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WISE ADVICE FROM KIDS

1. Never trust a dog to watch your food. *Patrick, age 10*
2. When your dad is mad and asks you, "Do I look stupid?" don't answer him. *Michael, 14*
3. Never tell your mom her diet's not working. *Michael, 14*
4. Stay away from prunes. *Randy, 9*
5. Don't squat with your spurs on. *Noronha, 13*
6. Don't pull dad's finger when he tells you to. *Emily, 10*
7. When your mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair. *Taylia, 11*
8. Never allow your three-year old brother in the same room as your school assignment. *Traci, 14*
9. Don't sneeze in front of mom when you're eating crackers. *Mitchell, 12*



10. Puppies still have bad breath even after eating a tic tac. *Andrew, 9*
11. Never hold a dust buster and a cat at the same time. *Kyoyo, 9*

12. You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.

Armir, 9

13. Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.

Kellie, 11

14. If you want a kitten, start out by asking for a horse. *Naomi, 15*

15. Felt markers are not good to use as lipstick. *Lauren, 9*

16. Don't pick on your sister when she's holding a baseball bat.

Joel, 10

17. When you get a bad grade in school, show it to your mom when she's on the phone.

Alyesha, 13

18. Never try to baptize a cat.

Eileen, 8



CHILDREN'S THOUGHTS

During the minister's prayer one Sunday, there was a loud whistle from one of the back pews. Gary's mother was horrified. She pinched him into silence, and after church, asked: "Gary, what-ever made you do such a thing?" Gary answered soberly: "I asked

God to teach me to whistle...And He just then did!"

NOTE: This happened to me many years ago in a Camp Meeting service

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One night Mike's parents overheard this prayer. "Now I lay me down to rest, and hope to pass tomorrow's test, if I should die before I wake, that's one less test I have to take."

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A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages. "Momma, look what I found," the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked. With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: "I think it's Adam's suit!"



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HEARING GOD IN THE BEGINNING

KATHLEEN MULKINS

I grew up in a conservative church that didn't affirm God would interact with people directly today. Things they were uncomfortable with, such as "speaking in tongues" or "dreams and visions" were for the first century church but "not needed today because we had the Bible". I guess it was an overreaction to what they saw in some churches where speaking in tongues was not done in an orderly manner and some people even faking it. The scripture gave directions that were to be applied to everyone at all times, which is true, but the Holy Spirit directing a person specifically through the Word was "not something that happened in modern times". Satan loves overreactions because it's easy to get misunderstandings started. And prevents people from really hearing God.

God spoke the world into existence. "And God said..." is repeated throughout Genesis 1 and He has not stopped speaking. Changing the word "speak" to "communicate" is the first step to understanding how one might "hear" from God. As I studied how God does communicate, I realized very quickly that Satan, that master deceiver mimics every method God uses. I imagine the fear of being misled by the Evil One has caused many believers to doubt God's communication with them. I know it has stopped me.

So how do you know you're hearing from God instead of someone else (including just giving in to your own desires)? Communication is a vast field and since this is an article and not a book, let's start with something very simple, basic and common

to ALL of God's children – conviction.

If you have ever wondered if you are indeed saved, a child of God, the experience of conviction, is the primary confirmation that you have been drawn to God (John 6:44). But the draw of conviction is not sin in general, it is sin specifically. That general feeling of sin, guilt, is one of Satan's ploys. "You're guilty!" Well, yes, we all sin (Rom 3:23). However God will convict specifically. Conviction is the work of the Holy Spirit. It begins when we become aware of our need to accept Christ's death on the cross as payment for our sin and continues throughout our lives on earth as Abba Father's adopted children. Every experience of conviction is confirmation you are God's child. The main difference between Satan's communication and God's is that guilt is general and conviction is specific. Guilt makes you feel bad, conviction can draw you to something better

I was only 6 when I experienced this. It was at a Good News Club meeting in our home. The sin that convicted me was an event from when I was 3 years old. (Yes, I know, I had sinned many more times than that, but it was this very clear specific sin that made me understand my need for Jesus). My mother cut up an orange for me and told me to take it to the backyard to eat. Even as she spoke, I pictured myself going to the front yard, where all the other children were, and calling out, "Oranges, oranges for sell!" which is what I promptly did. And of course was promptly stopped and sent to the backyard. The conviction of that specific sin made me want Jesus in my life so I could spend eternity with Him in heaven.

If you are feeling guilty, ask

God for the specifics. If no specifics are forthcoming, in the name of Jesus, tell Satan to leave you alone. If specifics come, agree with God quickly. And enjoy the communication with your Abba Father!

BUILDING A NEST

There was a farmer who had a pile of wood on his farm, and one day, a bird came to the pile of wood and built its nest there. The farmer saw this nest and destroyed it. The next day, the same bird came back to the pile of wood and built its nest again, wondering why the farmer would destroy his nest. Once again, the farmer saw the nest and once again destroyed it. The bird came on the third day and was really frustrated that the farmer had destroyed its nest, but didn't give up and built it again in the pile of wood. Again the farmer destroyed it.

By now, the bird decided to go to the rose bush near the wood pile to build its nest and was surprised when the farmer did not destroy this one constructed within the rose bush. The bird did not know what the farmer knew.

The woodpile was going to be burned and the farmer didn't want the bird's nest to be destroyed in the fire.

This is just like our Heavenly Father who will continue to destroy our nests over and over again because He knows what's best for us. We don't understand and we don't always like it, but He knows that by destroying our little nests, our lives will become better and more fruitful. He knows that we don't have a clue as to what we are doing, where we are going or what we really want, and that we will continue to build our little nests in places that are about to go up in smoke.

ALASKA'S HAPPENINGS

SUNDAYS

MORNING WORSHIP 8:15 AM
& 11:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM

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MONDAY'S

BIBLE STUDY: REVELATION
1:00 PM

IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 6th

MAJOR MICHAEL KORHONEN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE
CREEKSIDE CENTER
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 13th

MEN'S BREAKFAST
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
8:00 AM

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CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
9:30 AM

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LADIES LUNCHEON
11:00 AM

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 21st

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17th

SENIORS ON THE GO: 12:00 NOON

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 18th

AMERICAN LEGION: 6:00 PM
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
288 CARLISLE

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PNA EVENTS

AUGUST 26th - 28th
DOUBLE K YOUTH SUMMER

AN ANGEL WROTE

Many people will walk in and out
of your life,
But only true friends will leave
footprints in your heart.

To handle yourself, use your
head;
To handle others, use your heart.
Anger is only one letter short of
danger.

If someone betrays you once, it's
his fault;
If he betrays you twice, it's your
fault.

Great minds discuss ideas;
Average minds discuss events;
Small minds discuss people.

God gives every bird its food,
But He does not throw it into its
nest.

He who loses money, loses
much;
He who loses a friend, loses
more;
He who loses faith, loses all.

Beautiful young people are acts of
nature,
But beautiful old people are works
of art.

Learn from the mistakes of others.
You can't live long enough to make
them all yourself.



The tongue weighs practically
nothing.
But so few people can hold it.

Friends, you and me...
You brought another friend...
And then there were 3...
We started our group.
Our circle of friends...
And like that circle...
There is no beginning or end..

HEAT PUMP & PARSONAGE

There has been a donation of \$1,000.00 towards the purchase and installation of a Heat Pump in the Fellowship Hall. The purchase of a Heat Pump will lower our electric cost and provide air-condition during the summer. The cost of a Heat Pump will be several thousand dollars.



We are also at this time fixing up the parsonage for when we will have a Associate Pastor. We are painting the parsonage, replacing the carpet and other much needed repairs.



If you would like to help with the finances of these projects, please mark your gift either Heat Pump or Parsonage.



ONE FOR YOU ONE FOR ME

There was a huge nut tree by the cemetery fence. One day two



boys filled up a bucketful of nuts and sat down by the tree, out of sight, and began dividing the nuts. "One for you, one for me, one for you, one for me," said one boy. The bucket was so full that several rolled out towards the fence. "Don't worry, we'll get those later."

Riding on his bike down the road by the cemetery was a third boy. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, "One for you, one for me. One for you."

"Oh my!" he shuddered, "It's Satan and St. Peter dividing the souls at the cemetery!"

He cycled down the road and found an old man with a cane, hobbling along. "Come quick!" he said, "You won't believe what I heard. Satan and St. Peter are down at the cemetery dividing the souls." The man said, "Shoo, you brat! Can't you see I'm finding it hard to walk as it is?"

After several pleas, the man hobbled to the cemetery and heard, "One for you, one for me. One for you, one..." The old man whispered, "Boy, you've been tellin' the truth! Let's see if we can see the Devil himself."

Shivering with fear, they edged toward the fence. But then they heard, "That's all of them. Now, let's go get those nuts by the fence, and we'll be done."

They say the old guy made it to town 10 minutes before the boy!

SEEKING DIRECTIONS

A helicopter was flying around above Seattle when an electrical malfunction disabled all of the aircraft's electronic navigation and communications equipment. Due to the clouds and haze, the pilot could not determine the helicopter's position and course to fly to the airport.

The pilot saw a tall building, flew toward it, circled, drew a handwritten sign, and held it in the helicopter's window. The pilot's sign said "WHERE AM I?" in large letters.



People in the tall building quickly responded to the aircraft, drew a large sign, and held it in a building window. Their sign read: "YOU ARE IN A HELICOPTER."

The pilot smiled, waved, looked at his map, determined the course to steer to SEATAC airport, and landed safely.

After they were on the ground, the co-pilot asked the pilot how the "YOU ARE IN A HELICOPTER" sign helped determine their position.

The pilot responded "I knew that had to be the MICROSOFT building because they gave me a technically correct, but completely useless answer."

MONARCH BUTTER-

A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole.

Then it seemed to stop making



any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could, and it could go

no further. So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon.

The butterfly then emerged easily. But it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings. The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time. Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It never was able to fly.

What the man, in his kindness and haste, did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon. Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our lives. If God allowed us to go through our lives without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as what we could have been.

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My sister Katie Jackson came up with the correct answer to last month's quiz.

The answer is found in the sixteenth chapter of 2 Samuel. Shimel was the one who cursed David when David fled from Absalom.

Here is this month's quiz.

*We left the camp alone that day
Just the two of us, we went our way*

*We didn't tell the king our plan
We didn't think he'd understand*

*There was a garrison upon a hill
We went to see how many we could kill*

We climbed to the top on hands and knees

Trusting the with us God would be pleased

God gave us a great victory that day

When twenty of the enemy had passed away

*It doesn't matter geat or small
God give victory to us all*

*Now my name you'll never find
But his name has been there all the time*

To win this quiz and have the fame

Tell what I was and what's his name

ELLEN

A man observed a woman in the grocery store with a three year old girl in Her basket. As they passed the cookie section, the child asked for cookies and her mother told her "no." The little girl

immediately began to whine and fuss and the mother said quietly, "Now Ellen, we just have half of the aisles left to go through; don't be upset. It won't be long."

He passed the Mother again in the candy aisle. Of course, the little girl began to shout for candy. When she was told she couldn't



have any, she began to cry. The mother said, "There, there, Ellen, don't cry. Only two more aisles to go, and then we'll be checking out."

The man again happened to be behind the pair at the check-out, where the little girl immediately began to clamor for gum and burst into a terrible tantrum upon discovering there would be no gum purchased today. The mother patiently said, "Ellen, we'll be through this checkout stand in five minutes, and then you can go home and have a nice nap."

The man followed them out to the parking lot and stopped the woman to compliment her. "I couldn't help noticing how patient you were with little Ellen..."

The mother broke in, "My little girl's name is Tammy... I'm Ellen."

BUDDY

An out-of-towner drove his car into a ditch in a desolated area. Luckily, a local farmer came to help with his big strong horse named Buddy.

He hitched Buddy up to the car and yelled, "Pull, Nellie, pull!" Buddy didn't move.

Then the farmer hollered, "Pull, Buster, pull!" Buddy didn't respond.

Once more the farmer commanded, "Pull, Coco, pull!" Nothing happened.

Then the farmer nonchalantly

said, "Pull, Buddy, pull!" And the horse easily dragged the car out of the ditch.



The motorist was most appreciative and very curious. He asked the farmer why he called his horse by the wrong name three times.

The farmer said, "Oh, Buddy is blind and if he thought he was the only one pulling, he wouldn't even try!"

THE PATIENT

The Smiths were shown into the dentist's office, where Mr. Smith made it clear that he didn't want to spend a lot of money.

"No fancy stuff, Doctor," he ordered, "No gas or needles or any of that stuff. Just pull the tooth and get it over with."



"I wish more of my patients were as stoic as you," said

the dentist admiringly. "Now, which tooth is it?"

Mr. Smith turned to his wife... "Show him your tooth, honey!"

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me, and always she was correct. But it was fun for me, so I continued. At last she headed for the door, saying sagely, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these yourself!"