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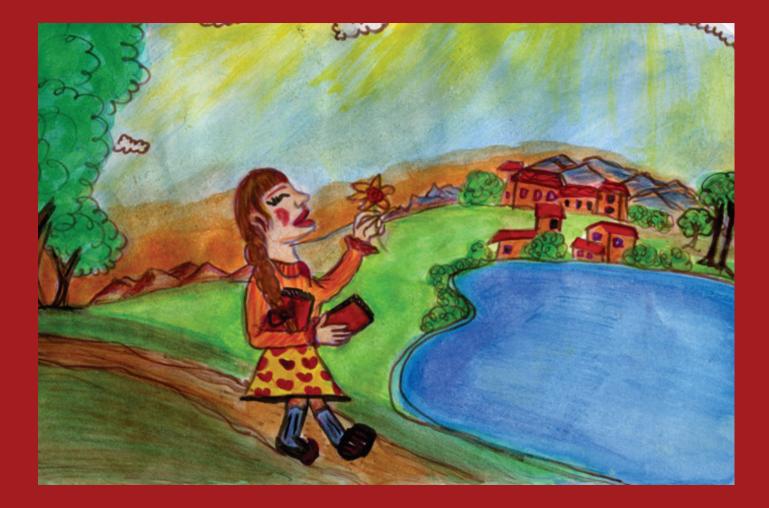
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Bella sang while walking along a country lane beside a lake in Austria.

She called out at the top of her voice to the houses near the trees.

She picked up a beautiful orange and red flower, it was so beautiful. It was just like the colour of her Jumper.

Bella said, "God is beautiful and He makes all things beautiful."



Bella sang her favourite song walking down the streets of London. She met a girl named Emily along the way.

Emily had bright blonde hair and a bright red jumper. She was walking home from her school play.

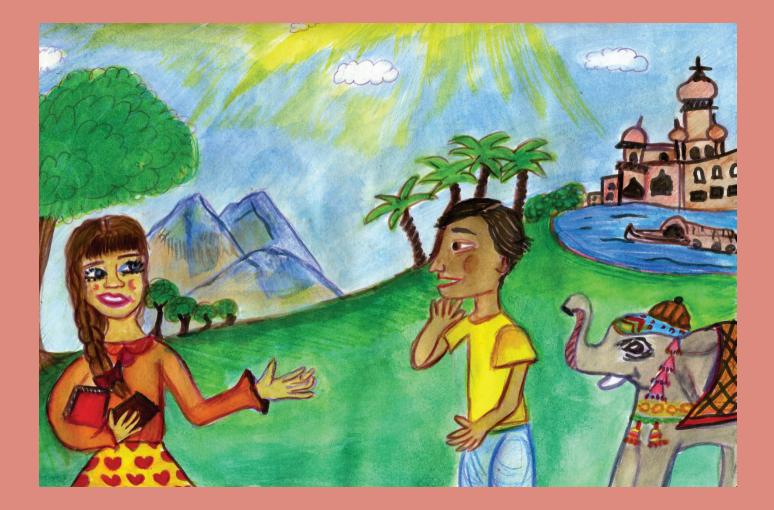
"Why are you so happy?" Emily asked Bella. "Jesus Christ makes me happy. I read about him every day in my Bible," said Bella.



Bella yelled out to a young boy walking an Elephant in India. "Have you heard about Jesus," Bella asked. "I would like to be friends with this Jesus, why do you sing about him?" asked Sanjay.

I sing about him because Jesus loves animals. "Is that Elephant yours?" asked Bella? "Yes it is," said Sanjay.

Bella said, "The Jesus I sing about was born in a manger."



Bella and Sanjay sang Bella's favourite song down a village road in China.

"Why are you singing?" asked Yunxuan. She was wearing a pretty red dress. She was on her way to the village school yearly celebration.

"We are singing because we have read about Jesus," said Bella and Sanjay in chorus.

"When Jesus lived on earth, he made the blind see and made the lame walk. Now we sing about his care every day," said Bella and Sanjay.

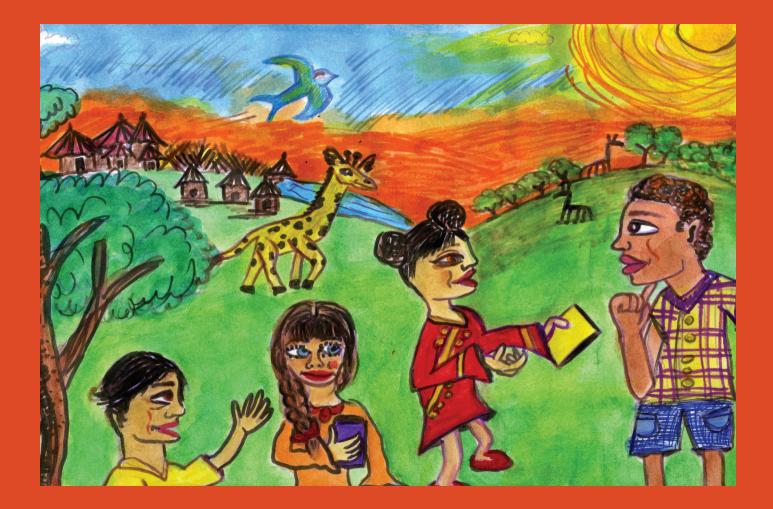


"What is that in your hand," asked Adedimeji in Africa. "It is a Bible," said Yunxuan.

"What is it about," asked Adedimeji. Adedimeji wore a bright yellow and purple striped shirt that shone brightly in the African sun.

"It is about Jesus," yelled Sanjay. "Bella has told me all about him. He walked upon the sea and also made it calm during a raging storm," yelled Sanjay.

"Jesus did many miracles and we love reading about him," said Bella, Sanjay and Yunxuan in Chorus.



Bella, Sanjay, Yunxuan and Adedimeji danced and twirled together along the streets of Brazil.

"Why are you dancing and twirling?" shouted Estefani. "We are dancing and twirling because Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me.""

Estefani loved dancing and asked if she could join in. "Can I come freely to Jesus?" Estafani asked. "Yes you can!" yelled Bella, Sanjay, Yunxuan and Adedimeji.



Bella, Sanjay, Adedimeji and Estefani marched around the hills of Scotland singing Bella's favourite song.

Estefani played the bagpipes and they marched and marched and marched. While they were marching they met a young boy named Dickson. "Why are you marching?" asked Dickson. "We are marching because Jesus asked his disciples to be teachable and be like little children."

"I would like to learn about about Jesus, can I?" asked Dickson.

"Of course you can! Join in the fun," they all said together.



Bella, Estefani and Yunxuan lifted their hands and sang as they all walked towards the city gates in Russia.

"Where are you all going?" said Polina to Adedimeji. "We are going to the city gates to tell everyone about Jesus." "Who is Jesus?" asked Polina.

"Jesus is the Son of God, he died on a cross for all creation," said Adedimeji.

"I would like to hear his story, where can I read it?" asked Polina. "Come with us and we shall tell you all about it," said Adedimeji.

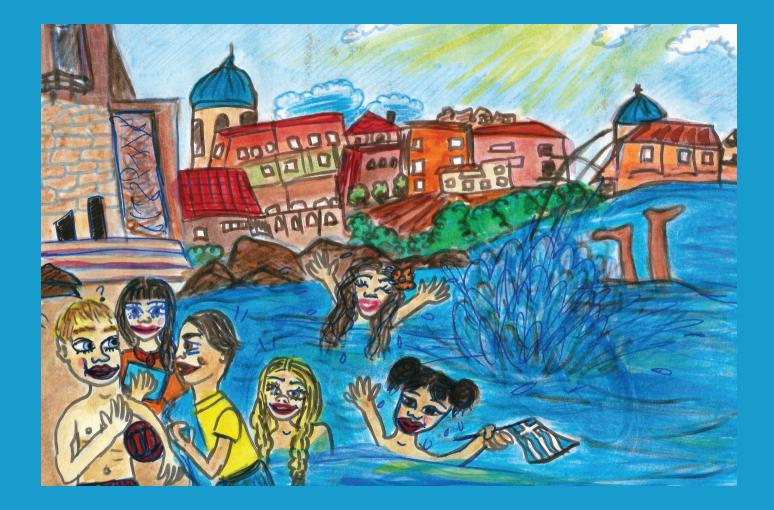


Polina, Yunxuan and Estafani sang Bella's favourite song while they swam in Greece.

"Will you play beach ball with me?" said Alex to Sanjay. Alex was carrying his beach ball and was looking for someone to play with.

"I want to tell people on the beach about Jesus Christ," said Sanjay. "Who is Jesus?" asked Alex, "Does he like to play beach ball?" "Jesus is a friend. Though you can't see him, he stays with us always, said Sanjay."

"Can I talk to him whenever I don't have anyone to play beach ball with?" "Yes, by praying to him," said Sanjay. "Can I learn to pray to Jesus?" asked Alex. "Of course," said Sanjay. "Follow us and we shall teach you."

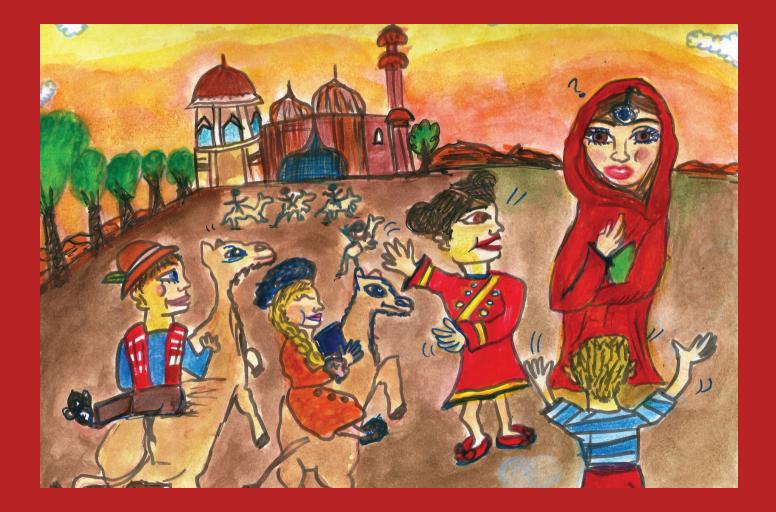


Yunxuan spoke to a young girl called Amina. She was wearing a red shawl and had very large eyes.

Yunxuan said, "I love the colour red, what a lovely shawl you are wearing". "Thank you, it belonged to my grandma," said Amina. "She once told me about a man named Jesus, she said he was a prophet."

"Jesus is the son of God," said Yunxuan. "He died on the cross to save us and because of this we can pray to our Father in Heaven and he hears our prayers."

"Is Jesus really the son of God?" asked Amina. "Yes," Yunxuan said. "I would like to learn more about Jesus said Amina, "Will you teach me?" "Oh yes," Yunxuan said.

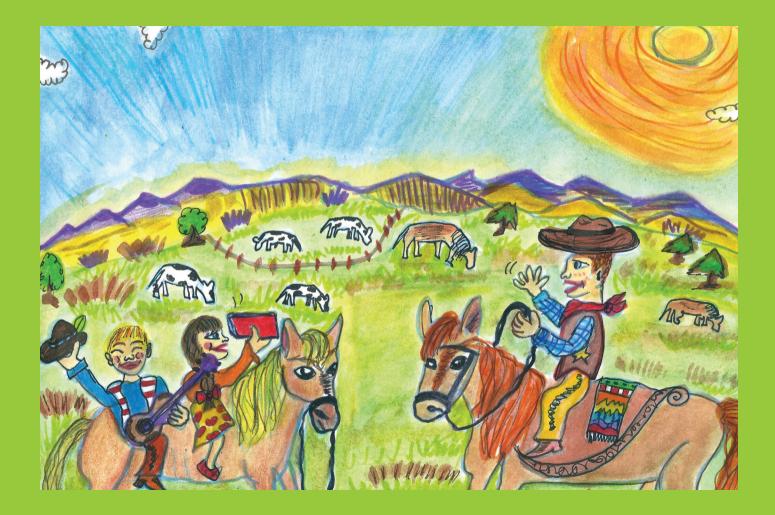


Bella and Dickson were riding horses in the desert in America.

"Howdy," said a stranger on a horse. "You look very hot, would you like some water to drink?" "Yes please," said Bella and Dickson. "We are so hot, how very kind of you."

Dickson started to play a song on his banjo and Bella started to sing her song. "Do you know Jesus can give you water and you will never become thirsty again?"

"Where can I get this water?" said the stranger. Bella waved her Bible at him and said, "Follow me and you won't ever be thirsty again."



Alex was walking with Amina and Sanjay on a beach in Hawaii. He came across a young Hawaiian girl called Happy. She had a crown of flowers on her head. She also had bright flowers on her neck.

Alex said to Happy, "have you heard about Jesus? "No I haven't," said Happy. "Jesus brings joy to many, he is the joy of all the nations," said Alex.

"I would like to meet Jesus," said Happy. "Is he in Hawaii, asked Happy?" "Yes," said Alex, "He can be found in all the stories of my Bible, He is alive!"



Estefani burst into a class in Israel singing praises. She sang Bella's song: "Have you not heard about Jesus?" "Have you not heard about Jesus?"

"Who are you!" shouted the teacher. "My name is Estefani and I bring you good news," she said. "I would like to hear it," said a boy called David. He stood up and went to meet Estefani.

"I have heard many stories about this man Jesus. "Jesus once lived in Israel. He was born in Bethlehem, a town not far from here," said David. "Would you like to give your life to Jesus?" said Estefani. "Yes, I would," said David. "Let us pray then," said Estefani.

"Dear Jesus we give our lives to you today. You love us and you died for us on the cross of Calvary. Forgive us for anything we have done to anger you. We receive you into our hearts right now. Bless us and be with us always."



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