

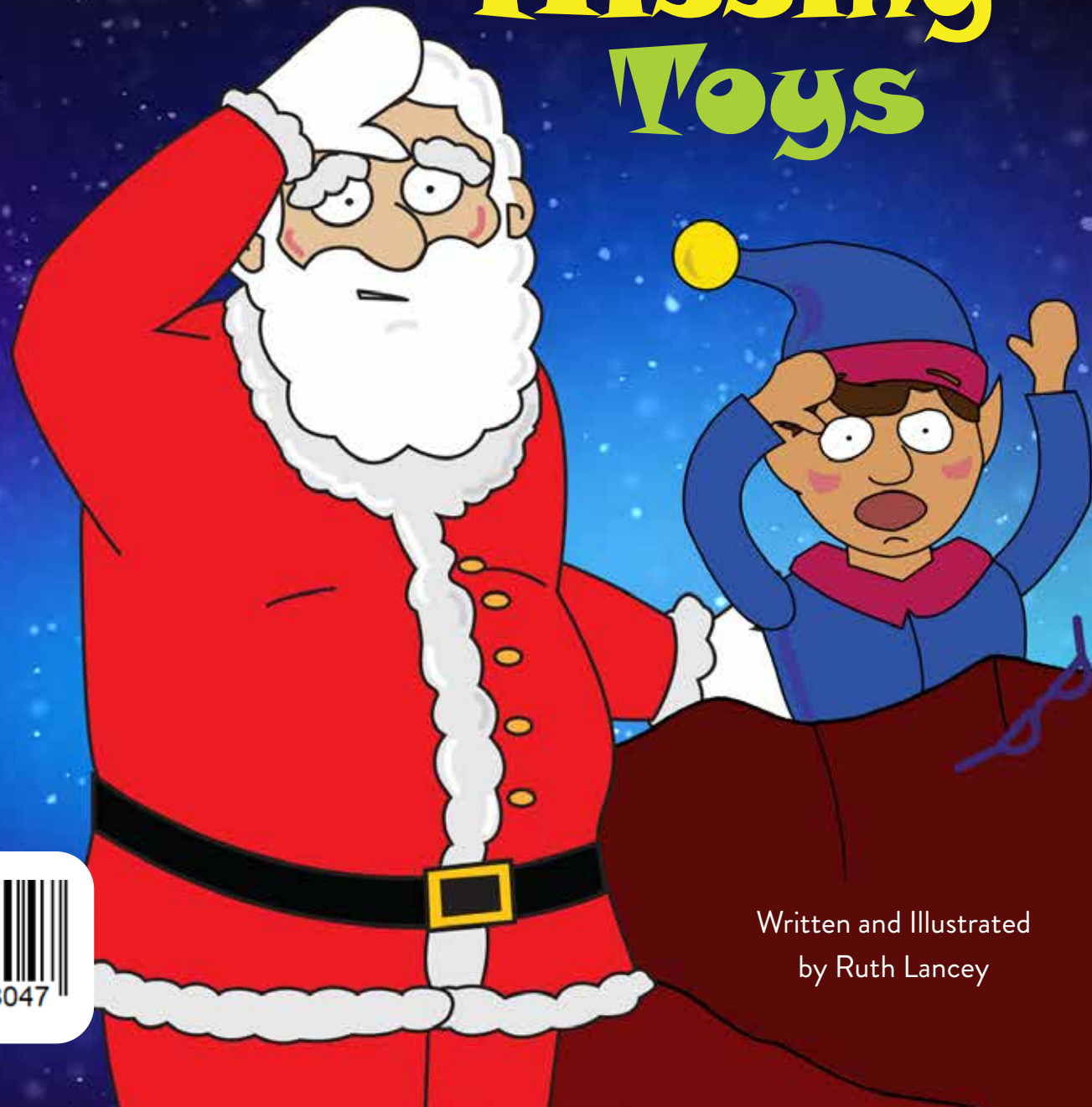
The Missing Toys

Joe is Santa's newest Elf, and has responsibility for 'The List'. All is well as Christmas Eve arrives and the presents are all delivered until Joe realises that an entire town of children have been missed!

What will Santa do?

Only a miracle can save Christmas now.

The Missing Toys is the third book in the series following the success of 'Santa's Special Gift' and 'The Lost Elf (called Clive)'. The Christmas books use stories from the bible to teach children about their immeasurable personal value and how loved they are.



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For the children of Partington who love
Clive



Santa smiled a nervous grin,
as reindeer munched on hay.

The clock struck time for Christmas Eve,
elves rushed to pack the sleigh.



The sack was bursting to the brim,
the time had come to go.
Off he flew, shouting farewell to
Clive, his wife, and Joe.

Now Joe was Santa's newest Elf,
and eager to assist.

They had high hopes as he
learned the ropes,
as head Elf for 'The List'.



'The List' had all the children's names,
from right across the earth.



No matter what the child had done,
our Santa knew their worth.



Joe checked the list a hundred times,
but something wasn't right.
A final check and then, disaster!
Poor Joe screamed with fright!





Laying in a dusty corner
were names from one whole town.
Five thousand kids without a gift,
he'd never live it down!



Joe radio'd to Santa who
was very unamused.

He parked his sleigh and checked his sack,
desperate for good news.

A cartoon illustration of Santa Claus with a white beard and hair, wearing a red suit with white trim and a black belt with a gold buckle. He is holding two small, wrapped gifts in his hands. One gift is yellow with a purple ribbon, and the other is orange with a green ribbon. He is standing next to a large, red, ruffled bag. The background is dark blue.

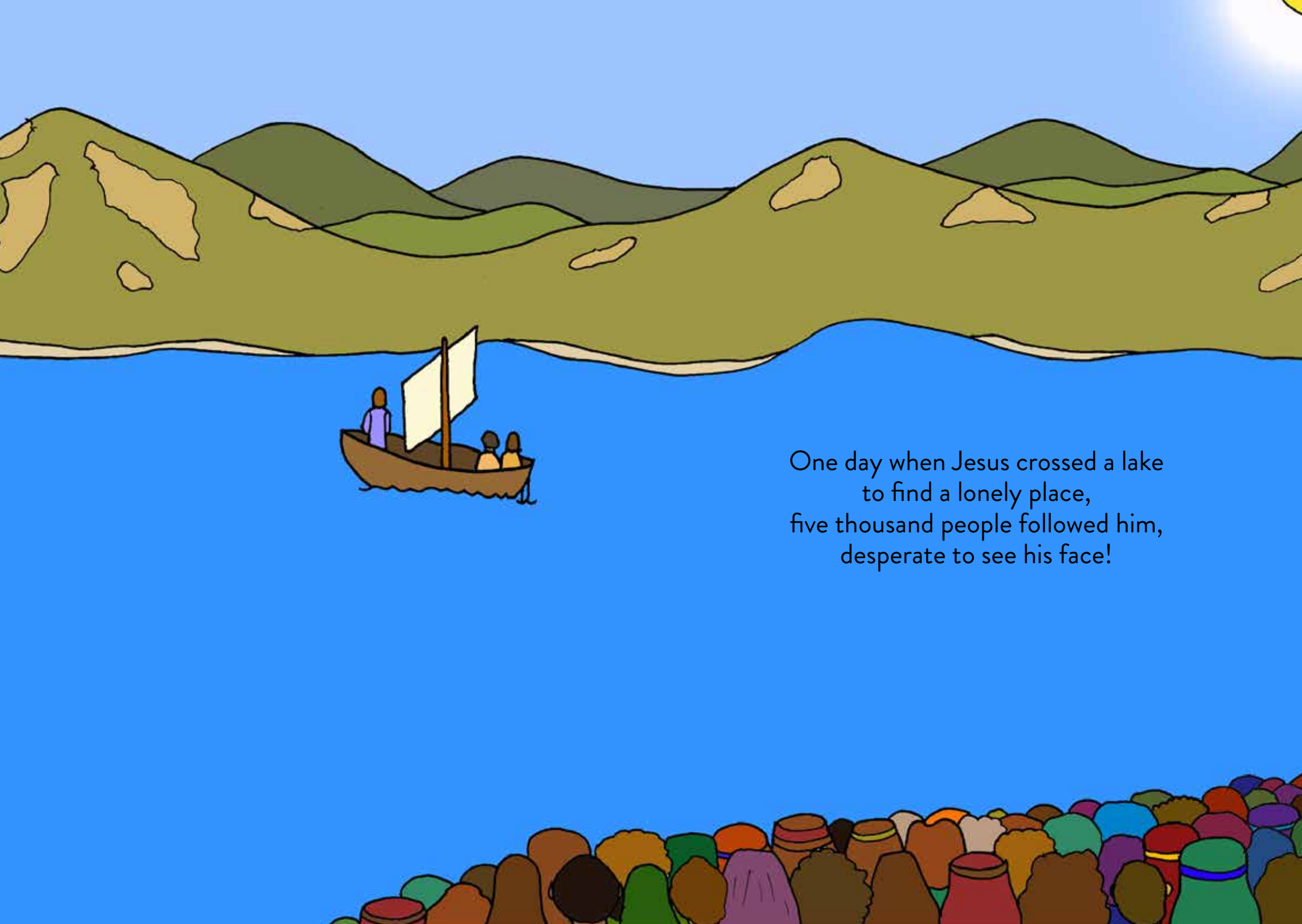
Just two small gifts were in the bag,
what could he do with them?

Asking Jesus for his help,
he prayed and said 'amen'.

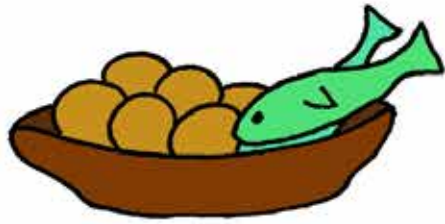
Suddenly the smell of bread
made Santa yell out loud.



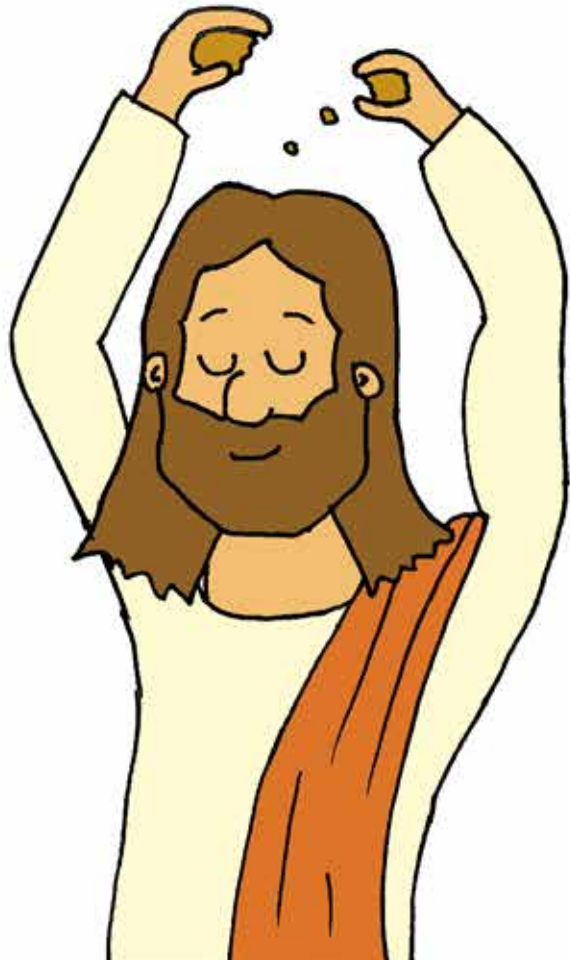
It reminded him of Jesus when
he fed a hungry crowd.



One day when Jesus crossed a lake
to find a lonely place,
five thousand people followed him,
desperate to see his face!



They needed food but all they had
were five rolls and two fishies.



When Jesus prayed and gave it out,
it filled 5000 dishes!




'A miracle' our Santa thought
would be a big lifesaver.
But that was food and this is toys,
could he ask for such a favour?

So Santa prayed and one by one
he reached into his sack.

Each time he did another gift
was hiding at the back.





5000 gifts appeared there,
huge blessings from
above us.

Sometimes Jesus wants to show
just how much he loves us.

As for Joe, the worried Elf
he didn't get the sack.

With Christmas saved and children blessed,
our Santa headed back.



A miracle is something amazing that happens and you just can't explain it, but they don't happen every day!

Only Jesus can see the big picture of our lives and what's ahead. Just like your grown-up, often when we ask Him for things he has to say no. Sometimes the thing we've asked for might eventually hurt us or lead us into trouble. Sometimes it might make us miss out on meeting someone really special, or something even better. Sometimes it's good for us to wait; after all, that's how we learn patience and to work hard!

But Jesus is also kind and loves us more than we can ever imagine. Occasionally when you ask your grown-up for something they say yes, straight away, just because they love you. Sometimes, like in this story, Jesus does just the same, saying yes straight away. Why not think of someone that needs Jesus' help now and ask him? You never know, He might just say yes!



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