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PIE TIN BIRD FEEDER By Mrs. R. J. Hastings

Take a piece of wood at least eighteen inches long and about one inch thick. Cut it into three equal pieces about six inches long. Space these pieces of wood an equal distance apart and nail to the bottom side of a pie tin. Allow the pieces of wood to stick out from the edge of the pie tin for three or four inches to form perches.

Now punch three holes with a nail or ice pick in the rim of the pie tin. Punch each hole an equal distance between the pieces of wood. Tie a wire or cord to the rim of the pie tin at each of the holes. Bring the wires or cords together above the center of the pie tin and join them together.

Tie the bird feeder to a branch which is at least six feet off the ground. Find a sheltered branch which the wind does not move too much. Fill the pie tin with crumbs, suet, seeds, or raisins.

God made the birds and he loves them and wants them to have plenty of food.

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THE HAPPINESS HELPER By Gladys Cleone Carpenter

When Mother and Dad went on their trip each of the four children left at home was to be some kind of helper. Jimmy who was six thought this would be fun.

"Brother will be the Safety Guard," Father said. "And Ann" (who was the oldest sister) "will be the Health Guard."

"Helen will be a Happiness Helper to give you a good time," Mother told Jimmy.

"I want to be something too," Jimmy demanded.

"Of course," Father agreed. "You can be the Prayer Helper. You can fix the chairs for Family Worship. And get and put away the Bible and the hymn books."

In the middle of the week, the children had a picnic. While Brother built the fire and Anne unpacked the lunch, Helen and Jimmy wandered about. Jimmy saw a cute frog. He squatted down to look at it.

"Be careful! Don't sit in the mud. You'll get your suit dirty," Helen warned.

"I wasn't going to," Jimmy said. By now the frog was gone.

Soon they came to a fence.

"Don't climb," Helen said. "You'll tear your clothes."

"Wasn't going to," Jimmy denied. "I was going to reach through the fence and get that big flower."

Helen continued to keep such a close watch on Jimmy that finally he went back to where Anne was fixing the lunch. Helen followed.

"Having fun?" Anne asked Jimmy.

Jimmy shook his head. "Helen don'ts too much. And I'm not even doing anything," he said.

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He skipped away again so that Helen and Anne were left alone. "But I promised Mother I'd watch out for him," Helen explained to Anne.

"I know," Anne said. "But remember Mother said something about being a Happiness Helper. Maybe if you just help as Jimmy needs it, he'll be happier. I'm afraid you nag.

"Yesterday I was looking in the Bible Concordance. I couldn't find the word 'don't' anywhere. But the word 'do' appears many times. There is: DO UNTO OTHERS-----FORGIVE AND DO; and TEACH ME TO DO THY WILL," and dozens more. Maybe you'll want to find some of them. Perhaps if you stop saying, 'don't' to Jimmy and show him what to do to have fun, he'll be happier."

"I'll try," Helen agreed as she hurried after Jimmy.

When the lunch was ready, the four gathered around it. By Jimmy's happy face, Anne and Brother knew that Helen had learned to be a Happiness Helper.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Material for last week in April to come later.