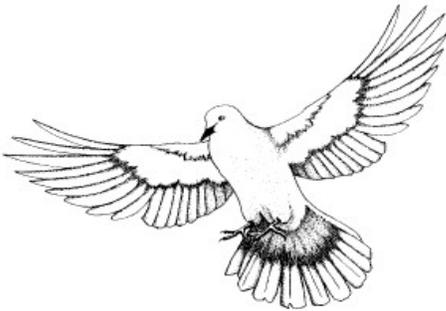


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CREATION CORNER

Audubon, the Bird Lover

As you read, watch for the places that tell how Audubon showed his love for birds, and that he was determined to do his best and never give up.

John James Audubon was born in sunny Louisiana during the time of the Revolutionary War. John James lived in Louisiana among the sweet orange trees and beautiful magnolia blossoms until he was ten years old. Like many other children who have become great men or women, he lived in the country.

He was a quiet lad, and tall for his age. He had bright eyes and a rather dark skin. His long brown hair fell below his shoulders. His father was French, and John James really looked more like a French child than an American.

When John James was but a child he loved to stretch out under an orange tree and watch a mocking bird build her nest, or listen to her song. When he was eleven years old, his mother died. Then his father took him and went back to France.

In France John James went to school. What

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he liked best was drawing. And usually he wanted to draw birds. But he wanted to draw from live birds. He thought he could draw pictures that would look like real birds. But do his best, he said his birds looked like a "family of cripples."

Every year he had a bonfire and burned up all his cripples. But he did not give up drawing. He kept on trying. He studied birds closely. He noticed their pretty colors. He watched to see just how they looked when they were flying. He watched them as they ate, and as they sat quietly on their nests. He noticed the size of their eggs and the spots on them.

He watched the baby birds as they grew. And all the time, he kept trying to make pictures just like the birds he saw. When John James became a little older, his father sent him away to school. Here he learned to play the violin and the flute. Then he tried to imitate the songs of the birds on his flute. Sometimes he would do this so well that the shy little birds would come very close to him. They seemed to hear their own language, and sometimes they would even light on his shoulders.

At this school John James studied drawing from a great French painter, named David. In a few months he had two hundred pictures of

birds all colored from memory. But he was never satisfied with a picture that was “pretty good.” He burned all his “pretty good” pictures, and then tried again. He wanted pictures of birds that were so real that you could almost hear them sing.

When he was about seventeen years old, he came back to America. He made up his mind to write a book about American birds. In another book he meant to have pictures of all the birds. To do this he had to live with the birds. He spent much time in the woods. He went from place to place. Sometimes he went down rivers in boats. Sometimes he rode horseback. Often he went on foot through the woods where there were no roads. He slept outdoors.

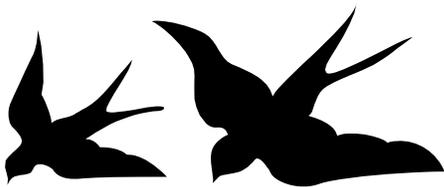
After working hard for years, he had paintings of nearly a thousand birds. That was almost enough for his books. But one time, when he was away from home, the rats got into the box where he kept his pictures, and destroyed them!

He felt so bad about this that for a while he could hardly sleep. Would you have given up if you had been he? Audubon did not.

“I can make better paintings than those the rats spoiled,” he said. “I will begin all over again.”

It took him four and a half years to find the birds, and make the pictures again. But at last the great books were finished. People in France and America and other countries praised the work of this man who would not get discouraged and give up.

Even today you can get books with the beautiful pictures of birds that Audubon painted and look at them and learn about the birds he studied. Also often time people who like to study and watch birds and enjoy learning about them, call their societies “The Audubon Society” after the man who loved and painted birds. = ^ .. ^ =



POEM

I Wouldn't Be Cross

1. I wouldn't be cross, dear, it's never worth while;
Disarm the vexation by wearing a smile.
Let happen disaster, a trouble, a loss,
Just meet the thing boldly, and never be cross.

2. I wouldn't be cross, dear, with people at home,
They love you so fondly; whatever may come,
You may count on the kinsfolk around you to stand,
Oh, loyally true, in a brotherly band!
So, since the fine gold far exceedeth the dross,
I wouldn't be cross, dear, I wouldn't be cross.

3. I wouldn't be cross with a stranger. Ah, no!
To the pilgrims we meet on the life path we owe
This kindness: to give them good cheer as they pass,
To clear out the flint stones, and slant the soft grass.
No, dear, with a stranger, in trial or loss,
I perchance might be silent - I wouldn't be cross.

4. No bitterness sweetens, no sharpness may heal
The wound that the soul is too proud to reveal.
No envy hath peace; by a fret and a jar,
The beautiful work of our hands we may mar.
Let happen what may, dear, of trouble and loss,
I wouldn't be cross, love, I wouldn't be cross.
Margaret E. Sangster.

TRUE-STORY-TIME

The Drunkard's Old Book

“So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”
Isaiah 55:11

A half drunken man staggered up to a bar somewhere in the great country of Brazil. He was well known for his drinking habits and the trouble he would cause when drunk. Now he had a problem, he desperately wanted more liquor to drink and he didn't have the money to pay for any.

Then he did a strange thing, he thumped an old book down onto the bar and told the bartender to give him as many drinks of liquor in exchange for it as he thought it was worth. The bartender was not interested in the old book and refused the silly idea.

The drunk kept asking and pleading, finally for the sake of peace, he took the old book and gave the man several drinks of liquor.

Now the man was even more drunk than he was before and still there was no peace for the

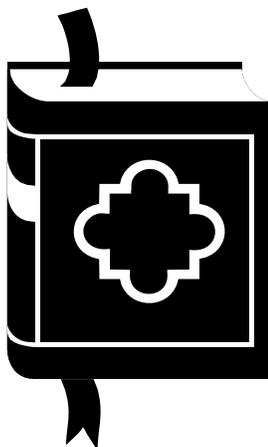
bartender that night. It wasn't long until he was in an argument with someone. The argument led to a fight, and sad to tell, in the fight he killed a man. He was arrested, tried and convicted, and sent away to prison for life.

But our story does not end there; news of what happened got around, and everybody wondered about the old book and the strange things that happened regarding it. Finally, in came a man who went up to the bartender and said that he wanted to buy that book, because he had heard so much about it.

The book was "The Great Controversy" by Ellen G. White. The man took the book home and began to read it himself as well as to his family and others. As they read, they realized that this book kept telling them about another book. This other book was called 'Bible'. Strange as it may seem in this day and age, these people did not know what a 'Bible' was. Finally one person of the group was chosen to go into the city to see if he could find and bring back a 'Bible'.

When he did so they all eagerly studied the both books. From these two books they learned of the truth for our time. In some way the group made contact with other Adventist believers and before 1965 was finished, thirty-two had been baptized and a new Seventh-day Adventist church had been started.

You see, when the devil tried to dishonor and discredit that precious book, the Lord actually turned around and used for good. There is a power in the inspired Word of God in the Bible and in the 'Spirit of Prophecy' writings. Even though some may throw it away or despise it, it never loses its power to reach the honest in heart! – Adapted from Elder H. M. S. Richards; April 2, 1966. = ^ .. ^ =



STORY LESSON

The Boy Who Chose to be a Slave

Many years ago, in Nyasaland in Africa, there lived a young boy named Muhidi. Now Muhidi had some problems with his mother and father, and rather than obey them and listen to what they told him to do, he decided to be a 'prodigal son' and run away from home and make his way in the world.

He traveled a ways from home and then he thought of a wonderful idea; he would go to the Great Chief of the whole area and offer to be his personal slave. This way Muhidi figured, he would have the excitement of living in the royal court of the chief and would also share in the luxurious food and entertainment of the Great Chief.

Soon he reached the Kraal of the Great Chief whose name was Dongo. After getting permission to see the chief, Muhidi bowed low and offered his services to Dongo as his personal slave. The chief took a liking to the handsome young fellow and gladly accepted his offer. Sure enough, the court of the chief was an exciting place to be and Muhidi also got much more luxurious food and clothes and entertainment he would never have back at his father's house.

It wasn't too long before his parents found out what had happened to their boy, and they were very sad. They knew that now Muhidi was no longer free to come home to them any more! What could they do?

They were not rich but still their love for their son caused them to start making plans to try to free their dear son from the slavery he had chosen.

They saved what little money they could get; they set aside gifts, picked some of their best cattle, and prepared to present these to the chief in payment for the freedom of their son.

The day came when they visited chief Dongo. They bowed low, and when he gave them permission to speak, they offered their gifts. The chief was pleased, and asked what he could do for them. They said, "If it please your Excellency, would you be so kind as to allow our son to return home to us."

Now the chief had come to value Muhidi and his services, and he didn't want to part with such a valuable slave; but being in a generous mood, and seeing the pleading look on the face

of the parents, he said that the choice be offered Muhidi, and he could choose himself either to go home to his father's house, or to stay a slave in the king's court.

It was not an easy decision for Muhidi to make. On one side were the excitement and glamour of the king's court, and on the other the love of his father and mother and the respect he owed them. Yet he turned his back on his parents, scorning their love, and all that they had done to free him, and chose to serve Dongo.

Because of Muhidi's choice he, of course, was greatly favored by the great Chief. It seemed to him that live couldn't be any better.

Time passed, and finally the day came when Chief Dongo took ill and died. It was the custom among this tribe that the chief's most trusted slave should be buried alive with the dead chief so as to serve him in the afterlife. So Muhidi ended his days by being buried alive with the chief he chose to serve.

In this earth we are all claimed by old Satan as his slaves. But our loving Heavenly Father has paid a tremendous price to buy back our freedom. Each of us is offered a choice, remain a slave to the one who calls himself chief of this world, or return to our Father and freedom.

Why would anyone want to be a slave to the prince of this world? Well sometimes Satan shows us excitement, entertainment and indulgences that we feel we want to have more than we want to obey our Heavenly Father.

So much depends on the master we choose to serve. We can either serve our heavenly Father, and have His loving care here and look forward to our heavenly home, or we can serve the prince of this world, and end up buried alive with him in the lake of fire.

Remember, "Nothing but his own choice can prevent any man from becoming a partaker of the promise in Christ by the gospel." The Desire of Ages, p. 403. You see, nothing, nothing at all, can stop you from making the right decision, except you.

I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life. Deuteronomy 30:19. = ^ .. ^ =



**Year 3: 2nd Quarter:
"GIVE US A KING"**

**WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 4: "RUNNING
AND HIDING"**

This series of Bible Story Lessons is about Israel's Kings. 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: "Deliver my soul, O
LORD, from lying lips, and from a deceitful
tongue." Psalm 120:2**

Sunday

Text: 1 Samuel 20:1,2 "And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? what is mine iniquity? and what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life? And he said unto him, God forbid; thou shalt not die: behold, my father will do nothing either great or small, but that he will shew it me: and why should my father hide this thing from me? it is not so."

After the Lord had delayed Saul from taking David at the house of Samuel the prophet, David went to his dear friend Jonathan to tell him of the problem with the king. Jonathan could hardly believe that his father would really kill David, so he asked David what he could do to help him.

David asked Jonathan to give him permission to be away from the yearly sacrifice and feast, which the king always held once a year on

the following day. David knew the king would expect him to be there, but he was afraid that indeed Saul would kill him if he showed up at the palace.

Jonathan did not think so, but he agreed to test the king in the way David had said. They made arrangements that David would hide in the field and Jonathan would come out with a little servant boy. He would shoot some arrows into the field and ask the boy to run and find them. If he told the boy the arrows were this side of him, then David would know it was OK, and he could return to the palace with Jonathan.

But if Saul was angry and showed he did indeed intend to kill David, then Jonathan would say to the boy, "The arrows are beyond thee!" and David would know to flee away and hide from the angry king.

The first day of the feast, Saul noticed that David's place was empty, but he did not pay too much attention as he thought David was just delayed. The next day when the place was still empty, he demanded of his son, Jonathan, why David was not there.

When Jonathan explained that David had asked his permission to attend a feast at his home in Bethlehem, Saul flew into a rage against his own son.

Yelling out that he was certainly going to kill David, he told his son off angrily. When poor Jonathan tried to ask his father why he would want to kill David, who had been only a help to him, the king was so insanely mad he threw his spear at his own son intending to kill him!

Out in the field Jonathan gave the signal to warn David to flee the wrath of the king. When the little boy was sent back to the palace with the arrows, David came to talk for a moment with his dear friend. They promised each other to always be kind to each other's families, and then David left to flee away into hiding.

Thought - Jonathan knew that God had chosen David to be king of Israel, and even though Jonathan was the crown prince, he was not jealous of David.

Monday

Text: 1 Samuel 21:1,2 "Then came David to Nob to Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David, and said unto him, Why art thou alone, and no man with thee? And

David said unto Ahimelech the priest, The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing of the business whereabout I send thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed my servants to such and such a place."

Lying always leads to trouble. Even if we really think we have to lie, this is just a trick of Satan. There may be times it is best to say nothing, but never is it good to lie.

Sad to say, David, who had shown so much faith and courage in the Lord, allowed his eyes of faith to become cloudy at this time of fleeing from the wrath of the king. Maybe David was tempted to think that God had forgotten His promise that he was to be the next king. It seemed if this was true, why was he now having to run for his life? He was tempted to doubt, and so made his own plans without asking God what was best.

Having no food or weapons with him, he headed for Nob and the city of the priests, where the Sanctuary was set up. Ahimelech, the high priest was worried when he saw David. He asked why he was alone with only a few servants and not with the army as usual.

Now if David had been remembering to trust the Lord, he would have told Ahimelech the truth. Then the Priest would have known how to protect himself from Saul's anger. But David made up a lie and told the man of God that he had been sent on a secret errand by the king and there was no time to get the army ready.

David asked if he and his few servants could have some bread to take with them. The priest agreed to give him some of the holy bread from the sanctuary. David asked for a sword and the priest gave him the sword of Goliath, which had been kept wrapped up in the sanctuary.

The poor priest was completely fooled by David's lie and so was left in a place where he was heading for a serious problem. Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, ...and his name was Doeg, an Edomite, the chiefest of the herdmen that belonged to Saul. 1Sa 21:7. This man saw what had happened and he determined when he got the chance to tell King Saul.

Thought - There is never an excuse to sin, if we keep our trust in God, and determine to obey Him, He will help us in all our problems.

Tuesday

Text: 1 Samuel 21:10,11 “And David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath. And the servants of Achish said unto him, Is not this David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands?”

Now David quickly makes another error because he was failing to trust in God. He decided he would be safer to go and stay with God's enemies, the Philistines. So he headed to Gath and went in to see Achish, the king. He was going to ask if he could stay there in his country away from Saul.

Again his plans failed miserably, someone recognized him as the youth who had killed their champion, Goliath. Now David felt he better use some more lies, and so distorting his face, he began to run around in the King's court, slobbering and acting as if he were in some kind of a fit of madness.

Achish was disgusted. “I don't need any madmen in here!” he shouted, “get him out of here”. So David was running again and this time he headed for a large cave, called Adullam, which he knew of in the wilderness.

Soon his family and friends heard about it and came to join him. His family was afraid that in Saul's blind hatred for David, he might harm them as well. Also many others that had problems came to join him until he had a band of four-hundred men living in the wilderness with him.

David knew his mother and father were old, and camping in the wilderness was hard for them, so he made arrangements with the king of Moab for them to live in his land.

Saul soon learned that David had escaped and he was angry and determined to find out who had helped him. Who should come up to the King to tell, but Doeg, the Edomite cattleman. He told Saul that the Priest Ahimelech had helped David by giving him food and a sword.

Saul in his rage sent for Ahimelech and the priests of the city of Nob and asked them why they had helped his enemy, David? Poor Ahimelech, he did not know what was going on. Because David had lied to him, he thought there

was no problem between Saul and David. Now Saul declared that all the city of the priests was to be destroyed and the men killed- but the men of his army would not dare to hurt the priests of God.

Then he ordered the evil Doeg to do it, and that man killed ninety priests and went and destroyed the city of Nob. What a sad result from a lie! How wicked Saul had become- to even slay the ministers of the sanctuary!

One man escaped, one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped, and fled after David. He told him the terrible deed ordered by Saul and carried out by Doeg. David told the young priest to remain with him so he could protect him from Saul.

Thought – How sorrowful David felt when the results of his lie came to his ears!

Wednesday

Text: 1 Samuel 23:1,2 “Then they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the threshingfloors. Therefore David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the LORD said unto David, Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah.”

The Philistines came to attack one of the outer areas of Israel again, not far from where David and his men were staying. So David asked the Lord if he should go and fight against them or not. He had learned a lesson about running off on his own ideas and wanted the guidance of the Lord.

How did David ask the Lord? Well, the son of Ahimelech, the high priest who had been killed by Doeg, was now the Priest of God's sanctuary. He was with David and he had the special breastplate of the Lord. This breastplate had two special stones, one at the left and the other at the right. When the priest would inquire of the Lord to know what to do, if the answer was 'yes' the stone on the right would shine, if the answer was 'no' the stone on the left would have a darkness around it. In this way, the Lord would guide those who asked Him.

The Lord said for David to go and rescue the people of Keilah and God would help him. David and his men attacked the cruel Philistines and drove them away from the people of

Keilah.

Now David and his men were resting in the city, when the word came that Saul found out where he was and was coming to capture him. Now you would think that those people of that town would have been glad to stand up for David after he had helped them so much. But David wasn't so sure.

He asked the Priest to ask the Lord if Saul would come and if the people would turn him over to Saul to be killed. God told him they would do it, so David left and hid in the woods in the wilderness. Sometimes people are so unthankful that they won't even help someone who has done so much for them. We must be careful to remember always how much Jesus has done for us to rescue us from Satan and death.

Thought – We need God's guidance today also. We may not have a priest with a breastplate to help us learn God's will, but if we truly choose to obey Him in all ways, He has promised to direct our paths.

Thursday

Text: 1 Samuel 23:16, 17 “**And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God. And he said unto him, Fear not: for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee; and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my father knoweth.**”

Saul didn't catch David at Keilah, but soon someone came and told Saul where David was hiding and he went after him there in the woods. Jonathan secretly went to see David to encourage his friend.

When Saul was spending all his time and army trying to catch David, it was a good chance for his real enemies, the Philistines to start invading Israel, and so they did. Soon a messenger came to Saul where he had David and his men surrounded, to tell him that the country was being over-run by the Philistines.

Saul had to turn back from chasing David to go fight to rescue his country. Sadly he did not stop trying to destroy David. As soon as the Philistines had been driven out, a messenger came telling Saul where David was now hiding and off he went again to capture and kill him.

He came to a place where there were some large caves that were often used by shepherds to keep their sheep in at night. Saul was hot and tired and the caves were cool, so he went in to rest himself.

Little did he know that David and his men were hiding in that very cave. David's men urged him to destroy Saul. But David would not do this. Quietly David sneaked out while Saul was resting and cut off a piece of the skirt of his robe. When Saul got up he left the cave.

No sooner had he left than David came out also and called to Saul. He asked him why he believed the lie that David was trying to do him harm. He showed him the skirt of his robe and told him how he could have easily killed him in the cave but he did not. He asked for God to judge him and deliver him from the jealous rage of the king.

When Saul heard this, he was very surprised. “Is this your voice, my son David?” he asked. “Thou art more righteous than I: for thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil.”

Then Saul went home, but David knew it wouldn't last long and so he and his men found a new place to hide away.

Thought – David knew that God would make him king in His own good time. David would not harm Saul himself, because God had anointed him, but neither would he obey Saul or trust him. He stayed hiding in the wilderness.

Friday

Text: 1 Samuel 25:2,3 “**And there was a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel. Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the house of Caleb.**”

It was around this time that the faithful prophet, Samuel died and all Israel mourned for him. David knew that Saul would be even more his enemy now, so he found a place in the wilderness of Carmel where he and his men

stayed.

Now this area was used by a man called Nabal to graze his flocks of sheep. While his shepherds were doing this during the year, often David and his men would see them and often he helped the shepherds protect their flocks. It was natural for the one-time shepherd boy to take an interest in the care of sheep.

When it came time for the shearing of the sheep, it was the custom to hold a great feast and at this time to be generous to all who had been helpful and also remember the poor and needy. So naturally, David, who needed some food for his men, sent down some messengers to ask for help from the very rich man.

But when they did ask, Nabal, whose name means a fool, refused to give them anything at all. Now this was very unkind and selfish and his servants were worried that David and his men might decide to take revenge.

They went to Abigail, Nabal's sensible wife, and told her how David had often helped them, and never stolen from them at all. She realized what needed to be done and sent men to get ready a lovely feast and went to bring the gift to David.

It was just in time! David and his men were coming to take revenge. This was not a good thing to do, and David was very glad afterwards that he did not do it. Abigail gave him her gifts and he turned back with a thankful heart.

But God was looking at the selfish Nabal. He got roaring drunk and the next day when his wife told him what had nearly happened, he was so afraid he fell down in a stroke and died after ten days.

Thought - Do you remember the story that Jesus told about a foolish rich man? It was a lot like this selfish Nabal. = ^ .. ^ =

