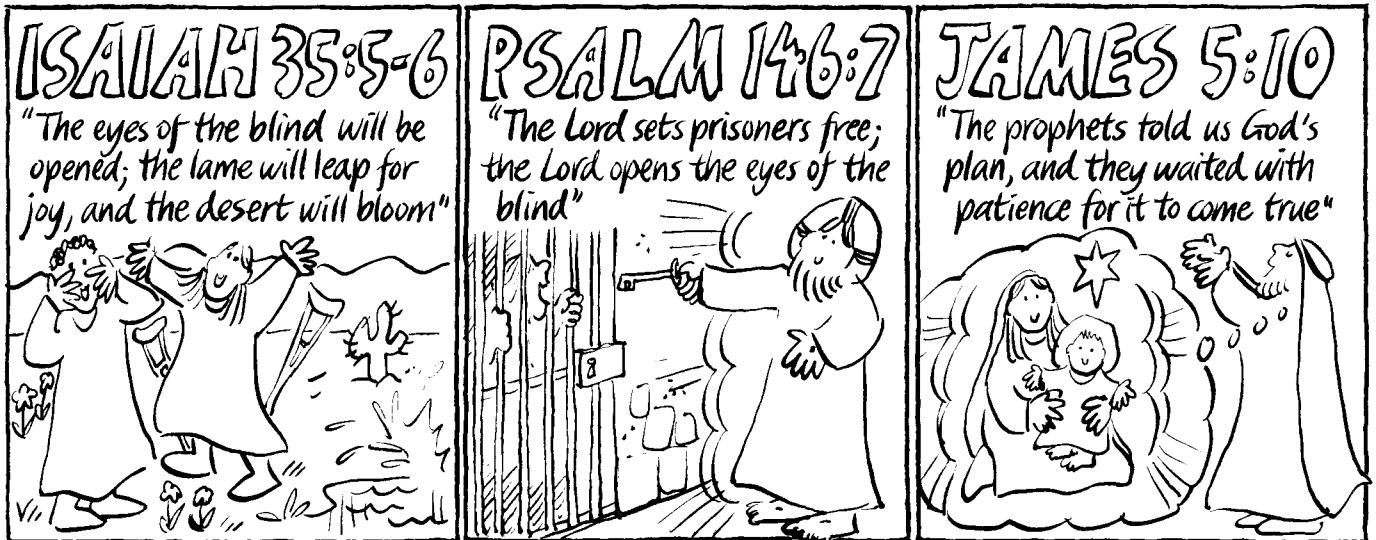


# THE SUNDAY PAPER

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When the people of Israel were waiting for the Messiah that God had promised, the PROPHETS told them how they would recognize him. A PROPHET is someone who knows God better than other people do, and can tell people what God is planning for them. The prophets in Israel said that the Messiah would save the poor and helpless, and make the world beautiful again!



When John the Baptist met Jesus, he was sure he had found the Messiah. But then the king put John in prison, and John got discouraged. He asked Jesus to prove he was the Messiah. And Jesus said, "Look! God's promises are starting to come true! Some day, they will all come true, forever!"

## JOHN AND JESUS

Matthew 11:2-11

KING HEROD HAD IMPRISONED JOHN THE BAPTIST. MEANWHILE, JESUS BEGAN GOING AROUND THE COUNTRY AND TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT GOD'S KINGDOM!

