

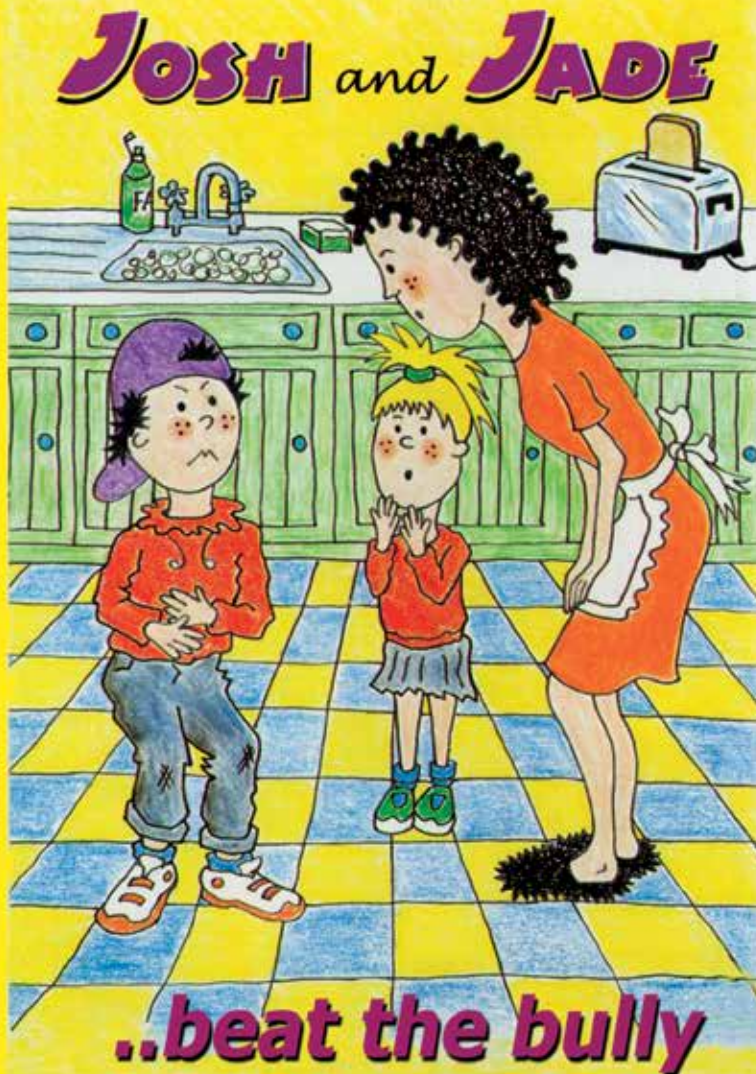
Josh and Jade know that you can be a bully or be bullied in many different ways... by things that are said or done.

The Bible tells us that if you're having a hard time from someone, you shouldn't keep it to yourself...

If you're having trouble, you should pray.

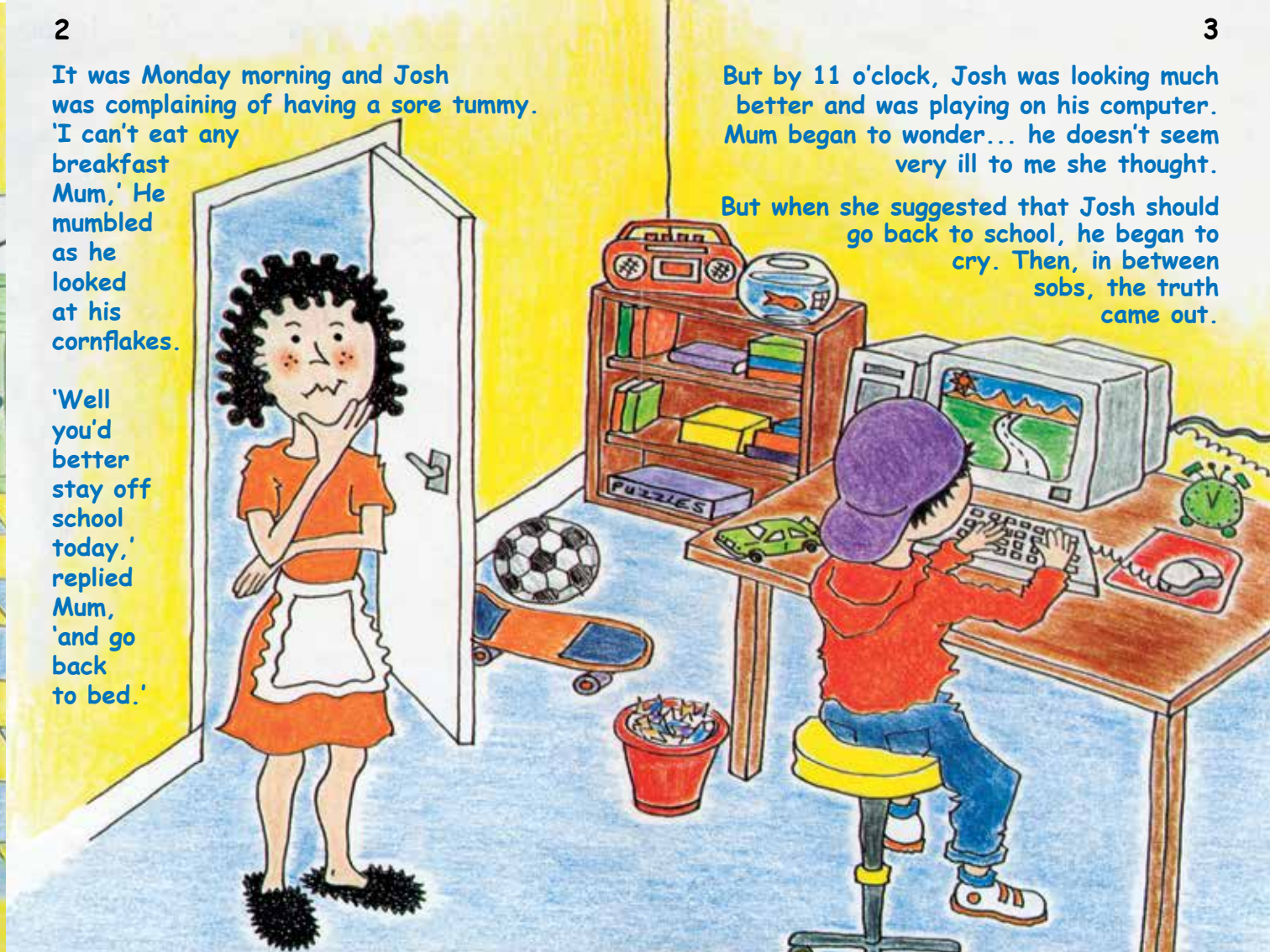
James 5:13

It would also help to speak to your Mum or Dad, another member of your family or your teacher or leader.



It was Monday morning and Josh was complaining of having a sore tummy. 'I can't eat any breakfast Mum,' He mumbled as he looked at his cornflakes.

'Well you'd better stay off school today,' replied Mum, 'and go back to bed.'



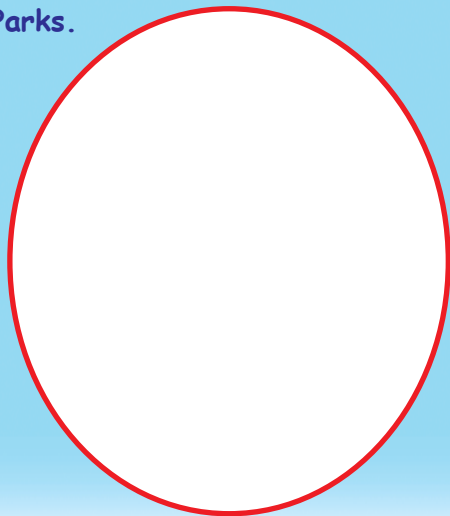
But by 11 o'clock, Josh was looking much better and was playing on his computer. Mum began to wonder... he doesn't seem very ill to me she thought.

But when she suggested that Josh should go back to school, he began to cry. Then, in between sobs, the truth came out.

All last week, Pete Adams had been taking his dinner money. Josh was really scared as he knew Pete would 'get' him if he didn't give him the money.

Pete was big and tough and had been really nasty to Josh's best friend. He had taken Ben's homework and dropped it in a puddle.

Ben was frightened to say what had really happened and had got into trouble with their teacher, Mr. Parks.



Draw what you think Mr. Parks looks like.



Colour in the picture and count the creatures!

Mum explained to Josh that running away from a problem wasn't the way to solve it but she knew that he was really frightened.

'Would you like me to come into school and speak to Mr. Parks about Pete?' asked Mum.

'Oh NO!' cried Josh, 'I'll think of something myself.'

'OK, but if you don't come up with an idea, I will have to speak to Mr. Parks.' said Mum.

What would you do?

- ☐ Ask my Mum to speak to the teacher
- ☐ Get some of my friends to beat up Pete
- ☐ Pluck up the courage to deal with Pete myself
- ☐ Pretend to be sick for longer
- ☐ Pay my dinner money to Pete

Josh thought for a while... 'What if a few of us got Pete on the way back from school one day!' he said.

But this time, Mum didn't think this was such a good idea. She suggested he have a chat with Ben to see if they could come up with a plan between them.

Josh went up to his bedroom and lay down on the bed. Suddenly he had an idea... he rushed downstairs to tell Mum.



Mum thought this was a great plan. That evening, Josh phoned Ben to tell him.



There was silence, Pete's face turned red. Everyone's eyes were on him. The plan had worked. Everyone started to speak at once. When Mr. Parks had calmed the class down, he took Pete, Josh and his friends out of the classroom to find out what the problem was.

Later, Mr. Parks had a long talk with Pete. The class were told that he would be kept in at break and lunch-time for a week. Worst of all, he would not be allowed to play for the school football team for the rest of term.

This is what the Bible calls sin... and we're all guilty...

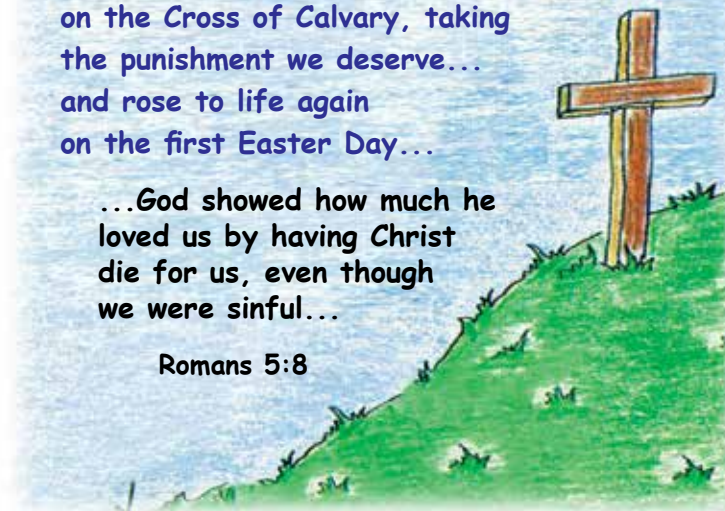
If we say that we have not sinned, we are fooling ourselves...

1 John 1:8

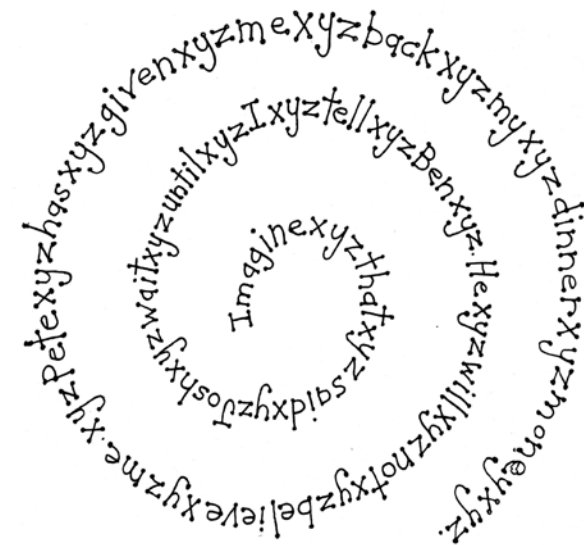
We need to be forgiven by God. That's why His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, died on the Cross of Calvary, taking the punishment we deserve... and rose to life again on the first Easter Day...

...God showed how much he loved us by having Christ die for us, even though we were sinful...

Romans 5:8



But to their surprise, Pete mumbled 'I'm sorry... take this,' and he pressed some money into Josh's hand before running off.



Colour in all the xyz letters
and see what Josh said to Jade.

Suddenly Jade spotted Samantha Price coming towards them. (Jade didn't like her because she was so good at everything AND PRETTY.)

Jade nudged Josh and said loudly, 'Here comes swotty Samantha the teacher's pet!'



Samantha hurried past, blinking back the tears.

They both laughed and Jade shouted after her, 'See you Monday, Swotty!'



That evening, Josh told Mum and Dad how Pete had paid back the money he had taken. Dad said, 'That must have been a very hard thing to do. It's not easy to say we're sorry, is it?'

Just then, the phone rang. It was Samantha Price's mother. 'Do you really call Samantha names every time you see her?' Mum asked Jade sternly. 'Have you been bullying Samantha?' 'No, we only call her Swotty' said Jade quietly.

'Calling someone names is just as bad as stealing their money,' explained Dad. 'It hurts in a different way, but just as much.'

All at once Jade felt cross and guilty. 'Well Jade,' said Dad. 'How are we going to sort this out?'



Do you think Jade is a bully?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Tick which of these things you think are bullying.

- ☐ Always leaving someone out of your games
- ☐ Sharing your sweets with your friends
- ☐ Picking on someone different from you
- ☐ Helping the teacher
- ☐ Calling someone nasty names
- ☐ Hitting someone to make them do what you want
- ☐ Thumping a bully back

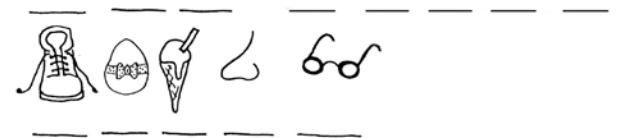
Jade knew she had to say sorry. She also knew that she had to stop calling Samantha names. How could she make things right?

What would YOU do?

I would _____

After thinking for ages, Jade had no idea so she asked Mum and Dad. They suggested that maybe if Samantha and her Mum came round after school on Monday, it would be the first step to solving the problem. Jade could then say she was sorry to Samantha.

Crack the code to see what Jade finds out about Samantha



When Jade heard this she was glad she'd said sorry to Samantha.