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**True stories of miracles through
prayer in the 1800's**

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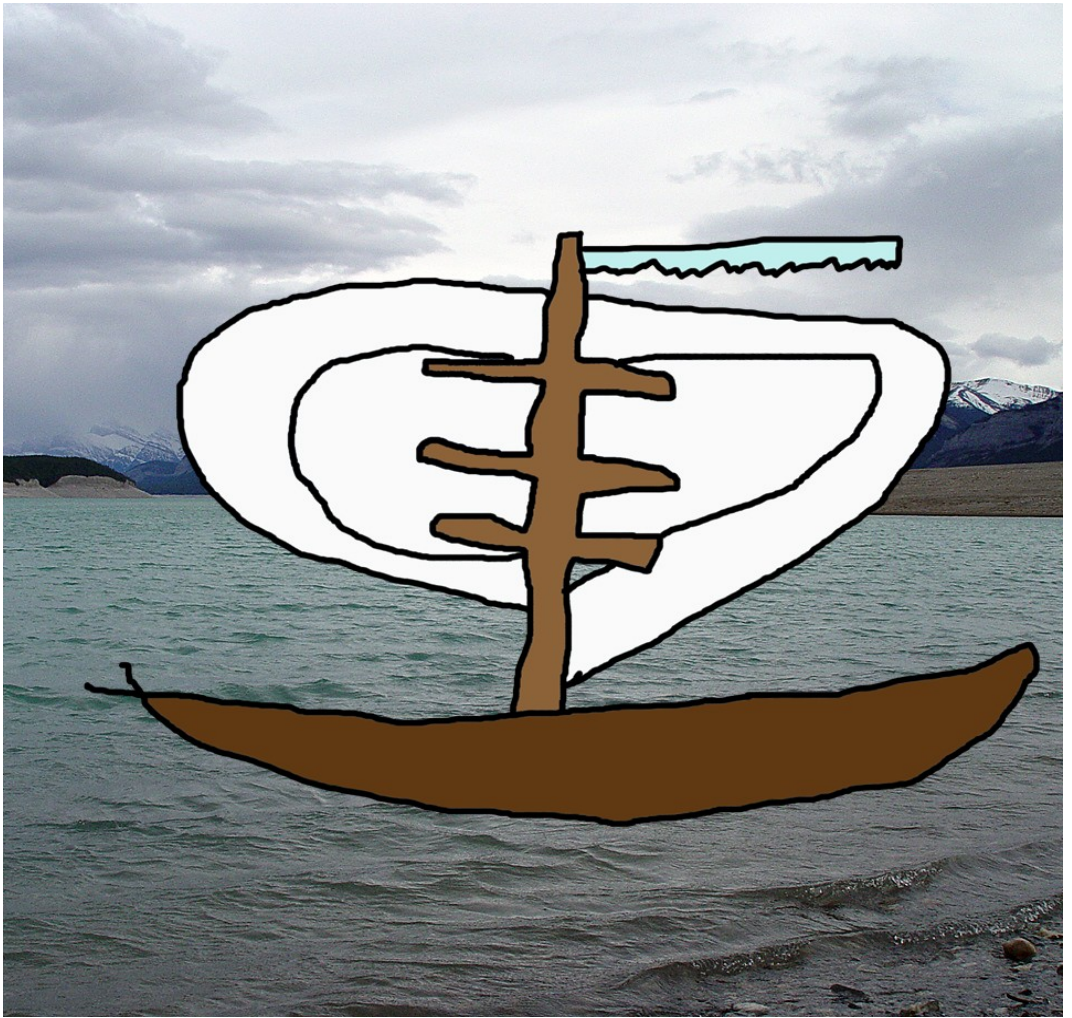


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42.) A Ship With a Leak

There was a ship that was sailing, but it had a leak, and it wasn't going to be good for much longer. So the crew got together to pray, and asked God to take care of them.

Right after they prayed, they looked up and saw another ship sailing nearby. The sailors in trouble sent up signals to alert the other ship to come and rescue them, and they did!

Everyone got on board the other ship and safely made it to land.

Another time a different ship had a leak, and it didn't seem like they would make it to the land. However, after they prayed they made it! Their ship had been able to last all the way to their destination.

The ship was pretty old so they couldn't use it anymore, but they turned it over to see what it was that amazingly stopped the leak.

They found the whole bottom of the ship was covered with barnacles. God had put barnacles all over the ship to stop up the leak and keep it going until they made it safely to the land.



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43.) Crops

This story happened when the Pilgrims had left England to explore America. The pioneers had planted some crops. By the time they got everything planted, the food that they had brought for their trip was all used up. So they prayed for God to supply for them.

Then they took a boat and a net and they were able to catch some fish. That gave them a bit of food. The Lord took care of them and kept bringing food their way or showing them where to find some.

Finally their crops were almost ready to be harvested, but then there came a time of drought, and the rain didn't fall. So the plants were all withered, and all the grass around was dry. It looked like their crops wouldn't be able to be harvested after all.

They said, "Let's just spend all day today praying and praising God, and listening to Him." And they did!—All day long. By the night time, even though the day had been very hot with a clear sky, it started to rain, and it rained gently for several days.

The whole ground got very wet, and the crops weren't withered any more. They all sprang back to life again and were revived.

Everyone was so thankful that Jesus had saved their crops and they would soon have a good harvest and plenty of food to eat.

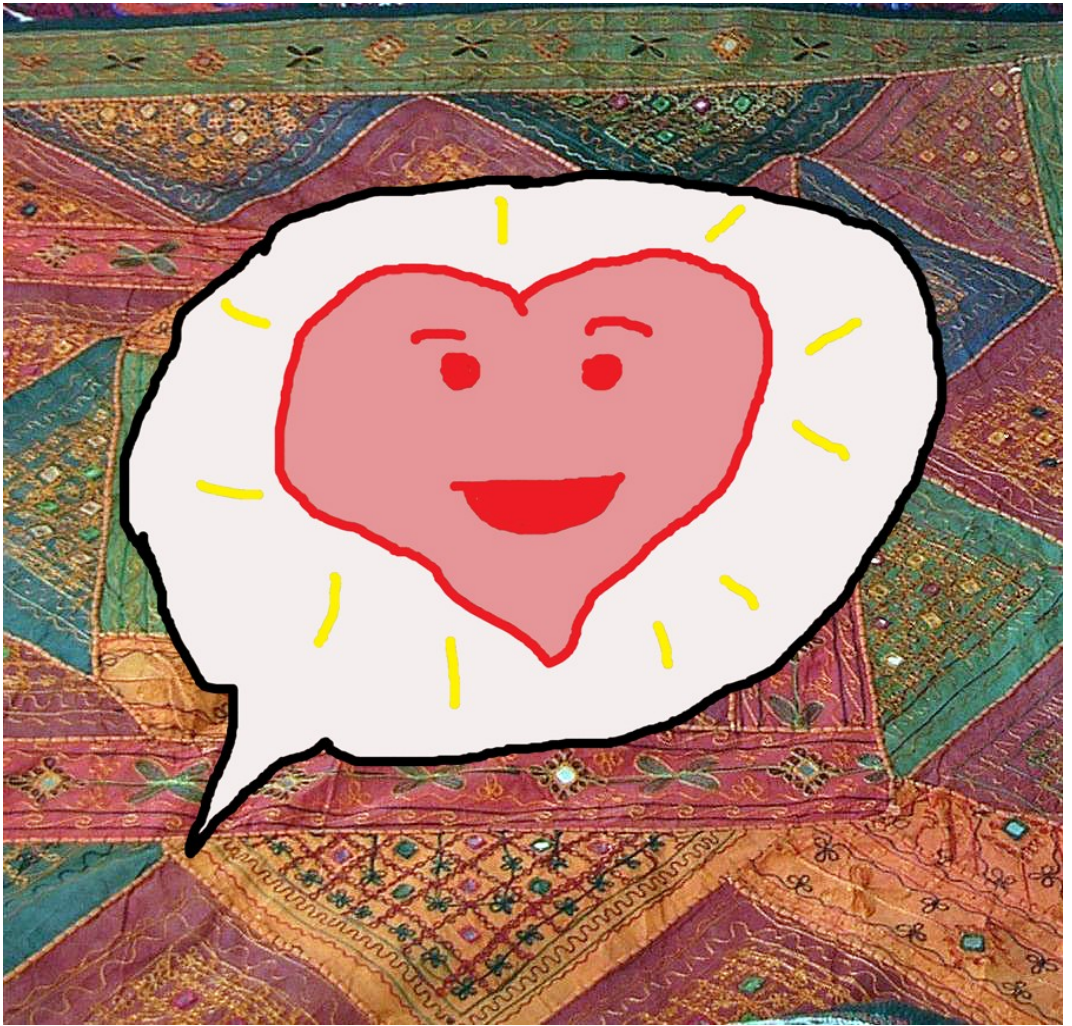


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44.) The Carpet

There was a little girl of about five years old, whose mother had been invited to help with sewing for a rich lady. The lady wanted a new dress made. So the mother and her daughter went to the rich lady's house.

The wealthy lady offered to show the little girl around the house. She was very interested to see what the lady's house looked like, and she noticed a beautiful carpet in one room.

The girl very much liked that carpet, and she kept exclaiming to the wealthy lady how nice it was.

She asked the question, "Does Jesus come to your house? It's so nice. He must really like this carpet. Jesus must come often to your house. He comes to our house, but we don't have a carpet."

She asked the question several times, and it made the wealthy lady think about it. She didn't feel that Jesus came to her house because she hadn't invited Jesus in to her life.

She talked with her husband about what the little girl had asked her that day, and as a result both the lady and her husband prayed and let Jesus come into their lives.

It was good that the little girl helped the lady think about Jesus.

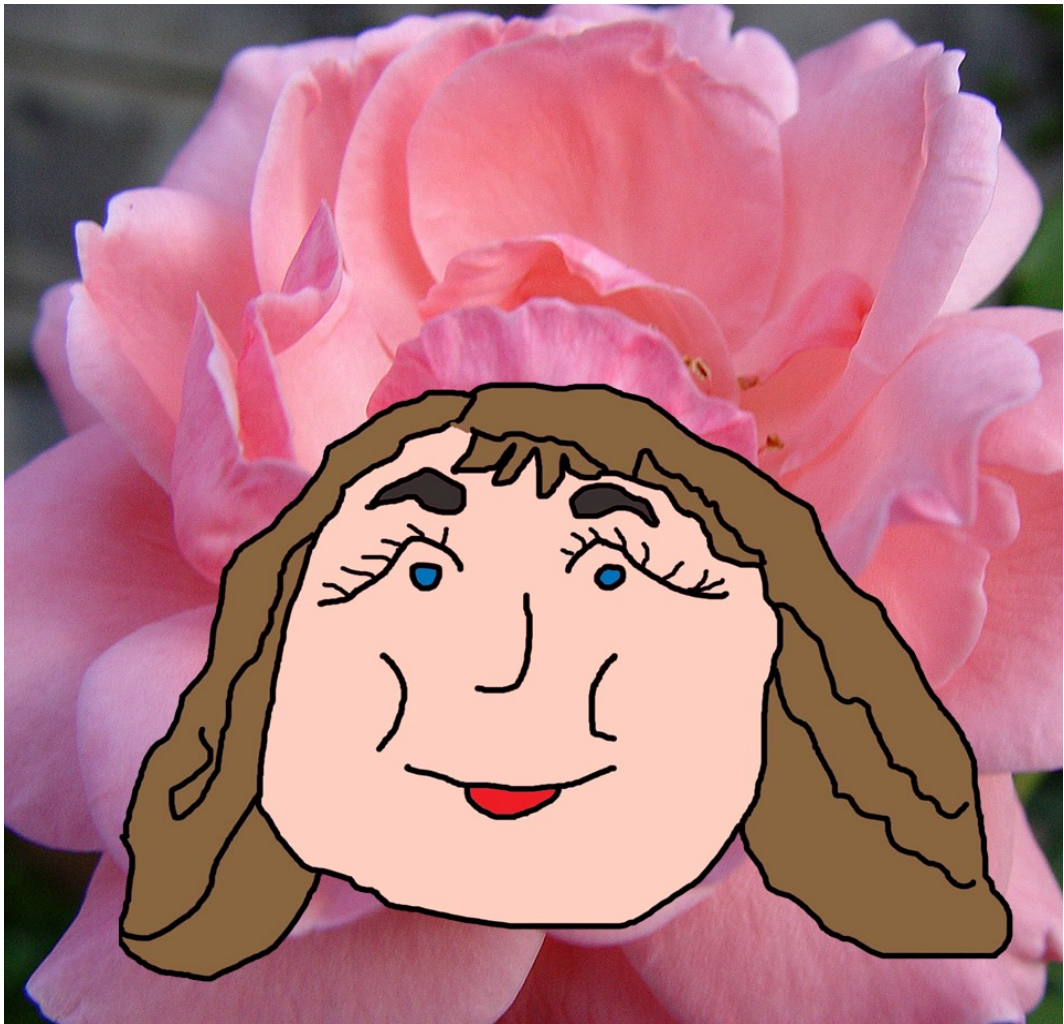


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45.) Sight for a Sister

There was a lady who had a sister who had been sick for quite some time, and became blind as a result of her sickness. So the sister went to ask people to pray for her.

That afternoon, her sick sister had a good deep sleep. She slept wonderfully all that afternoon and all that evening.

In the morning when the sister went to visit her, she found out to her pleasant surprise that her sick sister's sight was restored.

They could see each other again!

They praised God and were so glad!



46.) A New Bible

There was a woman who loved to read her Bible first thing in the morning. Then one morning she realized her Bible was getting so old, and the print was too small for her to be able to see it well.

It was very difficult for her to read it. So she thought to ask the Lord to send her a new Bible.

After praying for a Bible one day, the postman brought her a package of letters and magazines.

One of the letters she opened had money in it with a little note that said, *“This is for your Bible”*.

She had no idea how anyone knew that she needed a Bible, and how they got the idea to mail this to her.

It was just what she needed, and she got a new Bible.

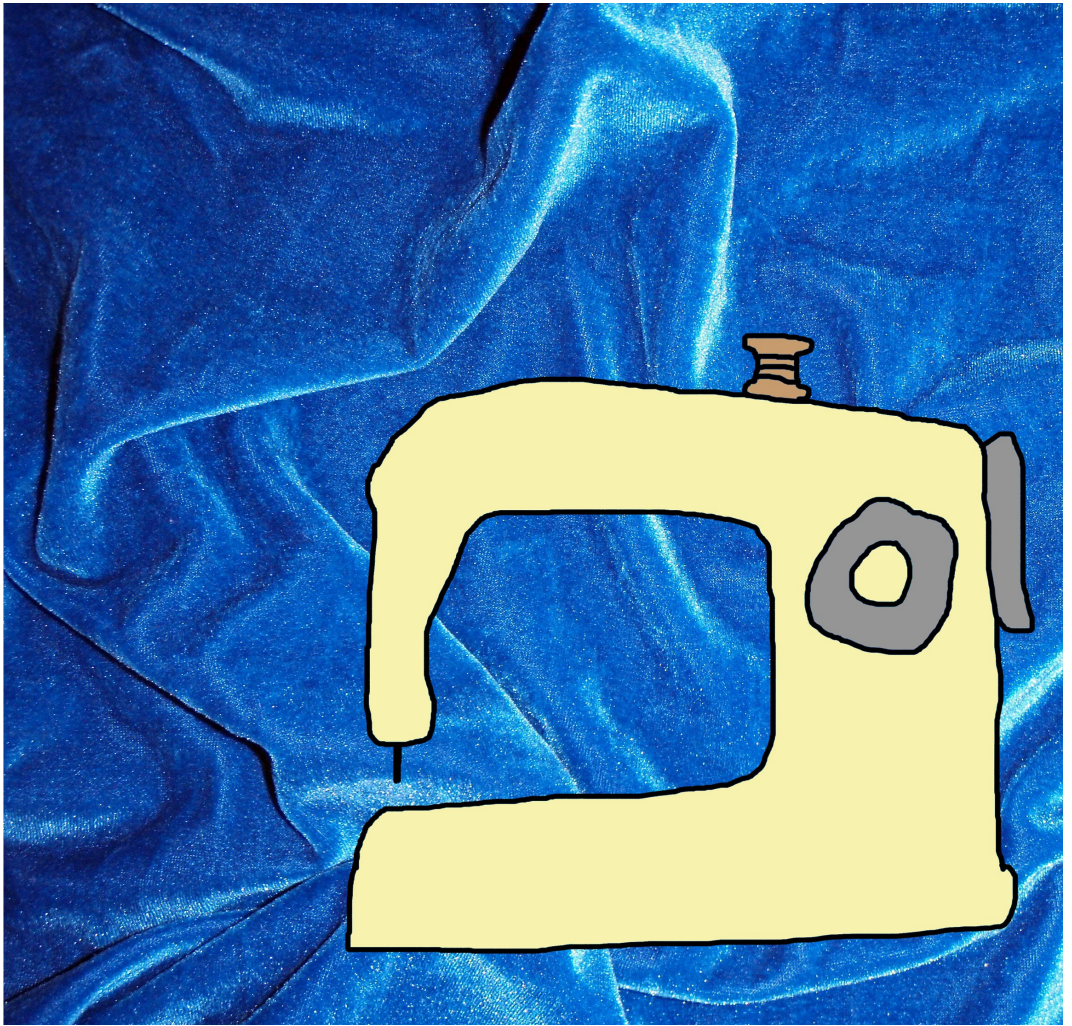


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47.) Sewing Machine

There was a lady who was praying for a sewing machine. People had asked her if she could help them sew, and she said she would like to.

She was praying for a sewing machine and she waited for a few weeks. Then one winter morning the Lord supplied a sewing machine for her. She was so very happy.

One time a visitor came to her house and saw the machine, but it was covered with a cloth so they didn't actually know what it was.

They said, "What's that over there in your room?"

She said, "It's my sewing machine and I always sing songs whenever I use it. It just makes me want to sing songs of praise. I'm so thankful God gave me just what I prayed for. I am so happy using it."

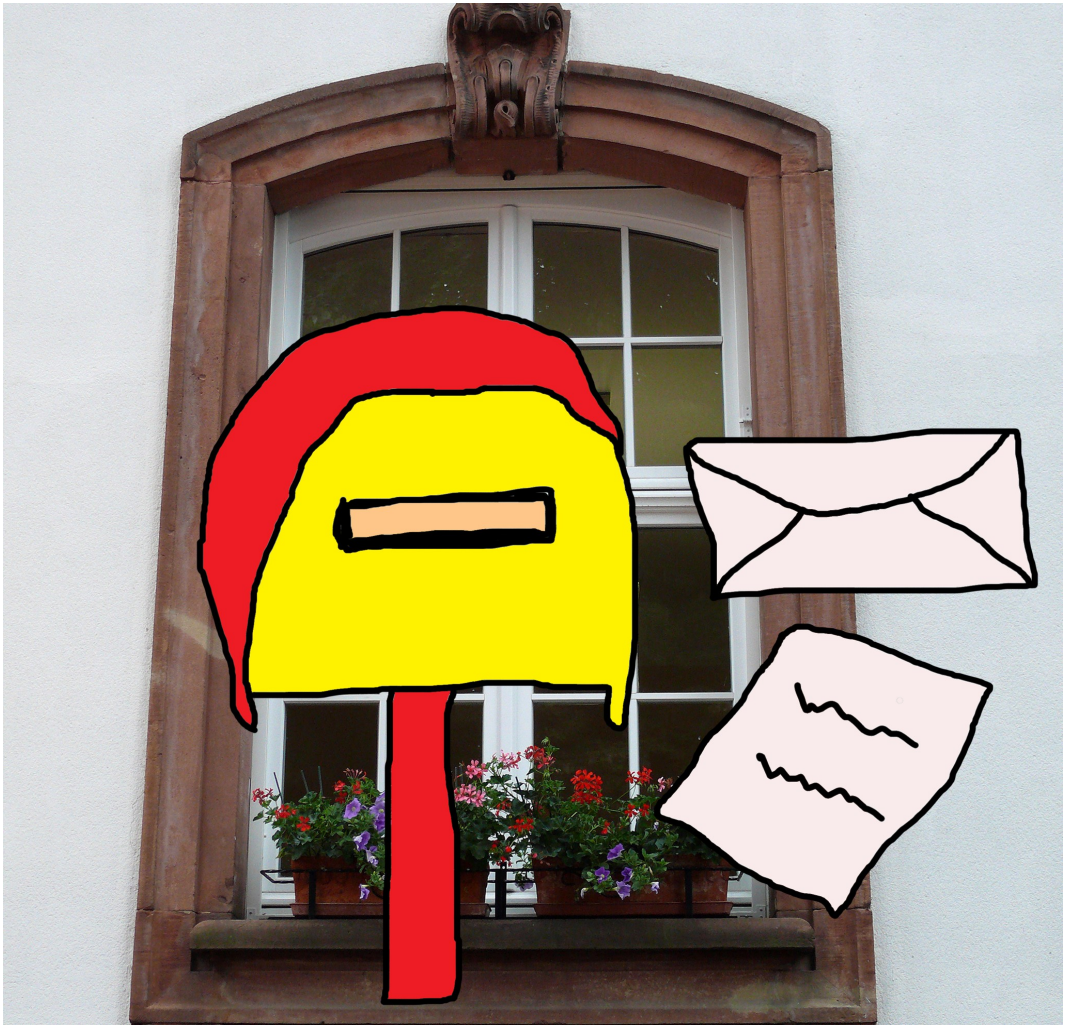


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48.) Post Office

There was a man who really needed to find his brother who lived in a different town.

He travelled to the town where his brother was, but he didn't know his address.

He knew where his brother worked. However, when he went to the place where his brother worked, he found out the shop was no longer operating.

What could he do?

Nobody knew where his brother was.

Then, after praying he got a new idea. It was to write a note to his brother, and take it to the post office just in case his brother went there, then the clerk could hand his brother this note.

What the note said was, *“If you get this note, please meet me at 10AM at a certain place.”*

That night the man prayed that his brother would go to the post office and get his note.

The next day his brother was actually planning to go on a special fishing trip. He was going to wake up early and go fishing with his friends.

For some reason, even as much as he was looking forward to the fishing trip, he kept getting this thought:

“Go to the post office. Go to the post office.”

So he did, and he was so glad he did because then he got the note from his brother that was looking for him.

The brothers met together and it all worked out.

The man could go fishing another time, another day with his friends, but that was the only time his brother was in town.

He was glad he didn't miss it, and that he listened and obeyed what the Lord told him to do.



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49.) Dinner

A man and his family needed to travel to a new place because he was going to work in a new town. He had to sell many things to pay for the expenses.

When they got to their new house they didn't have much food or anything. So the family prayed on their knees asking God to help them.

They had one week where they thought they wouldn't have what they needed. However, amazingly enough, that night the landlady's daughter and her husband came to visit her mother.

They brought a big delicious dinner to share with her, and then they got the thought to invite this man and his wife and child to come and eat with them also.

Oh, that was God's answer to their prayer! They had a nice dinner that night. The next day the lady and her husband brought more food to them, and brought fresh veggies from their garden.

That whole week, as the family prayed for the food that they would need, God brought it to them every day through that kind-hearted lady and man.



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50.) A Daughter's Prayer

A four-year-old girl had a mother who was very sick. The doctors didn't know what to do.

The little girl prayed and said,

"Dear Lord, make my mother well again."

After she prayed, she heard God speaking to her heart saying, "My dear child, I will do it gladly."

Then she went happily to her mother's side and said, "Mother, you will get well. God said you will!"

And it happened! The mother was healed!

God had heard the young girl's prayer and her mother regained her health.



51.) Dry Laundry

A man and his grown daughter followed and trusted the Lord. They prayed every day, and listened to what He would tell them to do. They had faith that He would supply them with their needs, as they obeyed what Jesus told them to do.

One night when the daughter was sleeping, and all was very quiet, Jesus knew that it was going to rain a lot that night.

He also knew that she had worked hard on washing her laundry, and hanging it to dry, and that it was finally dry and ready to be taken down. It was up on the flat roof of their house.

If it rained, their clean clothes would be all wet again, and would take a lot longer until they would be dry and ready to use.

Jesus helped her wake up suddenly in the night, right before it started to rain. She obeyed what He told her in her heart to do.

She went up to the roof and took down all the laundry. The very minute when she got it all in the house, nice and dry, it began to pour down rain outside.

She was so happy she'd obeyed what Jesus told her to do!



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52.) Bread and Milk

George Mueller had a lot of faith, and a lot of love for children too. He knew God would provide all they needed if he would just pray. One morning as the children waited for their breakfast and there was nothing for them to eat, George Mueller knew the Lord would supply. He raised his hands and said, "Dear Father, we thank You for what You are going to give us to eat."

Just then there was a knock on the door. It was the baker. He said, "Mr. Mueller, I couldn't sleep last night. Somehow I felt you didn't have bread for breakfast, and the Lord wanted me to send you some. So I got up at 2 o'clock and baked some fresh bread and have brought it."

George Mueller thanked the baker, and praised God for His care. It wasn't just any bread. They got freshly baked bread. It was delicious! Soon after, there was a knock on the door again. It was the milk man. He had a whole wagon load of milk cans, but his cart had broken down, and he needed to fix it.

In order to fix it he needed to take out the milk cans. It happened right near the orphanage where the children were thanking the Lord for their bread, and needing milk for breakfast also. The milk man decided to give the milk to the children, and they were so delighted. They had fresh milk and fresh bread for breakfast.



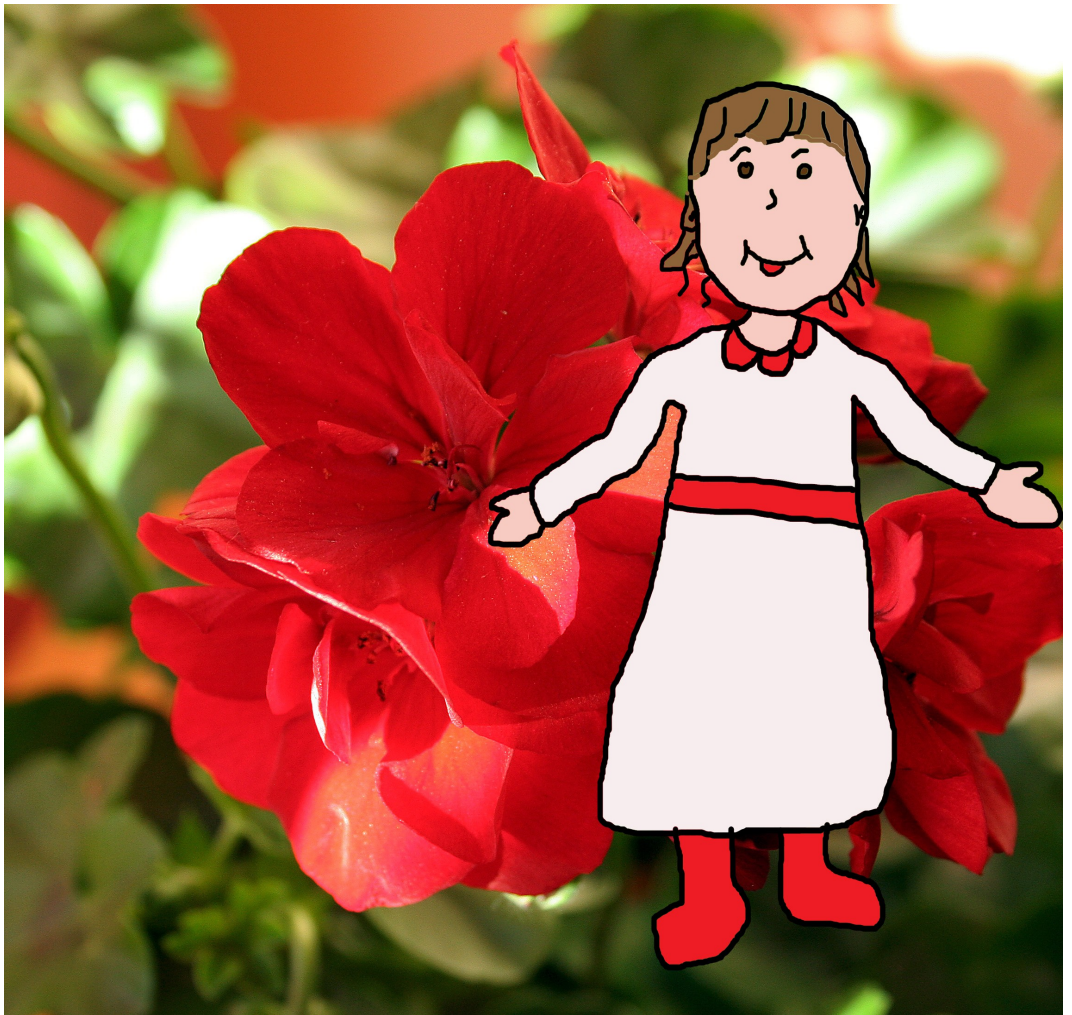
53.) A Boiler Fixed

There was a boiler that broke down. The boiler was what made the house warm. It warmed up the water that went through the pipes to heat the house. It was heating the orphanage where George Mueller and his helpers were taking care of the children. It was cold and they had to have heating, but it also was unsafe and not good if they didn't get it fixed. The water was leaking. What was to be done?

George Mueller prayed for two miracles. He needed the weather to be warm all of a sudden, so they wouldn't suffer when the heating was turned off, and he needed some good work men who were willing to work hard and well to fix the boiler very quickly. And that's exactly what happened!

When the workmen came to fix the boiler, even though it was wintertime, a warm wind blew in. It was so warm they wouldn't have even needed to turn on the boiler anyway. The weather was so pleasant, just as George Mueller had prayed.

The workmen then began to fix the leak on the boiler. They worked hard, but the day was over and it hadn't been completely fixed yet. Then they decided to just keep working, and they kept working late into the night. They just worked until the job was done. God had answered George Mueller's prayers, and by lunchtime that next day it was working great, and they could turn on the heat.



54.) A Baby Kept Safe

George Mueller's wife Mary was taking care of their baby Lydia. There was a terrible sickness going around in the town, and many people were catching that sickness. What should be done?

George Mueller wanted to go out and help people, and tell them about Jesus and do his job for the Lord, but he and his wife were concerned that the sickness would come to their home and to their little baby.

So they prayed and they claimed Psalm 91 that says, "He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."

They believed God would keep them as they continued serving the Lord and helping others. And that's exactly what happened!

The sickness never came to them or their house, and many of their friends and those they knew who also loved the Lord were safe from the sickness.

They set aside a full day of praise and thanksgiving for all that God had done to protect them from it. Jesus had protected their little baby amidst all that was going on, because they trusted the Lord and believed His promises of protection.



Photo by M. McNally

55.) The Standing Tree

There was a very big storm with strong winds and thunder that came into a valley called Yellow Creek. It was so strong, the wind was knocking down trees—big huge, strong trees.

There was an old woman with her grown son that lived in a house. They just had one tree beside their house, and the wind was wiggling that tree and twisting it. If the tree fell, it might fall on their house.

She was very desperate for the Lord to protect her so she prayed with her son and asked Jesus to please keep their tree strong.

Amazingly the tree never fell down! It stayed upright, good and strong. Even when other trees fell down, hers didn't, because she prayed and God protected her.



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56.) Catching the Train

A lady with her sick child was going on a train. However, she needed to catch another train when she arrived at the next train station.

The difficulty was that the train she needed to catch would already have left by the time her train arrived. What was she going to do?

It was a Saturday night. There were no other trains that she could take, and she had to get to her house. Her poor sick child needed to get home, so she asked the conductor,

"Can this train go any faster so we can get there in time?" The man said, "Hmm, I don't think we can go any faster."

Then she said, "Do you think the other train will be there for us?"

The man said, "Oh, I don't think so. It never has been there before. It has always been gone before we got there. The man driving always leaves the station promptly on time."

She said, "Can we pray about it?"

The man said, "Okay." So they prayed together for the train that she needed to catch to be there when they arrived.

By a miracle, for some reason, the steam train they were traveling on was able to go extra fast and it was speeding along.

When they stopped at other stations they were able to go again soon after, as there were not many people getting off or on.

The train arrived at the station that the lady needed to go to in a very short amount of time, and to their surprise, the other train was still there!

The engineer driving the other train that hadn't left yet came to the train that had just arrived, and said, "Can you please tell me why I haven't left yet? For some reason I had a feeling I needed to wait until your train came."

The conductor of the first train said,

"Oh, yes, I can tell you why! There's a woman with her sick child that really needs to board your train, and that's why. We prayed you would still be here."

The woman and her child were able to get on that next train and make it home.

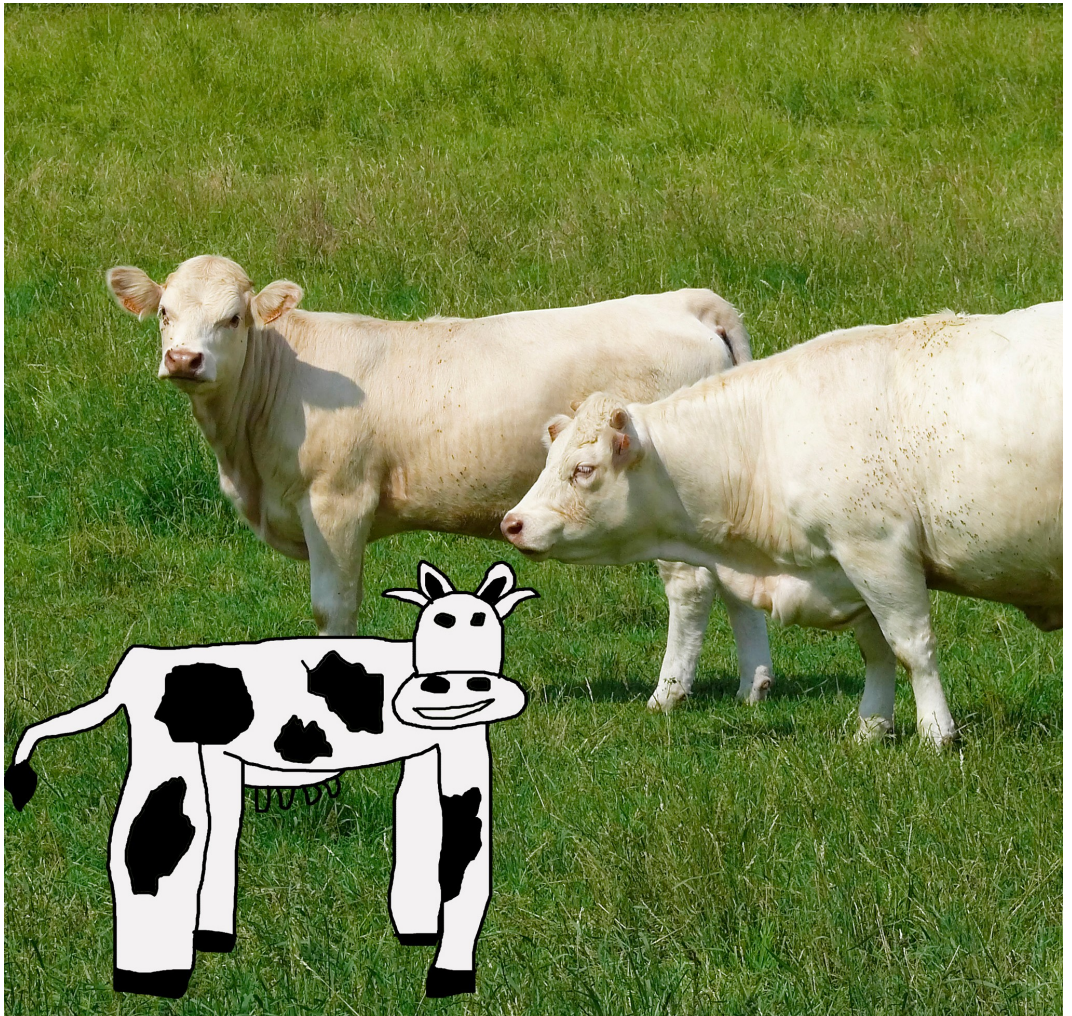


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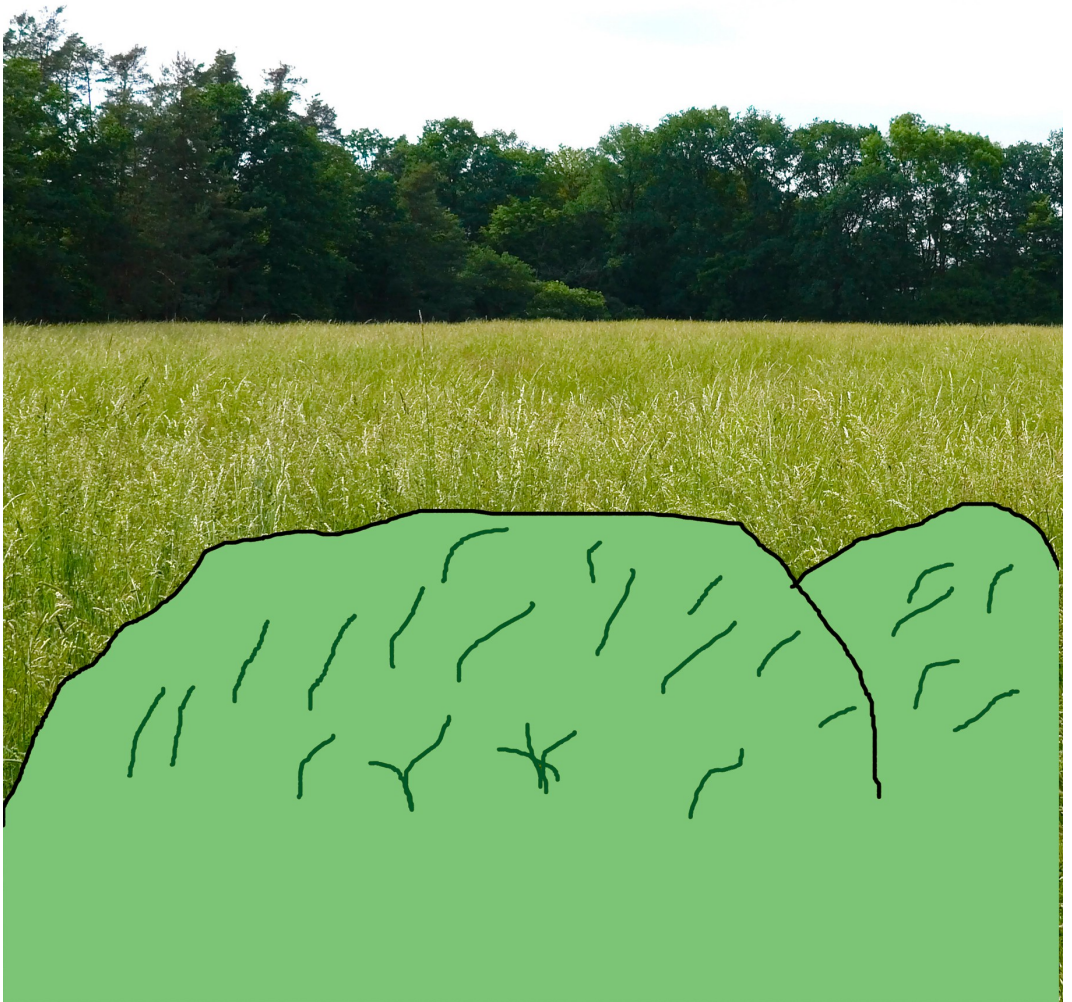
57.) The Miracle Cow

There was a lady with several children, and they really needed a cow to give them milk. So she prayed with her children. Soon after that somebody said, "Would you like some money?" and offered them money to borrow. They agreed and used the money to buy a cow. Then that cow was a very special cow—a miracle cow! God made this cow very special.

Whenever they milked the cow, it had lots and lots of milk. It had an amazing amount! They were able to use milk for their family, and sell lots of milk to the milkman who took the milk to many others. Not only did the cow give lots of milk, but it also worked on the farm, and had lots of strength. It was able to do the jobs it was needed for very quickly.

Everyone was surprised about this amazing cow. It helped them for many years giving them lots of milk, and doing a terrific job on their farm. Later when the children were grown up and they didn't need that cow anymore, they sold this cow to the milkman who knew this cow was amazing, as it had lots of milk.

The milkman said, "I'll take that cow!" But after the milkman bought it, the cow was just a normal cow again. It didn't make extra milk—just the normal amount a cow normally makes. Jesus had made that cow be very special for that family because they prayed.



58.) Lost Penknife

There was a farm boy who did lots of good hard work on the farm, and he had a special thing that he liked.

It was a penknife—a very small little tool that he could use. It was handy and he could just keep it in his pocket and use it when he needed it. It was expensive, and he wouldn't be able to buy another one.

One time when he was out with the cows, helping the cows go to a different pasture, he realized his little tool had fallen into the grass.

The grass was kind of long on the big hillside that he had been walking over. It was a big pasture. How could he find his special little tool? So he prayed.

He asked the Lord to help him find it. Then he just started walking. He walked a short distance then looked on the grass and saw his little penknife tool and picked it up. It was right there in his path.

If he had walked a little bit to one side or a little bit more to the other side he wouldn't have seen it because the grass was too long. Jesus led him right to the exact place after he prayed.



Photo by Naomi

59.) Tea for an Old Lady

There was a lady who lived a very long time. She was a hundred-and-ten-years old, and her son who lived with her was an old man too—seventy years old. Sometimes he had to go and work even though he was old, and he needed someone to help make food for him when he came home.

She was the only one to help, but she had amazing strength. Jesus made her able to see clearly and move well and think clearly. She couldn't move very fast, but she did what she could.

She cleaned the house. She cooked the meals. She didn't always have everything she needed or wanted, as they were kind of poor, but she had Jesus, and Jesus always took care of what they needed. She would just pray.

One day she needed some tea. So she prayed for the Lord to supply some good tea for her. The next morning a visitor came to their house bringing tea for them. She said, "I've been expecting you. I've prayed for tea, and I knew Jesus would bring some to us. Thank you so much!"

The visitor asked, "Do you always get everything you need when you pray?"

The lady said, "Yes. Jesus always answers our prayers and gives us just what we need. I never ask for things that we don't need. I just ask for just what we really need and that's what comes."



60.) Work

There was a man and his wife, and they really needed a job. They needed to be provided for, so they prayed for Jesus to supply just the right place for them to work. A missionary gave them a suggestion of who they could ask for a job.

After they prayed they went to a family and asked if they needed help to cook and to clean and to do gardening.

By a miracle the family who had originally said, "No, we don't need you to help us," that day after the man and woman prayed, changed their mind and said, "Yes, you can both come and work in our house and help us."

The man and woman were able to help and get some money in return and have the food and supplies they needed.



Photo by S.d.B.

61.) The Brother's Prayer

A brother and a sister who were twins were great friends and liked playing together.

One day the doctor was called to their house as the sister had gotten very sick. The doctor didn't know what to do. He thought she'd never recover, so he called another doctor to come and see.

They both said, "Ah, she's too sick. We don't know what to do."

Then the brother of that girl came to the doctor and said,

"Doctor, isn't there anybody that can save her?"

That doctor had been so busy in his life that he had forgotten something very important, and all of a sudden he remembered it. He remembered what his mother had taught him about prayer, and how God can hear and answer prayer.

So he told that little boy, "If you pray, God will hear you. He hears children's prayers. He's the One that can help your sister."

Then the doctor left, and that little boy prayed with all his heart for his sister to recover. His sister wasn't better yet, but in his heart Jesus told him, "She's going to get better."

He felt so happy when Jesus whispered that to his heart that he went outside happily to play. He was no longer sad and worried about his sister even though she was still sick in bed.

The brother just had the faith she would get healed because Jesus told him and because he prayed.

In the morning when the doctor returned and found this boy so happy, he said, "Is your sister well yet?"

He said, "No, but I know she will get healed because Jesus told me she will."

The doctor went in to see the little girl and right at that moment Jesus told him just what to do, and showed him what she needed.

The doctor obeyed that whisper in his heart and mind and gave the little girl just what Jesus told him, and she was completely healed very soon after.

The other doctor said,

"Oh, what happened? How did she get better?"

He said, "Well, the little boy prayed and that's what brought the miracle."



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62.) A Blind Child

There was a missionary visiting a home where they were caring for some children, and there was one little boy there who really loved Jesus. He would often sing songs to Jesus, pray, and quote verses that he'd learned.

One day he had an accident, and he became blind. But he had so much faith in Jesus, he was still singing the songs he knew and quoting his verses, while sitting calmly.

The people who cared for him were glad to see this boy's faith and to hear the songs and verses he would say.

One day someone who heard him talking to Jesus said, "What are you talking about?"

The boy said,

"Well, the doctor said I won't get better, so I was asking Jesus to heal me. He healed the blind people."

And you know what? In just a couple of days after he prayed he could see! His sight was completely restored.

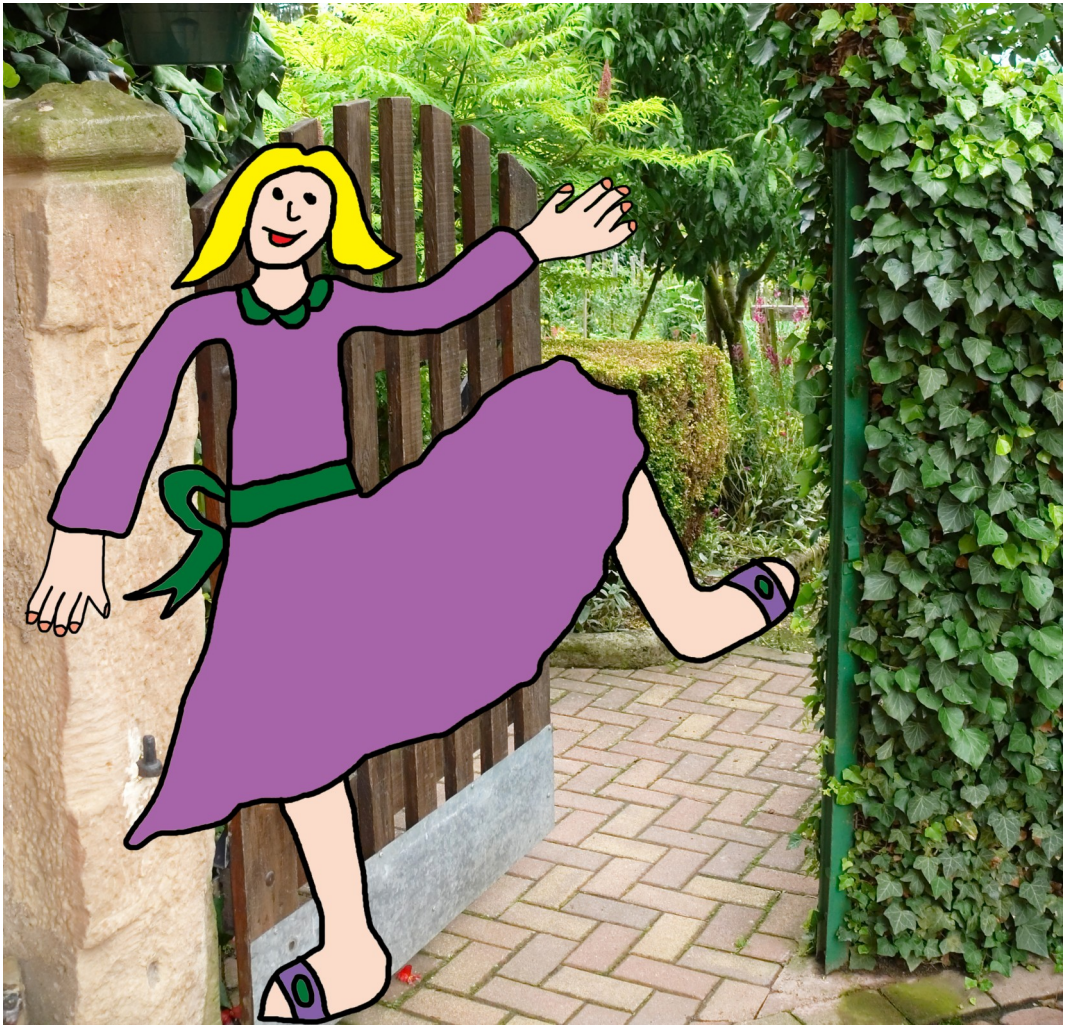


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63.) Walking and Dancing

A girl who was 12 years old had a problem with her leg and joint. She could not walk, and her leg was getting worse. After three years, one leg even became shorter than the other. The girl read about others who were healed through the power of prayers and asking Jesus to heal them. She asked her mother to pray for her to be healed by a miracle too.

The doctor had brought some medicine for her leg and said maybe that would help her. The girl wanted Jesus to heal her and receive all the credit for the miracle, so she didn't use any of the medicine at that time when she was asking for prayer. She didn't want anyone thinking that it was the medicine that cured her.

She would know for sure then that if they prayed and she was healed that it was only because Jesus healed her. However if she had also taken medicine at the same time it might be harder for others to realize just what had caused her to be healed.

She wanted Jesus to be honoured. Her mother prayed fervently for her daughter to be healed, for about an hour, when her daughter said, "Mother, mother, I am healed!"

The girl was completely healed and was dancing around the room! Jesus had healed her and both her legs were the same and well! The next day she was outside playing with her friends and sliding around on the ice! What a wonderful answer to prayer! The girl had faith and Jesus did the miracle.



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64.) Miracle Coin

There was a poor woman who needed food for her family and prayed for a miracle. When she went to the well to get water, she found a coin on the ground beside it.

The woman asked the others who lived nearby if it was their coin, but it didn't belong to anybody.

She took it to get bread for her family.

She gave the coin to the baker and he even gave her extra bread—because she prayed for God to supply their needs.



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65.) The Painting

George Mueller trusted the Lord to supply all that he needed in his care of many children, as well as what was needed for people to study the Bible, and be missionaries in other places.

He would pray and ask Jesus to give them whatever was needed. He also wrote books and told others about the miracles that happened as a result of prayer.

One day when he needed some money, he prayed and asked Jesus for it.

Soon after he received a letter from a landscape painter.

In the letter was some money that he was giving as a gift to George Mueller.

The letter said that he had read a book about George Mueller and wanted to help him by sending money, but he didn't have anything to give.

He had painted a picture to sell, and usually people didn't buy his pictures.

However, he prayed and said to the Lord that if someone bought his picture that he would send half of the money to George Mueller to be used to help the children and others learn about Jesus.

Then a miracle happened!

As soon as the picture was on display to be sold someone bought it right away!

The man was so encouraged by this answer to prayer, and happy that he had a way to help others.

George Mueller was glad too, that this man was blessed for his faith in Jesus and in the power of prayer.

He was thankful for the ways Jesus answered and cared for him and for those he was trying to help through his missions for God.



The End