

KNOW IT ALL

[Scooter enters holding a big book such as an encyclopedia or dictionary.]

Scooter: Despite the size of their enormous ears, elephants have very poor hearing. Interesting.

Beth: [enters] Hey, Scooter!

Scooter: Oh, hi, Beth! I'm becoming the world's leading expert on elephants!

Beth: Are you sure about that?

Scooter: Yep! Listen to this: [looks at book] an adult Indian elephant weighs approximately 11,000 pounds! Whoa! You wouldn't want THAT to sit on you.

Beth: You sure wouldn't. That reminds me: What game do elephants like the most?

Scooter: [begins thumbing through his book] Hold on a minute. [turns more pages.] Hmm. It appears that information isn't in here ... What game DO elephants like the most?

Beth: SQUASH. Get it? Squash.

[Scooter stares at Beth blankly.]

Beth: It's a joke, Scooter! Squash, like the Indian elephant would squash you if it sat on you? Squash is also a game ... kind of like tennis.

Scooter: [in an offended tone] That was not very nice. I couldn't possibly have known that.

Beth: Sorry. I thought you'd enjoy the joke.

Scooter: Hmph. I guess I'm not the world's leading expert on elephants.

Beth: Scooter, no matter how much we know, we can always learn new things.

Scooter: We can?

Beth: Yeah! When Jesus was on Earth, he was always teaching new things about God to his followers. Sometimes he used stories, called parables. Other times he preached sermons that thousands of people came to hear. And other times, he used an object like a mustard seed or a little boy's lunch to make a point.

Scooter: Wow. He must have really known A LOT!

Beth: He did. He was GOD, after all.

Scooter: Good point! I guess I do still have a lot to learn, especially when it comes to knowing Jesus.

Beth: We all do, Scooter.

Scooter: Hmm. I wonder if I could get a live elephant to use when I teach people about pachyderms—that's another term for elephants.

Beth: Just make sure it doesn't sit on you!

Scooter: Point well-taken, Beth. By the way, it would be impossible for an elephant to play squash. They don't have fingers.

Beth: IT WAS A JOKE!

Scooter: [grinning] I know.

[Both laugh and exit.]