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GOD'S WONDROUS WORLD
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cow, pond, farm scene

A farm pond is a magical creation!

Even though it may be fashioned by a bulldozer, the actual pond itself, comes into being through nature's rainfall and magical green thumb!

If by chance you should see the first day of existence of a pond when all is barren and empty, you would be amazed at the same pond one month later!

From the first day sunshine warms pond water, you can date the beginning of growth and life within the pond. First, comes the microscopic plant life -- green mold and fungus. Then come small organisms, crustaceans, insect larvae, and small fish.

At the margin of the pond, you'll see the first shoots of wild grasses, berry thickets, and tree seedlings.

Dragon flies, beetles, spiders and scorpions appear as if by magic, hovering over the pond surface, standing head down on the stems of water plants, busily grabbing unsuspecting pond creatures swimming nearby.

Birds, toads, frogs, and turtles are not long in locating a pond, as do the raccoons and muskrats, for food in abundance is here.

Pond creatures work hard at home-building and they face hunger and death when the sky forgets to rain.

Storms work havoc with a pond community resulting in debris, dead insects, and small creatures floating on the murky surface.

Miraculously, as the sun warms the remaining pond life -- a brave new spirit is born -- and the busy community pond life begins all over again!

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THE DIFFERENCE
By Wyley Norton

Sister wants to be a lady,
With a butler and a maid;
Me -- I want to drive a hot rod,
In a limousine parade.

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HOW TO PLAY PAPER GOLF

By Marion Ullmark

Take two sheets of newspaper, spread them out, and tape the two edges together so you have one long sheet of paper. At one end of the paper draw three circles with a red crayon.

You can use a small sauce dish as a pattern for your circles. Number the circles, one, two, three. Set a small empty box, a big kitchen spoon and two or three jar lids around on the paper.

Use a pop bottle top for a golf ball. **Place** it back on the other end of the newspaper. Shoot the ball by flicking it with your finger. The things you have placed on the paper make the 'hazards' on the golf course.

Each player must shoot his golf ball into each of the three holes. The player doing this with the fewest strokes wins the game.

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WHAT DID THEY EAT?

By Lois Snelling

In the first column are foods mentioned in the Bible. Which person in the second column ate each of them?

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| 1. Broiled fish | A. John the Baptist |
| 2. Cake | B. Prodigal Son |
| 3. Pottage of lentils | C. Daniel |
| 4. Husks | D. Elijah |
| 5. Locusts and honey | E. Jesus |
| 6. Pulse | F. Esau |

ANSWERS:

- 1-E (Luke 24:42)
- 2-D (I Kings 19:6)
- 3-F (Gen. 25:34)
- 4-B (Luke 15:16)
- 5-A (Matt. 3:4)
- 6-C (Dan. 1:16)

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