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**The Gospel Truth!!**  
with Pat Corn

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*a brief message of encouragement to make your day just a little bit brighter*

If you read this column very often, you are already aware of my high regard for the wisdom and humor that children afford us. Having been the father of four girls I have had some pretty interesting observations and humorous experiences that will cause me to chuckle for a lifetime. It just seems that a child's innocence and trust makes for a fertile field of humor. I thought you might enjoy the lighter side of some "childish" perceptions of the Bible and life.

#### **STORY OF ELIJAH**

The Sunday school teacher was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the Prophet and the false prophets of Baal. She explained how Elijah built the altar, put wood upon it, cut the steer in pieces and laid it upon the altar. And then, Elijah commanded the people of God to fill four barrels of water and pour it over the altar. He had them do this four times.

"Now," said the teacher, "can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar?"

A little girl in the back of the room started waving her hand, "I know!" she said, "To make the gravy!"

#### **LOT'S WIFE**

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Johnny interrupted, "My Mommy looked back once, while she was DRIVING," he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a telephone pole!"

#### **THE GOOD SAMARITAN**

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan, in which a man was beaten, robbed and left for dead. She described the situation in vivid detail so her students would catch the drama.

Then, she asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?"

A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."

#### **DID NOAH FISH?**

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" "No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

#### **HIGHER POWER**

A Sunday school teacher said to her children, "We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But, there is a higher power. Can anybody tell me what it is?" One child blurted out, "Aces!"

#### **MOSES**

Nine year old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school.

"Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge and all

the people walked across safely. Then, he used his walkie-talkie to radio headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked.

"Well, no, Mom. But, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

### **THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD**

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible; Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse.

Little Bobby was excited about the task -- but, he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Bobby was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd and that's all I need to know."

### **GETTING TO HEAVEN**

A Sunday school teacher wanted to test her class to see if they understood the concept of getting to heaven. She asked them, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into Heaven?" "NO!" the children answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?" Again, the answer was, "NO!"

"Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into Heaven?" She asked them again. Again, they all answered, "NO!"

Bursting with pride for them, she continued, "then how can I get into Heaven?"

A five-year-old boy shouted out, "YOU GOTTA BE DEAD."

### **HALLOWEEN**

My favorite still comes from my youngest daughter Ashley when she was barely four years old. Having never celebrated Halloween in our home, that experience was totally foreign to her. She and her Mom came to visit me at work one day just before Halloween. The girls in the office had decorated with all kinds of spooky things including several motion sensitive devices that screamed and wailed and played spooky music when one would enter the office door. Ashley remembered that a good friend of ours had started working there and ran ahead of her Mom into the office like a shot. Just as she got inside the door all those motion sensitive toys started wailing and screaming and it scared the fire out her and she ran to her Mom clinging to her leg and shaking. The office manager came up to Ashley and asked, "Ashley, what are you going to be for Halloween?". Ashley looked her dead in the eye with a furrowed brow and her bottom lip stuck out, and quickly replied, "We don't do Halloween!!...We do Easter!!!"

Oh yeah!! We don't celebrate darkness. We celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who is the Light of the world!!

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