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Naar onze buurt verhuisd

Ben je ooit verhuisd naar eenn nieuw huis? Vroeg je je af of je in de nieuwe buurt zou passen? Misschien is er een nieuw persoon in jouw buurt komen wonen. Wat heb je gedaan om vriendschap te sluiten? (Zie Johannes 1:14; Hebreëen 2:14-18; De Wens Der Eeuwen blz. 23-24).

Het gekras van Johannes rieten pen op het perkament stopte opeens. Opnieuw had hij het gevoel dat hij goed moest nadenken over wat hij probeerde te vertellen. Ik heb al uitgelegd hoe Jezus het Woord was, de boodschap van het licht en leven van God, mijmerde, Johannes. Ik denk dat dat vrij duidelijk is. maar nu het volgende gedeelte...

Sabbat

Doe Lees Johannes 1 en Hebreëen 2.

Zondag

Lees Read ÒMoving Into Our Neighborhood.Ó

Leer Begin to learn the power text.

Bid Pray that God will help you understand the true meaning of JesusÕ moving into our neighborhood.

TIEN

POWER POINT

Weer speelde Johannes met zijn rieten pen terwijl hij nadacht. Hij was de enige overgebleven discipel. De laatste die gelopen, gesproken, gegeten en geleefd had met Jezus. Hij schreef alles op wat hij had gezien en gehoord voordat het te laat was - voordat z'n getuigenis voor altijd weg was. Daarom was het zo belangrijk om de juiste woorden te kiezen om duidelijk te vertellen wie Jezus was aan mensen die Hem nooit in het echt hadden ontmoet.

'Ja, Hij was God, ' dacht Johannes. Hij was God die de wereld gemaakt had door de kracht van Zijn woord. Hij was altijd God geweest en zou dat altijd blijven. Maar toen maakte Hij een keuze. Hij koos om de pracht van de hemel achter Zich te laten om naar de aarde toe te komen. Hij werd een mens.

Johannes pakte de rieten pen op en doopte het. Het Woord, de boodschap van wie God was, nam de menselijke gedaante aan en werd mens. 'Het Woord werd vlees,' schreef hij op het perkament.

Jezus kwam om ons te laten zien dat God van ons houdt.

POWER TEXT

'Het Woord werd vlees en heeft tussen ons geleefd.'

Johannes 1:14

Maandag

Lees Johannes 1:1-14.

Schrijf What is the main point that John is trying to make in this passage? Write it in your Bible study journal in your own words.

Praat Ask an adult to tell you about a time they finally met someone they'd heard a lot about. How did their perceptions of that person change after meeting them?

Bid Pray that you will come to know God as He really is.

But it was more than just becoming human, John thought. He was such an unusual person. People responded to Him in a way they had never responded to anyone else. Huge crowds followed Him wherever He went. They invited Him to their parties. They brought their children to be blessed by Him. They loved Him. And He loved them back. He was God, but He was one of us.

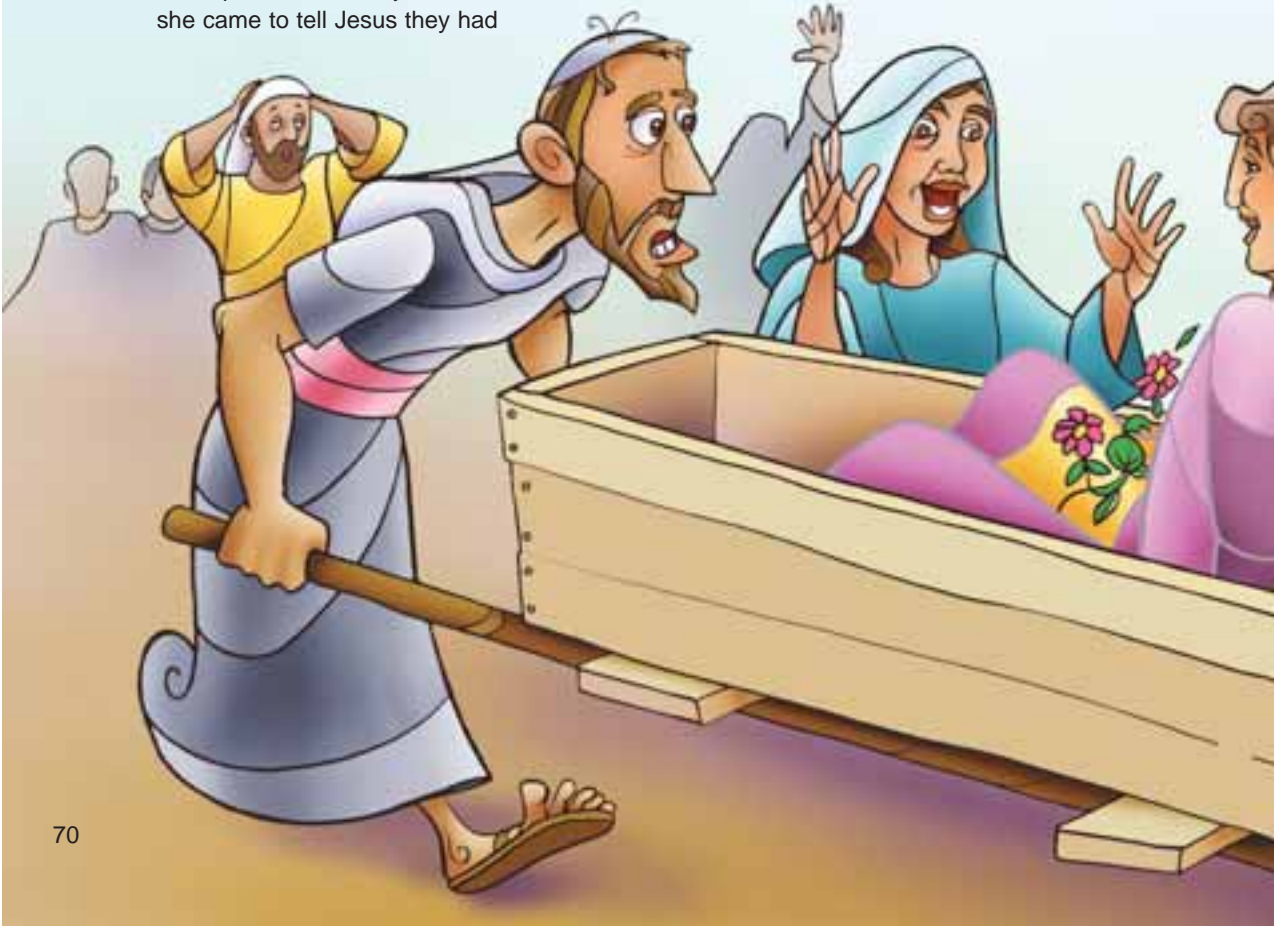
John thought back to some of the miracles he had seen Jesus perform. The first one had been at that wedding, in Cana. Whose wedding had it been? He couldn't even remember. But he remembered the look of desperation on Mary's face when she came to tell Jesus they had

Dinsdag

Lees Read Exodus 25:8 to find another time that God dwelt with His people.

Do Divide a piece of paper in half. On the left side, write "Before" and list as many things as you can think of that people might have thought about God before Jesus lived on earth. On the right side, write "After" and list how their understanding might have changed after knowing Jesus.

Bid Thank God for sending Jesus to give us a clearer picture of what He is like.

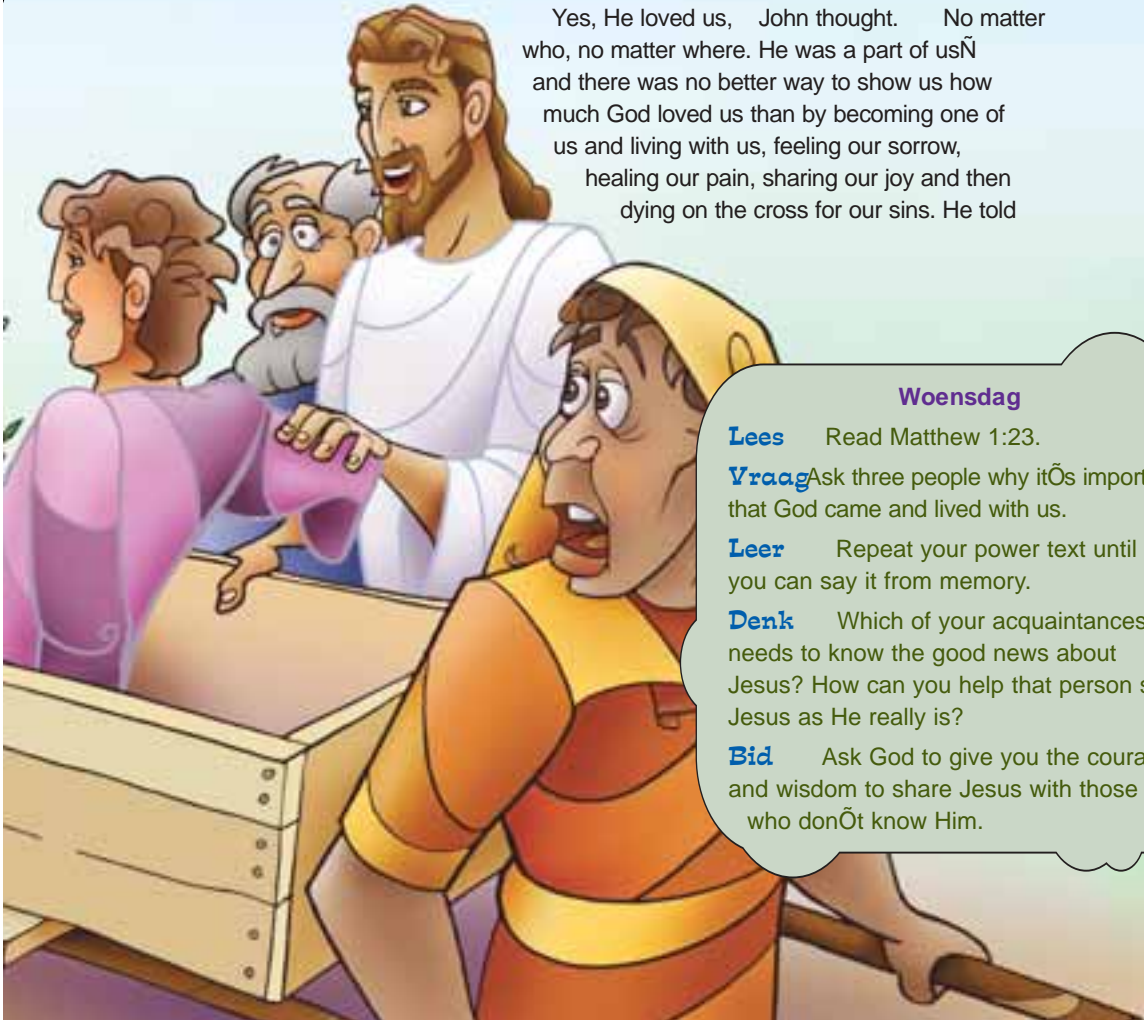


run out of grape juice. The entire party was about to come to a screeching halt. The host would be embarrassed. But Jesus didn't like to see anyone suffering, even of embarrassment, so He saved the party by turning water into wine. Now, that was fitting in.

Then John remembered the time Jesus raised a widow's son from the dead. That was in Nain. That poor woman was so grieved that Jesus couldn't help but be moved by her sorrow. So He gave her back her son.

And later on in Bethany His good friend Lazarus had died. Jesus raised him from the dead too, but not before He shed a few tears Himself as if He were part of the family. Those who saw the whole thing even commented on how much Jesus loved Lazarus.

Yes, He loved us, John thought. No matter who, no matter where. He was a part of us and there was no better way to show us how much God loved us than by becoming one of us and living with us, feeling our sorrow, healing our pain, sharing our joy and then dying on the cross for our sins. He told



Woensdag

Lees Read Matthew 1:23.

Vraag Ask three people why it's important that God came and lived with us.

Leer Repeat your power text until you can say it from memory.

Denk Which of your acquaintances needs to know the good news about Jesus? How can you help that person see Jesus as He really is?

Bid Ask God to give you the courage and wisdom to share Jesus with those who don't know Him.

us that if we had seen Him, we had seen the Father. Well, after knowing Jesus, there was no way you couldn't believe that God loved us too. By living with us, Jesus showed us what God is really like. John dipped again and read what he had already written: "The Word became flesh." Yes, thought John, and more. "And made his dwelling among us. We have

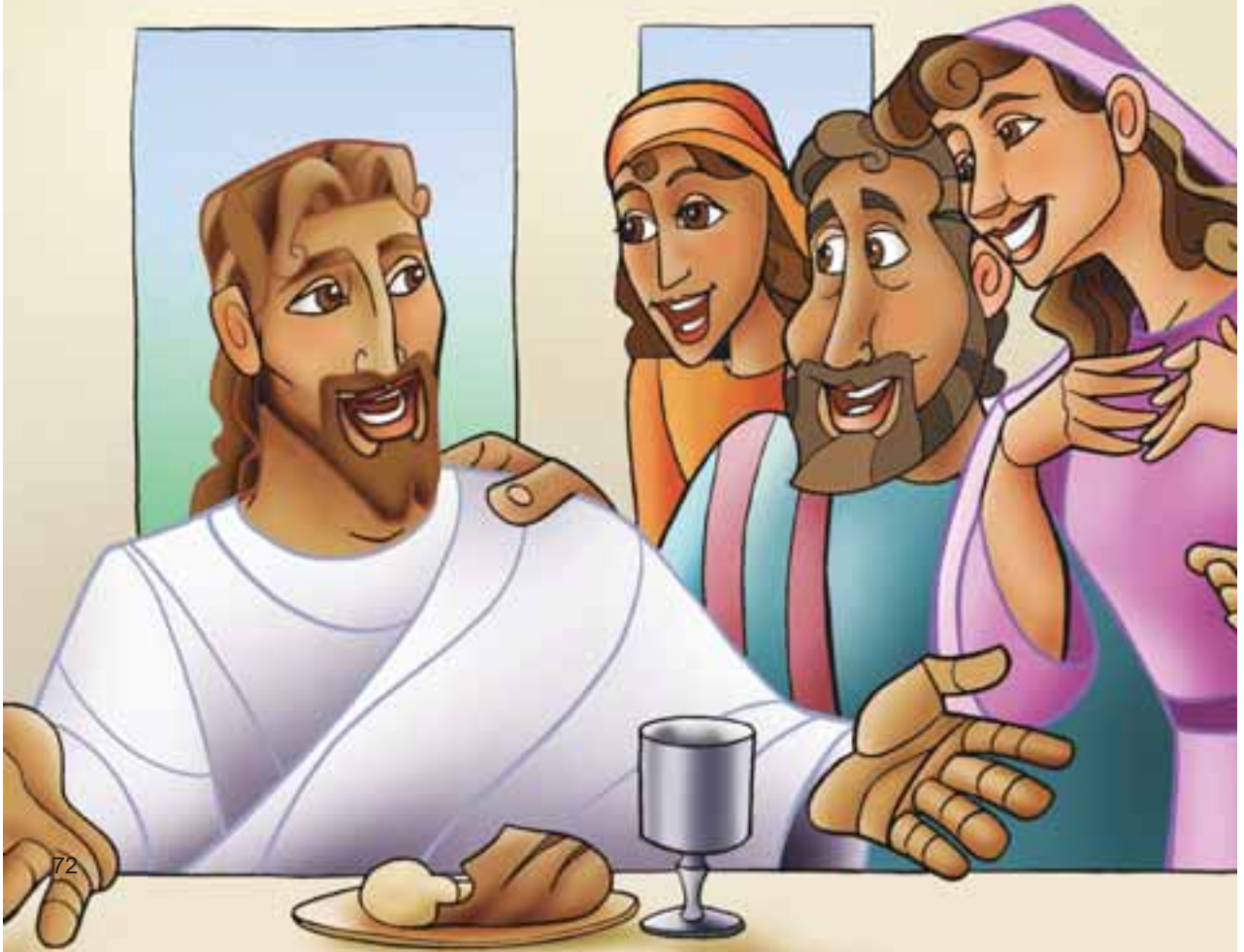
Donderdag

Read The power text is only half of John 1:14. Read the rest of it, then look up the word "glory" in the dictionary. Can you think of any times when people saw God's glory? (Try Exodus 3:1-6; 33:18-23; 40:34-38; Luke 9:28-36.)

Teken Illustrate one of the Bible passages you just read.

Denk How do people usually respond to God's glory? Is that how people responded to Jesus? Why or why not? Do people see God's glory in you? Why or why not?

Bid Thank God for sending His Son to our neighborhood to show us that He loves us.



Vrijdag

seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth (John 1:14, NIV).

It still amazes me, thought John. God loved us so much that He took on human form and came to live with us and be one of us so we could have a clearer picture of how much God loves us. That truly is grace.

Schrijf Imagine that you are John. What else do you think is important for people to know about Jesus? Write in your Bible study journal.

Lees Read 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17; Revelation 21:3. What will happen when Jesus's glory is revealed for everyone to see?

Deel Share your power text with your family at worship tonight and tell them why Jesus moved into our neighborhood.

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