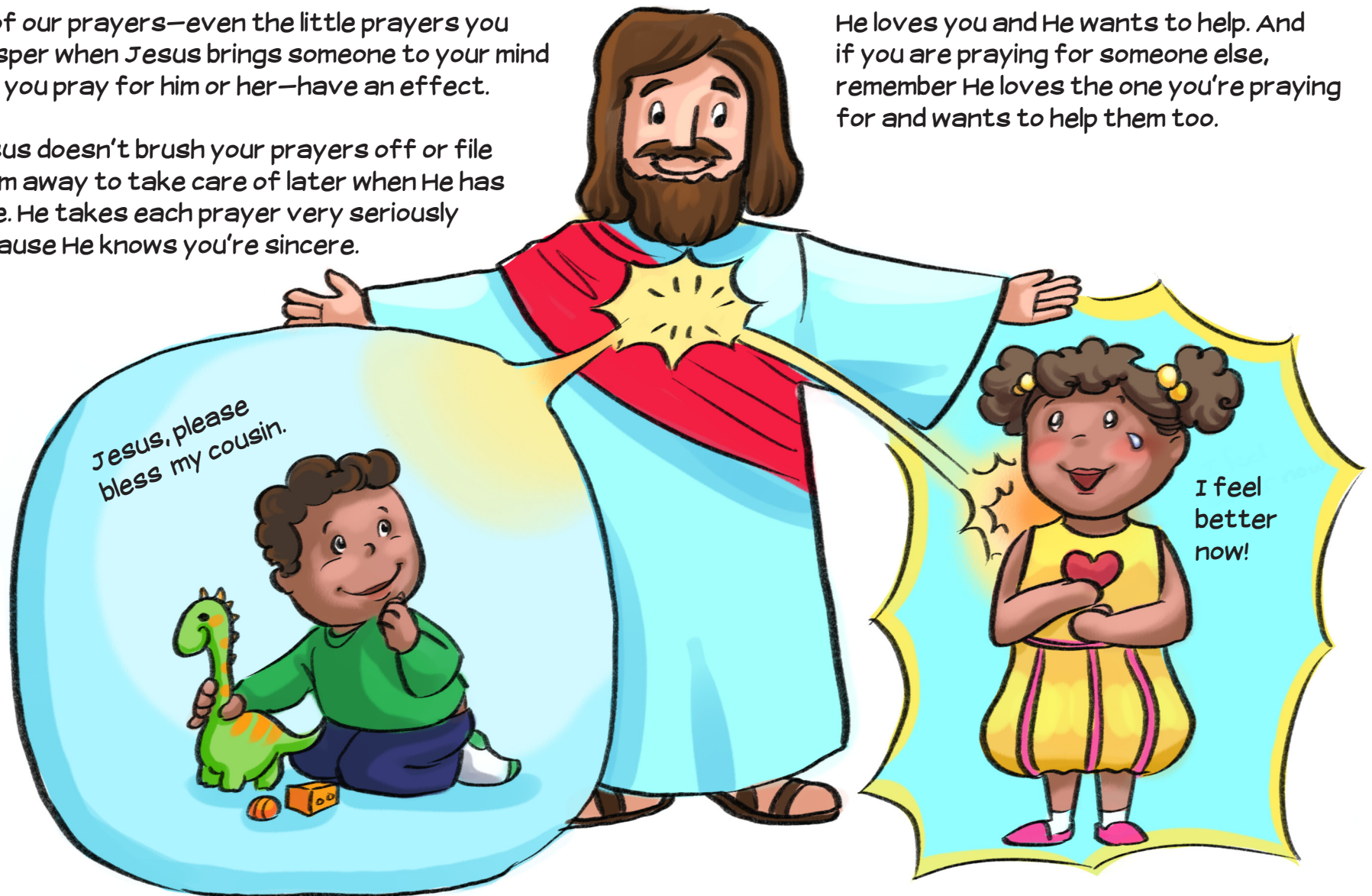


ARE YOU SURE GOD ANSWERS PRAYER?

All of our prayers—even the little prayers you whisper when Jesus brings someone to your mind and you pray for him or her—have an effect.

Jesus doesn't brush your prayers off or file them away to take care of later when He has time. He takes each prayer very seriously because He knows you're sincere.

He loves you and He wants to help. And if you are praying for someone else, remember He loves the one you're praying for and wants to help them too.



Jesus is bound by His Word. If you pray about something or for someone, and you hold Jesus to His promises, that has a bigger effect than you can imagine—much, much bigger!

Therefore I say to you, what things you desire when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you shall have them. Mark 11:24 AKJV, *adapted.*

Then shall you call on Me, and you shall go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. Jeremiah 29:13 AKJV.

Jesus doesn't always let you see all the results of your prayers; you often have to take it by faith that He did answer.



Sometimes the answer doesn't come right away, and it's good to keep praying, like the woman in Luke 18:1-8. Whether or not you get to see the results, and whether or not the answer comes immediately, you can trust that every prayer makes a difference.

One reason people think their prayers aren't making a difference is that the Devil attempts to get you to give up by making you think that God isn't listening and won't answer.

Another reason is that sometimes it takes time for you to see the answers to your prayer. But just because you don't see the results of your prayers doesn't mean that God is not already going to work due to your prayers.





Other times, Jesus' answer is not what we had imagined or exactly the thing we had prayed for—instead Jesus acts in a way that is best for us or the situation for which we are praying.

Sometimes Jesus says "wait," or even "no" in order to give us something better.

In every situation, we can have full confidence that Jesus has heard our prayers and will give us an answer.



WAIT.





Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16 AKJV.

In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6 AKJV.

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