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THE SHINY SHIELD
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In the long ago Nan, Tim, and Hank helped in and about the castle kitchen.

Tomorrow Prince Peter would be back home from a visit. People would give him presents.

Most of all the prince wanted a shiny shield. But he was yet too young.

"The only present I'll have for Prince Peter is just to sweep the flagstones the best I ever did," Nan declared.

"And I'll look harder than ever for trash," Tim said.

"And I can scour the pots and pans extra shiny," Hank decided.

Later when their work was done, they met.

"While I was sweeping the cracks in the flagstones, I found this gold safety pin," Nan said.

"I found this nice piece of stiff cardboard while I was emptying trash," Tom stated. "Hank did you find anything in the kitchen?"

"Just a small piece of tinfoil," Hank answered. "I always save all the tinfoil I can find."

Soon after that Tim exclaimed, "I know what we can make for the prince! We can use the safety pin, the cardboard, and the tinfoil." Then he told the others his plan.

The next day the prince came home. Bugles were blown and there was shouting and laughing. Later Prince Peter had his gifts. Then Tim gave him a little box.

The prince thanked Tim and opened it. There was a little shiny shield to wear on his tunic.

"We knew that you wanted a shield," Tim said. "So we made it."

"Made it!" exclaimed the surprised prince.

"Yes, Your Highness. I cut a shield from some cardboard. Nan sewed a safety pin to the back of it. Then Hank glued tinfoil over the front of the shield, and painted the letter 'P' on it."

Now the wiseman saw it. "It's very nice," he said. "Of course the 'P' stands for Peter. But 'P' can also stand for something else, too. Can you guess what, Your Highness?"

"I think you mean PRAYER," the prince answered.

"Right!" said the wiseman. "A big shield sometimes keeps one from harm. But prayer helps one most of all."

The prince thought that the children's lovely gift was the nicest he received that day.

"I'll wear the shield on my tunic every day," he told them. "I'll pin it over my heart."

"Good!" said the wiseman. "Then those who see it can remember that they must have prayer in their hearts."

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GOD'S LAWS ARE UNCHANGING
BY: Harriet A. Roorbach

After summer--comes autumn
Then winter--then spring.
After seedtime, comes harvest
Rich bounties to bring.
After night, comes the dawning
Of another new day.
After rain comes the sunshine
That lights up our way.
So be glad and sing praises
For God's laws which endure
Unfailing and timeless
Unchanging and sure.

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BOBBY BUSHYTAIL
BY: Mattie C. Leatherwood

Autumn days are growing drear,
Winter time will soon be here--
A time when food of any kind
Squirrels know is hard to find.
Young Bobby Bushytail, all day
Works at hiding nuts away.
God, the Father, taught him how
And if he keeps quite busy now,
Let winter time bring what it may,
He'll have food to eat each day.

WHICH ONE?

Happy birthday, Brother Billy!" sang Daisy and Dennis.

"If you go to the basement, Billy," said Father, "You will find a special birthday present waiting for you."

Billy hurried to the basement.

"Yip! Yip!" a little voice greeted him.

"A puppy!" cried Billy clapping his hands. "Oh, I love him already!"

"We want a puppy too!" said Daisy and Dennis crossly.

"You may all play with Billy's puppy," said Mother.

Daisy and Dennis were angry. They rushed away to their rooms.

"The birthday cake and ice cream are ready." called Mother.

Daisy came to the table.

"Billy, I am sorry I was cross because you got a puppy and I didn't. Please let me play with your puppy."

Dennis stayed in his room. He was still angry when he went to bed that night.

Which one, Daisy or Dennis, acted in the happier, better way?

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