

# Mahragan Alkeraza 2013



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Come to Me... Come to Me...



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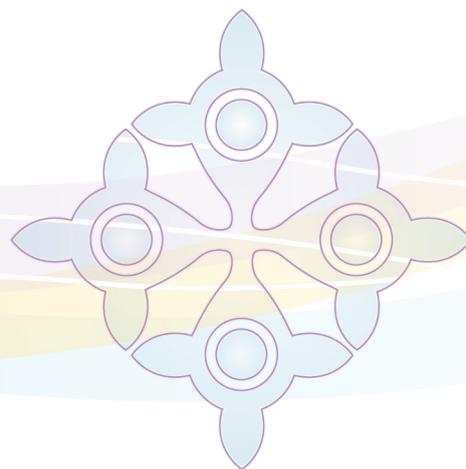


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## INTRODUCTION

### Mahragan Alkeraza 2013

As we celebrated the conclusion of last year's Mahragan with the distribution of the trophies for the first place winners, we were grateful for God's blessings. We were blessed in so many ways, as we had a chance to transform our lives through Christ. We were also blessed with a worldwide participation, with over 140 Churches representing more than 20 countries in the 2012 Mahragan Competition.

The theme for Mahragan 2013 is "Come to Me". This year, God is asking all of us to come to Him with all our senses:

1. My Eyes Are Looking Towards Him
2. My Ears Hear Him
3. My Mind Is Focused On Him
4. My Heart Rejoices In Him
5. My Hand Offers To Him

We hope all of you will participate in the Mahragan activities this year, and encourage

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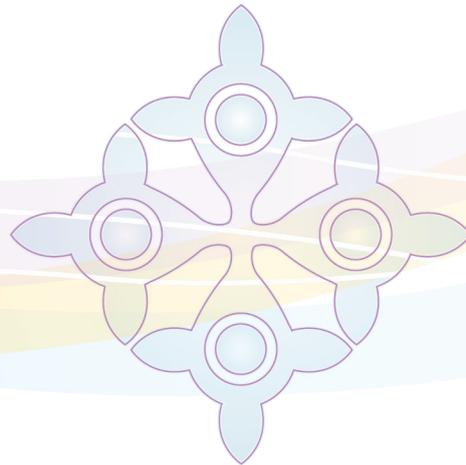


everyone you know to join us in one of the greatest annual events, presented by our mother, the Coptic Orthodox Church.

May God bless the 2013 Mahragan and the efforts of all the participants and the coordinators of the Mahragan activities, through the prayers of our beloved father Pope Tawadros II.

✠ My best wishes for a happy  
Festival

✠ Bishop Mousa



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## 1. My Eyes Are On Him



**Mom:** Maro, Mickey let's go! We're late.

**Mickey:** Okay mom. We're coming.

**Maro:** Where are my new colour markers? I want to take them with me.

**Mickey:** What colour markers? We can't use those markers. Mom has special colours for the eggs.

**Mom:** Maro, Mickey hurry up!

**Maro and Mickey:** We're ready.

**Mickey:** Hey guys! How are you? I would like to introduce myself. My name is Mickey and this is my younger sister Maro! She's in Grade 1 but I'm much older. You must be wondering where we're going with the eggs?

**Maro:** Wait! I want to tell them! That way they'll know that I'm not that young. By the way, you're not much older. You're only in Grade 2! Today's Easter Monday and we're going to the park with our family. There's a bee house in this park that my dad is responsible for. The weather is beautiful today so we're going to play and colour our eggs.

*When they arrived at the park...*

**Mickey:** Hurry Maro! Mom is calling us.

**Mom:** Come on kids! Let's colour the eggs.

**Maro:** I want my egg to be red.

**Mickey:** I want mine to be yellow. Wow! The eggs look really nice.



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*After they have breakfast.*

**Mickey:** Can we please go play in the park for a while?

**Dad:** Yes, but don't go far and don't be late.

**Maro and Mickey:** Okay thanks dad.

*While they were playing in the park they heard a noise.*

**Mickey:** Hey, what's that noise? Maro, can you hear it?

**Maro:** Sounds like someone's crying. It's coming from behind this tree.

**Mickey:** Let's go check it out. What? It's a bee! Hey there, why are you crying?

**Nana the bee:** My name is Nana! My friends in the hive call me "brainer" because I've invented many things.

**Maro:** Really? So why are you crying? And what's that you're wearing?

**Nana:** I'm upset because we have a big problem in our beehive; a problem that we can't solve. I'm the hive's brainer and I can't find a solution.

**Mickey:** Tell us your problem. We might be able to help you.

**Nana:** How can you help me? Our problem doesn't have a solution.

*Nana continues to cry.*



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**Mickey:** There's no such thing as a problem without a solution. Any problem, no matter how big, has a solution. Crying doesn't help! You have to think of a solution. Let me tell you a story of someone who had a big problem. He didn't know what to do, just like you, but he tried to solve his problem.

**Nana:** What's the story?

**Mickey:** It's the story of Elisha's servant.

## ***Elisha and his Servant*** ***(2 Kings 6:8-17)***

**Mickey:** A long time ago, there was a prophet in Israel whose name was Elisha.



**Nana:** What does "prophet" mean?

**Mickey:** A prophet is a man of God. He receives God's word and obeys Him. He's God's messenger and his job is to deliver His word to all people.

**Maro:** So what happened to Elisha?

**Mickey:** Let's start from the beginning. At the time of Elisha the prophet there was a war between the king of Israel and the king of Aram. God always revealed to Elisha the plans of the king of Aram before they happened. Elisha would then warn the king of Israel. This happened many times.



*The king of Aram suspected that someone was telling the king of Israel his plans. He thought it was one of his servants, which made him very angry. Then one of his servants told him that Elisha the prophet tells the king of Israel everything he speak in private. The king of Aram ordered his servants to find Elisha and to send an army to get him.*

**Maro:** Did they find Elisha?

**Mickey:** Yes, the king of Aram sent horses, chariots

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and a great army by night and they surrounded the city where Elisha was.

**Nana:** What happened after that?!

**Mickey:** When the servant of Elisha saw the army surrounding the city with horses and chariots, he was very scared and quickly went to tell Elisha.

**Maro:** Oh no! What did Elisha do?



**Mickey:** Elisha was not afraid because his eyes were always looking towards God. He knew that God would always be with him and would never leave his people. Elisha told his servant:



“Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” (2 Kings 6:16)

**Mickey:** Guess what Elisha did next?

**Maro and Nana:** What did he do?

**Mickey:** Elisha prayed to God and said “Lord, I pray, open his eyes (his servant) that he may see.” (2 Kings 6:17)

**Maro:** Did the servant see anything after Elisha’s prayer?

**Mickey:** Yes! God opened his eyes, then he suddenly saw the mountain full of horses and chariots of fire surrounding Elisha! God’s army greatly outnumbered the army of the king of Aram. The servant was no longer scared for he realized that God would protect them.

**Nana:** Hey! Do you know what I liked most about this story?

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**Mickey and Maro:** Tell us Nana!

**Nana:** I liked that when Elisha's servant found out there was a problem, he didn't give up and cry but tried to find a solution!

**Mickey:** That's why I said every problem has a solution. When I have a problem I always look for a solution instead of crying.

**Nana:** You're right! I'll stop crying. Can I tell you my problem? Maybe you can help me solve it.

**Maro and Mickey:** We'd love to. Tell us!



## God's Firey Army

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## A Servant Sees A Firey Army



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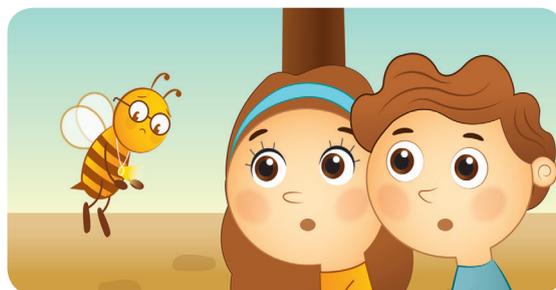


## 2. My Ears Hear Him

**Nana:** The problem is we don't have enough honey in our hive. To make honey, we need nectar from flowers but we're finding less and less flowers in the park each day. We're afraid we'll have a famine in our hive if we can't make more honey soon.

**Maro:** Oh no! That's a big problem!

**Mickey:** That's very strange. The park used to have lots of flowers.



*As they were talking they saw a bright light.*

**Maro:** What's this light? It's coming from the device you're wearing. What is that?!

**Nana:** Oh! The light went on! I have to move fast.

*Nana begins to fly quickly towards the hive while Maro and Mickey follow her.*

**Nana:** I invented this device! When the light turns on, it means that the queen wants me to ring the hive's bell letting the other bees know that we're about to have a meeting. I must go in the hive now and ring the bell.

**Maro:** Wait! We didn't finish our talk.

*Maro and Mickey run after Nana calling out to her. They followed Nana into the hive.*

**Maro:** Look Mickey, it's such a beautiful hive.

**Mickey:** Where did Nana go?



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**Maro:** I saw her going into this room. Nana! Where are you?!

**Nana:** You followed me?! Aren't you scared?

**Mickey:** Wow! Did you invent all these machines?

**Nana:** Yes. This is the bell I have to ring so the bees will know that they have to come quickly to meet with the queen.

**Nana rang the bell.**

**Maro:** Nana, you know, we have a bell in our Church too!

**Nana:** What does "Church" mean?

**Maro:** The Church is the house of God where we go to be with Him. The Church is my mother where I was born through baptism. It's my favourite place to go, and the sound of its bells is so beautiful.

**Nana:** Now I understand what the Church is! But what's the significance of the Church bell?



**Maro:** The bell is in the Church's tower. We ring the bell to call the people for liturgy.

**Mickey:** That's right Maro. We always hear the bell during the Offering of the Lamb.

**Nana:** So when the people hear the bell, they go quickly to the Church just like when I ring the bell in our hive, all the bees gather to meet the queen. But what does "Lamb" mean?

**Maro:** The Lamb is all the Korban that's presented to Abouna during the mass. He then chooses the one best Korbana and through prayer, this Korbana becomes the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Mickey:** You know, this Korbana tells us about our Lord Jesus Christ.

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**Nana:** How Mickey?

**Mickey:** I'm going to draw a picture of the Korbana for you so you can understand.

*Mickey takes a paper and a pen out of his pocket and starts to draw a Korbana.*



**Mickey:** Korbana is bread, made of flour and yeast mixed with water. It's rounded like the sun, which reminds us that Jesus is the Sun of Righteousness. On the Korbana, this is what we see:

*In the middle, there's a big cross surrounded by 12 small crosses. These symbolize our Lord Jesus surrounded by His 12 disciples. The crosses are surrounded by a sentence written in Coptic that says "Agius Otheos, Agius Esheros, Agius Athanatos" which means "Holy God, Holy mighty, Holy Immortal". The Korbana has five holes representing the wounds of our Lord Jesus on the cross: two nails in His hands, one nail in His feet, the crown of thorns on His head and the spear in His side.*

**Nana:** Okay, now I understand what the Church, the Lamb and the Korbana are, but what does "Offering of the Lamb" mean? What happens during the Offering of the Lamb?

**Mickey:** During this time all the congregation prays "Kyrie Eleison", which means "Lord have mercy" 41 times. The deacon presents an odd number of Korban to Abouna, usually three, five or seven Korban. He then chooses the best Korbana, takes it and puts it on the altar. Through the prayers of the liturgy, the Holy Spirit descends on the Korbana, and it becomes the Body of Christ that we take during Communion at the end of the liturgy. During each liturgy, we repeat the same prayers exactly as our Lord taught us on Holy Thursday when He instituted for us the sacrament of the Eucharist.

Memory Verse



"Do this in remembrance of Me" (Luke 22:19 & 1 Corinthians 11:24)

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**Maro:** Let me tell you how it all began. During the Feast of the Passover, which is a Jewish Feast, our Lord Jesus asked two of His disciples, Peter and John, to prepare the place where He can celebrate the Feast with them. He told them to go into the city where they would meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. He asked them to follow him into the house which he enters and tell the master of the house, "The Teacher says to you, 'Where's the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?'" The master of the house showed them a large furnished upper room, which they prepared for the feast. This upper room was in the house of Mary, St. Mark's mother.

Memory Verse



"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, 'take, eat; this is My body.' Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. And He said to them, 'This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many.'" (Mark 14:22&23)

*This is what happened on the Holy Thursday, and happens everyday in the liturgy. You know Nana, it's through communion that we abide in Christ and Him in us as He said:*

Memory Verse



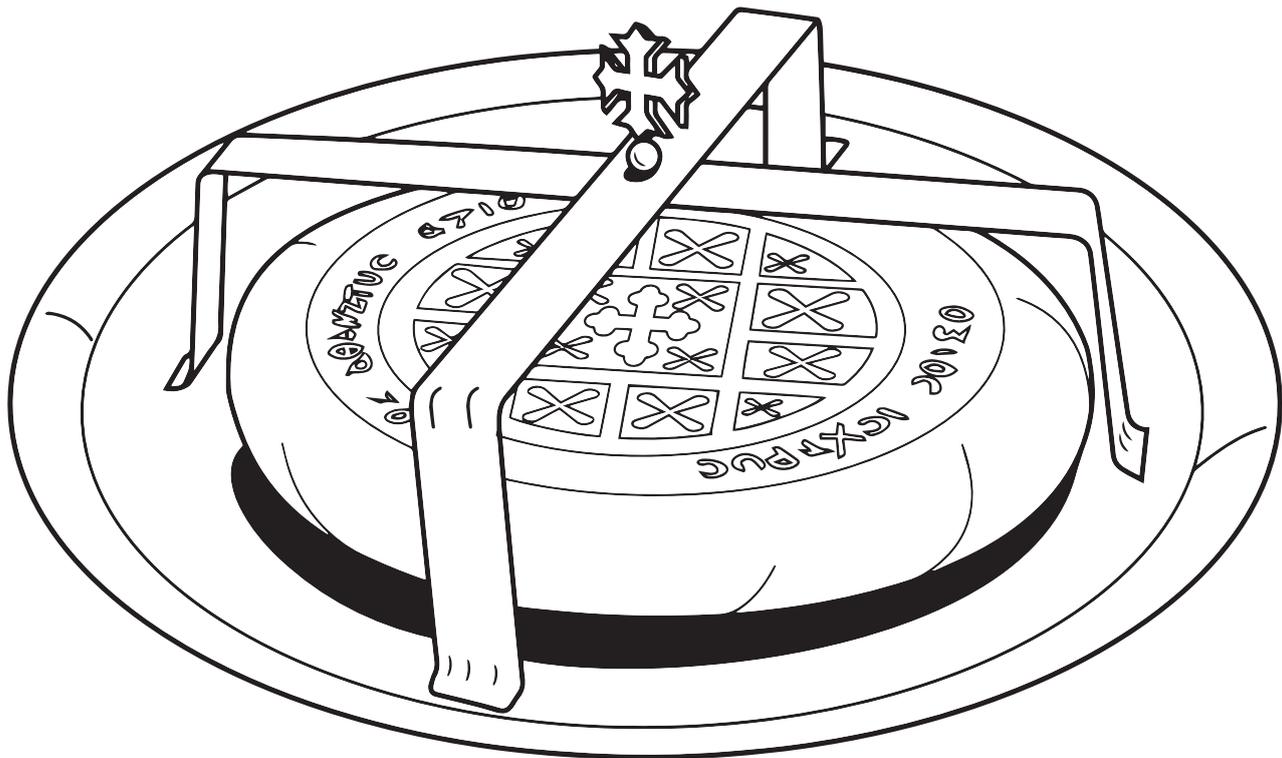
"He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him" (John 6:56)

**Nana:** Your church is so beautiful! Oh no! We're late! All the bees are probably in the meeting. I have to go! The queen is waiting for me.

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# Korbana & Paten

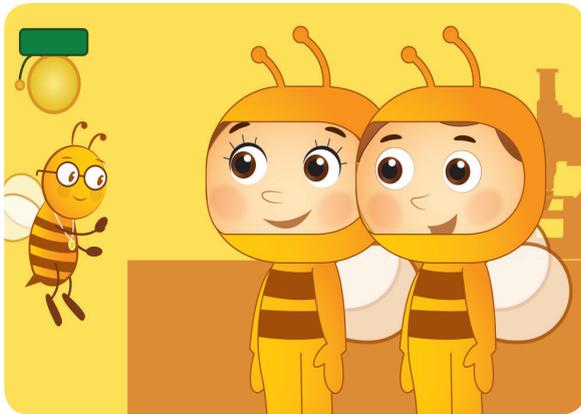


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### 3. My Mind Is Focused On Him



As Nana leaves for the meeting, Mickey and Maro decide they want to attend.

**Mickey:** Nana, can we attend this meeting with you?

**Nana:** Of course! I'll bring you some bee costumes so you can attend with us.

*Nana opens a closet in the room and takes out some bee costumes for them. Mickey and Maro put on the costumes and follow Nana to the room to attend the meeting with the queen. There are many bees attending the meeting but*

*something caught their attention. They notice four bees carrying their sick friend.*

**Bee 1:** Clear the way please. Our friend is very sick.

**Nana:** See, I told you there was a problem. This bee is sick because we don't have enough food. There's no hope for us!

**Maro:** Don't worry Nana. We're going to help you solve your problem.

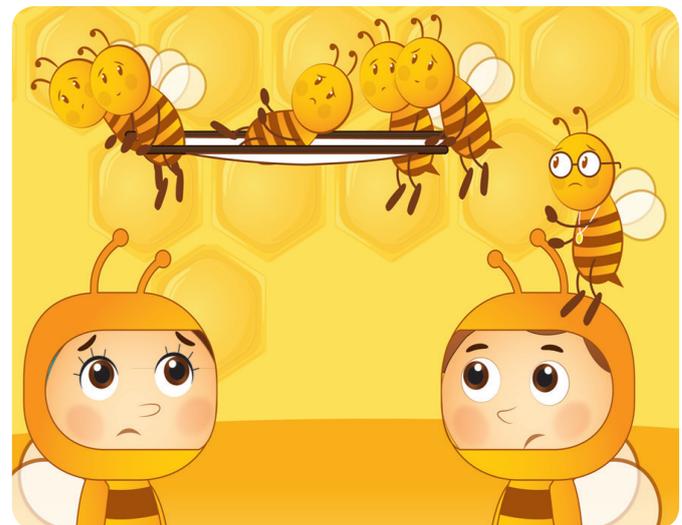
*The four bees take the sick bee to get help.*

**Nana:** Let's give them space to treat the sick bee.

**Maro:** Mickey, this reminds me of a story in the Bible.

**Mickey:** You're right Maro! You're thinking of the story of the paralytic man!

**Nana:** What paralytic man? Can you tell me the story?



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### *Healing the Paralytic Man (Mark 2: 1-12)*

**Maro:** This man was paralyzed, and couldn't move at all. He did everything while lying in his bed, even eating and drinking.

**Mickey:** He had four friends who took care of him but he wanted to be healed. His friends also hoped he could move and walk with them.

**Maro:** One day, they heard that Jesus, was in town. They knew that Jesus performed many miracles, so they carried their friend and went to Him. They were sure that Jesus could heal him because He is God. However, when they arrived, there ran into a big problem. They couldn't take their friend to Jesus.

**Nana:** What was the problem?

**Mickey:** The house Jesus was in was very crowded! They couldn't get their friend to Jesus.

**Nana:** What did they do? Did they give up and leave?

**Maro:** No, his friends had faith that our Lord Jesus could heal him. They didn't give up and they didn't leave. They came up with a very good idea that helped them bring their friend to Jesus.

**Mickey:** They cut the roof open above Jesus and lowered their friend's bed in front of Him.

**Maro:** Our Lord Jesus was very happy with their faith and said to the paralyzed man:



Memory Verse



"Son, your sins are forgiven you." (Mark 2:5)

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**Maro:** Our Lord wanted to heal him from his sins before he heals him from his sickness. Because He is God, He is the only one who can forgive and heal.

**Nana:** Do you mean that Jesus forgave his sins instead of healing him?

**Mickey:** Wait! We're not done our story. Don't be like the scribes.

**Nana:** The scribes? Who are they?

**Mickey:** The scribes were the teachers of the Jewish Law at that time. They didn't believe that our Lord Jesus was God and that He could forgive sins. That's why when they heard Jesus telling the paralyzed man "your sins are forgiven you," they thought to themselves "Why does this man talk like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

**Maro:** And because our Lord Jesus is God, He knew their thoughts and said to them: "Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier to say to this paralyzed man. 'Your sins are forgiven' or to say 'Get up take your bed and walk?' But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So He said to the man: \_\_\_\_\_ →

### Memory Verse



"I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." (Mark 2:11)

**Mickey:** Immediately, the paralyzed man was able to move. He got up and took his bed and walked. The paralyzed man was very happy that he was healed and his friends were overjoyed that their friend could move and walk like them. Everyone was amazed and praised God for this great miracle.

**Maro:** Through this miracle, our Lord Jesus showed everyone that He is God and that only He can:

- a- Forgive our sins
- b- Know our thoughts
- c- Heal our sickness

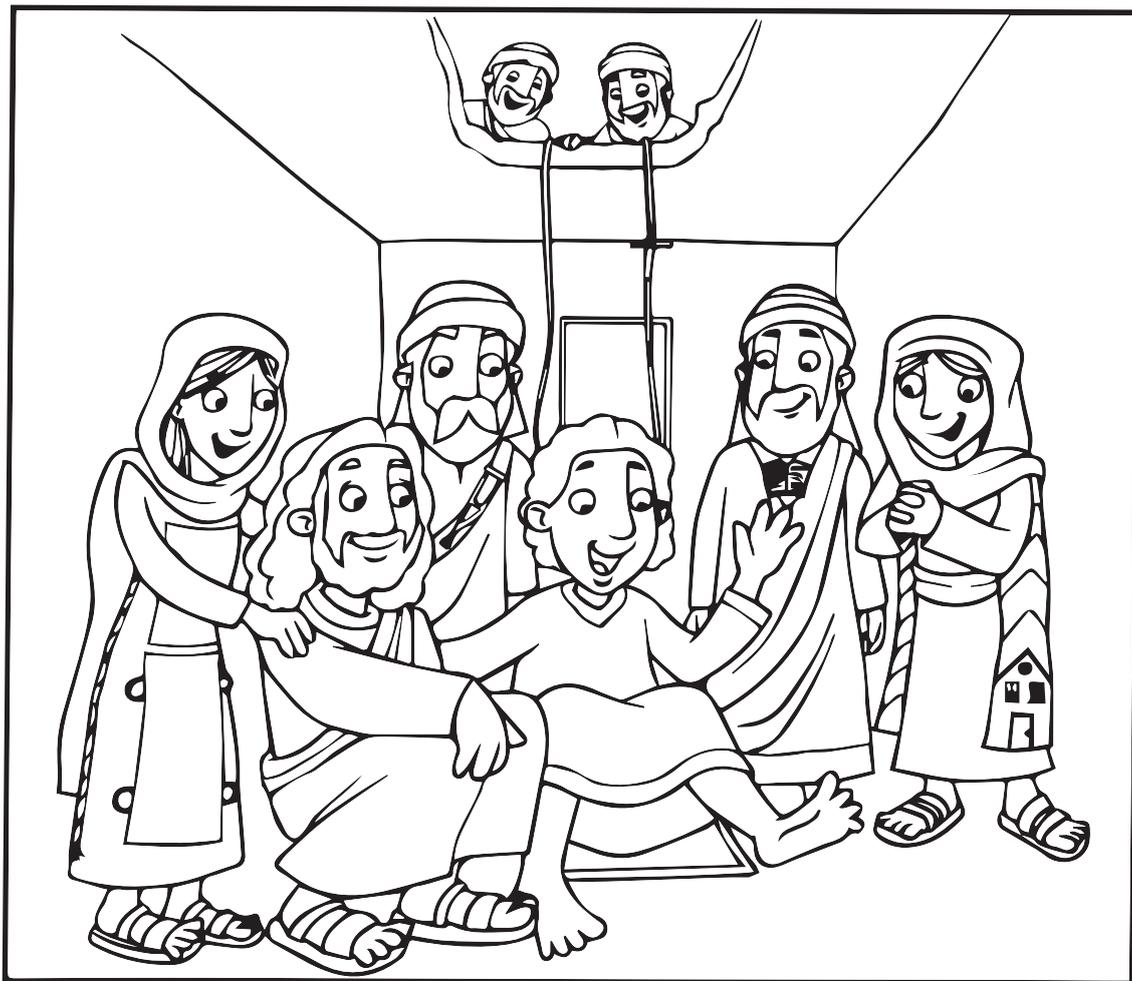
**Nana:** It's true! Our Lord Jesus is God and He can do everything.



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# Going Through the Roof



Find and circle the objects hidden in the picture and colour the picture

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# Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man



Book by Mary Currier. Baker Book House, 1973.

Circle ten things that are different in the second picture

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## 4. *My Heart Rejoices In Him*

**Queen:** Silence please. Let's start our meeting. Of course you all know the problem we are facing. This problem is getting bigger and bigger each day.

**Bee 1:** The bees are getting sick because we don't have enough food!

**Queen:** We have to work together to find a solution.

**Mickey:** Nana, aren't you going to introduce us to the queen? You should let her know that we're here to help.

**Nana:** Your majesty, I would like to introduce to you our guests.

**Queen:** What guests? Who are they?

**Mickey:** I'm Mickey and this is my sister Maro.

**Queen:** But you're human! You're not bees like us! How can you help us?

**Bee 1:** They can't help us!

**Bee 2:** Why not? It doesn't matter that they're human!

**Bee 3:** But they're not like us.

**Bee 4:** They're different.

**Maro:** What's the problem if we're not like you? God Himself accepts everyone. Don't you know the story of Cornelius?



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## The faith of Cornelius (Acts 10)

**Maro:** Cornelius was a centurion in the Roman army. He lived in a city called Caesarea. This man was a gentile, which means that he was not Jewish. At that time, the Jews considered themselves God's chosen people and the only ones allowed to worship Him.



**Mickey:** Cornelius was devout and God-fearing. He gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly without knowing Him.

**Maro:** One day, Cornelius was praying at about three o'clock in the afternoon, when something strange happened.

**Nana:** What happened?

**Maro:** He had a vision where he saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Your prayers and alms have come up for a memorial before God." This meant that God was pleased with him.

**Mickey:** The angel told him to send men to Joppa to bring back Peter, one of Jesus' disciples. Peter was staying with Simon the tanner, whose house was by the sea. The angel told Cornelius that Peter would teach him about the true God. Cornelius did as the angel instructed him.

**Maro:** But remember, Peter was a Jew and Cornelius a gentile. It was very possible that Peter would refuse to go to Cornelius, since Jews and gentiles didn't talk to each other often. But something happened to Peter that made him go to Cornelius.



**Nana:** What happened?

**Maro:** About noon the following day, as Cornelius' servants were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. Then, he became hungry and wanted something to eat. While the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance and saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet bound at the four corners descending to him and came down to earth. It contained all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds. Then a voice told him, "Get up, Peter, kill and eat."

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**Mickey:** At first, Peter didn't want to eat because the Jews were forbidden from eating certain animals. Those animals were known to them as "unclean animals." So, Peter said "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean." And the voice spoke to him again the second time saying, "What God has cleansed you must not call common." This happened three times, then the sheet was taken up into heaven again.

**Maro:** As Peter was thinking about the meaning of this vision, the men sent by Cornelius found Simon's house and stopped at the gate. They called out asking if Peter was staying there. Meanwhile, the Holy Spirit said to Peter "Three men are looking for you, do not hesitate to go with them for I have sent them." Peter went down and met them.



**Mickey:** The next day, Peter went with the men back to Cornelius, who was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends. Peter said to them:

Memory Verse



"You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with, or go to, one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean," (Acts 10:28).

We should accept all people because God loves us all. And He came for everyone not only for the Jews.

**Maro:** While Peter was speaking to them, the Holy Spirit came upon all those who heard the Word. Then Peter baptized them all and stayed with them for a few days. Everyone rejoiced because the gentiles had accepted the Christian faith.

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**Mickey:** This is the true joy, that we rejoice with the presence of God in our heart all the time as the verse says:

Memory Verse



“Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!”  
(Philippians 4:4)

**Queen:** Do you think it's okay for Maro and Mickey to help us?

**All the bees:** Yes!

**Maro & Mickey:** Come on let's think together to solve the problem.



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# Switching Sides

To find the answer, switch the first two letters of all words that contain three or four letters. For all words with five or more letters, switch the first two and last two letters.

God instructed Peter to go to Cornelius' home, but Peter was reluctant to go. Peter had an important revelation before he went there. What was it?



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(Acts 10:34)

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## 5. My Hands Offers To Him

**Mickey:** Any idea why the flowers are disappearing?

**Queen:** Maybe because no one is taking care of them. No one waters them.

**Maro:** No, this is our park. I'm sure that dad takes good care of the flowers and waters them.

**Nana:** Maybe there are some animals that eat them?

**Mickey:** Animals? No, I don't think so. But maybe...

**All:** Maybe what?!



**Mickey:** Maybe someone is cutting them, since the park has no fence.

**Queen:** You're right, but we have to be sure before we can do anything.

**Nana:** I agree! We have to monitor the flowers to see what happens to them?

**Mickey:** Good idea. Maro and I'll help you.

**Queen:** Nana, go help Mickey and Maro. The rest of us will wait for you here.

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*They leave the hive and hide behind a tree to watch the flowers.*

**Nana:** I'll fly up to see what's happening from afar.

*Nana flies high then starts to alert the others.*

**Nana:** Maro, Mickey, I see lots of kids coming to the park.

**Maro & Mickey:** Yes, we see them. They're running towards the flowers. Let's go see what they're doing.

**Mickey:** Maro, run faster we have to catch up with them. Wait guys! What are you doing?

**Maro:** What you're doing isn't right! God created these flowers and you shouldn't destroy them like that!

**Mickey:** Yes, those flowers are very important to us! Don't you know that the bees and other insects depend on these flowers for food?! Instead of cutting them and throwing them away, enjoy their smell and beauty.

*The kids listen to Maro and Mickey. They apologize and promise that they will not touch the flowers again.*

**Nana:** Thank you very much for all your help.



**Maro:** You're welcome. We'll ask dad to build a fence around the park to prevent anyone from destroying the flowers.

**Mickey:** We'll also ask him to plant more flowers so you can find more food. But until the flowers grow, what are you going to do?

**Maro:** Is there anything else that you can eat in the meantime?

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**Nana:** It would really help if someone can bring some sugar to our hive.

**Mickey:** We'll ask dad to bring you some.

**Nana:** Can you please wait a minute? I'll be right back.



*Nana comes back with some honey for Maro and Mickey.*

**Nana:** This is a small gift to thank you for all your help.

**Maro:** Thank you very much, Nana. You didn't have to. You don't even have enough food for yourselves.

**Nana:** Don't worry we'll work harder to make up for it.

*The kids thank Nana and go back home to have lunch with their parents. They tell their parents about what happened, and their dad promises to build the fence and bring sugar to the beehives.*

**Mickey:** Dad, look what Nana gave us! We're very happy that we were able to help them. We really like their gift too.

**Dad:** This is a wonderful present. You know, anyone who tries to make others happy, God makes him happy. This reminds me of a couple who always liked to make others happy and God rewarded them and made them happy too.

**Maro & Mickey:** Who are they?

**Dad:** I'll tell you their story.

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## ***The Miracle of Archangel Michael with Dorotheus and Theopista*** ***Coptic Synexarium 12 Hatour***



**Dad:** There was a Christian couple, Dorotheus and his wife Theopista, who loved Archangel Michael. Do you know who is Archangel Michael?

**Mickey:** Of course, I know him. I was named after him. He's my friend and every time I pray, I ask for his intercession. I'm sure that he's always by my side and offers my prayers to God.

**Maro:** I know him too! He's the first of the seven Archangels.

**Dad:** Excellent! The Church celebrates his feast on the 12th of each Coptic month. On his feast, many people give to the poor in his name. Dorotheus was a God-fearing man. He and his wife Theopista held feasts honoring Archangel Michael on the twelfth day of each month where they served and fed the poor and needy. They did this with love and joy. Do you know why?

**Mickey:** Because they wanted to please God, who commands us to give to the poor and to take care of them.

Memory Verse



**"For God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)**

**Dad:** Very good. But it so happened that this righteous family fell on hard times and had nothing to celebrate with on the feast of Archangel Michael.

**Maro:** So they didn't celebrate and weren't able to feed the poor? This is so sad.

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**Dad:** Well, they found a way to deal with the problem. They decided to sell their clothes so that they might have a feast.

**Mickey:** What? This is very difficult. What did they do after that?

**Dad:** Don't worry, Mickey, God didn't leave them. Archangel Michael appeared to Dorotheus, in the form of a man wearing the clothes of a prince, and told him, "Don't sell your clothes. Go to this sheep-master (a man who sells sheep) I know, and

tell him that I sent you. Take from him a sheep worth one-third of a dinar, but you won't have to pay for it. Then go to this fisherman and take from him a fish worth one-third of a dinar. You won't have to pay him either. But don't open the fish until I came back to you. Finally, go to this flour merchant and take from him as much flour as you need. He too will not take any money from you.

**Maro:** Did Dorotheus do as the Archangel told him?

**Dad:** Dorotheus did exactly as the Archangel told him, without even knowing that he was Archangel Michael. He invited the people, as he always did, to celebrate the feast of Archangel Michael. After everyone had left, the Archangel appeared to Dorotheus as before and commanded him to cut open the belly of the fish.

**Maro:** What did he find?

**Dad:** He found 300 dinars of gold and three coins, each one a third of a dinar. He told him these three coins are to pay for the sheep, the fish and the flour, and the 300 dinars are for him and his family. He also told him that God is happy with them and that He did all this to reward them for their charity. As Dorotheus and his wife were astonished at this matter, the Archangel Michael said to them, "I am Michael, the Archangel, who delivered you from all your troubles. I have taken your offerings up to God and you shall lack no good thing whatsoever in this world." When he had finished speaking to them, he disappeared and went back up to heaven. So, do you see how when someone make others happy, God makes him happy too?

**Mickey:** Yes, that's exactly what happened to us.

**Maro:** I'm so happy that we were able to do something to please God.

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# Archangel Michael



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## Psalm 8

(Prime Prayer)

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth, who have set Your glory above the Heavens! Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, because of Your enemies, that You may silence the enemy and the avenger. When I consider Your Heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honour. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen-- Even the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth! Alleluia

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## Psalm 120

(Vespers Prayers)

I will lift up my eyes to the hills-- From whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; The Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore. Alleluia.

### Verses to support the “Unction of the sick”

Our Church prays for the sick and anoints them with oil as God commanded:

“Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven” James 5:14-15

Our fathers the apostles anointed the sick with oil:

“Anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them” Mark 6:13

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