



*Great* GETS A CLEAN HEART



# Great Gets a Clean Heart

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This is Great.

Great lives in the village with his daddy. Great is a big boy but he does not have many friends. In his heart Great is not great.



Great is not very kind. Sometimes Great breaks the huts that  
Glory and Blessing build out of sticks and stones.



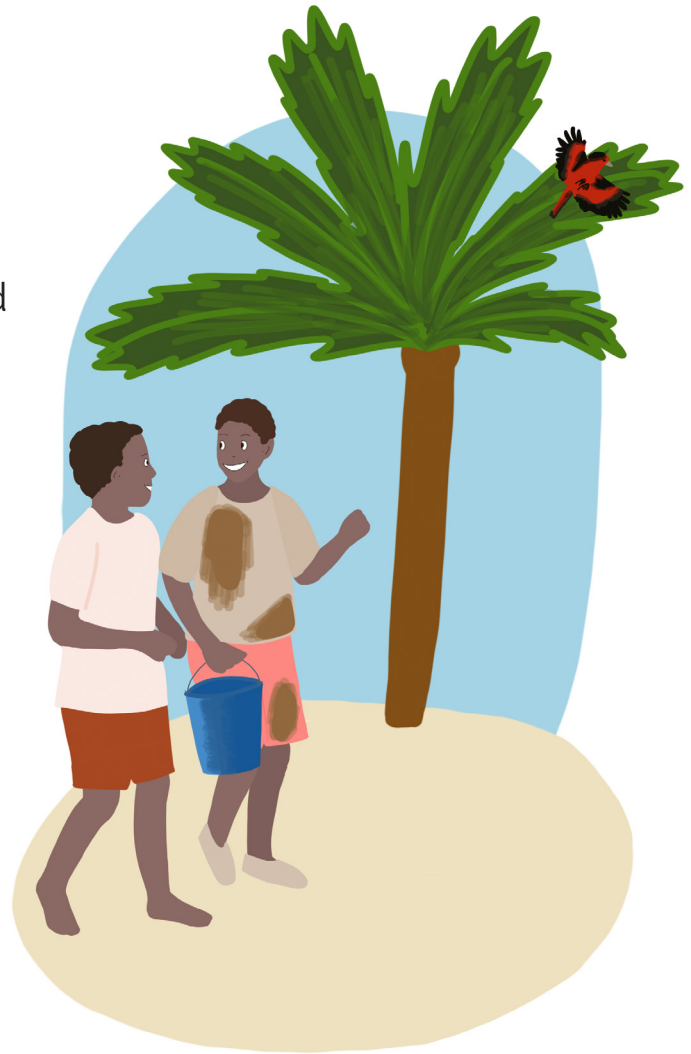
One day Great put a stick across the path and Bright fell over it. Bright was carrying a bucket of water and he fell in the spilled water and got all wet and muddy. Great thought Bright would get very angry. He thought Bright would jump up and beat him very hard.

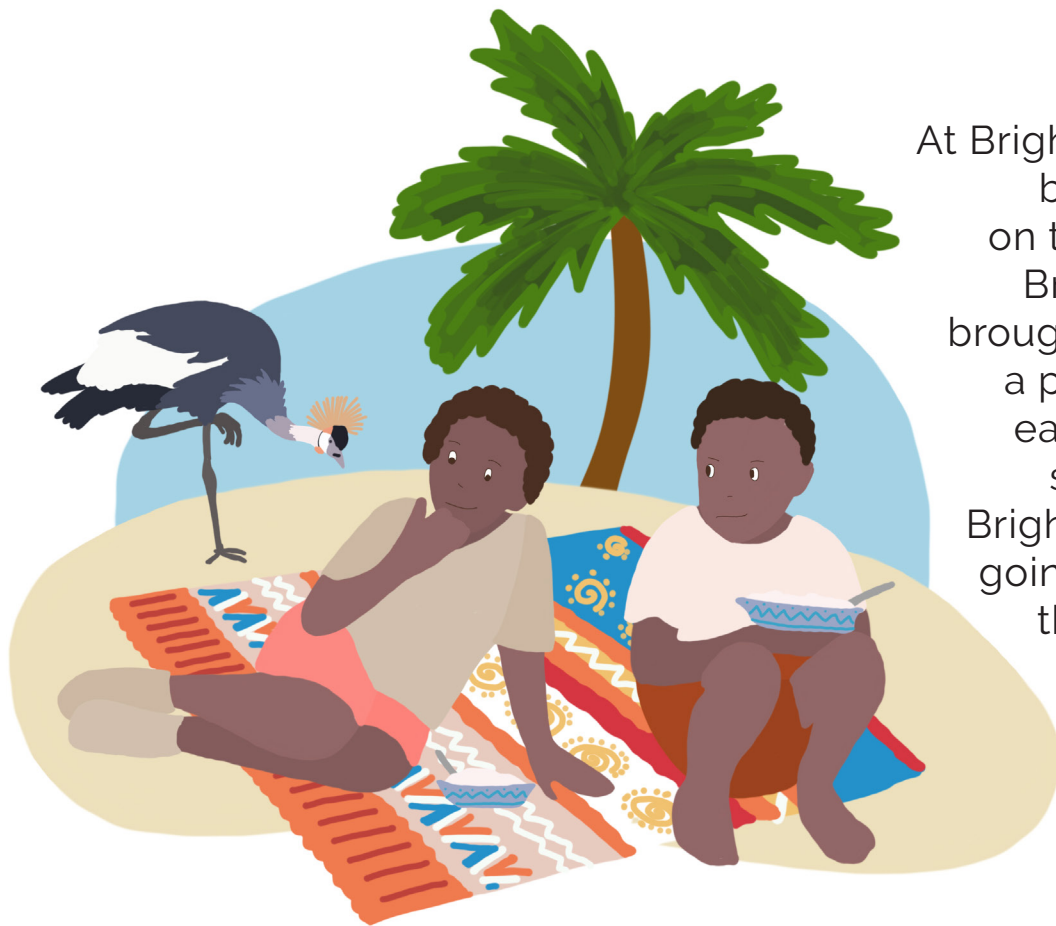




But Bright did not do that. He jumped up and looked at Great. At first, he did look angry but he did not say anything. Then slowly Bright's face changed. His angry look went away and he looked kindly at Great.

Great heard him ask, "Would you like to come to my house and eat some rice?" Great was very surprised. He did not know why Bright was nice to him after he had made him trip and spill his water and get all muddy.





At Bright's house the  
boys sat down  
on the front step.  
Bright's mother  
brought them each  
a plate of rice to  
eat. Before they  
started eating  
Bright said he was  
going to pray and  
thank the Lord  
Jesus for the  
food.

Great watched as Bright closed his eyes and bowed his head. He heard Bright say, "Lord Jesus, thank you that you love us. Thank you for the rice we have to eat. Please watch over us for the rest of the day. Amen."





That night when Great's daddy came home, he was not happy either. He was hungry and there was no rice prepared to eat. No one had gotten water from the well. No one had swept the floor in their small house.

Great's daddy got angry. He told Great, "You need to work in our house. You need to sweep the floor and get the water. It is not good if you do not help me." Great took the blue bucket and went to the well to get water.



Great's daddy started the fire so he could cook some rice. While he was cooking the rice Great swept the floor and washed the dishes from yesterday. Soon they could eat some rice together.



While they were eating Great told his daddy about Bright. He told him how Bright did not get angry and beat him when he put the stick on the path. He told his daddy that Bright invited him to his house to eat rice and to play with him. Great's daddy listened carefully. "Yes Great," he said. "Bright is different, he and his family are kind and good to others. I wonder what it is that makes them different."



The next day Great and Bright were playing football in a free place with some other boys from the village.



Suddenly they saw an older man walking across the grass towards them. The man had white hair and he carried a bag.





Great had never seen this man before. All the boys ran over to the man to shake his hand and greet him. "You're welcome!" they all said.

The man had a kind smile on his face. He asked the boys if they would like a book to read. Great was very excited. He had never had his very own book before. The man said he could take it home and read it with his daddy.





Quickly he ran home  
to finish his chores  
before his daddy  
came home.

While Great and his daddy were eating their supper, Great showed the book to his daddy. Together they opened it and looked at the pages. The first page was very dark. The words said,

"Before we know the Lord Jesus as our

Savior our hearts are like this dark page.

They are full of sin; anger, bad words,

bad actions, and many other wrong

things."

"Yes," Great thought, "I am like that."

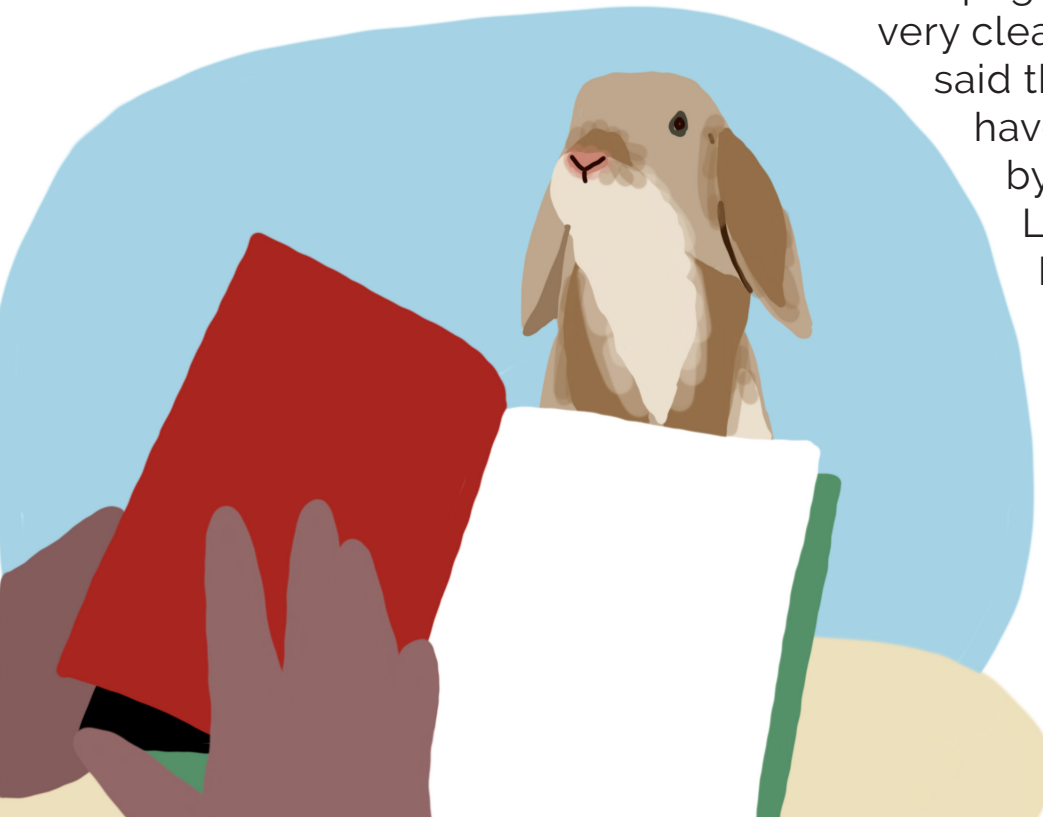


His daddy turned the page. The next page was all red. The words explained that the red page reminds us of the blood of the Lord Jesus. When the Lord Jesus died on the cross his blood came out of his hands and his feet. The Bible says, "The blood of Jesus Christ...cleanseth us from all sin."



Great's daddy said, "Maybe that is why Bright is different, maybe he has been made clean from his sin."

The next page was all white, very clean. The words said that we could have a clean heart by believing in the Lord Jesus. "Oh Daddy," Great said, "I would love to have a clean heart, I am so tired of being mean and angry."



"The book says only the Lord Jesus can give us a clean heart,  
so I will ask Him." Great closed his eyes and bowed his head  
like he had seen Bright do. He spoke out  
loud. "Lord Jesus, I know that I

have been very  
bad. There is  
a lot of sin in  
my heart. I  
would like  
you to take  
it all away  
and give  
me a clean  
heart."



Great looked up at his daddy with shining eyes. He threw his arms around his daddy's neck and hugged him tightly. "Oh Daddy," he said, "I am so happy now. I know that all my sins are gone. I know that my heart is clean."



A verse to memorize:



ALSO  
AVAILABLE:



BRIGHT  
LEARNS TO  
BE KIND



GLORY  
LEARNS TO  
OBEY



BLESSING  
LEARNS TO  
BE SHARE

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