



Sabbath Keeping Youth

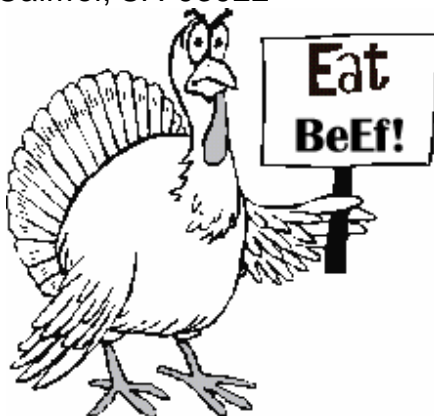
November What's Up? 2001

We in the Youth Department are very excited about this new Newsletter. It is a family Newsletter created for both children and parents and will come out monthly. The pages are filled with articles, a Bible story and activities.

Important announcements on youth activities will be made available in this Newsletter.

We prefer that this Newsletter be downloaded from the internet (www.cgi.org/ptr). However, if this is not possible please write me,

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Heroes are people you look up to and desire to be like. You can think of anyone as a hero. They might be a sports star, school teacher, cartoon character, or a family member. Heroes are people you usually see a lot of either in person or on television.

There were a whole bunch of exciting heroes whose stories are written in the Bible. The "ultimate" hero is Jesus!!! He did some absolutely awesome things. Jesus raised people from the dead, healed the blind, calmed the stormy seas, and even visited three men in a very hot fire. No other hero you could have would be stronger, smarter, and have more love for

everyone than Jesus does. Best of all, Jesus is a hero you can be close friends with.

Jesus is not someone you have to buy a ticket to see. You don't even have to stand in line. Jesus walks with you from the moment you wake up, until the time you go to bed. He is always around, and Jesus is always ready to help us whenever we need it. All we have to do is ask!



Take time this month to be extra thankful for everything you have. Jesus is a special hero you can always have walking with you in life. He will always love you and take good care of you. Make Jesus your #1 hero, and thank Him every day this month for being the best hero you could ever have!!!

THANKS For the Kids!

In the hustle and bustle of life, sometimes parents forget to thank God for their most wonderful blessings, their children. When you're involved in the parental duties of making sure homework is done, playing taxicab, and putting bandages on scraped knees, it's easy to forget to take time to appreciate these marvelous additions to your family. Everyday this month take some time to reflect on the first time you saw your child. Remember how it felt when they learned to say "Mama and Dada"? Think about some of the really great things they have done lately. Dig out your old keepsakes box and go through some of the creations your child made just for you. Allow that sense of excitement to fill your hearts again as you thank God for His child He gave you the opportunity to teach and train.

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Can Courage Be Taught?

September 11, 2001 is a day that will be remembered for its overwhelming horror and enduring sorrow. Prior to that eventful day, many in our country may have believed that people in general have no concern for humanity, nor would one risk his life to save another. If one still believes this, that individual has not been paying attention. There were amazing acts of courage on this frightful day.

What was it that led firemen and police officers into the WTC to be rescuers while others were fleeing the buildings? What was the common bond that brought complete strangers together on United flight 93? We all know the answer is courage and an inner commitment to do a job and fight evil. Can this kind of courage be taught? If it can, how is it done?

Courage is a virtue that can be taught to children. Children learn to have courage by doing brave acts, reading about people of courage from the pages of the Bible and other literature. Parents affirm courage in their children by expecting it. However, courage must not be confused with being fearless. To be afraid is a natural and healthy emotion. Solomon said, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge..." (Proverbs 1:7). The brave men and women on flight 93 were probably afraid, but they were confident in their abilities and not reckless.

Teach your children that if they see or hear evil it is their job to step up and stop it or get help from an adult to put a stop to the bullying or evil. Let them know that you expect them to stand on the side of good and to fight the evil. When the firefighters and police ran into the WTC buildings, this was courage in action. While time should be set aside for teaching your child, this is not the only time that teaching can take place. Teaching opportunities can be found in everyday life situations.

When you read a story in the newspaper or a magazine about someone who you are impressed by because of their courage or other virtue, cut that picture out and tell your child the story. Talk to your child about why you believe their actions merit approval. Do the same with relatives that you admire for their

- actions.
- Good literature can touch a child. Stories that offer
- a villain and a hero offer an
- opportunity for you to ask your
- child how they would have re-
- sponded to the same situation.
- Bible stories are a wonderful
- source for teaching courage.
- In fact, did you know that there
- are 365 verses in the Bible
- with the words "Fear Not"?
- Each day of the year a verse
- from the Bible could be read
- that teaches courage. Some
- recommended stories that
- teach courage are, Gideon
- (Judges 7:7-23), Deborah
- (Judges 4), Jonathan (1 Sam-
- uel 17:32-50), Esther (Esther
- 4:8,16), Shadrach, Meshach &
- Abednego (Daniel 3:16-18)
- and Daniel (Daniel 6:10-22).
- Telling our children sto-
- ries from the Bible and other
- books of good literature, along
- with true stories, can and will
- inspire them. This is a way for
- them to see what qualities you
- believe to be important. We do
- not want our children standing
- on the sidelines allowing evil to
- win, but rather having the
- courage to confront evil and
- stop it in its tracks.



Do The Right Thing

Being thankful is the right thing to do. Your parents have worked hard to teach you to say "thank you" when someone has given or done something for you. God puts importance on a thankful attitude as well. The New Testament alone has 42 places the word "Thanks" appears. There are many Psalms of thanksgiving. Such as Psalms 8; 18; 19; 29; 30; 32; 34; 36; 40; 41; 65; 66; 103—106; 111; 113; 116; 117; 124; 129; 135; 136; 138; 139; 146—148; 150.

Read these psalms and when you do think about all God has done for you. In your prayers with your whole heart tell your Creator "Thank you." "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." (Philippians 4:6)

What does it mean to give thanks to God? It means to tell God how grateful you are for what He has done or given you. You are happy about His kindness and help. Have you ever done a good thing for someone and he didn't stop to thank you? How did you feel about that? Our story this month teaches us about how Jesus was pleased when a man thanked Him. Jesus is pleased with us when we thank Him.

Bible Story Luke 17:11-19

While Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem, He passed through Samaria and Galilee. This is significant because normally Jews would take the longer route to avoid the hated Samaritans. Jesus did not participate in this hatred. For example, a Samaritan woman once asked Jesus, "How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? For the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans." (John 4:9)

When Jesus passed through Samaria and Galilee He came upon ten lepers. Nine of the lepers were Jews and one was a Samaritan. Suddenly their national differences were forgotten in the face of their common misery. They stood far away from Jesus because this was a law. During this time, those with leprosy were to

keep their distance from those who were clean. You can read about this law in Leviticus 13:46; Numbers 5:2 and 2 Kings 5:5.

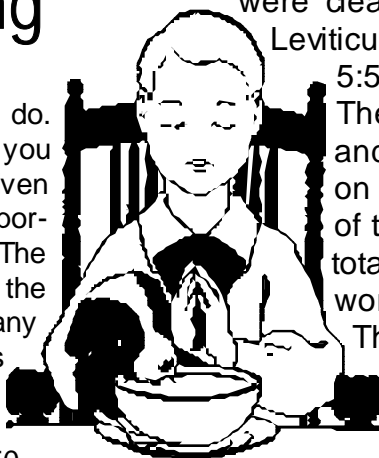
The ten lepers lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" This was unusual because one of the symptoms of leprosy is almost a total loss of voice. The men used the word "mercy" in asking Jesus for help. They wanted Him to forgive them of this sinful disease and show them mercy.

Jesus said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." Jesus sent them to the priest, as the law demands. (Leviticus 14:3, 4) "As they went, they were cleansed." Imagine that, while the lepers were completely out of the sight of Jesus, they walked to see the priests and were cured of their disease. Jesus never touched them.

Only one of the lepers turned back from his journey to glorify and thank Jesus for what He had done. He was the most unlikely to do so because he was the Samaritan, the "stranger." The other nine lepers were Jews and they now separated themselves from the Samaritan once they were cleansed. The nine lepers had the faith needed to take the journey to the priests believing they would be healed by the time they arrived there, but they did not have the faith of gratitude and love to thank Jesus.

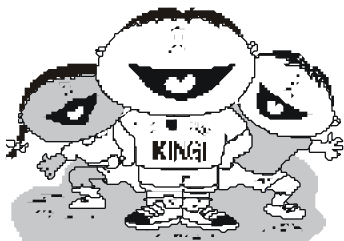
Jesus made the statement to the Samaritan who returned, "But where are the nine?" The nine Jews who were healed ran to tell the first priest they could find. Because the Samaritan returned he received another blessing from Jesus. Jesus said, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well." The Samaritan received the promise of salvation. He was restored to good physical and spiritual health. He did not allow the sin of ingratitude to take over.

Salvation does not depend on gratitude. Salvation is a freely given gift from God through grace with our ultimate reward being according to our works. Showing gratitude and thankfulness is a good work and the right thing to do.



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Thank you! Thank you very much! Those are some words you just can't get enough of. They're words even God likes to hear! After all, He has given you a whole bunch of great stuff to be thankful for. Grab a pencil and search out some of that great stuff which is hidden in the puzzle below!

BROTHER	CHURCH	CLOTHES
DAD	FOOD	FRIENDS
FUN	GOD	GRANDPARENT
HOME	LOVE	MOM
PET	SISTER	TEACHER

G O D B R O H S S T C
A R S D T J C I Q E L
T E A C H E R K Y R O
P H R N F I U P C L T
M T E C D O H F L V B
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H M O O U M E P S N D
Z F R I E N D S L O T



Turkey Treats!!!

You will need:

apples toothpicks
candy corn gum drops

Place an apple on it's side. Let the small end be the head. Place toothpicks in the apple for 2 legs, 3 feathers, and a neck. Place one toothpick behind the legs to help make it stable (you could make this a third leg and have a really cool deformed turkey). Use the small gumdrops for the feet and the feathers. For the feathers, place the gum drops all the way down the toothpick leaving enough room for a candy corn at the top of each feather. A large gumdrop is the head. Smash one candy corn into the large gumdrop for the nose. Gobble, gobble, you've got a turkey!

Stuff the Turkey!!!

Grab a few friends and 2 pair of dad's old pants. Divide into 2 teams. One person from each team wears the old pants, and the other teammates see how many inflated balloons they can stuff in the pants. While the "turkeys" are being stuffed, see which one can gobble the best.



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