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CHILDREN'S PAGE

FRANK'S FIELD GLASSES By Gladys Cleone Carpenter

Frank was letting his sisters, Lillian and Ellen, look through his new field glasses. Through one end, birds seemed close enough to touch. Seen through the other end they seemed tiny and far away.

"Frank please don't let Ruth, next door, look through the glasses," Ellen said.

"Why not?" Frank inquired.

"I don't like some of the things she does," Ellen declared.

Then next Ellen looked through the glasses and nearly dropped them.

"Oh, that cow almost bit me!"

"Why! that cow is way across the field," Lillian laughed. "Look through the other end of the glasses and the cow will look no larger than an animal cookie."

Then Frank spoke up, "It's like thinking lots about nice things until they seem larger, and not thinking much about unpleasant ones to make them smaller."

"If I tried that would it make any difference about what I think of Ruth?" Ellen asked.

"Of course," Frank answered. "Ruth's all right. You're just magnifying her faults."

"All right," Ellen promised. "When I'm with Ruth, I'll play that I'm looking through the end of glasses that make faults very small."

"And imagine you put the big end of the glasses on her good traits." Frank said. "I'm sure you'll find that Ruth is a very nice girl. Frank's voice trailed off and he sat a moment looking through the glass at the sky and then he said. "While we're talking about magnifying we might like to remember that it often speaks in the Bible about magnifying God. One quotation I like is: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name" (Ps. 34:3).

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NEW LIFE AWAITING By Marjorie Matthaei and Morgan Stinemetz

Look at the many kinds of seeds below. Some have tails; some have wings. Some have tufts of hair to catch the wind. Others fly from bursting pods. But in each seed there is the germ of life.

The word "spring" comes from an old word meaning "time of haste." All nature is in a hurry now. Yet every living thing and all young are well protected till the wakening time.

Prophets of long ago thought about the Creator's plan for spring. In the Book of Isaiah, we can read some of their ideas of God. The prophet uses spring as a figure of speech: he compares the effect of spring rains and snow to the truths of God that live on in people's lives. There is energy in rain and snow to help seeds sprout and grow. It has a purpose.

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For as the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and return not thither but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower, ...
so shall my word be. . .
it shall accomplish that which I purpose.
--Isaiah 55:10-11

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NOTE TO EDITORS : Mat enclosed is for the above article.

I SHALL GO SINGING
By Enola Chamberlin

I shall go singing all day long,
Singing a happy, lilting song.
I shall go skipping down the street,
Keeping time to my song with my feet.
I shall help Mother, dusting and sweeping,
And all of the time my song will be leaping
Gaily and happily out of my mouth
Like a warm, scented wind from out of the south.
I shall run errands to neighbor and store,
Singing my way right up to the door.
I shall go singing, singing a song,
Thankful for all of the whole day time long.

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