

# TEMKIT FOR CHILDREN

## TEMKIT'S MISSION:

To provide Bible based, true reading material for children and youth.

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### CREATION CORNER

#### FIRE BREATHING BEETLE

**Psalms 33:9 “For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.”**

There is an insect that lives in South Florida and in Central America that is called the Bombardier Beetle. If anything pinches the beetle's leg, when that happens the beetle thinks “Ah ha! It's my arch enemy, the ant! He's biting on my leg again. That guy never learns.”

Back near the beetle's rear end he has a special cannon that he aims at his enemies when they bite on his legs. POOF! He burns his enemies. He has a flame-thrower back there.

He is sometimes called *The Fire-Breathing Beetle*, or the *Blister Bug*. The chemicals that come out reach 212° F, which is the temperature of boiling water.

Well, where does a beetle get something that is 212° F.? What does he have back there, a furnace or something? Nope! The way that it works is relatively simple.

The Bombardier Beetle has two chemicals in storage compartments in his rear end. The chemicals are hydrogen peroxide and hydroquinone. When these two chemicals are mixed together, they explode. BOOM! It's called an ‘exo-

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thermic reaction’. When they explode, they instantly give off a whole lot of heat.

The beetle stores them together in a pouch but they don't explode — which is a good thing. The beetle doesn't want them to explode in his rear end because that would be very uncomfortable. He has a third chemical that is mixed in there with them.

The third chemical is called the inhibitor. The inhibitor prevents the explosion from taking place by neutralizing the first two chemicals. Now, he has three chemicals mixed in there, and they do not do anything!

He sprays it on his enemies; they lick it off, and continue chewing his leg off; so, just the three won't work. So he has a fourth chemical. The fourth chemical is in the outer chamber. He squirts it in at the very last possible second. The fourth chemical is the neutralizer. The neutralizer eliminates the inhibitor so the first two chemicals can explode. Is this too complicated?

The beetle has four chemicals. The first two explode, the third one makes them not explode, and the fourth takes away the third one so the first two can explode.

Now, timing is very important to the beetle! If he forgets to put the inhibitor in just one time,

he's history! If he puts the neutralizer in to soon, he's history, and folks, I would like you to know that it took the beetle billions of years of evolution to figure this out.

This really is complex chemistry. So, for billions of years, as they were evolving, you would hear them exploding in the jungle in the middle of the night as they practiced their chemistry. (BOOM!) They would gather together for the funeral, and grandma would say, "Hey kids, take a look at your uncle Herman. Do you want to die like that boys and girls? Look at him good! He blew his whole hind end right off!"

"No, Grandma. I don't want to die like that."

"Well then, stop goofing off in school, and pay attention to that teacher! Study that chemistry because someday we are going to be *Fire-Breathing Beetles*. We have to keep evolving. We have to keep working on it."

It took them billions of years of slow, gradual evolution, and they finally, miraculously, made it. I'm not sure which one made it first, but evidently, he's the only one that had kids because now, all of them can blow fire.

Now boys and girls: does that make any sense at all? If you believe that Bombardier Beetles evolved by gradual change you must be silly in the head.

They did not evolve gradually. The beetle doesn't know anything about chemistry. Nothing! He's never even been to kindergarten.

His whole body is less than an inch long. His brain is even smaller. All that he knows is if something bites him on his leg, FLASH, he squirts him, and they will leave — if they are able!

This little beetle is an example of the wonderful designs of our Wonderful Designer! = ^ .. ^ =



## HISTORY

**The Real St. Patrick: A True Missionary!**  
**Mark 16:15 "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."**

From all that can be learned of St. Patrick, there never was a nobler Christian missionary. He went to Ireland from love to Jesus, and love for the Irish people.

Similar to Joseph, he was taken captive as a boy and sold into slavery in Ireland. Later he escaped and returned home only to return to Ireland as a missionary after he had given his heart to Jesus.

So much legend and fiction has been written about him that you can see that there is the real Patrick and the storybook Patrick...The truth is that the real Patrick belonged to the 'church in the wilderness'. These are the people who followed the Bible, learned about Christianity from the disciples of Jesus, and kept the seventh-day Sabbath.

He looked forward to Jesus second coming just like we do; you could say he was a Seventh-day Adventist! He was of that early church which was brought to Ireland from Syria, the church started by Jesus' disciples. He was in no way connected with the false church that developed in Rome and was always at war with Patrick's church.

The Roman church tells every one that Patrick, sent by the pope, went to Ireland to convert the people to be Catholics. This is not true at all, but sadly, most Irish people now believe it.

Two centuries elapsed after Patrick's death before any writer tried to connect Patrick's work with Rome. No pope ever mentioned him, neither is there anything in the records of Rome about him...Patrick began his ministry in Ireland about AD 390.

Patrick preached the Bible. That was his only guide for the Irish Church. He gave credit to no other worldly authority; he had no creed, no church manual but the Bible. In his writings he tells about his beliefs, but he does not refer to any church council or creed as authority.

He started the first schools in Ireland and they were all Bible schools. Famous students of these schools include Columba, who brought Scotland to Christ, and Columbanus with his followers, who brought Christianity to Germany, France, Switzerland, and Italy; all took the Bible as their only au-

thority, and built great Bible training centers for the Christian believers.

In these schools they learned many languages, as many as 28 different alphabets, medicine, farming, building, and all kinds of things but most of all they learned the Bible.

At this period of time, the early Irish Christians produced beautiful handwritten Bibles decorated with wonderful designs and pictures. Never have there been any more beautiful books than these handwritten Bibles.

I saw the one called, 'The Book of Kells', at Trinity College in Dublin; its beauty is awesome to see. You can't believe it could have been made with goose quills and ancient home made inks. God must have blessed those early Irish Christians.

Patrick, like his example, Jesus, put the words of the Bible above the ideas of men. Not like the papacy, which puts church tradition above the Bible. The Irish used the earlier, Latin version of the Bible, the *ITALA*, (from the 'Textus Receptus' that our 'King James' Bible comes from) not the later Latin Vulgate of Jerome, that has many mistakes in it.

Patrick knew that God said the church should be founded with the home and the family as its strength. The Roman church told everyone that the ministers and teachers should not get married but live in 'monasteries'. This was not God's plan. This was not true of Patrick's Irish Church and other ones in Great Britain, Scotland and Europe where the teachings of the Bible were taught by missionaries sent out from Patrick's schools. Those ministers could get married just like ours.

One of the strongest proofs that Patrick did not belong to the Roman church is that for many years Rome tried to destroy the church Patrick had founded. They hated this true church, which was still following the Bible hundreds of years after Patrick.

The Irish people loved Patrick, and they loved the Bible, they would not listen to the ones from Rome. One time when the Pope sent a group of men to Britain to tell the Christians there that they must obey the Pope, they told these people they obeyed the Bible and sent them out of the country.

The Papacy could not make the Irish people forget the memory of Patrick, so they made up stories and told people he was one of them. The people did not believe this at first but as many hundreds

of years have passed, now they do believe the lie and the wonderful, early Irish church is known by very few. Most of the power that Rome has in Ireland has come from the priests and monks telling untrue stories to the people until they have come to think they are true.

Rome made few inroads against Patrick's church until Pope Adrian IV issued to Henry II king of England, in 1156, authority to invade Ireland and to "As a Catholic Prince, to enlarge the limits of the church." It was England that forced the Roman overthrow of the early Irish Church: Many Irish, Scottish and Welsh Christians died rather than give up their faith in the Bible. Sad that now the Irish Roman Catholics have been told the opposite story!

It is interesting that they celebrate March 17<sup>th</sup>, as St. Patrick's Day. This is considered to be the day of his death! = ^ .. ^ =

## TRUE-STORY-TIME

### Here Kitty, Kitty!

#### **Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it shall be given you..."**

Dwight Nelson once told a true story about the pastor of his church.

He had a kitten that climbed up a tree in his backyard and then was afraid to come down. The pastor coaxed, offered warm milk, etc. The kitty would not come down. The tree was not sturdy enough to climb, so the pastor decided that if he tied a rope to the tree and to his car and drove slowly away so that the tree bent down, he could then reach up and get the kitten.

He did all this, checking his progress in the car frequently, then figured if he went just a little bit further, the tree would be bent sufficiently for him to reach the kitten. But as he moved a little further forward, the rope broke. The tree went "boing!" and the kitten instantly sailed through the air and out of sight.

The pastor felt terrible. He walked all over the neighborhood asking people if they'd seen a little kitten. No. Nobody had seen a stray kitten. So he prayed, "Lord, I just commit this kitten to your keeping," and went on about his business.

A few days later he was at the grocery store, and met one of his church members. He happened to look into her shopping cart and was amazed to see cat food. Now this woman was a cat hater and everyone knew it, so he asked her, "Why are you

buying cat food when you hate cats so much?"

She replied, "You won't believe this," and told him how her little girl had been begging her for a cat, but she kept refusing. Then a few days before, the child had begged again, so the Mom finally told her little girl, "Well if God gives you a cat, I'll let you keep it." (Can you see where this is heading?)

She told the pastor, "I watched my child go out in the yard, get down on her knees, and ask God for a cat. And really, Pastor, you won't believe this, but I saw it with my own eyes. A kitten suddenly came flying out of the blue sky, with its paws outspread, and landed right in front of her." Certainly, God answers prayers! = ^ .. ^ =

## ADVENT HISTORY

**Joel 2:28 "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:"**

For a few weeks we are going to have stories about the life of the messenger of the Lord, Ellen White. We started our story when she was a girl. Her name was Ellen Harmon then.

## SEEING HEAVEN WITH JESUS

When she was 17 years old, she was praying with a group of young ladies in a prayer meeting in a home. All at once she was given a vision by God. A vision is something like a dream but the person is not asleep.

There are some wonderful things about real visions from God. The person having the vision can see what God wants to show them, but the people who are there cannot see it but they always know that something wonderful is happening.

The person having a real vision from God, does not breath the whole time they are having the vision. Yes, you read right, they don't breathe! And yet they may talk and walk around but no breath is there. This is one of God's signs that the vision is from Him. Sometimes the vision takes many hours. You know that if you stop breathing for even a few minutes you will die. Ellen had visions lasting four hours or more, and one man, William Foy, whom I will tell you about soon in TEMKIT, had one in a church and it lasted 12

hours! And yet the person is alive and his heart beats but he doesn't breathe!

The person having a vision doesn't know what is going on around them, they seem to be going places and seeing things somewhere else, as God shows it to them. We'll learn more about real prophets and visions and some of Ellen's visions that she wrote down for us in the weeks to come.

In this first vision, Ellen saw the people of God going to heaven. As Ellen grew older, she had many visions.

Jesus talked to her many times. He showed her many things. In one vision Jesus showed her the new earth. She saw many shining angels. She saw harps of gold and beautiful crowns. Some of the crowns had many stars. Others had only a few.

All the crowns were shining brightly. Jesus opened a beautiful gate. It was one of the gates to the New Jerusalem. Inside, Ellen saw the throne of God. She saw the river of life.

By the river stood the tree of life. It had many branches. These branches were full of fruit. There were twelve kinds of fruit on this tree. The fruit looked like gold and silver. Ellen sat down under the tree. She touched one of the golden harps. How wonderful!

Outside the city she saw a field with many kinds of flowers. She picked some of them. She said: "These flowers will never die." There were roses and lilies. There were many other kinds of flowers in the field.

The tall trees and the green grass made the new earth beautiful. The lion and the lamb walked side by side. All the animals were tame and peaceful.

Jesus said to Ellen: "In a little while you shall live here if you are faithful." Many other people will live here, too. They will eat of the tree of life. They will drink of the river of life. They will live with Jesus forever.

After this vision everything seemed changed to Ellen. This earth no longer seemed beautiful. In fact she felt it was very dark here. She felt homesick for heaven. She tried to tell others of the things she had seen. Then she said: "Heaven is far more beautiful than words can tell. Soon we shall enjoy its glories and be with Jesus." = ^ .. ^ =



### WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 4:

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.

#### “THE FALL”

**MEMORY VERSE: “And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die.”**  
**Genesis 3:4**

To get the story from the Bible you can read Genesis 2:15-25 and Genesis 3:1-14.

#### Sunday

**Text: Genesis 2:8 “And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.”**

Adam and Eve were given a lovely garden by God to be their home. Their job was to take care of it. Now when we take care of gardens today, it is hard work. We must dig and hoe and water and pull weeds. But it wasn't like that then. We don't really know just what they needed to do to care for the Garden of Eden, but we know it was fun for them.

There are many mistakes people make about the story of Adam and Eve so we're going to look at the truth Jesus gave to our last day messenger, Ellen White. Adam and Eve did not wear clothes like we do, but they were not bare as pictures show them. They had a 'robe of light', which is like what the Angels wear. It was beautiful

and came from God. Someday if we are faithful, we will have this 'robe of light' to wear also.

God only gave them one rule; they were not to eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Jesus and the angels told them all about Satan. They were told that he would try to tempt them and get them to join with him. But he could not bother them as long as they obeyed God and stayed away from the tree. Only at the tree was he allowed to tempt them. Jesus and the holy angels visited Adam and Eve and talked with them often.

Eve was warned also by the angels to stay close to her husband. God knew that if the two were together, they would not easily be fooled. It was not a hard test that God gave them. They had hundreds and thousands of trees to eat from. They even had the wonderful 'Tree of Life'. They had all of Eden and the whole world was theirs. God made it as easy for them as He could, but He had to test them to see if He could trust them to obey Him.

**Thought** - Do you think God was fair and kind to Adam and Eve?

#### Monday

**Text: Genesis 2:17 “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”**

Remember how we learned that Satan was cast out of heaven because he would not obey God? He was never able to go back to stay and he was terribly angry about it.

He started to plan to trick Adam and Eve and get them to think God was not fair to them. He wanted to cause them to fall and be unhappy like he was.

We are told that this idea was so horrible that many of his angels did not want to help with it. Satan said he would do it himself. He made plans to trick the happy pair. He knew they would not join him if he told them the truth, so he planned to lie to them. He was the very first liar! And boys and girls, he is a liar still. He always tricks and lies, because if he told the truth—people would run from him.

Satan is able to make us think that bad things are fun; and that if we obey God we won't have any 'fun'. But I want to tell you that there is no lasting happiness in the things God has said not to do. Obeying God gives happiness and joy; yes, and 'fun' too. Obeying Satan brings sadness,

pain and death.

**Thought** - What are some things that Satan gets people to do that they think is 'fun' but really hurts them?

### Tuesday

**Text: Genesis 3:1** "Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"

Now the stage was all set. Satan had planned his lies and set his trap. Adam and Eve had been taught and warned about the danger. Eve was given an extra warning to stay close to Adam. It was a lovely day. Every day was lovely in Eden, it never rained back then, a mist at night watered everything.

Eve was enjoying everything and before she knew it, she had wandered away from Adam. She remembered the angel's warning and for a moment felt afraid. Then she did something very foolish, she said to herself, "I can take care of myself. I don't need to stay with Adam all the time." So she kept going. Eve got too smart for her own good.

I want to tell you that whenever we feel that little warning voice, whenever we feel afraid that we are doing something we should not do, we should turn around and run away! If we keep going, Satan has us. That warning fear is the Holy Spirit. And we should not get too smart and think we know better than God.

Eve looked up and there was the Tree of Knowledge right in front of her. She started to think out loud, "I wonder why we aren't supposed to eat that fruit; it looks OK to me?" And Satan, speaking through the serpent said, "**Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?**"

**Thought** - See how Satan tried to twist God's words? He still does that today.

### Wednesday

**Text: Genesis 3:2** "And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die."

Now it seems the serpent in Eden was a pretty, flying creature that ate fruit. When Eve looked around to see who had talked to her, she saw this animal and she was surprised. Now if Eve would have seen an angel, she would have been afraid and ran away, but seeing the serpent, she didn't worry. Often Satan tricks us by coming as something nice and pretty to see.

Eve answered him as our text shows, and right away Satan lied to her. He spoke with a musical voice, and he said, "**Ye shall not surely die.**" His words meant that God had lied to them. Many times Satan's lies sound like music to our ears, his tricks look bright and shiny, his ways seem like fun. By the way, one of the best ways to stop Satan from lying to you is not to talk to him at all!

Now Eve had to decide, should she believe what God had said, or what the serpent was saying to her? Think about it for a minute; God had given them everything good, He had shown that He loved them; but the serpent hadn't done anything for her at all. He was telling her that God was trying to take something away from her.

**Thought** - SIN = fun at first - leads to pain, sadness and death.

Obedying God = May be hard at first - leads to happiness, joy and eternal life!

### Thursday

**Text: Genesis 3:6** "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."

Now the serpent plucked the fruit and put it in her hand. Look at Genesis 2:17 and Genesis 3:2. See how Eve had added to what God said? Satan gets us to add our own ideas to God's Word. Then he could say to her, "Well you are touching the fruit and you are OK."

Then he told her a nasty story about God; that He was selfish and just wanted to spoil their fun. God had always been good to Eve—and yet she chose to believe this stranger. The selfish pride that made Satan fall, now led to Eve's fall. She wanted to be a God, just like Satan had wanted to be.

The serpent told her that if she ate the fruit—

she would be as smart as God! She ate the fruit and it did seem at first that she was smarter. But it was only the excitement that sin causes. Now she started to work for Satan, she took some of the fruit to Adam.

**Thought** - If Adam and Eve had been together like God said, Satan would not have fooled Eve so easy!

### Friday

**Text: Genesis 3:7** “**And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.**”

Eve hurried to Adam and showed him the fruit and told the story. She seemed so happy about it. Now the Bible tells us Adam was not fooled. But Adam allowed his love for Eve to come before His love for God. After listening to Eve's story, he began to think, maybe she was right, and anyway, if she was going to die, he would die with her. He took the fruit and quickly ate it.



For a few moments they thought everything was wonderful. Sin can do that. Satan can give you happy feelings, but that is all he can give, just feelings.

All at once they saw something; their lovely 'robe of light' was gone! They were naked. The Bible said they took fig leaves and sewed them together to make aprons. What poor clothes that made!

Where before they had been happy and free, now they were afraid, naked and ashamed. They now had the knowledge of evil and it was very sad. When God came to the garden and called them, where before they had ran happily to meet their Creator, now they hid themselves. Next week we'll learn what happened.

**Thought** - Have you ever felt afraid of someone who loved you because you knew you had done wrong? = ^ .. ^ =

### WHAT GOD HATH PROMISED

**God hath not promised skies always blue,  
Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through;  
God hath not promised sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.**

**God hath not promised we shall not know  
Toil and temptation, trouble and woe;  
He hath not told us we shall not bear  
many a burden, many a care.**

**God hath not promised smooth roads and  
wide,  
Swift, easy travel, needing no guide;  
Never a mountain rocky and steep,  
Never a river turbid and deep**

**But God hath promised strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor, light for the way,  
Grace for the trials, help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy, undying love**

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