

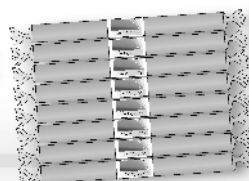
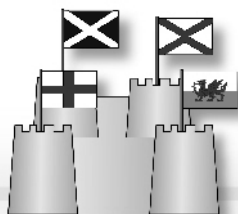
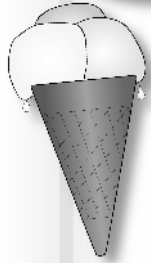
Jesus Chooses Some Followers

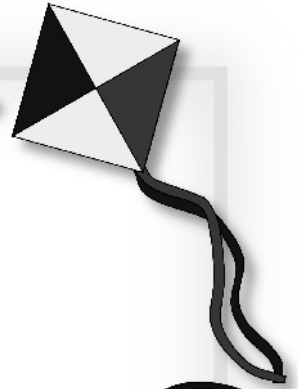
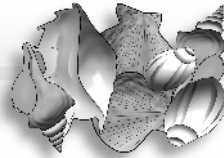
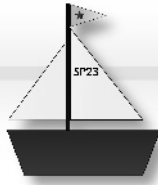
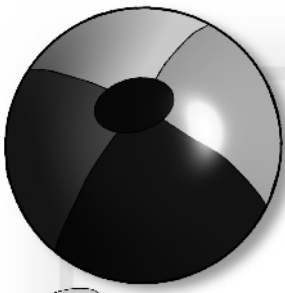
(Mark 1:14-20)

¹⁴ Jesus went into Galilee and told people the Good News from God. ¹⁵ He said, "The right time is now here. God's kingdom has come! Change your hearts and lives, and believe the Good News!"

¹⁶ Jesus was walking by Lake Galilee. He saw Simon and his brother Andrew. These two men were fishermen, and they were throwing a net into the lake to catch fish. ¹⁷ Jesus said to them, "Come and follow me, and I will make you a different kind of fishermen. You will catch people, not fish." ¹⁸ Straightaway they left their nets and followed Jesus.

¹⁹ Still walking by the Lake, Jesus saw two more brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee. They were in their boat, getting their nets ready to catch fish. ²⁰ When Jesus saw the two brothers, he told them to come with him. They left their dad and followed Jesus.





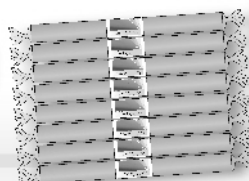
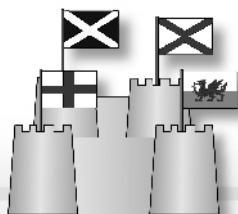
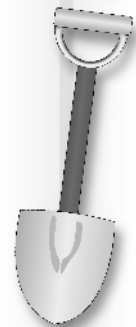
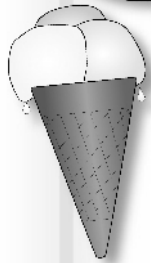
A Story About a Farmer Sowing Seed

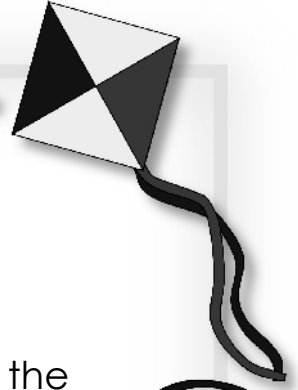
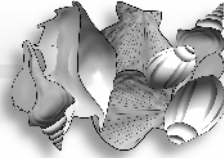
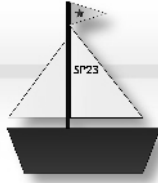
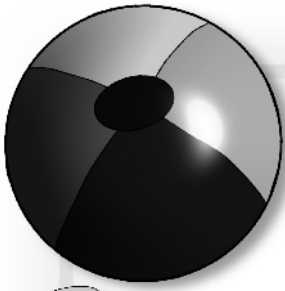
(Mark 4 :1-9)

¹ One time Jesus began teaching by the lake, and lots of people came to hear him. He got into a boat so that he could teach them all. All the people stayed on the beach next to the water. ² Jesus used stories to teach the people many things. One of his stories went like this:

³ "Listen! A farmer went out to plant seed. ⁴ While he was scattering the seed, some of it fell on the path. The birds came and ate all that seed. ⁵ Other seed fell on rocky ground, where there was not enough earth. At first it grew really quickly there because the soil was not deep. ⁶ But then the sun rose and the plants were burned. They died because they did not have deep roots. ⁷ Some other seed fell on ground full of weeds. The weeds grew and stopped the good plants from growing. So they did not make the grain they were meant to. ⁸ But some of the seed fell on good ground. There it began to grow, and it made grain. Some plants made 30 times more grain, some 60 times more, and some 100 times more."

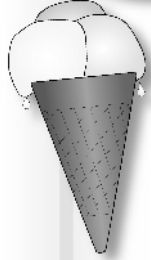
⁹ Then Jesus said, "You people who hear me, listen!"





Jesus gives a dead girl her life back

(Mark 5:21-23, 35-43)



²¹ Jesus went back to the other side of the lake in the boat and lots of people joined him by the shore. ²² An important man called Jairus came to Jesus. ²³ He got on his knees and begged Jesus to come and make his sick daughter better. She was very ill and close to death.

³⁵ On the way some people arrived from the house of Jairus. "It's too late," they said, "Your daughter has died. Don't waste any more of Teacher Jesus' time."

³⁶ Jesus didn't seem worried and said to Jairus, "Don't be scared, just trust me."

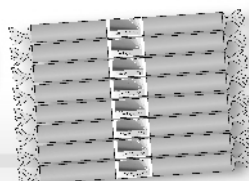
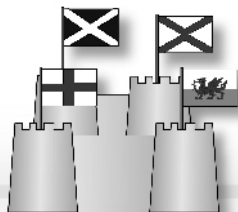
³⁸ When Jesus arrived at the house of Jairus lots of people were crying very loudly and making a huge fuss. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Why are people so sad and making so much noise? The girl is not dead, she's just asleep."

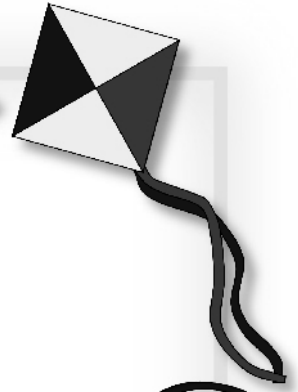
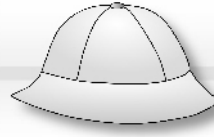
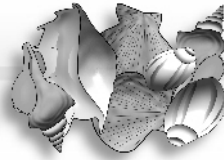
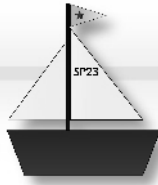
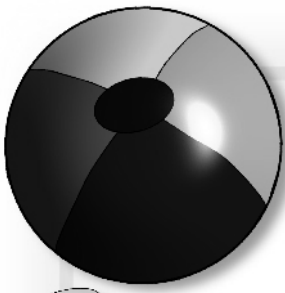
⁴⁰ Everyone laughed at Jesus because they knew she really had died. Then Jesus went into the room where the girl was, along with her parents and three of his followers.

⁴¹ Jesus took the girl's hand and said, "Get up!"

⁴² Straight away the girl stood up and starting walking around. Everyone was amazed!

⁴³ "Don't tell everyone about this for now," said Jesus, "and give the girl some food to eat."





Jesus calms a big storm

(Mark 4:35-41)

³⁵ One evening Jesus said to his followers,
“Come with me in the boat across the lake.” ³⁶
So they left all the crowds behind and got into
the boat. ³⁷ A big wind began to blow, and the
waves were so big that the boat began to fill
with water. ³⁸ Jesus was at the back of the boat
– asleep, with his head on a pillow. His followers
woke him up and said, “Teacher, don’t you
care? We are all about to drown!”

³⁹ Jesus stood up and gave orders to the wind
and the waves. He said, “Quiet! Stop!”
Straightaway the wind stopped blowing and
the lake became completely calm.

⁴⁰ Jesus said to his followers, “Why were you so
frightened? Don’t you trust me?”

⁴¹ The followers were really scared now and
asked, “Who is this man, Jesus? Even the wind
and waves do what he tells them to do!”

