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CHILDREN'S PAGE

HUMMINGBIRDS

By Gladys Cleone Carpenter

What prettier sight is there than a ruby-throated hummingbird hovering before a lovely flower. If it's the little female, we may have to look twice, thinking at first that it is one of the large moths for she does not wear, at her throat a gay red tie like her mate's.

Her thimble-like nest is only about one inch deep. She constructs it of delicate almost dream-like materials. She uses delicate lichens, cottony fibers from plants, and even spider webs.

Speaking of nests makes us think of what Jesus said, "And the birds of the air have nests."

When winter comes the hummingbirds go to Mexico or South America. These tiny things fly five hundred miles across the Gulf. It seems like an impossible feat. But for its size, it is the strongest of all birds. Its wings vibrate almost too fast to be seen. In flight it can leave a pursuer behind.

There are hundreds of kinds of hummingbirds. Many live in South America.

The ruby-throat lives in Eastern United States. To name a few others: There is a black-chinned that lives in California. A blue-throated comes into some of our South-western states from Mexico. And a white-eared lives in the mountains of Arizona.

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ON A HOSPITAL TRAY

By Ann Codrington

Five members of the committee had met that morning when Sunday school was over. All six had come early to do the real planning. Kitty, the chairman, turned to Susanna and asked, "Will you please explain the idea once more? Ethan couldn't stay this morning, you remember."

"Okay," Susanna agreed. "My Aunt Barbie is a nurse at Baptist Hospital. She was saying that some hospitals always have little favors to put on the patients' breakfast trays, but her's doesn't have. She didn't mean flowers or something like that, but pretty cards with a pretty message. I began thinking maybe our department could make some. I talked to Mrs. Morgan about it, and she liked the idea. And so, that's what this committee is supposed to plan."

Ethan had lots of questions. "How many cards will we have to make, and will they be alike? If they're different, do we think out our own ideas? Do we work on them at home? When will we do them? Should we use water colors or crayons? And just what do you mean by a pretty message--a poem?"

Kitty laughed. "Maybe I can't remember all those questions, but I'll try. First, the hospital has one hundred and eighty beds. They are not all filled right now, but we ought to make that many cards, to be safe. We have forty-five members, and that means each one should make--"

"Four cards," said Ethan who liked arithmetic.

"Yes." It won't matter whether they are alike or different. We can use either crayon or water colors. We're having the party next Saturday. Mrs. Morgan thought that, after we play some lively games, we might like to settle down and make the cards before refreshments.

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Why don't you suggest that your Sunday school class make attractive tray cards for your Baptist hospital. You can make pretty little decorations in the corner of the card and then add your favorite Bible verse. You will have fun and it will mean so much to someone in the hospital. Use the sample below for a guide.

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NOTE TO EDITOR'S: Mat enclosed is for the above article.

MY COMPANION

By Enola Chamberlin

Though I may go to the desert,
Though I may go to the sea,
I know I will never be lonely
No matter where I may be.

For always as I travel,
Within my heart I know,
Christ Jesus is beside me
Wherever I may go.

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