

BILI

DO YOU BELIEVE?

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Christian cultural stories from Malawi
for emergent readers.

Level 2
Chule Reader



Why do chameleons have
swollen eyes?

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Long time ago lived Bili the chameleon.
He lived by the road side,
catching insects.



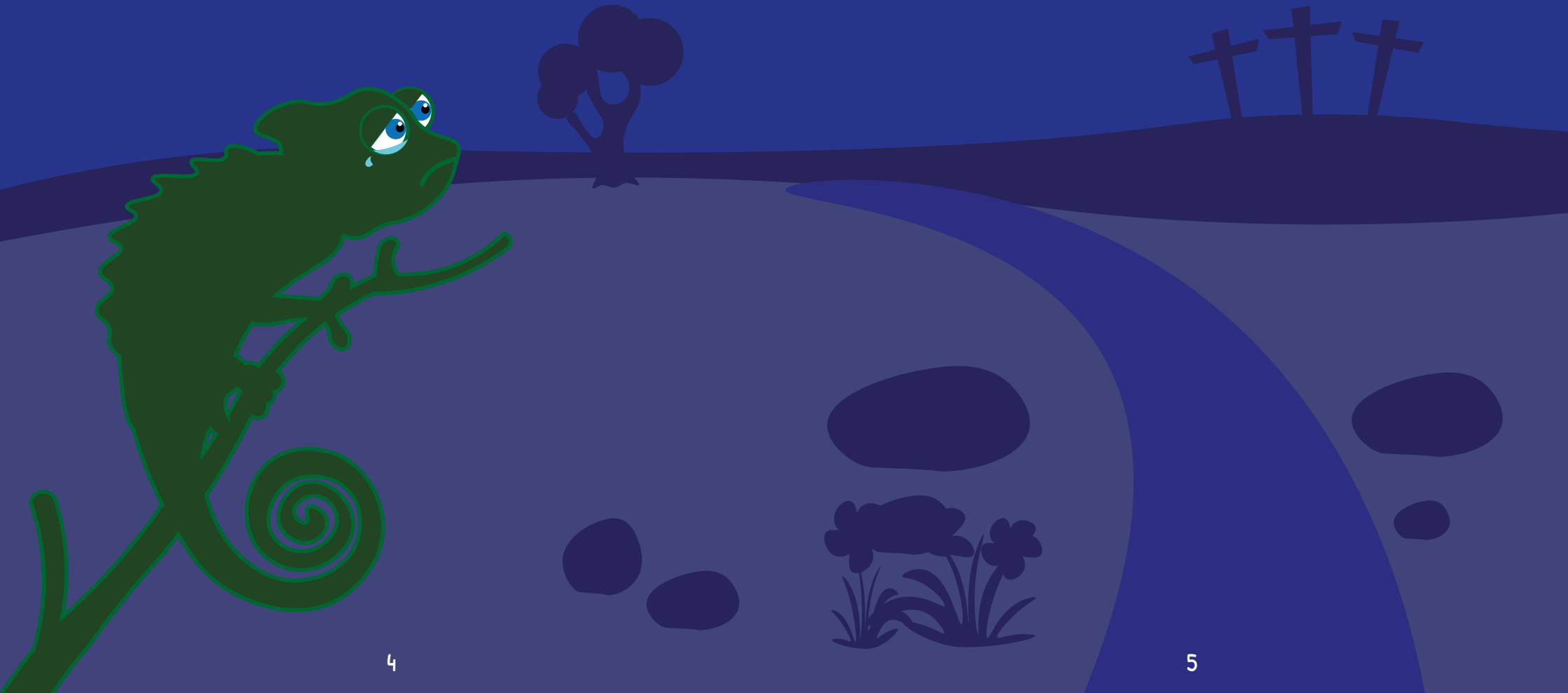
He saw many things
that made him happy.

But one day,
Bili saw something ...



... that made him very sad.

He was so sad that he cried
the whole night.



In the morning, his eyes were swollen.
Along came an old man.

Oh Bili, why are your eyes swollen?



What I saw, made me so sad.

They spat at him

They tore his clothes

It was so sad ...



... I cried another night,
Until the morning light.

Mbeee Mbeeee Mbeeee



The next morning, came a young lady.

Mary was her name.

Oh Bili, why are your eyes swollen?

What I saw, made me so sad.



They hanged him on a tree.
They killed him. It was so sad,

I cried these two nights,
Until the morning light.

Mbeee Mbeeee Mbeeee



Oh Bili, don't you know?
Yes it was so sad,
but now you should be so glad.

He died, yet now is alive,
So now, we have life.



But only if you believe.
Bili, do you believe?



Questions

1. What type of animal was Bili?
2. Where did Bili live?
3. What did Bili see that made him so sad?
4. Who died, but now is alive?
5. "He died so that we can have life."
what does this mean?

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