

Picture 21: The Empty Cross

1 Peter 3:18; Galatians 2:20

Why did Jesus die on the cross? Jesus died to save sinners from the punishment of sin. Jesus never sinned. The cross reminds us that He died to take away the sin that separates us from God. Jesus is the holy, sinless, Lamb of God. He was sacrificed for us. When we believe in Jesus and turn from our sin, God forgives us. Jesus makes us God's children. The following pictures will help you understand what it means to be a follower of the Lord Jesus. (Bridge music.)



Picture 22: The Two Roads

Matthew 7:13-14; John 3:16; 1 John 1:9

Jesus taught about the way to eternal life. Everyone starts out on the wide road of sin because we all have a sinful nature which we inherited from Adam. The narrow road leads to God and to everlasting life in heaven. Jesus said that we should turn into the narrow road. You can see in the picture a cross standing at the entrance to the narrow way. We enter that way when we repent of our sins and believe that Jesus died on the



cross for us. Many people do not want to turn from their sins. The way to heaven is too narrow for them. They go on following the wide road to destruction in hell. Which way will you follow? Why not speak to God now? Say to Him, "Lord God, You are great and holy, but I confess to You that I have sinned. I believe that Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for my sin. Please forgive me. Cleanse me from sin and make me one of your children. I want to follow the way of Jesus and live with you in Heaven when I die. Thank you Lord." (Bridge music.)

Picture 23: God's Children

John 6:37-40, 14:6; Revelation 7:9

In this picture you can see Jesus. He is welcoming people from every tribe, nation and language group. They believe in Him and have become the children of God. They are on the narrow way which leads to heaven. The children of God are like one big family. They may be rich or poor, black or white. There are men, women and children. They are all united together by the Lord Jesus. (Bridge music.)



Picture 24: Born Again

When Jesus was on earth there was an important teacher of religion named Nicodemus. One night he went to Jesus to ask him some questions. Jesus told him an amazing thing. He said that anyone who wants to belong to the family of God, must be born again. We enter the family of our parents when we are born into it. We enter into God's family, when we are born a second time. The first is a physical birth; the second is a spiritual birth. Through this spiritual birth, the Holy Spirit of God gives us new life. It is the life of Jesus which we receive as we follow Him. We become new people, the people of God. (Bridge music.)



Picture 25: The Holy Spirit Comes

John 14:15-18; Acts 2:1-39

Before He went back to Heaven, Jesus promised His disciples that He would send them the Holy Spirit. Ten days after Jesus returned to Heaven, His disciples were all together in one place. You can see them in this picture. Suddenly, there was a sound like a great wind. Tongues like fire appeared above each of the disciples. The Holy Spirit came and filled them all, just as Jesus had promised. People from many nations were in Jerusalem that day. The disciples received power to speak to them in their own languages. They told them about the wonderful things that God had done. 3000 people turned to Jesus that day. Today the Holy Spirit lives in all who truly follow Jesus. The Holy Spirit gives us power to obey Jesus and to tell others about Him. (Bridge music.)



Picture 26: Walking in the Light

John 3:19-21, 8:12; 1 John 1:5-7

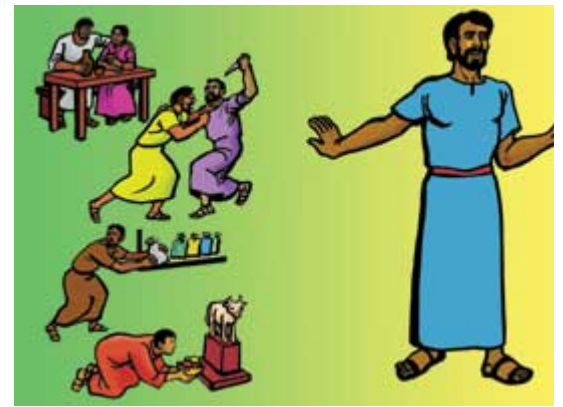
Before a person believes in Jesus, he is like the man in the picture who is walking in the dark. He stumbles and often falls because he has no light to guide him. When we trust in the Lord Jesus, we become like the man walking along the road on a sunny day! He can see where he is going. He does not fall when the way is rough. Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. If a man follows Me, he will not walk in darkness." He gives His Holy Spirit to guide all believers in His way. (Bridge music.)



Picture 27: A New Person

Galatians 5:16-26; Ephesians 4:22-32; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Each one who follows Jesus Christ is a new person. He wants to obey the Word of God. He is thankful that God has forgiven his sin and given him a new life. He does not want to do anything to displease God, so a believer in Jesus does not commit adultery or fight. He does not steal and he does not worship idols or other gods. The Holy Spirit gives the believer power to turn away from evil things and to do good. (Bridge music.)



Picture 28: The Christian Family

Ephesians 5:21 - 6:4; 1 Peter 3:1-9

When a family is truly walking in Jesus' way, the man loves his wife and the woman honours her husband. This is what the Word of God teaches. The husband and the wife help and encourage each other. They teach their children to love God and obey His Word. The family who honour God pray and work together in harmony. (Bridge music.)



Picture 29: Love Your Enemies

Matthew 5:43-48; Luke 10:25-37

Jesus taught His followers to love all people. We should even love our enemies. Jesus told a story about a man who was travelling along a road. Robbers attacked him and beat him up. A man from another tribe found the badly injured man. He bandaged his wounds. He put the man on his donkey and took him to an inn where he took care of him. He himself paid the innkeeper to look after the sick man until he was better. Jesus said we too should love and help anyone who is in need, even people of other races or religions. (Bridge music.)



Picture 30: Jesus is the Powerful One

Acts 19:18-20; Psalm 115:1-8; 1 John 3:8; 1 John 4:4

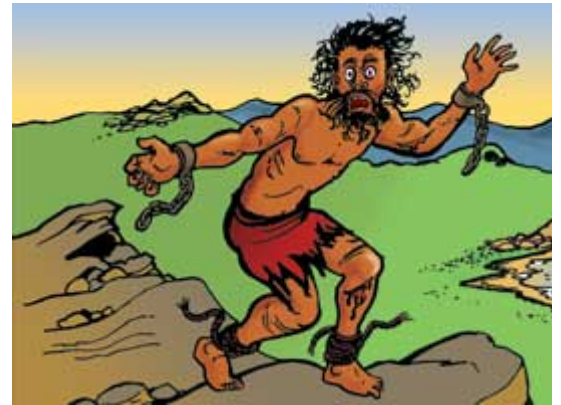
The men in this picture are burning their idols and fetishes. They used to worship Satan but now they follow Jesus. Jesus' followers must not worship evil spirits. We do not have to fear them or serve them. The Lord is more powerful than Satan. Believers must get rid of everything that binds them to Satan and evil spirits. Jesus will protect us from them when we ask Him. (Bridge music.)



Picture 31: Casting out Evil Spirits

Mark 5:1-20; James 4:7

Once there was a man who was possessed by many evil spirits. Ropes and chains could not hold him because the spirits inside him were so strong. Jesus commanded those spirits to come out of the man, and they did! That man was freed from the power of the spirits. He went and told all his friends what Jesus had done for him. Jesus delivered many people from spirits. Satan and evil spirits must obey Him. (Optional addition) Maybe you are a believer but you are disturbed by evil spirits. Remember that you belong to God. Satan has no place in your life. Resist him and ask the powerful Lord Jesus to send those spirits away. Ask other believers to pray with you. When you obey Jesus, His power protects you and Satan cannot harm you. (Bridge music.)



Picture 32: Temptation

Matthew 6:24; 1 Timothy 6:6-10; 1 Corinthians 10:13-14

Satan often tries to tempt God's children. He wants them to stop following the Lord Jesus. Satan will try to tempt the believer with things like money, clothes, tobacco, strong drink and immoral living. He wants us to believe that these things will make us happy. But Satan is a liar. He wants to deceive us and turn us against God. Ask the Lord to help you resist temptation. Trust the Lord Jesus and follow only Him. (Bridge music.)



Picture 33: If We Sin

Luke 15:11-32; 1 John 1:7-9

What happens if a believer sins? Jesus told this story: A young man left home, went far away, and did many evil things. He greatly sinned by committing adultery and wasting his father's money. Then there was a severe famine. He became very poor and hungry. Then he knew that he had sinned against God and his father. He truly regretted what he had done. He returned to his father. His father loved his boy even though he had sinned greatly. With great joy he received the young man back again and forgave him. If we sin, we must truly regret our sin and turn from our sin. God will then forgive us and He will receive us again in the Father in this story. Jesus said, "There is rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents." (Bridge music.)



Picture 34: Sickness

Philippians 4:6-7; James 5:13-16

What should God's people do when they become sick? They should first pray to God and trust Him to do whatever is best. God is able to heal the sick person if He wills. God loves us and controls all that happens to us. Jesus is with us to give peace and to help us in times of sickness. (Bridge music.)



Picture 35: Death

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Hebrews 2:14-15; Revelation 14:13

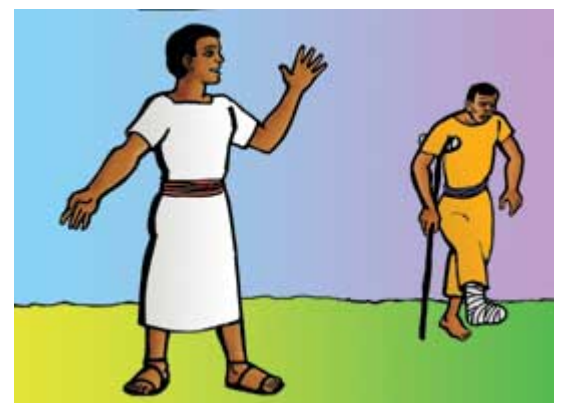
In this picture we see people burying their dead as was their custom. One day we will all die. But what happens to us then? God's Word, the Bible, says that when a believer dies, his spirit goes to be with the Lord Jesus in heaven. The family and friends of the believer in the picture are sad but they are not overcome with grief. We need not be afraid of death. God loves us and has saved us from sin and everlasting death. Unbelievers do not have this hope of eternal life with God. Bible says that they go to a place of eternal punishment. Where will you go when you die? (Bridge music.)



Picture 36: The Body of Christ

1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Peter 4:10

Each part of our body has its own purpose. The eye is for seeing, the ear for hearing, and the mouth for talking and eating. All the parts of the body work together. If one part is sick or injured, the whole body suffers. God says that believers are parts of one body called the Church. The Lord Jesus is the Head of that body. God has work for every believer to do, for example, preaching, singing, giving, teaching, giving hospitality, helping others. If one believer fails to do his part, the whole body of the Church will suffer. All believers must work together to honour God and serve each other. (Bridge music.)



Picture 37: Meeting for Worship

Hebrews 10:24-25; 1 Corinthians 11:23-34; Colossians 3:15-17

they meet they learn from the Bible, pray to God and praise Him in song. They should bring gifts for the work of God. Jesus instructed His followers to remember His death. In this picture you can see believers eating and drinking together. The bread which they are eating reminds them of the body of Jesus when He died on the cross. As they drink together they remember His blood which was shed to save them from sin. We too should meet and remember the death of Jesus in this way until He comes back again. (Bridge music.)



Picture 38: Jesus Will Return

John 14:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 4:13 - 5:4

One day the Lord Jesus will return to earth from Heaven, just as He promised. He will come suddenly when people do not expect Him. Believers who have died will rise from their graves to meet Him. Those who are still alive, will join them. Together they will meet the Lord Jesus in the air. They will be with Him in heaven for ever. Unbelievers will be left behind. They will suffer the judgment of God. We do not know when Jesus will return but we must always be ready and waiting for Him. Would you be ready to meet the Lord Jesus if He returned today? (Bridge music.)



Picture 39: Bearing Fruit

Matthew 7:15-20; Galatians 5:22-23; John 15:1-8

The tree in this picture has much fruit. When we follow Jesus, God's Spirit works in us to produce fruit. The Bible tells us that the fruit of God's Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Jesus said, "I am the vine. You are the branches. If you stay in Me, and I in you, you will bear much fruit." Dead branches do not bear fruit. They will be cut down and burned. Jesus wants His followers to produce much fruit. This honours God and helps other people. (Bridge music.)



Picture 40: Witnessing

Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8

Jesus told His followers that they should go and tell other people about Him. Anyone who believes in Him will be saved from sin, everlasting punishment and

understand this Good News. God's Holy Spirit will give you the courage to live and speak for Him. Use this picture book to tell others what you have learned. In this way many people will come to know the truth about God and our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. (Bridge Music.)

