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GUESSING PARTY
BY: Ellen Brown

Let's have a new kind of party this time!" Angela said.

"What kind would be different?" asked Mark. He turned the pages of his book. There were stories in it about Jacob's dream, David and the giant, Ruth and Naomi.

"I know!" cried Mark, in great excitement.

Everyone listened, for Mark was always thinking up ideas that were great fun.

"Let's have a guessing party! Everyone bring something that reminds him of a Bible story. Then we'll all guess which story he is thinking about!"

"I've been to costume parties--that's like Halloween," one girl said.

"Oh, I don't mean to dress like them. Just bring something that reminds you of them, like a slingshot for David because he used one to fight the giant."

"That's a good idea!" Mrs. Haywood agreed. The afternoon for the party, one boy brought a tiny toy ladder. Everyone guessed that he was thinking of Jacob and his ladder that reached up into the sky.

One girl brought a song of praise. Everyone guessed that she was thinking of David and his happy songs.

Another girl brought a tiny bundle of grass about two inches long. That meant that she was thinking of Ruth and Naomi, but no one guessed it right away.

A boy had made several tiny lions of clay. The boys and girls knew that one, too--they reminded him of Daniel in the lions' den.

A girl brought a very bright coat, and of course she was thinking of Joseph and his coat of many colors.

Someone had a tiny pillow, and it was a long time before anyone guessed that it reminded him of Moses following a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night.

Another child brought a tiny rooster. Mrs. Haywood held the rooster up for all to see. No one could guess.

"What Bible story is about a cock crowing?" she asked.

"It's the one about Peter!" the boys and girls answered at once.

"You people know your Bible so well, you've guessed every one of them!" Mrs. Haywood said proudly, as she looked at the objects on the table beside her.

"Let's leave them all here!" she suggested. She took the tiny animals and placed them neatly. By each one the boys and girls printed the name of the story it reminded them of. They looked very nice and neat.

"This is the best party we've ever had!" said the children happily. "Let's have another one like it."

"That's what we'll do," said the others.

Then they had cookies and ice cream.

"I'll tell you," said Mrs. Haywood, while they were eating, "each Sunday let's bring something to remind us of the Bible story for that day. We can add to our collection until we have a whole picture book of them."

"Good!" the boys and girls said happily. And that is what they did.

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WHAT FARMERS DO
BY: Ellen Brown

Fill in the rhyme.

The farmer's working down the row;
He cleans the weeds out with a _____.

The cows need hay and chickens seed;
Each animal must have his _____.

If with his crop he's had good luck,
He goes to market in a _____.

He plows and plants; he's never through
Because he's making food for _____.

ANS: hoe, feed, truck, you.

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ALLIGATORS

BY: Gladys Cleone Carpenter

The average Florida tourist cannot go into the swamp lands to see alligators. But he may see hundreds of them in the "alligator farms" established for his benefit.

Or he may take sight-seeing cruises along streams and see the gators sunning themselves on the banks.

Alligators appear very sluggish, but can travel rapidly when they desire. On land they run on their toes.

Alligators have nests and caves. The nest is dug on land near water in a spot where the sun can reach it. Here about three dozen or more eggs are laid. They are as large around as a hen's egg but much longer. The eggs are covered with a mound of trash and dead leaves.

The baby gators are about eight inches long when hatched and are brown and black.

The large caves are made below the surface of the water. Prey caught in the water is sometimes pulled into the cave. If the gator is not hungry he stores the food for cold or rainy days.

Florida alligators are not so huge as they were at the time of explorers. The Seminole Indians understand well how to hunt them. Hunters are paid by the foot for alligators.

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A RULE TO FOLLOW

By: Elsie Simon

I come straight home from school each day
The way a child should do,
Now that's a little rule that you
Should always follow too.

I tell my mother if I go
Away from home to play,
For Mother always wants to know
My whereabouts all day!