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Robbie: Larry's mother had four children.
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Bobbie: East?

Robbie: No. Larry.



The lovely ladies on the cover of this month's Street Talk America are Rhonda Bryan, Doris Evelyn Hodges, Grace Black and Charon Black. Mrs. Doris Evelyn Hodges or "Granny" as she is called by many, is *far more precious than rubies*. You can tell by the way her girls hold her hand she is the monarch of the family and treasured dearly. Granny has six children, eighteen grandchildren, forty-two great grandchildren and one great – great grandchild.

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After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jamie sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home and I wanted to stay with you guys."

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By: Tim Patton
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I watched a favorite sight last night. I walked in the door after being at a late appointment with my 16-year-old daughter and we spied my wife sitting on the couch. My daughter walked over, sat on the couch, and laid her head on Angela's shoulder with a sigh and a "Hey, Momma". She had had a long day and needed some affection from her mom. I am never surprised when my seven-year-old and my nine-year-old wake up and discover that Angela has gone to work that they are openly disappointed. After all, we expect kids that young to hunger for their mother's attention and affection. I truly enjoy watching my teenagers still desire the opportunity to be with their mom. I love the fact that they still love and need her. A survey was done among 600 college students who were asked to write down the most beautiful word in the English language. 422 of them wrote the word, "mother". The impact of a mother can never be truly measured!

When you imagine all that a mother does, it is truly staggering. *Salary.com* did a study about 10 years ago on the amount of work and the value of the work accomplished by mothers. They discovered that mothers who work outside the home worked 44 hours a week for their employer and 49.8 hours at home. Stay-at-home moms worked 91.6 hours a week in the home! When you combined all their jobs their salary would

be valued at \$134,121. There is a story about a man who came home from work to find total mayhem at home. The kids were outside still in their pajamas playing in the mud and muck. There were empty food boxes and wrappers all around. As he proceeded into the house, he found an even bigger mess. Dishes on the counter, dog food spilled on the floor, a broken glass under the table, and a small pile of sand by the back door. The family room was strewn with toys and various items of clothing, and a lamp had been knocked over. He headed up the stairs, stepping over toys, to look for his wife. He was becoming worried that she may be ill, or that something had happened to her. He found her in the bedroom, still in bed with her pajamas on, reading a book. She looked up at him, smiled, and asked how his day went. He looked at her bewildered and asked, "What happened here today?" She again smiled and answered, "You know every day when you come home from work and ask me what I did today?" "Yes," was his reply." She answered, "Well, today I didn't do it!"

The impact of a mother doesn't just revolve around her physical labor – her spiritual impact is immeasurable. The Bible has numerous examples of the influence of godly mothers. Paul reminded Timothy how significant the godly influence of his mother and grandmother had been. In 2 Timothy 1:5-6, Paul wrote, "I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands." The influence of Timothy's mother Eunice and his grandmother Lois is what led this young man to come to faith in Christ. The influence of a godly mother and grandmother is what God used to bring him to a place of service in ministry. The faith



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of a godly mother and grandmother was what he was encouraged to emulate. This faith was to serve as a reminder of how God desired to use the gifts that he had given young Timothy in his pastorate. What a tremendous testimony!

One of the most famous quotes in all of history is, "For the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." It is the title and the refrain from a poem written in 1865 by William Ross Wallace. Look at this one verse:

*Woman, how divine your mission
Here upon our natal sod!
Keep, oh, keep the young heart open
Always to the breath of God!
All true trophies of the ages
Are from mother-love impearled;
For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world.*

Thank you, moms, everywhere.

Ben Tim

A mother is trying to get her son to eat carrots. "Carrots are good for your eyes," she says. "How do you know?" the boy asks. The mother replies, "Have you ever seen a rabbit wearing glasses?"

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Bigger and Better in Texas

A Texan was taking a taxi tour of London and was in a hurry. As they went by the Tower of London the cab driver explained what it was and that construction of it started in 1346 and was completed in 1412. The Texan replied, "Shoot, a little ol' tower like that? In Houston we'd have that thing up in two weeks!" Next they passed the House of Parliament - started in 1544 and completed in 1618. "Well boy, we put up a bigger one than that in Dallas and it only took a year!" As they passed Westminster Abbey the cab driver was silent. "Whoah! What's that over there?" asked the Texan. The driver replied, "I don't know, it wasn't there yesterday."

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An anthropologist went to study a far-flung tropical island. He found a guide with a canoe to take him upriver to the remote site where he would make his observations. About noon on the second day of travel up the river they began to hear drums. The anthropologist asked his guide, "What are those drums?" The guide turned to him and said, "Drums okay, but VERY BAD when they stop." As they traveled the drums grew louder and louder. The anthropologist was nervous, but the guide merely repeated, "Drums okay. Drums not bad. When drums stop, then very bad!" Then the drums suddenly stopped. Terrified, the anthropologist yelled to the guide, "The drums stopped! What now?" The guide crouched down, covered his head with his hands and said, "Guitar solo."

Unfair Ticket

A man was speeding down the highway, feeling secure in a gaggle of cars all traveling at the same speed. However, as they passed a speed trap, he got nailed with an infrared speed detector and was pulled over. The officer handed him the citation, received his signature and was about to walk away when the man asked, "Officer, I know I was speeding, but I don't think it's fair. There were plenty of other cars around me going just as fast, so why did I get the ticket?" "Ever go fishing?" the policeman suddenly asked the man. "Ummm, yeah... so," the startled man replied. The officer grinned and added, "Ever catch ALL the fish?"

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A tired minister was at home resting, and through the window he saw a woman approaching his door. She was one of those too-talkative people, and he was not anxious to talk with her. He said to his wife, "I'll just duck upstairs and wait until she goes away." An hour passed, then he tiptoed to the stair landing and listened ... not a sound. He was very pleased, so he started down calling loudly to his wife, "Well, My Dear, did you get rid of that old bore at last?" The next moment he heard the voice of the same woman caller, and she couldn't possibly have missed hearing him. Two steps down, he saw them both staring up at him. It seemed truly a crisis moment. The quick-thinking minister's wife answered, "Yes, Dear, she went away over an hour ago. But Mrs. Jones has come to call in the meantime, and I'm sure you'll be glad to greet her."

Frantic

A man speaks frantically into the phone, "My wife is pregnant, and her contractions are only two minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?" the doctor asks. "No, you idiot!" the man shouts. "This is her husband!"



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16 oz can tomato sauce
1/2 tsp oregano

1 tbs grated parmesan cheese
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
Shape ground beef into patties; salt and pepper. Brown in hot cooking oil. Slice unpeeled eggplant into thick slices. Salt and pepper; coat with flour and brown in olive oil. Place cooked eggplant slices into a shallow baking dish. Top each slice with a browned meat patty. Cover with tomato sauce. Sprinkle oregano and parmesan cheese over all. Top with shredded cheddar cheese and bake in 300° oven for 35 minutes.

New Potatoes

1 lb small new potatoes
2 tbs butter
1 tsp chopped parsley
1/2 tsp salt and pepper

Scrub the potatoes well and cook, unpeeled in boiling salted water about 15 minutes. Drain in colander. Melt the butter in sauce pan with parsley, return potatoes to pan. Cover and heat briefly. Stir to coat with butter.

Grilled Chicken

1 cut-up fryer chicken
1/2 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup cooking sherry
2 tbs canola oil
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tsp ground ginger
1/4 tsp nutmeg
1/2 tsp pepper

In jar with lid, pour soy sauce, sherry, canola oil, garlic, ginger and nutmeg; shake well and pour over chicken in bowl. Cover chicken and marinate in refrigerator four hours or more. Place chicken on prepared grill skin side up. Sprinkle with pepper and grill chicken, turning and basting with sauce every 10 min for an hour.

Fresh Strawberry Pie

1 cup fresh strawberries- sliced
1 cup sugar
1 cup water
4 tbs strawberry gelatin
4 tbs cornstarch
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Combine sugar, water and cornstarch together. Cook until mixture thickens. Remove from heat and stir in gelatin. Line a baked but cooled 9 inch pie shell with sliced strawberries. Pour gelatin mixture over top and chill. Top with whipped cream before serving.



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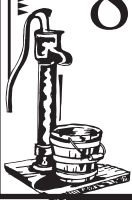
Intelligence

Two men were digging a ditch on a very hot day. One said to the other, "Why are we down in this hole digging a ditch when our boss is standing up there in the shade of a tree?" "I don't know," responded the other. "I'll ask him." So he climbed out of the hole and went to his boss. "Why are we digging in the hot sun and you're standing in the shade?" "Intelligence," the boss said. "What do you mean, 'intelligence'?" The boss said, "Well, I'll show you. I'll put my hand on this tree and I want you to hit it with your fist as hard as you can." The ditch digger took a mighty swing and tried to hit the boss' hand. The boss removed his hand and the ditch digger hit the tree. The boss said, "That's intelligence!" The ditch digger went back to his hole. His friend asked, "What did he say?" "He said we are down here because of intelligence." "What's intelligence?" said the friend. The ditch digger put his hand on his face and said, "Take your shovel and hit my hand."

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50 Years of Learning

On their 50th wedding anniversary and during the banquet celebrating it, Tom was asked to give his friends a brief account of the benefits of a marriage of such long duration. "Tell us Tom, just what is it you have learned from all those wonderful years with your wife?" Tom responds, "Well, I've learned that marriage is the best teacher of all. It teaches you loyalty, meekness, forbearance, self-restraint, forgiveness -- and a great many other qualities you wouldn't have needed if you'd stayed single."

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The huge college freshman decided to try out for the football team. "Can you tackle?" asked the coach. "Watch this," said the freshman, who proceeded to run smack into a telephone pole, shattering it to splinters. "Wow," said the coach. "I'm impressed. Can you run?" "Of course I can run," said the freshman. He was off like a shot, and, in just over nine seconds, he had run a hundred yard dash. "Great!" enthused the coach. "But can you pass a football?" The freshman hesitated for a few seconds. "Well, sir," he said, "if I can swallow it, I can probably pass it."

Friend

The kind lady watched the little boy on the beach, who stood with downcast head, and grinding his toes into the sand and looking very miserable and lonely indeed. "Haven't you anybody to play with?" she inquired sympathetically. The boy shook his head forlornly, as he explained, "I have one friend--but I hate him!"

23 Days

Lenny phones his mother living across country. "Mom, how are you?" he asks. "Not too good," answers Lenny's mother, "I've been very weak." Lenny, concerned asks, "Why are you so weak, mother?" She says, "Because I haven't eaten in 23 days." Lenny stammers, "That's terrible. Why haven't you eaten in 23 days?" His mother replies, "Because I didn't want my mouth to be filled with food if you should call."

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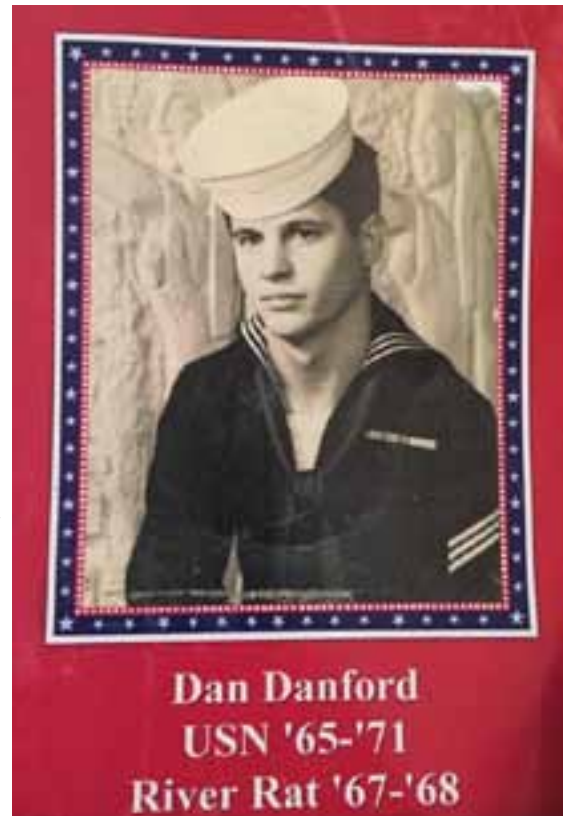

Brown Water Navy

This month we are honored to feature a local Veteran, Herman Eugene Danford, also known as Dan Danford by his friends and neighbors. The story begins with two boys that lived next door to each other when they were two or three years old. Now, fast forward some sixty-seven years, they live within a tenth of a mile of each other. Back then it was in Panama City, today they reside in Washington County. Gay Bush, Dan's neighbor, served in Vietnam during the same period as Dan, but never the same location.

Gay served most of his duty as a Blue Water Sailor and Dan was assigned to the Brown Water Navy. The Delta is made up of inland waterways that the Viet Cong controlled and called home. Dan's job was to make the Viet Cong's life a living Hell and he did so with his 50 cal machine gun.

The boat Dan served on was ATC (armored troop carrier) with a helipad to medevac the dead and wounded. The narrow canals were perfect ambush sites for the enemy, especially a bend in the river named Snoopy's Nose. At this spot the boat would take on fire from all directions. While the helicopters unloaded the wounded onto the boat Dan would leave his gun mount and help get the wounded below deck to safety. The VC used the three or four minutes it took for the medevac to shoot everything they had at the helicopter and boat personnel. Being exposed to the heavily incoming rounds, Dan would man the machine gun and any enemy that continued to fight got hit with a barrage of hot lead from Dan's 50 cal.

Life on these boats was crowded and at times the deck would have bodies of young soldiers stacked in rows like cord wood. Seeing and listening to the sounds of the wounded and dying leaves a scar on a young man's

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memory that lasts forever. Giving unselfishly to help his teammates he was awarded with many heroic medals, but it never crossed his mind that he was a hero. After his hitch in the Navy, Dan returned home and tried to become a civilian, but like most Vietnam Vets, it didn't come easy.

Today Dan lives on his farm raising blueberries and grapes. Life is much simpler than his days being in fire fights and ambushes in the Mekong Delta. I want to thank Gay Bush for introducing me to Dan. The three of us have a lot in common, but Gay and I don't compare to what Dan has done and seen. Street Talk wants to thank you for your story and service.

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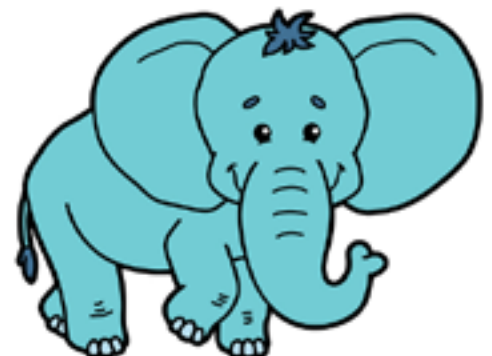
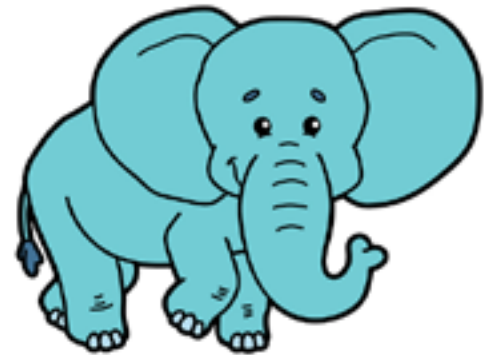
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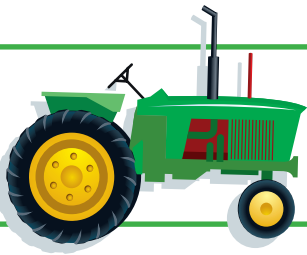


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A Green Chair and a Purple Iris

My brother recently sent me some pictures from our childhood. You know the type of pictures – the ones that Mama had made at Olan Mills with our heads tilted and wearing little outfits that I’m sure she put a lot of thought into picking out.

In that group of pictures, there was a random one that anyone else would not have understood, but I did. It was a picture of a green plastic yard chair and a blooming purple iris.

Our Mama passed several years ago and as those of you who have lost your mother knows, it is difficult not only on Mother’s Day, but also every time you see or hear or smell or taste or touch something that reminds you of your mother.

My Mama loved purple and in particular, she loved purple irises. They seemed to just show up in the yard every spring.

Folks often squabble over the worldly possessions their mothers owned. Things like china, silver, jewelry and antique furniture. I understand that many of these things are heirlooms and hold meaning for children and grandchildren.



However, I think the “things” that are most valuable are those that really can’t be squabbled over – things that were meant to be shared. These “things” are the precious memories our mothers left us with or shared with us. The little things like seeing a purple iris or the smell of a particular dish your mother cooked. These are things that won’t be in the Will when your mother leaves.

If your mother has passed away, you can still share those memories with your siblings, children and grandchildren. Her silver pitcher will tarnish, her china could very well shatter when it hits the floor, and the stone in her heirloom ring could fall out never to be found.

So if your mother is still living, don’t ask her who’s going to get the china cabinet or the dining room table. Ask her what her favorite flower is; what she loved doing when she was a little girl, what scared her, what made her happy and what kept her from quitting. Ask her what her favorite song was, her favorite books and all of those other questions that you want to know. Do it before it’s too late.... Do it understanding all of the time she invested in you.... Do it understanding all of the things she didn’t get to do because of you... Do it knowing you wouldn’t be here, if it weren’t for her.

The other night I was watching the movie, “*The Greatest Game Ever Played*.” I’ve seen it at least twenty times, but still watch it every chance I get. It’s about Francis Ouimet, the first amateur ever to win the U.S. Open.

I’m not an avid golfer; I get to play about once a year. You don’t need to know anything about golf, to appreciate Francis’ accomplishment. He came from an immigrant family that was part of the working class – who



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were not supposed to be playing golf, let alone winning.

Francis' mother does what so many mothers do – she's a real "dream weaver." I'm not talking about computer software or some song from the 1970's. I'm talking about a mother who selflessly patches together scraps to weave their children's dreams. She does it with a smile on her face and a glow in her heart.

At one point in the movie, Francis' father who thinks that his son's dreams are unreachable due to their working class stature, points this out to Francis's mother. He says to Francis' mother, "All you ever do is encourage him." Francis' mother pops back at her husband, "That's right. I do encourage him. He has a God-given talent, and this is his one chance to give a voice to it. He's just trying to make you proud." That's what mothers do... They tell you (and everyone else) that "you can do it," when everyone else tells you that you can't.

So that's my story about the picture my brother sent me of the green chair and the purple iris. The green chair may be empty, but the purple iris still blooms.

Happy Mother's Day!

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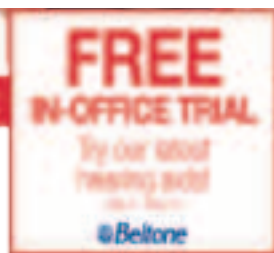
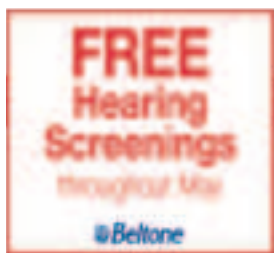
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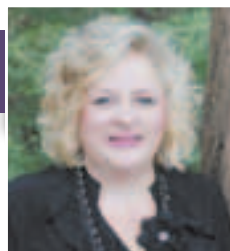
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Worried Mom

Dear Worried Mom,

There are few things in life that will tear a mother's heart out more than having a hurting child. You have good reason to be concerned. A lonely child feels isolated and that can lead to depression.

First of all, I would have a talk with your son and find out if there is anyone in his class with whom he would like to be friends. If he is willing to let you help him, you could practice role playing ways to make conversation. For instance you could help him practice inviting the potential friend to play on the swings with him.

Secondly, you could approach the child's mother and set up a play date. On his home turf, your son would likely feel more comfortable and confident. You may need to suggest activities for them or start conversation about things in which your son is knowledgeable, until he talks freely on his own.

A third option is to get your child involved in group activities. Join kids' activities at church. Sign him up for recreational sports (baseball, football, soccer, karate, etc.) Perhaps offer to give rides to his teammates or take him early to practice to play with other kids. When he has successes in conversation, remind him what he did right and affirm his worth.

Finally, you may want to enlist the assistance of his teacher. Perhaps she can help pair him with other students for activities- especially if he is matched with someone who is outgoing.

Continue to encourage him, share if you have experienced shyness or uncomfortable situations and how you overcame it. Pray with your child and let him hear your confidence in him and in a God who listens. I am sure he will have a full social life in no time!

Sherri

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Michelangelo's Mother: Mike, can't you paint on walls like other children? Do you have any idea how hard it is to get that stuff off the ceiling?

Napoleon's Mother: All right, Napoleon. If you aren't hiding your report card inside your jacket, then take your hand out of there and prove it.

Goldilocks' Mother: I've got a bill here for a broken chair from the Bear family. Do you know anything about this Goldie?

Albert Einstein's Mother: But, Albert, it's your senior picture. Can't you do something about your hair? Styling gel, mousse, something...?

Thomas Edison's Mother: Of course I'm proud that you invented the electric light bulb, Thomas. Now turn off that light and get to bed!

Humpty Dumpty's Mother: Humpty, if I've told you once, I've told you a hundred times not to sit on that wall. But would you listen to me? No!

"Dad," said Little Johnny, "I'm late for football practice. Would you please do my homework for me?" The father said irately, "Son, it just wouldn't be right." "That's okay," replied Little Johnny, "but you could at least give it a try, couldn't you?"

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- Nothing is worse than the moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.
- You totally take back all those times you didn't want to nap when you were younger.
- There is great need for a sarcasm font.
- You can't remember the last time you weren't at least kind of tired.
- Bad decisions make good stories.
- You never know when it will strike, but there comes a moment at work when you know that you just aren't going to do anything productive for the rest of the day.
- Can we all just agree to ignore whatever comes after Blue Ray?
- The freezer deserves a light as well.
- It's hard to decipher the fine line between boredom and hunger.
- Even under ideal conditions people have trouble locating their car keys in a pocket, finding their cell phone, and pinning the tail on the donkey - but everyone can find and push the snooze button from 3 feet away, in about 1.7 seconds, eyes closed, first time, every time.

War

The Social Studies Teacher had just finished a unit on war and peace. "How many of you," he asked, "would say you're opposed to war?" Not surprisingly, all hands went up. The teacher asked, "Who'll give us the reason for being opposed to war?" A large, bored-looking boy in the back of the room raised his hand. "Johnny?" The teacher said. "I hate war," Johnny said, "because wars make history, and I hate history."

Momster: What a mom turns into after she has counted to three

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A mother traveled 2,000 miles around the world to be with her only son on the day he received his Air Force Wings, and also got married. "Thank you for coming," he said afterwards. "It meant so much to me." "I wouldn't have missed it," she said. "After all, it's not every day a mother watches her son get his wings in the morning and have them clipped in the afternoon."

So Few Hairs

Little Johnny was eating breakfast one morning and got to thinking about things. "Mommy, mommy, why has daddy got so few hairs on his head?" he asked his mother. "He thinks a lot," replied his mother, pleased with herself for coming up with a good answer to her husband's baldness. Or she was until Johnny thought for a second and asked, "So why do you have so much hair?"

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Washington County Takes on Washington D.C.

By: Kelley Ward

Publisher, Street Talk America

Last month, I shared with the readers about accompanying the middle school students from Washington County Christian School to Washington DC. While visiting the landmarks in DC our *American Christian Tour Guide* would share a devotion and a specific “Word” for the particular memorial or building. At the *Vietnam Veterans Memorial* (also known as The Wall) the word given by our tour guide was “Service”.

The devotion included Galatians 6:9, ***Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.***

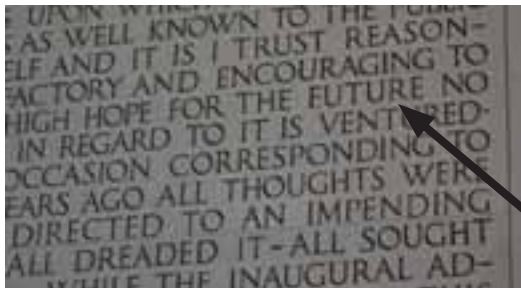
The Vietnam Veterans Memorial was an overwhelming experience for me, but not for the reason you’d think. Yes, seeing over 58,000 names on the wall was heart wrenching, I’m not trying to downplay that fact. What overwhelmed me were the names that are not on that wall, but very well could have been. I get a lump in my throat every time I think about how different this life would be without some very special men in my life.

One of the men I’m referring to has spent his adult life sharing Jesus with others. There will be men in Heaven because he carried them to church when they were boys, kids that weren’t even his own! He spent time with them and taught them how to fish, hunt and survive in the woods, but more importantly, he taught them about Jesus. I’m not related to him by blood, but I claim him as family. One of those boys he used to drag to church is now my husband, the father of my children. I’m so thankful for this Godly man he has always looked up to and now my son looks up to as well.

Because he is the humble man he is, I won’t share his name. He reads Street Talk religiously, he knows who I’m talking about.... *Dear friend, Thank you for your service. Not only for our country, but for our Jesus. Thank you for laying stepping stones and not stumbling blocks. Thank you for persevering and not getting weary in doing good. Our world would never have been the same without you.*

While in Washington we visited almost all the memorials including the *Holocaust Museum* and the *Iwo Jima Memorial*. It was a wonderful trip and I have to brag on the students from Washington County Christian School, they are some of the best behaved and respectful middle schoolers I have ever been around. I was honored to tour Washington with them! I hope their visiting these memorials has impacted their lives as it has mine. I’ve included some fun facts and pictures from our trip. *I hope you have a blessed Memorial Day!*





If you read Street Talk regularly, there's no doubt you've read a misspelled word or two. **IT HAPPENS!** The Lincoln Memorial is no exception. On the north wall of the building you'll find the inscription of Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address, the word "Future" was misspelled as "Euture" a typo that remains visible even tho they've tried to correct it.

Did you know at the very top of the Washington Monument are the latin words "Laus Deo", which translate to "Praise be to God"?



The frieze on the south wall of the Supreme Court building depicts Moses and King Solomon (among others) as Great Law-Givers.



Wyatt Ward, Cameron Cook & Haylee Chestnut had the Washington Monument in the palm of their hand.

The FDR Memorial is divided into four outdoor galleries, or rooms, one for each of FDR's terms in office.



"Our nation honors her sons and daughters who answered the call to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met." ... Those are the words etched in the ground at The Korean War Veterans Memorial. There are 19 stainless steel statues that represent our military with a reflective mural wall alongside creating the image of 38 statues. The number 38 represents the 38 months of War.



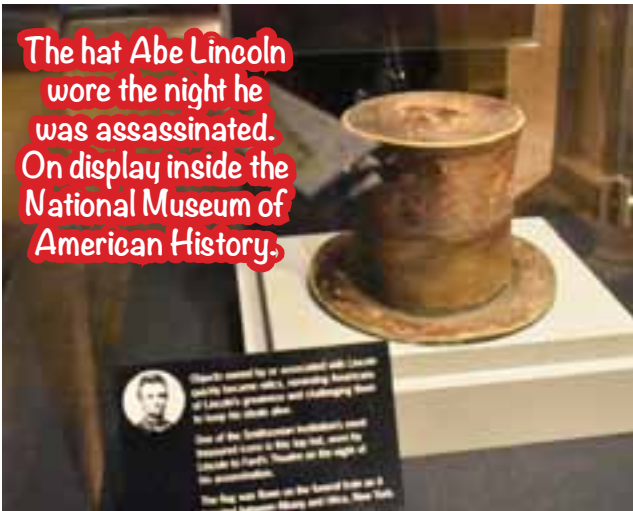
Kaylen Hagan, my roommate during the trip, chillin' with FDR.



Brycen Thornton, Wyatt Ward & Brantley Owen give the Capitol a big thumbs up!



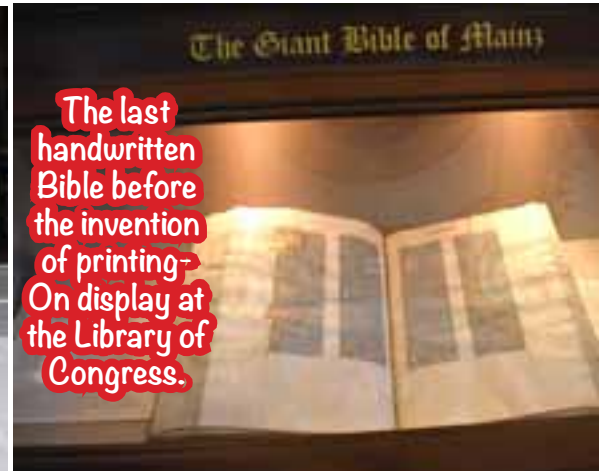
In the eye of the Capitol Rotunda is the Apotheosis of Washington, a painting that depicts George Washington rising to the Heavens in glory with two female figures by his side representing liberty and victory. The other ladies represent the first 13 states. We were told no one knows which lady represents which state because they didn't want states arguing if their 'lady' wasn't as pretty as another. Like Americans would argue over something so petty!?!?



The hat Abe Lincoln wore the night he was assassinated. On display inside the National Museum of American History.

Inside the National Statuary Hall, there is a collection of statues donated by individual states to honor the person for their place in history. Who is this big fella from the great state of Florida?

His name is John Gorrie and he was the inventor of refrigeration and air conditioning! Thank the Lord for John Gorrie!



The last handwritten Bible before the invention of printing. On display at the Library of Congress.



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HEALTH TALK

by: Michael Kennedy, ARNP
Hawkins Family Medicine

Darth Vader, Batman, Maverick, Lord Helmet, Iron Man, Nacho Libre, Spiderman, Captain America, Kylo Ren, Zorro, The Flash, The Lone Ranger and the list goes on. I have now joined the ranks of these famous and infamous men...I have sleep apnea and wear a CPAP. I might not quite have the strength of Captain America or the Swag of Zorro, but I do look pretty snazzy. Sleep apnea might not be the glamorous disease to talk about, but it is an incredibly important health issue that affects many, many, many of us out there with some fairly simple solutions. So, what is sleep apnea and how is it treated?

According to the *National Institute of Health*, "Sleep apnea is a common disorder in which you have one or more pauses in breathing or shallow breaths while you sleep. Breathing pauses can last from a few seconds to minutes. They may occur 30 times or more an hour. Typically, normal breathing then starts again, sometimes with a loud snort or choking sound. Sleep apnea usually is a chronic (ongoing) condition that disrupts your sleep. When your breathing pauses or becomes shallow, you'll often move out of deep sleep and into light sleep." Obstructive sleep apnea is the most common type of apnea, often a structural issue from

being overweight or having airway narrowing from tonsils/adenoids enlarged chronically. Less common is central sleep apnea in which the brain is essentially "misfiring" and not telling the body to breath during sleep.

While the symptoms of sleep apnea are annoying such as daytime sleepiness, chronic fatigue, irritability, and attention problems, there are other more dangerous issues going on. Sleep apnea has been directly linked as a primary cause or contributor to many health issues such as heart attack, atrial fibrillation, insulin resistance and type 2 diabetes, nonalcoholic fatty liver disease, and bruises from your wife punching and kicking you (*did I just really say that? wink*).

How is sleep apnea tested for and treated? First, discuss this with your healthcare provider. There are simple screening tools and basic assessment skills that can quickly point to the need for a sleep study.

A sleep study is used to diagnose sleep apnea. Generally, a patient has a sleep study set up by the health care provider. It is an overnight test in which lots of wires and belt things are attached all over you and you try to get a night's sleep. Yes, you might dream you are in a giant bowl of spaghetti. During this test, your oxygen, heart rate, respirations, eye movement, leg movement, chest rise are all monitored closely. If you are found to have sleep apnea, a CPAP is ordered to treat this. CPAP stands for *Continuous Positive Airway Pressure*. Often it is a mask that covers the mouth and nose and essentially uses air pressure to keep your airway open. There are many advances in this medical equipment seemingly on a yearly basis with new technology that make it less and less invasive. Often, most patient require only a small nasal piece that does not cover the mouth and is minimally invasive. Surgery is an additional option for some patients though in which part of your airway is removed or reconstructed. This is obviously more serious and limited to difficult cases.

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So I may or may not...or may.....or definitely do, talk like Darth Vader and Kylo Ren when I wear my CPAP mask. Thanks to the gang at *Medical Gallery* in Bonifay for setting me up. Yes, it can be annoying, yes, it costs money to treat, and yes, you might have to make some adjustments to treat sleep apnea, but the massive improvement in health and how you feel more than make up for the negatives.

My kids call it 'yelling.'
I call it motivational speaking
for the selective listener.

Country Cottage

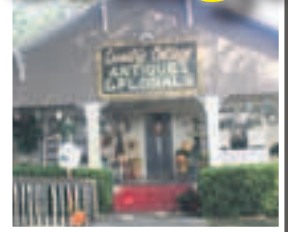
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Lucy's Lunch

Enjoying a nice refreshing shower, a wife was interrupted when her husband poked his head in to ask, "What shall I give Lucy for lunch?" Although he was always very good with their baby daughter, there were times when the wife wanted him to think for himself without always bothering her. This was one such occasion. "It's up to you," she replied disinterested. "There's plenty of food in the house. I'll tell you what, why don't you pretend that I'm not at home?" "OK," he said and went away. A few minutes later, her mobile phone rang. Her husband's voice said, "Hi, honey, how are you? What shall I give Lucy for lunch?"

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Things I Have Learned From My Kids

For those who already have children past this age, this is hilarious. For those who have children nearing this age, this is a warning. For those who have not yet had children, this is birth control.

The following came from an anonymous mother in Austin, TX . (poor woman)

1. A king size waterbed holds enough water to fill a 2,000 sq. foot house 4 inches deep.
2. If you spray hair spray on dust bunnies and run over them with roller blades, they can ignite.
3. A 3-year-old's voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.
4. If you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate a 42 pound boy wearing Batman underwear and a superman cape. It is strong enough, however, to spread paint on all four walls of a 20X20 foot room.
5. You should not throw baseballs up when the ceiling fan is on. When using the ceiling fan as a bat, you have to throw the ball up a few times before you get a hit. A ceiling fan can hit a baseball a long way.
6. The glass in windows (even double pane) doesn't stop a baseball hit by a ceiling fan.
7. When you hear the toilet flush and the words "Uh-oh", it's already too late.
8. Brake fluid mixed with Clorox makes smoke, and lots of it.
9. A six-year-old can start a fire with a flint rock even though a 36-year-old man says they can only do it in the movies. A magnifying glass can start a fire even on an overcast day.
10. Certain Legos will pass through the digestive tract of a four-year-old.
11. Play Dough and microwave should never be used in the same sentence.
12. Super glue is forever.
13. No matter how much Jell-O you put in a swim-

ming pool you still can't walk on water.

14. Pool filters do not like Jell-O.
15. Garbage bags do not make good parachutes.
16. Marbles in gas tanks make lots of noise when driving.
17. You probably do not want to know what that odor is.
18. Always look in the oven before you turn it on. Plastic toys do not like ovens.
19. The fire department in Austin has a 5 minute response time.
20. The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make earth worms dizzy. It will however make cats dizzy and cats throw up twice their body weight when dizzy

BE FEARLESS

An invitation from Tina Sloan

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Tips for New Parents

By Kelley Ward,

(originally printed in May 2011 but still true in 2017)

- A baby's breath is the most intoxicating smell on the planet. Get a good whiff of it when your baby is small; when she gets older her breath will smell like Doritos and dill pickles.
- You probably think your child will never misbehave in the grocery store, but he will. You can swap good behavior for a toy. It's not exactly bribery, think of it as a trade.
- Pick your battles.
- The rule 'what goes up must come down' is true. Baby's rule of 'what goes down must come up' is false. You need to know this when baby learns the 'pick-up' game. Baby will drop it down; mommy will pick it up; baby will drop it down; mommy will pick it up.
- Toddlers will put anything in their mouth... unless you cut it up.
- Don't buy your child play-doh. It makes a huge mess and sticks to everything. Besides, they can play with that when they go to school.
- Don't spend all your time and money designing the baby's nursery. Your baby won't be picky; he will pee, poop, and spit-up on anything.
- Folks will tell you not to let your baby sleep with you. Remember, these same folks had eight hours of sleep the night before.
- Your parents will spoil their grandchildren. But that's ok; let your kids enjoy doing all the things that your parents wouldn't let you do.
- Keep this in mind, what you say, he will repeat and usually at the most inopportune time.
- You know those babies that you see at the restaurant sitting quietly in their high chair? Don't kid yourself; your baby will not do that.
- Band-Aids are magic.
- Dress him in bow ties and tuxedos while he still has no choice in the matter.

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Go with God

By: Angie Knight

The Lord had said to Abram,
“Leave your native country, your
relatives, and your father’s family,
and go to the land that I will show you.
Genesis 12:1 NLT

First steps are critical. First steps are applauded. They are remembered. Just as a parent watches with joy, the first steps her toddler takes, so God watches each of us, as we embark on the unknown journey’s of our lives. One step at a time.

Obedience. Step-step. One foot out, here comes the other... Without hesitation or forethought of where it might lead. That’s what Abram did. The Bible states in Genesis 12:4, “*So Abram departed...*”

When God speaks to us--often we take a practical approach. The human understanding approach. The common sense approach. We make a list. While lists are not bad... in the process of making the list, we can often turn aside to our own devices. We sort through what God said as if we were sorting through the mail--and we take the parts that make most sense...and then...we consult the accountant...or the neighbor...or the friend.



I’m not against “consulting”. I am actually all for it. So is the Bible. But too often I think we consult those who may not understand--and therefore they give us the idea that -- “*maybe we heard wrong*”--or, “*maybe we are acting in haste*”... I’m very careful on who I consult with about anything. I learned the hard way.

If you have a dream--or a vision of what you believe God is directing, the first thing (in my opinion), just say “yes”. Then allow God to walk you through the process. Consult those who can lead you in the right direction--in taking the steps necessary to get you from point A to point B...and go with God.

There is an exciting journey ahead. Along the way--you may become discouraged--even think you didn’t hear correctly. **TRUST the Voice you heard.**

Obedience is key--God will grow you, mold you, re-make you all along the way. Take note of all the things you learn. Keep a journal. There is significance in every step. And... Go with God.

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- Q: I'm two months pregnant now. When will my baby move?
 A: With any luck, right after he finishes college.
- Q: What is the most reliable method to determine a baby's sex?
 A: Childbirth.
- Q: My wife is five months pregnant and so moody that sometimes she's borderline irrational.
 A: So what's your question?
- Q: My childbirth instructor says it's not pain I'll feel during labor, but pressure. Is she right?
 A: Yes, in the same way that a tornado might be called an air current.
- Q: When is the best time to get an epidural?
 A: Right after you find out you're pregnant.
- Q: Is there any reason I have to be in the delivery room while my wife is in labor?
 A: Not unless the word "alimony" means anything to you.
- Q: Is there anything I should avoid while recovering from childbirth?
 A: Yes, pregnancy.
- Q: Do I have to have a baby shower?
 A: Not if you change the baby's diaper very quickly.
- Q: Our baby was born last week. When will my wife begin to feel and act normal again?
 A: When the kids are in college.

A young boy came home from school and told his mother, "I had a big fight with my classmate. He called me a sissy."
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The Local Translation

A Mexican bandit made a specialty of crossing the Rio Grande from time to time and robbing banks in Texas. Finally, a reward was offered for his capture and an enterprising Texas Ranger decided to track him down. After a lengthy search, he traced the bandit to his favorite cantina, snuck up behind him, put his trusty six-shooter to the bandit's head and said, "You're under arrest. Tell me where you hid the loot or I'll shoot you." But, the bandit didn't speak English and the Ranger didn't speak Spanish. The Ranger asked a local to translate his message. The terrified bandit blurted out, in Spanish, that the loot was buried under the oak tree in back of the cantina. "What did he say?" asked the Ranger anxiously. The local answered, "He say, He no afraid to die!"

Little Johnny

Little Johnny had finished his summer vacation and gone back to school. Two days later his teacher phoned his mother to tell her that he was misbehaving. "Wait a minute," she said. "I had Johnny with me for three months and I never called you once when he misbehaved."

First God created earth, then he rested...
Then He created man, then he rested...
Then He created women and
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The Sin Question

By: Dr. Charlie Hinson

The question came to me today from an humble soul, honestly questioning the matter of sin and forgiveness. *"When I have sinned, and asked God to forgive me, why do I still feel the guilt of my sin?"* There is not room here for the long answer to that question, but if I can borrow an idea from the writings of Watchman Nee, maybe we can shed some light.

You see, God has a problem with your sin also. In fact, He has three problems.

1. Sin is disobedience, and disobedience separates us from Him. In fact, God finally said, *"They have all sinned!"* (Rom. 3:9) He doesn't like that any more than we do.

2. When man is unable to bridge the gap the disobedience caused, it registers with him as a sense of guilt. That's why you confessed your sin, *"I have sinned."* (Luke 15:18)

3. Now when Satan hears you say, *"I have sinned,"* he takes that and uses it as grounds for accusing you further in your heart, and before the Father. *He is the Accuser of the Brethren!* (Rev. 12:10) Now, he's trumpeting it to the four corners of the universe, *"You have sinned!"*

To redeem us, and to bring us back into fellowship with God, the Lord Jesus had to do something about all three: SINFUL, GUILTY, and ACCUSED. That's why the price was so high on Calvary. Only His Shed Blood, all of it, would be enough to meet the problem, satisfy God, cover our sinfulness, and give our accuser a pain in the back side, as well as a reminder of where Genesis 3:15 is going to land him.

Only if you believe this, and all of it, can you deal with the matter of personal sin.



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Not Playing

Little Adrian came home in a sad state. He had a black eye and numerous scratches and contusions, and his clothes were torn. His mother was horrified at the look of her precious son. There were tears in her eyes as she addressed him rebukingly, "Oh, Adrian! How often have I told you not to play with that naughty Walters boy!" Little Adrian looked at his mother with an expression of deepest disgust. "Mom!," he objected, "do I look as if I had been playing with anybody?"

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- Comcast is doing home security now so if your house is being robbed they will get the police there on Tuesday between the hours of 8 & 12.
- 3 years ago, I decided to live forever! So far so good.
- Are you reading this from the toilet? I'm writing this from one.
- I entered what I ate for lunch into my calorie counting app and it uninstalled itself.
- Remember to LOOK both ways before crossing a woman!
- If you really want to do something, you'll find a way. If you don't, you'll find an excuse.
- I'm not saying women are smarter than men, but it's kinda ironic that there are so few known women serial killers and so many unsolved murders.
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Papa Shu's Movie Review

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The Case for Christ

Spoiler Alert! If you do not want to know how this movie ends, please stop reading. Movie plots will be revealed!

Far too often family movie viewers go through with Family Movie Night without ever questioning the film's content. They don't pay attention to the ideas and images that are being scorched into the minds of their children or consider the influence it has upon their own minds and hearts. Occasionally, God uses a film to shake up His people and challenge the unbelieving skeptic. *The Case for Christ* is just such a film. This film documents the true-life journey of Chicago Tribune's award winning journalist, Lee Strobel, from being a skeptical atheist to faith in Jesus Christ. His journey to faith started by the rescue of his daughter, Alison, from choking to death by a devoted nurse, Alfie, who happened to be in the same restaurant. Consequently, this rescue set Strobel's wife, Leslie, on a quest of her own to discover the truth about coincidence. She comes to faith in Jesus through her newfound friendship with Alfie.

The tension between Lee and Leslie erupts as he responds to her new faith with alcohol and contempt. Throughout most of this film Lee is portrayed as a self-centered and arrogant, which is contrasted by Leslie's patience and kindness after becoming a

Christian. While she prays for God to give Lee a new heart of flesh, Strobel sets out to rescue his wife from the delusion of what he considers a cult. Thus, with the encouragement of his mentor and fellow atheist, Roy Nelson, Lee decides to use his skills as an investigative reporter to set out on a secret quest focusing on disproving the resurrection of Christ. What follows is a very compelling investigation in which Lee seeks to answer a series of very difficult questions which eventually lead him to confront his own skepticism about Jesus. To find answers Strobel interviews experts in a variety of fields, some believers and some nonbelievers, whose answers prove bits and pieces of scientific and historical evidence for the resurrection. Lee's forced closer to the faith that he's striving so hard to disprove. At the beginning of the film Strobel is quoted as saying, "*The only way to truth is through facts. Facts are our greatest weapon against superstition, against ignorance, and against tyranny.*" As result of his quest, Lee comes to the conclusion that the evidence is overwhelming. Holding to his unbelief is the tyranny he had been fighting against all along. Both belief and unbelief required faith.

The story of the conversion of Lee Strobel is a fantastic and compelling journey which will strengthen the faith of believers and certainly give any unbelieving skeptic something to think about. This film gives solid answers to some very hard questions and points to the fact that Christianity is not a fairy-tale but based upon solid, historical evidence. Strobel is in good company with a long list of skeptics who have taken the journey of faith and discovered that God is greater than our questions about Him. This film encourages us to question everything, but be willing to receive the answer to the questions. This film did not address every issue that Lee Strobel detailed in his bestselling book, so the book is worth checking out. Parents take this journey of faith with your children, especially in our world today that puts so much faith in TV

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Guard Duty

The new army recruit was serving his first guard duty. He did his best for a while but about 5 a.m. he went to sleep. When he opened his eyes he found the day officer standing before him. Remembering the stiff penalty for being asleep on guard duty, this clever young man kept his head bowed for another moment, then looked upward and reverently said, "A-a-a-men!"

Big Hole

Old Ms. Robinson went out into her backyard to do some gardening when she heard some noise coming from the yard next door. She peered over the fence and saw that her neighbor's little daughter was digging a hole. "Sally what are you doing with that shovel?" asked Ms. Robinson. "My goldfish died, so I'm burying him." replied young Sally. "Oh that's tragic. I'm very sorry for your loss. But why are you digging such a big hole for your goldfish?". "Because your stupid cat ate it!"



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