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CHILDREN'S PAGE

JIMMY JOE'S NEW SWING By Iris Hallman Gibson

The swing went out from the maple tree and way up into the air. Suddenly Jimmy Joe stopped swinging. Where was everybody? A few minutes ago Billy, Jane, Jack and Pam had been standing beside him, admiring his new swing.

He saw Billy on the sidewalk pulling his little sister Jane in his red wagon. Pam was on the tricycle, and Jack was helping her get started up the street. They were having so much fun playing together, that not one of them looked toward the new swing.

"Hey, Billy," Jimmy Joe called. "Come watch me. I'm going to let my feet touch the tree limb."

"I promised Jane I'd give her a ride, Jimmy Joe," Billy said. He pushed the wagon up the sidewalk.

"Jack want to see something?" Jimmy Joe shouted. He stood up on the swing seat.

Jack gave the tricycle a push then he hopped on the back for a short ride. "We're tired of watching you, Jimmy Joe," he called. "Let's go faster, Pam."

Jimmy Joe sat down in the swing. Nobody liked him anymore. He had wanted his Dad to build the swing, but he wanted friends too. They were too busy playing together to notice him.

He saw his dog Honey eating from her dish beside the dog house. The new pup Buff came up. Honey moved so Buff could sample her food. Jimmy Joe went to the dogs. He patted Honey on the head.

"That's a good girl Honey," he said. "When you're not selfish with your food Buff likes you." Jimmy Joe's eyes lighted. I acted selfish with my new swing, he thought.

He dashed out of the yard with Honey and Buff at his heels. Jimmy Joe saw the upset tricycle. The boys were helping Pam to her feet. She brushed off her dress and smiled.

"It was just a little spill," she laughed. "Let's ride some more. It's your turn now, Jack."

Jimmy Joe ran up to them. "I wish you would all come home with me," he said, almost out of breath. "I'll share my swing with you."

They hurried up the street with the two dogs running beside them. Soon they were in Jimmy Joe's yard. "Jane is little," Jimmy Joe said. "Why don't we let her swing first?" The others agreed this was right.

Billy held small Jane as he gently swung her. Everyone had a turn. As the swing left the ground it went up, up, up.

"You can ride in my red wagon Jimmy Joe," Billy said.

Jack was on his turn at the swing. He came to a quick stop. "You can ride my tricycle," he offered.

Jimmy Joe watched Honey and Buff rolling in the grass. Now he knew that sharing things was the most fun of all.

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That night Jimmy Joe's mother read him the story about the woman in the Bible who shared her meal and oil even when it was all she had. From that time on she had plenty of meal and oil. Jimmy Joe spoke up "Yes I know what that means. If you share what you have with others, they will share what they have with you.

Jimmy Joe went to bed and dreamed of having more friends than anybody in the world.

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A BIBLE GAME
By Gladys Cleone Carpenter

If you are going to have a gathering of Sunday school friends for a meeting or a little party ask each to bring his Bible. Give each one a piece of plain paper and crayons or pencils. Then pass around slips of paper on which you have written a list something like this:

Job 37---16
Num. 23---9
Ezekiel 47---12

Now you explain that each one of these verses mentions one or more objects in nature. Each child must first make a list of the nature picture words he finds as he looks up the quotations. This is what he finds from the list given:

Job 37---16 Dost thou know the balancing of the clouds---
Num. 23---9 For from the top of the rocks I see him and from the hills I behold him.

Ezekiel 47---12 And by the river upon the bank thereof on this side and on that side grow all trees for meat.

So the words in this case are: "Clouds, rocks, hills, rivers, trees."

Now each person makes a little drawing which includes the mentioned nature subjects. You can give a simple prize for the best drawing.

If some of the friends do not care to draw perhaps each could make up a little story using the five nature words. These could be handed unsigned to some older person who could read them quickly and award the prize. Then it might be fun to read the compositions aloud.

It's a very simple game but seems to awaken us to how many nature words there are in the Bible.

You can have a great deal of enjoyment before the party either alone or with a committee hunting out these quotations from the Bible. A concordance will be your greatest help. If you haven't one perhaps your minister will allow you to use his. However, if you can't use one, just look through Biblical passages until you find nature words. Or perhaps you will recall that certain of your favorite stories talk a great deal about the out-of-doors. There are so many places mentioned like: the desert, the sea, the mountains, and the Bible also speaks of insects and animals, etc.

While we reverence and love our Bibles there are also many ways in which one can have harmless pleasure with it. Maybe you can think up something that will give you hours of happiness while you are learning more about your Bible.

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COLOR WHEEL PUZZLE

By Pansy McCarty

Make a pretty color wheel by coloring one part of the wheel each time you answer one of the following with the name of a color:

1. _____ locks ate the little bear's soup.
2. "Little Boy _____, come blow your horn."
3. "Baa, baa, _____ sheep, have you any wool?"
4. The snow is so soft and _____.
5. _____ on a traffic light means "stop."
6. "Hickley, pickley, my _____ hen."
7. Our flag has _____ and white stripes.
8. Ding, dong, bell! Pussy's in the well!
Who put her in? - Little Johnny _____."

ANSWERS:

1. Golden (yellow), 2. blue, 3. black, 4. white,
5. red, 6. black, 7. red, 8. green.

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