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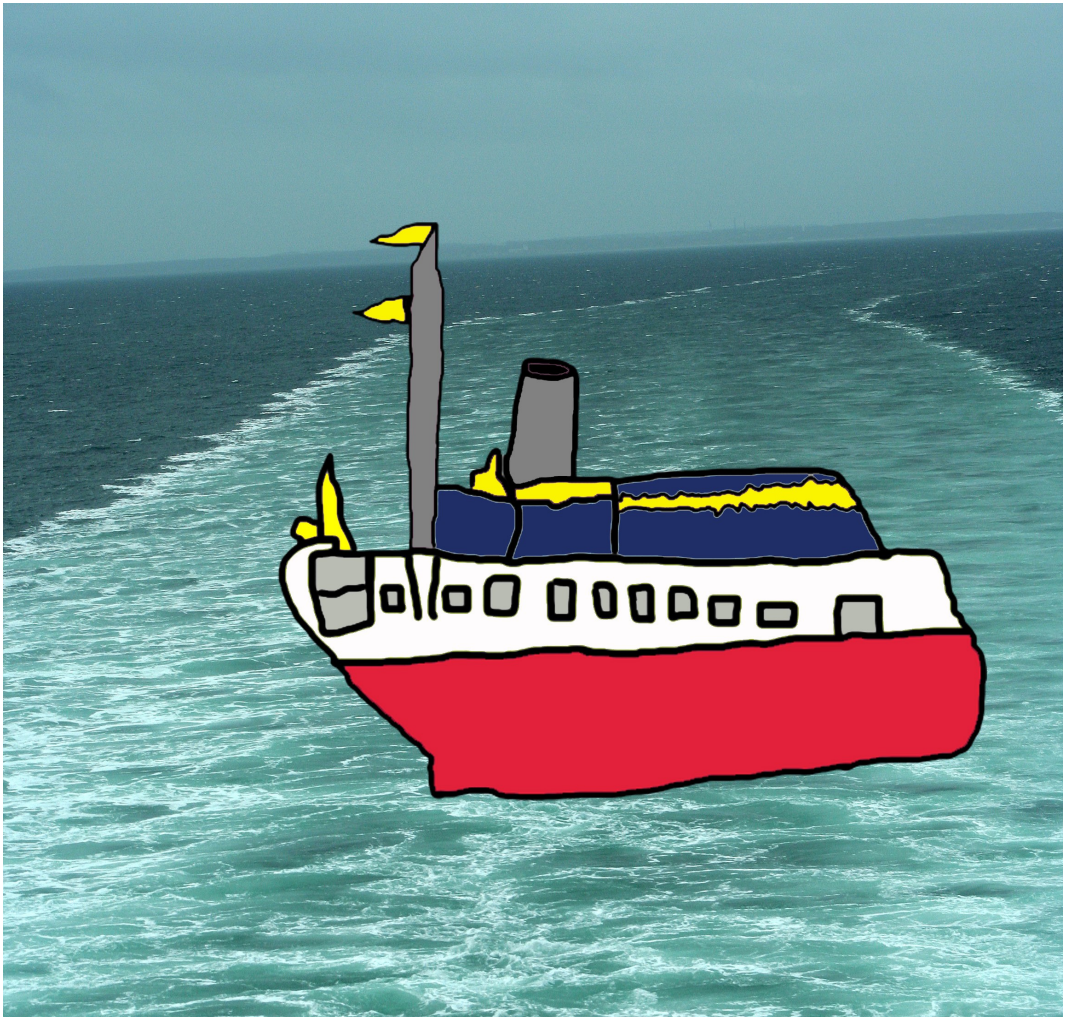


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1.) A Chair for a Boat Ride

George Mueller and his wife Mary were getting ready to travel on a ship. Mary would get very sea sick on ships, and needed a special chair that was being sent to them from New York, where they had last visited.

They needed this chair for their journey so she could sit on the deck of the ship and be more comfortable.

George prayed a special prayer for their chair to arrive in time, before they had to leave on the ship. He believed it would, as God gave him faith that it would come in time.

When George and Mary were waiting to board the ship, they found out that the chair had still not arrived yet.

People said they didn't think it would come in time, as there was only a short while left until the ship's departure.

Someone suggested to George that he should quickly go out and buy a new chair for the trip, before it was too late.

However, George felt in his heart that God was going to answer them in time, and he didn't think he should worry and go out and get a new chair.

Nearly everyone had boarded the ship, including George and Mary. Then right at the last minute, before the ship departed, someone boarded the ship with a big smile—and a chair!

Not just any chair, but the very one that George and Mary were waiting and praying for! He gave it to them.

This man was also travelling on this ship but had to wait ten minutes longer than the others before he could board.

While he waited he saw a load of supplies arriving, and included in it was George and Mary's chair. Those in charge of the things being sent unloaded the chair and gave it to the man to pass on to George and Mary.

How happy and grateful they were when the chair was given to them, just in time before the ship left.

George Mueller took off his hat and prayed a prayer of thankfulness to the Lord, Who had made sure that they had just what they needed for the trip, in answer to their prayers.



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2.) The Fur Hat

A little boy was playing outside, and he was cold. It was nearing winter time, and the other children had warm hats to wear, but he only had a straw sunhat.

He ran into the house to ask his mother for a warm hat and told her how cold he felt.

His family was very poor, but found out that God would help them when they prayed. She had faith that the Lord would help them, and told her little boy that he'd get one soon. As he went back out to play, the mother knelt down in prayer to ask the Lord for a nice warm hat for her son.

Later that afternoon a woman came to visit this family. Although she didn't know about the boy's need, she happened to bring over a warm fur hat for him, just his size.

She said to his mother, "I noticed my son's hat today in a drawer of things he doesn't need any more. Then I remembered that your son is about the right size and it would fit him. Do you want it?" How happy the mother and the boy were to receive such a wonderful answer to prayer—to get a warm hat just when it was needed.



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3.) Little George

Little George lived on a farm, far out in the country with his family, and they were in need of food and other supplies. His mother was sad, and wished they could have what they needed.

Little George had faith and said, “Don’t cry mother. I just prayed for food, and I know that God will send it to us.”

Right at that time in a place a few days’ travel away, some friends got the idea to load up a wagon with food and goods and all kinds of other useful things to bring to this family.

They travelled to the farm where Little George and his family lived. How happy and thankful they were to see a wagon load of supplies being given to them!

When Little George grew to be a man he told many people about Jesus, and taught them how God answers prayer and takes care of His children—those who love and trust in Him, and pray for His help.



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4.) A Bag of Flour

A humble family lived on a farm several miles away from the mill, where the grain was ground into flour and sold. One year the crops hadn't grown too well, so there wasn't much grain around for people to buy. And they had no horse to travel there, anyway.

The family prayed for God to supply food for them, as they had very little left. A man who made shingles out of wood—roof tiles for houses—needed a tree to make some with.

This family's farm had a pine forest on it. The man thought to go and buy a tree from their farm. As he was leaving his house the thought came to him to bring a bag of flour to give to them in return for the tree. He scooped two buckets of flour into a bag and brought it with him to the farm.

He asked them if he could have one of the trees and cut it down to make it into shingles, and to pay for it he brought flour, as he thought they might really appreciate some at this time.

The mother said, "It's the answer to our prayer!"

She told her family, "God has sent us a bag of flour!" They were all glad to see the answer to their prayers, and had enough food to eat.



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5.) The Lost Thimble

A lady had a silver thimble that her mother gave to her. It was special to her and she used it a lot.

One day it was lost, and she looked and looked for it everywhere. The thimble was nowhere to be seen. It made her sad, so she decided to pray about it, as she knew Jesus could help her feel better.

As she was praying she heard Jesus tell her clearly, "Look on the bed."

The lady got up from praying and went straight to the bed she'd been sitting on before when she was holding a baby. The covers on the bed were now pulled back.

She looked and saw that tucked into the folds of the blanket was her missing and treasured thimble. It had fallen out of her pocket when she was on the bed earlier. Jesus knew just where it was, and told her.



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6.) A Shoemaker's Family

There was a man who made shoes. He would walk to the town and work, returning to his family on the weekend, bringing them food and supplies. One time he was to return to his home, but had no food or goods to bring. The place he was working at didn't have any money to give him for his work that week, so he couldn't buy food for his family.

It was pouring rain, and the father entered his house, warmed by the cozy fire that was made. He told his family that he didn't have anything to give them, but trusted that God would provide.

The family knelt down to pray for God to supply the needed food. Suddenly there was a knock at the door, and a lady was standing there in the rain, with a loaf of bread.

"I baked too much today, and I thought of bringing some to you. Would you like it?" The children happily had bread to eat, along with some milk that a kind neighbour shared as well. Another man loaded up a blanket with all the goods he could spare to give to the family. God took care of them, just like they knew He would.



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7.) Fuel for a Fire

A lady and a man lived alone. Their grown-up son was living in another country. They didn't have a way to receive any news from him—no letters or telephone calls. The father was a cripple and couldn't get around. The mother worked hard to do all she could to provide what was needed.

One cold morning they woke, realizing they didn't have enough wood for fuel to make a fire to keep them warm, nor to cook with that day. "What are we going to do?" the man wondered.

"God will provide," the woman encouraged, even though it seemed like there was no way they could get the needed wood.

Then, to their surprise, their adult son in walked that morning! He was strong and went to the woods right away and cut down lots of needed wood for fuel, enough to last a long time.

What a happy day it was! Their house was warmed, and their hearts warmed too, with the joy of seeing their son again, and knowing God's amazing care. He had supplied them with what they needed.

"I'll always trust in God's care!" the father said after receiving that wonderful answer to prayer.



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8.) Wagonload of Food

A farmer with some workers was going to the field to work. They'd walked part of the way there, when something in his heart and mind urged him to stop and to return home.

He sent his workers on ahead to do the work while he returned to talk with his wife about what he was feeling and thinking.

"I just feel like we must give some food to the minister and his wife, right now."

So together they loaded up a wagonload of food and supplies to bring.

At the minister's house they had just eaten their last bit of food, and didn't know how they were to get any more. The minister went to the barn for prayer, and the wife prayed in a quiet place in the house.

When they saw the farmer coming with a wagon loaded with supplies for them, they were very thrilled!

God had answered their prayers and cared for them, as they were faithful to tell others about Jesus, and do His work.



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9.) The Light of a House

A man was preaching to a crowd of people in a new city. Someone told him he had to stop and leave. He was sad and didn't know where to go.

He had no place to rest or food to eat. He prayed for the Lord to lead him to somewhere to stay the night.

After praying, he saw the light of a house in the distance. The man walked to it, and when he was close to the window he heard someone in the house praying.

That man was praying for anyone who loved the Lord and was having a hard time, to find his house, where he would give them a place to rest and some food.

The man was so glad. He said "amen" to the end of the prayer, and went into the house. The two men who believed in Jesus rejoiced for the answers to both of their prayers that night!



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10.) Our Daily Bread

There was a very sick man who was in his home. He had a family with five children. They really needed some food, but had no way to get it.

The family prayed and said the Lord's prayer together, "Give us this day our daily bread".

Just an hour later there was a knock on the door. It was a young man, who had been sent by his aunt to bring food and other supplies to this family.

She felt strongly that the food needed to be brought to them right away.

Everyone was so glad for the miraculous timing of the supply of food.

The father also eventually got healed and lived many more years to see the Lord's wonderful care.



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11.) The Coat

A man who had served the Lord needed a coat. He had saved money to get one, but then gave most of it away to someone else who really needed it. One day he went to visit his mother. She noticed, and mentioned that it looked like he needed a new coat. The man agreed, but had no way to get a new one.

His mother said, "Your brother just made a coat two weeks ago, but mistakenly made it the wrong size. It's too small for him. Perhaps it will fit you."

The man got the coat from the place where his mother told him it was. He tried it on, and it fit perfectly! It was amazing, because his brother was quite a bit bigger than he was, but for some reason the coat had been made too small—but just the right size for him.

Jesus knew that he needed the coat and heard his prayers for one, and helped his brother to make it the right size to fit the man who needed it the most. Sometimes something that seems like a mistake to one person, may be the answer to prayer for someone else. Jesus has a way of turning everything into something good for those that love Him.



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12.) Ship Rescue

Admiral Sir Thomas Williams was sailing his ship near an island. It was uninhabited. Ships didn't go there, except to find turtles once in a while. It wasn't where he was planning to go either.

He continued sailing his ship and was to soon pass the island, when he suddenly felt very strongly that he was to go to the island. He wondered what those on his ship would say when he asked them to go a different direction.

The sailors said, "We're about to eat dinner, and if we go there it will make our trip a lot longer." However, Admiral Sir Thomas Williams felt they must go to that island. So everyone did as he asked.

They sailed towards that island looking with their spy glasses to see what they could see on the island. Why did God say they needed to go?

Then they saw a white flag; sixteen men were on the island. They were hoping and praying for a ship to come by to rescue them as their ship had been wrecked. Admiral Sir Thomas Williams' ship was the answer to their prayers. Everyone was rescued!



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13.) The Potatoes

A family with four children lived far out on the prairie. They only had a small amount of corn that was just enough for their breakfast the next morning. Besides that, they had nothing else in their house to eat.

While they were standing around their fire, warming up and thinking about their situation, the mother said, "The Lord will provide something!" One of the children said cheerily, "I would really like to have some potatoes!"

After the children went to bed, the mother stayed awake. She couldn't sleep. She was wondering what to do and praying for the Lord to supply and to help them. All of a sudden she felt peaceful. She fell asleep and had a wonderful night's rest.

The next morning she woke and was going to go down to the brook to wash. When she opened the door of her house she was so surprised! There on their porch were two pails and one sack. The sack was full of flour, one pail was full of potatoes, and the other pail was full of meat!

She let out a sound of rejoicing and all the children came running to see. They were overjoyed! God had sent them food. They brought the food in and put it in their house, washed out the pails, returned them to the porch for whoever they belonged to.

The next morning, mysteriously, the pails and the sack were gone. They were so happy. They felt Jesus very close. The family knew He was caring for them.



14.) Prayer in the Woods

A young man who couldn't walk very well and had no one else to help or care for him, depended on Jesus. He knew that Jesus would take care of him.

One time he wanted to go to a certain town many miles away. He had no way to get there and no money to buy a ticket to go on the train. He went to the train station to ask if he could get a ride on the train anyway, but they did not agree to it.

So he went out to the woods nearby, knelt down by a stump to pray to his friend Jesus. He knew that Jesus can provide all that His children on Earth need.

The young man said, "Lord, please either give me some money to travel, or some other way to get to that town."

When he was done he felt the Lord had answered his prayer. He was filled with joy and praise. He exclaimed, "Bless the Lord!"

As he was walking out of the woods he heard someone say, "Hello!"

He turned around to see who it was. He hadn't noticed anyone there before. This man said, "You prayed a wonderful prayer. Do you need some money?"

He handed the young man some money for his trip right then, and encouraged him, saying, "That's the best way—to go to the Lord and to trust Him to open the way." The young man was so thankful, rejoicing that God supplied all his needs.



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15.) The Horse Ride

There was a preacher who was to go to another town to preach to a crowd of people. They were expecting him.

A short distance beyond that town, there was to be another meeting that he was to lead in the afternoon.

This preacher wanted to make sure he kept his appointments, and that he would make it to those two places where people were waiting for him to tell them about the Lord the next day.

However, the train he was going to take to the town that night couldn't go, and it was also stormy and rainy.

He wouldn't be able to get there by train. He couldn't imagine how it would be if he didn't make it to those meetings.

Crowds of people would be waiting for him the next day, and he wanted to get there in time to tell them about the Lord, so he thought there must be a way.

He decided to hire a horse—a good strong horse that could travel long distances. However, this man didn't know the way to the town.

It was dark and stormy, and no one around knew which road he was to take. He asked Jesus to lead the horse and tell the horse where to go.

The man got on the horse, prayed, and galloped off into the stormy night. The horse kept choosing this road and that road, and at last he found he had arrived in the town he was meant to go to for the first meeting.

There was a huge crowd waiting for him. He was very glad he had been able to get there. This man talked about the Lord to everyone there and in the other town too! It was a wonderful day!

When it was time to return to his own town, the horse didn't automatically know the way back. They even got lost a bit trying to find their way!

Finally he made it home where the horse could be returned. That showed this man that it wasn't just the horse that knew the way to the town he went to preach in, but that it was the Lord who had led the horse, just as he prayed.



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16.) A Powerful Dream

There was a minister of the Gospel who was very sick, lying in his bed. He had a large family of young children who were depending on him. They only had one dollar left. All night the father was praying to God to help them in this emergency.

That same night, not too many miles away, another man was sleeping peacefully. However, he had an important dream. In his dream there was a minister who was sick and needed help for his family.

As soon as dawn came the man who had that impressive dream began asking around, "What was the name of that minister? He came here a while ago. Where does he live?"

When he found out the name of the man and where he lived, he got on his horse immediately and rode to the minister's house. He knocked on the door just as the family was waking up and opening the curtains, and he handed them an envelope with a gift for them. It was some money for them.

They were so thrilled. God had used a dream to answer their prayer and help them in their time of need.

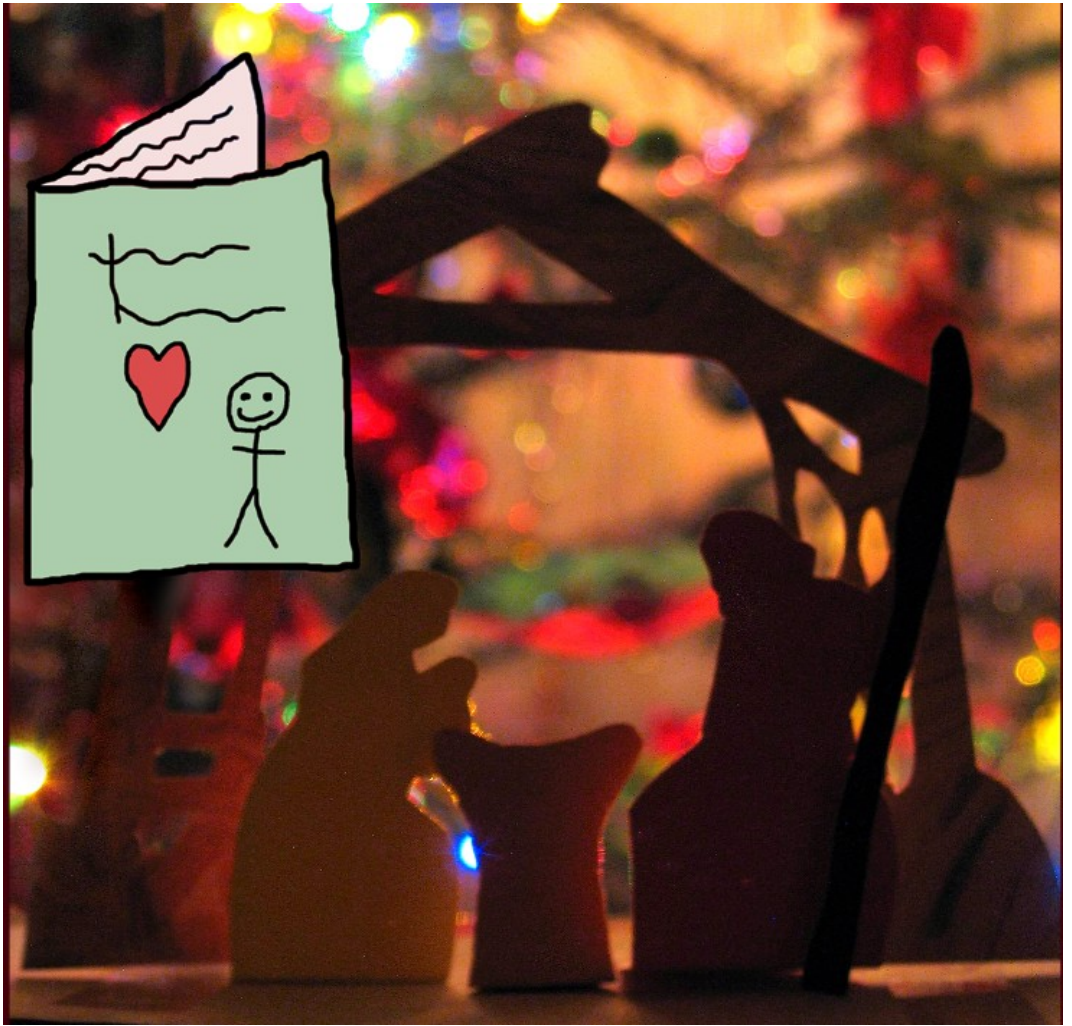


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17.) A Children's Magazine

One mother had taught her children to read, and she really wanted a special magazine that was being written just for children.

So she prayed and asked the Lord to help them be able to receive it.

She had no way to pay for the subscription for it.

—A subscription is the money paid in advance to have the magazine sent to their house every time a new magazine was sent out.

However, later on she received a note that said a friend had sent, as a Christmas gift to their family, a subscription to the very magazine she'd prayed for.

They were so happy! The Lord knew exactly what they were thinking and praying for.



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18.) Clothing for the Children

A mother of seven children didn't have sufficient clothing for her children. She prayed and asked the Lord what to do, and how to get the clothes.

That very week a large package arrived with clothes that had been sewn for her children and were just the right sizes and types that her children needed.

It had been sent from someone she never would have expected receiving anything from.

How happy they were!



Photo by M. McNally

19.) Oxcart Load of Wood

There was a woman at home alone with her two young children, while her husband was away travelling.

It was a very cold winter and they needed to keep a fire burning to keep them warm. But they needed more wood. She cast her last stick into the fire, not knowing what to do.

This mother walked through the cold to the town nearby to see if anyone had wood she could buy to bring home. No one else had enough wood either.

There hadn't been enough cut and made available, and even if she could only afford to buy a small amount, the man who drove the oxen that pulled the wagon to bring wood to people's houses, said it would be too much trouble to bring it to her house for such a small amount of wood.

So she went home sad, and she prayed and asked God to provide for her.

She remembered the story of Abraham where God had provided for him. She looked out her window expecting God to bring wood to her and her young children.

When the house was getting colder, she bundled up her children with warm clothes and said, "Let's go to a neighbour. Maybe we could stay in their house for a while. They have warmth."

Then just as they were leaving their house to stay in the neighbour's house they noticed an oxcart pulling a huge load of wood that seemed to be coming towards their house.

Nearer and nearer it came until at last it stopped at their door.

The lady said, "I didn't order any wood."

The man said, "A friend got this for you."

The mother was so happy! She cried tears of joy. God had provided for them.

Not only did this man bring the wood, but he worked hard to cut it up into just the right size and stack it up in their woodshed. He was a very hard-working, good man.

She was so grateful, and every time she went to her woodshed and looked at that huge pile of wood she was reminded that God provides.

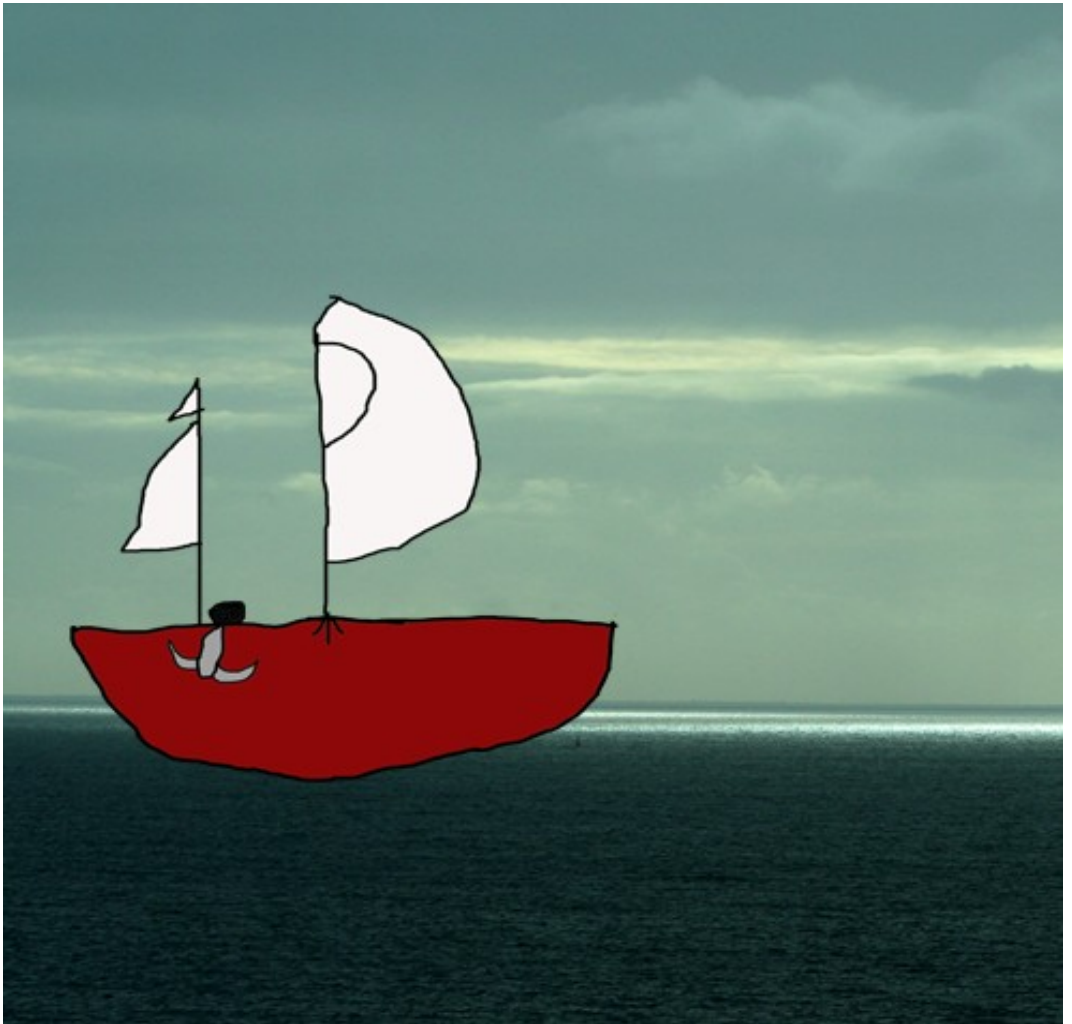


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20.) The Sea Captain

A sea Captain was going to go on a voyage. It was said that there was going to be a hurricane. He prayed a lot before going on his trip, and he asked God if he should still go ahead and travel. God told him to go, and he felt it was right to. So they set sail on October 19th, 1876.

The most interesting thing happened. They were sailing, and it seemed they were journeying at the right speed. One time they thought they travelled thirty or forty miles, but they checked, and they had only gone three or four miles!

For days their boat seemed to stay in the same general area of the sea without going forward at their normal pace. They didn't know what was happening. It seemed like they were travelling, but they didn't go very far.

Eventually the ship started sailing properly again, and they made it to their destination safely. When they arrived, someone asked them, "How did you make it safely through the storm? It was a terrible hurricane!"

The Captain said, "We didn't see any hurricane."

They were safe because God had kept them in the same location of the sea where it was calm.

They didn't know it at the time, but fifty to a hundred miles away, in a circle all around them, was the terrible storm, and they weren't harmed at all. When it was safe to travel, God brought their ship safely to its destination.



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21.) A Pair of Boots

A man who wanted to learn more about the Lord was attending some meetings, but he really needed a pair of boots.

His boots were so old, that his toes were sticking out the ends of them. He prayed for some, but they hadn't arrived yet.

This man didn't know if he wanted to attend a meeting with his boots in such poor condition, yet he went ahead. He happened to sit beside a kind and generous man who chose to help him.

After the meeting that man said,

"Do you need another pair of boots? Why don't you go to the shop and choose whatever pair you need and I'll pay for it."

His prayer had been answered, and he got a wonderful pair of boots.



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22.) Help in a Snow Storm

A man named Henry was about seventy years old. He was a good man. Everyone in the village looked up to him.

One time he and his wife were in their house without any food to eat. There was a storm and snow all around.

They were very poor and the only one who could help them, who had helped them before, was their grown son. However, their son got sick and couldn't do much but rest.

Instead of going to bed that night, Henry and his wife decided to pray, and to pray again and again for the Lord to supply their food needs.

They stayed awake for quite a while asking for God's supply.

Meanwhile, about two-and-a-half miles away, there lived a man named Joseph who had a nice house and food to eat. He was warm in the middle of that cold, stormy night.

At about twelve o' clock, in the middle of the night, during the snowstorm he woke up. Joseph started thinking of Mr. Henry for some reason. He had the feeling that Henry and his wife really needed food to eat.

Joseph woke up his wife and said,

"I think we need to help Mr. Henry get some food."

His wife said, "Well, if he needs help we should do it."

So they got out of bed that cold night, packed up some food, and through the storm, in the middle of the night, Joseph bravely carried the food to the house of Henry and his wife, who at that time were in the middle of praying for just that—for food!

Joseph knocked on the door and Henry's wife opened it and invited Joseph in. They were so glad and they praised God for the supply of the food they needed.

Henry and his wife were able to tell Joseph more about the Lord, and that's how he came to know about Jesus.

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23.) Wood and Flour

There was an older lady who had two grown-up daughters. It was a cold winter with a big storm outside and they didn't have food anymore.

They'd used their last bits of food, and they also needed wood to keep the fire going to keep them warm.

These ladies couldn't go out while there was a storm, and they had no way of getting what they needed. They prayed and asked Jesus to help them.

The two girls, who had been sewing all afternoon, started to worry.

"Mother, how are we going to get food? God will have to bring it to us. It's too stormy. No one will even come out in this weather, I think."

The mother encouraged them to trust and have faith. She told them Jesus would provide, and to just keep sewing and trust that they would have what they needed.

At that same time, there was a man who had all that he needed in his nice, warm house, where he lived with his wife and his daughter.

While he was sitting there warming himself by his fire, he thought of this lady and her daughters. Jesus was telling him that they needed food and wood.

Even though there was a big storm happening and it was very cold outside, he was determined to go and take them what he felt they needed.

So he and his daughter packed up some flour and some wood, and loaded it onto the wagon for the oxen to pull through the cold, stormy, wintry day.

He traveled all the way to that lady's house. When they opened the door for him, and saw the wonderful surprise of the supply of their needs, everyone was so happy.

They hardly knew what to say.

God had brought the food and the wood right to them, just like they needed, even on a cold, stormy day.

It was good that the man listened to Jesus and was willing to do the difficult job. When he saw how pleased everyone was, he was glad he'd done that.



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24.) Shoes for a Woman

A woman was at home, and couldn't go out, as she didn't have good enough shoes to wear. She was caring for her son who needed to rest. The woman couldn't afford to buy new shoes, so she prayed for Jesus to help her.

One day, when the schoolmaster came to visit her house and see how her son was doing, he noticed that she really needed new shoes. When he left he hired a horse and rode two miles to the nearest shoe store and bought her a pair of shoes.

The man wanted it to be a surprise for the woman and didn't want her to know who it was that gave the shoes to her, so he asked the storekeeper to please take the shoes to the woman's house for him.

When the woman received the shoes and tried them on, they were a perfect fit! She was very happy, and so was the kind man who had heard the Lord's leading in his heart to help her. The happy woman was able to walk to a prayer meeting that night, and joyfully tell everyone there of the answer to her prayers!



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25.) Stoves for Heating

A large house was in need of heating in the upstairs rooms, so those that were living there wouldn't be too cold in the winter.

The man responsible for caring for the needs of those who lived there, prayed for the Lord to help them get the heating stoves that were needed. He then went to the shop where those kinds of stoves were sold, to see how much they would cost.

Without knowing about this man's need, the man who ran the shop said, "That's alright. I won't charge you anything for them. You can have the heating stoves for free."

The man who had prayed and was in need of the stoves was very glad. He could now heat the house and continue to care for those living in that building who needed his help.



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26.) Hail Storm

Beate Paulus was a woman who had great faith in God's care and provision, as well as His answers prayer. She was married to a German minister and they lived on the borders of the Black Forest.

One time, shortly before the harvest of their corn, she was standing at the window looking out. She noticed that a big storm was coming. There were black clouds, and it looked like there was about to be a summer hail storm.

Beate prayed for the storm not to come, for if the hail fell, it would ruin all their crops. It would be very difficult for them. God gave her faith in her heart that He could keep their crops even if the hail storm didn't pass.

Then it happened! The hail fell and there was a big storm.

When they went to check on their crops afterwards they saw to their amazement that no hail had fallen on their corn, although there had been hail all around. Soon they were able to harvest their corn and use it!

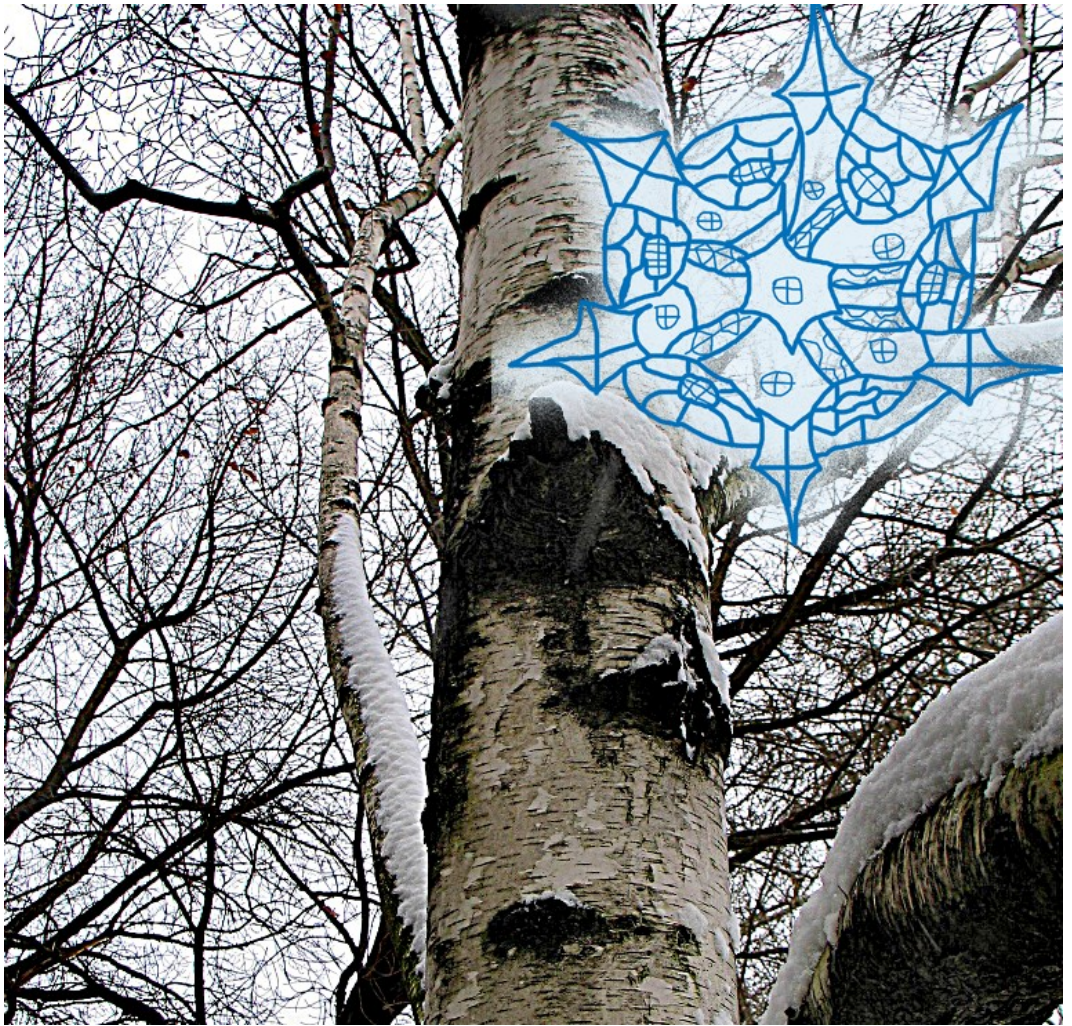


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27.) God Takes Away the Snow

It was a cold winter and there was deep snow on the ground all around. It seemed the snow would be there for a long time.

A father prayed for the Lord to take away the snow, as because of it they were unable to get wood to make a fire to keep them warm.

Others who lived in the area didn't have enough wood either and so couldn't give them any.

The next morning a wonderful surprise happened!

The snow was all gone!

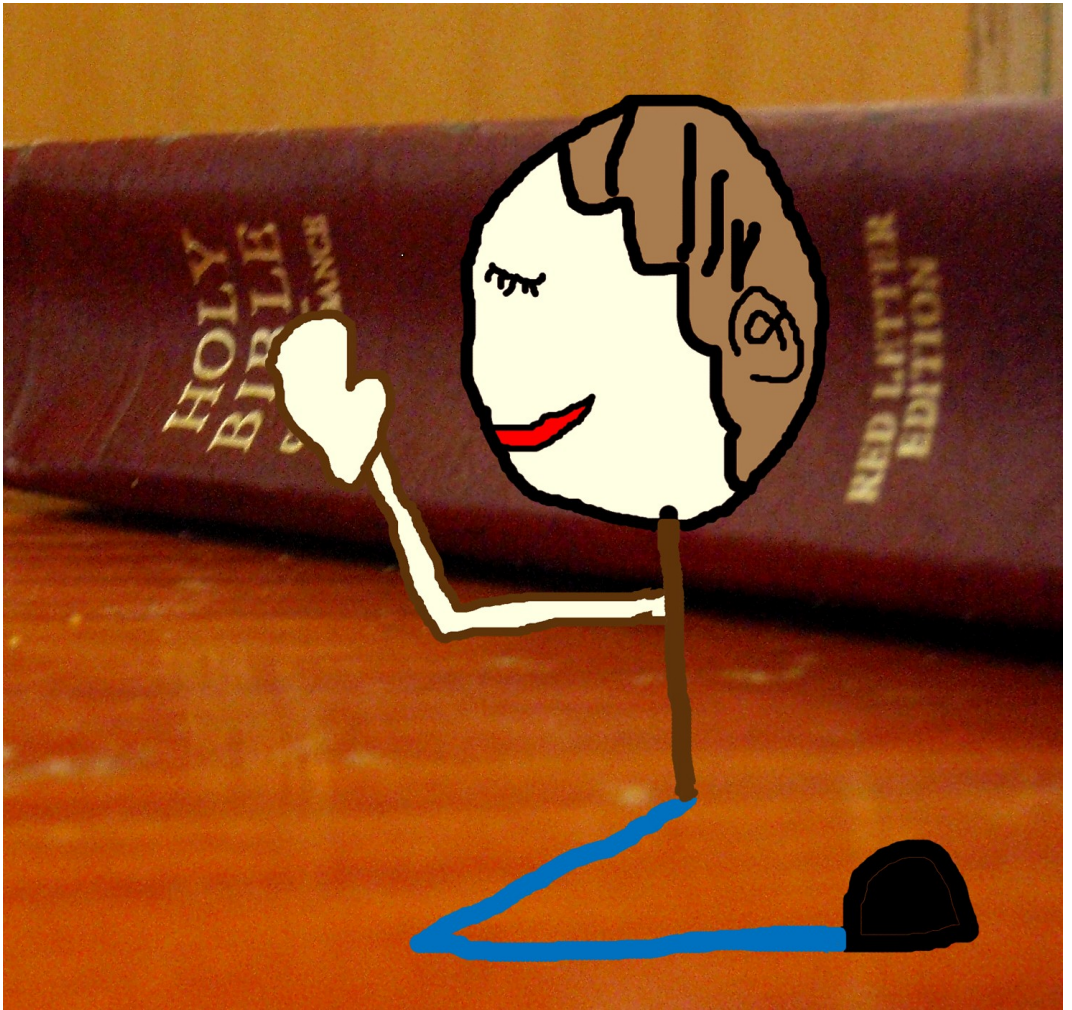


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28.) Reading the Bible

A boy who knew Jesus and read the Bible wanted his sister to read it too. She didn't know very much about Jesus, and he so much wanted his sister to be happier. He knew that if she read the Bible it would help her.

When a group of people met to pray, the boy asked everyone there to please pray for his sister to read the Bible. Then, he left and went back to his house quickly.

People wondered why he did so. It was because he knew that Jesus would answer his prayer, and he wanted to see his sister reading the Bible for the first time.

And that's what happened!

When the boy entered his house, there was his sister reading the Bible.



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29.) Jonny's Faith

A boy called Jonny lived with his mother. They were very poor, and one night they didn't have any food to eat. The mother began to cry, because she was sad that she didn't have any dinner to give to Jonny.

But Jonny said, "Don't worry mother, I'll go to sleep now and won't feel hungry, but I want you to have food, mother, because you still have to work tonight."

So Jonny and his mother prayed the Lord's Prayer together and with all their hearts prayed the part that said, "Give us this day our daily bread."

After the prayer Jonny said, "Mother, I know God will give us all we need, and we won't be hungry like this again." He soon fell happily asleep.

The mother did her sewing work that night, and felt happy inside. Praying had given her faith that God would provide all that they needed.

The next morning a man came to visit. He needed someone to live in his house and to help care for his children. It was God's answer to Jonny and his mother's prayer. Now had all that they needed, while they lived in a nice house and helped care for the children.



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30.) Give, and God Gives to You

There was a man who had a sick wife. He didn't have money to get what she needed, but there was someone who owed him a dollar. He went out to ask that person to please pay back the dollar he had borrowed, and he did.

So the man had one dollar then. He was planning to use that one dollar to buy what he needed for his wife.

However, there was a poor woman that he knew of, and he hadn't checked on her in a while. He began wondering if she and her children were all right. God told him to get her some food instead.

So he used his one dollar to get some food and took it to the home of the lady with her children. They were very grateful, as they had no food left. They were so glad, and the man was glad he'd heard from Jesus and obeyed.

There was a surprise waiting for him as he got home to his poor, sick wife without anything to give her. When he opened the door there was jam and biscuits, and all sorts of treats. He could never have afforded to buy that much for her.

Someone had come to visit, and brought her that food. The Lord had taken care of his wife when he had done what Jesus told him to do to help someone else in need.

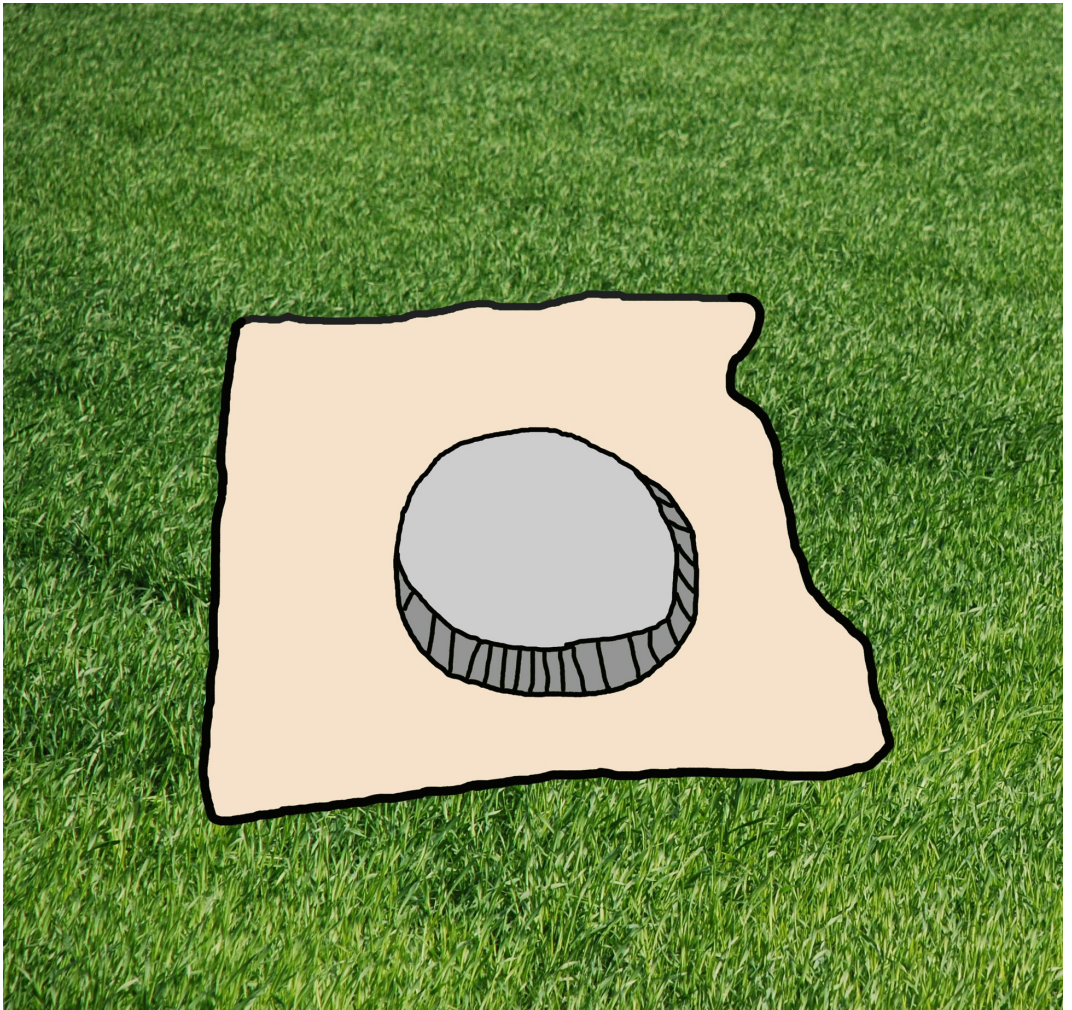


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31.) Silver Coin

There was a farm boy who worked very hard helping his family. If he ever had spare time, he would do more errands and little jobs for others in the neighbourhood, to be able to earn a few little coins.

These coins were what he wanted to use to share with other missionaries.

On the weekends when he met with others for prayer and Bible reading, he would give a little bit of money to send to the missionaries in another country, as his way of helping to reach others with Jesus' love and salvation.

However, for several months he had been extra busy working on the farm, and had no extra time to do jobs and earn some coins.

He also had to go to school, and to get there he had to walk all the way there and walk all the way back. This took up all his spare time.

One weekend he dropped his last coin into the collection to send to missionaries. He felt sad that he had no way to get any more.

He really wanted to be able to help win souls for the Lord, and that was his way of helping.

The next day, after praying and asking Jesus to work out some way for him to get some coins so he could give it away to missionaries, he saw a handkerchief lying on the ground.

In the corner of the handkerchief was a silver coin that was worth quite a bit. It would be enough for him to be able to have a little bit of money to share each weekend for seven weekends.

He wondered if it perhaps belonged to somebody.
So he brought it to his teacher who asked everyone
she could.

She tried her best to find the owner, but no one said it
was theirs, so the boy got to keep it, and he used it all
to share with the missionaries.

He was so happy with Jesus' amazing answer to his
prayer.



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32.) The Watermelon Seed

There was a young girl who was eating a piece of juicy, refreshing watermelon on a hot summer day.

However, one of the seeds got stuck a bit and made her choke. She was coughing but she wasn't able to cough it out. Her parents thought she'd have to go to the doctor.

The young girl went to pray and ask Jesus for help. She went into a room and prayed, "Lord, please take this seed out of my windpipe."

Shortly afterward she came running to her mommy with the seed in her hand.

"Mummy, Mummy, look! I prayed and then Jesus helped me cough a whole bunch and the seed came out!"

Jesus answered her prayers.

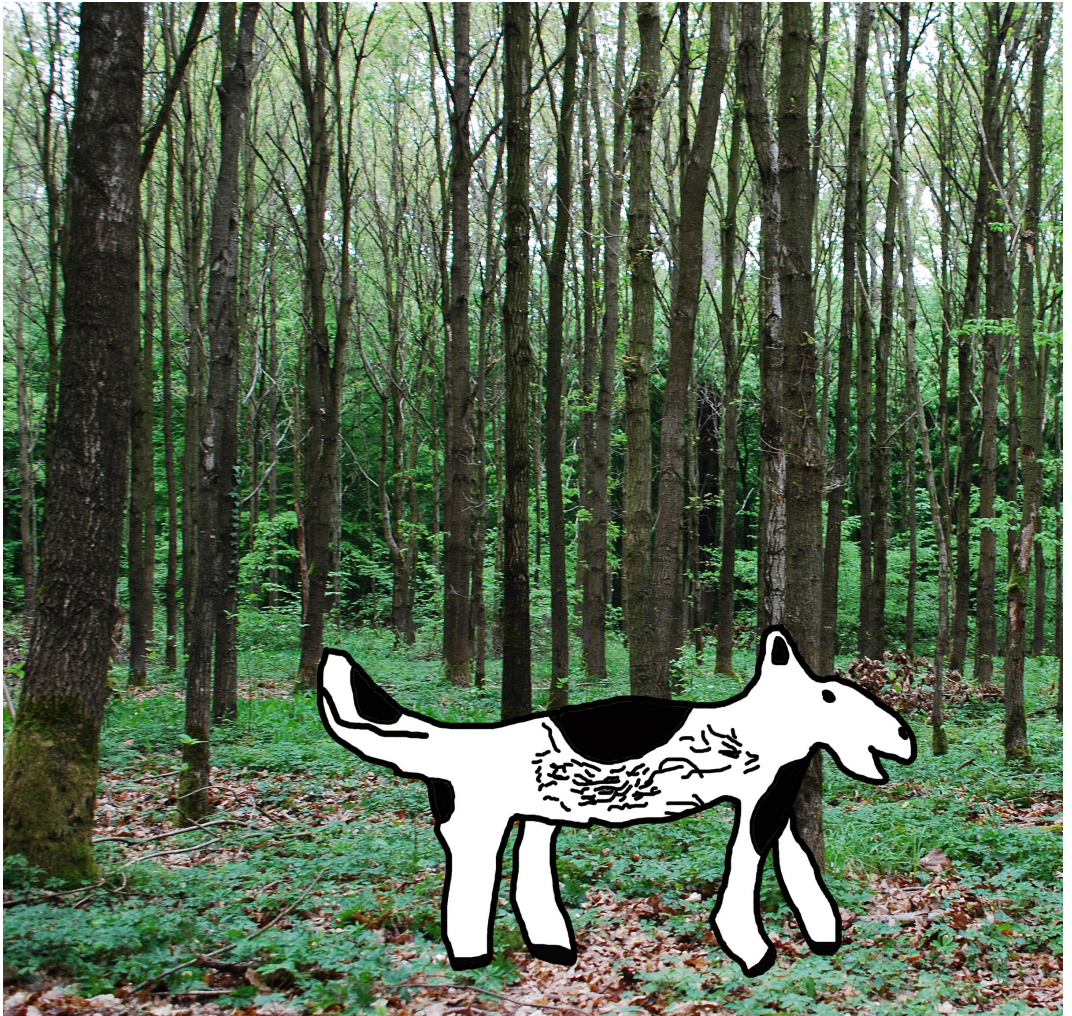


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33.) Faith in the Lord's Prayer

In July 1864, a father, mother and their two children were travelling and in need of a place to stay. They were walking over the hills on a long trip trying to get to their destination.

Eventually they got very weary as they had no food left. They sat down wondering what to do. It didn't seem like there would be anyone who could help them where they were.

The father felt very discouraged. He walked to a nearby tree to rest, think and pray. Then his daughter came running up to him very happy. She said, "Father, I was reading *The Lord's Prayer* in my little New Testament that I brought with me, where it says, 'Give us this day our daily bread.' I think God will help us."

The father hugged his daughter and was so glad for the encouragement from God's Word. They knew if they prayed, the Lord would take care of them and give them what they needed.

Right at that moment a dog came up to them and was barking so loudly. The master of the dog came over to find out what was going on. He was a farmer who had been looking for his cows.

He found the family, found out that they needed food, and he said, "Come to my house. I have plenty!" Gratefully they went to the farmer's house and he took care of them and gave them what they needed.



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34.) Neddy's Daily Bread

There was a little girl named Neddy living with her mother. Her mother was sick, and that day they had no more food to eat. She knelt down and prayed, "Lord, give us this day our daily bread."

Then she thought, "I wonder where God keeps his bread?" So she went out to the street and saw the baker's shop filled with lots of bread. "This is where God's bread is," she thought, and said to the baker, "I've come for it."

He said, "For what?"

"I came for my daily bread," she said pointing to the rolls. "I'll take two please. —One for my mother and one for me."

"All right," said the baker, putting them into a bag and giving it to the little girl. At first he thought she was going to pay for them, and questioned her about why she didn't.

The girl explained that she and her mother didn't have any food, and were too poor to buy any. She said to him, "When the prayer said 'Give us this day our daily bread,' I thought God meant for me to come and fetch it, and that's what I did."

The baker said, "I'll give it to you for free, and I'll give you even more bread than that." The kind-hearted man gave her a whole basket full of bread to take home with her.

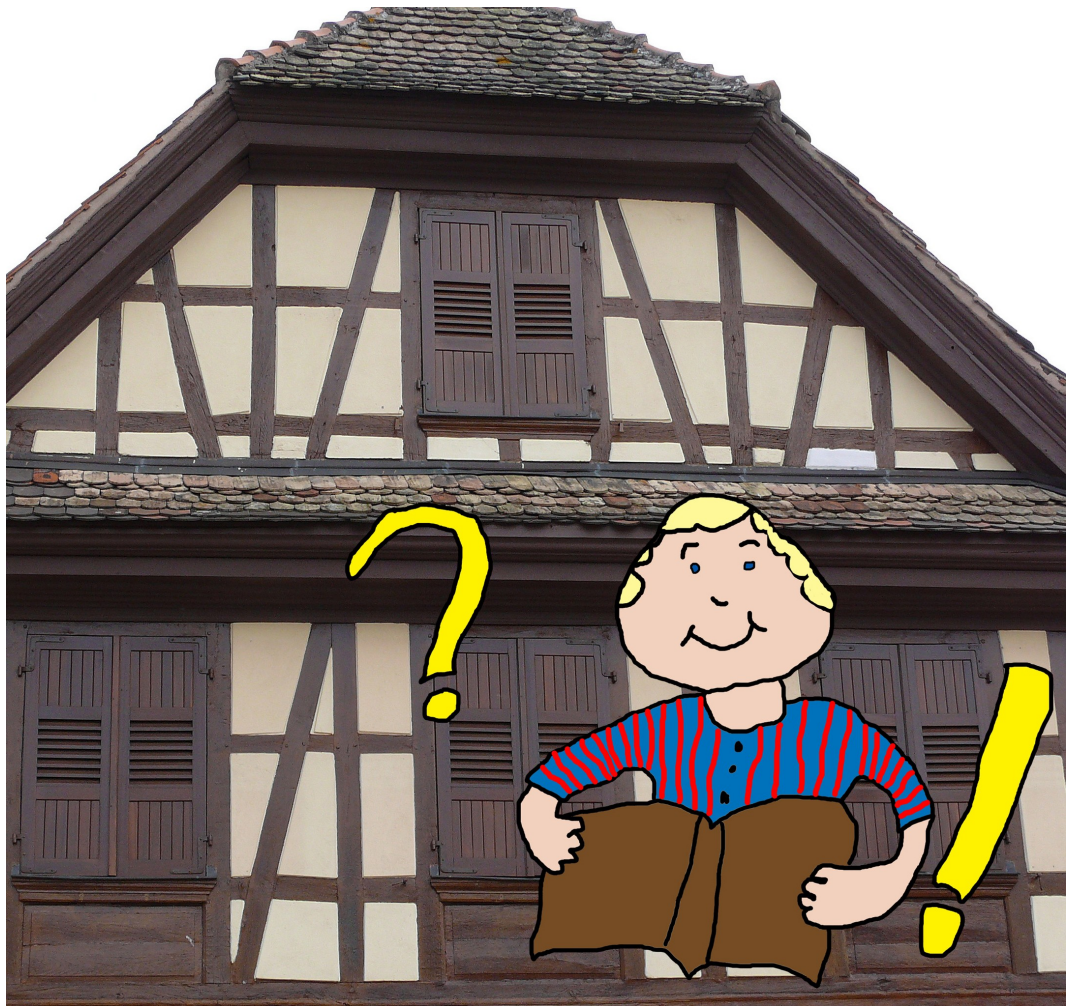


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35.) Learning Something

There was a little boy who liked learning his schoolwork and he did well, but one time he was having a hard time learning something.

He went to his mama for help, and she tried to explain to him what he couldn't figure out, but he still didn't understand. It was very hard for him for some reason.

His mother encouraged him, "Well, it might seem hard now, but don't worry about it. Later you will understand it. It will be alright. Later it will seem easy."

However, he really wanted to understand and learn it right then, so he went to his room and prayed.

Then he came back to his mama with a smile on his face and he said, "I asked Jesus to help me, and now I think I understand it! He always helps us when we ask Him."

His mommy showed him again what she had been trying to explain before and that time he understood it! —Because he had prayed and asked the Lord to help him.



Photo by Naomi

36.) Rain

There was a village that didn't have enough rain. For about three months there was no rain at all. The clouds that tried to form didn't rain down on the land. Instead they seemed to gather over the lake, and rain on it.

The lake didn't need more water, but the land was very dry and in great need of rain. So a man called Mr. Finny wanted to ask the Lord to do a miracle. The people in the town were getting discouraged, wondering if God could make the rain come. They needed it so much.

Mr. Finny went down on his knees and he told the Lord about it. He said, "Please, Lord, do a miracle and make it rain on the land."

When he prayed the clouds were hovering over the lake. It looked as if it was going to rain on the lake once again. Then before he got up from his prayer, he heard the sound of a mighty rushing wind. He looked out to see the whole sky was filled with black rain clouds, and it poured rain all over the land for the next two hours.



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37.) A Fallen Fence

When Mr. Moody was a young boy, he remembers the first time he prayed and experienced Jesus answering him.

A heavy fence had fallen on top of him. He couldn't push it off and he couldn't get out. He was yelling for help as loud as he could, but no one could hear. No one was around.

Then he remembered to ask Jesus to help him, and he prayed. Right after he prayed for Jesus to help him get out from under the fence, he pushed on it.

By a miracle he was able to move the whole fence and escape. He was safe and free again!

He remembered as he grew up how Jesus answers prayer, and that really helped him because later he became a wonderful witness for the Lord.

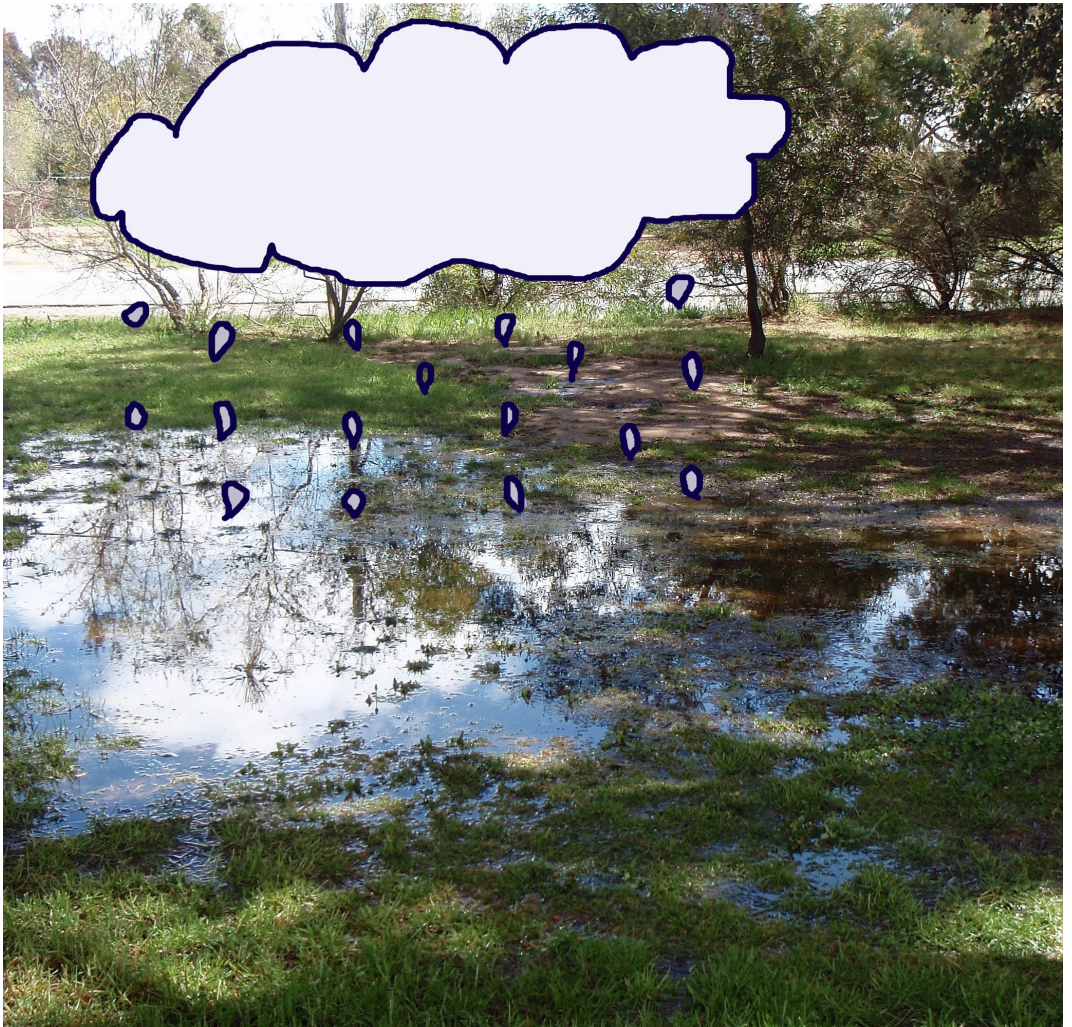


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38.) Samuel Hick's Prayer for Rain

Samuel Hick was a mighty man of faith. He believed that when he prayed, Jesus would answer—and he expected and waited for the answers.

One summer it was very hot, and the crops had suffered from the lack of rain. It was very difficult for the cattle to find enough food to eat. One weekend he was very much in prayer. All day he prayed with his whole heart, and kept going to look out the window.

The sky was completely blue with not even a hint of a cloud in the sky. Throughout the day Samuel Hick would look at the sky and return to continue praying. He was praying for rain to come that day.

Someone wondered what he was doing. He kept looking like he was concerned about something. Samuel Hick said,

"I am praying for rain. It's not here yet, but it is coming."

He knew the clouds and rain were coming. He just wanted to be able to see the moment they came. He knew God would answer and bring the rain. That night the sky was overcast, and the rain poured down. Everyone was so relieved and joyful! They got together and sang hymns of praise to the Lord.



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39.) Praying for the Wind to Come

Samuel Hick had promised to bring some corn flour to a meeting to share it with those there, but he needed to have the corn ground into flour. He was unable to get any corn ground because there hadn't been enough wind to work the windmills that ground the corn into flour.

It was almost time for the gathering so he took his bag of corn, went to the windmill, and said to the miller, "Please open up the sails to make the windmill go, so I can get this corn ground."

There was no wind blowing then, and there hadn't been for a long time, but Samuel Hick said, "You go spread the cloth to get the windmill going, and I will pray for God to send the wind."

So the miller went ahead and did it, and got his windmill all ready for wind. Samuel had prayed for wind and sure enough a breeze came immediately. He got all his corn ground into flour, thanked the miller and left. He brought the food to everyone who needed it.

Another neighbour saw the windmill turning. "Finally! Oh, good. I have some corn I need ground also." So he quickly went to the mill to get it ground, but there was no wind anymore. The wind had stopped. It had only blown because Samuel Hick had prayed, and God had brought it right then. The miller joked, "If you want the windmill to work, call for Samuel Hick to pray. That's the only way to get the wind."



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40.) John's Prayer

Every few months John the Preacher would have a large gathering of people come to listen to him.

They would travel for miles around to have this special time to listen to God's Word, to praise and to pray. There were so many people that they couldn't fit in a house or a building. They had to gather outside.

Finally when the day had come to meet together, the sky began to fill with thick rain clouds. It seemed like it was going to pour rain all over them, ending their meeting, and he wouldn't be able to preach.

If he was unable to preach, it would mean that people wouldn't be able to hear about Jesus. Those who had come to listen were wondering what to do, and it was starting to get confusing.

So John stood up and said with his loud voice over the confusion,

"Be still while I call upon God to stay the clouds!"

So he prayed a fervent prayer that God would keep away the rain so he could preach the Word.

While he was praying, that big rain-filled cloud that was coming closer and closer parted in the middle.

One half of the cloud went on one side of the gathering and the other half of the cloud went on the other side, and poured down rain.

Nothing poured down on top of the large group of people. The rain only fell on either side of the group of people.

The place they were all standing and sitting was completely dry!

They could continue with their meeting, praying, talking and worshipping the Lord.

The next morning when they weren't there it rained again, and that area of land was able to get the rain it needed. It all worked out wonderfully because they prayed.



41.) A Windy, Snowy Day

There was a man who needed wood to make a fire to heat the house for his family. They lived in Canada, where the winters can be very cold.

The only way for him to get the needed wood was to travel a distance away to where the wood could be cut down and chopped into firewood, and loaded onto a sled to bring across the snow back to his house.

It was a big job and he faced some challenges. He wasn't very strong, and also he didn't have very many warm clothes. He didn't have a horse or a sled either, so he borrowed them.

One neighbour gave him one horse to use, and another neighbor gave him another horse and a sled for his trip.

A good strong man then offered to go chop the wood down for him. Everything was all set.

There was snow on the ground in the morning, but the day was pleasant and calm. It looked just perfect for his journey, but about a quarter of a mile on his way a wind began to blow.

This wind had come every time after a snow fall and would blow the fallen snow all around, making snow drifts and piles all around.

The man was getting very cold as this wind was blowing and he was freezing cold. He knew that this wind would stir up the snow, and make it impossible to travel back to his home. So what could he do?

If he went back to his house now and cancelled his trip he didn't know when it would work out to borrow the horses and the sled again, or when the man would be available again to cut the wood since he wasn't so strong and needed help to do that.

He didn't know what to do.

He knew he had to have the wood or they would be too cold in their house. So there was only one thing to be done.

He prayed and said, "Oh, God, this is more than I am able to bear. Lord, help me. You can calm the storm. My family really needs this help."

Then just about fifteen minutes after he prayed, the wind stopped, and it was pleasant, and easy to travel.

He was able to go and get the wood and bring it back to his house. It was a miracle trip.

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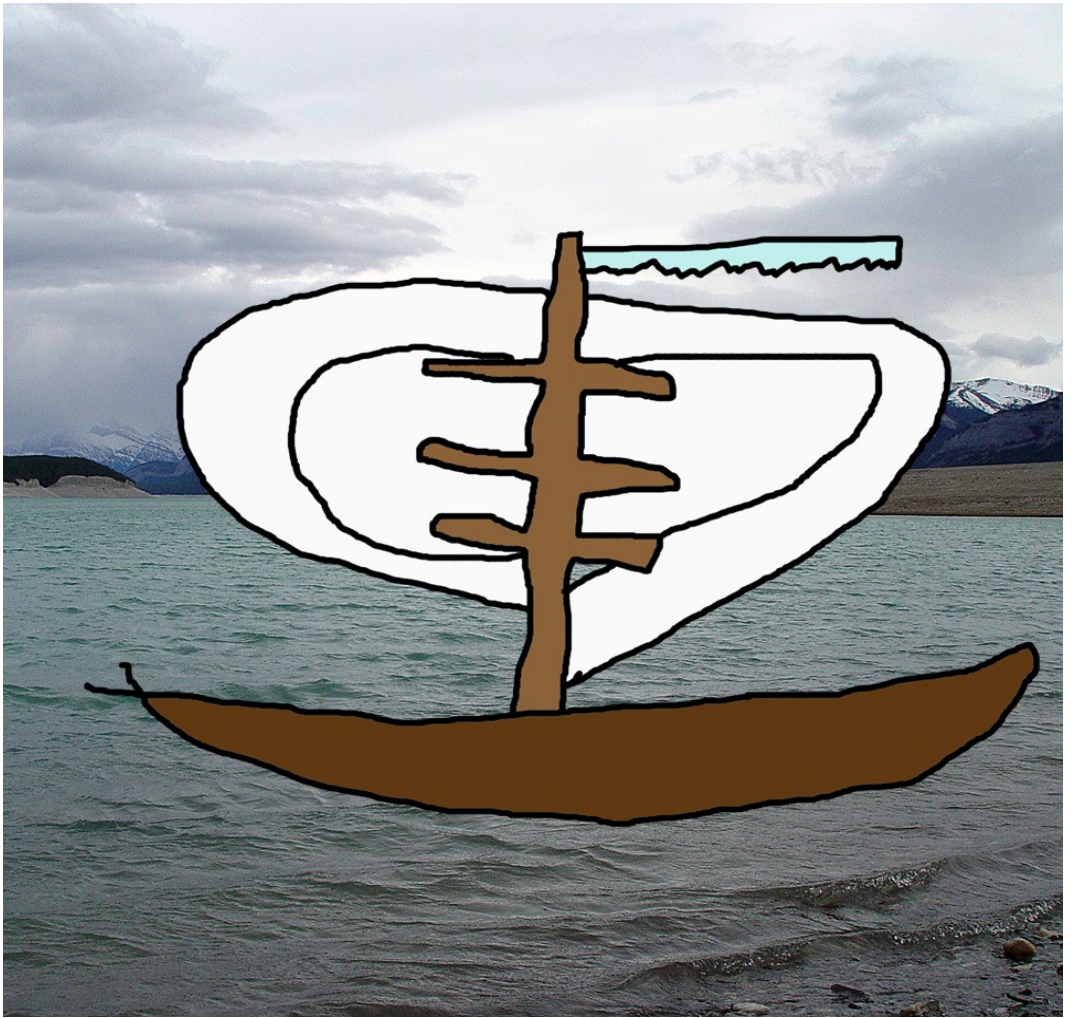


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42.) A Ship With a Leak

There was a ship that was sailing, but it had a leak, and it wasn't going to be good for much longer. So the crew got together to pray, and asked God to take care of them.

Right after they prayed, they looked up and saw another ship sailing nearby. The sailors in trouble sent up signals to alert the other ship to come and rescue them, and they did!

Everyone got on board the other ship and safely made it to land.

Another time a different ship had a leak, and it didn't seem like they would make it to the land. However, after they prayed they made it! Their ship had been able to last all the way to their destination.

The ship was pretty old so they couldn't use it anymore, but they turned it over to see what it was that amazingly stopped the leak.

They found the whole bottom of the ship was covered with barnacles. God had put barnacles all over the ship to stop up the leak and keep it going until they made it safely to the land.



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43.) Crops

This story happened when the Pilgrims had left England to explore America. The pioneers had planted some crops. By the time they got everything planted, the food that they had brought for their trip was all used up. So they prayed for God to supply for them.

Then they took a boat and a net and they were able to catch some fish. That gave them a bit of food. The Lord took care of them and kept bringing food their way or showing them where to find some.

Finally their crops were almost ready to be harvested, but then there came a time of drought, and the rain didn't fall. So the plants were all withered, and all the grass around was dry. It looked like their crops wouldn't be able to be harvested after all.

They said, "Let's just spend all day today praying and praising God, and listening to Him." And they did!—All day long. By the night time, even though the day had been very hot with a clear sky, it started to rain, and it rained gently for several days.

The whole ground got very wet, and the crops weren't withered any more. They all sprang back to life again and were revived.

Everyone was so thankful that Jesus had saved their crops and they would soon have a good harvest and plenty of food to eat.

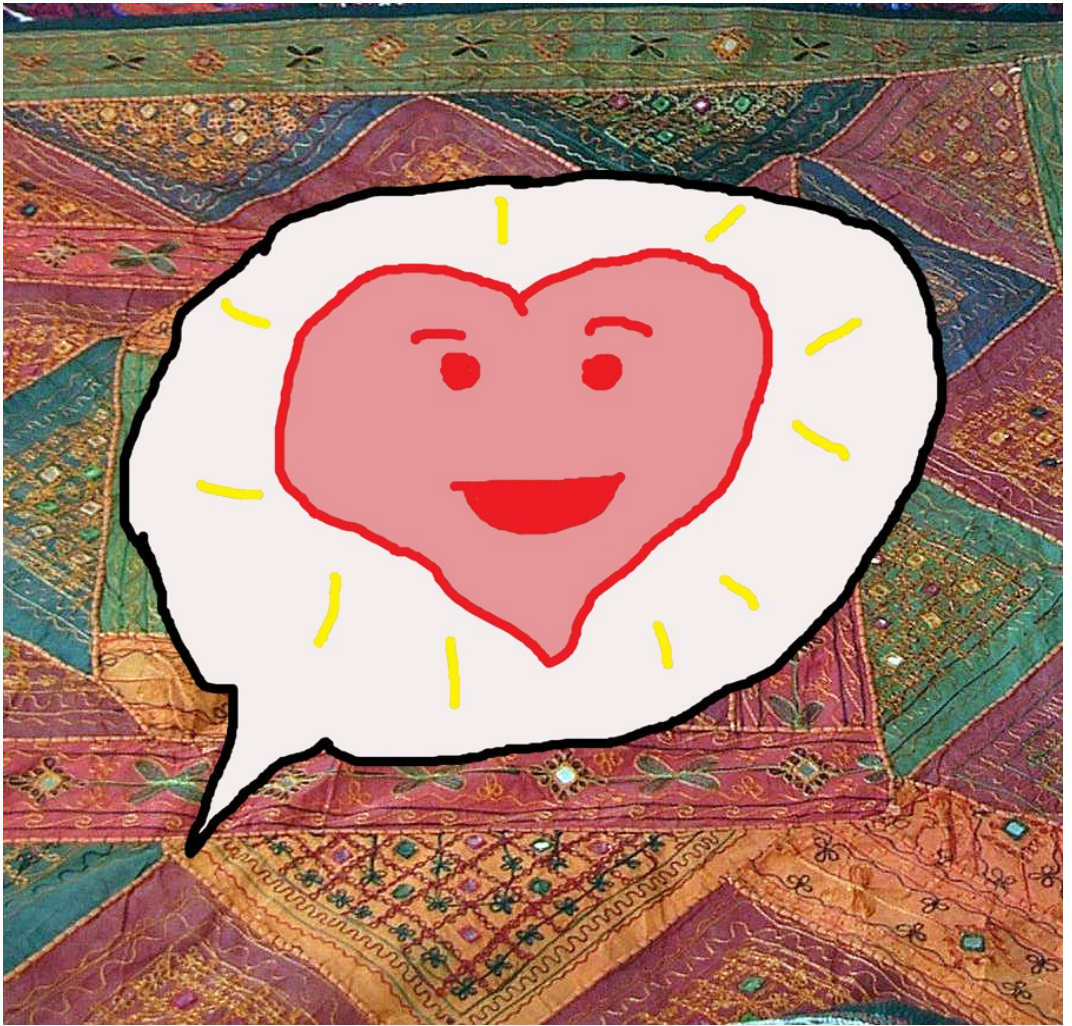


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44.) The Carpet

There was a little girl of about five years old, whose mother had been invited to help with sewing for a rich lady. The lady wanted a new dress made. So the mother and her daughter went to the rich lady's house.

The wealthy lady offered to show the little girl around the house. She was very interested to see what the lady's house looked like, and she noticed a beautiful carpet in one room.

The girl very much liked that carpet, and she kept exclaiming to the wealthy lady how nice it was.

She asked the question, "Does Jesus come to your house? It's so nice. He must really like this carpet. Jesus must come often to your house. He comes to our house, but we don't have a carpet."

She asked the question several times, and it made the wealthy lady think about it. She didn't feel that Jesus came to her house because she hadn't invited Jesus in to her life.

She talked with her husband about what the little girl had asked her that day, and as a result both the lady and her husband prayed and let Jesus come into their lives.

It was good that the little girl helped the lady think about Jesus.

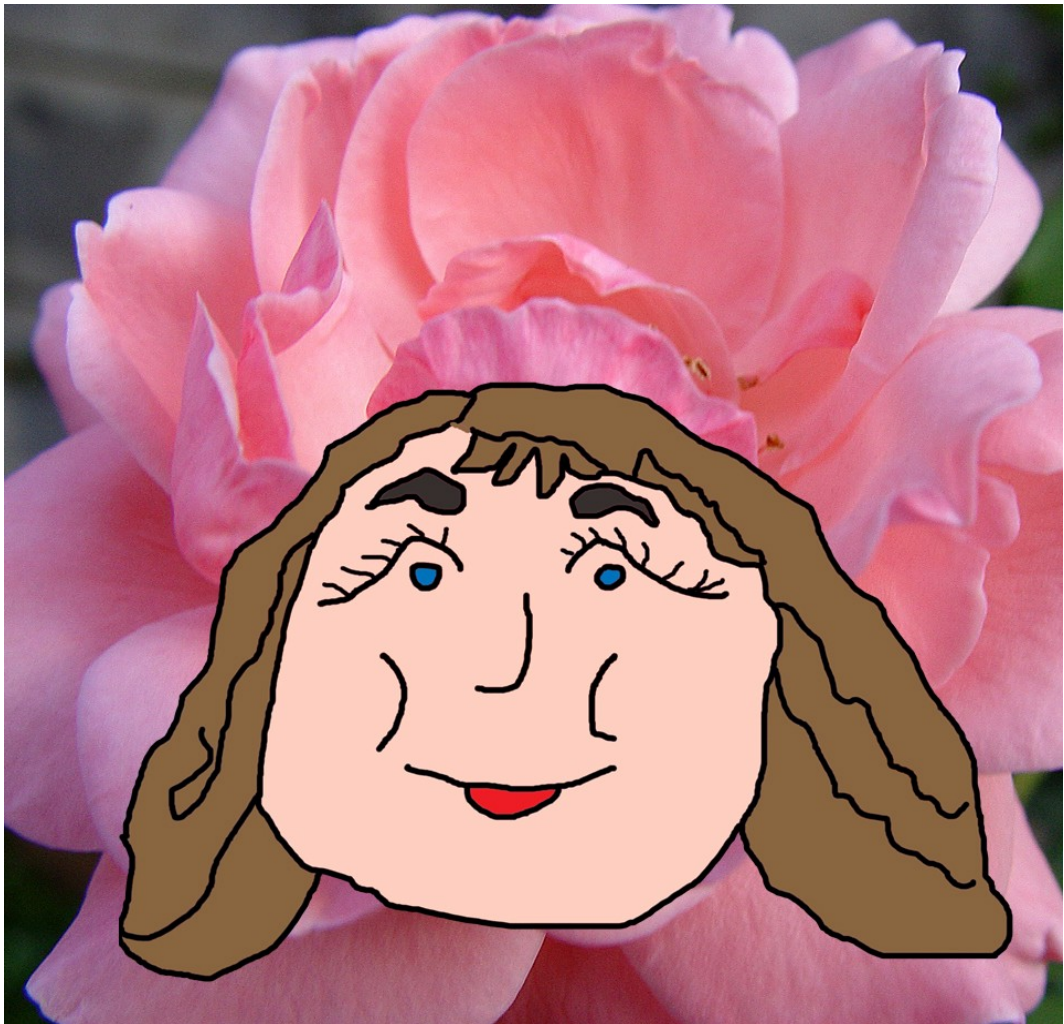


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45.) Sight for a Sister

There was a lady who had a sister who had been sick for quite some time, and became blind as a result of her sickness. So the sister went to ask people to pray for her.

That afternoon, her sick sister had a good deep sleep. She slept wonderfully all that afternoon and all that evening.

In the morning when the sister went to visit her, she found out to her pleasant surprise that her sick sister's sight was restored.

They could see each other again!

They praised God and were so glad!



46.) A New Bible

There was a woman who loved to read her Bible first thing in the morning. Then one morning she realized her Bible was getting so old, and the print was too small for her to be able to see it well.

It was very difficult for her to read it. So she thought to ask the Lord to send her a new Bible.

After praying for a Bible one day, the postman brought her a package of letters and magazines.

One of the letters she opened had money in it with a little note that said, *“This is for your Bible”*.

She had no idea how anyone knew that she needed a Bible, and how they got the idea to mail this to her.

It was just what she needed, and she got a new Bible.

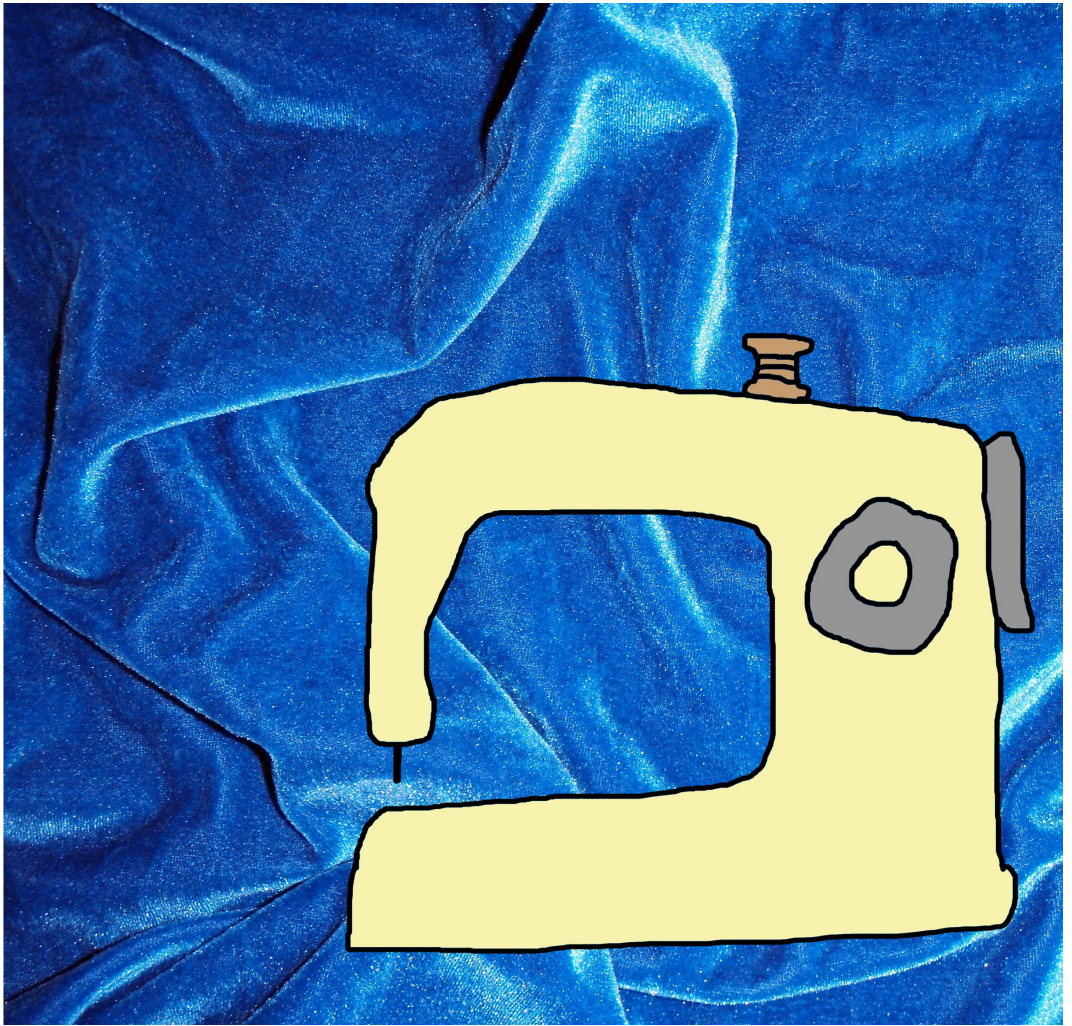


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47.) Sewing Machine

There was a lady who was praying for a sewing machine. People had asked her if she could help them sew, and she said she would like to.

She was praying for a sewing machine and she waited for a few weeks. Then one winter morning the Lord supplied a sewing machine for her. She was so very happy.

One time a visitor came to her house and saw the machine, but it was covered with a cloth so they didn't actually know what it was.

They said, "What's that over there in your room?"

She said, "It's my sewing machine and I always sing songs whenever I use it. It just makes me want to sing songs of praise. I'm so thankful God gave me just what I prayed for. I am so happy using it."

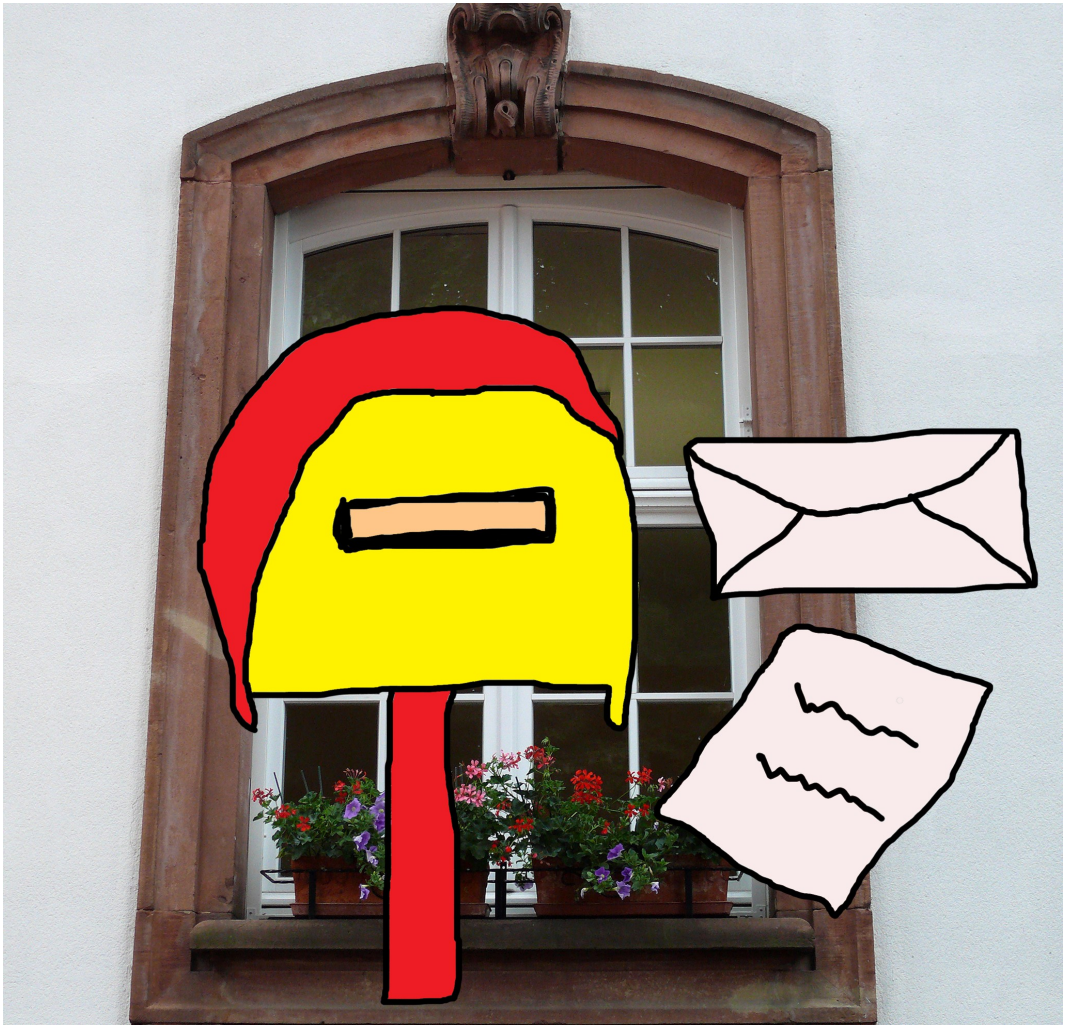


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48.) Post Office

There was a man who really needed to find his brother who lived in a different town.

He travelled to the town where his brother was, but he didn't know his address.

He knew where his brother worked. However, when he went to the place where his brother worked, he found out the shop was no longer operating.

What could he do?

Nobody knew where his brother was.

Then, after praying he got a new idea. It was to write a note to his brother, and take it to the post office just in case his brother went there, then the clerk could hand his brother this note.

What the note said was, *“If you get this note, please meet me at 10AM at a certain place.”*

That night the man prayed that his brother would go to the post office and get his note.

The next day his brother was actually planning to go on a special fishing trip. He was going to wake up early and go fishing with his friends.

For some reason, even as much as he was looking forward to the fishing trip, he kept getting this thought:

“Go to the post office. Go to the post office.”

So he did, and he was so glad he did because then he got the note from his brother that was looking for him.

The brothers met together and it all worked out.

The man could go fishing another time, another day with his friends, but that was the only time his brother was in town.

He was glad he didn't miss it, and that he listened and obeyed what the Lord told him to do.



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49.) Dinner

A man and his family needed to travel to a new place because he was going to work in a new town. He had to sell many things to pay for the expenses.

When they got to their new house they didn't have much food or anything. So the family prayed on their knees asking God to help them.

They had one week where they thought they wouldn't have what they needed. However, amazingly enough, that night the landlady's daughter and her husband came to visit her mother.

They brought a big delicious dinner to share with her, and then they got the thought to invite this man and his wife and child to come and eat with them also.

Oh, that was God's answer to their prayer! They had a nice dinner that night. The next day the lady and her husband brought more food to them, and brought fresh veggies from their garden.

That whole week, as the family prayed for the food that they would need, God brought it to them every day through that kind-hearted lady and man.

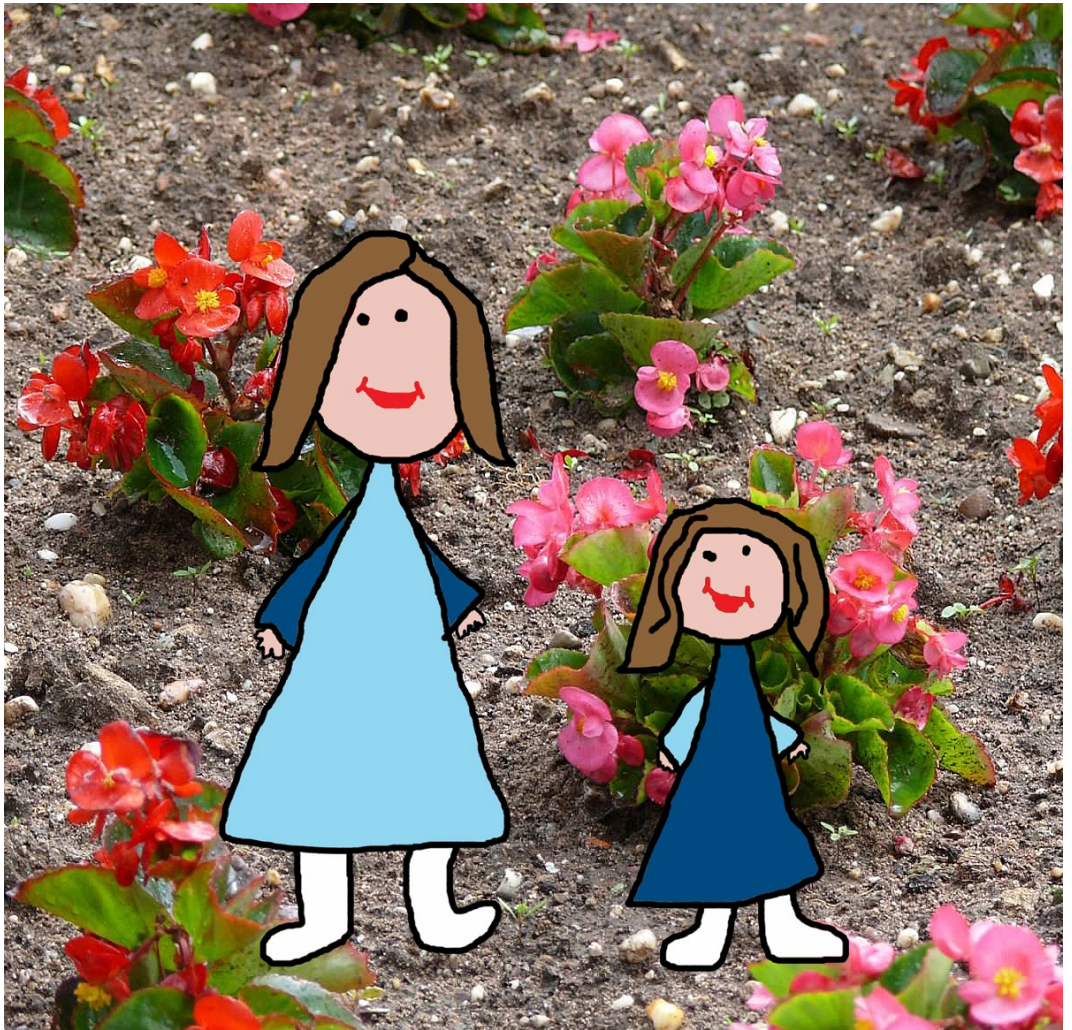


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50.) A Daughter's Prayer

A four-year-old girl had a mother who was very sick. The doctors didn't know what to do.

The little girl prayed and said,

"Dear Lord, make my mother well again."

After she prayed, she heard God speaking to her heart saying, "My dear child, I will do it gladly."

Then she went happily to her mother's side and said, "Mother, you will get well. God said you will!"

And it happened! The mother was healed!

God had heard the young girl's prayer and her mother regained her health.



51.) Dry Laundry

A man and his grown daughter followed and trusted the Lord. They prayed every day, and listened to what He would tell them to do. They had faith that He would supply them with their needs, as they obeyed what Jesus told them to do.

One night when the daughter was sleeping, and all was very quiet, Jesus knew that it was going to rain a lot that night.

He also knew that she had worked hard on washing her laundry, and hanging it to dry, and that it was finally dry and ready to be taken down. It was up on the flat roof of their house.

If it rained, their clean clothes would be all wet again, and would take a lot longer until they would be dry and ready to use.

Jesus helped her wake up suddenly in the night, right before it started to rain. She obeyed what He told her in her heart to do.

She went up to the roof and took down all the laundry. The very minute when she got it all in the house, nice and dry, it began to pour down rain outside.

She was so happy she'd obeyed what Jesus told her to do!



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52.) Bread and Milk

George Mueller had a lot of faith, and a lot of love for children too. He knew God would provide all they needed if he would just pray. One morning as the children waited for their breakfast and there was nothing for them to eat, George Mueller knew the Lord would supply. He raised his hands and said, "Dear Father, we thank You for what You are going to give us to eat."

Just then there was a knock on the door. It was the baker. He said, "Mr. Mueller, I couldn't sleep last night. Somehow I felt you didn't have bread for breakfast, and the Lord wanted me to send you some. So I got up at 2 o'clock and baked some fresh bread and have brought it."

George Mueller thanked the baker, and praised God for His care. It wasn't just any bread. They got freshly baked bread. It was delicious! Soon after, there was a knock on the door again. It was the milk man. He had a whole wagon load of milk cans, but his cart had broken down, and he needed to fix it.

In order to fix it he needed to take out the milk cans. It happened right near the orphanage where the children were thanking the Lord for their bread, and needing milk for breakfast also. The milk man decided to give the milk to the children, and they were so delighted. They had fresh milk and fresh bread for breakfast.



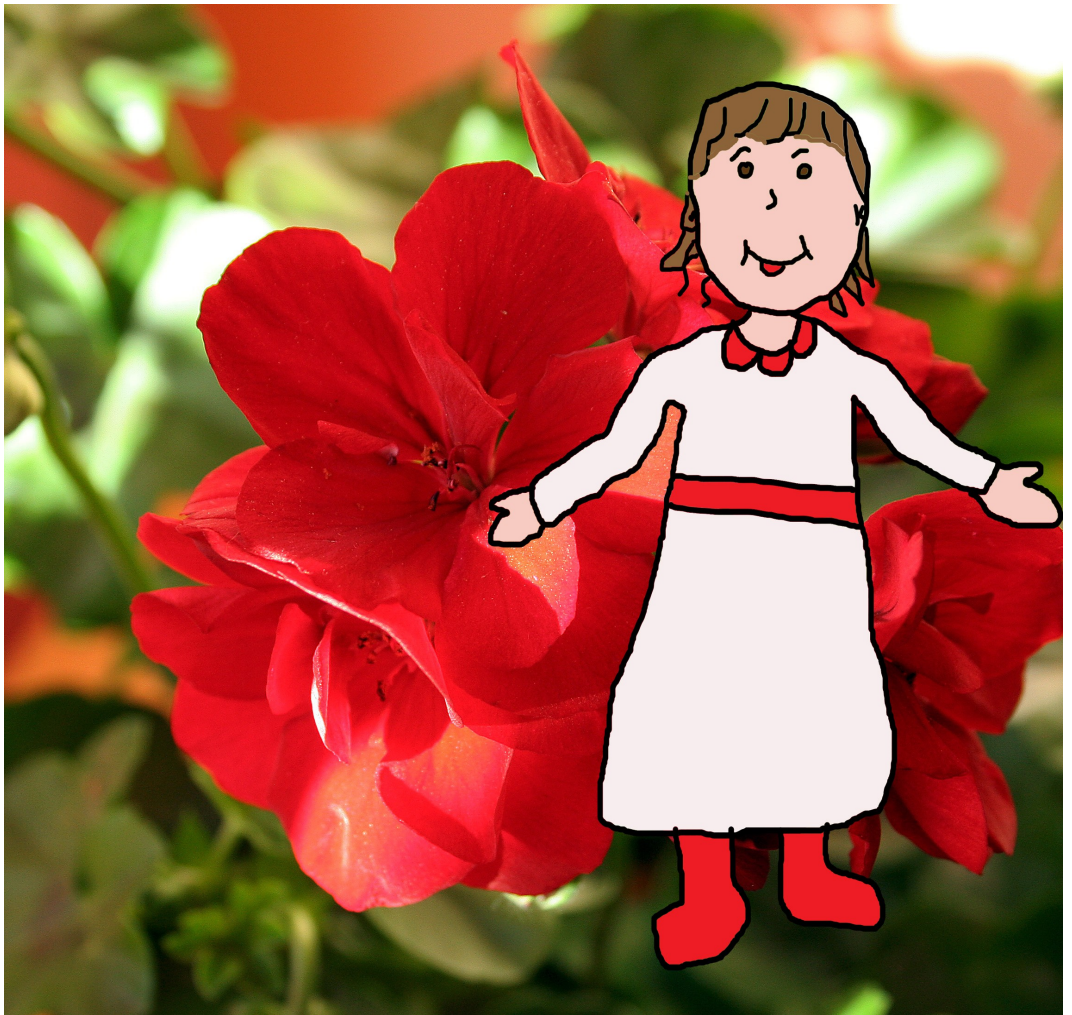
53.) A Boiler Fixed

There was a boiler that broke down. The boiler was what made the house warm. It warmed up the water that went through the pipes to heat the house. It was heating the orphanage where George Mueller and his helpers were taking care of the children. It was cold and they had to have heating, but it also was unsafe and not good if they didn't get it fixed. The water was leaking. What was to be done?

George Mueller prayed for two miracles. He needed the weather to be warm all of a sudden, so they wouldn't suffer when the heating was turned off, and he needed some good work men who were willing to work hard and well to fix the boiler very quickly. And that's exactly what happened!

When the workmen came to fix the boiler, even though it was wintertime, a warm wind blew in. It was so warm they wouldn't have even needed to turn on the boiler anyway. The weather was so pleasant, just as George Mueller had prayed.

The workmen then began to fix the leak on the boiler. They worked hard, but the day was over and it hadn't been completely fixed yet. Then they decided to just keep working, and they kept working late into the night. They just worked until the job was done. God had answered George Mueller's prayers, and by lunchtime that next day it was working great, and they could turn on the heat.



54.) A Baby Kept Safe

George Mueller's wife Mary was taking care of their baby Lydia. There was a terrible sickness going around in the town, and many people were catching that sickness. What should be done?

George Mueller wanted to go out and help people, and tell them about Jesus and do his job for the Lord, but he and his wife were concerned that the sickness would come to their home and to their little baby.

So they prayed and they claimed Psalm 91 that says, "He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."

They believed God would keep them as they continued serving the Lord and helping others. And that's exactly what happened!

The sickness never came to them or their house, and many of their friends and those they knew who also loved the Lord were safe from the sickness.

They set aside a full day of praise and thanksgiving for all that God had done to protect them from it. Jesus had protected their little baby amidst all that was going on, because they trusted the Lord and believed His promises of protection.



Photo by M. McNally

55.) The Standing Tree

There was a very big storm with strong winds and thunder that came into a valley called Yellow Creek. It was so strong, the wind was knocking down trees—big huge, strong trees.

There was an old woman with her grown son that lived in a house. They just had one tree beside their house, and the wind was wiggling that tree and twisting it. If the tree fell, it might fall on their house.

She was very desperate for the Lord to protect her so she prayed with her son and asked Jesus to please keep their tree strong.

Amazingly the tree never fell down! It stayed upright, good and strong. Even when other trees fell down, hers didn't, because she prayed and God protected her.

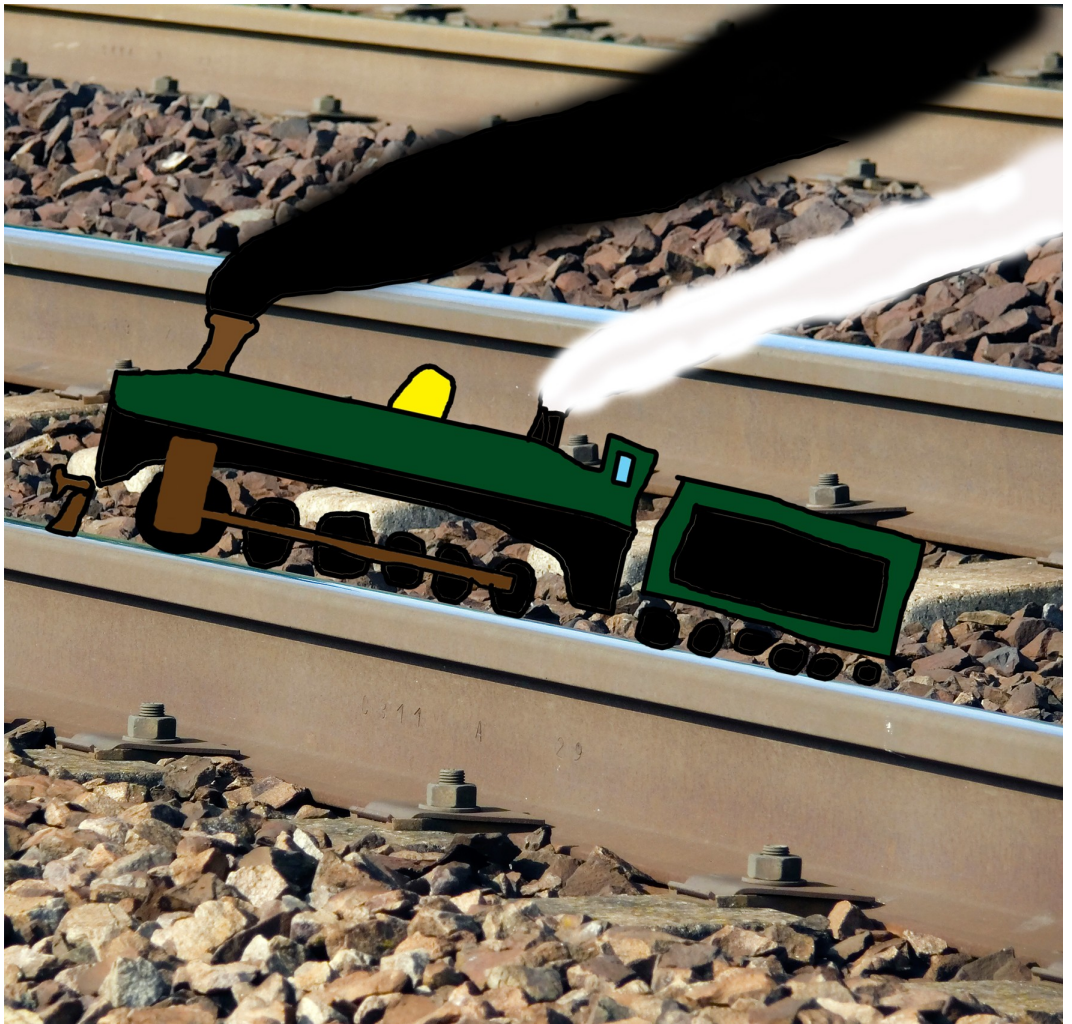


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56.) Catching the Train

A lady with her sick child was going on a train. However, she needed to catch another train when she arrived at the next train station.

The difficulty was that the train she needed to catch would already have left by the time her train arrived. What was she going to do?

It was a Saturday night. There were no other trains that she could take, and she had to get to her house. Her poor sick child needed to get home, so she asked the conductor,

"Can this train go any faster so we can get there in time?" The man said, "Hmm, I don't think we can go any faster."

Then she said, "Do you think the other train will be there for us?"

The man said, "Oh, I don't think so. It never has been there before. It has always been gone before we got there. The man driving always leaves the station promptly on time."

She said, "Can we pray about it?"

The man said, "Okay." So they prayed together for the train that she needed to catch to be there when they arrived.

By a miracle, for some reason, the steam train they were traveling on was able to go extra fast and it was speeding along.

When they stopped at other stations they were able to go again soon after, as there were not many people getting off or on.

The train arrived at the station that the lady needed to go to in a very short amount of time, and to their surprise, the other train was still there!

The engineer driving the other train that hadn't left yet came to the train that had just arrived, and said, "Can you please tell me why I haven't left yet? For some reason I had a feeling I needed to wait until your train came."

The conductor of the first train said,

"Oh, yes, I can tell you why! There's a woman with her sick child that really needs to board your train, and that's why. We prayed you would still be here."

The woman and her child were able to get on that next train and make it home.

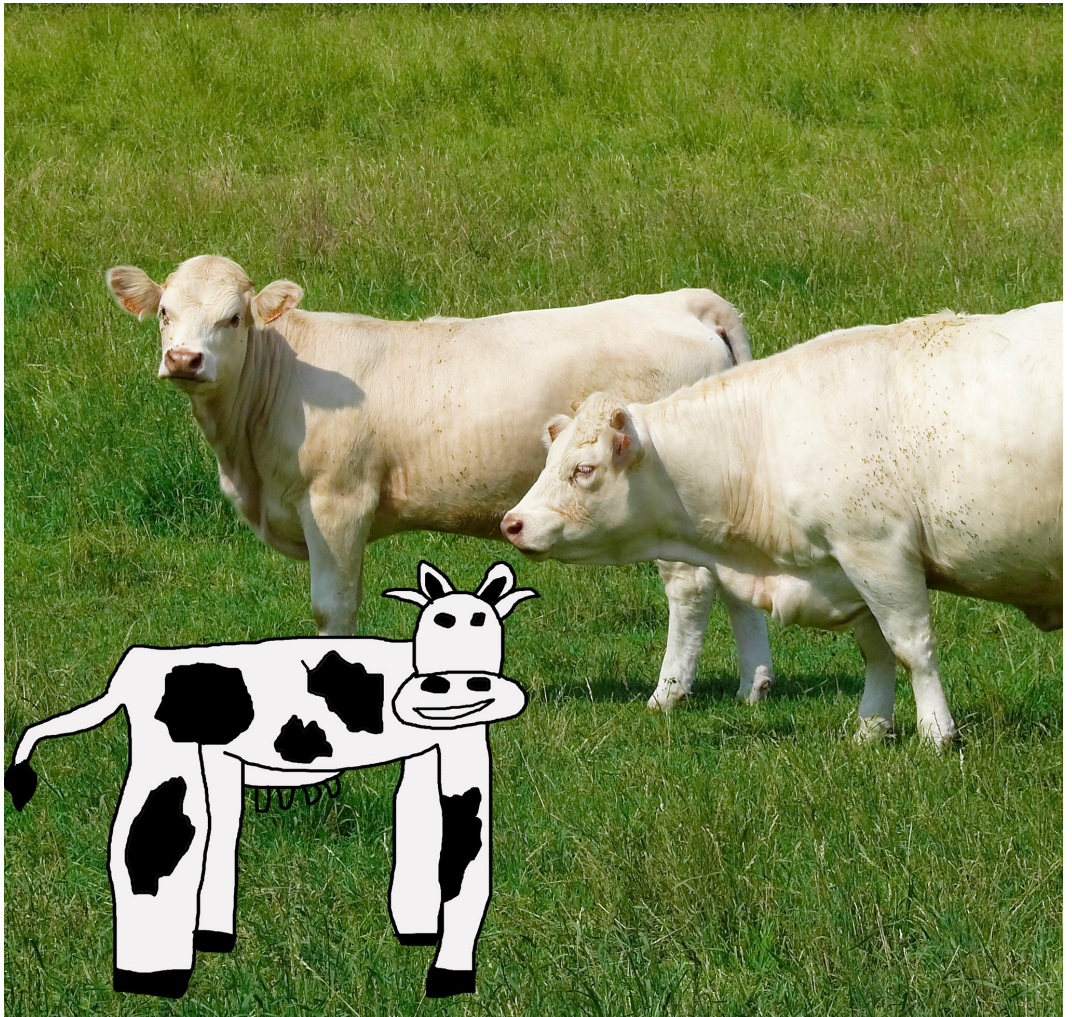


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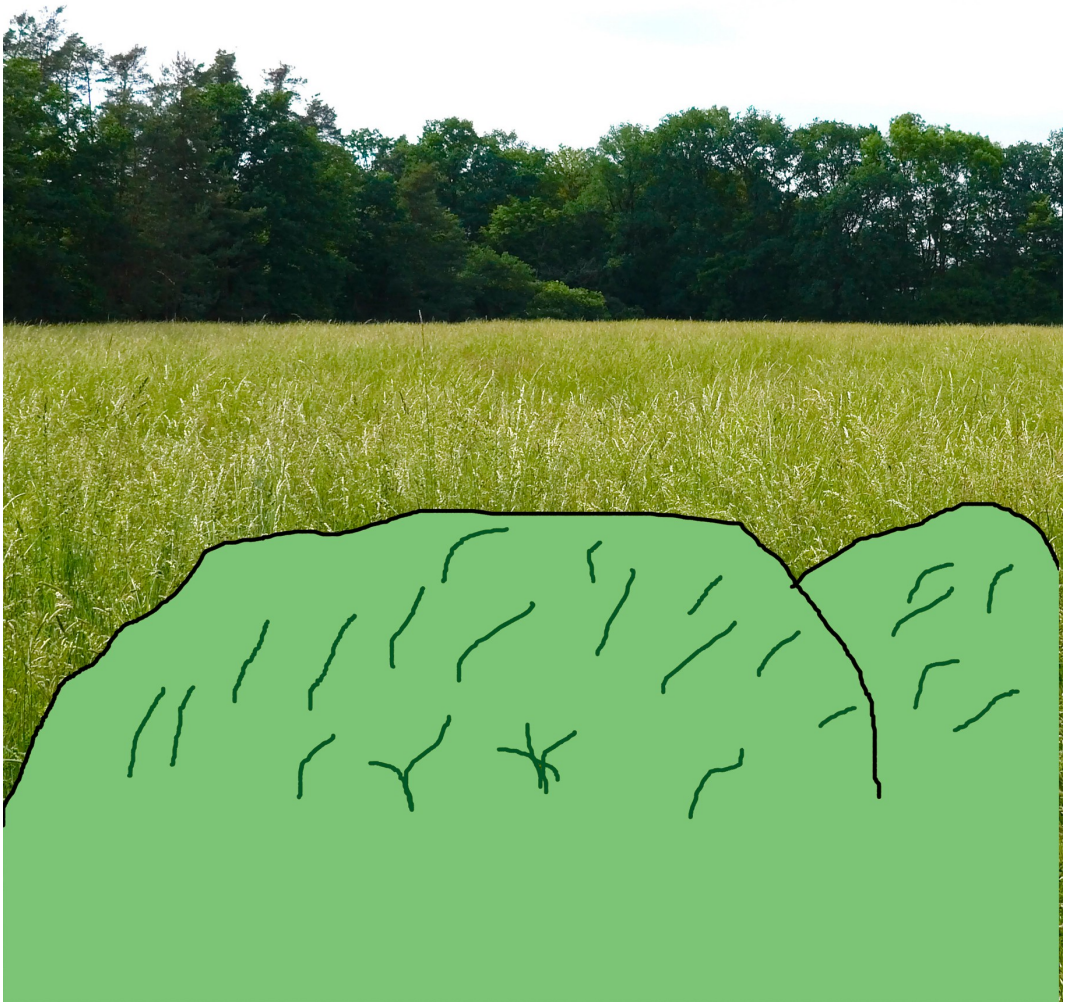
57.) The Miracle Cow

There was a lady with several children, and they really needed a cow to give them milk. So she prayed with her children. Soon after that somebody said, "Would you like some money?" and offered them money to borrow. They agreed and used the money to buy a cow. Then that cow was a very special cow—a miracle cow! God made this cow very special.

Whenever they milked the cow, it had lots and lots of milk. It had an amazing amount! They were able to use milk for their family, and sell lots of milk to the milkman who took the milk to many others. Not only did the cow give lots of milk, but it also worked on the farm, and had lots of strength. It was able to do the jobs it was needed for very quickly.

Everyone was surprised about this amazing cow. It helped them for many years giving them lots of milk, and doing a terrific job on their farm. Later when the children were grown up and they didn't need that cow anymore, they sold this cow to the milkman who knew this cow was amazing, as it had lots of milk.

The milkman said, "I'll take that cow!" But after the milkman bought it, the cow was just a normal cow again. It didn't make extra milk—just the normal amount a cow normally makes. Jesus had made that cow be very special for that family because they prayed.



58.) Lost Penknife

There was a farm boy who did lots of good hard work on the farm, and he had a special thing that he liked.

It was a penknife—a very small little tool that he could use. It was handy and he could just keep it in his pocket and use it when he needed it. It was expensive, and he wouldn't be able to buy another one.

One time when he was out with the cows, helping the cows go to a different pasture, he realized his little tool had fallen into the grass.

The grass was kind of long on the big hillside that he had been walking over. It was a big pasture. How could he find his special little tool? So he prayed.

He asked the Lord to help him find it. Then he just started walking. He walked a short distance then looked on the grass and saw his little penknife tool and picked it up. It was right there in his path.

If he had walked a little bit to one side or a little bit more to the other side he wouldn't have seen it because the grass was too long. Jesus led him right to the exact place after he prayed.



Photo by Naomi

59.) Tea for an Old Lady

There was a lady who lived a very long time. She was a hundred-and-ten-years old, and her son who lived with her was an old man too—seventy years old. Sometimes he had to go and work even though he was old, and he needed someone to help make food for him when he came home.

She was the only one to help, but she had amazing strength. Jesus made her able to see clearly and move well and think clearly. She couldn't move very fast, but she did what she could.

She cleaned the house. She cooked the meals. She didn't always have everything she needed or wanted, as they were kind of poor, but she had Jesus, and Jesus always took care of what they needed. She would just pray.

One day she needed some tea. So she prayed for the Lord to supply some good tea for her. The next morning a visitor came to their house bringing tea for them. She said, "I've been expecting you. I've prayed for tea, and I knew Jesus would bring some to us. Thank you so much!"

The visitor asked, "Do you always get everything you need when you pray?"

The lady said, "Yes. Jesus always answers our prayers and gives us just what we need. I never ask for things that we don't need. I just ask for just what we really need and that's what comes."



60.) Work

There was a man and his wife, and they really needed a job. They needed to be provided for, so they prayed for Jesus to supply just the right place for them to work. A missionary gave them a suggestion of who they could ask for a job.

After they prayed they went to a family and asked if they needed help to cook and to clean and to do gardening.

By a miracle the family who had originally said, "No, we don't need you to help us," that day after the man and woman prayed, changed their mind and said, "Yes, you can both come and work in our house and help us."

The man and woman were able to help and get some money in return and have the food and supplies they needed.



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61.) The Brother's Prayer

A brother and a sister who were twins were great friends and liked playing together.

One day the doctor was called to their house as the sister had gotten very sick. The doctor didn't know what to do. He thought she'd never recover, so he called another doctor to come and see.

They both said, "Ah, she's too sick. We don't know what to do."

Then the brother of that girl came to the doctor and said,

"Doctor, isn't there anybody that can save her?"

That doctor had been so busy in his life that he had forgotten something very important, and all of a sudden he remembered it. He remembered what his mother had taught him about prayer, and how God can hear and answer prayer.

So he told that little boy, "If you pray, God will hear you. He hears children's prayers. He's the One that can help your sister."

Then the doctor left, and that little boy prayed with all his heart for his sister to recover. His sister wasn't better yet, but in his heart Jesus told him, "She's going to get better."

He felt so happy when Jesus whispered that to his heart that he went outside happily to play. He was no longer sad and worried about his sister even though she was still sick in bed.

The brother just had the faith she would get healed because Jesus told him and because he prayed.

In the morning when the doctor returned and found this boy so happy, he said, "Is your sister well yet?"

He said, "No, but I know she will get healed because Jesus told me she will."

The doctor went in to see the little girl and right at that moment Jesus told him just what to do, and showed him what she needed.

The doctor obeyed that whisper in his heart and mind and gave the little girl just what Jesus told him, and she was completely healed very soon after.

The other doctor said,

"Oh, what happened? How did she get better?"

He said, "Well, the little boy prayed and that's what brought the miracle."



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62.) A Blind Child

There was a missionary visiting a home where they were caring for some children, and there was one little boy there who really loved Jesus. He would often sing songs to Jesus, pray, and quote verses that he'd learned.

One day he had an accident, and he became blind. But he had so much faith in Jesus, he was still singing the songs he knew and quoting his verses, while sitting calmly.

The people who cared for him were glad to see this boy's faith and to hear the songs and verses he would say.

One day someone who heard him talking to Jesus said, "What are you talking about?"

The boy said,

"Well, the doctor said I won't get better, so I was asking Jesus to heal me. He healed the blind people."

And you know what? In just a couple of days after he prayed he could see! His sight was completely restored.

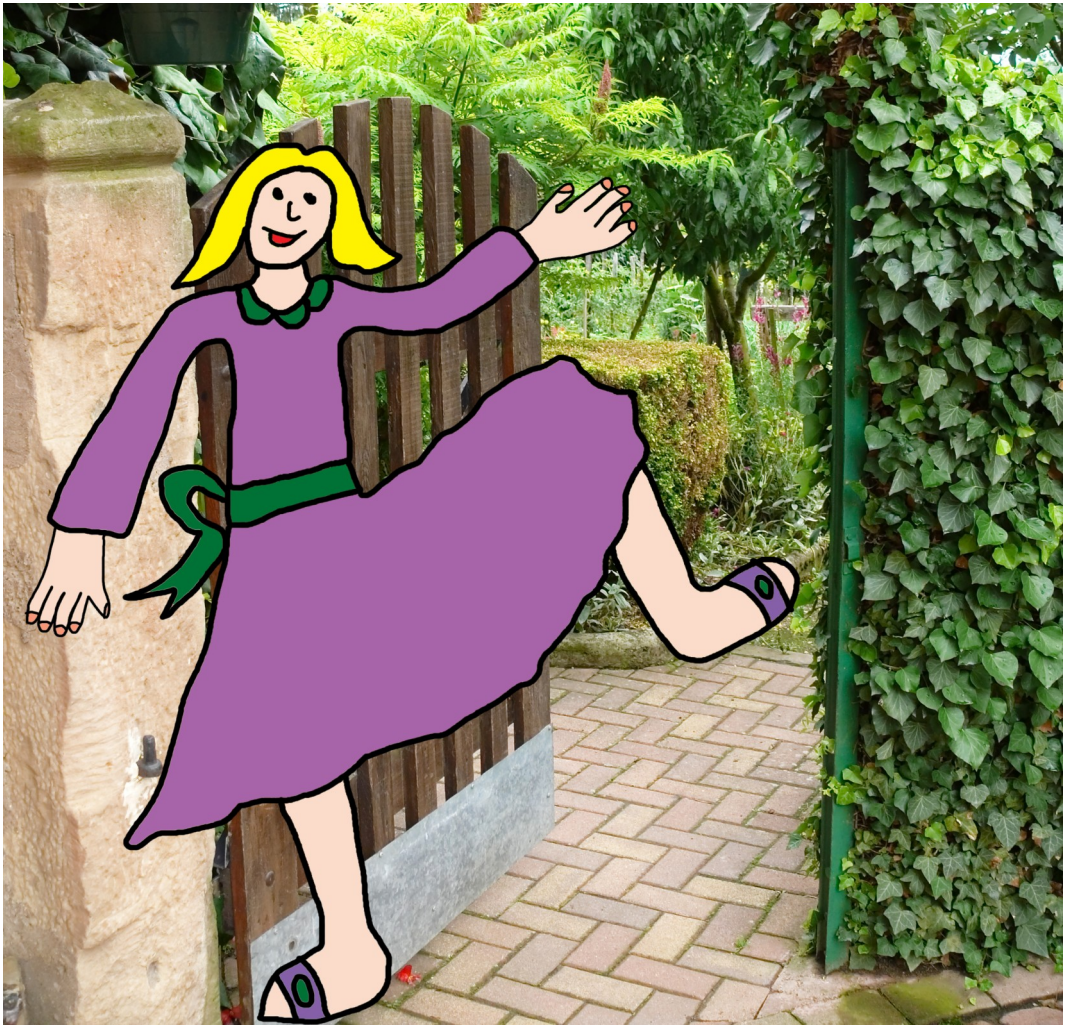


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63.) Walking and Dancing

A girl who was 12 years old had a problem with her leg and joint. She could not walk, and her leg was getting worse. After three years, one leg even became shorter than the other. The girl read about others who were healed through the power of prayers and asking Jesus to heal them. She asked her mother to pray for her to be healed by a miracle too.

The doctor had brought some medicine for her leg and said maybe that would help her. The girl wanted Jesus to heal her and receive all the credit for the miracle, so she didn't use any of the medicine at that time when she was asking for prayer. She didn't want anyone thinking that it was the medicine that cured her.

She would know for sure then that if they prayed and she was healed that it was only because Jesus healed her. However if she had also taken medicine at the same time it might be harder for others to realize just what had caused her to be healed.

She wanted Jesus to be honoured. Her mother prayed fervently for her daughter to be healed, for about an hour, when her daughter said, "Mother, mother, I am healed!"

The girl was completely healed and was dancing around the room! Jesus had healed her and both her legs were the same and well! The next day she was outside playing with her friends and sliding around on the ice! What a wonderful answer to prayer! The girl had faith and Jesus did the miracle.



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64.) Miracle Coin

There was a poor woman who needed food for her family and prayed for a miracle. When she went to the well to get water, she found a coin on the ground beside it.

The woman asked the others who lived nearby if it was their coin, but it didn't belong to anybody.

She took it to get bread for her family.

She gave the coin to the baker and he even gave her extra bread—because she prayed for God to supply their needs.



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65.) The Painting

George Mueller trusted the Lord to supply all that he needed in his care of many children, as well as what was needed for people to study the Bible, and be missionaries in other places.

He would pray and ask Jesus to give them whatever was needed. He also wrote books and told others about the miracles that happened as a result of prayer.

One day when he needed some money, he prayed and asked Jesus for it.

Soon after he received a letter from a landscape painter.

In the letter was some money that he was giving as a gift to George Mueller.

The letter said that he had read a book about George Mueller and wanted to help him by sending money, but he didn't have anything to give.

He had painted a picture to sell, and usually people didn't buy his pictures.

However, he prayed and said to the Lord that if someone bought his picture that he would send half of the money to George Mueller to be used to help the children and others learn about Jesus.

Then a miracle happened!

As soon as the picture was on display to be sold someone bought it right away!

The man was so encouraged by this answer to prayer, and happy that he had a way to help others.

George Mueller was glad too, that this man was blessed for his faith in Jesus and in the power of prayer.

He was thankful for the ways Jesus answered and cared for him and for those he was trying to help through his missions for God.



The End