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GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD (with mat #4)

Deep-sea explorers tell us that the highest mountain in the world (Mount Everest) could be turned upside down in the ocean and still not reach the bottom by almost a mile. There is a spot in the Philippine Islands where the ocean is between 6 and 7 miles deep.

The depth of the ocean is measured by "sounding." One of the oldest sounding methods consists of dropping a wire and sinker to the ocean floor and then measuring the wire. The newest sounding technique is the "echo" sounding. This is done by measuring the speed of sound through water, from the ocean surface to the ocean floor and back again.

Picture in your mind's eye the giant coast lines of our United States and the island countries like Great Britain and you will realize how much the captain of a ship depends on maps which show how deep the oceans are.

For purposes of navigation, it is very important to know how deep the ocean is in our harbors and along the coast lines. Ships could not travel safely without knowing the location of shallow waters and deep spots in the sea.

It's good for us to take a "sounding" now and then to measure the depth of our Christian life. Are we better Christians today than we were a month ago? Are we trying to come "unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ"? (Eph. 4:13)

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EVERYBODY SHARES
By Grayce Krogh Boller
(with illus. #5)

The air was crisp and clear. The sky was blue and cloudless. The sun was bright and still warm, even though the day was cold.

"The leaves on the trees in the mountains must be beautiful," Mother said, looking out of the window. "We ought to drive up this afternoon and see them."

"Oh, goody!" Anne jumped up and down with glee.

"oh, goody!" Freddy beamed just as happily.

"We ought to take someone else along," Anne looked at Daddy to see if he agreed. "At Sunday school we learn to share with others."

"You and Freddy may each pick one person to take," Daddy promised.

"I'll pack a picnic supper to eat on our way home," Mother hurried into the kitchen.

"Are you going to ask Billy?" Anne questioned about her brother's best friend.

"No, I'm not," Freddy was thinking hard. "Billy's Dad has a car. He goes plenty of places. I'm going to invite Steve. He never goes anywhere. They don't have a car. He never has much fun."

"Steve will love to go," Anne smiled. "I'm going to ask old Mrs. Lake. She is all alone. She never goes anywhere, except to church and shopping for groceries. She would love a trip to the mountains."

As soon as the boy and girl decided about their invitations, they ran off to deliver them. Steve and Mrs. Lake were so happy. They scurried around, getting ready, even before Freddy and Anne skipped out to go home.

By that time, Mother had sandwiches and salad made, and had packed a thermos of hot cocoa, and a basket of all sorts of good things was ready for Daddy to put into the car.

"I'm going to take my box of birthday candies along to share," Freddy said.

"I'm going to take the cookies Mrs. Brewster gave me," Anne was just as unselfish.

Daddy packed the picnic basket away in the car. Mother brought out extra sweaters to wear when the sun went down. They all got into the car. First, they drove to Steve's house and Daddy honked the horn for him. Steve was waiting for them and ran out in two seconds.

"You sit on the outside seat," Freddy offered. "That way you can see more."

"Thank you," Steve beamed, scrambling in.

Then they stopped at Mrs. Lake's little home. Daddy got out and helped her down the walk and into the car. Anne let her sit on the other outside seat so she would not miss any of the lovely color of the trees.

As they went along, they found that Mrs. Lake knew lots of wonderful stories which she told. Steve knew some good games to play, too. Everyone had a wonderful time, eating cookies and candy, listening to stories and playing games. In no time at all, they had reached the mountains.

"How lovely!" everyone cried at the beauty of the trees.

"Isn't God wonderful to give us such lovely changes in the fall?" Anne breathed happily.

"God is always wonderful," Freddy added.

There were picnic tables in the park on the mountaintop. Mother set out the supper. Mrs. Lake asked the blessing. Everyone enjoyed the good things Mother had brought. As they ate, everyone enjoyed the beautiful things God had provided.

"God shared His wonders with us," Anne mused thoughtfully. "Mother shared the food she prepared, Daddy shared the car, I shared the cookies, Freddy shared his candy, Steve shared his games, and Mrs. Lake shared her stories."

"That is why it is such a happy day," Freddy nodded. "Everyone shared!"

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CAN YOU TELL THEIR NEW NAMES?

By Lois Snelling

In the Bible, people sometimes had their names changed. What were the new names given to the following people?

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| 1. Saul of Tarsus, | Acts 13:9 |
| 2. Jacob, | Gen. 35:10 |
| 3. Abram, | Gen. 17:5 |
| 4. Sarai, | Gen. 17:15 |
| 5. Daniel, | Dan. 1:7 |
| 6. Peter, | John 1:42 |

Answers: 1. Paul; 2. Israel; 3. Abraham; 4. Sarah; 5. Belteshazzar;
6. Cephas.

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