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An instrument of Sixth and Seventh Grade Sunday School—First Baptist Church, Russellville AR

Stuff For Today

- Meet a very special participant in the 1972 Summer Olympics
- Mug shots today!
- Q and A with Mr. Lyle including a special video presentation

The Too Dimensional Life of Bob the Square

All good newspapers have comics, and so it is with this one. Each week look forward to a new and exciting look into the extraordinary life of Bob the Square, as seen through the slightly warped reality present in the mind of Mr. Lyle.

So, Who Is Mr. Lyle, Really?

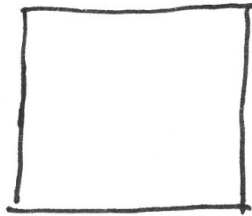
By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Welcome to the Sixth and Seventh Grade Sunday School. Today will be your chance to get to know your teacher for this coming year. There will be a short presentation by Mr. Lyle regarding his involvement many years ago in the Olympics. Few are familiar with his achievements during the 1972 Summer Olympics, and fortunately, (or unfortunately), for you, he has prepared a short documentary film regarding this amazing time in his life. This film is typical of his movie making prowess, so prepare yourselves accordingly for the rest of the year.

After the movie, when the applause has died down, he will share his personal testimony in picture format, explaining some of the episodes in his life that have brought him to this point in his walk with the Lord. He will probably give the picture away at the end of class to some poor, I mean, lucky individual! Hopefully, you will find his talk interesting. If not, well, there goes ten minutes of your life. ☺

Following this, there will be a short question and answer time for you to ask any questions you might like to ask him about himself, or his wife, or his family, or McDonalds McRib sandwiches, or does he like pickles or onions better, or his favorite type of dog, or cat or monkey, or what he does for a living in real life, or what his favorite soft drink is, or what does he think of world market oil prices, or is that his real hair color, or does he dye it that way, or...well, you get the idea., Lucky for you he has prepared a short video to help answer some of these questions.

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Introducing: Bob the Square

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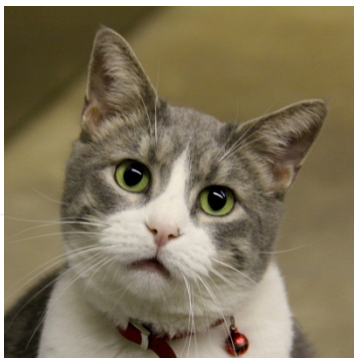
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Stuff For Today

- A big change for Hammie the cat.
- Everything you always wanted to know about genetics, but were afraid to ask.
- How to build a scale model of the universe!

HAMMIE DEVASTATED

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)



Hammie's two best friends moved away Friday to live with their Person. The identical twin black kittens were affectionately known as the "Itty Bitty Kitty Committee" at the Ratzlaff household. Hammie was like a loveable, overweight uncle who looked after them. A very personable cat, his loneliness is quite apparent. Ms Jeanette has agreed to step in and show him some additional attention during this time of transition.

Day Four Of Creation Is Incredible

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

How big is the God you worship? A careful study of the creation story reveals a God of incredible power and majesty. Day 4 is my personal favorite.

2 Peter 3:3-7

³First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.⁴They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation."⁵But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water.⁶By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed.⁷By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

Genesis 1:1-19

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.²Now the earth was ³formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.⁴God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.⁵God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water."⁷So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so.⁸God called the expanse "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so.¹⁰God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

¹¹Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so.¹²The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.¹³And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

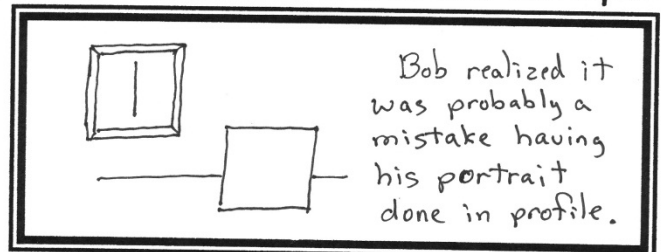
¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years,¹⁵ and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so.¹⁶God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars.¹⁷God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth,¹⁸ to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good.¹⁹And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

DNA Test Results Back

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

A search for a family tree takes a fascinating turn as a father submits a sample of his DNA to a scientific study. Genetic markers point in a direction absolutely no one expected! The story is worth listening to.

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Stuff For Today

- Monarch butterflies—the handiwork of God!
- Everything you always wanted to know about Tootsie Roll Pops.
- What kind of fruit tree could change the course of human history?

Monarch Migration Expected to Peak This Week

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The annual migration of the Monarch butterfly has begun once again. A pasture in Pottsville has been a way stop for a large group each year. The bright yellow wild flowers growing there are a bit too difficult to resist, as they descend by the thousands to rest and feed. The migration should peak this week, although numbers are expected to be down.

Investigation Continues in Eden

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Accounts have surfaced of a snake in Eden that talks. Adam and Eve reportedly disobeyed a major command of God, and the consequences of that act are still with us today. Their claim was that the talking snake was somehow involved. In Genesis 3 we find an eye witness account of the events of that day..

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" **4** The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" **4** "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. **5** "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." **6** When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. **7** Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. **8** Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. **9** But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" **10** He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

11 And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" **12** The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." **13** Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." **14** So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, 'Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.' **15** And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring^[s] and hers; he will crush^[s] your head, and you will strike his heel." **16** To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you." **17** To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' 'Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. **18** It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. **19** By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.'" **20** Adam^[s] named his wife Eve,^[s] because she would become the mother of all the living. **21** The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. **22** And the LORD God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever." **23** So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. **24** After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side^[s] of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

In a related story, the Parable of the Good Samaritan, as it is commonly called, actually sheds light on the truth of what actually happened in Eden. Luke 10 says this

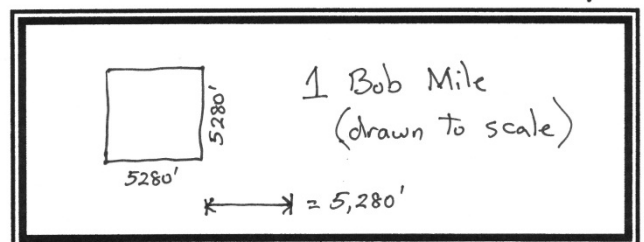
25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" **26** "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" **27** He answered: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind^[s]"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.^[s]' **28** "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." **29** But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" **30** In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. **31** A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. **32** So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. **33** But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. **34** He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. **35** The next day he took out two silver coins^[s] and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' **36** "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" **37** The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

D-NOW 2012

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Do not miss **d-now 2012!** Coming this weekend to Russellville, this will be an excellent time to learn more about what it means to truly be a disciple of Jesus. Contact Brandon if you need more details.

The Too Dimensional Life of Bob the Square



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Stuff For Today

- An update on the pineapple crop in Irian Jaya, Indonesia.
- Slavery in the 21st Century and what it means for you and I.
- Can disciples be wealthy?

Pineapples: Interesting and Fun Facts

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

1. Christopher Columbus stumbled across pineapples in 1493 on the island of Guadalupe. He brought some samples back to Queen Isabella, who loved them. Many others in Europe felt the same way.

2. Pineapple is technically not a single fruit, but a *sorosis*—a hundred or more individual fruits that grow together.

3. You will rarely see fresh pineapple in Jell-O. The raw fruit contains a chemical called bromelain which keeps the gelatin from congealing.

4. If you twist the leafy top off of a store bought pineapple, let it dry for 2-3 days, and then plant it, it will very likely grow.

The Cost of Discipleship High

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Luke 14:33

So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple

Jesus, as he taught his disciples, spoke of the cost of being His disciple. This cost is not necessarily monetary, but can include everything we call our own.

As Christians, we are referred to as being His possession. He bought us with His own blood, and we are His servants. Servants, or slaves, do not have rights as a free man, but are answerable to their owner completely.

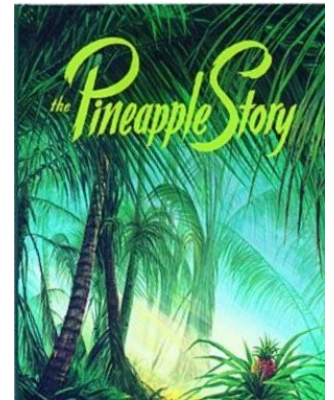
We are called to be in this world, but not a part of it. You are growing up in a society that is increasingly guided by possessions and money and position in life.

To be sure, many of the heroes of the Bible were quite wealthy. And yet Jesus warned often of the tremendous draw that money has upon us. Can a Christian be wealthy? Yes, but it is NOT easy.

Our culture seems to be built upon the love of money and possessions. Consider how many commercials accompany every TV show today. This writer has counted as many as a dozen during a single commercial break. Forty years ago that number would have been one or two.



When calculating what is of value to you personally, do not forget the non-monetary things. Friends, reputation, and health are examples of areas we tend to take for granted. Often, we think that we have the right to have all of these, when in reality, Jesus said these things are gifts from Him. We possess them at His leisure and will.



Today, we will begin watching a movie called *The Pineapple Story*. Although the events took place some time ago, the truths presented here are timeless. A missionary to Irian Jaya, Otto Koenig, tells of his life there as he learned the lesson taught in Luke 14:33.

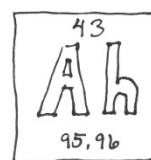
You will enjoy the sometimes comical story of a man who simply wanted to have a pineapple garden. Such a simple thing, and yet God often teaches us using the small things in our lives to bring big issues to our attention.

D-NOW 2012

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Another D-NOW is history. For those who attended, keep what you learned in your heart.

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On the Periodic Table, Bob is the Element of Surprise

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Stuff For Today

- More about pineapple thievery in Indonesia.
- Update on AWANA Grand Prix.
- If you put everything you call your own on a table, could you walk away from it all and not look back?

Here and There in the News This Week

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

1. Astronomers announced this week the possible discovery of an entirely new type of planet. Nearly 40 light years away, the planet measures approximately twice the size of Earth, and is made primarily of carbon. It may very well be made largely of diamonds. Only God could show us how insignificant our most prized possessions actually are!

2. "Hello, my name is Inigo Montoya. You killed my father. Prepare to die." The most recognized quote from **The Princess Bride** is now 25 years old. A so-so movie in the theaters of that day, it has become a family classic. If you have never watched it, and have a couple of hours to spend, you will enjoy this one.

Can You Afford to be a Christian?

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Luke 14:33

So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple

We are told in the Word to count the cost of being a disciple. That statement has little, if anything, to do with our money. It is a warning to us that following Christ is not going to be simple. Jesus taught that we should expect opposition from the culture we live in.

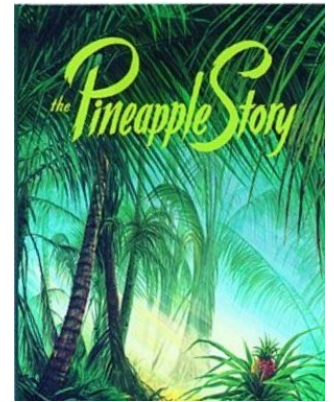
Salvation is free to be sure, and for too many, the journey towards spiritual maturity ends there. Christians are called to be sanctified. In

short, the goal of a Godly Christian is to be wholly committed to deepening his or her walk with God. Every day we must die to our selfish desires, and put Jesus first.

Our fast paced, materialistic culture drains us many times of our total commitment to Christ, leaving us bound up in worldly things, and missing the blessings we could have had.

So, is it wrong to be wealthy, or have nice things? If what we have in any way takes our focus off of God—yes it is a problem. And yet, God wishes to bless his children in every way.

Money, or talents or abilities—everything we have—belongs to God. As Adam tended the Garden of Eden, we also are to care for what He has entrusted to us. May we be spiritually mature enough to properly handle His gifts.



We will continue today with the story of missionary Otto Koenig. In part one, last week, we were introduced to a pineapple garden in Irian Jaya Indonesia, and some natives who continually stole the pineapples growing there.

Mr. Koenig struggled with applying Luke 14:33 to real life situations. His story, although somewhat comical at times, is an excellent example to us of how the truth of the Word of God needs to be considered in all parts of our everyday lives.

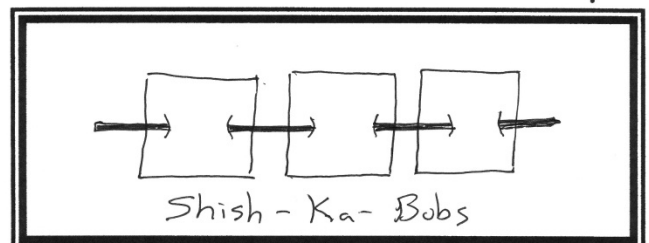
Cookout Coming!

Mark November 2nd on your calendar! Mark 5:00 on your watch! Mark _____ on your maps! (OK, the location is not known yet, but Brandon will figure it all out soon.)

AWANA Grand Prix

.This Wednesday is AWANA Grand Prix night. Cheer the 6th Grade participants on!

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Stuff For Today

- Helicopter Aerial Advertising
- Ten definitions of the word *FREE*..
- The National Anthem, signs, a pendulum, rope, chain, sales label, tape, tea bags, and a wooden jaw clamp.

Abraham Lincoln Concerning Freedom

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Freedom is not the right to do what we want, but what we ought.

Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves.

Whenever I hear anyone arguing for slavery, I feel a strong impulse to see it tried on him personally.

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

The Definition of Freedom in 2012

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John 8:32

³² *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

The nation that we live in was founded upon the very principles of freedom. And contrary to what many in our country would like to believe, our fore fathers placed their extraordinary confidence in the Bible. Their thoughts, ideas, and actions were grounded in the pages of Scripture.

The result of that understanding of the Bible has given our nation two incredibly solid documents the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States.



The AR Parrot Drone 2.0 is a fairly high tech toy. It is flown with an ipad or iphone by WIFI. The quadcopter has an internal 3 axis accelerometer, a 3 axis gyroscope, a 3 axis magnetometer, an air pressure sensor, ultra sonic sensors, forward looking hi-def video camera, and downward looking video camera.

In many other nations in our world today, the desire to come to America is quite prevalent. All too often, we take our freedom for granted and assume that everyone else enjoys the same rights and privileges that we have. We do not live in One World.

The Bible is filled with support for freedom. God wants His children to be free, in all aspects of life.

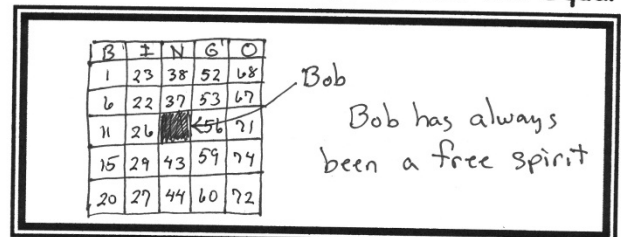
Jesus said that we will serve a master during our life here upon this earth. And He also said that His yoke was easy and His burden light. Life can be difficult, to be sure, but for the Christian, the peace of mind from knowing that God is in control, and that He loves us dearly, is quite comforting.

Christ was, and is, the ultimate dispenser of freedom. Because of the cross, we can now be free from sin, free to serve Him, and free from our entanglements with this world .

Our Lesson for Today

1. We will all rise and sing the National Anthem—well almost all of it, anyway.
2. We will discuss signs on the lavatory onboard a commercial aircraft.
3. We will experience the peculiarities of a swinging pendulum.
4. We will practice the fine art of tying knots in rope..
5. We will examine the security features of chain and padlock.
6. We will discuss sales and promotional ideas used by small businesses.
7. We will decide if it is better to remove tape that is covering the mouth very slowly, or simply rip it off.
8. We will discuss an important moment in US history.
9. We will see firsthand a typical torture device in use.
10. We will decide whether Heaven or Hell is the preferred destination for most.

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Stuff For Today

- Special Scripture Reading for Halloween
- Q and A for next week
- Don't forget the cookout on November 2nd. It is always great fun!

Next Week: Questions and Answers

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Have you ever had a question you wanted an answer for, but were afraid to ask? Next week is your chance to get that illusive response.

Once per semester, Mr. Lyle accepts written, unsigned questions which he will attempt to answer Biblically. You will be handed a small piece of paper and given a few minutes to write down your question. This event is entirely optional and entirely anonymous as well.

Typically, NO question is off the table! You may ask ANYTHING you like! It is a perfect chance to ask about the Bible, or some aspect of life.

So, this week, be thinking and planning how you might use this opportunity.

The Most Frightening Verse in the Bible

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Luke 12

⁴⁷ "That servant who knows his master's will and does not get ready or does not do what his master wants will be beaten with many blows. ⁴⁸ But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."

Our culture today is driven by the pursuit of money. It is an easy trap to fall in to, even for the Christian. Too often we judge the goodness of

God toward us by how large our bank account happens to be.

A thorough study of Scripture reveals the fact that God counts far more than dollars when He looks at all that He has given us. Our abilities and our time are far more important to Him than is our cash. Money should be simply a tool that we use to accomplish His purposes.

Our asset of time is of incredible worth. How we use it is of great interest to God. We often place Sodom among the most depraved sinners in the Bible. It is interesting to note that when God numbers their sins in Ezekiel 16, immorality is not even mentioned. But the short list does include their misuse of leisure time.

Rarely do we consider our time and our talents when we talk of giving to God. The passage before us in Luke 12, along with many others in both the

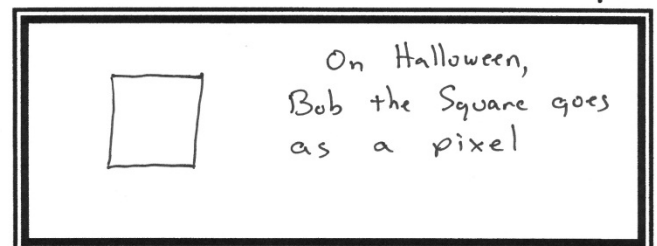
Old and New Testaments, reminds us that God does hold us to an expectation. It is not how much He has given each of us, but it is how **faithful** we have been with what He has given.

II Corinthians 5:10 puts it all very plainly. Each Christian will one day stand before Jesus and answer for all that he or she has and has not done during their short lifespan here on this earth. It is clear that we will be rewarded based upon our performance. May we use our gifts to honor God.

Middle School Cookout

Our cookout will be held out at the Phil Wright farm on Center Valley Road. So mark November 2 from 5:00 until 8:00. Rumor has it that Brandon is furnishing fresh 16 oz. T-bone steaks for everyone. Of course, that is just a rumor. The truth is probably hot dogs and burgers.

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Exodus 7

⁹ "When Pharaoh says to you, 'Perform a miracle,' then say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh,' and it will become a snake."

¹⁰ So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the Lord commanded. Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake. ¹¹ Pharaoh then summoned wise men and sorcerers, and the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret arts. ¹² Each one threw down his staff and it became a snake. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs

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Stuff For Today

- Tools : the Bigger, the Better!
- There is no such thing as a stupid question. Stupid answers? Now that is another story!
- What would you like to have written on your gravestone?

Questions, But Sadly, No Answers

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

1. If I *Save the Whales*, can I collect the whole set?
2. Can a fool be so sufficiently talented that nothing can be considered fool-proof?
3. Are fast reflexes an acceptable substitute for good manners?

Is it legal to fill out my taxes in Roman Numerals?
5. If a recipe calls for eggs to be beaten, consider this first—what did they do?
6. What disease did cured ham actually have?
7. Why do all toasters have a setting that burns toast to such a horrible black crisp that no human being could possibly eat?

How to Use Your Tools Well

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

What would you like to have written on your gravestone? I have considered this at times, and I believe the following phrase would suffice for me.

Here Lies a Disciple of Jesus Christ, Cleverly Disguised as a Woodworker. He Used His Tools Well.

I just hope that I can live up to it. Let me explain what I mean.

We as Christians are called to be disciples. That title requires more than just a desire to follow along behind a leader. We are to become like Jesus is word and deed. Everything else that we do pales in comparison to that task.

Life absorbs much of our time and assets. It is very easy to get lost in the everyday grind and its

demands. But our focus must be where our citizenship really lies—in Heaven. All that we have in our lives is a gift from God. Gifts are given with reason and purpose. We are to use what we have to work for Him. Our tools, as it were.

Our tool chests consist of far more than just money. Included in the drawers and trays of that tool chest are our talents and abilities, health, reputations, and time.

As a woodworker by trade, I am quite familiar with the importance of tools. Without them, work does not progress very quickly or very well. Tools are specific to task, and size is sometimes critical.

Too often we judge success or failure in this life by the balance in our bank account. God judges by other criteria. He has given us a task, as well as the necessary

equipment to adequately accomplish His plan.

Giving our money to His work is of value, to be sure, but our other assets must not be overlooked. We talk of giving a tithe of our money, but has anyone considered what a tithe of time, or a tithe of talent might look like?

Luke 10:2

He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into the field."

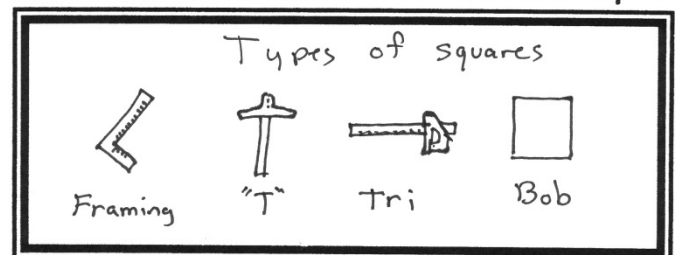
It is interesting to note there is no mention of a financial plan, or many of our other usual concerns. Rather, the focus is upon the time and effort of individuals willing to perform the necessary task. You see, money is no object to a God who owns everything. But our time—now that is a commodity of immense value to God.

May we use our gifts—our tools—wisely!

Middle School Cookout

It WAS Friday night. It is over. It is done. It is completed. It is ended. It is thru. It is wrapped up. It is finished. Hope you were there!

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The Eleventh Month,
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Sunday School Times (Technical Edition)

*Exactness in
relation to this 24
hour period of time:*

- Maternal Anser
- The Paternally
Oriented Invocation
- Interrogative Query
and Rejoining
Sedulity

Scriven Solicitations Persist, Induce Subsequent Elucidation

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

We will persevere
concurrently with our
designed interrogative
procedure. Those who
excogitate previous class
times will educe
recollections of last week.

Critics acclaimed it:

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Technically the Seigneur Rogation

Transmorfified By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Paternal relative associated
with us, established in a
celestial position. The
designation assigned to your
person is inviolable. Hasten
the appearance of the
sovereign theocracy retained
by you. Your expressed
intensions and purpose be
realized similarly upon this
sublunary macrocosm as the
extra-terrestrial commorancy.
Bequeath upon us diurnally
circadian triticum comestibles.
Exculpate incumbrances as
we exculpate conditional
liabilities obligated toward us.
Cease inveiglement resulting
in inducement, but emancipate
us from perdition. For you
possess sovereign monarchical
disposition, dynamic efficacy,
and eminent illustriousness in
perpetuity. So be it.

Definition of the word *Technical*:

1. Of or relating to
a particular
subject, art, or
craft, or its
techniques:

Technically Maternal Anser

A trio of rodents of the species *Mus
Muscula* suffering from acute ablepsia.

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Observe the peculiar manner in which
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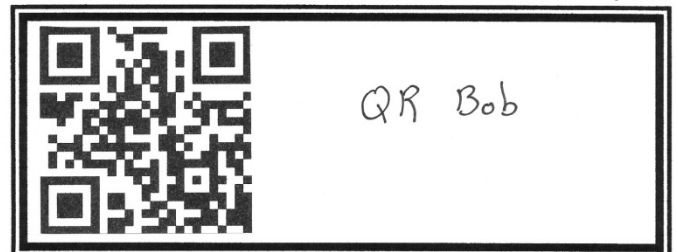
The entire group, with one accord,
pursued the agricultural engineer's
spouse.

She, in turn, retaliated both quickly and
effectively by amputating their posterior
appendages with a large blade typically
used in cleaving the muscle tissue of
animals which have been prepared for
ingestion by cooking.

In all your existence, have you observed
such erratic behavior as that just
described, as

A trio of rodents of the species *Mus
Muscula* suffering from acute ablepsia.

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Stuff For Today

- How much do you really know about bacon?
- What Abraham Lincoln had to say on March 23, 1863
- How to properly say "Thank you" to God

Nobody— **NOBODY--** Doesn't Like Bacon!!

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Bacon Facts

1. The Chinese were making it 3500 years ago.
2. A 250 pound pig produces an average of 25 pounds of bacon.
3. Yorkshire pigs are bred specifically for their bacon.
4. The average American consumes 18 pounds of bacon per year.
5. Frozen Pork Bellies were traded on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange from 1961-2011.
6. I would gladly be a vegetarian if bacon grew on trees!

Say *Thank you* to a Really Big God

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

The Thanksgiving season is once again upon us. It is worthwhile to remind ourselves again of the importance of saying *Thank you* to God. But just how do you say thanks to a God as big as ours?

Throughout the Bible we are told to give thanks—to be grateful—to a very generous and loving God.

In the Old Testament we find the Law. The rules that God gave to the Israelites as they left Egypt are interesting in many respects. One law that might seem boring and trivial on the surface, comes alive when studied carefully. It is introduced in Leviticus 3.

3 "If someone's offering is a fellowship offering,⁴ and he offers an animal from the herd, whether male or female, he is to present before the Lord an animal without defect.² He is to lay his hand on the head of his offering and slaughter it at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. Then Aaron's sons the priests shall sprinkle the blood against the altar on all sides.³ From the fellowship offering he is to bring a sacrifice made to the Lord by fire: all the fat that covers the inner

parts or is connected to them,⁴ both kidneys with the fat on them near the loins, and the covering of the liver, which he will remove with the kidneys.⁵ Then Aaron's sons are to burn it on the altar on top of the burnt offering that is on the burning wood, as an offering made by fire, an aroma pleasing to the Lord.

Of the five sacrifices detailed in the Law, this one was quite different. The Fellowship, or Peace, Offering was the vehicle to be used for thanks giving. The other four included the complete burning of hide, feathers, fur, and such—the smell would well have been repugnant. Mentally compare that smell to the aroma of the burning fat of this offering. BBQ or frying bacon might be a good comparison. The difference is not an accident. This was to be an enjoyable time. In addition, the meat was to be eaten by the one who brought the offering and shared with friends and family—a meal.

The first Thanksgiving?!

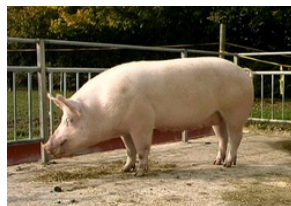
Where Are We As A Nation Today?

I am afraid that the world we live in today would like to forget the emphasis our nation once placed upon Christian values. Imagine the outcry in the news today if the President of the United States were to proclaim these words of Abraham Lincoln.

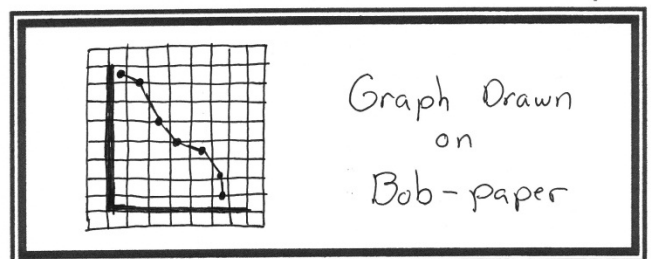
...whereas it is the duty of nations as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all of history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord...

I would vote for a man like that!

This Is A Yorkshire Pig



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Stuff For Today

- Is the plural of moose really mooses?
- A brief history of Pepsico
- Why you will always remember the story of a stray yellow Labrador.

Record Moose Taken In Hunt In Alaska

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)



Pictured above is the fireplace of a local individual who is a big game hunter. You will notice a trophy moose in the very center of the photo. During his many hunting expeditions, his travels took him to Alaska. He was fortunate enough to bag the largest moose taken in that state that year. From tip of antler to tip of antler is 62 inches. (That is over 5 feet across!) I have personally seen this animal, and it is indeed HUGE!

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Probably a question very few have been asked, but one with a wonderful story and a lesson behind it. We will spend our class time this morning exploring this oddity.

The public school system in our country today has many positive attributes. But as any large organization, it has some unfortunate short falls. Textbooks tend to focus on measurable things. Subjects like math, and science or geography can be taught methodically, and the results tested and quantified.

But there are topics of equal or even greater importance that are characteristically bypassed because of the difficulty in measuring results. Personal

character traits are extremely important for success in life. What kind of personality you possess—honesty, ingenuity, industriousness, to name a few—will take you much farther in life than will your simple understanding of physics or geometry.

That is where the Bible becomes the most excellent textbook. The many stories are filled with spiritual answers to be sure. Included between the lines, to a student willing to study and work for it, are real life examples of real life people displaying their character, or lack of it, to the whole world for all time.

God has recorded many examples of success and failure for us to consider. His Word is an outstanding study of positive character traits. Many years ago, in the early days of our country, educators recognized this attribute, and made the Bible the main textbook in the public

school system of that day.

When our country pushed the Bible out of the schools, it lost a tremendous educational resource.

I have had the opportunity to work for some very influential and wealthy people in my personal business. Over the years, from conversations with many of those people, a common list of character qualities emerged.

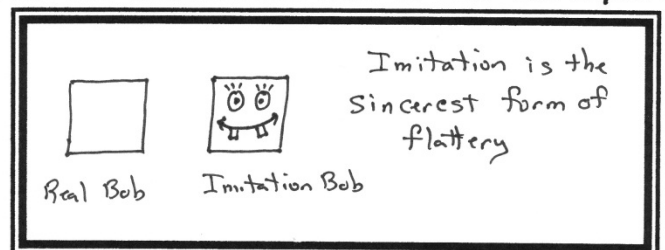
I expected to see a common attribute of hard work—very hard work. I also expected to see the common attribute of stability, also known as stick-to-it-iveness. And I expected to see common attribute of intelligence, or knowledge.

One character trait, common to all, was VERY evident, and was a complete surprise! We will discuss this trait in detail, and it begins with the question: are you a moose?



Corporations spend millions in advertising for your business. A select few have successfully achieved recognition without even saying a word (or a name). And these three have something else in common. Can you guess what it is?

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Stuff For Today

- Sunday School Commandments
- Technology pick of the week—just in time for Christmas
- Probably the bloodiest story in the Bible. It is the only Kroger Bible story that must be edited for violence!

The 7 Sunday School Commandments

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

1. Thou shalt bring 2 million dollars in unmarked bills to the corner of 43rd and Jackson Streets....oops, wrong list!
2. Thou shalt bring a smile. If thou can't not find thine and thou hast left thine in a dumpster, then thou shalt return to that dumpster, and retrieve thy smile.
3. Thou shalt be breathing. And having brushed thy teeth this morning, verily it shall be minty fresh.
4. Thou shalt not poke thy neighbor in the eye lest he smite you on the nose.
5. Thou shalt not smite thy neighbor on the nose lest he kicketh hard against thy shin.
6. Thou shalt not kick hard against thy neighbor's shin lest he poke thee in the eye.
7. Thou shalt have a good time, for verily verily I say unto thee; he that refuseth to have a good time shall be cast into the Lake of Fire... oops, wrong list again!

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Often we fail to realize how important it is to obey God fully. Our shortcomings can result in consequences that may far outlive us. We have only the short span of our lives to observe the results of our actions.

The lesson today traces a seemingly small infraction, a failure to fully obey. We have an advantage in that we can travel through time as we turn the pages of our Bible.

The story will span nearly 6 centuries. We will meet men and women who were faithful to their God, and a few who failed miserably.

Along the way, you will be introduced to quite a cast of characters: a man of the tribe of Benjamin called Kish, Saul the king of Israel, a pagan king named Agag, Samuel the prophet of God, an un-named Amalekite, a Jew called Mordecai, a young lady named Hadassa, an arrogant government official known as Haman, and Xerxes the king of Babylon.

We will look at the following passages in the Bible:

I Samuel 9:1

I Samuel 15:1-3, 9, 32-33

II Samuel 1:6-10

Esther (the whole book)

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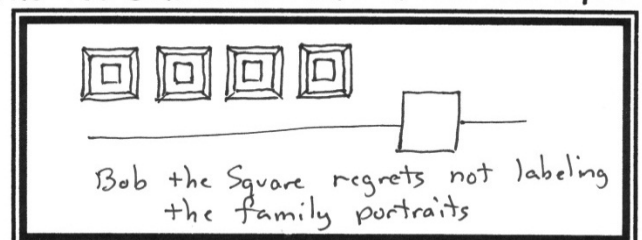
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Stuff For Today

- Announcement of March Meal
- What is Gold Lace Juniper, and what is it doing in the middle of the classroom?
- How to know for sure that you can trust God and all of His promises



Dinner Theater Coming In March

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Only once during the two years you are a member of this Sunday School class, will you have the opportunity to experience the most amazing meal EVER! We call it

THE MOST MASTERFULLY
MEASURED AND MADE
MAJOR MOUTH MOVING
MAIN MEAL MOMENT IN
MARCH

Details will be coming! Do not miss this!

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Real Estate Basics 101

II Corinthians 1: 18-22

¹⁸But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not "Yes" and "No."¹⁹For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by me and Silas²⁰ and Timothy, was not "Yes" and "No," but in him it has always been "Yes."²⁰For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.²¹Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us,²² set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

God is faithful ALWAYS! He can ALWAYS be trusted, and His Word will ALWAYS be true. It is that simple.

But God understands that we are but humans with faults—and sometimes we doubt Him. Even heroes in the Bible struggled with uncertainty. It is interesting to note that God, at times, went to great lengths to dispel their disbelief, and confirm to them the reality of His existence and love for them.

God gave us an absolute guarantee to assure us of His promises--the Holy Spirit.

I am not going to pretend that I even remotely understand the concept of a triune God. The Bible has clearly stated that God is One, and yet God is also three—God the Father, God the Son, who we also know as Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit. Three distinct, unique Persons existing and working so perfectly together that They can be called One.

When an individual puts their faith and trust in God, and accepts Jesus as their personal Savior, (also known as becoming a Christian), one of the many amazing things that God does is to place the Holy Spirit in them. One of the three Persons of the Trinity literally comes to live inside of us.

The Bible uses words like

regeneration, or made spiritually alive to help us understand this incredible idea. We as Christians have the intimate presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, a guide, a comforter, a reminder, a teacher...we could go on and on!

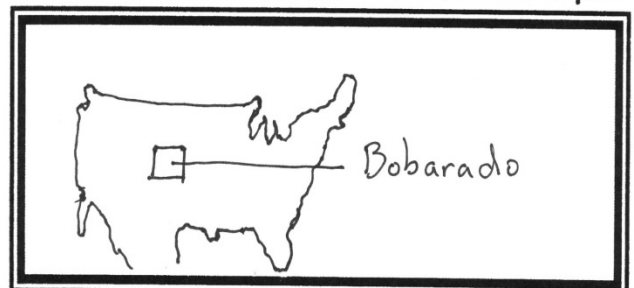
II Corinthians 1:22 explains to us that the Holy Spirit is a *deposit*. We will spend our class time today looking at what that simple word actually implies, and how much we can learn about trusting God, because He chose to use this word and not another.

We will look for a moment at the world of buying and selling houses and land, and the financial dealings in practice today. Specifically, we will analyze the practice of attaching something called earnest money, with an offer to buy a piece of real estate.

The Real Estate Deal (a critique)

"A good return on investment!"
"Incredible assets!"
"A Tony Award dividend!"
"We need an extension"
"A special affects insolvency"
"The movie had less liabilities!"

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Stuff For Today

- Everything you ever wanted to know about Barney Kroger
- The newest character in A Kroger Christmas reprises again this year
- How well do you really know the Christmas story?



Fun Facts About Kroger

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

1. In 1883, Barney Kroger invested his life savings of \$372 to open a grocery store at 66 Pearl Street in downtown Cincinnati.
2. Gross sales now top \$70 billion per year.
3. Kroger was the first grocery to include a bakery and fresh meat department in their stores.
4. Along with its 2500 grocery stores, Kroger owns nearly 400 fine jewelry stores.

It's A Kroger Christmas!

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Luke 2

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.

²*(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)*

³*And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.*

⁴*And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)*

⁵*To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.*

⁶*And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.*

⁷*And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.*

⁸*And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.*

⁹*And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.*

¹⁰*And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall*

be to all people.

¹¹*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*

¹²*And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.*

¹³*And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,*

¹⁴*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*

¹⁵*And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.*

¹⁶*And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.*

¹⁷*And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.*

¹⁸*And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.*

¹⁹*But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.*

²⁰*And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.*

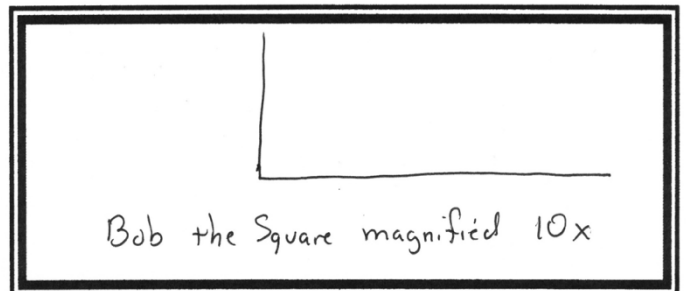
How Well Do You Know Christmas? (True or False)

1. There are 32 "la"s in the first verse of "Deck the Halls".
2. "Jingle Bells" never mentions Christmas.
3. "Silent Night" was originally written for guitar.
4. "Joy to the World" was not written as a Christmas song.
5. Snowflakes have 6 sides.
6. Animal cracker boxes have strings on them so they can be used as Christmas tree decorations.
7. Pointsettias, mistletoe, and holly are all poisonous.
8. Snowmen fall from the sky unassembled.
9. Santa did not live at the North Pole until 1882.
10. Santa's North Pole has an official Canadian Zip Code.
11. Mistletoe means "bird poo on a twig".
12. Both male and female reindeer have antlers.
13. Rudolph's real name is Rollo. He was also known as Reginald.
14. All Santa's reindeer are males.

Tradition

One lesson appears every year in this Sunday School class. It has become a long standing tradition. The first Kroger Christmas appeared nearly 10 years ago. You will never look at a brown paper bag the same.

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Stuff For Today

- Enthusiasm defined
- Free advice you can take out into the world as you grow older.
- If you could use only four words to describe God, which four would you choose?

**Enthusiasm: (noun)
Great Excitement
For, or Interest in,
Some Thing or a
Cause**

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

1. Some of us get dipped in flat, some in satin, some in gloss....But every once in a while, you find someone who's iridescent, and when you do, nothing will ever compare.

2. I saw a little girl touch a big bug and shout, "I conquered my fear! YES!" and calmly walk away. I was inspired.

3. Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm.

4. One of the worst things that can be said about an individual is that they are "uncurious".

The "Forgotten" Character Trait

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Isaiah 59:17

He put on righteousness as His breastplate,

and the helmet of salvation on His head;

He put on the garments of vengeance

and wrapped Himself in zeal as in a cloak.

God is an incredible being. We struggle to understand Him. Bringing Him down to our level is to rob Him of His Majesty. God is infinite, and our human minds cannot comprehend that definition.

But God wants us to know Him in a very personal way. His love for us is amazing when you consider just what we are, compared to Him. His intense desire for us, His longing that we have the opportunity to have a relationship with Him, prompted this whole idea we call salvation.

Through the pages of His Word, the Bible, He gives us everything we need to know about Him and His character. In minute bits and pieces, each just small enough for us to grasp, He reveals His never-ending personality, His love.

Given the task of defining and explaining God, Isaiah, in chapter 59:17 is succinct, and perfectly so, for it was God the Holy Spirit who gave these words to be written for all to read.

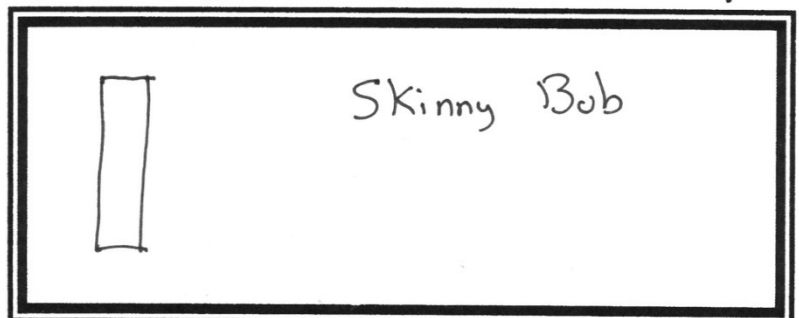
In four words we find a description of God unmatched anywhere else in Scripture for its brevity, clarity, and balance. As we end 2012, we will look at this verse and be reminded of the awesomeness of the God who loves us!

My New Year Wish For You
May you have the symptoms
of goniochromism the entire
year of 2013 and beyond!

New Year Resolutions for 2013

1. I will not eat meat loaf this year.
2. I will not try to ski through a revolving door again.
3. I will not bake any cake recipe that tells me to beat eggs. Why! What did they do?
4. I will try to be good. Does being good at being stupid count?
5. I will optimize Murphy's Law by using my computer.
6. I will be alert this year. The world needs more lerts.
7. I will drive more defensively this year. My M-1 Abrams tank arrives next week.
8. I will fill out my taxes this year in Roman Numerals.
9. I will fall behind earlier this year so I have more time to catch up.
10. I will be more patient this year. I sure hope it won't take long!

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Stuff For Today

- Today's Bible lesson
- The greatest card trick in the world (well maybe) performed here live!
- The theological ramifications of the imputation of the righteousness of Christ upon the heart of the regenerated believer.

A Few Words of Wisdom For the Year Ahead

(From Mr. Lyle)

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

1. Enjoy deadlines, especially the "wooshing" sound they make as they go by.
2. It is so simple to be wise. Just think of something stupid to say, and then don't say it.
3. Yesterday's yesterday's tomorrow's tomorrow is actually tomorrow's yesterday—AND THAT'S TODAY!
4. Brush your teeth with someone else today. 4 out of 5 dentists agree—you can't stop tooth decay by brushing alone.
5. Never buy tickets to an Amish World Series night game.
6. He who becomes a dad Goes slightly mad.
But, with medication or time,
He can be fine.
The weirdness becomes benign.

The Greatest Miracle

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Romans 4:20-25

²⁰ He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

²¹ And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

²² And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

²³ Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;

²⁴ But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

²⁵ Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

Few Christians today can define the word *imputation*. It is a word rarely used in our everyday vocabulary, and even in church, substitute words are used to help people understand the truth of Romans 4.

Upcoming Dinner Theater

Do not forget the meal that is planned for March. Critics have hailed it...

... more fun than a barrel of monkeys peeling potatoes in a Chevrolet dealership while Brandon sings "I Got My Mojo Working and I Thought You'd Like To Know".

So plan to be there!

The imputation of righteousness to a believer is a most amazing and awesome miracle! It is a miracle that God does for Himself (as well as us), Only He can see it; we wouldn't even know about it if He hadn't told us that He has done it.

Although very closely related to concepts like Atonement and Justification, it is important to take the time to analyze this work of God carefully. We will attempt to explain the similarities and differences, subtleties and uniqueness of this miracle.

The imputation of righteousness is an absolute must for anyone making plans to see Heaven someday. God is absolutely perfect, and cannot abide with anything imperfect. We sin. That places us in the latter category. How can God bring anything not perfect into an absolutely perfect place?

Class today will include a visual demonstration to help us understand the truth about this wonderful thing that God does for us.

Who knows, someday, someone might come up to you and ask:

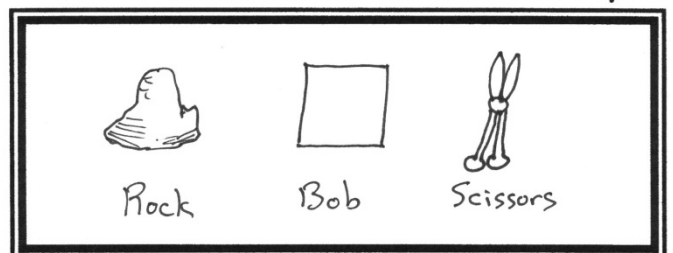
What are the theological ramifications of the imputation of the righteousness of Christ upon the heart of the regenerated believe?

You just might have an answer.

Rscheearch

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Stuff For Today

- Recall Notice
- In The Bleachers
- The single most amazing word in the English language!

Important Recall Notice

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

The Maker of all human beings is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart. This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named A.D.A.M. and E.V.E., resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been technically termed, "Sub-sequential Internal Non-morality", or more commonly known as SIN as it is primarily expressed.

Some symptoms of this problem include: (a). Loss of direction, (b). Confusion of the mental component, (c). Amnesia of origin, (d). Foul vocal emissions, and (e). Erratic, and self-destructive behaviors.

Please listen to the remainder of this notice as it is read in class.

The Most Incredible Word—EVER!

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Heaven is an amazing place. It already exists—God abides there with myriads of myriads of Heavenly beings. We as Christians look forward to a day when we will experience it firsthand.

However, it is out of our reach. We cannot get there by anything that we can accomplish. Were it not for the grace and love of God, we would all burn in Hell forever.

The promise of God is

clear; only those who are saved shall be allowed to enter that magnificent place. And only God can save us from our immense problem with sin. Try as we might, it is useless to think that we could solve the issue of sin by ourselves.

On our very, very, very best day, doing our very, very, best thing, compared to God, my goodness, your goodness, is nothing.

The good news is that all sin can be forgiven. There is nothing so heinous that God is not able to erase the penalty.

Because of what Jesus accomplished, salvation is available to all who

believe. Creation was finger work—delicate and intricate. Salvation is described as the strong arm of the Lord at work—powerful and amazing.

Eternal life in Heaven is an incomprehensible idea. God has set eternity in the hearts of men, but we struggle to understand it.

The Christian has been bought and paid for. The penalty for our sin has been met. We have been redeemed. That word infers freedom.

So what is the incredible word? Class time today will include a detailed introduction of the word Hoosumaber!



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To quote Bob
"Circles are pointless"



Stuff For Today

- If you ever thought it would be cool to have an armadillo for a pet, let me explain why that is a horrible, horrible idea!
- Mr. Lyle has a magical paper cutter—and, like, dude, it does magical stuff.
- Why would anyone sit outside their house for a whole week?

Armadillo (Kinda Tastes Like Chicken?)

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

There is a reason that we don't eat armadillo meat.

There is a reason that most of us do not keep them as house pets.

There is a reason that the medical community uses them as test subjects.

There is a reason that you don't think of an armadillo as cute and cuddly.

There is a reason that armadillo is spelled the way it is.

There is a reason that you cannot catch an armadillo in a baited trap.

There is a reason that Mr. Lyle does not like armadillos hanging around his house.

There is a reason we will talk about armadillos today in class.

So there!

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Leprosy Cured?-One Week Yet To Go

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Leviticus 13:1-2

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, ²“When anyone has a swelling or a rash or a bright spot on his skin that may become an infectious skin disease, ³he must be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons ⁴who is a priest.

Leviticus 14:3

³And the priest shall go forth out of the camp; and the priest shall look, and, behold, if the plague of leprosy be healed in the leper.

Leviticus 14:8

⁸And he that is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean: and after that he shall come into the camp, and shall tarry abroad out of his tent seven days.

The health issues and concerns over leprosy are addressed in the Law given to Moses, and recorded for us in the book of Leviticus

As you read through this section of the Bible, do not miss the intricate picture God has painted for us regarding sin, and our defilement by it, and our need of a cure for it.

To depict the concept in a

Upcoming Dinner Theater

Do not forget the meal that is planned for March. Critics have hailed it...

...more fun than 14 bagpipes playing Mozart 15th Symphony in D minor, while Sir Augustus Hamby reads passages from his memoirs in Latin. Lets face it. Anything would have to be better than that. So plan to go to the meal already!!!!

mathematical equation, it would simple be written as

Leprosy=Sin

The following list is certainly not exhaustive. Look through it and see if you can find any parallels between leprosy and sin.

1. It is not a respecter of persons. Everyone can have the problem.

2. It starts from within, and then soon shows its ugly head.

3. It begins small, but never stays that way.

4. It is loathsome and deadly.

5. We need to actively guard ourselves against it. Limit exposure and shun it.

6. It needs to be put away and avoided at all costs.

7. It progresses slowly, but surely. Do not let it fool you.

8. It is unclean and disgusting.

9. It is often not initially painful. The victim is desensitized to it.

10. It separates the victim from others.

11. The victim is lonely.

12. It can be contagious. There is no immunization known to man.

But there is a possibility of a cure, and an amazing process associated with it. In the rituals surrounding a confirmed cure, we see a clear picture of the work of Jesus upon the cross.

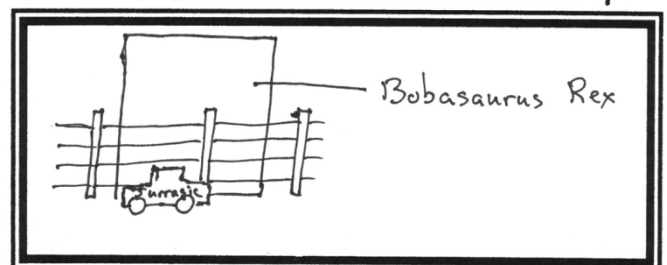
The Cure=Jesus

The Illusion Explained

Many people wonder how the paper cutter illusion is performed. In the past, I have been reluctant to give away my secrets. But, I considered the idea for a while, and came to the conclusion that you might enjoy knowing the truth about it. It will require an in depth explanation. So, for the first time ever, I will reveal the deep dark secret of this wonderful trick.

The most important step in performing this trick is to obtain and prepare the

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Stuff For Today

- How much wood would a Superman chuck, if a Superman could chuck wood?
- How Sue Roberts signs all of her letters.
- What can you make with \$2,000,000 worth of solid gold?

A Question

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

If Superman is as powerful as the comics and movies say he is, and if he is as willing to fight for Truth, Justice, and the American Way, like the old TV program used to say, then how would we use his abilities to work the most good for everyone?

In one of his movies, he accelerated himself to beyond the speed of light and turned back time to save Lois Lane. The amount of energy needed to accomplish that task is astronomical!

It would seem then, in the best interest of humanity, for him to be asked to use his amazing power to turn a gigantic electrical generator 24 hours a day—generating billions of free kilowatt hours of power for the world to use.

Just a thought.

A Golden Lampstand—Beautiful!

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Exodus 25:31-39

³¹“Make a lampstand of pure gold. Hammer out its base and shaft, and make its flowerlike cups, buds and blossoms of one piece with them. ³²Six branches are to extend from the sides of the lampstand—three on one side and three on the other. ³³Three cups shaped like almond flowers with buds and blossoms are to be on one branch, three on the next branch, and the same for all six branches extending from the lampstand. ³⁴And on the lampstand there are to be four cups shaped like almond flowers with buds and blossoms. ³⁵One bud shall be under the first pair of branches extending from the lampstand, a second bud under the second pair, and a third bud under the third pair—six branches in all. ³⁶The buds and branches shall all be of one piece with the lampstand, hammered out of pure gold.

³⁷“Then make its seven lamps and set them up on it so that they light the space in front of it. ³⁸Its wick trimmers and trays are to be of pure gold. ³⁹A talent¹ of pure gold is to be used for the lampstand and all these accessories.

Upcoming Dinner Theater

The March meal will be absolutely incredibly fun!!!!!! Do not miss it. Critics have hailed as:

More fun than when the Penguins of Madagascar did that funny thing they did in the movie when the guy said that stuff and then the other guy laughed and then the penguins did that thing, and I laughed and laughed and it was sooooo great!

As great as that was—this will be even better!

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Few pictures in the Old Testament are as rich and complete as this one. The Tabernacle in its entirety that when lit, showered speaks about Jesus Christ light into the otherwise and His character and darkness of the room. The attributes. One beautiful clear, odorless oil is piece of furniture, a lamp, significant as well. We will teaches us much about God, discuss its role in this His Son, and His Holy Spirit. model that God gave us.

1. It was made of pure gold—emphasizing His deity.

2. Its base touched the dirt floor—reminding us that Jesus came to this earth and walked upon the same ground we do.

3. It was not cast in a mold, but beaten with hammers into shape—reminding us of what Jesus went through on His way to the cross.

4. As no windows were present in the Tabernacle, it was the only light in the tent—Jesus is indeed the light of the world.

5. It was intricate in beauty. A craftsman was given special artistic talent to make it. It would have been a focal point for anyone in the room—Jesus is to be the focus of our lives as well.

Gripping!



This well-known scene from the Sistine Chapel shows God reaching to touch the tip of the finger of man. For those who claim Christ as their Savior, the connection is more than just a touch. John 10:28-29 stipulates that we are in His grip. Imagine the strong arm of the Lord holding onto your own arm—and not letting go. Our salvation is not secured by our strength, but rather, it is bound by His hold on us

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Few realize the role Bob the Square played at Gettysburg.

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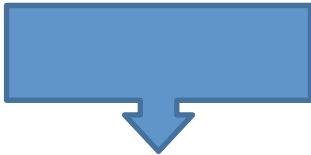
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- Welcome to Febrooaree
- Surprise visit by the winner of the Mr. Lyle Bowl I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, and XII

The Field For Today

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Mr. Lyle Bowl XIII--2013

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

I watched Superbowl I. The Green Bay Packers and the Kansas City Chiefs met in the Los Angeles Coliseum on January 15, 1967. As an eleven year old who did not follow the game much, it left little impression on me.

It was not called *Superbowl I* until retro-actively given the name in 1970. It was simply known as the *AFL-NFL World Championship Game*.

Broadcast on both NBC and CBS, it was the only Superbowl game to date that was not completely sold out. For those who care, the Packers beat the Chiefs 35-10.

Thirteen years ago, an idea was born that has consistently appeared in Sunday School every first Sunday in February. It is called the *Mr. Lyle Bowl*, and it returns again today..

Upcoming Dinner Theater

Sadly, the **Most Masterfully Measured and Made Major Mouth Moving Main Meal Moment in March** had a scheduling conflict, and has been scrapped.

Fortunately though, the **Awesome April Appetite Alternative—An Almost Above Average Attraction to Attend** has now been scheduled for April 19th.

Check and mark, and draw on, and post-it-note, and push-pin, and circle, and highlight in yellow your calendars.

BE THERE!

The playing field looks showed us how, wrote it all somewhat like a regulation down in a Book called the football field, and we use a Bible, and gave us an football, and there is a internal referee, the Holy referee, but that is where any Spirit, to call the plays for us.

This game is an analogy of Play the game of life the life of a Christian. With according to God's plan—an impossible set of rules, and win! and a ref that knows them all too well, winning is all but impossible—on your own.

You see, for a Christian living in the world, playing the game of life is difficult at best. God has an incredible standard that we are to maintain—perfection. On our own, that is an impossible goal.

The good news is that God never intended for us to tackle this game on our own. He has provided a Way in the person of Jesus Christ.

The key to winning in this life is to maintain a relationship with Him. We need to allow Him to lead, and then be brave enough to follow.

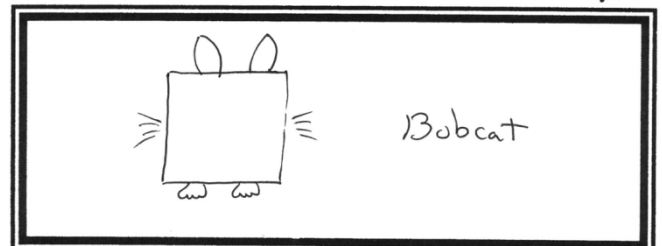
2,000 years ago, Jesus took the field as a human being just like us, and won, by living a perfect life. He

The Most Incorrectly Pronounced Word in the English Language

Welcome to the second month of the Gregorian Calendar. We are only 3 days into it, and many people are mispronouncing **February**. The first **r** is **NOT SILENT!** It is not there by accident!

It is **Feb-roo-aree—NOT Feb-yoo-aree!** You have only 25

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Stuff For Today

- Odd stuff about Valentine's Day
- How to read Japanese
- Noah's Family Tree

Whaddaya Know About Valentine's Day

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)



We all know that this very recognizable shape does not even come close to looking like the real human heart, so, just where did this symbol come from?

Records of the first use of this symbol are found in ancient Babylon—shortly after the great flood of Noah's day.

The Bible talks of a man named Nimrod (see Gen. 10:8-12). History tells us that he married a woman named Semaramis. Upon his untimely death, she did not want to give up her throne. So she invented a religious system that promoted her to be a god.

One of the symbols she used to make herself more familiar and memorable to her people was the **Sacred Heart**. Its shape has remained largely the same for thousands of years

Happy Valentine's Day!

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A Family Tree—1656 Years Long

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Genesis 5

This is the written account of Adam's family line.

When God created man, he made them in the likeness of God.² He created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them "Man"³ when they were created.

³ When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth.⁴ After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters.⁵ Altogether, Adam lived a total of 930 years, and then he died.

⁶ When Seth had lived 105 years, he became the father⁶ of Enosh.⁷ After he became the father of Enosh, Seth lived 807 years and had other sons and daughters.⁸ Altogether, Seth lived a total of 912 years, and then he died.

⁹ When Enosh had lived 90 years, he became the father of Kenan.¹⁰ After he became the father of Kenan, Enosh lived 815 years and had other

sons and daughters.¹¹ Altogether, ²⁸ When Lamech had lived 182 Enosh lived a total of 905 years, and years, he had a son.²⁹ He named then he died. him Noah³⁰ and said, "He will

¹² When Kenan had lived 70 years, comfort us in the labor and he became the father of painful toil of our hands caused Mahalalel.¹³ After he became the by the ground the Lord has father of Mahalalel, Kenan lived 840 years.³⁰ After Noah was born, years and had other sons and Lamech lived 595 years and had daughters.¹⁴ Altogether, Kenan lived other sons and a total of 910 years, and then he daughters.³¹ Altogether, Lamech died. lived a total of 777 years, and

¹⁵ When Mahalalel had lived 65 then he died. years, he became the father of ³² After Noah was 500 years Jared.¹⁶ After he became the father old, he became the father of of Jared, Mahalalel lived 830 years Shem, Ham and Japheth.

and had other sons and daughters.¹⁷ Altogether, Mahalalel lived a total of 895 years, and then he died.

¹⁸ When Jared had lived 162 years, he became the father of Enoch.¹⁹ After he became the father of Enoch, Jared lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters.²⁰ Altogether, Jared lived a total of 962 years, and then he died.

²¹ When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah.²² After he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked faithfully with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters.²³ Altogether, Enoch lived a total of 365 years.²⁴ Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.

²⁵ When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he became the father of Lamech.²⁶ After he became the father of Lamech, Methuselah lived 782 years and had other sons and daughters.²⁷ Altogether, Methuselah lived a total of 969 years, and then he died.

Ancient Japanese Proverb



Ancient Japanese Proverb Translated

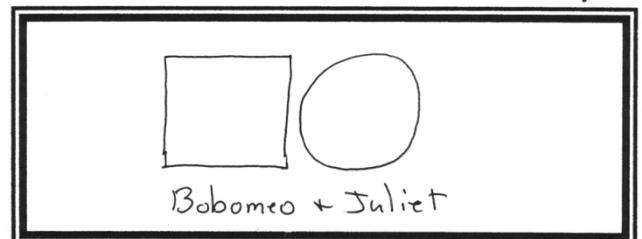
Much care is required when translating words and phrases from one language to another.

After considerable study, I have made the determination that the proverb on the left can be loosely translated:

"If you cannot read Japanese, tilt your head to the right"

You're welcome!

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Stuff For Today

- The nightshade family
- Ways to eat potatoes
- A scholarly look at the various character traits found in the ordinary *solanum tuberosum*

Howddaya Eat Potatoes ?

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

We eat them

1. Fried
2. Boiled
3. Baked
4. Au gratin
5. Twice baked
6. French fried
7. Hash browns
8. Soup
9. Mashed
10. Cheesy
11. Curly fried
12. Tots
13. Broiled
14. Gnocchi
15. Roasted
16. Chips
17. Pancakes
18. Scalloped
19. Pierogi
20. Salad
21. Grilled
22. Steamed
23. Latkes
24. Pave
25. Pureed
26. Candied
27. Croquettes
28. Rösti
29. Waffles
30. Pommes Dauphine
31. Vichyssoise
32. Flakes (just add water)
33. Dumplings
34. And of course RAW!

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Potatoes: Very Interesting Creatures

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Potatoes are fascinating creatures. A solid, scholarly study of their unique character traits and behaviors can help us to understand ourselves and our own actions better.

I have studied potatoes for years in their natural habitat and have come to refer to them affectionately as **Taters**. My own personal collection includes some very fine examples of their peculiarities. We will look at each in some detail this morning.

Dictater—he always wants his own way. And since that does not always happen, he tends to be angry a lot.

Imitater—is always looking

Nightshades

The botanical among us place nearly 2,800 plants into a category commonly called *nightshades*.

Included on this list are pimentos, morning glories, tomatoes, paprika petunias, tobacco, and potatoes.

They all contain a chemical compound known as alkaloids. Other plants in this family contain large, even lethal, amounts of this chemical and are considered quite poisonous.

Facilitater—is always around and copying what others are doing. That is looking around, and fine, provided that she has a helping others in need. He is a servant with a heart to

Rotater—is constantly put others ahead of himself. It is a good way to live. You can tell by the smile on his face.

Gravitater—is drawn to everything that comes along. He has no foundation.

Commentater—always has something to say, what he read, and how usually without much prior good God is. Spending time alone with God is of

Agitater—is always stirring up trouble among others. Often just for amusement.

Cogitater—is always thinking—and then second costs. guessing himself, to the point of failing to commit to anything.

Spectater—is always watching, but never doing, never helping.

Irritater—is just like sandpaper. He knows how to get under your skin.

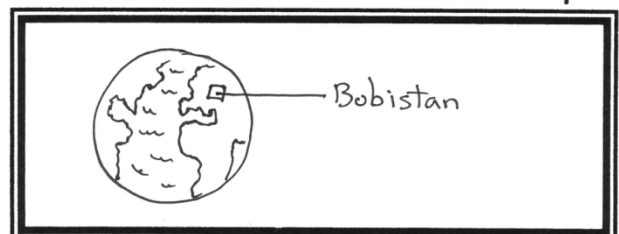
Hesitater—is wary of everything. He knows better, but will not take a stand.

Meditater—knows the Bible. He reads it and studies it, and then, later, when it is quiet, he closes his eyes and thinks about what he read, and how far more value than most people think. Our fast paced world does not fit with this concept, but the benefits far outweigh the

Famous Taters

1. Peter Cottontater
2. Spiderspud
3. Optimash Prime
4. Taters of the Lost Ark
5. Darth Tater

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Stuff For Today

- Marsh Mallows from ancient Egypt
- How to drive an ox
- Chocolate covered marshmallows: a rather unique Sunday School lesson

Marshmallows: What Are They Really?

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Have you ever chomped down on a s'more and had ooey, gooey stuff run down your chin?

Have you ever made an attempt to crush the world record for stuffing as many little white fluffy cylinders into your mouth as possible? (And then started laughing, and had white drool stuff run out of the corners of your mouth?)

Have you ever gotten a yellow Peep at Easter and decapitated it like a ravenously hungry tiger, ripping it to shreds, and then gulping it down? (And had its internal organs stick to your teeth?)

Have you ever wondered to yourself "Just what mysterious stuff is in a marshmallow anyway? And what makes it sticky on the inside, but not on the outside?"

I have many questions that medication doesn't solve.

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Chocolate Covered Marshmallows

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Psalm 39:4-5

Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is: that I may know how frail I am.

⁵ Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah.

In this passage, David talks about how short life is—how fleeting. Note the last half of verse 5. Its structure is fascinating.

The word **verily** appears, followed by a short phrase, and then the word **Selah**. **Verily** is an expression that denotes earnestness, as if to

say, "Take note of what is to follow". **Selah** generally refers to a brief period of time, shortness. It is also and consider what was just a proper name. Because of the short span of his life, Abel's name came to be synonymous with terms like fleeting or unfinished.

Used together, it would seem appropriate to study carefully the phrase that falls between them.

In the original Hebrew, the sentence consists of three words. We will take a few minutes to look at each word in detail.

Every Man--Each person is personally responsible for their relationship with God.

At his best state--This is a very specific term. A farmer of that day would recognize it immediately. An ox goad, a pointed shaft made of wood or iron, was used to steer oxen while working. When an iron goad's point was broken, it was taken to a blacksmith for repair. This word was used to describe the needed repairs. Man is damaged, in need of repair--salvation.

Is altogether vanity--One word in Hebrew, it refers to a brief period of time, shortness. It is also a proper name. Because of the short span of his life, Abel's name came to be synonymous with terms like fleeting or unfinished.

Translators did an amazing job bringing the Hebrew over into English. However, due to the limits imposed by cultural differences, not all words translate perfectly from one language to another.

We will look at this complete phrase in the light of Abel's story.

Althaea Officinalis

Marsh Mallow is an herb that grows naturally in the East. Sap from its roots was used to make white fluffy candy thousands of years ago in ancient Egypt.

The Most Masterfully Measured and Made Major Mouth Moving Main Meal Moment in March

Yup, that's what we call it! It's back and scheduled now for MARCH 8! And, because we do this ONLY ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS, it is most likely your only chance to experience it--unless of course, you decide to repeat 7th grade. ☺

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<input type="checkbox"/> Bob happy	<input type="checkbox"/> Bob angry
<input type="checkbox"/> Bob sad	<input type="checkbox"/> Bob scared
<input type="checkbox"/> Bob worried	<input type="checkbox"/> Bob confident

Stuff For Today

- H.o.r.s.e. and a UFO
- A little black and white bear breaks a primary law of physics.
- How to prove the unprovable.

A Portal To Another Dimension

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Some things even science fiction struggles to rationalize. Allow me explain as best I can.

The story is told of an ancient forest in a dark, uncharted region of Africa with trees unknown to science or the modern world. Legends tell us of peculiar things—strange things—that happen in the presence of the few remaining samples of this wood that have survived the millennia, carefully handed down from one generation to another.

It is said that a manuscript of extreme antiquity reveals that even the simplest box, built of this wood, defies all known laws of physics, and is proof itself of the existence of other dimensions.

After much careful study and research, and a bit of luck, I must have obtained some of this very lumber!

A simple box with a very odd characteristic—the stuff legends are made of!

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Seeing Is Believing—Or Is It?

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

II Corinthians 5:7

We live by faith and not by sight.

Taken in context, this verse refers to Heaven. Paul is talking to the Corinthian church about their ultimate future—where will Christians spend eternity? The truth of this verse, though, extends into all areas of the Christian walk.

So much of our Christianity is “unprovable” by the standards of the world. The culture we live in demands a reality check based upon the five physical senses: taste, touch, hearing, sight, and smell. The spiritual world,

which is very real indeed, is not accessed by any of these senses. So the unsaved look at our belief system as foolishness.

For the Christian, the Bible must be seen as absolutely dependable. It does not just contain the Words of God—it is the Word of God! And if God is perfect, (He is, by the way), then His Word is also perfect.

Mankind, since the fall, has been separated from God by sin. I believe that Adam understood firsthand how incredibly awesome God actually is. The Bible says that Adam walked with God in the garden in the cool of the day. Have you ever wondered what God looks like—or sounds like—or feels like—or smells like? Adam knew.

Everything that we need to know about God is described in the Bible. We trust, we have faith that what God has said in His Word is true and unchanging. And what is even more amazing, He gives us the faith that we need to believe!

Will there at times be days of doubt? Yes, even some of the heroes of the Bible exhibited skepticism at times. Usually that uncertainty was a result of their physical senses. What they saw, and felt, and heard, and smelled overwhelmed the truth that they knew, deep down, was unchanging.

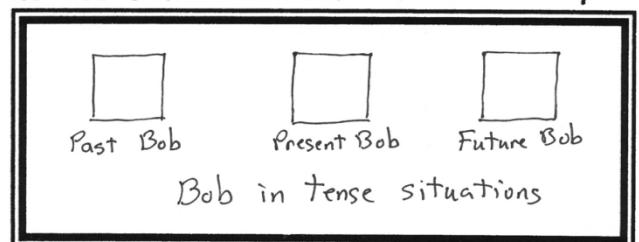
Learn to trust God implicitly. Don't waste your life in pursuit of some physical evidence of God. Your five senses are not infallible. They are, in reality, quite easily deceived. Trust the Bible to be true, no matter what!

All kidding aside, the meal and dinner theatre this Friday night will be something that you will ALWAYS remember for the rest of your life. I experienced it for myself for the first time over 40 years ago when I was just a boy. It was one of those moments in time that I will cherish forever!

The Most Masterfully Measured and Made Major Mouth Moving Main Meal Moment in March

The single most incredibly fun evening is this Friday night. **Do not miss this!** If you had to pick one thing to attend this year, this would be it! Why? 1. Guaranteed fun. 2. Guaranteed fun. 3. Guaranteed fun. 4. Guaranteed fun. 5. Just Because, that's why!

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Sunday School Times

Stuff For Today

- Recap of Friday Meal
- Life Truth #6
- How many times can you tell a story before people begin to take notice and wonder why you are telling it over and over?

Important Updates From Friday Meal

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

The Most Memorable Masterfully Measured and Made Major Mouth Moving Main Meal Moment in March happened this last Friday night. For those who could not attend, a few highlights follow.

1. We had a visit from the World's Ugliest Man! A man so incredibly ugly that his face had to remain hidden under a towel so as not to frighten those around him.

2. We watched a polar bear go through some incredibly difficult circumstances. And yes, we did laugh at him.

3. We learned from the story of Rinderella that if you want a prandsome hince to lell in fuv with you, be sure to slop your dripper.

4. We ate Puppy Critters, Fraidy Cat, Screamin Mimi, Sponge and Sludge, Pota, Angel Pillows, and of course, who could forget the Zoldello Kabitozer-purula!

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A Story x Three = ?

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

II Kings 18-20

II Chronicles 29-32

Isaiah 36-39

History from a textbook consists of names, dates and events of interest. The Biblical record, divine history, is not merely a chronicle of past occurrences. There are spiritual truths cast, and many times hidden, in the narrative. Scripture details past experiences rarely more than twice. God saw fit to pass down to us a few facets of Hezekiah's reign over Judah. He did so with three distinctive authors, three varying

viewpoints, and placed the temple again, and cleaned information in three different it. He, having discovered locations in the Bible. That the truth of the Law, for the act flags this small portion of book had been lost and the historical record as forgotten, reintroduced the noteworthy, even though the practices once again. events are relatively Temple worship had been insignificant and minor restored after a very long compared to the rest of the time of neglect. Return to world of that day. the Word of God always results in great things.

Of the twenty-one kings who ruled over Judah following the reign of David, none are equal to Hezekiah. If David was number one in God's eyes, Hezekiah was number two. His reign is one of transforming the struggling southern kingdom back into what it was meant to be, a nation the entire world would look upon with respect because of their relationship to Jehovah God. His father, Ahaz, had boarded up the temple and urged the nation to worship pagan gods. Hezekiah took his position as

the leader of Judah upon the death of his father, when he was but twenty-five years of age. One has to admire his conviction and drive. He opened the doors of the

BUT

Because of the kindness of God upon his life, Hezekiah became proud, Pride is a dangerous commodity, and Hezekiah owned much of it. A man who started so well, ended quite poorly. Today we will take a closer look at this man and his successes and failures. There is much we can learn from his story—repeated three times—and recorded in the Bible for us to see.

Life Truth #6

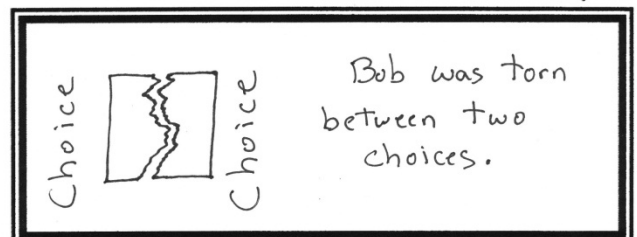
Daddys are right 97% of the time.
Nobody cares about the other 4%.

Punctuation

You, need to learn: punctuation—for. Later! "In Life" (You may be) wondering why. You have! To study about, things of: this nature? Believe - me when I (say it) is very "important"

For your own safety, please do not stop here and read, there is nothing to see. Go on to another article. Thank you.

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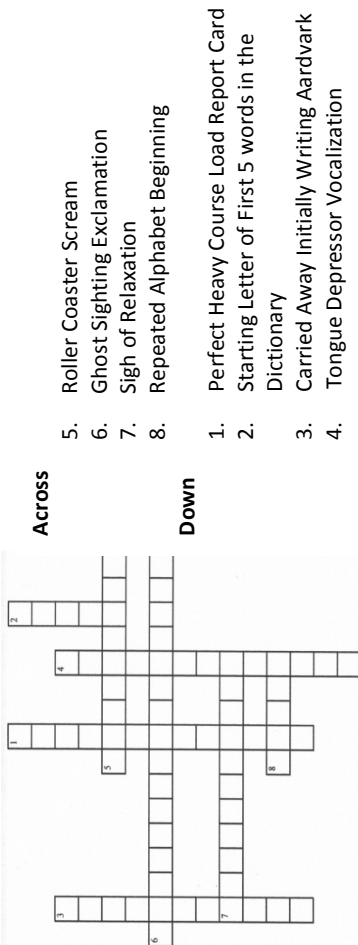
Sunday School Times

Stuff For Today

- Short history lesson regarding the nursery rhyme *Mary Had A Little Lamb*
- Observation #43
- What Donkey? And why in the world should I care what color he is?!!!

"A" Crossword Puzzle

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So, What Color Was The Donkey?

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John 12

The Gospel of John recounts events in the life of Jesus from a unique perspective. His attention to detail often includes mention of geographical location. Many times, he gives insight by placing things accurately on a timeline. John 12 is a beautiful example of this.

These verses take us back to one week before the Jesus' death on the cross. Between the four Gospels, much is

recorded about His last Many things in the Old week. Many prophecies of Testament point to the Scripture were being fulfilled person of Jesus, His during this time. A lot was character, His actions, His going on. attributes. This Passover

I Corinthians 5:7 tells us that Jesus is our Passover Lamb. That takes us back into the Old Testament. The Passover was an extremely A flawless lamb was important event in the lives chosen (Jesus was without of the people of Israel. The sin), and was to be laws regarding how it was to observed for four days. I be celebrated and observed have seen lambs before, were quite detailed and and they are absolutely explicit. They were to pick a adorable! I can imagine

lamb without any flaws or the attachment that might blemishes, observe it for four develop when an animal days, and then, on the like that was brought near evening of the Passover, the family for a few days? they were to kill it and eat it And then, at sunset in a solemn meal. Passover evening, it was slaughtered and roasted and eaten. The sense of personal loss would have been evident, I am sure.

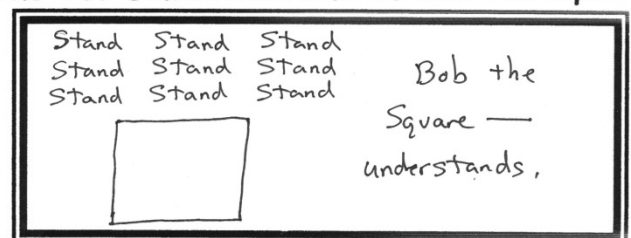


Mary did indeed have a little Lamb—our Passover Lamb—Jesus Christ.

Observation #43

Nowhere in any nursery rhyme does it say that Humpty Dumpty was an egg.

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Sunday School Times

Stuff For Today

- Questions about Easter
- Random Idea #16
- Why the cross was so important

Easter Questions

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Does anybody else find it odd that in this day and age of attempting to raise educated children, we insist on trying to convince them that bunny rabbits do indeed lay eggs?

Does anybody else find it odd that in this day and age of trying to raise children who are conscious of cleanliness, that we tell them it is OK to go around picking up stuff that obviously dropped out of a bunny rabbit, and then put some of that very stuff in their mouth?

Does anybody else find it odd that in this day and age of people suffering from malnutrition, that we do not explain to our children the nutritional benefits found in the consumption of Lepus steaks?

Does anybody else find it odd that in this day and age of trying to teach children about God, that we attach stories about egg laying bunny rabbits to the day set aside to remember the most important moment in world history?

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The Focal Point of All History

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Romans 5:8

But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

The Bible tells us that in eternity past God had a plan. He foreknew that we would all have a problem called sin. And that sin would stand in the way of our having a relationship with God. His plan involved an amazing solution so incredible that I Peter 1:12 tells us that angels desire, or long, to look into it.

The angels witnessed enthusiastic interest to all creation and cheered each who were watching—step of the process. They especially the angels. also watched as Satan They understood the became proud and arrogant magnificence of God, His and challenged God. unlimited abilities, His Judgment was swift, final, majesty! And they and unimaginably painful, as watched that very same God swept him and his God love in the most followers from Heaven, and supreme way. condemned each to one day burn in unquenchable fire for all of eternity.

Adam sinned also. But time and place, and instead of a guaranteed Hell, exposed Himself to our he was given a chance to condition to identify to us experience forgiveness from what true love is. That an God. How remarkable the infinitely powerful God contrast!

The very idea of love, as God would define it, is a concept best understood by demonstration. Placing His plan into motion brought

God willingly and lovingly stepped out of limitless eternity into our the degradation of the cross is without equal.

On the cross that day over 2,000 years ago, the entire universe watched as God demonstrated love—perfect, complete, and without equal. *Jesus loves me* the song says. He gave us dying proof!

On What Day Is Easter Celebrated?

The early church faced difficulty in placing a date on the calendar for Easter. You see, there was not a universally accepted calendar as we have now. Some used the Jewish calendar of approximately 360 days per year, some used the Roman calendar with 365 $\frac{1}{4}$ days per year.

A compromise was reached that, today, still baffles many people. The date is determined as:

The first Sunday following the first full moon following the Spring Equinox.

Spring Equinox 2013 fell on March 20. Full moon was next on March 27. The Sunday following is today, March 30, 2013.

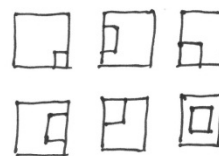
Resurrection Day Math

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \text{ Cross} \\ + 3 \text{ Nails} \\ \hline 4 \text{ Given} \end{array}$$

Random Idea #16

Place a slinky on an escalator and never be bored again!

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It took Bob the Square six tries before he got his facebook profile picture just the way he wanted it.

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Sunday School Times

Stuff For Today

- Some cookie history
- Next Week Q and A
- Welcome to Snickerdoodleville!

A Little Cookie History

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As a result of extensive research, and an exceptionally dynamic imagination, I would like to forward my own hypothesis of the origin of the name *snickerdoodle*.

In 1573, a Dutch nobleman named Baron Von Hayd D'ood was visiting the King Iam Overstuffed. During his visit there, he was served a delightful sugar cookie, made by the Royal Bakery Chef just for the occasion. History records that at some point during their meeting, the king leaned over and said *Hayd D'ood, what do you think of the sugar cookies?* He was taken aback by the question and stumbled a bit in his reply as he compared them to a special cookie from his home town. *They are like, Wowman, like totally...*but he never finished the sentence as he choked on a cookie.

So as to the origin of the name *snickerdoodle*? I have absolutely no idea!

But the next time you hear someone using phrases like *Hayd D'ood, that's like, Wowman, like D'ood!*, you will have a historical frame of reference and context in which you can place the comment.

D'ood!

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Snickerdoodleville—A Great Place!

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Ephesians 6:17

¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Heaven is, and will be, an amazing place. We do not have the ability as human beings to even begin to comprehend what is in store for those of us who are Christians.

The Bible describes small bits and pieces to us, but even Paul says, at best, we can only look through a shadowy, dark glass towards heaven. Think the most amazing thought that you can think about what Heaven might be like, and rest assured, you are probably not even close to the truth about this most amazing place!

God created the universe in six days. Contrast that with the final words of Jesus when He told his disciple that He was going to prepare a place for them (and us). That was over two thousand years ago.

Sometimes I Amaze Even Myself!

Observation: The Wicked Witch melts with the application of water.

Supposition: She has never had a bath.

Deduction: No wonder her only friends were flying monkeys!

And Heaven will be *mountain is scuffed aside forever!* We struggle with *When that entire mountain infinity.* This is my favorite *has been worn away, not description of one day of even one day of eternity will have passed!*

Imagine a solid granite God has a hard and fast *mountain 100 mile wide, 100 rule—no one is allowed miles long, and 10 miles into Heaven unless they high. Only once every 1000 meet the dress code.* The *years, a little chickadee* key piece of attire is the *comes and sharpens its little helmet of salvation. beak on the top of that huge* Absolutely no one passes *mountain. During that brief* without it.

sharpening process, an infinitesimal speck of the We use many phrases to describe salvation, e.g.

becoming a Christian, being saved, inviting Jesus into our heart, being born again. Essentially they all refer to the idea that we need God in our lives. We must recognize that we are sinful creatures, incapable of perfection, and believe that Jesus paid the price for our shortcoming. And ask God to do for us what He has promised, And He will.

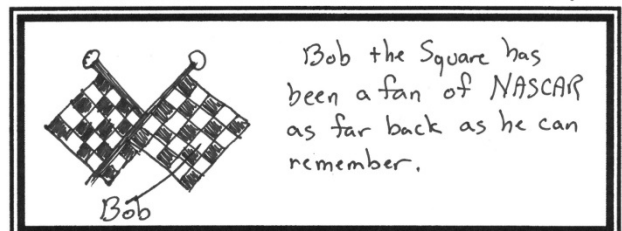
Next Week

Have you ever had a question about the Bible, church, religion, or God that you would really like an answer for but were afraid to ask? Next week is your chance to get your answer. If you choose, you will be able to write your question on a piece of paper—unsigned—and we will look at each question and attempt to find a good answer from the Bible. This is always a very interesting time! No question is off the table! Make it a good one!

Little Known Fact of Science

Gravity is stronger on a very cold morning.

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Sunday School Times

Stuff For Today

- Bob 3D and free advice
- The Last Word
- Questions and answers

Life Truths That Your Daddy Never Taught You

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#3. Live each day as if it were your last. (Which is why you don't have any clean laundry, because, come on, who wants to do laundry on the last day of their life?)

#7. The *Hokey Pokey* IS what it's all about!

#42. A good friend will bail you out of jail at 2:00 in the morning. A best friend is sitting next to you saying, "Dude, that was awesome!"

#66. Don't listen to a thing that your parents tell you. It will give you so much more to talk about later!

#68 It is OK to eat animals. After all, they are made of meat.

#74. Some people drink from the fountain of knowledge—others just gargle.

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The Last Word in the Old Testament

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Malachi 4:6b

...lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

Malachi's soliloquy is the concluding scene in the final act of the Old Testament. As the curtain begins to descend, the closing expression we hear, the last word spoken by God, is *curse*. The audience sits in reverent silence, unsure if applause is appropriate at this point. The lights go down; it is a somber ending to the story to be sure. Four hundred years of silence follow. God will say nothing more until His Son steps out onto center stage in Matthew.

The Old Testament would seem to be merely backdrop scenery, were it not for the New Testament. It is there that we realize what God was doing, and why. The panoramic background on the stage is filled with the colors and subtle hues and tints that point to the person of Jesus Christ.

Verse four, of the fourth chapter of Malachi, is a reminder that the Law given to Moses was much more than just a piece of legislation. David reassures us in the Psalms that the decrees of God are wonderful and are to be studied and meditated upon, and that a close walk with the Lord is predicated on that truth. They are a *lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path*. The godly coordinate their lives by the commandments of the Lord.

But as we have found, many of those laws also pre-figure the person of the Messiah, making them doubly delightful to contemplate and reflect upon.

God's warning in the last verse is delivered with a cautionary portent. His exact words are, *lest I come and smite the earth with a curse*. That final word immediately takes us back to the Garden of Eden and the fall of man. When Adam and Eve sinned, a curse was pronounced by God upon mankind, as well as all of creation. Since that moment, the scourge of sin and the consequences of the judgment of God plague our daily existence. But our merciful God foreknew that, and planned a solution in eternity past. Salvation, and the eventual complete redemption of man from that curse, is the central theme of the Bible, from cover to cover.

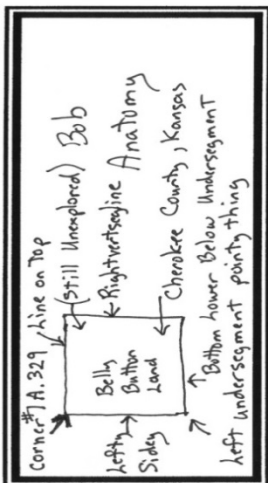
In the original language, the word translated *curse* is quite interesting. It carries with it the subtle idea of a net or snare. Picture, if you will, a fisherman along the shore, working with a casting net. His polished technique is evident as the net unfurls in the toss and then drops into the water. Attached to his hand is a cord which he deftly begins gathering back towards himself. As the net descends around an unsuspecting fish, he has already drawn the bottom closed, sealing off any chance of escape for his prey. Likewise, if the hearts of God's people are not focused upon Him, His judgment will be a shocking, sure, deadly surprise to the unprepared.

The common usage of this word also takes us into the realm of the camel driver. The more stubborn of these animals, at times, require a supplementary method of persuasion to submit to the master. The process of placing a large round guide ring through the soft cartilage between the nostrils is a bit unpleasant to imagine, and God is warning His people that He will administer the painful implantation of devices that will coerce obedience if necessary. God demands compliance with His Laws.

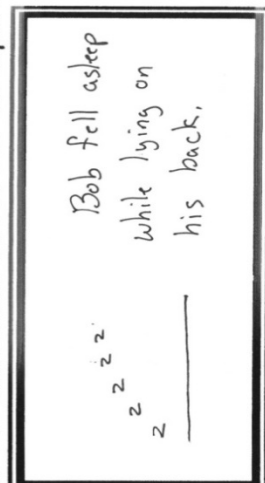
In addition to these nuanced definitions, the clear warning God communicated was a direct reference to Leviticus 27:29. In times past, as the Israelites were conquering and occupying the Promised Land, God had specific requirements assigned to individual battles for various reasons. In some instances, as in the case of the battle for Jericho, everything was to be *devoted* to the Lord. The identical Hebrew term translated as *curse* in Malachi, is translated differently in Leviticus. Everyone *devoted* to the Lord was to be killed. All that was flammable was to be burned. Nothing in the plunder could be ransomed, no one could be redeemed. Every living thing died, every combustible thing was destroyed, and anything that was left after those two ravages, was God's. Consider the fact that those who were *cursed* or *devoted* to the Lord were not eligible for redemption. No price could be paid to bring them into a condition of relationship. Here we find the most significant concern of God. If His people were distracted and unconcerned with God and His love for them, they might miss the gift that was to come. He was planning to send a Savior, Jesus the Messiah, who would voluntarily go to a cross and shed His blood, and pay the necessary redemption price for all mankind who would accept the offer extended to them. Those not watching, those not attentive, would suffer the *curse* and miss the only possibility of redemption from sin.

The Old Testament begins with a subtle reference to the person of Jesus, and ends with a warning not to miss the Messiah and the redemption plan of God. Jesus Christ must be the focus of our lives. I trust that as you continue in your walk with God, your fascination with the Savior never ends, and that the reading and study of the Word of God become an ever increasing part of your life.

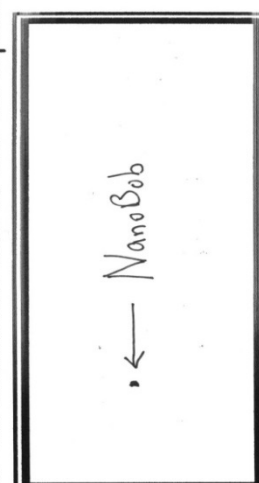
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Stuff For Today

- How to pray
- Biblical archeology
- More questions and answers today

The Proper Way to Pray

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The proper way for a man to pray,
Says Deacon Lemuel Keys,
And the only proper attitude
Is down upon his knees.

No, I should say the way to pray,
Says Reverend Doctor Wise
Is standing straight with outstretched arms
And rapt and upturned eyes.

Oh, no, no, no, said Elmer Slow.
Such posture is too proud.
A man should pray with eyes fast closed
And head contritely bowed.

It seems to me his hands should be
Austerely clasped in front.
Both hands pointing toward the ground,
Said Reverend Doctor Blunt.

Last year I fell in Hitchkins' well,
Head first, said Cyrus Brown.
And both my heels were stickin' up,
And my head was pointing down.

And I made a prayer right then and there,
The best prayer I ever said.
The prayin'est prayer I ever prayed
Was standin' on my head.

Two Dollars Worth of God

I would like to buy two dollars worth of God
please.

Not too much, and not too little.

Oh, I can afford plenty more, but

Not too much. I want to spend so little.

What will I do with just two dollars worth?

Not too much. Is that too little?

Sure, His greatness is beyond me. I
understand

Not too much. I am so little.

And yet He loved me so, He considers what he
gave me

Not too much and not too little.

I should give Him all that I am. I know that is

Not too much, but it is seems like too little

So, I guess I would like to buy all that I can
have of God, that's

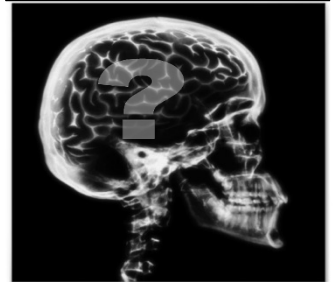
Not too much. Why should I spend too little?

Q and A Today!

You got questions, and I got answers.

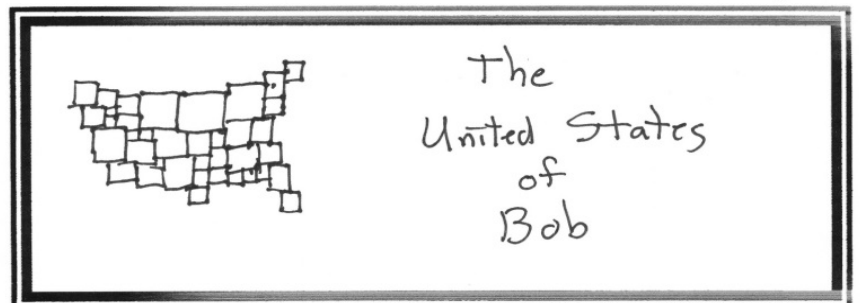
(at least I hope so, or this is destined to be
a VERY boring Sunday School class time.)

Archeologists X-ray Skull of the Disciple Thomas



My extremely fervid inventiveness has led to the announcement of this illusory discovery. For centuries, readers of the Bible have wondered at the doubt displayed in the actions of Thomas the disciple. As the x-ray clearly shows there is an abnormality in his brain tissue. Now, we have no doubt regarding his medical condition—he was just like the rest of us!

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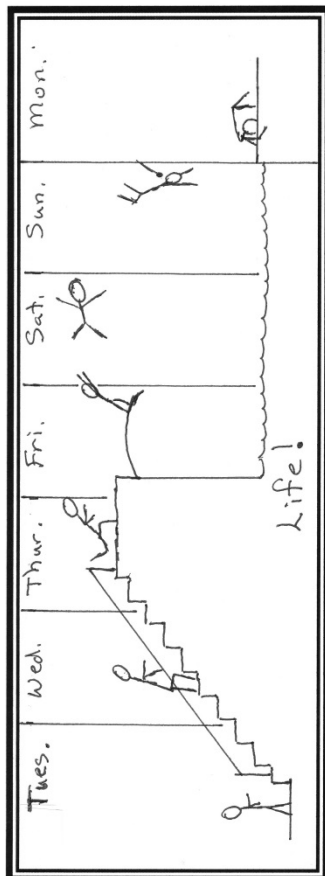


Stuff For Today

- Everything you ever wanted to know about Kung-Fu
- This week Q and A
- Kung-Fu Ninjas Moses and Aaron

So, How Was Your Week?

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Kung-Fu Ninjas Moses and Aaron

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

A story loosely based on the first 17 chapters of Exodus

Kung-Fu Ninja Moses lived out in the desert perfecting his Kung-Fu Ninja moves.

The Great Kung-Fu Ninja Master lit a great flaming torch. Kung-Fu Ninja Moses went over to it and tried to extinguish the flames with his Kung-Fu Ninja moves.

Though he tried again and again, he could not put out the flaming torch.

The Great Kung-Fu Ninja Master told Kung-Fu Ninja Moses "Find your brother Aaron. He is also a Kung-Fu Ninja. Perfect your Kung-Fu Ninja moves, and go to the Evil Jujitsu Lord Pharaoh of Egypt. He has my Kung-Fu Ninjas and he must let them go!"

Kung-Fu Ninjas Moses and Aaron went to Egypt and showed the Evil Jujitsu Lord Pharaoh some of their best Kung-Fu.

The Evil Jujitsu Lord Pharaoh of Egypt was not impressed until Kung-Fu Ninja Moses showed him some of his very best Kung-Fu Ninja moves.

Finally, the Evil Jujitsu Lord Pharaoh of Egypt said that all of the Kung-Fu Ninjas could leave his country. Kung-Fu Ninjas Moses and Aaron Kung-Fued for joy!

All of the Kung-Fu Ninjas Fu to us and show us how then left Egypt and all of its we are to quench our Evil Jujitsu ways, and went Kung-Fu thirst.

out into the desert, led by Kung-Fu Ninjas Moses and Aaron. They all practiced their Kung-Fu Ninja arts out there in the desert.

After an afternoon of Kung-Fu Ninja practice in the desert heat, all of the Kung-Fu Ninjas were thirsty. They complained to Kung-Fu Ninjas Moses and Aaron that there was no water there.

Kung-Fu Ninja Moses responded with a, never before seen, Super Kung-Fu Ninja move.

Kung-Fu Ninjas Moses and Aaron led all of the Kung-Fu Ninjas to a large rock there in the desert. They Kung-Fued them there until all of the Kung-Fu Ninjas were quiet.

Kung-Fu Ninjas Moses and Aaron then did an Extra Super Kung-Fu Ninja move—in super slow motion!

They told the Kung-Fu Ninjas "The Great Kung-Fu Ninja Master has great compassion. He will Kung-Fue you."

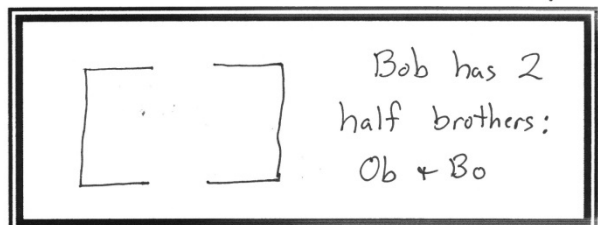
Kung-Fu Ninjas Moses and Aaron Kung-Fued like the greatly skilled Kung-Fu Ninja warriors they were, approaching the rock as they Kung-Fued in front of the thirsty Kung-Fu Ninjas.

Then Kung-Fu Ninja Moses said to all of the Kung-Fu Ninjas watching his Kung-Fu moves, "Today I will expertly strike this rock. I have been taught well by the Great Kung-Fu Master. My blows will be so powerful, that I will break this rock in two, and water will gush out for everyone."

It was an amazing sight to behold—Kung-Fu Ninja Moses used Super Slow Motion Kung-Fu moves, landing blow after blow, in super slow motion, until the rock broke in two, also in super slow motion!

Water came gushing out and all of the thirsty Kung-Fu Ninjas Kung-Fued for joy.

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Stuff For Today

- Books I would like to write
- Welcome to the Canard Lee Reed Book of the Month Club
- What "The Last Hurrah" and Mr. Lyle's Bucket List have in common

Books I Would Like To Write

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Over these many years, I have had occasion to consider a writing career. Processing many ideas through my fertile imagination, I have come up with some exceptional ideas for books targeted toward small children

1. A Childrens Guide to Hitchhiking.
2. Your First Picture Book (Reading Is For Losers)
3. Connect The Dots (No Matter How Well You Follow The Numbers, They Still Don't Make A Picture)
4. Why Can't Mr. Fork And Mr. Electrical Socket Be Friends?
5. Some Kittens Really Can Fly!
6. Freeway Dodgeball—Official Kindergarten Rules
7. The Little Engine Who Thought He Could—But Failed Miserably
8. Curious George and the High Voltage Electric Fence

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A Book Report On A Bucket List

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

2 Timothy 2:15

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

Allow me to take you back in time to 1972. Also, let me introduce to you a 16 year old kid sitting in his American Literature class. His teacher, a brilliant man by the name of C. Nevin Miller has assigned a book report—three pages—typed.

The young man promptly goes to the school library in search of a suitable novel. Unfortunately, his mind is not

set on actually reading that performed by top novel. He searches through Hollywood box office the paperback books found celebrities.

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Finding a book with a fairly an eerie reddish hue. detailed rendition of the novel. He searches through Hollywood box office the paperback books found celebrities. at the east end of the shelving, knowing full well Seldom seen in this that, included on the back world are graded and cover, would be a short returned book reports with synopsis of the entire story. so much red ink on them that they tend to glow with

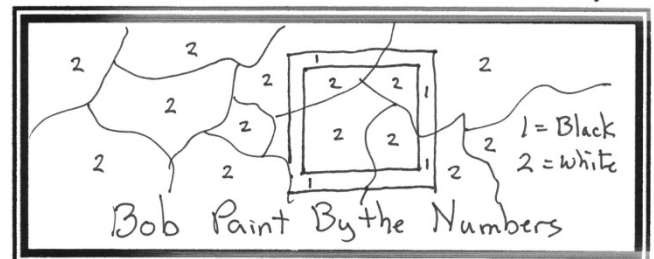
Quickly scanning through teacher. I had never read the chapters, he locates and the book, and my report reads two or three pages, clearly showed my bluff.

noting a few of the minor details found in the story line. So here is my question for you. Do you read the

In less than 15 minutes of Bible? Do you study it? this pathetic, hurried note As a Christian, God has taking, he attempts to create assigned you and I the the illusion of actually having responsibility of putting read the story. The final together a *book report* result—three pages—typed. telling and showing the

This *brilliant* plan was world what God has for all. And the world can tell if you have read *The Book!* fraught with errors. *The Last Hurrah* was a very well known book in its day, Before I die, I plan to having spent much time on read *The Last Hurrah*. It is the *New York Times* best on my *bucket list*—a seller list at number one! It *miserable* failure I would had, in 1958, been adapted like to correct as best I can into a movie, with characters over 40 years late.

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Sunday School Times

Stuff For Today

- Happy Mommy's Day!
- A special Mother's Day Edition of SST
- Clint Eastwood--1966

A Very Touching Mother's Day Story

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Three sons left home, went out on their own and prospered. Getting back together, they discussed the gifts they were able to give their elderly mother.

The first said, "I built a big house for our mother."

The second said, "I sent her a Mercedes with a driver."

The third smiled and said, "I've got you, both beat. You know how Mom enjoys the Bible, and you know she can't see very well. I sent her a parrot that can recite the entire Bible. It took 20 monks in a monastery 12 years to teach him. I had to pledge to contribute \$100,000.00 a year for 10 years, but it was worth it. Mom just has to name the chapter and verse, and the parrot will recite it."

Soon thereafter, Mom sent out her letters of thanks: "Marlon," she wrote the first son, "the house you built is so huge. I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house."

"Marvin," she wrote to another, "I am too old to travel. I stay home all the time, so I never use the Mercedes. And the driver is so rude!"

"Dearest Melvin," she wrote to her third son, "You were the only son to have the good sense to know what your mother likes. That chicken was delicious."

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The Good, The Bad, And The Ugly

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Romans 16:13

Greet Rufus, chosen of the Lord, and his mother, who has been a mother to me, too.

Though her name is never mentioned, and on the surface there seems to be nothing outstanding about her, this mother deserves a closer look. Mark 15:21 tells us that the man who carried the cross for Jesus, as He struggled towards Calvary, was the father of Rufus! His name was Simon, and he appears again in Acts 13:1 where we find that he was most probably a black skinned gentleman. Scripture hints that the entire family were pillars in the early church. Paul spent much time in Antioch where they lived, and most likely must have spent many hours with them and developed a close bond with this very special un-named lady. Paul called her "Mom".

II Kings 11:1 and 2

When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead she proceeded to destroy the whole royal family. But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Jehoram, the sister of Ahaziah, took Joash son of Ahaziah and stole him away from among the royal princes who were about to be murdered. She put him and his nurse in a bedroom to hide him from Athaliah, so he was not killed.

It is said that an acorn does not fall far from the tree. So was the case of Athaliah. The daughter of Ahab and Jezebel, she undoubtedly watched their godless, wicked lives and patterned her behavior in imitation. Politics has always created strange bedfellows, and in an effort to align the northern kingdom of Israel with the southern kingdom, Judah, she married into the family line governing Judah. Her true character came to the forefront when her son, the king of Judah, was assassinated. Instead of

seeking justice or mourning appropriately, her first instinct was to ensure her place as queen as she proceeded to murder every young boy in the family line of David. We shudder as we attempt to imagine what kind of animal would do such a thing, even putting to death her own grandchildren. It would be wise to remind ourselves at this point that there was a spiritual battle being fought here as well. Satan knew of the promise God had made to David about a man on his throne forever, and this was just another attempt to foil and spoil the plan of God. It failed in its intent. One boy slipped by under the radar and survived, having been kept hidden for six years from the bloody Athaliah.

Genesis 29:16 and 17

Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel was lovely in form, and beautiful.

I have looked at this passage in the original language and have come to understand that the phrase "weak eyes" probably was a nice way of saying that this young lady was not very attractive. Her daddy had to trick someone into marrying her! As a mother, she lacked something. The Bible records HUGE problems with all four of her boys. After they were grown, two of them murdered every man in an entire city, and stole all of their wealth, one was guilty of sleeping with his step mother, and one was guilty of sleeping with his daughter-in-law! Someone failed in raising those boys. The father was not exempt from blame, to be sure, but, clearly, Mom failed too.

A Precious Mom's Day Poem

Mom, I know you do the dishes
And I know you cook the food.
I know you scrub the floors
Even when you're in a bad mood.

And every night you walk the dog
While I'm watching all my shows.
On Thursdays you take out the trash
And you clean and wash the windows.

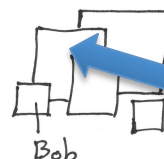
You always do my laundry,
And always make my bed.
You let me sleep late every day
And play video games instead.

Mom, I know you're sad I'll go
someday
And leave you all alone.
But right now I'm only 38
And I really like it here at home

**A Quote From
Mr. Wilbur F.
Human (When He
met someone that
he didn't
particularly like)**

**"I'll bet your mama
didn't even like
you!"**

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Bob the Square's
family portrait
(Bob's Mom)

Observation: Mary was the mother of Jesus

Consideration: Jesus is the Lamb of God

Deduction: Mary REALLY DID have a little lamb!

Stuff For Today

- Random thoughts to think about
- Bonus comic strip
- Of checker boards and the shadows cast upon them...see photo!

Random Thoughts... Worth Every Penny You They Cost You

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1. Are we still supposed to pray for Christians who have plastic surgery?
2. Choose very carefully and wisely today...you never know which donut may be your last!
3. Somehow I don't think any of the Christian TV networks are going to produce a TV show called "Worship Idol".
4. Sin wouldn't be so attractive if the wages were paid immediately.
5. Don't put a question mark where God put a period.

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Truth or Consequences

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James 1:14-15

¹⁴ *but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed.*

¹⁵ *Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.*

Nearly fifty years ago daytime television featured a game show called *Truth or Consequences*. Today's lesson has nothing in common with this old TV program. I only mention it because the name is an appropriate title for our subject this morning.

Sin

Since the fall of Man in the Garden of Eden, we have all inherited a condition that the Bible refers to as a *sin nature*. If we are honest, we must admit that we do not need to be trained to do wrong—that comes naturally to all of us. Our true difficulty lies in recognizing the difference between right and wrong, and then doing what is right.

Enter: God's Word—the Bible. The only reliable source of clearly defined right and wrong is Scripture. God shines His light of perfect love, revealing that which is godly and pure,

and exposing the degradation of sin for all to see. A black and white checkerboard stands as an analogy of this effect, with it's stark, contrasted, light and dark squares. The white denotes that which is pure and holy; the dark symbolizes that which is ungodly and loathsome.

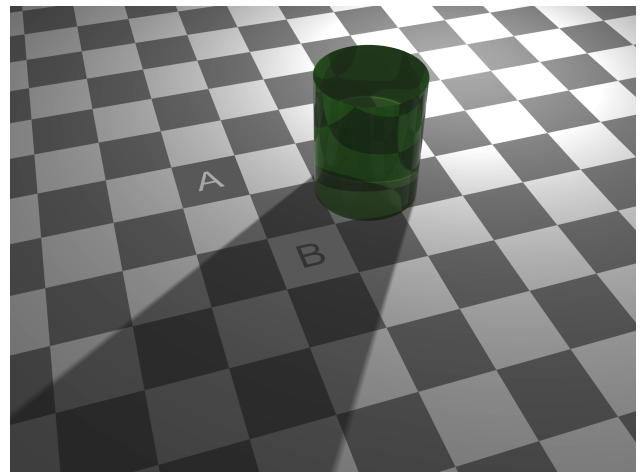
In the photo below, the glass sitting in the middle represents us. The world we live in would influence us into believing that we as individuals can define what we want to call good and bad. Adam and Eve were deceived and entrapped in the very same snare. To rely on our own understanding of right and wrong is to cast a shadow of doubt upon what God has so clearly defined for us.

Actions and attitudes that, fifty years ago were considered sin

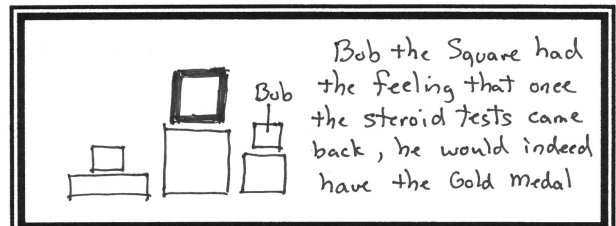
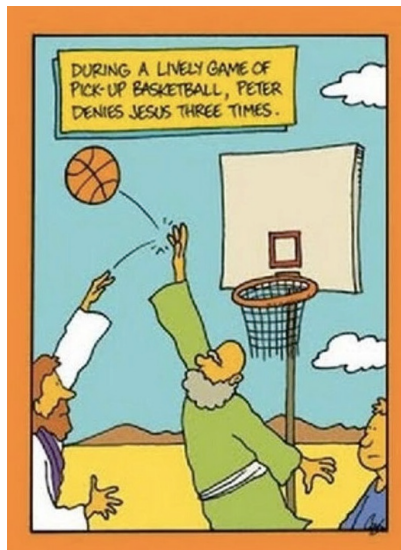
by nearly all, have since become commonplace, finding a comfortable acceptance in today's society. The *BIG* ones that first come to mind are abortion, homosexuality, loose morality, drugs and alcohol. There are others that may even be more devastating to our society today. Our world no longer defines marriage, or family, or honesty, or God from a Biblical perspective anymore. Right and wrong have been skewed severely.

In the photo, note the labeled squares. Believe it or not, *A* is exactly the same shade of dark as *B*! An optical illusion, to be sure, but the lesson here is, that, our shadow of doubt regarding God's absolute standards distorts the real truth.

Sin is sin. Period. God has defined it, pointed to it and said "Stay away from it!" I just hope we recognize it in the correct light.



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Stuff For Today

- Ten Facts About You
- Bonus History Info
- Of hippos in Australia, wax, and pottery in Ancient Greece.

Top Ten Facts About You

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1. You are reading this right now.
2. You're realizing that this is a stupid fact.
4. You didn't realize I skipped 3.
5. You're checking now.
6. You're smiling.
7. You're still reading this even though it's stupid.
9. You didn't realize I skipped 8.
10. You're checking again and smiling about how you fell for it again.
11. You're enjoying this.
12. You didn't realize that there was only supposed to be ten.

Mr. Lyle Answers Your Questions About History

Question: If Robert E. Lee had a helicopter, would the South have won the Civil War?

Answer: Probably not. By this time, all of the Confederate aviation fuel depots were surrounded by Union forces.

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Sincerely Yours

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Philippians 1:9-11

*9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; 10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be **Sincere** and without offence till the day of Christ. 11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.*

My suspicion is that in a world where we are constantly chatting, texting, or twittering, very little is actually being said. We substitute human emotions with punctuations :p :) and emoticons, hoping somehow they can convey the subtle nuances of our lives.

An art form is all but lost to this generation—the simple letter. To handwrite a letter required time, thought, and care. In my case, my letters were to my fiancé (who is now my wife). Telephone was a luxury for the wealthy, and we were separated by a great distance covered easily, albeit slowly, by the envelope and stamp. Great attention and thought was given to the words used and their meanings. A posted letter might travel for days before arrival in my sweetheart's hand, and a reply would come back no faster.

Those of us who grew up using this medium of communication learned to appreciate the time and care required to transmit thoughts and feelings. The ebb and flow of the pen upon the paper made it very personal—I knew my letter was something tangible that would be held

and carried and kept.

The greeting at the beginning of the letter was vital, but it was also important to finish well. Those last two or three words before I signed my name were crucial.

Technically referred to as the closing, this part of any letter to many may seem more like a tradition than a real necessity. Words such as *cordially*, *regards*, and *sincerely* are most common.

Sincerely is a fascinating word study. It derives from two Greek words: **Sine** and **Cerros**. *Sine* is a negating word, and *cerros* means wax. Respectable ancient Greek pottery vendors might

have those two words in their storefront window, telling all who came by that their pottery had *no wax*!

Charlatan dealers would fill cracks and defects in their pottery with wax and simply paint over them. You can imagine the problems that might become evident the first time the pot encountered heat and the wax began to melt.

As Christians in this world, we have an obligation to be honest, trustworthy, worthy of respect, authentic, truthful, and without wax—sincere.

The next time you write a letter and sign it *sincerely yours*, remember the message you wish to convey: you are without wax!

Bob The Square Is Interrupted This Week So We Can Bring You Drama!

Barbara likes Mike but Mike is going out with Jane when Jane actually likes Dylan but Dylan likes Barbara, so Dylan asks out Barbara and Jane gets mad and breaks up with Mike so she can go out with Dylan and then Barbara asks out Eric instead and Eric likes Marlene and Marlene likes Mike so Marlene asks out Mike and Jane gets jealous so she tries to make up with Mike and then Dylan confronts Jane and Mike about their behavior and then Jane says that Marlene should just mind her own business and Dylan didn't know that Eric can't stand Barbara and Mike, so he asks Mike to ask out Jane instead...

(To be continued, and continued, and continued!)

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Stuff For Today

- Helping you to keep your room clean this summer
- Diputseromneve
- Why Habakkuk disliked Babylon

Keeping Your Room Clean This Summer

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A few helpful hints to facilitate your efforts to keep your room clean during the summer:

1. Remember **Vern's Theorem: $E=TP^2$** (Every one likes an extra role of toilet paper).
2. If you can't remember the formula, have **2 parts water—1 part Spic-n-Span** tattooed on your forearm.
3. Use WD 40 instead of Formula 409 because "them big numbers is scary!"
4. **Percussive Maintenance:** to whack the snickers out of an electronic device to get it to work again.
5. If, when counting to 5, for some unknown reason, you often venture into double digits, maybe you should consider getting someone to help you with your cleaning chores.

Diputseromneve

The word **Diputseromneve** may look ridiculous, but backwards it's even more stupid!

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The Dark Side of Love

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The Book Of Habakkuk

Scripture describes the love of God as perfect and complete. His chosen people, Israel, defied Him repeatedly, deliberately refusing to bow their stiff necks in reverence and respect for what He had accomplished on their behalf. God was ultimately patient with them in their repeated refusals to honor Him, and as a result, we can see from the Biblical account, the character of God in action. His merciful, kind and longsuffering nature did not destroy Israel even when they probably deserved such treatment. The honest individual will admit that their own behavior is, at times, just as abhorrent to God, and is deserving of judgment. We owe our lives to the fact that He is slow to anger. However, a line does exist over which a child of God should

not cross. Where that line is technically, only God knows. The patience of God does have a limit, and we would do well not to test that limit. The prophet Habakkuk explored a concept we will call "the dark side of love".

God had chosen Israel as His people and His covenant with Abraham would not be ignored or vacated by Him. But they were sinning greatly and sin left unattended will ultimately lead to death. In His sovereignty, God chose to salvage His people with love—the dark side of love. No parent enjoys punishing a child, and neither does God find pleasure in disciplining His children. The necessary reprimand is meant to admonish and correct a bad behavior.

Habakkuk was a curious prophet, a man of many questions. His inquiries are relevant even today, and worthy of a closer look. He understood God's relationship with Israel, but as many today in our world wonder, how can God permit sin to continue and not be dealt with? It seemed then, as it does now, that the ungodly go along in life unchecked, able to do as they please, and the righteous suffer at their hands. God's solution to the uncaring, wandering hearts of His people was a nation called Babylon. Habakkuk was informed that the Chaldeans would become a world power, the greatest the world would ever know, and they would be His tool of judgment upon His people. The prophet

then points to the fact that the Babylonians were a ruthless horde. It seemed unconscionable that Jehovah God would raise up a godless nation to judge His own people. But God reminded him that Babylon, too, will be judged for her sins, eventually.

The book of Habakkuk, though short, is quoted by the great theological books of the New Testament. Romans, Galatians, and Hebrews refer to passages found there as proof texts, to support the challenges Paul put forth to the Jews and Gentiles that Jesus was the Christ, and that the ultimate plan of God was the salvation of all men. Habakkuk, by the direction of the Holy Spirit, records an amazing claim in chapter two, verse five. *The just shall live by his faith.* Our salvation is not found in our observance of rules or regulations. It is to be found in a child-like faith in Jesus Christ, and a belief in what He did on the cross many years ago.

Stuff Your Daddy Never Taught You

How to set your cat to Daylight Savings Time



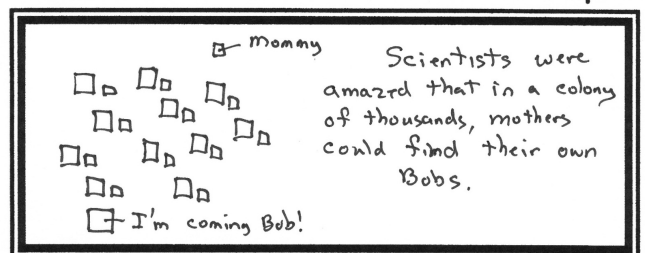
Rotate the cat 12.5 degrees counterclockwise.

Fun Fact of the Week

The Houston Airport received many complaints about baggage wait times. In response, they moved the baggage claim areas further away so that the walk was much longer than the wait.

The number of complaints dropped dramatically. 😊

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Stuff For Today

- Wacky cake—a very special dessert
- Is the name “Ed” really found in the Bible?

Father's Day? No--Wacky Cake Day!

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My calendar has two very special days that are known to me as Wacky Cake days. I happen to celebrate the anniversary of my 29th birthday, and what most people call Father's Day.

On those two days I am treated to wacky cake. This special delight has eluded my culinary skills my whole life. I CANNOT BAKE A WACKY CAKE! I have tried many times and failed as many times—complete, total failures—inedible failures!

My favorite dessert of all time is just out of my reach. My family takes pity on me twice a year and treats me to something VERY special—wacky cake. I enjoyed one last Sunday—yes I ate the whole thing.

Wacky Cake

- 1 1/2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon vinegar
- 5 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 cup cold water

In a large mixing bowl, mix flour, sugar, cocoa, soda and salt. Make three wells in the flour mixture. In one put vanilla; in another the vinegar, and in the third the oil. Pour the cold water over the mixture and stir until moistened. Pour into 8 x 8-inch pan. Bake at 350°F. oven for 25 to 30 minutes, or until it springs back when touched lightly.

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Ed

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Joshua 22

Conquering and possessing the Promised Land had been a long, arduous task. With many mistakes along the way, the Israelites were no longer as dedicated to the cause as they once were. Joshua aged, and the intensity and commitment of the people waned. They decided to call a halt to the conquest for a while, and the sad truth is that they never concluded what they started. God had clearly delineated for them the exact geographical boundaries for each of the twelve tribes to inhabit. He had promised them unequivocal success if they would but obey Him. All they had to do was walk in and claim the land—flowing with milk and honey, with houses they didn't have to build, trees they didn't have to plant, and crops already in the ground—absolutely free. They grew tired and complacent, not willing to trust God entirely.

The tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh, had requested that they be allowed to reside on the East side of the Jordan River. God permitted it, but do not think for a minute that it is what God would have preferred. He simply allowed them to live there, knowing full well that problems would lie ahead of them if they refused His perfect inheritance in the Promised Land. The two and one half tribes had committed themselves to cross over the Jordan with the rest of the nation and assist the other tribes as they conquered the land. Much time passed. Having kept their word, tired

and worn, they wanted to go home. Joshua warned them explicitly to keep the commands of God, and never forget Him.

With permission to leave granted to them by Joshua, they headed for their inheritance. Upon reaching the Jordan River, they decided to build a very large, imposing altar to God. All of Israel heard of it and misinterpreted their actions. Thinking that the two and one half tribes had turned their backs on God, they prepared to go to war with their own brothers. Tempers flared until it was learned that the tribes that they had assumed to be rebellious weren't wayward after all. The explanation given for their questionable behavior was this—they had fear and concern that someday, they would no longer be considered part of Israel because they lived on the East side of the Jordan. The dramatic altar was to be a witness to future generations that there was indeed a link between the two groups of people. The clarification calmed emotions, and everyone went their separate ways.

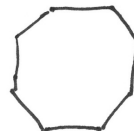
Gad, Reuben, and Manasseh called their altar “Ed”, which means “a witness”. On the surface, the building of this monument seems like an appropriate gesture. A more in-depth look at the altar named Ed exposes a few complications.

First, the nation of Israel was to have one and only one altar, and God had mandated that it be located in front of the Tabernacle in Israel. Sacrifices were to be offered only there. Ed was a bloodless altar, and represents the theology of today that ignores the blood sacrifice of Jesus. The church today is a divided entity. There are those that hold to the fundamental truths of the Word, and others who define the Word down so far as to try to make it say what “their itching ears want to hear”. The actions of these errant Israelites were indicative of their true hearts. Many hundreds of years later, Jesus crossed the Sea of Galilee and visited the Gadarenes. That visit was memorable. They were pig farmers, a ceremonially unclean animal under the Law. They had a problem with demonic possession, and upon seeing Jesus work miracles, they told Him, in no uncertain terms, to leave their land.

Fun Fact of the Week

On July 11, 2011, Neptune completed its first complete orbit around the sun since it was discovered in 1846! ☺

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Bob the Square learned that by cutting corners, he was finally able to make others stop.

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Stuff For Today

- The truth about Captain Crunch
- ourundergroundhome.com
- The founding of the USA

The Truth Is Finally Exposed!

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Captain Crunch cereal was introduced in 1963. Horatio Magellan Crunch has "captained" his ship now for 50 years.

A careful observation of the familiar picture on the box reveals a sinister problem. Note the number of stripes on his sleeve—3. A real captain's uniform has 4 stripes. The "Captain" is actually only a commander.

How much longer will the "Captain" continue his charade? No one knows, but I for one am disappointed, and feel betrayed.

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The 56 Who Signed

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Isaiah 33:22

For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; it is he who will save us.

On July 4th, 1776, the Declaration Of Independence was adopted. The vote was taken from north to south by colonies, as was the custom. There was no fanfare, no trumpets, no one stood up on his chair and cheered. For several hours, they worked on, dealing with other pressing problems before adjourning for the day.

What kind of men were the 56 signers who adopted the Declaration of Independence and who, by signing, committed an act of treason against the crown? To many, the names Franklin, Adams, Hancock, and Jefferson are almost as familiar as household words. Most of us, however, know nothing of the other signers. Who were they? What happened to them?

You may be somewhat surprised at the names you will not find there: George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, and Patrick Henry. They were all elsewhere that day.

Ben Franklin was the only really old man. 18 were under 40; 3 were in their 20's. Of the 56, almost half—24—were lawyers and judges. 11 were merchants, 9 were landowners and farmers, and the remaining 12 were doctors, ministers, and politicians.

With only a few exceptions, these were men of substantial property. All but 2 had families—one had 18 children. The vast majority were men of education and standing in their communities. They had economic security as few men had in the 18th century.

Each had more to lose from revolution than he had to gain by it. John Hancock, one of the richest men in America, already had a price of 500 pounds on his head. He signed in enormous letters so that his Majesty could read his name without glasses and could now double the reward.

These men knew what they risked. The penalty for treason was death by hanging. And remember, a great British fleet was already anchored in New York harbor.

It was principle, not property, that brought these men to Philadelphia. Though the resolution was formally adopted on July 4th, it was not until August 2nd that they actually penned their name on the document.

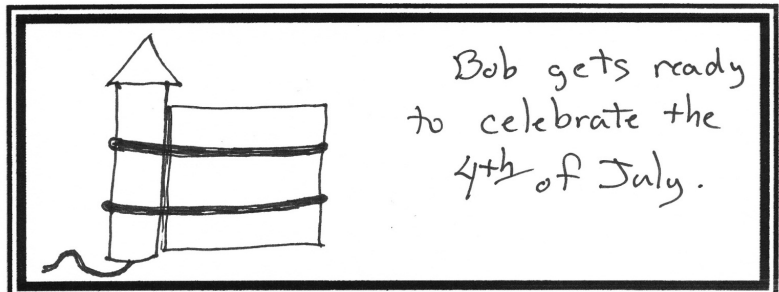
Even before the list was published, the British marked down every member of Congress suspected of having put his name to treason. All of them became the objects of vicious manhunts. Some were taken. Some, like Jefferson, had narrow escapes. All who had property or families near British strongholds suffered.

Do not miss the last line of this amazing document: "And for the support of this Declaration with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

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Stuff For Today

- Teacher Quotes
- Green
- The 11th Commandment

My Favorite Quotes From Teachers

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1. My desk is not a rummage sale. One day, you will have office supplies of your very own, and then you will understand. Until then, please refrain from manhandling the items on my desk.

2. Leave the plants on my desk alone. There are days unknown to you when the well-being of my plants outranks the well-being of my students. Don't make me pick; you might not win.

3. Can you still turn this in? Sweetie, there is no such thing as a grade lower than zero, so you don't have much to lose. Hand it in and let's see what happens.

4. In a ceremony that has lasted thousands of years, I have been bestowed with magical powers that tell me when you want to go to the bathroom just because you are bored.

5. What do you mean "what's on the test?" I've just spent the last three weeks telling you what's on the test.

6. Sometimes I'm tempted to take you down to the 4th grade so that you can meet the other kids in your graduating class.

7. I cannot believe you wore that to school today.

8. Yes, dear, we did do something in class yesterday. We saw that you were absent and somehow gathered the courage to move on without you. Here's your homework assignment. It's due tomorrow.

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The 11th Commandment

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Exodus 21:2-6

2 "If you buy a Hebrew servant, he is to serve you for six years. But in the seventh year, he shall go free, without paying anything. 3 If he comes alone, he is to go free alone; but if he has a wife when he comes, she is to go with him. 4 If his master gives him a wife and she bears him sons or daughters, the woman and her children shall belong to her master, and only the man shall go free. 5 "But if the servant declares, 'I love my master and my wife and children and do not want to go free,' 6 then his master must take him before the judges.[a] He shall take him to the door or the doorpost and pierce his ear with an awl. Then he will be his servant for life.

Israel had bid farewell to the oppression of Egypt and was traveling through the desert. God was leading them day by day, by way of a cloud. A group of probably millions, with no government or laws to order their new society by, relied upon God absolutely. With Moses as their leader, challenged by a multi-faceted social structure with many types of personalities, success would be a miracle. Remember, most of these people were

Israelites, but few had been followers of God until witnessing the judgment of the mighty hand of God upon Egypt. At Mt. Sinai, they received from God a complete set of laws to live by, simply known to them as "The Law". This set of laws governed every aspect of their normal lives, and especially, their worship of God. Through the Law, they would learn right from wrong, good from bad, and live accordingly.

Jesus said in the New Testament that He had come to fulfill the Law, not do away with it. That statement reinforces the idea that much of the Law pointed to, or foreshadowed, the coming Messiah. Most people have a familiarity with the Ten Commandments. Few realize what the "eleventh" was. Immediately following the first ten are the remaining laws. At first glance, it may

appear peculiar, but the eleventh law addressed slavery. An acceptable practice in those days, it should be described as being culturally similar to an employer and employee relationship. The technical points in this particular law allowed a servant voluntarily to become a permanent slave of his owner. Due to the way slavery was to be structured and practiced among the Israelites, this was not necessarily a repugnant idea, and so it was a very real possibility. It required the piercing of an earlobe, and the slave was to repeat these words specifically—I love my master, I love my wife, I love my children. Let's move now to a New Testament thought. Jesus was voluntarily pierced for us. Jesus loves the Father, His master, He loves His wife, Israel, and He loves His children, the Church. Jesus came to fulfill the Law, not to destroy it.

I Am Green

Nearly all living plants need carbon dioxide to live. Humans exhale carbon dioxide. Therefore I will breathe deeply and incredibly fast. I want to feed as many plants as possible because **I am green.**

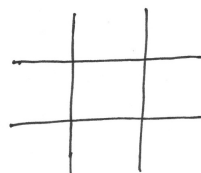
The Earth is warming and sunshine is obviously adding to the problem. My old truck disperses a tremendous cloud of smoke going down the road. That shade will help to cool the planet. Therefore I will drive as much as I possibly can because **I am green.**

Cattle expel noxious methane into the atmosphere. This is unacceptable. Therefore I will, during my lifetime, eat as many cattle as possible because **I am green.**

The Too Dimensional Life of Bob the Square

I Have Never...

...Skydived. But I have zoomed in really fast on Google maps!



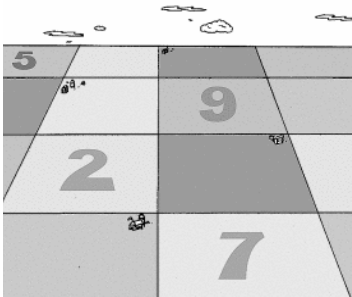
Bob the Square always plays center position when participating in his favorite game.

Stuff For Today

- Pictures from this week
- Aerial view of Sudoku KS—explained
Giraffitti—explained
Gargling at a fountain—explained
Laws of acceleration—explained
- The end—really?

Pictures With Captions

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An aerial view
of Sudoku
Kansas



This fella may be cute now, but by the time he turns 14, he will have joined an inner city gang. Doing drugs, mugging innocent old ladies, and drive by shootings will be his specialty. And he will learn to tag buildings with spray painted Giraffitti (That's vandalism sprayed very, very high!)



Some drink from
the fountain of
knowledge—
others just
gargle



And just how
fast do YOU
drive?

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The End

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Daniel 3:14-15

13 Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, 14 and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up?"

Our study begins with the greatest world empire ever seen upon the face of the earth. Nebuchadnezzar, the greatest governmental leader the world has ever seen, was beset with some astonishing flaws. One of those shortcomings arises to the forefront in Chapter 3 of the book of Daniel.

We find there the story of a man who builds a magnificent golden statue to himself, and then attempts to force everyone to worship it. Enter—three Hebrew young men who refuse to bow in honor and worship. This act of disrespect and disobedience infuriates the king. In anger, he commands that they be burned alive.

We see courage, commitment, and faith played out in real life as they are thrown into the fire, but miraculously saved from harm by God. This kind of story often finds its way into grade school level church curriculum. We read it, or hear it told there, but often, because we relegate it to "little kid's status", we miss some very important concepts found there.

Often, Old Testament stories are parallels or "types", (as Bible scholars would term them), to New Testament ideas. This story has a unique attribute that places some very interesting questions on the table. Where is Daniel as all of this is going on?!

The king had given explicit instructions that all of the leadership in the country were to be present at this ceremony. Daniel is a VERY high-ranking official and is nowhere to be found! Where

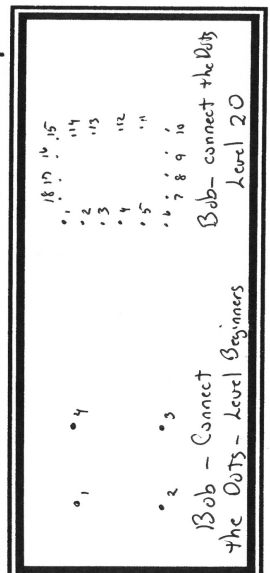
was he? His three friends were "raked over the coals"—literally. But he wasn't. WHY?

I believe this historical incident is a type or picture of a coming event. The judgment of God that will one day fall upon this world will be terrible. Many will die in intense pain and suffering. But God's people, the Christians, His children, will be spared from His wrath. Daniel represents that group.

The Bible says that those of us who believe and are alive in that day, will be caught up to be with Him before His heavy hand of judgment falls upon the earth. But His chosen nation, Israel, will be brought through the extreme trials as a testament to God's love for them. The three that went into the fire parallel that group.

God is love, to be sure. God is also judge, jury, and executioner, and rightly so. He is perfect and will not abide with anything less.

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Stuff For Today

- Eat your vegetables
- Cat food
- Beach In A Bottle—only \$19.95!

Research Reveals World's Most Popular Vegetable

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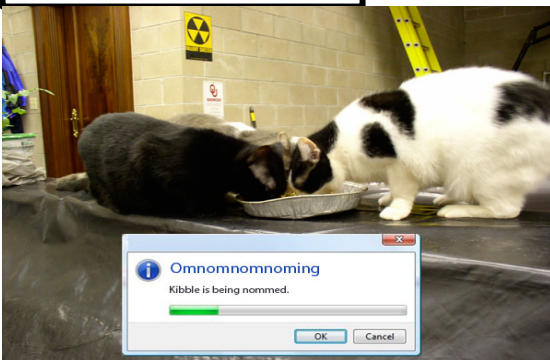
Most popular vegetables



Bacon

Things to Remember (According to our cats)

1. Kitty Nibbles
2. Cat food
3. Kitty Food
4. Cat nibbles
5. Kitty cat nibbles
6. Kitty cat food
7. The Alamo



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Sunday School Shopping Network

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Matthew 6:33

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you

In 1776, Thomas Jefferson penned one of the most memorable phrases into the US Declaration of Independence. "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of happiness." The founding fathers warned that the success of our Republic was directly tied to our ability to maintain a coherent interpretation of our laws—laid side by side with the Bible for reference!

Our culture left that concept behind years ago, and is suffering the results. The pursuit of happiness has become an "all about me" attitude. One has to only watch TV for a few minutes to realize what motivates many.

Our pursuit of beauty, our pursuit of food, our pursuit of sports, our pursuit of material possessions, are not a true pursuit of happiness. Those who attain those goals

without the balance of Scripture are empty in the end.

As Christians, we are to have priorities. That is often difficult, as the world around us screams of its plans for us. And those strategies and tactics are generally diametrically opposed to the Bible. God must have first place in our lives. Nothing else, no one else will do.

Consider a large jar. How would you successfully place a large rock, handfuls of small stones, a bucket of sand, and several bottles of water, into the container?

Trial and error will reveal a solution, but so will some common sense and thought.

Step one must be the large rock. It simply will not fit with anything else in the way. God, likewise, should be given first consideration. Our culture today does not see this concept at all.

Step two involves the small stones. Once the big rock is given its choice position, there are still many areas to be filled by the various sized stones. In the beginning God created—a family. The family structure and stability

is vitally important! Without it, a country fails and falls. Our attention to family must be given prominence. It is that important.

Thirdly, we pour in the sand. It is truly amazing how much sand will fit into all of the cracks and corners still remaining in the jar. If God is first and family second, then others come third. To touch the lives of those around us is why we are here.

And finally, we add the water. A jar full of rock, stones and sand will still hold an astonishing amount of water. And here lies one of the greatest lessons we can learn about God's priorities. When God has first place, and all of the other things He has called us to participate in are in their appropriate position, there is still plenty of time for ourselves.

God has a plan for us, and that plan involves our enjoyment of all that He has created and given to us. Lets keep our priorities straight, and pursue true happiness!

Always remember this little fact:

Cats are made up entirely of cat food and water!

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Bob the Square was distressed when he found that he was as wide as he was tall

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- That's Hawthorne with a "w"

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The Great Stone Face

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2 Corinthians 3:18

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Nathaniel Hawthorne tells the tale. A quaint story of mountains and valleys and the everyday lives of those who call the area their home, it focuses on a peculiar feature that nature seems to have put into a very prominent and key position. Overlooking the valley, with a very tender and loving expression, is a face. Not sculpted by human hands, it is rather a work of nature. Rocks and boulders and fissures form an easily recognizable figure—a human face. The locals simply call it by the name it has had for millennia—The Great Stone Face.

An ancient prophecy states that one day the man who's visage has been engraved there, would appear among them. The story follows the life of a young boy who

becomes fascinated with the face and the character it seems to display. Anxiously he awaits the arrival of the prophetic individual, only to be disappointed at each possible turn. Often he reflects on the tenderness and caring the face seems to portray, and his life follows that lead.

Time passes and the man, who's likeness is fixed upon the mountain face, fails to appear. The young boy is now an old man. Still watching for someone who bears a resemblance to the Great Stone Face, he has patterned his life by the virtues that he was convinced that he saw in that curious mountain cleft.

The narrative ends as a stranger passing through the valley hears the story of the mountain face and its accompanying prophetic tale. He looks carefully at the aged man, recognizes the character qualities that are apparent in his life, and announces to the residents of the valley that the prediction has come true. The man for whom they had been searching was indeed right there before them.

As Christians, we are called to "contemplate the Lord's glory". How better to do that than to read and study the Word of God, for it is there that we find the only trustworthy and honest telling of who God is and what He is like.

Like the little boy in the story, who longed to meet the person "behind" the face, we need to have that kind of hope and longing. The young lad took note of the subtle nuances of emotion displayed in that wondrous work of nature, and eventually began patterning his own life after what he perceived to be good. So that in the end, it was easily seen by all that he was that face—or rather, he had become that face.

Jesus lived an amazing example for us to see. Our lives should imitate His character, His empathy, His love for others. It is not a one time event or a single step that we take. It is a lifetime commitment we are to make. May we always be looking into the life of Christ, and in so doing, discovering more and more deeply the riches that He has for us to find there. And the world will see a resemblance to the face of Christ

Sorry, A Mirror Will Not Help.

16:3 JOHN

...life everlasting have but, perish not should, Him in believeth whosoever that, Son begotten only His gave He that, world the loved so God For

Extreme Computer Skills

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**(A)bort
(R)etry
(D)ele
(B)ack
(E)nter
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(S)hift
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(I)nfluence (with
a very large hammer)**

A Handy Guide to Cafeteria Food This Year



Brown Stuff

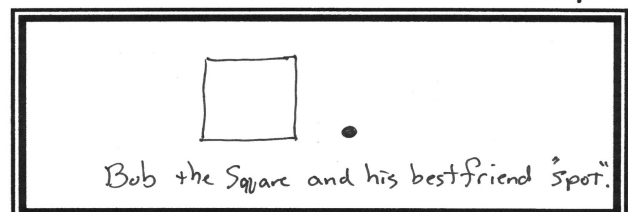


Not So Brown Stuff



Almost Tan Stuff

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- Parting Gifts
- Hasta La Vista Baby

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Another Year Gone

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Psalm 119:105

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path always.

To the departing seventh graders we bid farewell. Another year has passed and life continues. I trust that as you continue to grow and mature that you will always remember bits and pieces of what you have been taught here in this Sunday School class. I consider it a great honor to have had the opportunity to stand in front of all of you each Sunday.

I thought it might be fun to remember our year together. See how many of the lessons you can recall. In order:

1. An Olympic diving documentary and an up side down testimony picture.
2. A scale model of the universe and a needle through the arm.
3. Do not eat the Tootsie Roll Pops!
4. The Pineapple Story.
5. The technical definitions of the word "free".
6. Frying bacon.
7. Are you a moose?
8. The 600 year story.
9. A Kroger Christmas.
10. Isaiah 59:17
11. A card trick looking for a perfect heart.

12. Hoosumaber.

13. The Real Estate Deal.

14. Leprosy, forgiveness and a paper cutter.

15. Mr. Lyle Bowl XIII.

16. The Golden Lampstand.

17. Adam to Noah timeline.

18. Hacking Agag to pieces.

19. The Tater collection.

20. Chocolate covered marshmallows.

21. A wooden box portal into another dimension.

22. Picking the lamb on Palm Sunday

23. Balancing a brick on the end of some long pipes.

24. The checkerboard illusion.

25. The picture of garbage.

26. The Happy Hippy Hippo Hunters.

27. The kidnapper trial.

28. The story of Ed.

29. Sincerely yours.

30. Beach in a bottle.

31. The chisel skit.

32. And many, many other things.

How to Say Goodbye Without Actually Saying Goodbye

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1. Cheerio
2. Toodle-oo
3. See ya later alligator
4. Take care
5. Take it easy
6. I need to scoot
7. Later, dude
8. See ya
9. See ya (wouldn't wanna be ya)
10. Hold the fort down
11. Adios amigos
12. Gotta split
13. Catcha lataaa
14. Yo
15. Let us hope that before our next meeting humanity escapes extinction.

Graduation Program

Welcome and Prayer

Pomp and Circumstances beyond our control

*Address by Class
Valasalutadictorian
Magnanimous
Canunimous
Laudinum*

*The Reading of the
Sunday School Times*

*Presentation of
Diplomas and Various
Other Unsundry Items*

Closing Prayer

You're Outa Here!

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Bob the Square turns a corner in his life, and it is not pretty!