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MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD

By D. Faye Harris

Mr. Day was guest leader of Junior FYC at Pleasant Hill last Friday night. He brought his record player and two of his favorite records. After prayer for the Heavenly Father to guide the group in their worship and study, he played, "How Big Is God?" and "It Took a Miracle."

"Now children, let us look in the Holy Word and make a list of the recorded events that reveal to you how great Our Heavenly Father is. Write down the name of the event and the book and chapter where it is found. You may work individually or in pairs. We will see who has the longest list at the end of 20 minutes."

Each child had brought his Bible and quickly began the search.

David used the concordance in the back of his Bible to locate the story of Elijah and the Prophets of Baal. Lowell did not have a concordance in his Bible so Miss Johnson got one from the church library for him to use. Rhonda had never used the concordance. She wondered how to find the story of Daniel in the Lion's

den. Her concordance did not list people's names. Miss Johnson suggested she look up den or lion. Soon she had found the story in Daniel 6.

At the end of twenty minutes, Mr. Day asked the children to choose one story from their list to share with the group and tell how it showed the power of the Almighty Creator and Ruler of our universe.

Linda was first. She used the first chapter of Genesis to show His power to create and make laws of nature that continue to work these 6000 years later. "The leaves of the trees turn lovely colors in the fall. In the spring the sleeping seeds and plants begin growing. Man has not been able to make a seed or plant. Only the Almighty Creator can do that!"

Sharon's selection of the three Hebrew children in the fiery furnace showed the protecting power of our Heavenly Father. "We can hardly imagine them being in so hot a fire and nothing was even singed except the ropes which burned off to free their hands and feet." Sharon commented. "We cannot walk by a burn-

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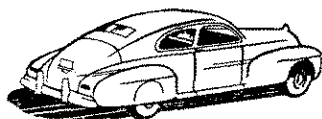
## FROM YOUR EDITOR

Dear Girls and Boys,

The other day I saw an article in the paper. Two policemen had to take a man to jail. They left one of the police cars parked in a parking lot and all rode to the jail in one car. While they were gone, someone, for a prank, took the police car that was left and drove it several blocks and left it where it would take the policemen a while to find it.

While they were doing that, another man had a heart attack and the police had to rush him to the hospital. This town doesn't have very many police cars and the police said it could have been very serious if they had needed the police car to take the man to the hospital and they couldn't have found it. The man could have died. Fortunately, it all worked out and the man lived.

The one who pulled the prank wasn't so



fortunate. The police found out who he was and took him to jail.

The dictionary says a prank is a practical joke. A joke is meant to be funny, but there is nothing funny about anyone getting hurt. When someone can get hurt over a joke, it isn't a joke.

We should be very careful about playing practical jokes or tricks on someone. If there is a chance that someone would get hurt, don't play the joke.

No one wants to be made fun of or embarrassed. If you must play a trick on someone, remember these three rules and I'm sure that everyone will have fun.

Love,  
Gina

## OUR LESSON

November 4, 1967

### A TIME OF THANKSGIVING

Memory Verse: "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise" (Psalm 100:4a).

Lesson from Leviticus 23.

Every year, in November when all the harvest is in, we have a holiday we call Thanksgiving. This is a special day in which we should give special thanks to God for the many blessings He has given us during the past year.

The children of Israel had a special time of thanksgiving, also. They celebrated their time of thanksgiving a little differently than we do. God told them how they should celebrate this and He told them why they were to do these things.

This special time was to start on the fifteenth day of the seventh month. God had told them to start counting the months of a year in the spring time so the seventh month would be in the fall of the year. (Many years after Jesus went back to Heaven, men decided they did not want to start the year in the spring as God had done. They decided to start the year in the winter and soon everyone was keeping time that way.)

The first day of the feast and the last day were to be sabbaths. They were not to do any work on those days. Burnt offerings were to be offered unto the Lord. They were to bring gifts and freewill offerings to give unto the Lord.

The people were to have finished gathering their crops by this time. They were to keep a feast unto the Lord for these seven days.

The people were not to live in their own houses during this time. Instead, they made themselves huts from palm trees, willow trees and other leafy trees. They would live in these huts during this feast.

The Lord wanted them to do all this so that they would always remember He was the One Who had brought them out of the land of Egypt. They were also supposed to teach their children what God had done for them. They were to keep this feast every year.

#### Questions to answer.

1. What are some of the things for which we should thank God?
2. When does God start counting the months of a year?
3. How were the Israelites to celebrate their time for feasts?
4. What did the people live in during this time?
5. Why did God want them to have this feast?

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#### TO YOU WHOSE BIRTHDAY IS IN NOVEMBER

A month of loving thanks and praise,  
Of turkey, friends and holidays;  
A month when blessings grow and mount—  
Far more than you could ever count.

And to those blessings may you add  
The happiest year you've ever had;  
And, if you share—it is so true—  
Your own joy doubles when you do.

By Rae Cross —Selected

#### PRAISE HIM! PRAISE HIM!

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ing brush pile without the smell of smoke getting on our clothes. This really is a great miracle.”

“Speaking of miracles reminds me of the song we heard,” Sandra spoke up. “The greatest miracle is when the Heavenly Father changes a heart and makes a sinner righteous. He did that for Saul on the road to Damascus.”

“Yes, Sandra,” replied Mr. Day. “Our Heavenly Father is not only powerful but a loving Father. Remember He loved us so much He sent His only Son to redeem us from sin.”

Debra recalled the time Peter was in prison and the angel came and delivered him.

“Even King Darius knew God had a great power,” Rhonda said. “He said to Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.”

“If I were in such a dangerous place would God be able to deliver me?” asked Timmy.

Mr. Day suggested he read Malachi 3:6. “For I am the Lord, I change not.” “Well, if He was able to do it then, He is able to do it now. I’m going to trust and obey the Almighty Heavenly Father.”

“Let us join together in praising the Almighty as David did in Psalm 34:1-4; Psalm 56:34 and Psalm 105:1-5,” directed Mr. Day.

After reading these praises together Mr. Day said, “We also like to sing our praises. If Miss Johnson will play the piano, we’ll sing ‘Elijah’s God Still Lives Today,’ ‘He Is Able to Deliver Thee,’ and ‘Thank You, Lord.’”

The children thanked Mr. Day for coming to Junior FYC and asked him to come again soon.



## Timmy Gives Thanks

By Hope Morris Noel

Timmy Tyler carefully placed the mince pie in the large basket on the kitchen cabinet. "I love to help you fix the food for a needy family, Mother," he said. "But I wish there were some way I could give thanks on Thanksgiving, too," he added.

Mother placed a clean, white dishtowel over the top of the basket. "Why, Timmy," she asked, "don't you have many things to be thankful for on Thanksgiving?"

"Well-l-l, yes," Timmy puckered his forehead and looked thoughtful. "I'm thankful for you, and Daddy, and Baby Beth, and my dog, Big Boy. But I mean I wish I had some special way to show my thanks."

Mother smiled at him and carried the basket out to the car for Daddy to deliver later.

Timmy sat on the kitchen stool nibbling a cookie and thinking. There *must* be some way! Suddenly he thought of Richard, who sat behind him in school. Now he knew what he would do. Quickly he went to find Mother.

"O Mother, could I invite Richard to spend Thanksgiving Day with me?" Timmy asked. "That would be sharing, too, wouldn't it?"

"I think that is a wonderful idea!" ex-

claimed Mother. She knew that Richard's father had been ill for almost a year. His mother had to work long hours in a factory to take care of Richard and his brothers. "Why don't you go ask him right now?" Mother suggested.

The next morning Richard arrived all scrubbed and shining clean. He and Timmy went with Mother, Daddy, and Baby Beth to the Thanksgiving service in church.

When they returned home, Mother served a delicious Thanksgiving dinner. Timmy said the blessing. Richard ate a whole turkey drumstick. He had second helpings of sweet potato balls and pumpkin pie.

After dinner Timmy and Richard listened to Timmy's records. Then they played in the leaves with Big Boy until time for Richard to go home.

Mother fixed a basket of leftovers for Richard to take home, so all his family could have a good Thanksgiving supper.

"Thank you, Mrs. Tyler and Timmy," Richard said as he got out of the car in front of the house. "This is the nicest Thanksgiving I ever had."

Timmy waved good-by to his friend. "And this is the best Thanksgiving I ever had, too," he said to Mother. "Do you suppose it's because I shared?" he asked.

Mother smiled at Timmy. "I shouldn't be at all surprised," she said.

—Sunshine

### BIBLE THANKSGIVING

If these Bible people were celebrating Thanksgiving, they might be thankful for the things listed in the second column. Can you match each person with the things he or she could be thankful for?

1. Abraham
2. Noah
3. Hannah
4. David
5. Naaman
6. Jonah

- a. Rainbow in the sky (Genesis 9:13-17).
- b. The land of Canaan (Genesis 13:14).
- c. His escape from a big fish (Jonah 2:10).
- d. Jonathan's friendship (1 Samuel 18:1).
- e. Her son, Samuel (1 Samuel 1:20).
- f. Being cured of leprosy (2 Kings 5:8-14).

—Junior Life