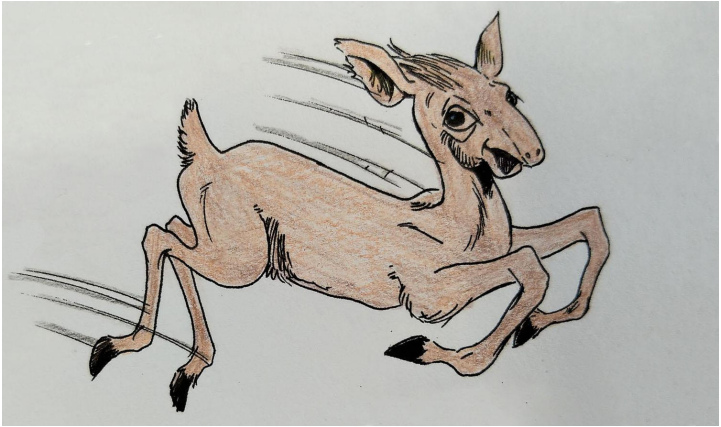


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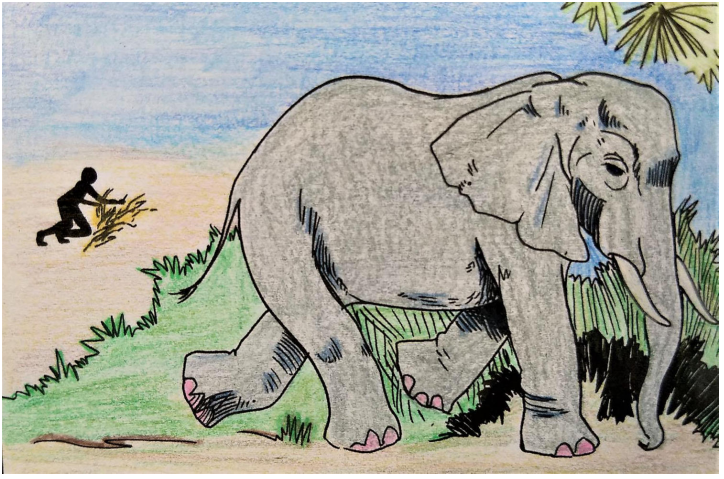
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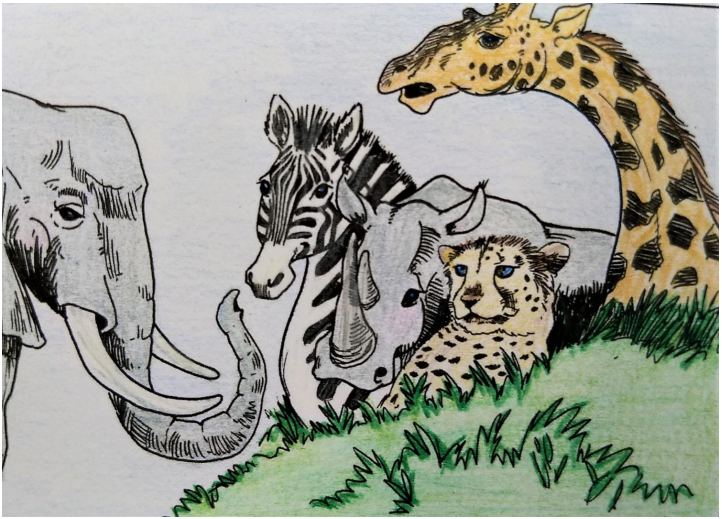


[Tembo the] Elephant* stood quietly in the jungle. He watched a hunter lay sticks and grass across a deep pit. The pit was a trap to catch animals.

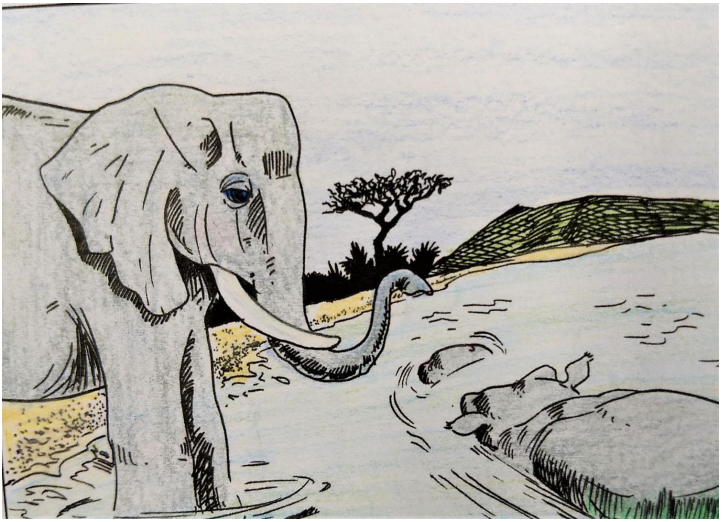
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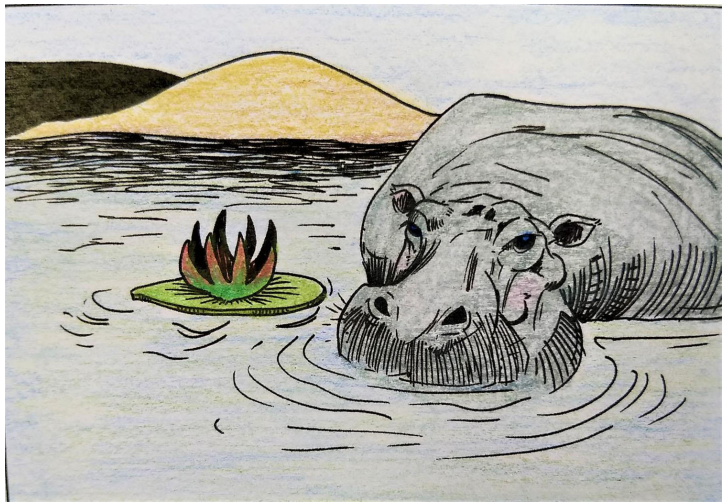
Elephant thought, “I must find and warn the other animals!”



So, Elephant went and warned the other animals, “Watch out! A hunter dug a dangerous trap in our jungle!”



Elephant hurried along, warning all the animals. At the river, he saw [Kiboko, the] Hippo, who was enjoying a long nap. Elephant woke him and warned him, too.



Elephant said, “If you see Dik-dik, the small gazelle, tell him about the traps!”

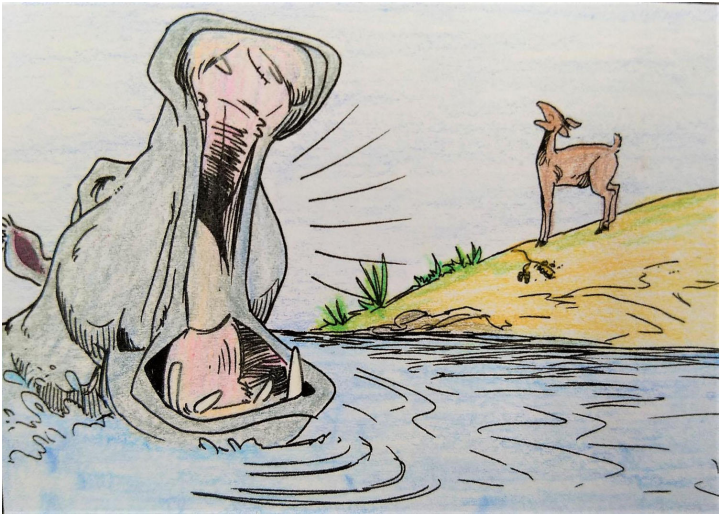
Hippo yawned sleepily and said, “Yes, I will.”



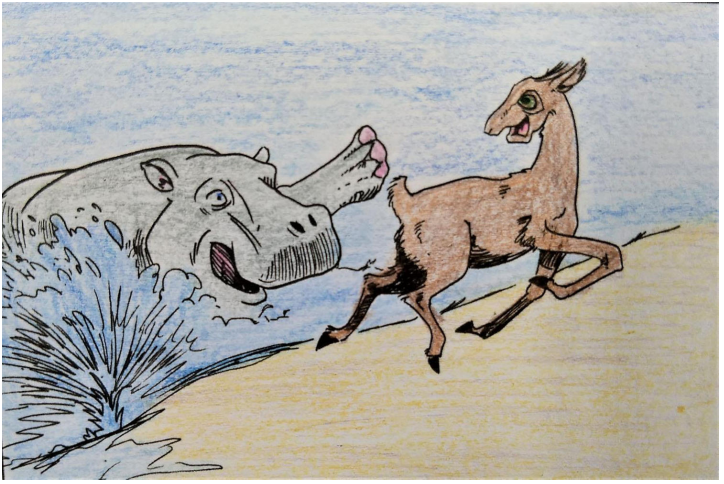
A little later, Dik-dik came to the river to drink water. He saw Hippo enjoying a nap in the sun. Dik-dik felt playful and thought, “Hippo looks so comfortable! I will play a trick and wake him!”



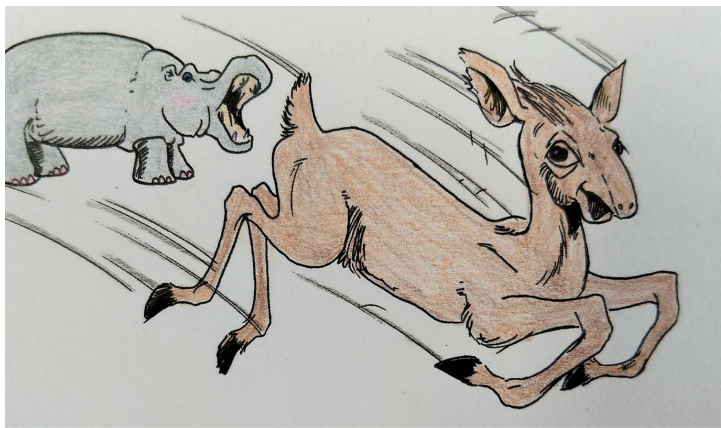
Dik-dik broke a branch from a flowery tree and shook some pollen near Hippo's nose.



The pollen made Hippo sneeze: “AaaChoo!”
This woke Hippo from his nap. Hippo saw Dik-
dik laughing.



Then Hippo remembered Elephant's message. So, he shouted, "Hey, Dik-dik!" But Dik-dik began to run away.



Hippo shouted, “Dik-dik! Wait! I have something important to tell you!”

Dik-dik replied, “No! I will not let you catch me!” Dik-dik thought the big hippo wanted to play, so Dik-dik ran away.

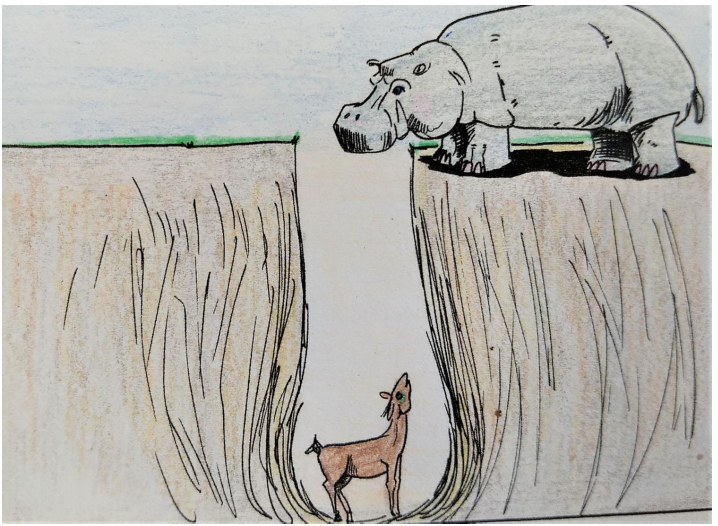


Suddenly, Dik-dik fell into the hunter's trap!

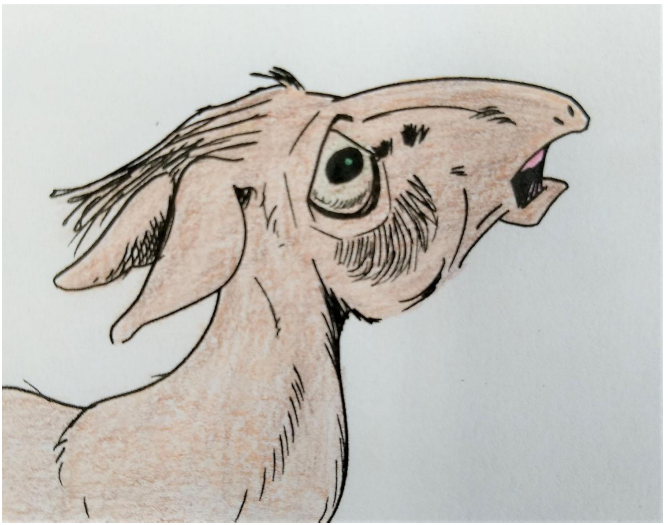


Hippo came out of the river, shouting, “Dik-dik!
Where are you?”

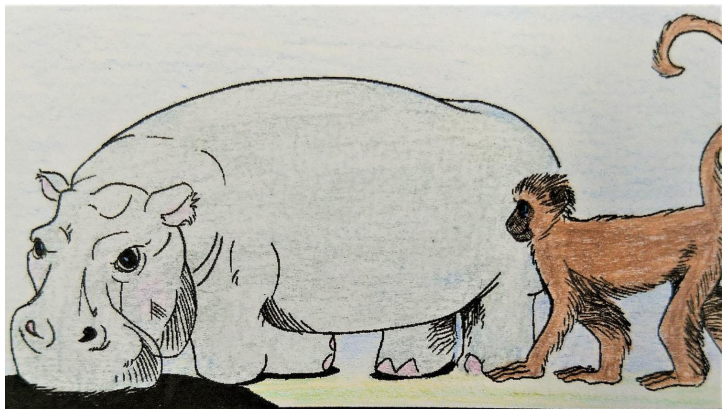
Dik-dik called back [in a fearful, muffled voice],
“I am down here in a pit!”



Hippo saw Dik-dik in the trap and began to scold him: “Let me tell you ten rules about traps. The first rule says, ‘Look where you are going.’ The second one says...”



Dik-dik was afraid and shouted, “Tell me the rules later, Hippo! Help me out of this trap before the hunter comes and kills me! If you cannot help me, then, please go bring someone who can help me!”



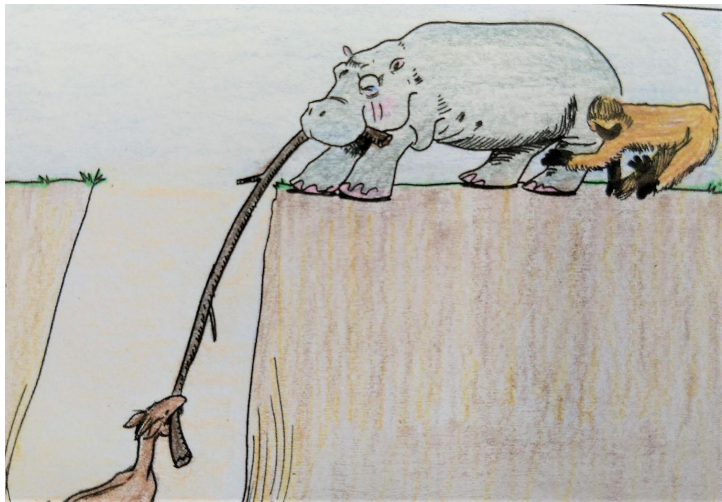
Just then, [Vervy the] Monkey came to see what all the noise was about. He asked Hippo, “Why are you looking into that pit?”

Hippo explained how Dik-dik fell into the trap.

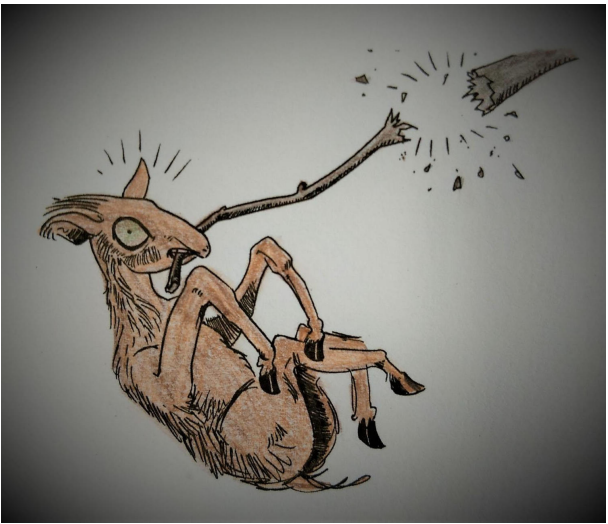
Monkey replied, “I have an idea that will help!”



Monkey ran to a tree, and brought back a long stick. He explained, “Dik-dik will hold one end in his mouth, and we will hold the other end and pull him out from the trap. This will be easy to do, if we work together!”



All three animals agreed. Dik-dik and Hippo held the stick in their mouths. Hippo pulled on the stick with all his strength, and Monkey pulled on Hippo. It was working!



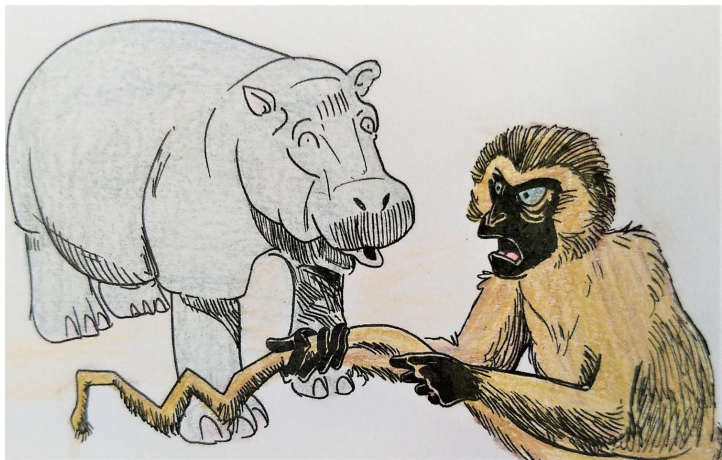
But when Dik-dik was almost out from the trap, [loud breaking sound] the stick suddenly broke!



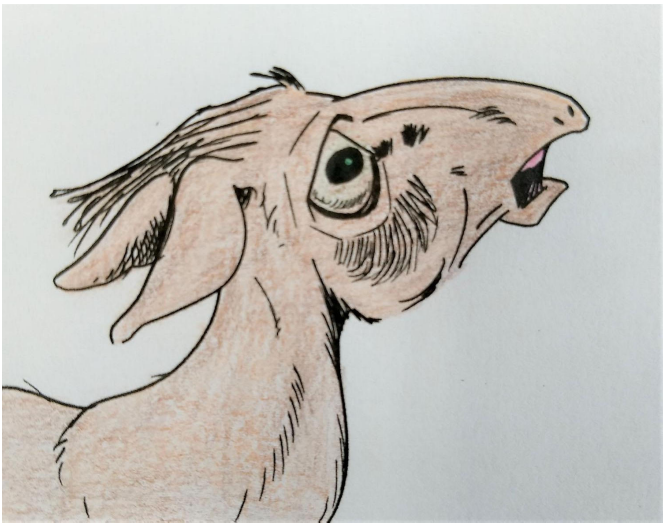
Dik-dik fell back into the cold, dark bottom of the pit. Thud! “Ooof!”



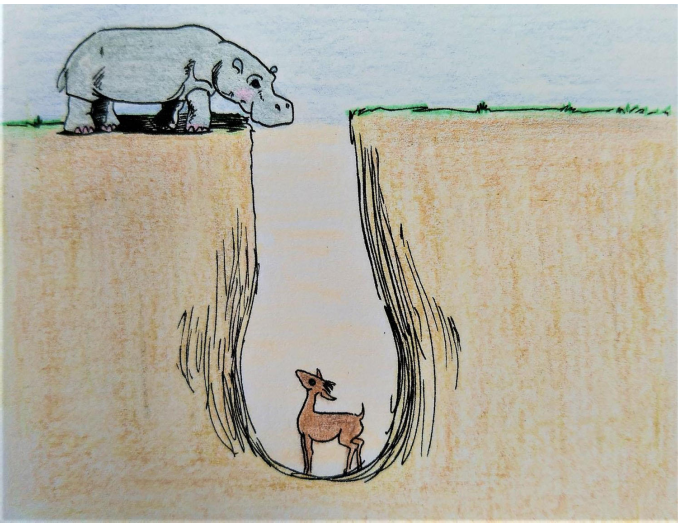
At the same time, Hippo lost his balance, and he fell backwards onto Monkey!



Monkey cried out, “Ooooo! Ouch!” He said angrily to Hippo, “Look at what you did to my beautiful tail! You bent it and bruised it! It will never be straight again! I must go lie down to rest!” Then Monkey ran into the jungle.



“Hippo! Hippo!” shouted Dik-dik fearfully,
“Please do not leave me here alone!”



Hippo said to Dik-dik, “I will now tell you the second rule about traps. ‘Know what traps look like.’ The third rule about traps is...” Before he finished speaking, Hippo heard a noise in the bushes.



It was Elephant coming towards them,
trumpeting and crashing through the jungle.



Elephant spoke calmly and firmly, “Dik-dik! The hunter is coming. We must be quick.”

Dik-dik replied, “But I cannot get myself out of this trap, and no one else can help me! Do you know a way to get me out?”



Elephant replied with a confident voice, “I am the way! Trust me, and I will get you out. Come stand near this side of the pit!”



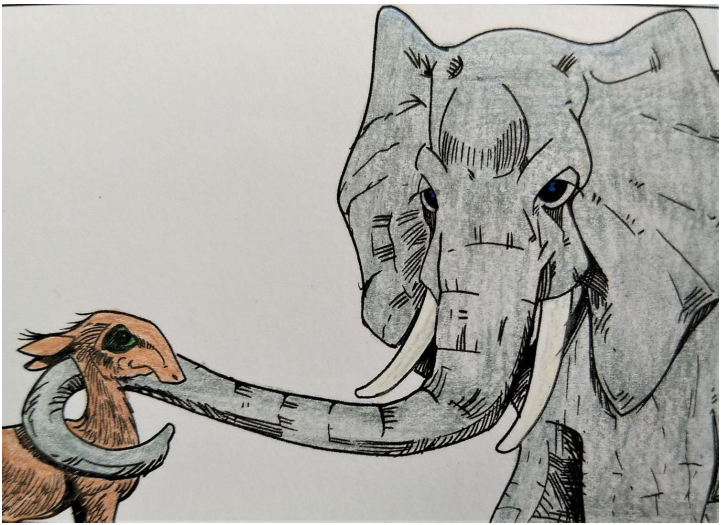
Dik-dik replied with a worried voice, “But I cannot hold on to anything!”



Elephant calmly explained to Dik-dik, “You do not need to hold onto anything! Just trust me, and I will hold onto you!”



Elephant reached into the trap with his trunk and held Dik-dik's front legs. He said, "Look at me! Do not look back! I will save you!" Elephant lifted Dik-dik out and set him down on the ground.



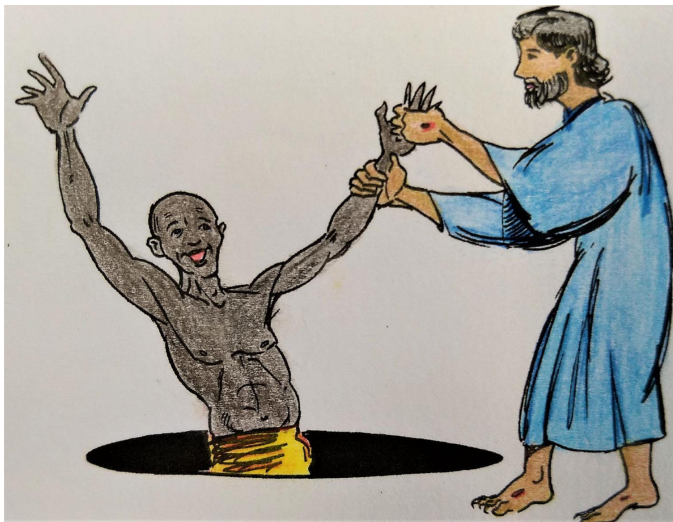
Dik-dik exclaimed, "Thank you. You saved me from the trap!"

Elephant said, "Come with me, Dik-dik! The closer you stay to me, the safer you will be."



What is the lesson from this story? We are all caught in a trap called “sin.” We cannot save ourselves. There is only one way to escape this trap.

Romans 3:23;; John 3:17; Luke 19:10



The Lord Jesus said, “I am the way!” If we repent of our sin and trust in Jesus, we are saved from sin and eternal death. Because Jesus saves us, we love him and obey his commands. Jesus is the only Savior and the best friend we will ever have.

John 14:6; Romans 6:23;; Acts 4:12; John 15:13

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