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CREATION CORNER

BABY ANIMALS AT PLAY

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

Did you know that all baby animals play? Yes, and they often play games just like human children. Puppies and kittens play hide and seek. Many animals play tag. Some animals, like otters, slide on muddy banks. Monkeys and parrots swing in the trees. Many animals and even birds and fish will play 'ball' with stones or other objects. They toss them and catch them and carry them around.

Play is important to young animals but did you know that play helps to get us ready for being grown up too? As they play they practice things that will help them live when they grow up. The hunting animals play hunting and fighting games. They hide and then pop out at each other. When they grow up, they will be catching and killing other animals for food. And they will have to fight as well for hunting grounds.

Baby buffaloes, sheep and goats run and bump their heads together. When they grow up they will have to run away from enemies and protect themselves with their horns and antlers.

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Many animals play by carrying things in their mouths. When they grow up they will have to carry food to their mates and babies.

Have you ever thought about what kind of games you play? If we want to grow up to be good Christians and be like Jesus, we need to play games and practice doing things that Jesus would do. Jesus would be helpful and kind. He would talk politely and have good manners. He would be neat and tidy in his habits.

Would Jesus practice fighting, or hurting other people? No.

Would Jesus play games pretending to be robbers or cruel people? No.

Would Jesus be selfish and always push the little ones around? No, He would help the ones not as big or strong as Him.

But some say: "Oh, I'm just young, it doesn't matter what I do, I'll change when I'm bigger." But what we practice when we are little is what we will be like when we grow up! When you are young it is easy to learn good habits, but if you are grow up practicing bad habits, it is not easy to get rid of them. Ask Jesus to help you practice good things every day! = ^ .. ^ =

HISTORY

Last week we learned about how God used children to preach the Great Advent message in Sweden in 1843. Here is another story about Children Preaching in Sweden.

Sweden was one of the countries where the law forbade the preaching of anything contrary to the "established church." There the Lord used little children to do His work. The first was in the summer of 1843, in Eksjo, southern Sweden. A little girl, only five years of age, who had never learned to read or sing, one day, in a most solemn manner, sang correctly a long Lutheran hymn, and then with great power proclaimed "The hour of his judgment is come," and told the family to get ready to meet the Lord; for he was soon coming. The family prayed to God to forgive their sins, and gave their hearts to Jesus. From town to town, other children began proclaiming the message. This happened among some children in Norway and Germany also.

"Yes! I Had to Preach"

In 1896, while holding meetings in Sweden, I passed through several places where the children had preached in 1843, and had opportunity to talk to those who had heard the preaching and with men who had preached when they were children. I said to one of them, "You preached the advent message when you were a boy?" He answered:

"Preached! Yes, I had to preach. I had no devising in the matter. A power came upon me, and I uttered what I was compelled by that power to utter."

Boquist and Walbom in Orebro, Sweden

In Orebro this work spread until older persons started to proclaim the message. Then the civil authorities, led by the priests of the "established church," arrested two young boys, Walbom, eighteen years of age, and Ole Boquist, fifteen years of age, saying they would make a public example of them. They whipped their bare backs with birch rods, and placed them, with their bleeding wounds, in Orebro prison.

When these wounds healed, they took them out of the prison, demanding of them, "Will you cease preaching this doctrine?"

Though they beat them with rods the second time, opening their wounds afresh, all the answer they could obtain was, "We will preach the preaching that the Lord bids us." Through the help of a kind lady church member in Orebro, King Oscar

I. told the authorities to let those boys out of the prison, and to let that people alone. So the victory for the truth was gained in Sweden.

Boquist's Testimony

In the Review and Herald of Oct. 7, 1890, is a very interesting story about the children's preaching, written by O. Boquist himself. He says:-

"In the year 1843 a religious movement occurred among the people... The leaders in this movement were children and young men... These preached with divine power, and proclaimed before the people, with great decision, that the hour of God's judgment had come.

"In the fall of the same year, I, O. Boquist, then fifteen years of age, with another young man, Erik Walbom, eighteen years of age, became so influenced by this unseen power that we could in nowise resist it. As soon as we were seized by this heavenly power, we began to speak to the people, and to proclaim with a loud voice that the judgment hour had come, referring them to Joel 2:28-32 and Revelation 14:6, 7.

Children in Vision

The people told me that those who were thus influenced by this heavenly power were unaware of everything around them. They were actually in vision from God, and spoke with a power that carried a mighty convicting influence. They said that these little children, while under that influence, would speak with the force and dignity of full-grown men and women. So those who saw it believed that it was the Lord using them to utter these solemn truths. The writer continues:-

"The people congregated in large numbers to listen to us, and our meetings continued both day and night, and a great religious awakening was the result. Young and old were touched by the Spirit of God, and cried to the Lord for mercy confessing their sins before God and man.

"But when the priest in the church was apprised of this, many efforts were put forth to silence us, and thus to stop the prevailing religious excitement; but all efforts were unavailing. The sheriff was then requested to cause our arrest, and during six weeks a fruitless search was made to find us in the forest, whither we had fled for refuge.

"Finally, however, we were summoned to appear before the pastor of the church. Our number had increased so that forty young men and women presented themselves at the parsonage, where we

were submitted to a long trial. All but myself and Walbom were permitted to return to their homes; but we were arrested, and on the following day were placed in custody in the Orebro prison, where we were associated with thieves in cell 14, as though we had committed some great crime."

Boquist's Sister's Testimony

On Sept. 22, 1896, the sister of Boquist, now seventy-two years of age, attended our meeting at Orebro, and told us about the experience of her brother; for she saw him whipped, put in prison and then set free. She sang for us the hymn that Boquist and Walbom sang as they walked out of the prison on to the bridge over the moat surrounding that sixteenth century castle, used in 1843 as a prison. The power of the 1843 movement accompanied the testimony and the singing of the hymn. Here is one verse of their long hymn translated into English:

"No one can ever reach the eternal rest, Who hath not forward with strong vigor pressed;

No one can ever reach that shining goal, Unless he forward press with heart and soul.

His urgent strife must last until the end; On this alone our hopes must all depend.

Narrow the gate is called, the way named Small, But grace and choice are free for one and all;

But all depends on pressing, pressing on; By that alone the haven can be won." = ^ .. ^ =

TRUE-STORY-TIME

When I was a little girl, I read a true story I liked very much. It went something like this: There was a group of children who were friends and played together. It was summertime and they were on their vacation from school. They were wondering just what to do one day.

"I know what to do," Johnny said, "Let's ride our bikes."

"Oh, it's too hot and anyway, we rode bikes yesterday", said Sally.

Then Janice spoke up, "Let's see if we could play a trick on mean old Mr. Brown."

"Oh, no, that wouldn't be right!" said Johnny, "My Mom said he only seems mean because he has a lot of pain in his lame leg. It would be cruel to play tricks on him."

The children were quiet for a long while thinking. Suddenly Janice jumped up, "I know, what if we play good tricks?"

"What do you mean "Good tricks?" the others

asked.

"Well, we could do something nice and no body would know who did it." Janice continued.

"Hey, yes!" Judy said, "It could be like a mystery, and we could leave a little note with a surprise message!"

"It could be like a club. What will we call it?" Sally asked.

"How about 'The Surprise Package Company'?" Peter joined in.

"Hey, way cool!" the others agreed.

And so "The Surprise Package Company" was born. The children began to make a list of things they could do to be helpful and kind.

"You know little Georgie has been in the house sick with the mumps? Let's make up a little gift for him and put a "The Surprise Package Company" card on it and leave it at his door. We'll knock and run away and his Mom will find it."

So they each went home to search for some little toy or book to give to little Georgie. Soon they were back. One had a box of nearly new crayons. One had a coloring book. Sally had some stickers. They put the things into a little box and wrapped it with a piece of left over birthday wrap. Janice made the card as she could print very neatly. Then they delivered the box and watched from behind a bush as Georgie's Mom picked it up and smiling, took it in.

The next afternoon they took the weeds out of a neighbors garden. Of course they were careful not to hurt the plants. They left a "The Surprise Package Company" card right where the neighbor would see it.

The more they did it, the more projects they thought of. They were having so much fun making other people happy! They took flowers from their gardens to an old lady and left them where she would find them, they put some money together and bought a few cookies to take to "Mean old Mr. Brown" and saw him smile as he read the card. They cleaned up the house for Johnny's Mom who had been busy for a few days taking care of Aunt Lilly who was sick; and always they left their little "The Surprise Package Company" card.

One day the "The Surprise Package Company" got a surprise! They had been having a ball with their secret club but someone had been watching them and one day they each got an invitation to

lovely picnic and it was addressed to “The Surprise Package Company”

Well, I liked that story a lot and when I was just a girl, I decided to be a “Surprise Package Company” too. I am old now and I still love being a “Surprise Package Company” and I give little cards away when I send secret presents or do helpful things. Of course I can’t always help secretly but it is the helping that matters more than the secret.

When we help others, we make ourselves so happy! That is how God’s universe was set up, so every one would help others and no one ever would be selfish. I invite you all to try it. You can all be members of “The Surprise Package Company” just make sure you do things carefully. It would be sad to think you were helping when really you weren’t. If you are not sure if a project is a good one or not, ask a grown-up first. You can find someone who can be your “Surprise Package Company” counselor. TEMKIT would be happy to hear about your adventures. = ^ .. ^ =

ADVENT HISTORY

We are continuing our stories about the life of the messenger of the Lord, Ellen White. The story started last week when she was a girl. Her name was Ellen Harmon then. She had been hurt when an angry girl threw a stone and hit her face. She couldn’t go to school any more. But she learned about the love of Jesus for her, and that made her happy.

Part 2 WORKING FOR OTHERS

Ellen’s heart was full of the love of Jesus. She wanted everyone to love Him.

She talked to her playmates about Jesus. She prayed for them. She held little prayer meetings.

Because of her work many of her friends learned to love Jesus. They began to work for others, too.

Ellen wanted to do more missionary work. She and her sisters said: “We must earn money. Then we can buy books and papers to give away.”

They knit stockings. They helped their father make hats. Ellen was not strong, but she worked all she could.

She earned twenty-five cents a day. With this money she bought books and papers.

She gave them away. In this way she helped many people to hear of Jesus.

Day by day Ellen learned more of Jesus and His love.

One of the ministers said: “I think the Lord is getting Ellen ready to do a great work for Him.” She was a true Christian.

Think about the kinds of things you might be able to do to help people. Also think about ways that you might help people to learn about Jesus love for them. = ^ .. ^ =



WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 2:

For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days. There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don’t forget to learn the text too.

“SATAN, PRINCE OF DARKNESS”

MEMORY VERSE: “I will fear no evil: for thou art with me.” Psalm 23:4

Sunday

Text: Revelation 12:7 “There was war in Heaven: Michael and His angels fought against the dragon and the dragon fought and his angels.”

Last week we learned how the beautiful angel, Lucifer was jealous of Jesus. He and the angels who agreed with him had become God’s enemies, or rebels against His government.

Just what was it that Lucifer got so jealous about? Well the special messenger God gave to His people in these last days, Ellen White, was shown many details about this. God had a special counsel with His Son and Satan didn’t get to know what they were planning. He thought he should be

part of this counsel. He forgot that he wasn't God; he was a created being.

We know a secret about that counsel. It was then that God decided what to do if any of His created children should fall into sin. They planned that if it happened, Jesus would come all the way down from His throne in heaven and would die to save the sinners! Here God was planning to lovingly come all the way down, while Lucifer was selfishly trying to go up and take God's place. How very strange! The problem was Lucifer had become selfish and proud, while God was unselfish and humble.

The Father, the Son and the good angels all tried to show Lucifer the right way and he almost stopped going wrong, but then his pride got up and he would not admit he was wrong. There was nothing more that could be done; he refused to obey God's law. He and those who followed him could not be allowed to remain in Heaven.

Thought - Are rules important? God's rules protect His children.

Monday

Text: Revelation 12:9 "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

The Son (Jesus) was appointed by the Father to take command of the true angels, and drive out the rebels. Lucifer took command of the angels who had rebelled with him, and was determined to stay in Heaven. Of course Satan could not win in such warfare.

Then "there was war in Heaven: Michael (Jesus) and His angels fought against the dragon and the dragon fought and his angels." Revelation 12:7.

We don't have any idea how this war was fought, but we do know that when God tells people to leave, they leave whether they like it or not! Remember how Jesus sent the people out of the temple when He was here on earth? He said, "Go", and they went!

When Lucifer sinned and fell, his character and work were so changed that the beautiful name he had in Heaven was also changed. In Revelation 12:9, he is called "the dragon," "that old serpent," "the devil," and "Satan."

Instead of being pure and holy, kind and

unselfish, he was now sneaky and dishonest, cruel and full of hate. All heaven was sad at the fall of Lucifer.

There is another interesting name Satan has: Beelzebub or Baalzebub. It means "Lord of the flies" or "Lord of the restless ones" (also the 'dung god'). Satan and his angels never have any peace or happiness now they have rebelled. The only 'fun' they have is when they are hurting, lying, and destroying. People who serve Satan never have real joy and peace in their life either!

Thought - Doing wrong always makes us and others unhappy even if at first it might seem fun.

Tuesday

Text: Isaiah 14:12 "How art thou fallen from Heaven, O Lucifer, Son of the Morning, how art thou cut down to the ground."

Christ refers to this when He said to His disciples, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from Heaven." Luke 10:18.

When Lucifer woke up to the fact he was now out of heaven, he felt afraid and trembled. He saw an angel from heaven passing and he called and asked if he could speak to Jesus. Jesus came to talk to him.

Satan said he wanted to go back to heaven. He said he was sorry.

Jesus wept about Satan's unhappiness but He could not allow him back in heaven. Jesus knew that Satan's heart was not changed. He was still rebellious.

Once Satan knew he could not go back, all his hatred of Christ came out. He determined to do everything he could to hurt and destroy.

Thought - Have you ever seen someone who loves to hurt and break things? That is Satan's spirit.

Wednesday

Text: 1 Peter 5:8 "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour"

When Satan knew that he had lost Heaven forever, his heart was filled with anger and hatred for all that was good. His history since then shows that from that time his motto was "Evil, be thou my good." Revenge filled his heart in which the love of God once abode, and all his wonderful powers were turned against God and His

work. Every artful device of evil angels has been used since then to lead man to follow them in sin and rebellion against God. It is well for man to know the strength of the foe he has to meet. Satan and his angels have on earth the same wisdom that they had in Heaven before their fall.

To this is added six thousand years of experience in their dreadful work. In Heaven Satan's influence was so great that he was able to deceive and lead into rebellion one third of the angels. His power to deceive man is very great. With such power and influence at his command, we can never overcome the devil in our own strength. When we let go our hold upon God we go onto the enemy's ground, and are "taken captive by him at his will." 2 Timothy 2:26.

Thought - Always pray for Jesus to keep you from Satan's snares!

Thursday

Text: 1 John 4:4 "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

Christ has twice conquered the devil, once in the great battle in Heaven when Satan was cast out, and again as a man on earth when He met all his temptations and came off victorious. And think about all the times Jesus 'cast out devils'! Whenever Satan confronts Jesus, Satan is always beaten.

Satan is to Jesus a beaten foe. If we trust our Lord fully He will give us strength in every hour of need, and thus we may become "more than conquerors through Him that loved us". Romans 8:37.

The heavenly angels are stronger than Satan's angels and if we ask God in Jesus name to keep us, they watch over us and mean old Satan cannot harm us.

Paul calls Satan "The prince of the power of the air." Ephesians 2:2. He causes terrible storms, tidal waves, and other awful disasters. Only the restraining hand of God prevents him from bringing destruction to the world more awful than it has yet known. In Hebrews 2:14, we learn that the devil has "the power of death." This is because sin brought death, and Satan is the author of sin. He claims all who die as his, but Jesus will bring them from "the land of the enemy" at the resurrection.

Thought - By praying and giving our hearts

to Jesus every day we have good angels to care for us.

Friday

Text: Ezekiel 28:19 "Thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more."

But some glad day sin and death and Satan will be destroyed. Paul declared that Christ, by His death, opened the way by which He "might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil." Hebrews 2:14.

The Lord says through the prophet Ezekiel, "I will bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes. ...Thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more!" Ezekiel 28:18,19. Then, with the stain of sin all gone, God will have a clean universe, as free from sin as it was before rebellion entered Heaven.

Sadly, many people love Satan's evil ways and they won't let the loving Jesus save them from sin. They will have to die with Satan at that time.

Thought - Try to think about how wonderful it will be to live in a world where there is no cruel devil anymore!

Details in this lesson are taken from the Signs of the Times articles "The Great Controversy" by E.G. White 1879 = ^..^ =

THE BIBLE STANDS

The Bible stands like a rock undaunted
'Mid the raging storms of time;
Its pages burn with the truth eternal,
And they glow with a light sublime.

The Bible stands though the hills may tumble,
It will firmly stand when the earth shall crumble;
I will plant my feet on its firm foundation,
For the Bible stands.

The Bible stands like a mountain towering
Far above the works of men;
Its truth by none ever was refuted,
And destroy it they never can.