

Key Points

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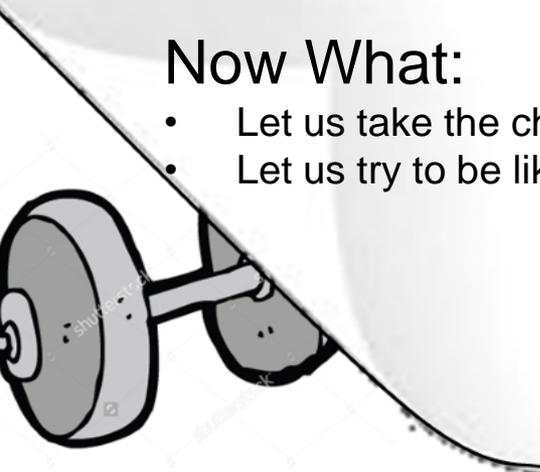
- Today we look at part 2 of a series on parables Jesus told. Last week was the Lost Sheep, this week is the Lost Son.
- A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly truth.
- Today's parable can be found in Luke 15:11-32.
- It tells us about a family with a father and two sons. The younger son decides to go off on his own and takes his inheritance with him.
- After wasting his money the son realises that he is better off back at his father's house, even if only as a servant.
- The father welcomes him back with open arms, happy at the return of his lost son.

So What:

- We are the loved children of a loving father – God.
- There is always forgiveness for us if we are willing to say sorry.

Now What:

- Let us take the chance to say sorry if we need to.
- Let us try to be like our father, God, doing our best to grow up to be like him.

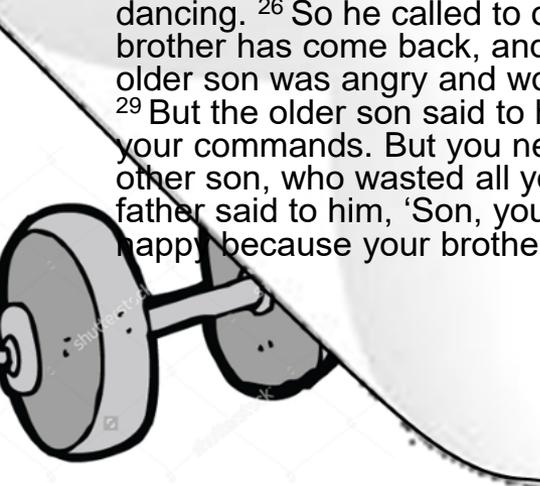


Luke 15:11-32

Then Jesus said, “A man had two sons. ¹² The younger son said to his father, ‘Give me my share of the property.’ So the father divided the property between his two sons. ¹³ Then the younger son gathered up all that was his and traveled far away to another country. There he wasted his money in foolish living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, a time came when there was no food anywhere in the country, and the son was poor and hungry. ¹⁵ So he got a job with one of the citizens there who sent the son into the fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ The son was so hungry that he wanted to eat the pods the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ When he realized what he was doing, he thought, ‘All of my father’s servants have plenty of food. But I am here, almost dying with hunger. ¹⁸ I will leave and return to my father and say to him, “Father, I have sinned against God and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son, but let me be like one of your servants.”’ ²⁰ So the son left and went to his father.

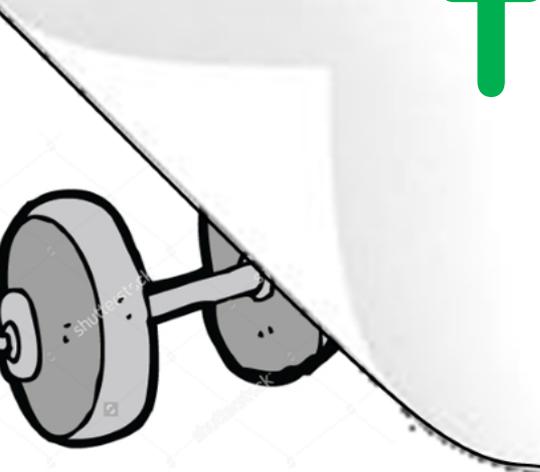
“While the son was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt sorry for his son. So the father ran to him and hugged and kissed him. ²¹ The son said, ‘Father, I have sinned against God and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his servants, ‘Hurry! Bring the best clothes and put them on him. Also, put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get our fat calf and kill it so we can have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ My son was dead, but now he is alive again! He was lost, but now he is found!’ So they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “The older son was in the field, and as he came closer to the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called to one of the servants and asked what all this meant. ²⁷ The servant said, ‘Your brother has come back, and your father killed the fat calf, because your brother came home safely.’ ²⁸ The older son was angry and would not go in to the feast. So his father went out and begged him to come in. ²⁹ But the older son said to his father, ‘I have served you like a slave for many years and have always obeyed your commands. But you never gave me even a young goat to have at a feast with my friends. ³⁰ But your other son, who wasted all your money on prostitutes, comes home, and you kill the fat calf for him!’ ³¹ The father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. ³² We had to celebrate and be happy because your brother was dead, but now he is alive. He was lost, but now he is found.’”



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The Parables:
The Lost Son



My God is So Big

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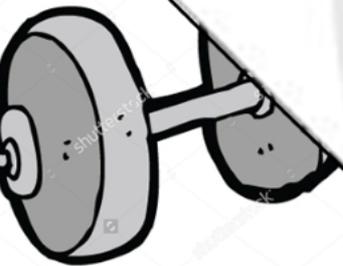
so strong and so mighty

There's nothing that He cannot do

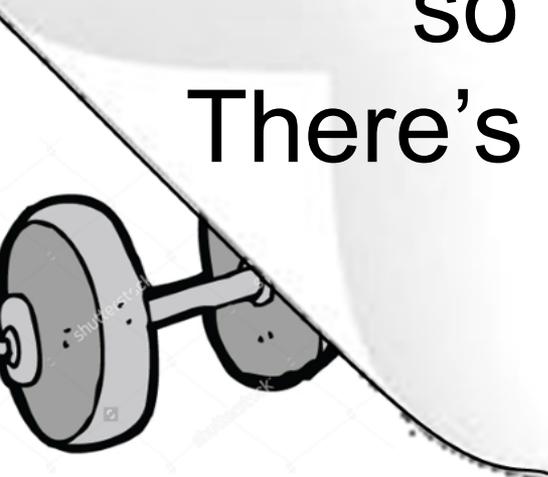
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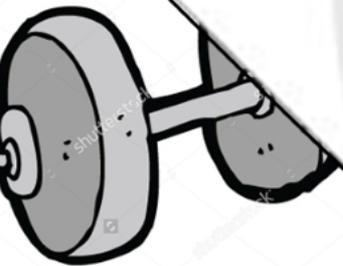
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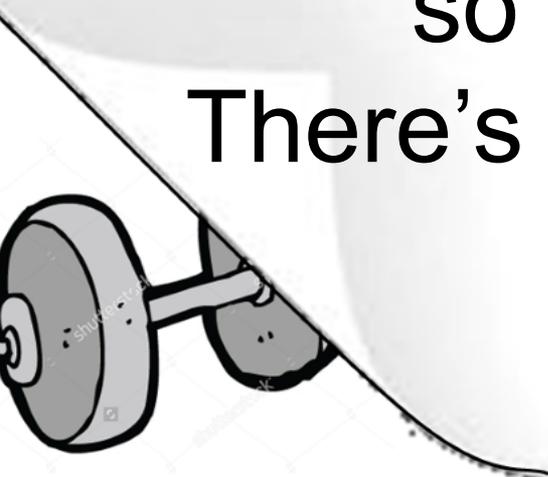
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The stars are His handiwork too
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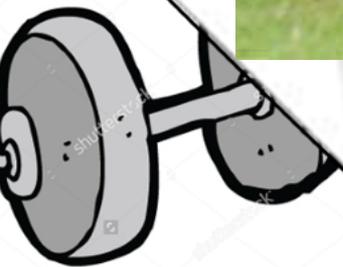


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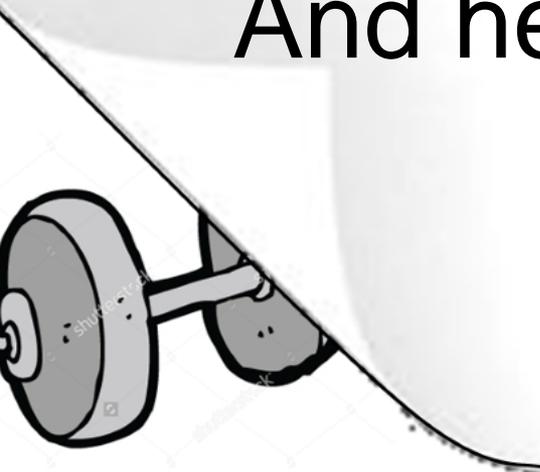
Mummies and Daddies

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Our God is a great big God

Our God is a great big God
Our God is a great big God
Our God is a great big God
And he holds us in his hands



He's higher than a skyscraper
He's deeper than a submarine
He's wider than the universe
and beyond my wildest dreams

And he's known me and he's loved me
Since before the world began
How wonderful to be a part of God's
amazing plan!

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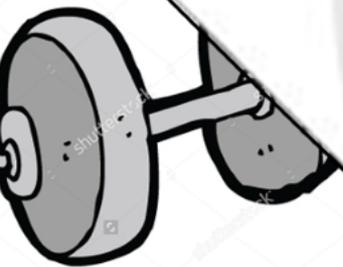
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Jump up and down

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I'm gonna jump up and down
Gonna spin round and round
Gonna praise your name for ever
I'm gonna shout out loud
Gonna deafen the crowd
Gonna send my praise to heaven



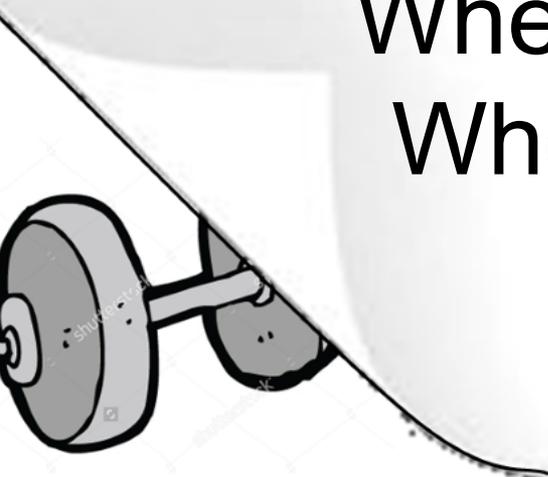
I will run this race and I will never
stop

I'll follow Jesus 'til the day I drop
I can do all things through Christ who
strengthens me

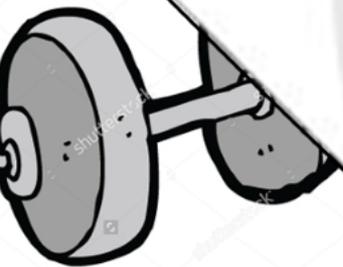
When you've got such a lot

When you've got not a lot

What! Be happy!

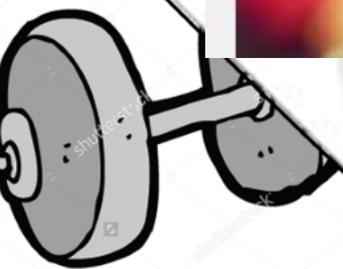


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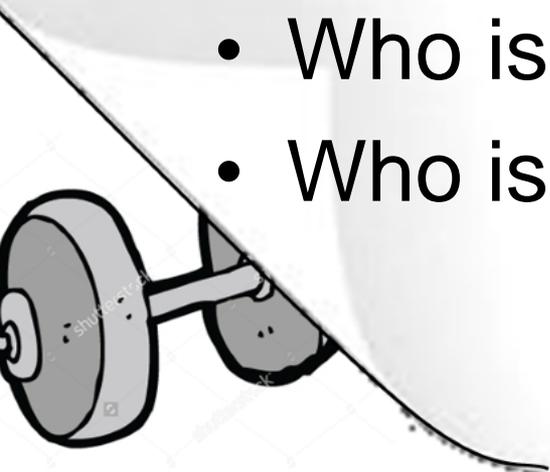
The Lost Son

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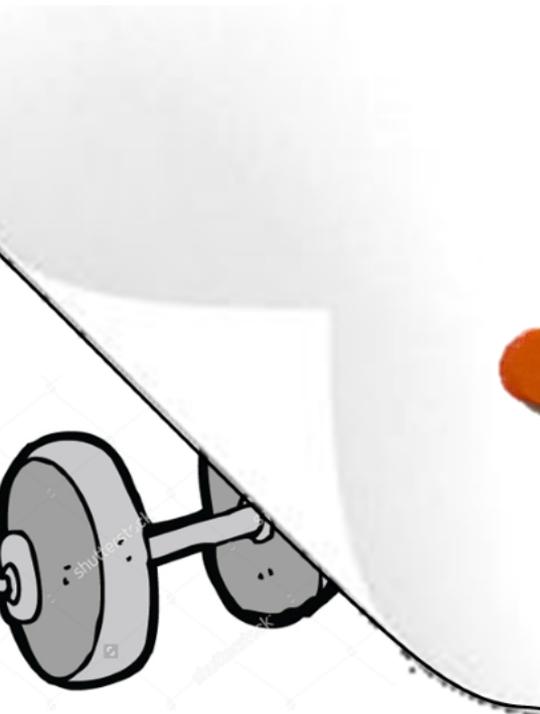
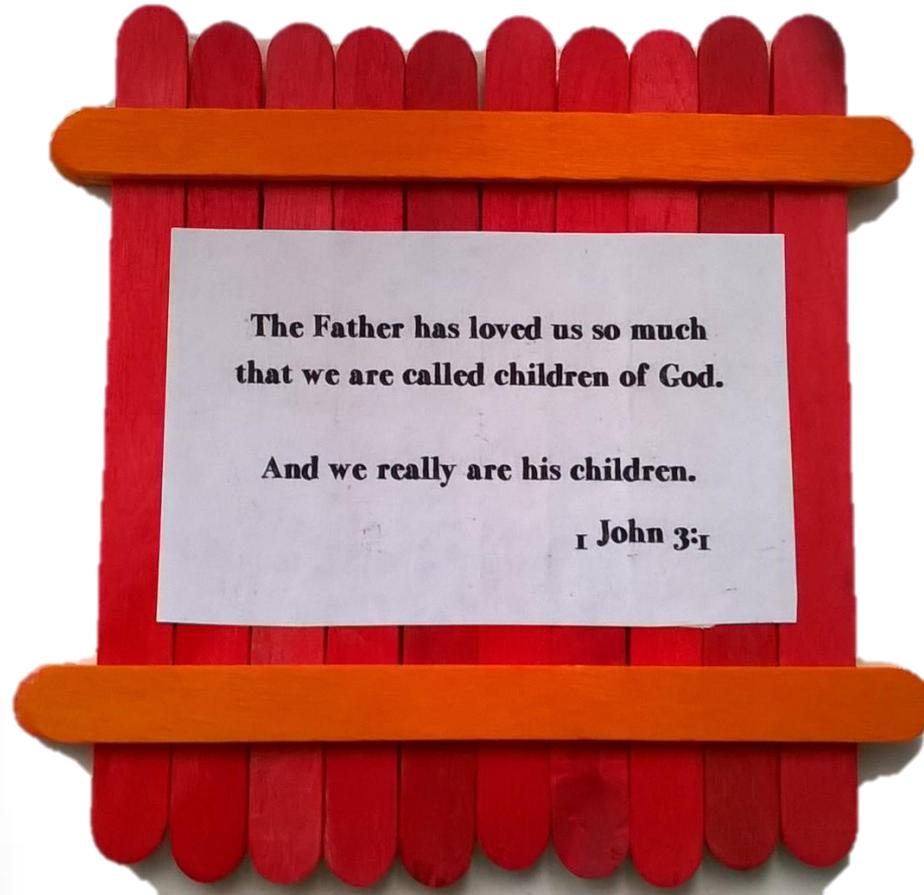


So what does the story mean?

- What did the younger son do?
- Was it the right or the wrong thing?
- Do you think he was happy?
- What did the dad do when his son came back?
- Who is the younger son meant to be?
- Who is the dad meant to be?



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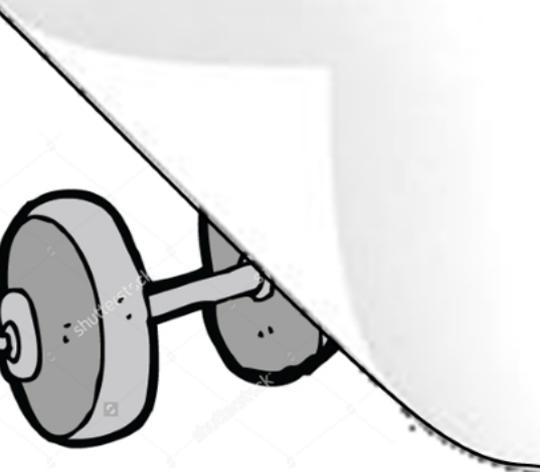


Key Verse

‘The Father has loved us so much that we are called children of God.

And we really are his children.’

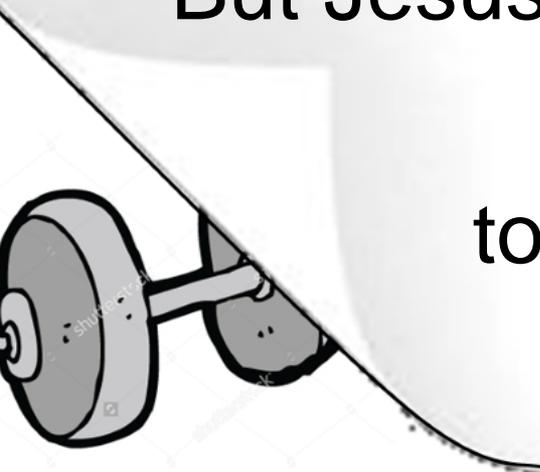
1John 3:1



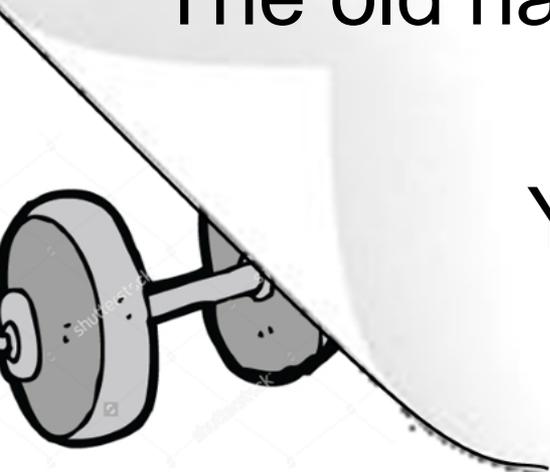
When I was Lost

When I was lost you came and rescued me
Reached down into the pit and lifted me
O Lord, such love: I was as far from you
as I could be

You know all the things I've ever done
But Jesus' blood has cancelled every one
O Lord, such grace,
to qualify me as your own



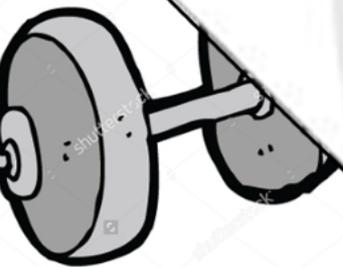
There is a new song in my mouth
There is a deep cry in my heart
A hymn of praise to Almighty God - hallelujah!
And now I stand firm on this Rock
My life is hidden now with Christ in God
The old has gone and the new has come -
hallelujah!
Your love has lifted me



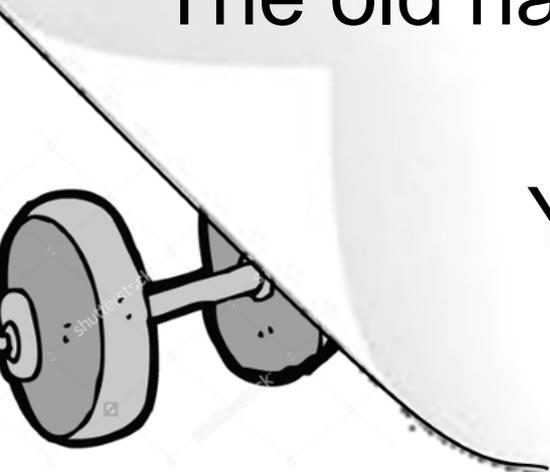
Now I have come into your family
For the Son of God has died for me
O Lord, such peace:

I am as loved by you as I could be
In the full assurance of your love
Now with every confidence we come
O Lord, such joy

to know that you delight in us



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The Lord's Prayer

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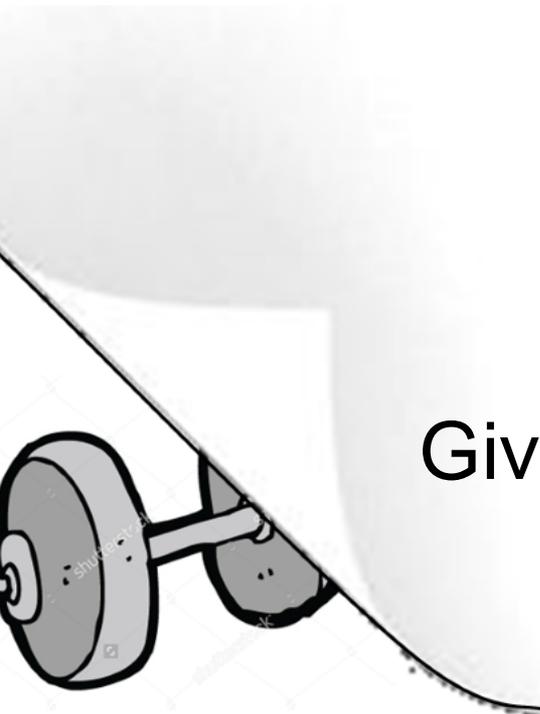
Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name.

Your Kingdom come,

Your will be done

On earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread,



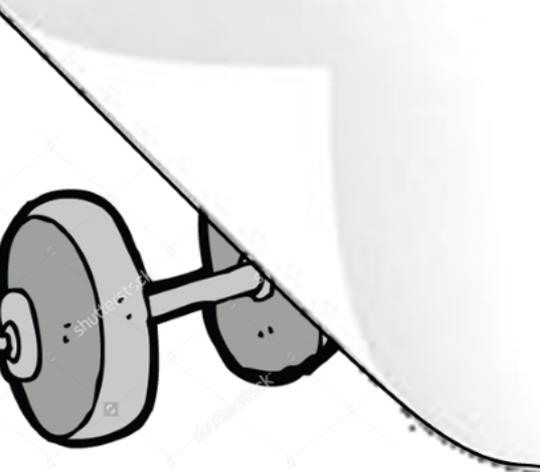
And forgive us our sins,
As we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil.

For the Kingdom, the power and
the glory are yours,

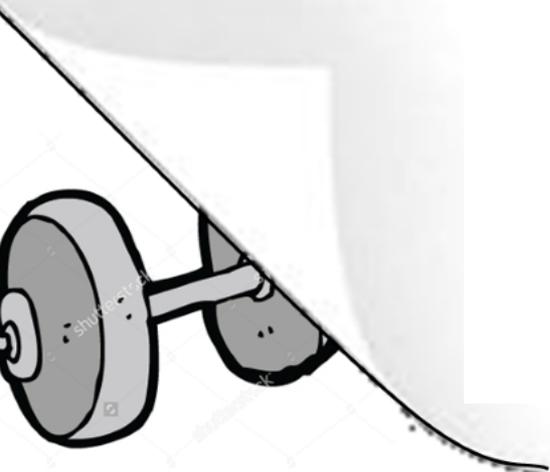
Now and forever,

Amen.



Let's Pray

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Big Family of God

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Some of us are big and tall

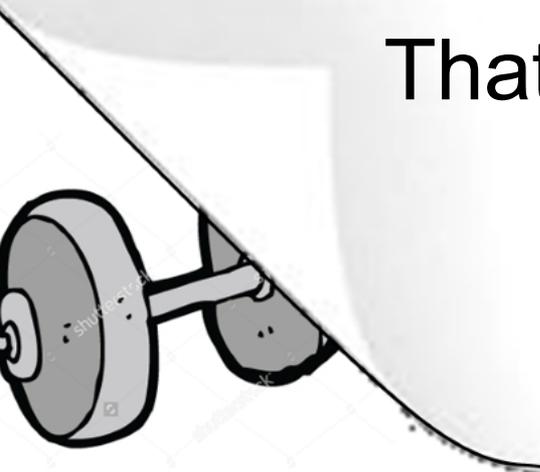
Some of us are very small

Some of us like pink and some like blue

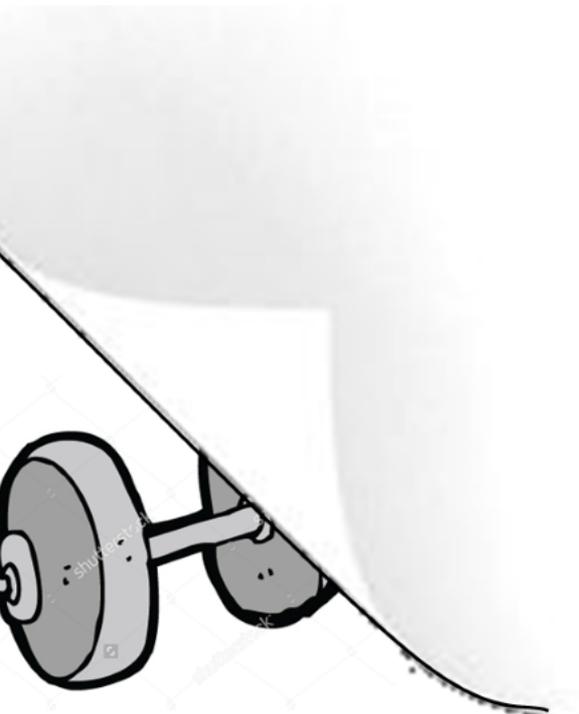
Some of us like reading books

Some of us like feeding ducks

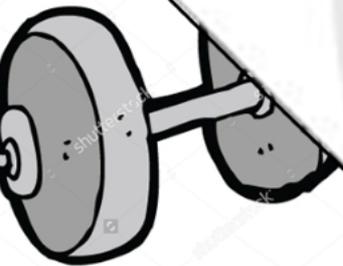
That's because we're different,
me and you....



But God loves everyone he's made
God loves each of us in a special way



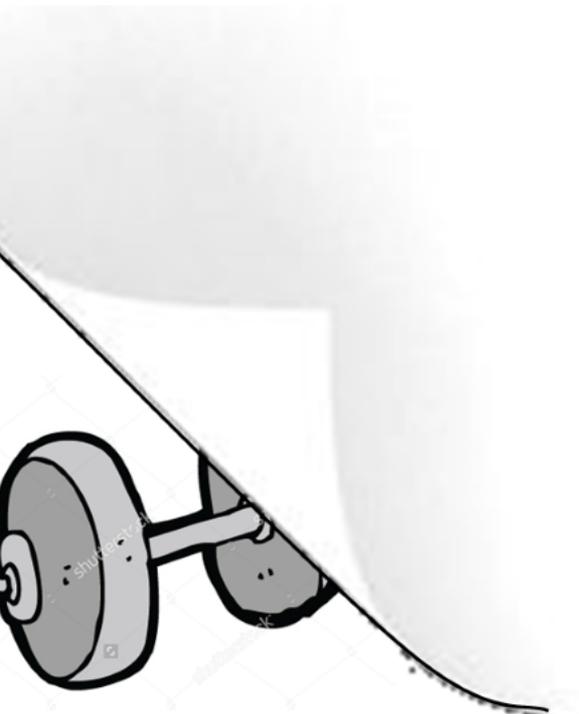
That's you and you and you and you
And you and you and you and you
God loves you, God loves you
That's you and you and you and you
And you and you and you and you
We're part of the big family of God



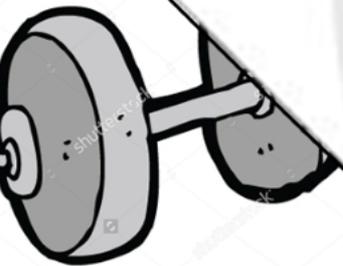
Some of us have curly hair
Some of us have specs to wear
All of us have different families
Some of us are very loud
Some of us don't make a sound
That's because we're different,
you and me.....



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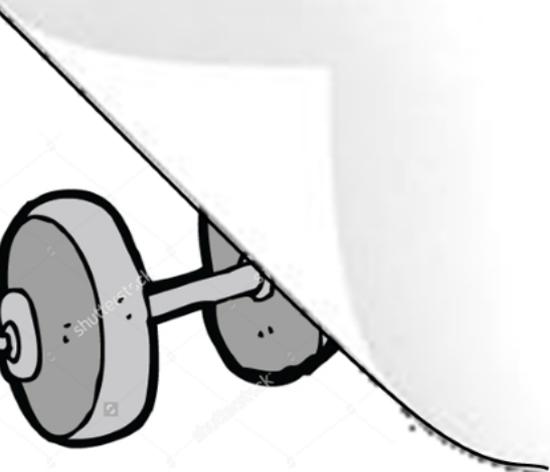
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The Grace

May the grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with us all,
for evermore.

Amen



Notices

- Pick a book!
- Next week – The Good Samaritan
- Services next week – Foundation, 9:31, Ignite and Roots
 - Toddler Group this week!
 - Can you help?
 - Alpha Course

