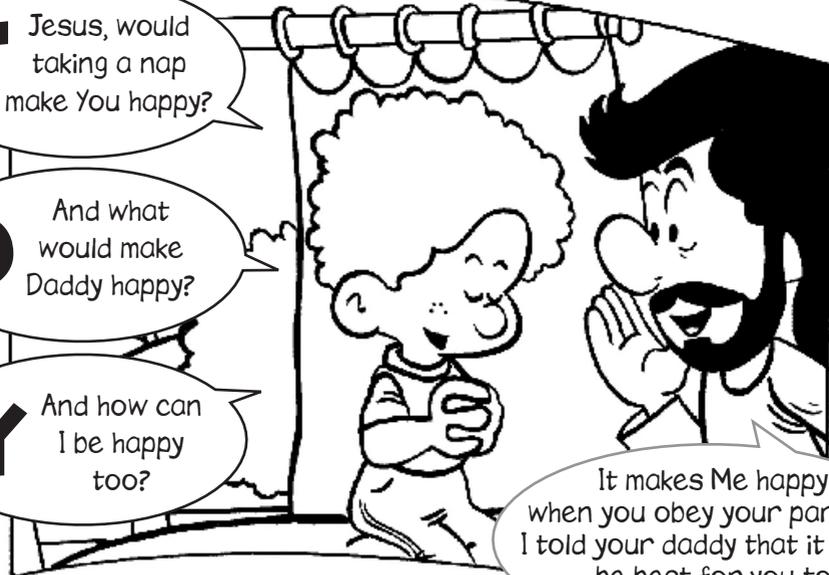
Some friends and their kids are coming tonight for Bible class.

It will make me happy if you take a nap, so you aren't tired tonight. Let's ask Jesus what is best.

J Jesus, would taking a nap make You happy?

O And what would make Daddy happy?

Y And how can I be happy too?



It makes Me happy when you obey your parents. I told your daddy that it would be best for you to take a nap.



Later that night...

Thank You, Jesus, my friend got saved! I'm so happy I took a nap.

Yes, it pays to listen to Jesus!

Let's look at another example...



Let's go outside.

It's raining outside. Since you have a cold, it would be better to play indoors.

But I want to play outside!

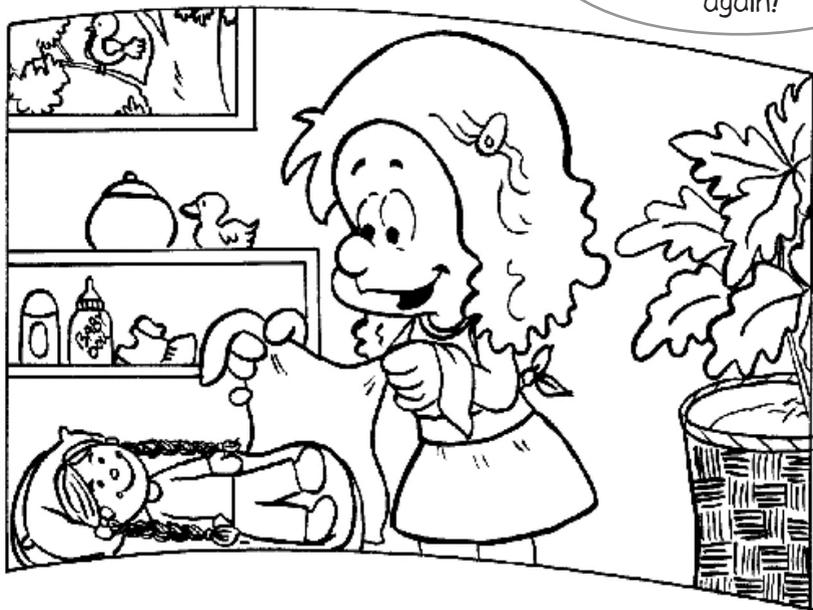
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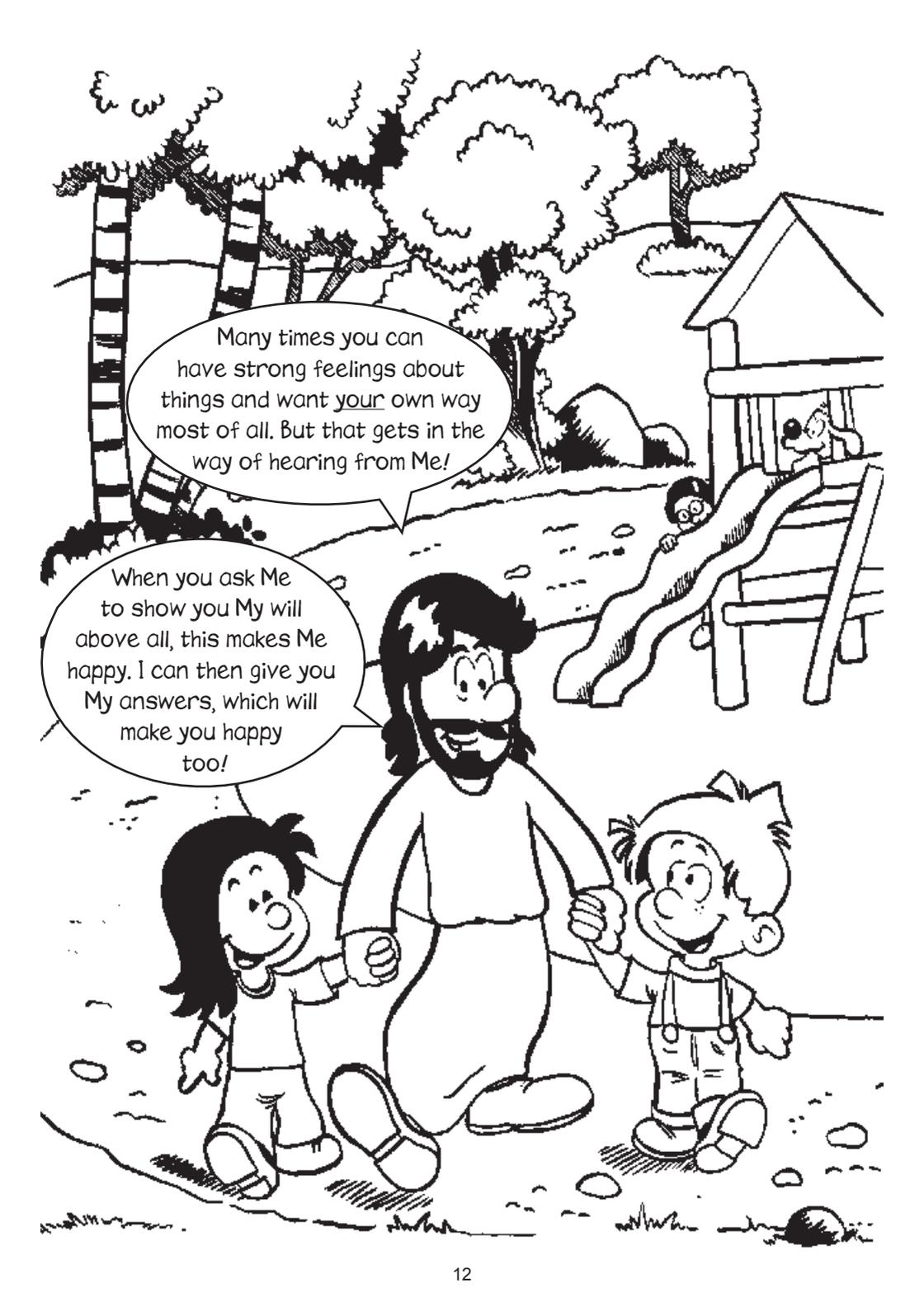
Sometimes we want something so very much that we hear our own ideas when we pray, instead of what Jesus has to say.

Jesus, I want to go outside,
but most of all I want to hear
from You what is best.



Play with your dolls
for now, and soon you'll be
healthy and can go outside
again!



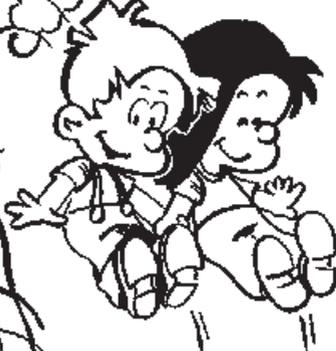


Many times you can have strong feelings about things and want your own way most of all. But that gets in the way of hearing from Me!

When you ask Me to show you My will above all, this makes Me happy. I can then give you My answers, which will make you happy too!



Jesus



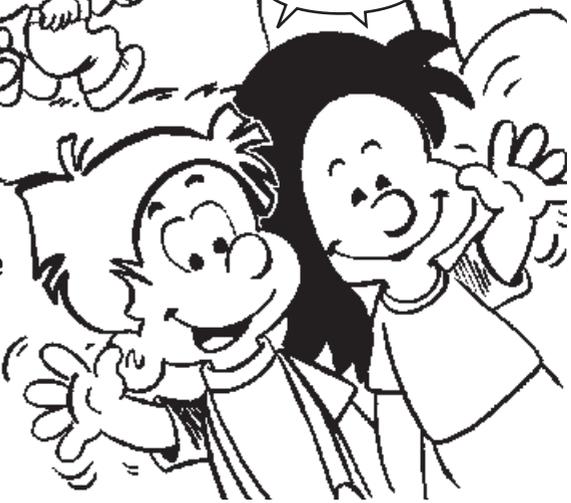
Others



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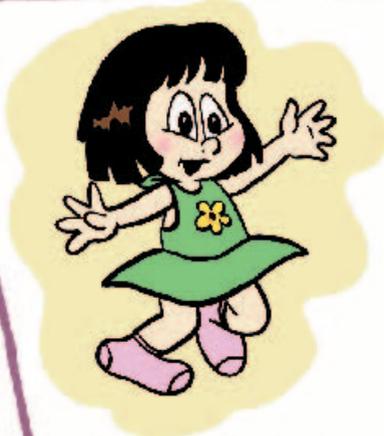
You

Follow these three
steps for hearing
from Me,
And it will make
you happy too!



The Pink Socks

—A lesson learned on prophecy by five-year-old Olivia



One morning when getting dressed, I put on my green dress and pink socks.

I thought I looked really nice, but when Mommy saw me she said, "Oh, Olivia, pink socks don't match with your green dress. It would be better if you wore white socks."



I really wanted to wear my pink socks. "But, Mommy, my pink socks are so pretty. I think I can wear them with my green dress."

Mommy tried to convince me to wear my white socks, but I didn't want to.

Then I got the idea that we could ask the Lord which socks I should wear. I wanted to ask Jesus if it was okay for me to wear my pink socks. Mommy liked the idea of asking Jesus.

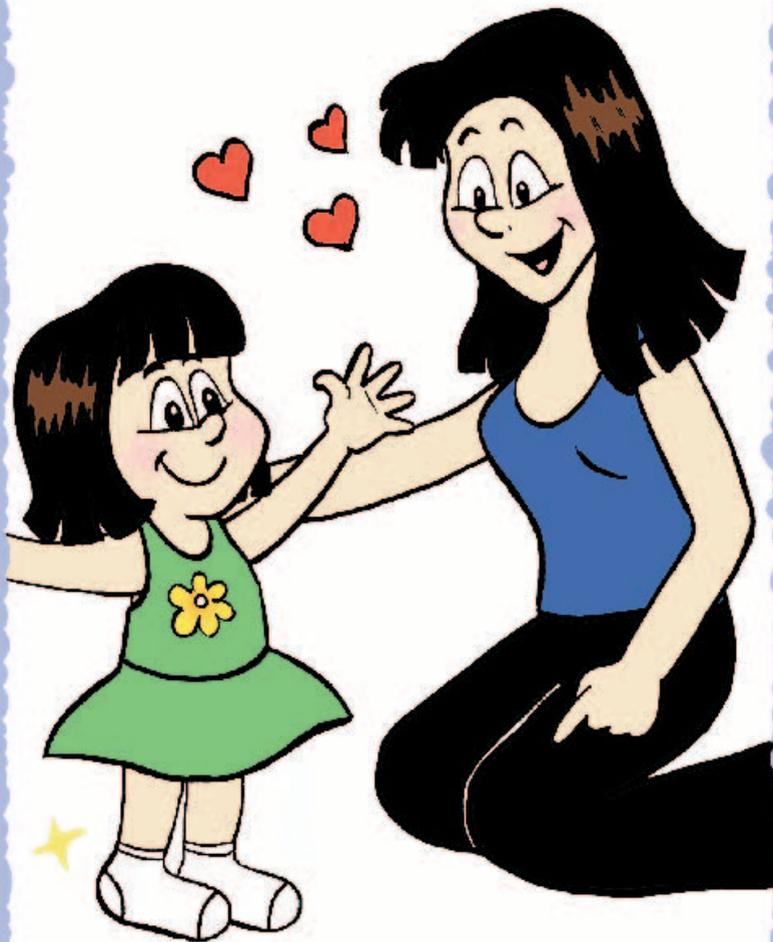


She then helped me ask the right question so I would get the right answer. "Ask Jesus if He wants you to listen to Mommy and obey and put on the white socks," she said, "or if He wants you to do things your way and wear the pink socks."

I went to my bedroom to ask Jesus. Jesus told me, "The right thing is to obey. You should obey your mommy. Then I'll let you wear your pink socks on another day. If you obey your mommy, you will both be very happy."



So I took off the pink socks and put on my white ones to show Mommy.



“Children, obey your parents in all things:
for this is well pleasing unto the Lord”
(Colossians 3:20).