

Dear reader: Jesus needs your help. Please pray that some day soon he will find a new pair of sandals.

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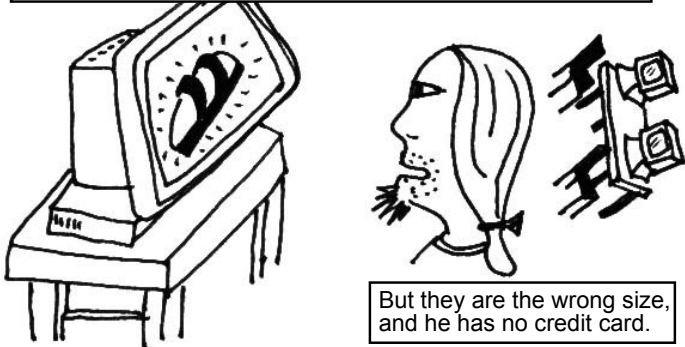
Jesus Shops for Sandals

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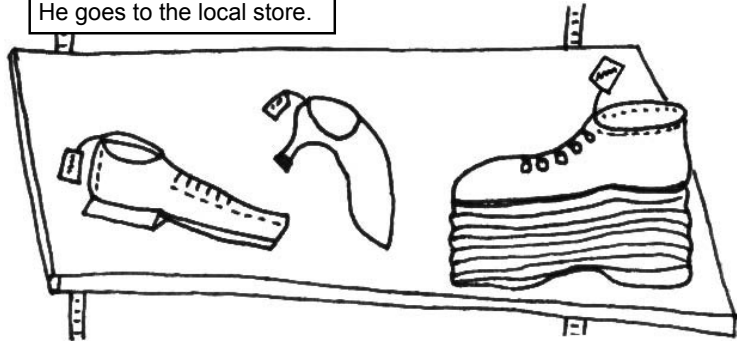
After a fruitless search, a clerk at the thrift store suggests he try the Internet. Jesus finds this style of sandals on eBay.



But they are the wrong size, and he has no credit card.

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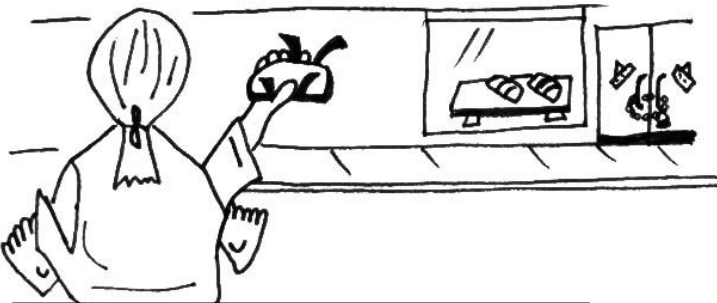
He goes to the local store.



Not enough selection.

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He sits down to collect his thoughts.



It's time a for a miracle. Jesus wants to pray, but he doesn't know how - he doesn't tell this to anyone.

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He goes to the big warehouse store. No luck. The style of sandal he's after is not profitable to carry.

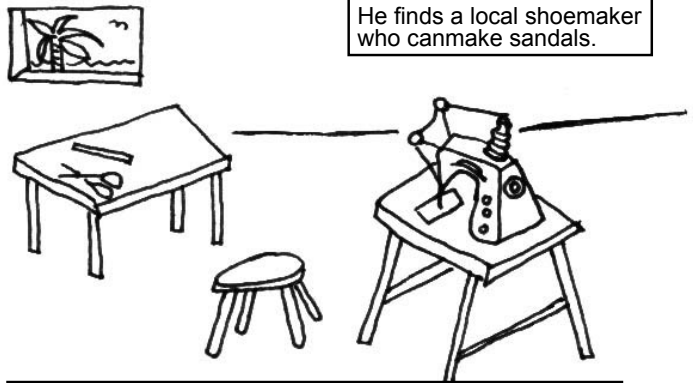
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He goes to Jerusalem, where, in a store window, he finally sees some sandals like his old ones.

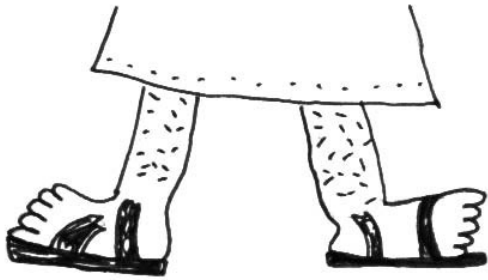


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He finds a local shoemaker who canmake sandals.



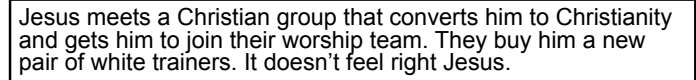
But he's out of material. His micro loan was rejected.



Jesus looks at his feet and realizes he needs a new pair of sandals.



Jesus wanders the streets, poking through garbage bins, looking for material to make sandals on his own.



Jesus meets a Christian group that converts him to Christianity and gets him to join their worship team. They buy him a new pair of white trainers. It doesn't feel right Jesus.



He goes to the shopping mall. Sandals are not in season.



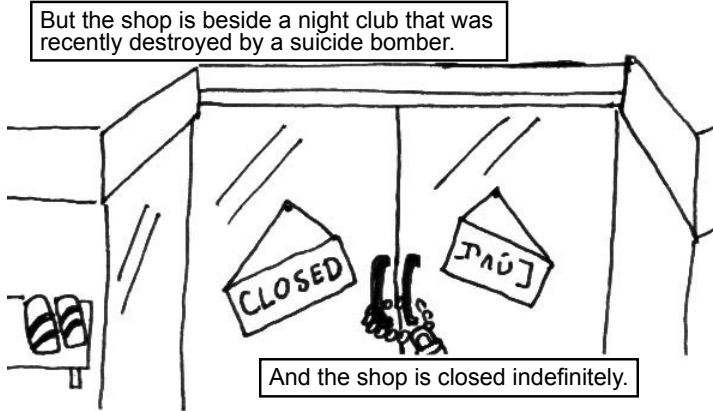
He flies back to North America and finds a group of people in the simplicity circle.

One man in the group has sandals similar to the ones Jesus wants. He says Jesus should look in thrift stores.

He flies to Nicaragua and visits the shoe factory.



He's disappointed. These are the same shoes he saw in the North.



But the shop is beside a night club that was recently destroyed by a suicide bomber.

And the shop is closed indefinitely.

Still in search of a pair a sandals that he expects to last for years, he flies to the Middle East to visit a sandal maker.



But the shop is closed, due to curfews and a crumbling Palestinian economy.