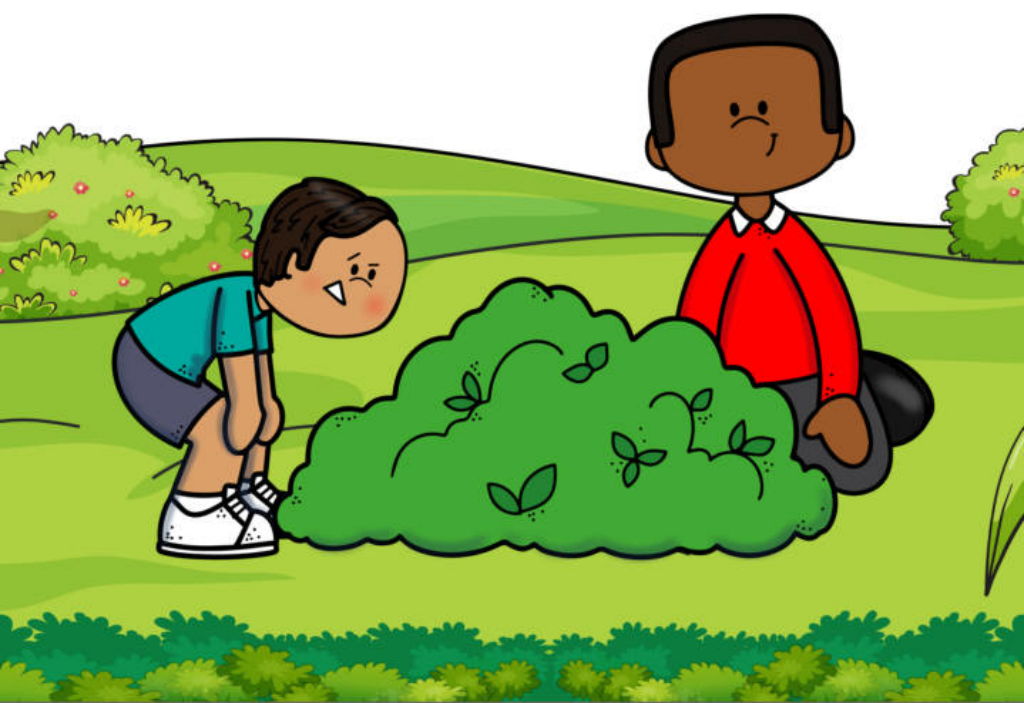


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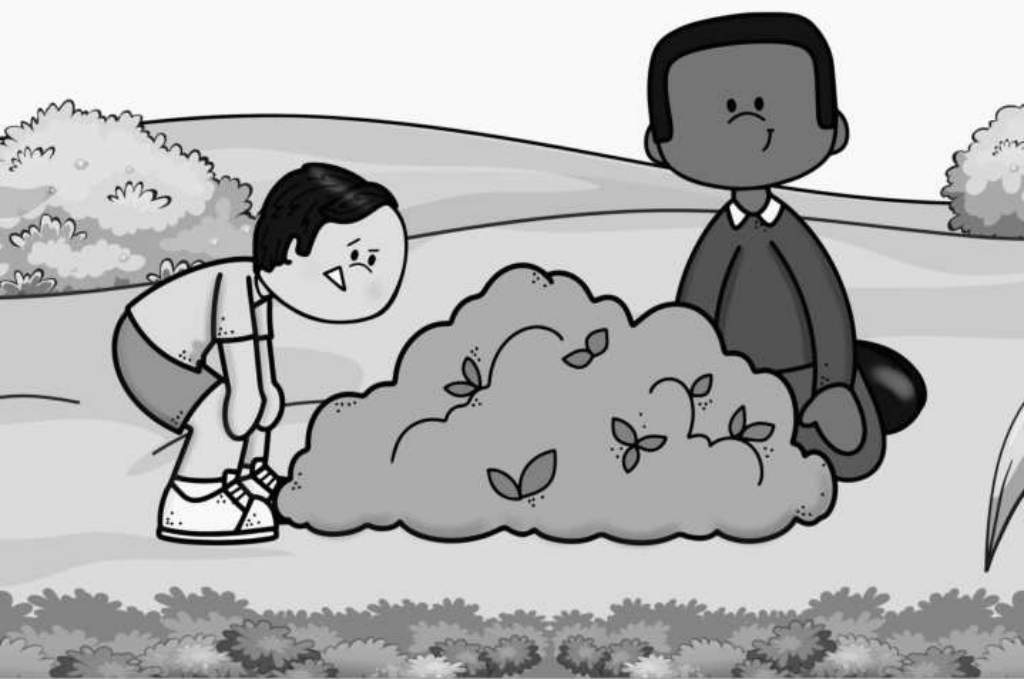


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"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost"
(Luke 19:10).

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved"
(John 3:16 - 17).

"For whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved" (Romans 10:13).

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On a sunny and warm Saturday, I went to the park with Dad and Larry, my sweet dog. We had so much fun together. We ran around the park and we played a game of fetch.

I threw a tennis ball in the air and Larry ran to catch it. He enjoys playing fetch and is becoming really good at it.

"Good job", I told Larry each time he caught the tennis ball.



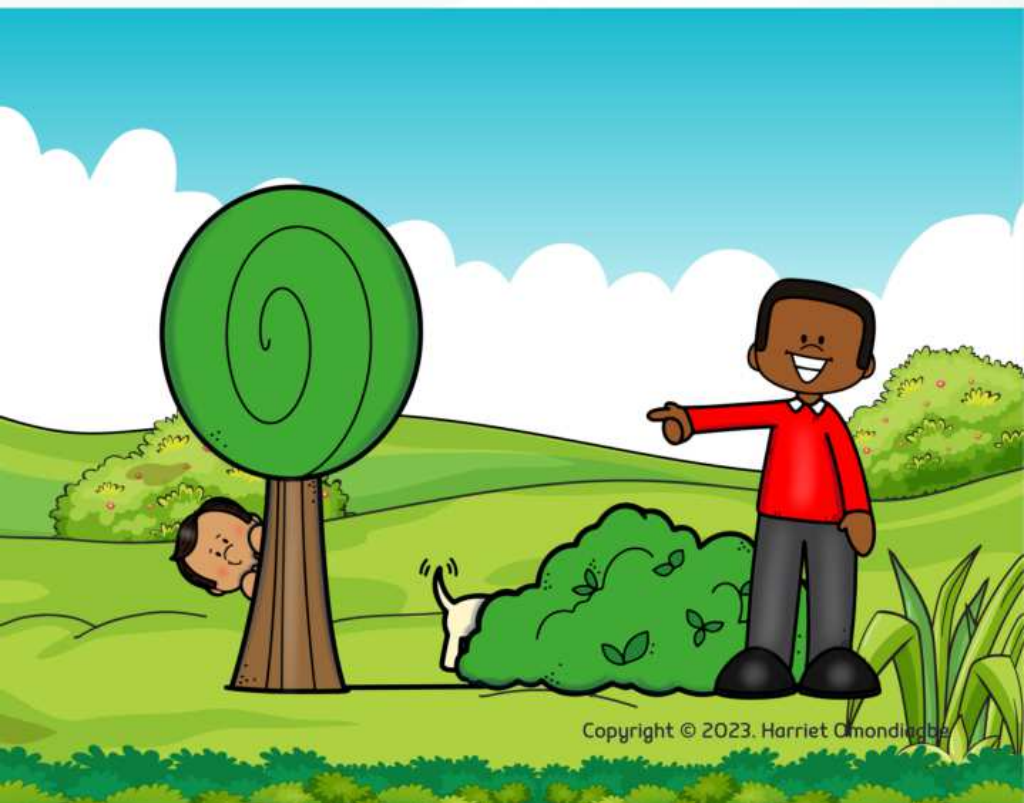
We stopped for some minutes to rest before playing again.

This time, we played hide and seek. This is another game Larry loves to play whenever we were at the park.

I hid behind a tree and Larry tried to find me.

"Hey George! I see a tail in the bush", Dad said, laughing.

I peeked from behind the tree wondering what Larry was doing in the bush.



All of a sudden, I couldn't see Larry's tail anymore. I quickly left my hiding spot to find Larry.

"Larry, Larry! Come here", I called out to him. But there was no Larry. I searched through the bush and did not find him.

"Larry! Where are you?", I called out again. But there was no Larry.



Dad and I walked around the park looking for Larry.

We searched behind the trees, inside the shrubs, inside the short bushes and the flower gardens, but could not find Larry.

"This is strange. Where could Larry be?", I asked.

"It's getting warmer and I am worried for him", said Dad.



Dad suggested that we put up a lost dog poster in the park. So, we quickly went home and came back to the park with a poster.

"I think this is a good spot for the poster. When people come to the park, they enter through here and they will be able to see that a dog is missing", Dad explained.

I put up the poster on a tree at the entrance of the park. I was very sad.

"Perhaps, Larry might even see a picture of himself here", Dad said, trying to cheer me up.



"George, let's take another walk around the park. We might see Larry this time", Dad suggested.

"I hope so Dad", I replied.

So we walked around the park, listening to any woof sound. I looked to the left and to the right.

I wondered if Larry might be in danger.



"Let's take a break and sit on this park bench for a while", Dad said.

So, we sat on the park bench to rest. I was waiting, hoping, listening for.....

"Woof, woof, woof!", came the excited sound.

"Look who's here!", Dad shouted, pointing at Larry.

I was so excited!

"Come here Larry. I missed you!", I said, rubbing his ears.



I brought out a leash from my pocket, then put it around Larry's neck. I don't want him to get lost again.

Dad watched me and smiled.

"You know, this reminds me of God. He looks for us when we are lost and far away from him because he loves us so much".

"Does God put a leash on us?", I asked.

"No George, not like this. But He gives us His word and the Holy Spirit to guide us as we go through life so we don't get lost", Dad replied.

"And it's almost time for dinner, let's go home".



About the book.

When George, his father, and Larry his dog, went to play at the park, no one expected to leave the park without Larry.

Little did they know that their fun time at the park would become a search mission to find Larry.

Did they find Larry, the sweet dog?

This beautifully illustrated book, *Looking for Larry*, explains how much God loves us and looks for us when we are lost and far away from him.

God guides us through His word and the Holy Spirit (and other means) so that we don't get lost as we go through life.

Other books by the author.

1. Dear God, Your love is the best!
2. Jesus loves me and died for me - The true Easter story series, book 1
3. Jesus is alive - The true Easter story series, book 2
4. My emotions and God
5. I can praise God
6. ABCs of nighttime talk with God
7. Not disabled
8. Skateboard pride
9. Puppy troubles

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