

JESUS' DAY OFF by Nicholas Allan (Supplied by George Phillips)

Jesus is God's Son.

He had 12 special friends – They were called disciples

He told marvellous stories for free.

Each day He worked hard to make everything around Him beautiful, until one day He woke up exhausted from saving the world.

That day the miracles didn't go quite so well, nor did His stories.

He went to the doctor's and, after examining Him, the doctor advised :-

“Take the day off, Jesus. Relax and enjoy yourself. Sit in the sun”.

So Jesus told His friends what the doctor had ordered and then went out for a walk in the desert.

It was a lovely cloudless day.

First of all He did cartwheels right across the desert!

Then He played 'catch' with his halo.

Then He had a picnic.

After that He had a refreshing swim in the lake.

And finally He went for a long donkey ride – something He always enjoyed.

It had been a wonderful day, but, towards the end, as He sat in the sun, Jesus suddenly felt sad.

For really the day had been wasted, and He had helped no one!

In fact, He felt so bad, He decided to tell His Dad about it.

Jesus loved His Dad very much.

Dad knew everything, and always had the right thing to say.

When Jesus told Him about His day off, his Dad said;

“Look down there a minute, son”.

So Jesus looked down.

“Where you did your cartwheels, fountains of water appeared in the desert.”

“Where you threw your halo in the air and ate your picnic, the trees bloomed with fruit.”

When you went swimming in the lake, the fishermen had lots of luck.”

“So you see, when you are feeling better yourself, you can only make others feel better, too.” Jesus knew that, as usual, His father was right!

“Thanks, Dad,” He said.

When Jesus got home, His friends were so happy to see him looking so well, they cooked him a delicious supper.

That night, after He had said His prayers, Jesus slept soundly.

The next morning He was glad he had taken a rest. He had this funny feeling there was a lot more good work to be done!