

Kidsword


Philippians 4:4-7

Always rejoice! Try never to worry;
Give all your cares to God in a hurry;
And let peace rule in your heart, not fear,
For Jesus is coming
Jesus is here!

He worries
about
everything!
How many
worries can
you find?
(There are
18. Some are
backwards.)

S E R V I N G
T P C G O D I N G
R A J O Y L I V I N G
E N E M S A O N A G
G T H R U P E H F U N
H O P E

She gives
her worries
to God.
She's thinking
of 15 things
that help her.



people with the threat of violence. Then you'll have more than enough to feed your family! This morning I demanded fifteen silver coins from a woman who only owed nine. I've made a lot of money this way. There is no need for your family to lack the good things in life! Give it a try, then let's meet at noon by our old swimming spot by the Jordan River."

"Maybe you're right, Joseph--it's time I started looking out for myself! I'll see you at noon." As Michael headed back toward Jerusalem, he saw a traveler heading toward him. "Here's my chance!" he thought.

"Stop! he shouted, "This is a Roman road and you must pay a toll of one silver coin to continue!"

"Oh, so it's another of your phony Roman taxes is it? I'd sooner throw my money into the sea than give it to you!" said the traveler, who was either very brave or very foolish.

Michael exploded with anger, and slapped the man so hard he nearly fell over. "Unless you pay me you won't be taking another step on this or any other Roman road!" he snarled, "And the tax just went up to *two* coins!"

Feeling helpless, the man reached into his pouch and handed over two coins. By the time Michael arrived in Jerusalem, he had collected twenty silver coins from his "tax collecting." Including his army pay, he now had twenty eight silver coins.

When he met Joseph near the Jordan at noon, they saw something strange: a man was standing in the river preaching in a loud, powerful voice telling people to turn from their sins, then dunking some of them under water. He said he was *baptizing* them. Michael and Joseph joined the crowd and listened to him.

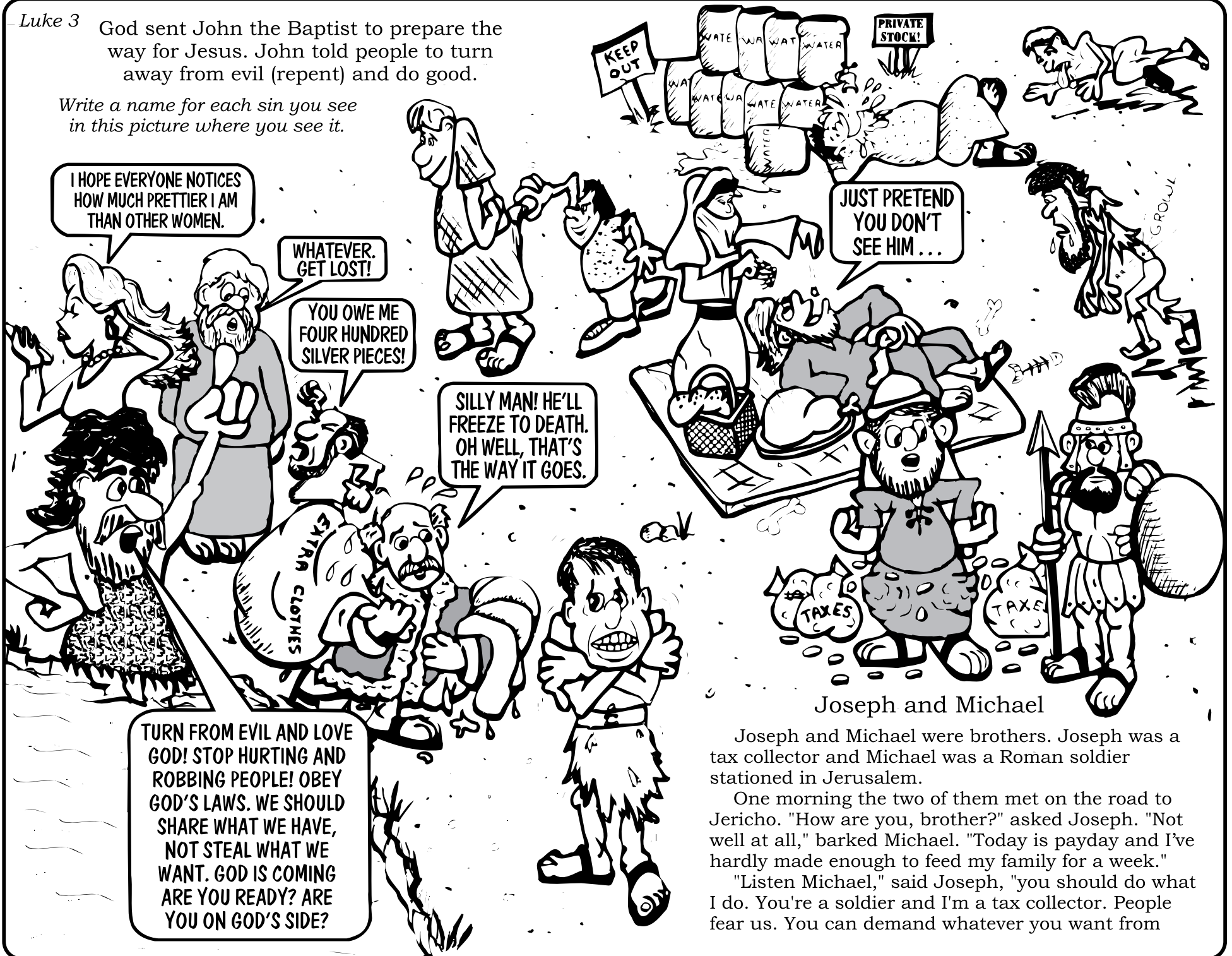
Later, when they headed back to Jerusalem, they were both soaking wet, and they had a feeling their incomes were going to shrink . . . by a lot.

Look back over the story and try to answer these questions:

1. Out of how much money did Joseph cheat the woman?
2. Where was their old swimming spot?
3. If Michael took two silver coins from every traveler he met, how many did he meet?
4. How much pay had he gotten from the army?
5. Do you think Joseph and Michael were good men? Why or why not?
6. Why do you think they were soaking wet on the way home? Why would their incomes shrink?

Luke 3 God sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus. John told people to turn away from evil (repent) and do good.

Write a name for each sin you see in this picture where you see it.



Joseph and Michael

Joseph and Michael were brothers. Joseph was a tax collector and Michael was a Roman soldier stationed in Jerusalem.

One morning the two of them met on the road to Jericho. "How are you, brother?" asked Joseph. "Not well at all," barked Michael. "Today is payday and I've hardly made enough to feed my family for a week."

"Listen Michael," said Joseph, "you should do what I do. You're a soldier and I'm a tax collector. People fear us. You can demand whatever you want from