



SNEAKERS

J.T.C.

Johnny, when I get rich I will buy this land for you.



Daddy, all I want is **sneakers**. to keep my little feet warm.

Sneakers? Sure, Johnny. As soon as I get paid I will buy your **sneakers**.



Yes, Johnny... you can **trust** your daddy!

Mommy, Daddy is going
 to buy me some shoes!

Now I can buy some
 shoes for my son.

How wonderful. Your daddy
 is a good man, Johnny.

John just got paid. Let's
 get it away from him."

"Exodus 20:17

You can buy those later...

✓SHUES



Let's stop in at the bar for one little drink. Come on, John.

John, do you feel lucky?



Let's get into that card game...

you can double your money.

Bring John another drink.*

You lose again, John. It's too bad.

It's time to go home, John. It's closing time.

Already? (hic)

Oh, John... you're
drunk again. Where is
the money for food?

It's all gone...
I don't know
what happened.

I've got to get
some sleep.

Leave me alone.

Oh, my head...

Daddy, did you bring my sneakers?



Go away, Johnny... I have a headache. I'm sick.

You said I could **trust** you, Daddy. **You lied!** And God won't let liars into heaven!*

Shut up,
Johnny! Get
out of here.



I love you, Daddy...
and Jesus loves
you, too!

*Revelation 21:8

O God, make my daddy stop lying so he can go to heaven.



My feet hurt.
Please make
him buy my
shoes.

Father, whatever it takes to
save my husband, please
do it, in Jesus' name.



Next payday

John, are you a **woman**? Can't you do what you want? My wife doesn't tell *me* what to do!



Be a man, John...
Just **one** drink. Okay?

I feel lucky tonight.
Can I play?

It's good
old John.



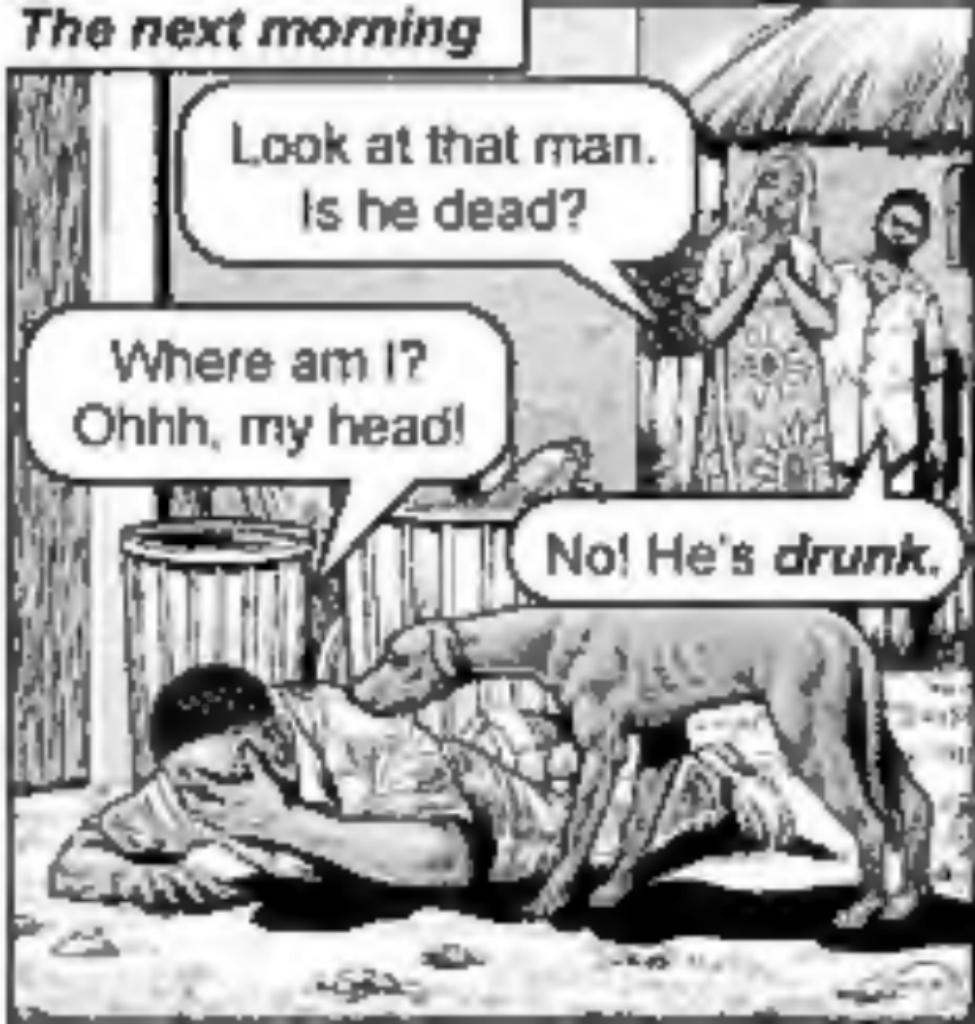
Give John a drink.
You can play with us anytime,
John. Where's your money?



Everybody's
gone, John.
I've got to put
you outside.

Come
on, you
drunken
bum.

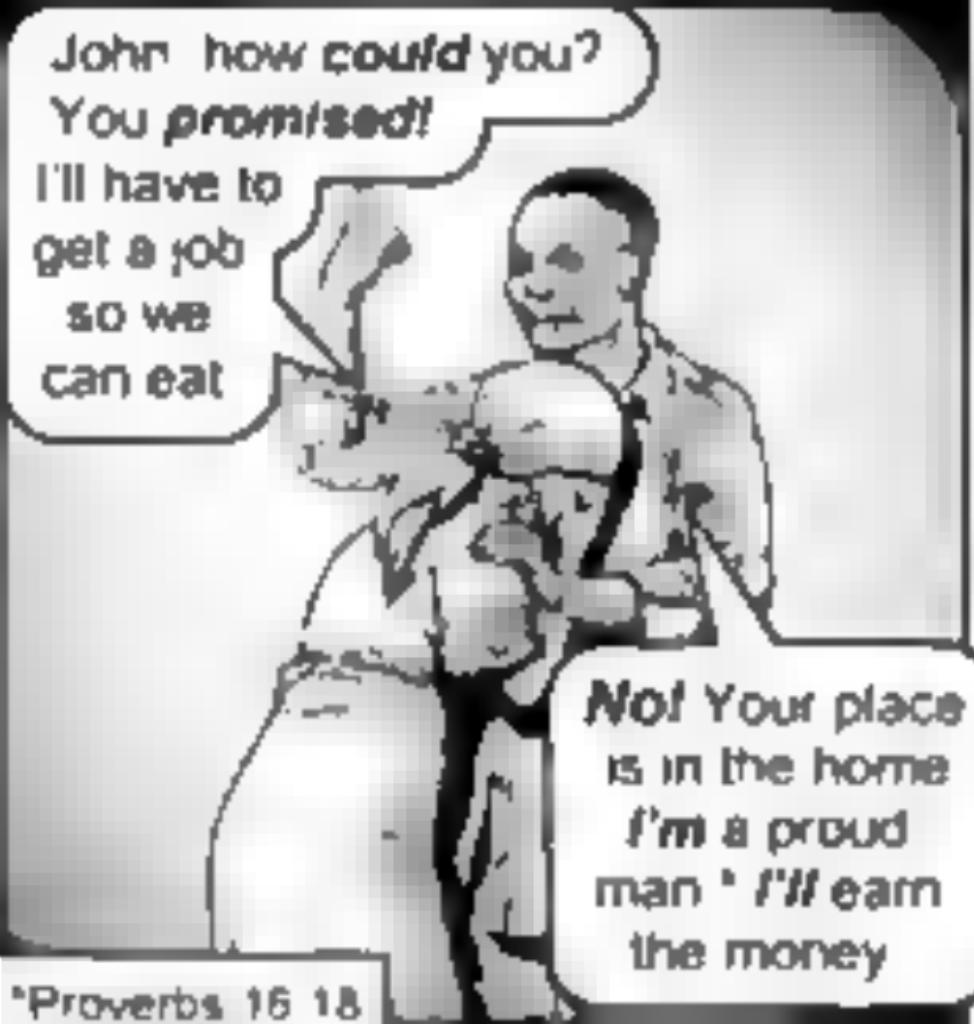
The next morning



Look at that man.
Is he dead?

Where am I?
Ohhh, my head!

No! He's drunk.



John how could you?
You promised!
I'll have to
get a job
so we
can eat

Not Your place
is in the home
I'm a proud
man I'll earn
the money



Daddy, I cut
my foot on
some glass

Did you get my sneakers?



Before God I promise
I'll be a good husband
and father. I'll bring
home my salary
I won't gamble any
more. And, Johnny
I swear I'll buy you
your sneakers.

I promise.

Oh, John
please keep
your word

We love you Daddy I know
you'll bring me my sneakers.



I'll be home tonight with
Johnny's shoes and the money

Daddy I'm so
excited You
won't let me
down Daddy
not this time

Be careful
John It looks
like a storm
is coming.

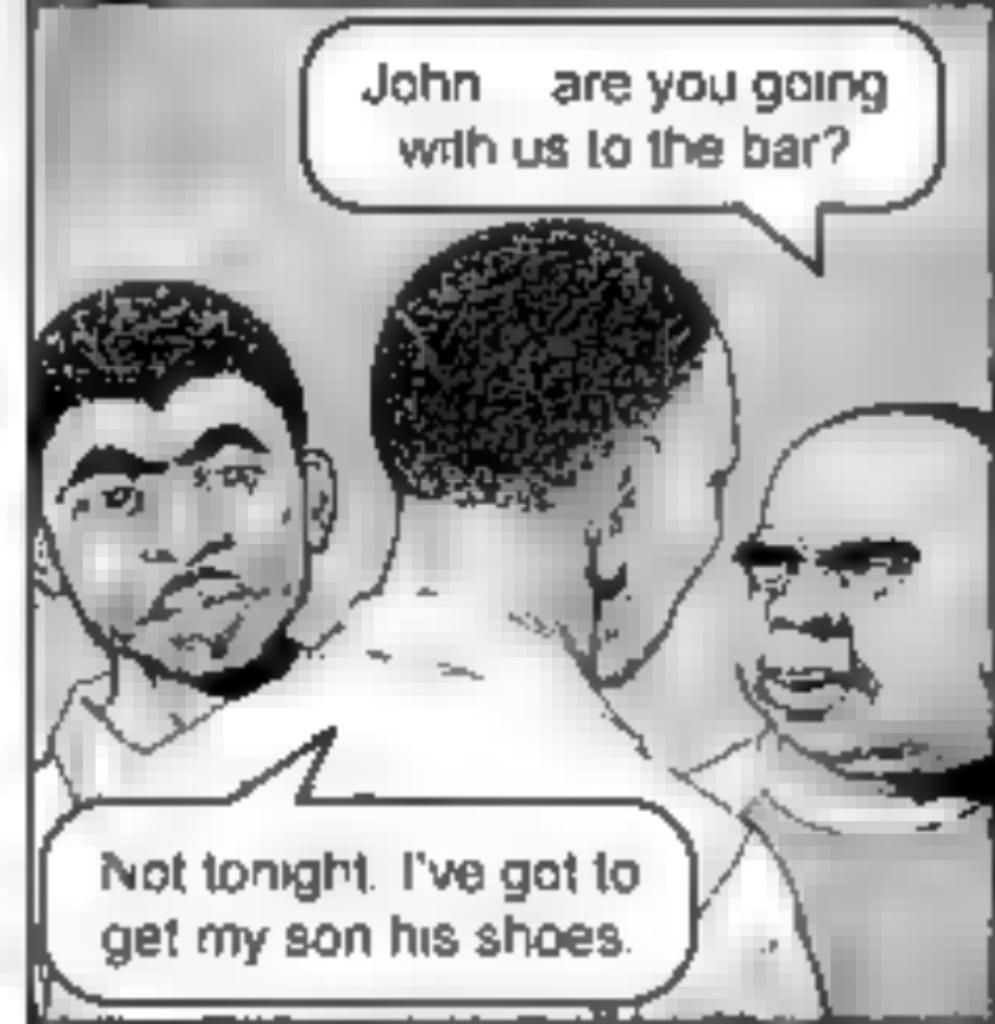


Oh Johnny your little
foot looks worse You
musn't stand on it

It hurts Mommy and I feel
so hot Where's Daddy?



Here's your pay
John. You'd
better hurry home
The storm is
getting worse



John are you going
with us to the bar?

Not tonight. I've got to
get my son his shoes.



John John It's cold tonight We need to get warm The bar is on the way

Just one little drink John I'll pay for it



Okay! Just one little drink and I go home Is that understood?

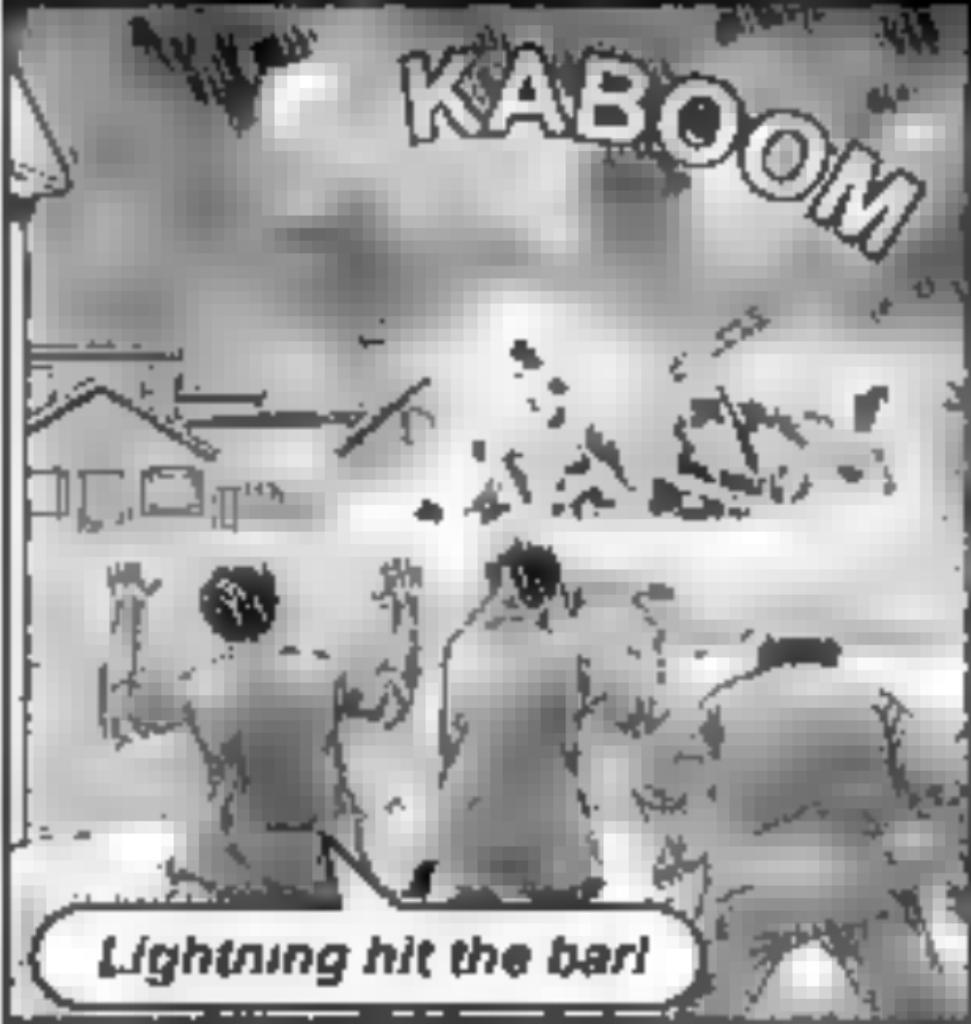
John, you can trust us. We are your best friends. Let's go

O God don't let John go to
the bar tonight.* Stop him



* The effective fervent prayer
of a righteous man (or woman)
availeth much - James 5:16b

KABOOM



That was the
hand of God

I want those
~~sneakers~~
for my son



Oh no The
bridge is out
I can't cross it
tonight

CRASH!

ROAR



1 A.M.

Daddy Where are my
sneakers, Daddy?

Hurry, Daddy
I'm so cold.

Johnny! Where are you?
Where have you gone?

JOHNNY



I hear such beautiful music

Are YOU my Jesus?



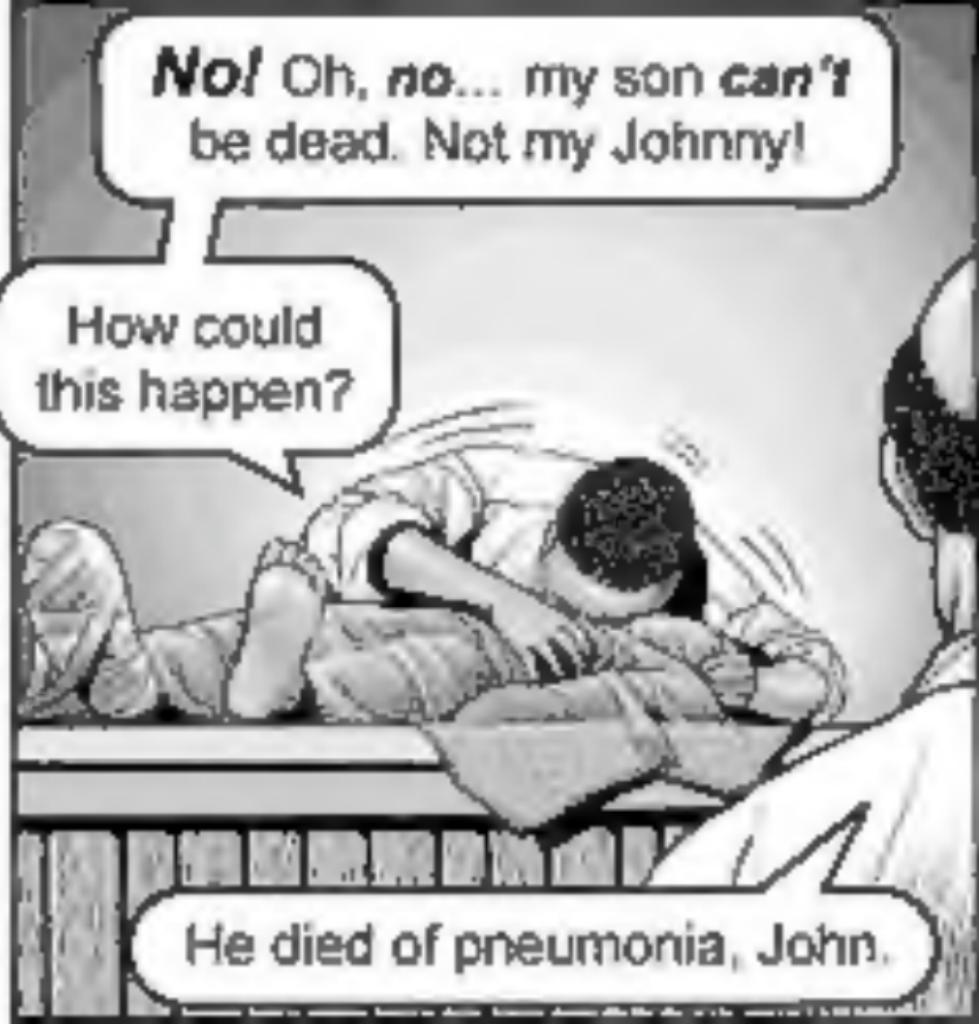
O my God
help me

10 A.M. next morning



No! Oh, no... my son can't
be dead. Not my Johnny!

How could
this happen?



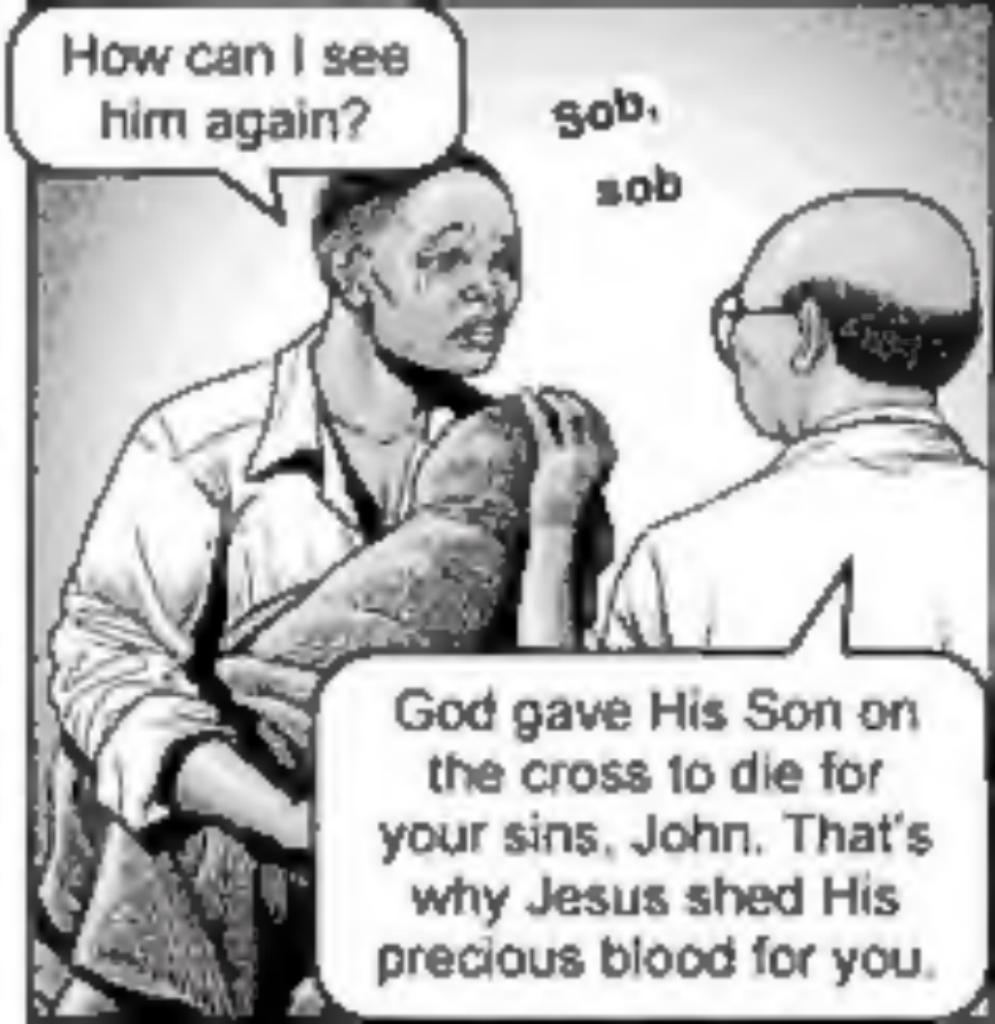


I'll never see my little son again. He's lost forever.

sob,
sob

John, he can't come back to you, but you can go see him* ... in heaven.

*See 2 Samuel 12:23



How can I see him again?

sob,
sob

God gave His Son on the cross to die for your sins, John. That's why Jesus shed His precious blood for you.

O God, forgive me.

sob

sob

I've gambled,
lied, and was
a drunkard. Please
forgive my wickedness.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

Lord Jesus, come into my heart* and become my Saviour so when I die I can be with You and little Johnny.

sob,
sob

Thank You,
Lord Jesus.

*Romans 10:9-10 & 13

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read *The Next Step*, available at www.chick.com.

