

## Life Sketch:

### Lochaim!

- A: **(Singing loudly)** To life, to life, lochaim! Lochiam, lochiam to life!
- B: What **are** you singing?
- A: Oh, I've just been watching that old musical, 'Fiddler on the Roof', and that was one of the songs.
- B: Oh... right... What's it about then?
- A: What?
- B: The song, what's it about?
- A: **(Getting gradually louder and more enthusiastic)** Isn't it obvious? It's about life, in'tit? It's about enjoying life, it's about living life to the full, it's about grabbing life by the bal –
- B: **(Quickly interrupting)** OK, OK, I get the picture, thank you very much!
- A: **(Speaking slightly sulkily)** Well, you did ask...
- B: I know, I know **(Pause)** Makes you think though, dunnit?
- A: What do you mean?
- B: Well, life? What **is** it all about? **(Gazing out into the distance)** Is it just about coming into the world, kicking, and screaming, growing up and living life to the max, and then popping yer cogs, kicking the bucket, snuffed out of existence as if you'd never been born?
- A: Cheerful!
- B: Or is there more to life than that? Is there a higher power, someone who's interested in us? Someone who wants us to have more than just a brief moment on this world that endless spins around the sun? is there some vast, eternal plan –
- A: **(Interrupting)** Ooh, ooh, ooh, I know this one! I know this one!
- B: Really? Go on then, amaze me!
- A: It's 'If I were a rich man'!

B: What?

A: Those words! They're from that other song from Fiddler on the Roof – **(Singing)** Would it spoil some vast, eternal plan, if I were a wealthy man?

B: **(Looking at A disappointedly)** I worry about you sometimes, I really do...

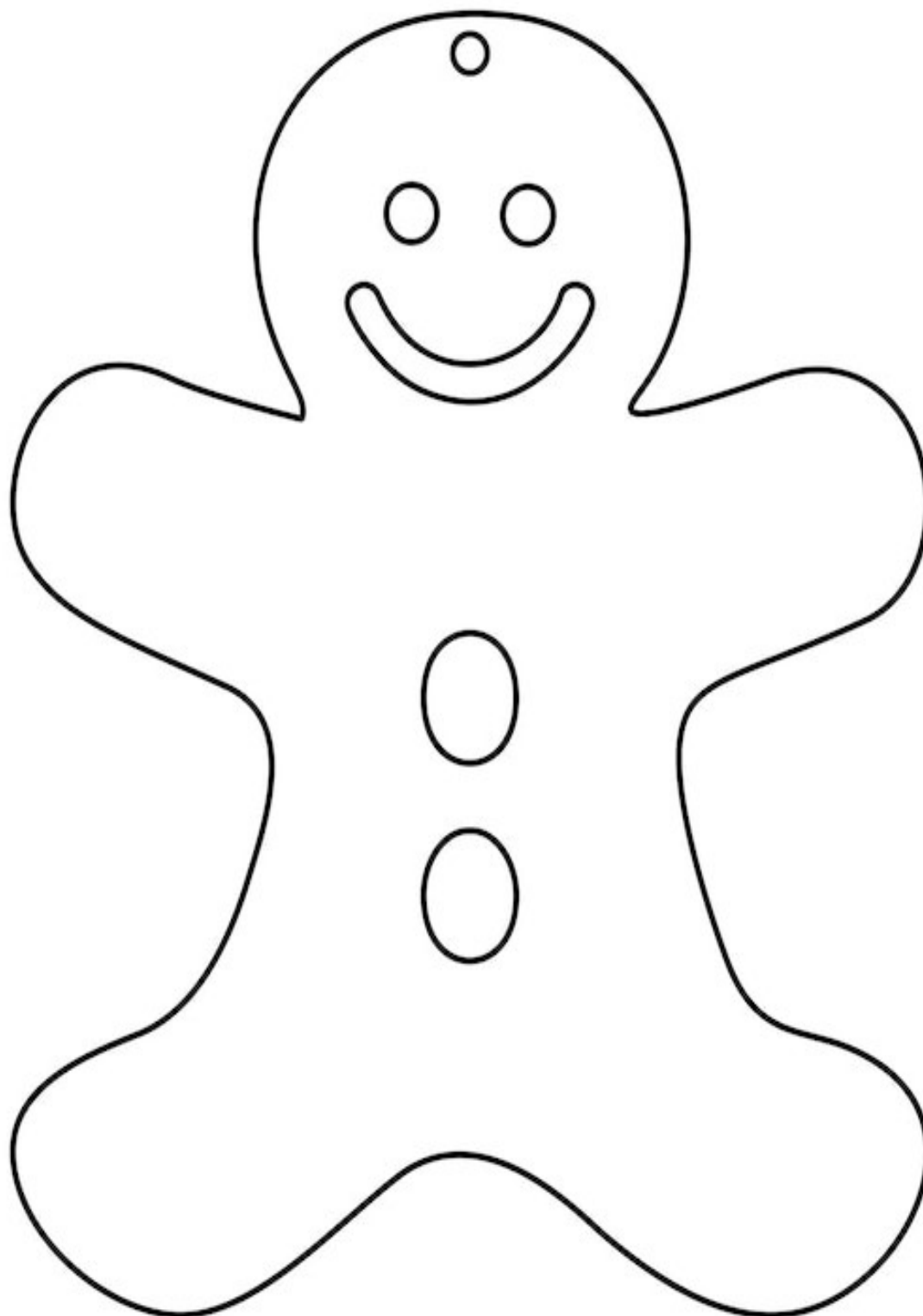
A: Why, what have I done now?

B: I use my huge intellect to plumb the depths of man's ancient quest to answer one of the biggest questions we need to answer, and all you can do, is sing something from 'If I were a rich man!'

A: **(Pause)** Well, that's life, in'it?

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The truth shall  
set you

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Truth? You can't

\_\_\_\_\_ the

truth!

I swear to tell the  
\_\_\_\_\_, the whole \_\_\_\_\_  
and nothing but  
the \_\_\_\_\_.

If you tell the truth,  
you don't need to  
remember \_\_\_\_\_

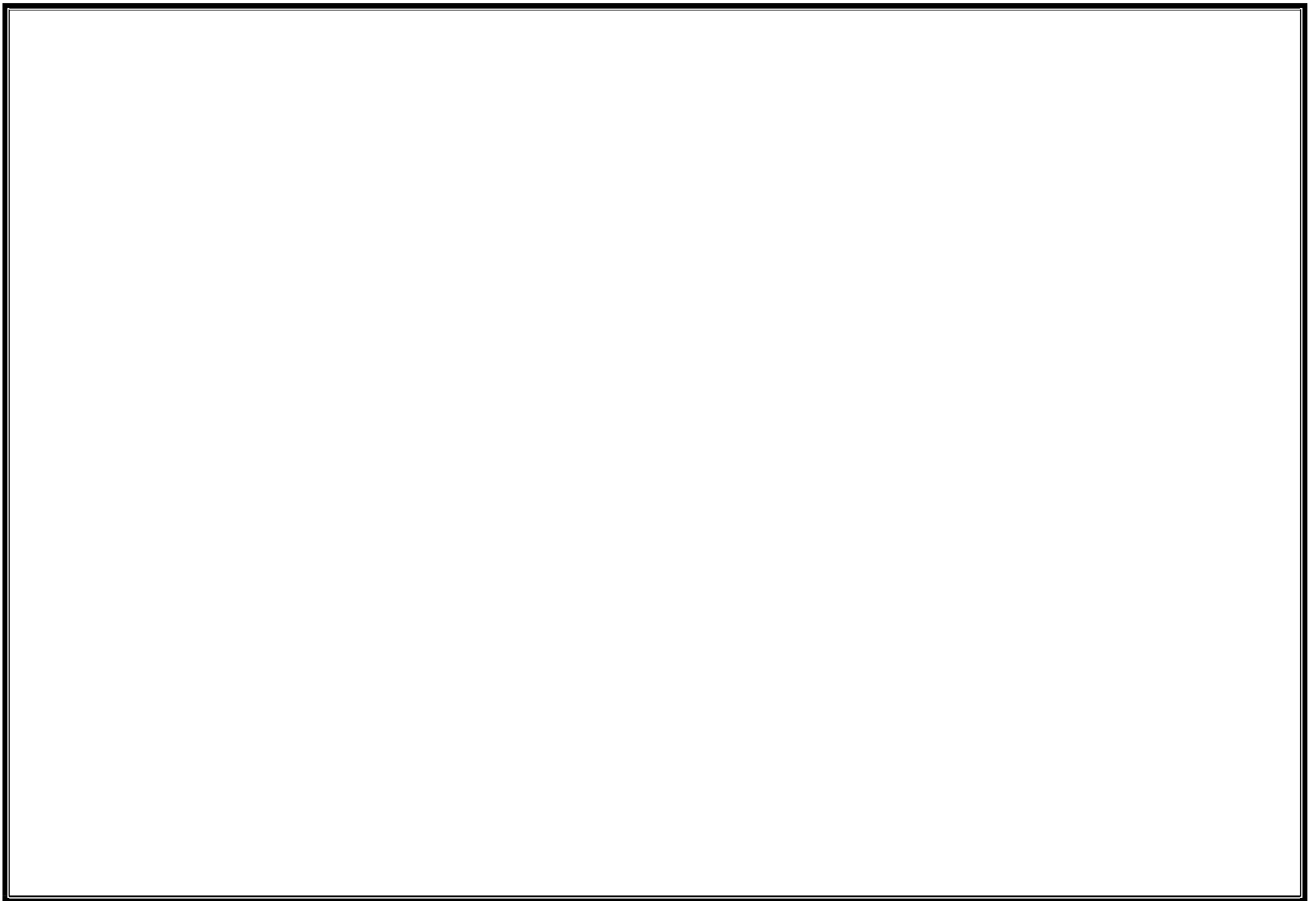
(by Mark Twain)

The truth is still the  
truth, even if  
no-one \_\_\_\_\_ it.



I tell you the

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**I am the way labels**

Following Jesus

Work hard

Give to charity

Go to church

Get baptised

Be kind/good

Supporting family

Helping others

## Talk: The Way

I am quite a shy person.

I don't do parties very well, and meeting people I don't know always brings up a moment of terror within me, when I speak to new people for the first time. I'll become tongue tied, and I'll probably stutter.

And I'll normally resort to one of two questions to break the ice. The first thing I might ask or say is, "So *what do you do for a living then?*" Not very original, I know, but it's the best that I can do.

And then the other thing that I might ask, is, "So *where I you from, then?*" Another show-stopping conversation maker!!!! **(Please personalise your own intro for this talk)**

### ***So where are you from then?***

And have you ever noticed how often we ask that question when we meet people we don't know? We're obsessed with it! We really want to know where the person we're talking to, has come from! Maybe that's because we want to know whether or not we can trust them. Or maybe it's because we want to see if they're worth listening to.

And I guess that that was the question that everyone wondered about - that everyone puzzled about - whenever they came into contact with Jesus. And during his public life, Jesus tried to answer that question. He tried to show why he was the way when he once said:

*"I came from the father, and have come into the world, and now I leave the world to go back to the Father."*  
**(John 16:28)**

You see, Jesus wasn't just laying down a set of rules about how you got into the Kingdom of God. Far from it. Because actually, Jesus was claiming that his presence *is* the Kingdom of God amongst men and women.

### **Ad-lib on the Teacher of the law.**

*"You are not far from the Kingdom Of God."* **(Mark 12:34)**

The way into the Kingdom of God, the way to God himself, was and still is, through Jesus Christ. Because if you know and follow Jesus, you are already close to God and his kingdom – what we call heaven.

God wants us to know that we don't need to be separated from him anymore. That we don't need to be lost. Because Jesus is the Way.