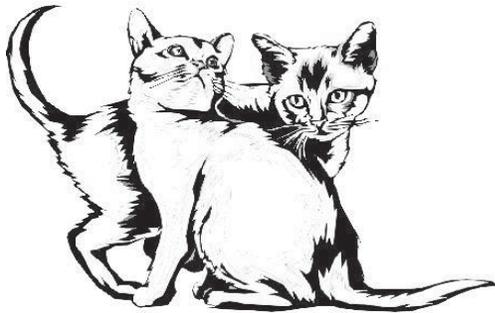


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'Smart' Pets: 2

Here is some advice about training puppies from Floyd Brallier, the man who told us about Toots the clever fox terrier. He says:

Some of my readers will say, "I would like to own a dog, if I could get one that was smart like Toots. But how can I get such a dog?"

In the first place, select a puppy from one of the more intelligent breeds, and from individual parents that are intelligent. Then pick the brightest-looking puppy in the litter. A puppy that looks and acts stupid is seldom intelligent. An especially intelligent dog will show it in his bright, alert look and in his lively actions.

After such a dog is secure, make a pal of him and train him, but do not bully him. Many an intelligent dog has had his spirit broken by cruel, tyrannical treatment; just as many a bright boy's future has been ruined by a tyrannical father. Neither can be allowed to do, as they please. Both must be trained, but tyranny is not training.

Mother Boynton began to train Toots from the first, when he was just a puppy and in less than a week he was learning to do tricks. Here

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are some of Mrs. Boynton's rules for training dogs to do tricks.

Begin when the puppy is small, the younger the better, after it is weaned. Learn what food it likes best and always keep some of it on hand. Always keep the dog just a little hungry. Decide what trick you wish to teach it to do, and teach that and nothing else until it is well learned. Show the dog a bit of its favorite food and tell it what you wish it to do and help it to do it. When it does what you ask, always give it the bit of food. Never scold or whip the dog, but never let it go till it does as it is told. To let it go without obedience may mean that it will never become well trained. In this respect there is not so much difference between a dog and a child.

The first trick Toots learned was to roll over when told to do so. This is usually an easy trick to teach any dog that can be taught to do tricks at all. All dogs cannot be taught such things, for all dogs do not possess sufficient intelligence to understand what is desired of them. Some breeds of dogs are more intelligent than others, and all dogs of the same breed are not equal in intelligence. Small dogs learn such tricks as rolling over more easily than do large dogs, even though the large dog may be as intel-

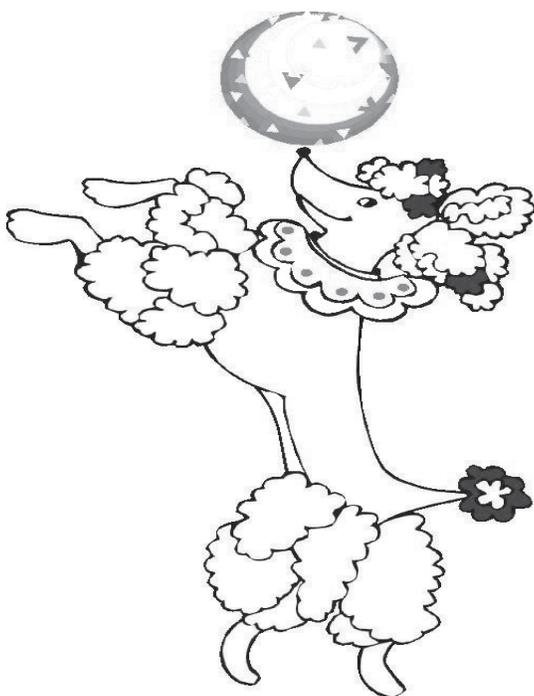
lignant as the small one, because it is physically easier for the little dog to do the trick.

It was easy to teach Toots to sit up and speak, when told to do so before he could have a bit of food. Of course, this was done by requiring him to do it. Most dogs learn this readily, for they naturally bark if they want something, and they try to reach things by standing on their hind feet. What one needs to do is to restrain their barking to one short yap and the standing on the hind legs to sitting upright. An intelligent dog can be taught this in a short time. Toots learned each pretty well in a single lesson.

Patience and kindness along with fairness and firmness are most important in training a puppy. You have to be dependable with your puppy. You cannot tease him and hurt him one day and expect him to trust you the next.

If you have a dog, think about how you are treating him. Even if he is an older dog, you might become better friends by taking a good look at how you treat him and changing some of your wrong habits. Do you still show him love and attention? Or is he forgotten now he is older? Remember, for an animal, attention = love!

Remember what the Bible tells us: "A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast: but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel." Proverbs 12:10: To be continued = ^..^ =



TRUE-STORY-TIME

They heard the Angels sing

Bang! Boom! Bang! Boom! Boom! The bombs were dropping all around. Buildings were burning and falling. People were screaming and crying.

Already most of the city of Surabaya had been destroyed in the terrible bombardment. Thousands of men, women, and children had been killed.

Almost all the churches had been bombed, all except the little Adventist church, where Christian and Ketty, with their father and mother and some friends, were talking together, wondering how long their lives would be spared, and whether it would be their turn next to die.

As the bursting bombs came ever nearer and nearer, they could see, through the windows, great fires blazing all about them. Father, who was the minister of the church, then urged them all to take refuge in the baptismal tank. It was not much of an air-raid shelter, but the best they had.

This tank, which was behind the pulpit, was not very large or deep, but they all crowded into it. Then they began to pray. What a prayer meeting was that!

Father prayed, and Mother, and then the children. Christian, just twelve years old, remembered the thirty-fourth psalm, especially where it says, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them"

Over and over again he pleaded, "Send the angels, Lord, to encamp round about us and deliver us. Send the angels, Lord! Send the angels!"

Then little Ketty, who was only four, began to plead: "Dear Jesus, Thou hast promised to send Thine angels. Keep Thy promise. Oh, Jesus, send the angels!"

So they prayed. And God in heaven heard.

What happened next may seem to some unbelievable, but it really happened. I know this minister well. He is one of God's noblest servants, and he told me the story himself. As they prayed, the planes passed over, and the bombs fell farther and farther away. When the sky seemed clear again, Father went out into the church to see if all was well. It was. Not a spark of fire had fallen on the building.

As he stood there, thanking God for His

goodness, there came a loud knocking on the door. Going to see who it could be at such a time, he found two policemen there, with many angry civilians behind them.

"Who was singing in this church just now?" they demanded. "Singing?" he said. "Singing? Nobody. The church has been empty.

"You're not telling the truth," they said. "We heard the singing, and we want to know what you mean by singing in here when the city is burning and people are dying all around you."

"Come in and see for yourself," said Father. They came, and found the place empty, and went away wondering.

So did Father. What could the police mean by saying that there had been singing in the church? He had not heard any. Then the bombers returned. Again the dreadful hum of their engines became louder and louder. Once more the bombs began to fall. So Father hurried back to the baptismal tank and told the others the strange story the police had told him.

Then they prayed again. Once more, as the noise and terror of it all mounted about them, Christian and Ketty lifted up their voices to God, saying, "Send the angels! Send the angels, Jesus! Keep Your promise! Send the angels!"

And then they heard it too, that strange, sweet sound. Above the din of destruction, above the bombing and the burn-ing, they heard the sound of singing. Beautiful singing, such as they had never heard before. And it was coming from the church, just as the police had said.

And the song? It sounded, so he told me, just like the old, familiar hymn:

"All the way my Saviour leads me; What have I to ask beside?

Can I doubt His tender mercy, Who through life has been my guide?

Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, Here by faith in Him to dwell!

For I know what-e'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well."

When the bombers had passed, all hurried out of the baptismal tank into the church. They found the building empty, without a sign that anyone had been there. Then again there came the loud knocking at the door, as police and people came to find out what it all meant. When, once more, they found nobody there save this handful of grownups and children, they were amazed and could not believe their eyes.

But father understood now. So did Christian and Ketty. They knew their prayers had been answered. They knew that God had sent His angels to protect them, and they-O joy, O wonder of wonders-they had heard them singing!

Today that Adventist church still stands in Surabaya, a monument to God's protecting power over His people in time of trouble, a testimony that the angels of the Lord still encamp round about them that fear Him, to deliver them.

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Our People in Iraq

Iraq is in the news these days. You may be interested to know that the Seventh-day Adventist Church built and operated the "Dar es Salaam Hospital" in Baghdad until 1959 when it was taken over and nationalized by the Iraqi Government.

All expatriate Doctors and nurses were sent away. The only qualified Seventh-day Adventist staff member remaining and employed by the government was a national nurse, Sohila. A few months later there was an attempted counter-revolution, in which there was an assassination attempt on the life of Premier Abdul Kassem. He and several of his bodyguards were severely wounded and rushed to the Dar es Salaam Hospital.

Sohila was assigned to special duty to care for the Premier. She used her all her acquired skills and did her best for him in every way. When Sabbath came, she was off duty and went to Sabbath School as usual.

On return to duty on Sunday morning the Premier said to her, "I know where you were yesterday. You went to Church, didn't you? Did you pray for me?"

"Oh, yes sir; we did," she said. And if you wish, our Pastor and some of our young people will be glad to come and sing for you and pray for you right here, sir."

The Premier answered, "Tell them to come."

The Pastor Benham Arshat and a youth group came to sing. Dr Fargo read from Psalm 91 and the Pastor prayed. "Please go and sing just like that for my wounded men in the wards," said the Premier.

Soon after this incident Seventh-day Adventists were granted full denominational rights in Iraq. As you probably know the believers had a beautiful church in central Baghdad. Let us pray for peace in this troubled land.

STORY LESSON

God's Word is True

Say, Mother," cried Ronald, running in from school and throwing his heavy bag of books on the sofa, "do you know what Teacher told us in class today?"

"No," replied Mother, "what was it?"

"Well," went on Ronald, knowing that he had something to startle Mother this time, and wanting to make the most of it, "it was in the history class."

"Yes," replied Mother, calmly going on with her ironing, "and what did he say?"

"He said the Bible is just a collection of fairy tales." Mother dropped the iron. She was very interested now.

"He told you that?" she cried. "And what else did he say?"

"He said Daniel never lived, and that lots of the other people are only 'legendary characters.'"

"It's too bad!" cried Mother. "But you didn't believe what he said, did you?"

"Oh, no," said Ronald, "of course I didn't believe it, but I wondered why he said it."

Mother decided to deal with this right away. "Ronny," she said, "let's sit down and talk about it now. The ironing can wait till another time."

"It's all right, Mother; don't get worried," said Ronald.

"Ronny," went on Mother, "that teacher makes me think of what Jesus said: 'Whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in Me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.' Matthew 18:6."

"I hope it's not as bad as that," broke in Ronald.

"It is," replied Mother, still hot with indignation. "To destroy the faith of little children in the Bible is the most terrible thing a man could do. The Bible is not a fairy tale, Ronny. Listen to this," and Mother picked up her Bible and turned to 2 Timothy 3: 15, 16:

"From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God."

"And listen, Ronny, again: 'For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by

the Holy Ghost.' 2 Peter 1 :21.

"It is wrong to say that the Holy Scriptures are only a collection of fairy tales. "What is more, Ronny, Paul and Peter are referring here particularly to the Old Testament, the very part of the Bible your teacher was criticizing most.

"The Book hangs together. You cannot destroy one part without injuring the rest. Those who say that the creation of the world and the record of the Flood are fairy tales, are just as ready to say that many of the stories about Jesus are fairy tales as well. And so they destroy not only the Bible but also the very foundations of Christianity. They are like rats burrowing under some beautiful building, caring not that someday they may bring it all tumbling to the ground".

"But what about Daniel?" asked Ronald. "Can we be sure that he really lived?"

"There is no doubt about it," said Mother. "There are two proofs beyond question: First, Jesus Himself referred to him as 'Daniel the prophet' (Matthew 24:15); and second, there is the marvelous fulfillment in history of the prophecies written by Daniel, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit."

"What do you mean by that, Mother?"

"Well, dear, take for instance the prophecy given in Daniel's second chapter. You remember how King Nebuchadnezzar had a strange dream and then forgot all about it when he awoke in the morning; and how, after asking all his own wise men, he finally sent for Daniel to find out what it was he had dreamed, and its meaning?"

"Yes, I remember that."

"You remember, too, what it was the king dreamed?"

"You mean about the great image with the golden head?"

"Yes, that's right. The image had a head of gold, breast of silver, thighs of brass, legs of iron, and feet of iron and clay mixed. So far it is only an interesting story, but when Daniel told the king its meaning, it became a prophecy telling in advance the whole history of the world till the end of time."

"But how did it do that?"

"The four main parts of the image stood for four great empires which were to follow one another on the earth. Then when the power of the fourth should be broken, it was to be di-

vided into ten parts. It sounds very simple, but the wonderful thing is, it has all come true. History shows that there have been just four world empires: they are known as Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome—and that when Rome fell it was divided into exactly ten kingdoms, most of which remain to this day.”

“That is wonderful,” said Ronny.

“Yes, it is wonderful,” said Mother, “especially when you remember that Daniel lived twenty-five hundred years ago. That is a very long time. And the fact that what he told Nebuchadnezzar has come true in every detail is surely proof enough that God spoke through him and that he really lived. The story of Daniel is no legend, my boy, nor is the Bible made up of fairy tales. It is the most wonderful Book in the world.”

“I’ll have to tell the other boys about this sometime,” said Ronny.

“I wish you would,” said Mother earnestly, “and the sooner the better.” = ^ .. ^ =



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“GO YE...AND PREACH THE GOSPEL” WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 3: “JESUS STANDS UP”

This series of Bible Story Lessons is about the wonderful adventures of the apostles. 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.

MEMORY VERSE: “But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.” Acts 7:55,56

Sunday

Text: “Acts 4:32,33 “And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations.”

The early believers were of many nationalities and as they truly gave themselves to Jesus, the Holy Spirit was in their hearts and they were in the School of Christ learning to be like Him, they were like a wonderful, loving family. Satan knew that if they stayed close like this, nothing he could do would be able to stop them and the message of Jesus from going out all over the world.

He had to stir up trouble somehow and one way was to try and get one nationality to be suspicious of another. At first he got nowhere with this, the believers were just too close to Jesus and didn’t listen to devil ideas. But as many joined, he was able after a while to get a few who were not really converted, to start complaining and then some others stopped looking at Jesus and started to look at these complaining ones and so they were open for Satan to tempt them too.

You see, some people thought the Greek widows were not getting the help that the Jewish widows got. Finally it got so bad that it was keeping the apostles from doing the work of preaching Jesus and this was just what Satan wanted of course. But the apostles caught on to his tricks and they called all the disciples together and told them a very good idea the Holy Spirit had shown them.

They said for the believers to choose some godly men to be special servants to take care of seeing that the widows and needy were cared for and other like problems solved. They were not only to do this kind of work but of course, like all believers, they were to preach the gospel and

teach the truth of Jesus to both believers and unbelievers.

So seven faithful men were chosen and the Apostles prayed for God's special blessing on them and they were special servants of the believers. We call them 'deacons' which is the Greek word. The original meaning of this word is an attendant, assistant, helper. It is sometimes translated minister, that is, a servant.

There is only two places in the Bible where the word Deacon is used- and it is just that the translators decided to not translate it and leave the Greek word. So what has happened is people think that 'Deacon' and also Minister means some special kind of authority in the church, when really it means people that were to be helpers of the believers.

Thought: It is interesting too that the word translated 'Church' really means 'congregation' that is, a group- and not some kind of an official organization. The early believers were more like a big family, where all helped each other and worked together and the older and wiser ones served the others. In Tyndale's Bible he translated the word right- and this was one of the main reasons he was burned. The 'CHURCH' leaders did not want people to find out that they have no more importance than you or I and no authority except through the Word of God.

Monday

Text: Acts 6:8,9 "And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people. Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen."

Stephen was one of the special helpers chosen by the early believers. He really loved Jesus a lot and the Holy Spirit was with him and did wonderful miracles through him and he taught the people about the Gospel.

Now it is important to know that miracles done by God are ALWAYS to do something useful. God heals and helps and blesses with the miracles He does. Sometimes he feeds people who have no food or helps the gospel to go forward when it seems Satan is about to stop it.

God never does miracles just for entertainment- but this is Satan's specialty! You will never

see a truly godly person pulling a rabbit out of a hat, or doing 'tricks'. Even when you look at some of the things the demon that appears as 'Mary' does- you can see it is entertainment to fool the people. "... after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders." 2Th 2:9 "For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." Rev 16:14

Stephen was winning so many to the truth that the Jewish leaders were very angry and determined to stop him. They chose some of their 'smartest' teachers to argue with him.

These were ones who had studied Greek philosophy and heathenism and mixed it in with scriptures so they did not know the real meaning of God's word any more.

We have many like this today, who have studied in the schools all the words of men until they don't know the Word of God any more. And they fight against those who teach it- just like back then. But they could not prove Stephen to be wrong.

Thought – It is the job of every believer to help preach and teach the Gospel and all of us need to study faithfully to be able to do this. You should learn every lesson so well that you could teach it to someone else. By always trying to share the things you learn with others, you will learn them even better.

Tuesday

Text: Acts 6:10,11 "And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake. Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God."

These philosophers thought they could easily defeat Stephen but they could not and clearly saw that from the scriptures, he was right. But they did not want to believe what the scriptures said; they liked their spiritualism and philosophy ideas better.

So they did what all enemies of the truth do, they started to tell lies about Stephen and to accuse him of things that were false. This is always the way Satan works. He even did that in

heaven!

So very soon the leaders accused Stephen and called a council to try him in hopes of condemning him. They wanted to get rid of him! They did not know that at this trial- it was not Stephen who was being tried- in the sight of God it was themselves! The leaders were hearing the last call from Jesus to repent and be forgiven.

Would they listen to the clear words of the Bible he was telling them? Would they admit they were wrong and repent and let Jesus forgive them? The Holy Spirit was there at that court to work on hearts to get them to repent and be saved. The power rested on Stephen so much that his face actually shown as he spoke to them from the very scriptures they claimed to know all about.

You can read the wonderful sermon he preached in Acts 7, where he goes through the history of the Jews from the scriptures, pointing out how God lead them. He also told how time after time their forefathers had turned to worshipping idols and when God sent prophets to warn them- they rejected and killed the prophets.

Thought – These leaders liked to hear about the wonderful ways God had honored their fathers- but they did not like to be told about how disobedient and wicked they were!

Wednesday

Text: Acts 7:52-53 “Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it.”

Stephen had been watching the faces of the ‘court’ that he was preaching to. He could see they were getting madder and madder as the Holy Spirit pressed on their hearts that they were wrong. The very way his face shown made them tremble with fear. But finally as he talked about the temple, and said the text: “the Most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands;” and told the truth that Jesus was the one they were to worship, he saw the people get very excited. The high priest pretended to be so horrified he

tore his robe.

He knew they were soon going to kill him and so he stopped his sermon in the middle and went to the end of it. He said the words of our text. That made the people become just like angry beasts, they gnashed their teeth and put their hands over their ears so they could not hear the words Stephen was saying and the Holy Spirit was pressing on their hearts.

Thought – They had made their choice. This was the last time that the message of the true gospel would be preached especially to them. In the sight of heaven, they were condemned.

Thursday

Text: Acts 7:56, 57 “And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord.”

Stephen saw by the angry twisted faces that he was about to be killed. But he was not afraid. Instead he was suddenly given a vision and he looked up as if he could see right into heaven and he saw Jesus. Jesus was standing by God’s throne.

This was the final warning to those evil leaders- the final warning that they were sealing their own doom. What does it mean that Jesus was standing? Well if we look in our Bibles we find another place where it says this. In Daniel 12:1 we see Michael, which is another name for Jesus, and He STANDS UP.

We know from other Bible texts and the writings of Ellen White that when He stands up, it means the end of the time given to us to get ready for heaven. The end of ‘probation’.

When Stephen saw Jesus by the throne and He was standing up, this meant it was the end of the special time that God had given to the Jews. They had refused to listen and repent and now they were rejected as God’s special people. It was a terrible time and they should have noticed and been afraid.

Instead they rushed forward and grabbed Stephen still in the heavenly vision, and dragged him out of the city. They picked up stones and stoned him. He was not afraid- he knew Jesus was with him. But just like Jesus had done when they crucified Him, now Stephen “calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my

spirit. And he knelt down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.”

I am sure that the words he prayed for his murderers brought back to the memory of the cruel leaders the words of Jesus, “Father forgiven them, for they know not what they do.”

Thought – Notice it says that after his prayer, Stephen ‘Fell Asleep’. That is all death is to the true Christian, just a sleep. He said his prayers and fell asleep. When he wakes up- it will be morning, and he with us, if we are faithful, will all go to heaven.

Friday

Text: Acts 7:58 “**And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man’s feet, whose name was Saul.**”

Here we meet someone new. A young man named Saul. What was he doing there? The Bible tells us he was consenting to the death of Stephen. The Spirit of Prophecy tells us he was one of the ones speaking against Stephen and working to get rid of him.

We are told Saul and many others at that ‘trial’ could not forget the way Stephen had looked like an angel and his words. He could not get the picture out of his mind. But at the same time he was sure the ‘church leaders’ had to be right because the Jewish church was the ‘true church’. So although he himself did not stone Stephen, he took care of the coats of those who did the cruel work.

After, he could not get it out of his mind that Stephen was honored by God at the very time he was dishonored by men. It really bothered him that he could not forget this. We know why he could not forget it- it was because the Holy Spirit was working on his mind and heart to get him to see the truth.

After the death of Stephen, Saul was made a member of the Sanhedrin council as a reward for his part in the death of Stephen. This was a special honor, as mostly only older married men were ever put in as members. Paul was young and single. But they were so happy with him for

the earnest way he was working to destroy the disciples of Jesus.

But all that was soon to change. Soon this persecutor was to be building up the church that he was now tearing down. Jesus had chosen Saul to take the place of the martyred Stephen, to preach and suffer for His name, and to spread far and wide the tidings of salvation through His blood.

Thought – If we would have seen Saul at this time, we would have thought there was no way He would ever be a Christian! = ^ .. ^ =



**BEHOLD! I SEE THE HEAVENS
OPENED!!**