

A Tucker Barnes Adventure

# LEMONADE ESCAPADE

The Lemonade Stand was UNDER ATTACK!

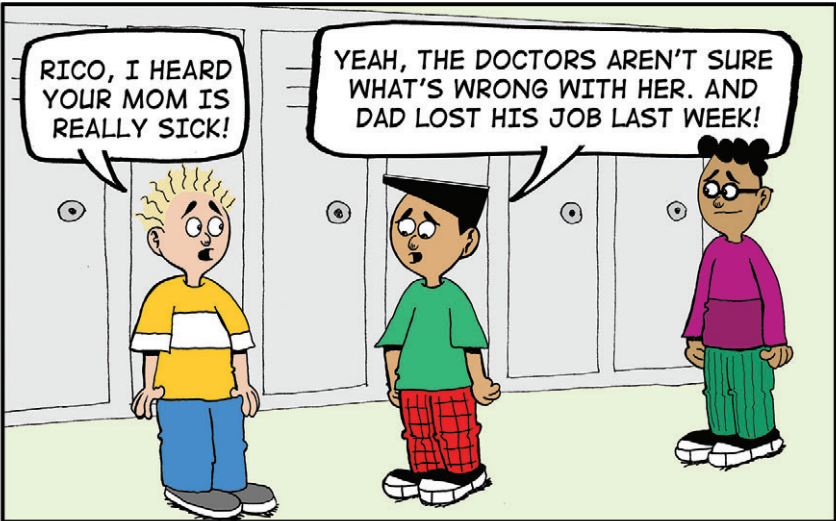




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RICO, I HEARD  
YOUR MOM IS  
REALLY SICK!

YEAH, THE DOCTORS AREN'T SURE  
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER. AND  
DAD LOST HIS JOB LAST WEEK!



I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND  
WHY SO MANY ***BAD THINGS***  
HAPPEN ALL THE TIME!

THAT NIGHT  
AT THE  
SCHOOL...

BUSTER MUSCLEMAN,  
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

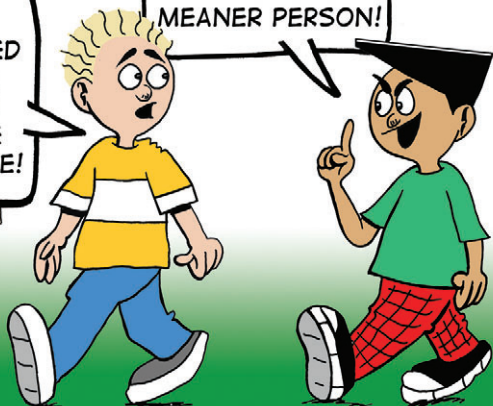
BUT PRINCIPAL BRIGHTMAN,  
I WAS JUST TRYING TO  
*FIX* THE VENDING MACHINE!

THE VENDING  
MACHINE *WASNT*  
*BROKEN*, BUSTER!

THE NEXT DAY...

DID YOU HEAR?  
BUSTER GOT KICKED  
OUT OF SCHOOL  
FOR TRYING TO  
BREAK INTO THE  
VENDING MACHINE!

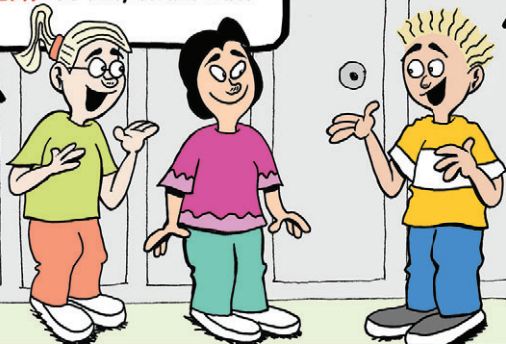
I HEARD! IT  
COULDN'T HAVE  
HAPPENED TO A  
MEANER PERSON!



LATER THAT DAY...

STARTING A LEMONADE STAND  
TO HELP RICO'S FAMILY  
PAY HOSPITAL EXPENSES  
IS A **GREAT** IDEA, HANNAH!

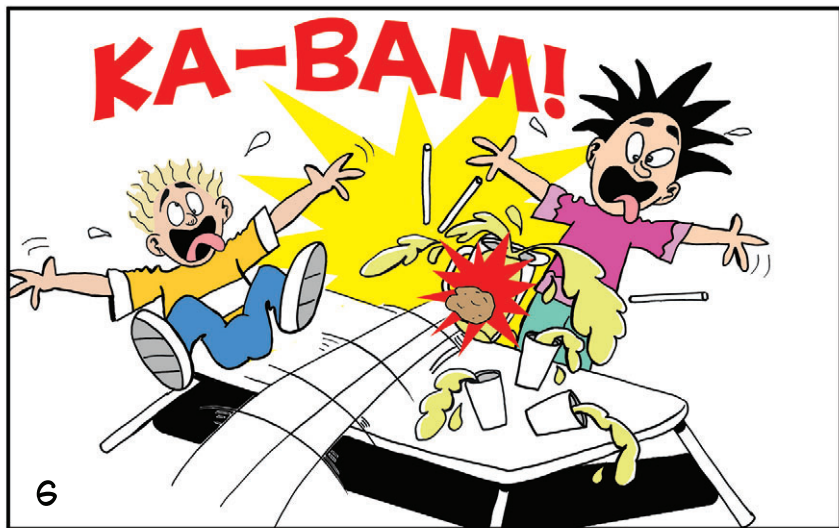
WE CAN SET IT  
UP IN FRONT OF  
MY HOUSE!



A FEW DAYS LATER...

THANK-YOU,  
SIR! ENJOY  
YOUR  
LEMONADE!

World's BEST LEMONADE  
Sold Here!  
(Fundraiser for Rico's Mom)







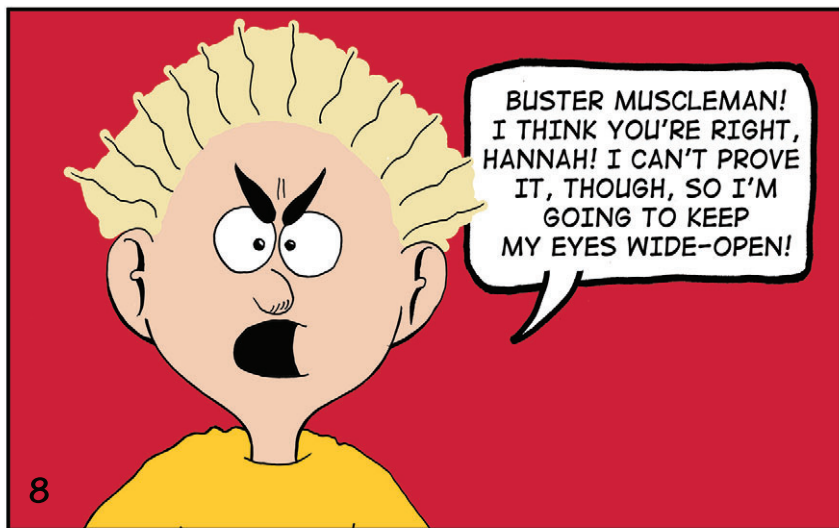
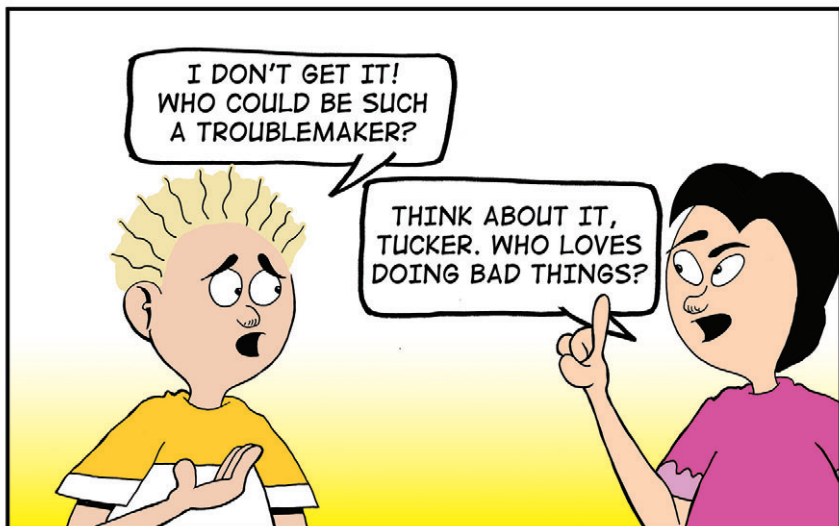
## READY FOR BATTLE

Ephesians 6:12, 13 makes it clear that we're in a spiritual battle between good and evil forces. Learn more by using the pictures to complete the Bible verse!

“Our fight is not against people on  .... We are  against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenly world. That is why you need to get God's full  . Then on the day of evil  will be able to stand  .” (To learn about God's armor, read Ephesians

6:14-17!)

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THE NEXT AFTERNOON...

THANKS FOR STOPPING  
BY TO HELP US,  
PRINCIPAL BRIGHTMAN!

I HEARD WHAT HAPPENED. I  
MAY BE YOUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL,  
BUT IT HURTS *ME*, TOO, WHEN  
BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO *YOU*!



THE NEXT DAY...

MRS. MUSCLEMAN!  
WHAT A SURPRISE!

BUSTER HEARD ABOUT THE  
ATTACK, AND HE WANTED TO  
HELP! HERE'S SOME SPECIAL  
LEMONADE HE MADE  
JUST FOR YOU!





*THE KIDS DECIDE TO  
SERVE BUSTER'S LEMONADE  
TO A CUSTOMER...*

**PHOOT!**







THE NEXT DAY...

RICO, I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT YOUR FAMILY. MAYBE BAD THINGS **DON'T "JUST HAPPEN."** AT LEAST SOMETIMES, MAYBE SOMEONE IS **BEHIND THE SCENES** MAKING THOSE BAD THINGS HAPPEN.

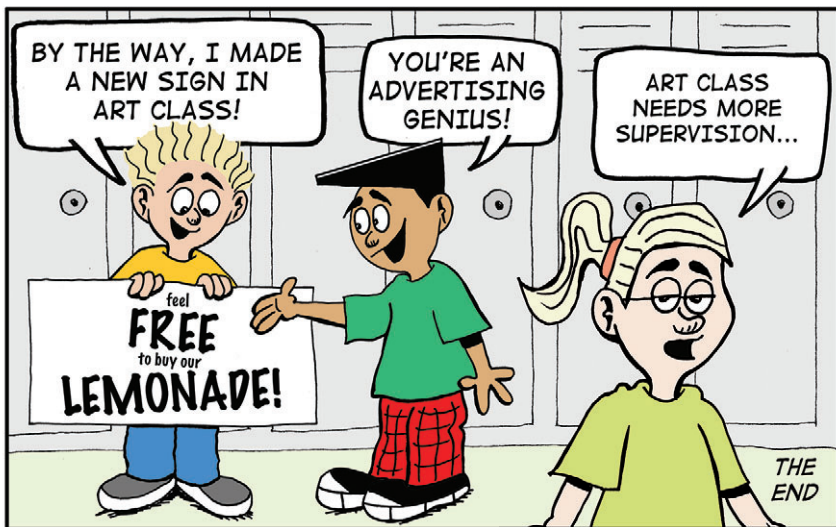
"THE DEVIL IS YOUR ENEMY. AND HE GOES AROUND LIKE A ROARING LION LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO EAT" (1 PETER 5:8).



"GOD... WILL WIPE AWAY EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES. THERE WILL BE NO MORE DEATH, SADNESS, CRYING, OR PAIN. ALL THE OLD WAYS ARE GONE" (REVELATION 21:3,4).

THANKFULLY, BAD THINGS WON'T HAPPEN AFTER JESUS COMES BACK!





# POWER VERSE

“But the Lord is faithful.  
He will give you strength  
and protect you from  
the Evil One”  
(2 Thessalonians 3:3).





## **ABOUT THE UNSEEN BATTLE**

**“Then there was war in heaven” (Revelation 12:7).**

Look around and it doesn't take long to figure out that something's wrong. Bad things happen everywhere. At school, some kids cheat. At home, well, even the best parents sometimes argue. Around the world, there's a lot of sickness, war, hunger, and many other kinds of suffering.

### **So why do bad things happen?**

A long time ago, an angel named Lucifer (now called Satan, or the devil) caused trouble in heaven. He said God wasn't fair! It got so bad that God finally had to kick Satan and his angels out of heaven. The evil forces now try to cause trouble here on planet Earth. They enjoy seeing human beings suffer. Sometimes bad things happen even if we aren't the ones doing the sinning! But it's still fallout from the great battle taking place around us. Oh, Satan can make sin look fun, but it always ends in misery.

### **Are we left to fight the battle alone?**

We are not alone in this battle between good and evil, which is sometimes called the “great controversy.” God's followers have a secret weapon! The Bible says, “His angel camps around them” (Psalm 34:7).

The unseen battle will not end until Jesus comes again. In the meantime, whether good or bad things happen to you, God promises to be with you through it all.

*Answers to Ready For Battle: earth, fighting, armor, you, strong*

# REALLY TRULY!

## FUN FACTS

- Lemons are technically berries.  
—thefactsite.com

- A car that has a lot of mechanical trouble is sometimes called a “lemon.”



- People who don't believe in God can have a hard time explaining why bad things happen to people. The idea that there is an unseen conflict between good and evil forces explains a lot. Humans are caught up in this battle.



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