

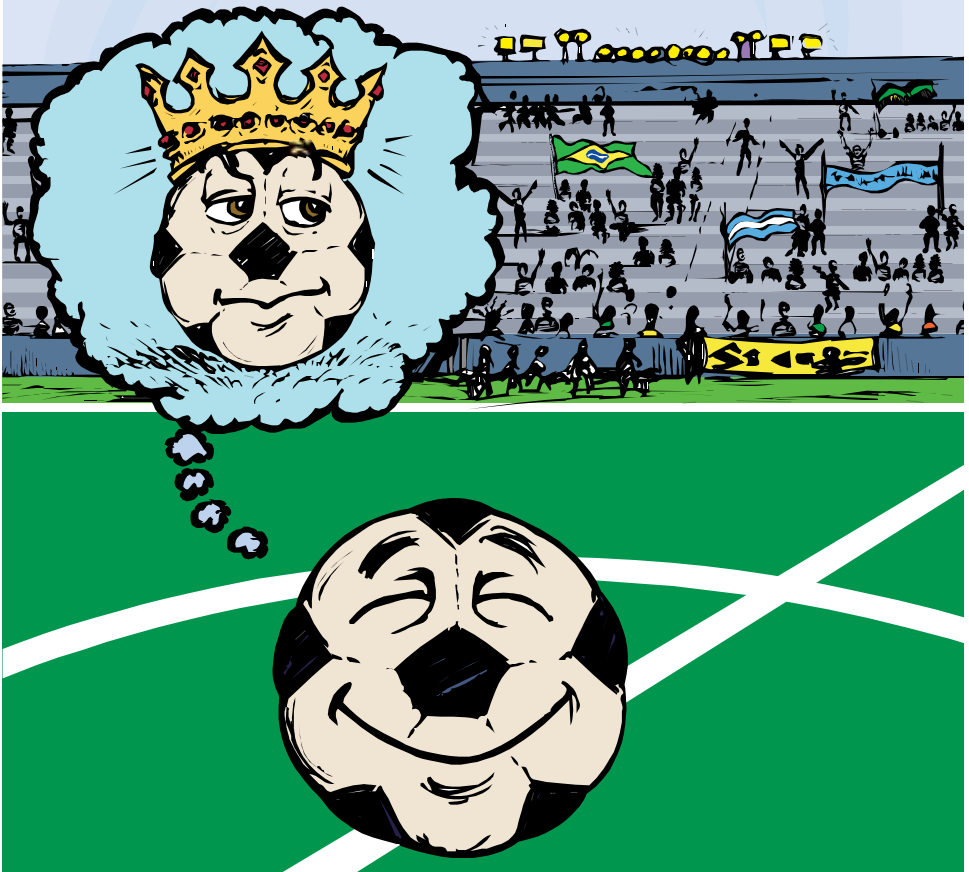
HOW TO GET A KICK OUT OF LIFE!



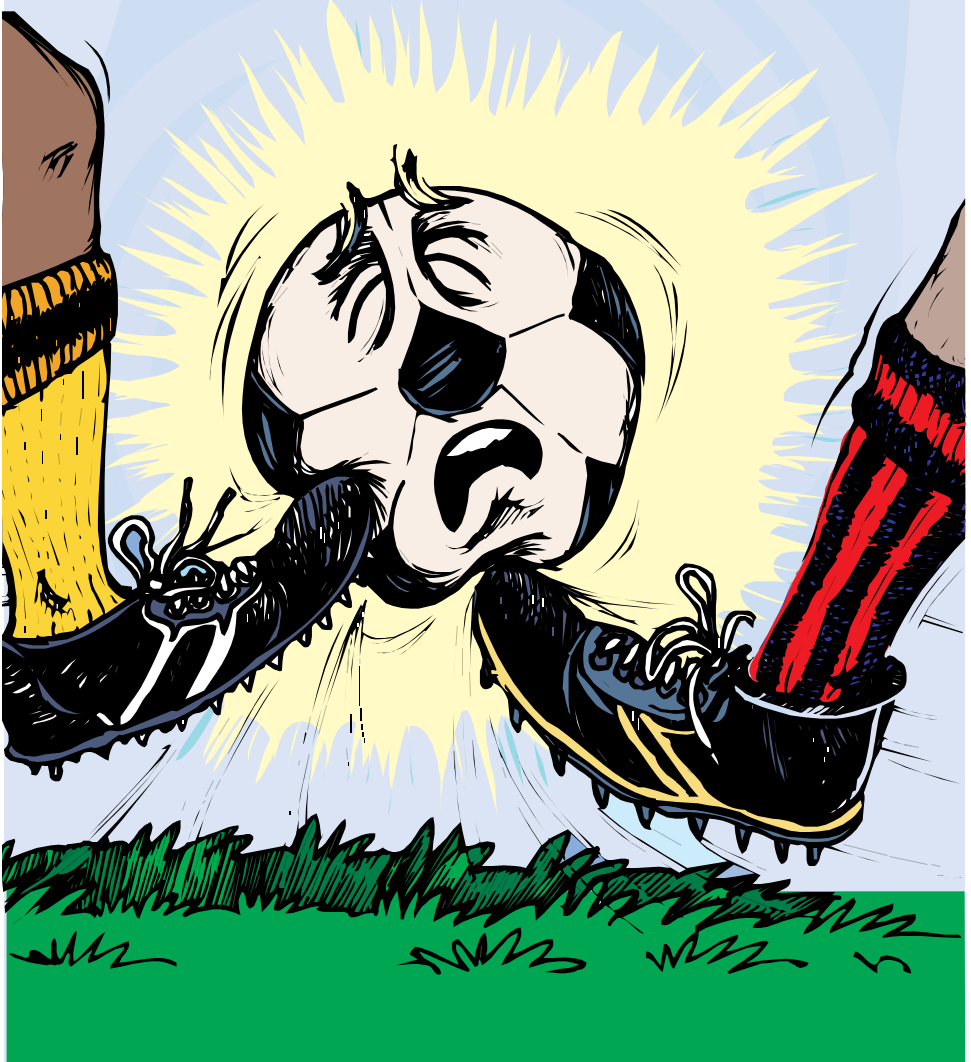
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Remember how you used to think you were “the main attraction”? Everything revolved around you and you were certainly on a roll! Everyone seemed to be cheering you on and nothing could keep you from reaching your goals.



Until the game of life got tough and you got kicked around like everyone else. All of the sudden all that “team spirit” just vanished. With such fierce competition (everybody seemed to be playing for the other side) you often found it hard to bounce back.



Perhaps at that point you began to feel that life was just a meaningless game which had lost all of its pizzazz and left you with an empty feeling. And perhaps you tried to fill that emptiness with sports, food, sex, beer, drugs, parties, self-help books, psychic experiences, mystical religions, or the sort. If you did, you became painfully aware that something was still missing.

Man, do I ever feel empty!



But wait! Don't lose faith now – this is the best part of the story. You see, although life has taught you not to open your heart, share your true feelings, or trust others too much, there really is Someone who is actually on your side. In fact He's like a good coach who, more than anything, wants to see you succeed. "Sure, prove it!", you might be thinking. He did, by sending His only Son.

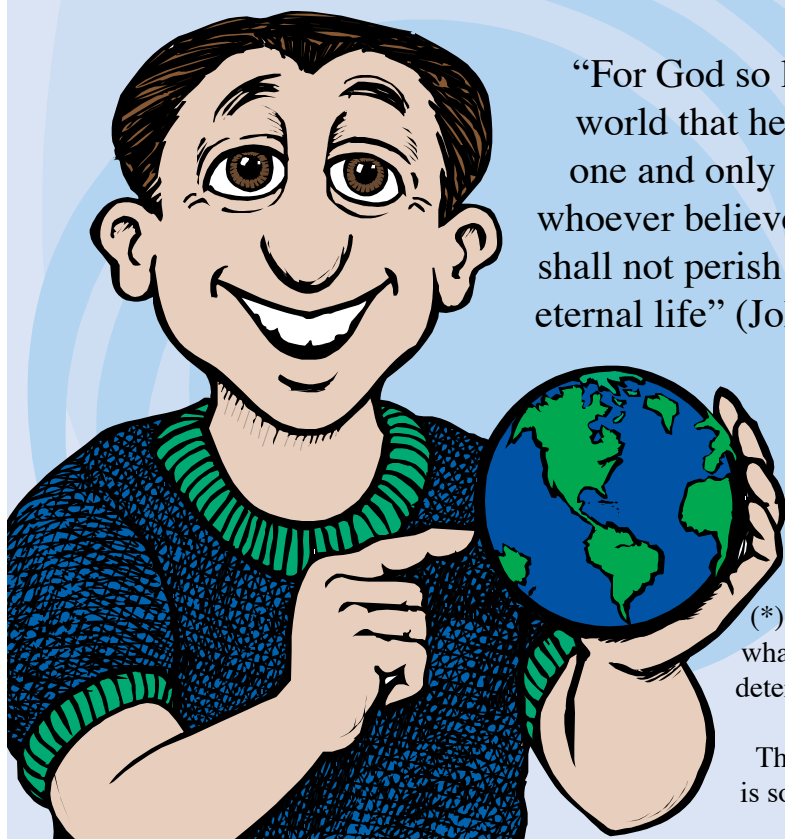


Come with me. My father made you and I came to take you back to him.

Wow! What could be better than this?

By now you've figured out that this isn't your average soccer story. It's a parable about how God, our very own Creator, sent his Son as living proof of his love for us.

You see, every last one of us got on the wrong side and became enemies of God by the bad choices* we made in life: namely, to leave him out, to ignore his will and to outright disobey him. That's why he sent his Son Jesus: to die for our sins so we can get on God's winning team.



“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

(* Remember: what we choose determines what we become. That's why sin is so dangerous.

Yes, sin is like a big wall that separates us from God. And there is nothing we can do to deserve or buy our way through it. God, however, provided one way we can get through to him and He offers it to us free*: Jesus' death on the cross. Now it is up to you. Will you accept his offer? He gave you his life, will you give him yours?

(*) It wasn't free for God since it cost Him the life of His Son!

“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me’” (John 14:6).



Why not accept God's forgiveness and invite Jesus into your life right now? Just talk to him like you would to a long lost friend. Open your heart and pray:

Father, thank you for your love for me! I confess my sins and ask for your forgiveness. I realize that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life and no one can come to you except through him. I ask you to come into my heart, to be my Lord and Savior. From now on I want to live for you and be on your winning team.

The Bible promises: "Yet to all who received [Jesus], to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12).

Read the Bible. Pray. Join a Christian church that teaches Jesus as the only way to God.

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