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By Fleur Celeste



## **The Giraffe's Sneeze**

Sad-sack Sally  
A tall and slender calf  
Slumped under a tree,  
She was a sick giraffe

**"A-A-Achoo**  
Me-oh-my  
**What can I do?"**  
She said with a sigh.

Billy Buzzard  
Flew to the tree  
**"How'z it going**  
**My friend, Sally?"**



**Photos by S.d.B.**

When she tried to answer  
She could only sneeze,  
"Got chilly?" said Billy  
"From the evening breeze?"

"I think I was silly  
Got wet, then cold"  
Said Sally to Billy,  
"I didn't do what I was told."

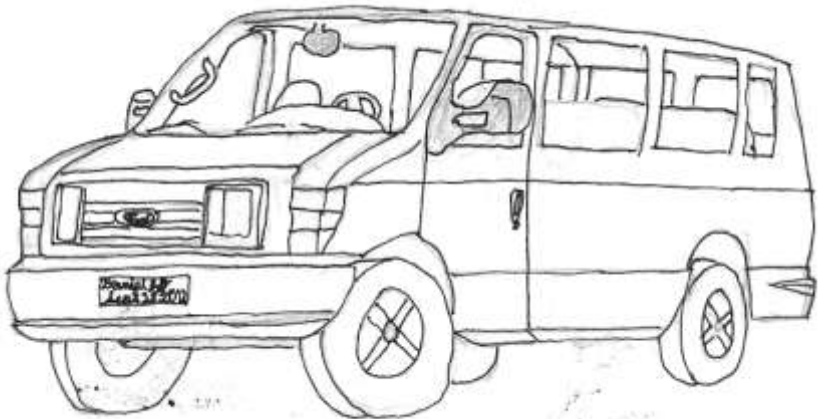
"Well, you've learned that now"  
Said her Buzzard friend.  
"I'm sure it won't be long  
'Til your sneezes end."

"How 'bout we try  
Something else to do,





**By Daniel D.**



We'll praise away the sigh  
'Til you're as good as new!"

**"Cheer up now and laugh**  
Not everything is wrong  
**You're still a giraffe**  
**Your neck is still long!"**

Sally thought that was funny  
So started to tell,  
A joke, then said a praise,  
And soon she felt swell!

**"A few more days," said Billy,**  
**"And then again you'll run,**  
**But while you're waiting here**  
**You can still have fun."**

Photos Tommy Farnsworth



And Michael McNally



**"I'll do my very best**  
Obey and take a rest,  
But I can always laugh  
**For I'm still a giraffe."**

Buzzard Billy prayed  
For Sally the giraffe,  
For her sneezes to end  
To feel glad and to laugh!

Sally soon was well  
Without a single sneeze,  
She felt so very swell  
Eating leaves off the trees!



**By Lorraine**

## Singing Geese

**"Aaaah, aaah, ...uuff!"**

**"To sing is just so tough**

**We've sung at night and in the sun**

**And when we walk and fly and run!"**

The geese friends were trying

But then they started sighing,

Said Miss Goosey in dismay

**Before she went and "hit the hay"**

**"I can't seem to make a song**

Sound just like a songbird,

**But I'm sure it won't be long**

**'Til from me a song is heard."**



Photo by S.d.B.

She fell asleep and dreamed, that  
Wishing to be more than a cat  
**The farmer's kitten tried to be**  
A lion, roaring fearlessly.

It looked so funny  
**And Goosey said "Honey,**  
The farmer wants a cat  
He likes you just like that  
Soft, gentle, and fluffy,  
**A pet, and not a toughie."**

**"Okay" said Cat "I'll 'Meow',**  
**I won't moo like a cow**





**By Fleur Celeste**

I won't bark like a dog  
I won't leap like a frog  
I won't graze like a lamb  
I'll just be, who I am."

Then Goosey awoke  
And to the others spoke,  
**"I had a dream and I'm guessin'**  
That it was for a lesson.

The farmer wants me.  
Not a songbird in a tree  
Or a colourful parrot  
Or rabbit with a carrot  
Not a big brown moose  
**He just wants a goose!"**



**Photos by S.d.B**



**Although she couldn't sing**

She gladly flapped her wings.

She could really fly

A long way in the sky!

And before the winter weather

Brought the snow all white,

They flew so happy together

**'Cause God made them just right.**



**By Fleur Celeste**

## The Frogs and the Mud

Hop hop  
Stop stop!  
Oh yuck  
**It's muck!**

Freddie, Francis, Freeda and Frog  
Then hopped up to a nice dry log,  
They were a mess  
With mud, oh yes!  
They saw the dirt  
**But didn't get hurt**  
**"I feel very muddy."**  
Said Frog to his buddies.



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**"Let's hop off this log"**  
Said the hoppers to Frog,  
**"There's a pond near by**  
**So we needn't cry."**

They leapt and jumped  
They danced and romped  
They splashed and washed  
They sang and sloshed!

They were clean  
They were green  
They could hop  
They could bop!





Photo by Chariane Quille

Then back to the log  
They spied the muddy bog,  
They stopped to pray  
And find a better way.

**They said, "Dear Jesus**  
Please help and keep us  
Show us a better path  
**So we stay clean after our bath."**



**By Rocky Rumble**

Freddie, Francis, Freeda and Frog  
Found a hole right through the log,  
It was a path all dry and hollow  
**So in the mud they didn't wallow.**

**Hearing a woodpecker's peck**  
Frog stuck out his little neck,  
It was a pretty place they found  
Where they could safely leap and bound.



**Photo by Curtis Peter van Gorder**



**Photo by Chariane Quille**

## A Buffalo's Story

Barty Water Buffalo  
Was trying to lift a log,  
**He didn't have a crane**  
So he asked his friend the dog

**"Can you get Ellie-phanto,**  
The one who has a nose  
That is so long and strong  
**It reaches to his toes?"**

So friendly dog scampered  
To get help right away,  
For a friend in need  
He never would delay.

By Charles (5)



By Liam (7)



And Ellie was soon found  
Taking a muddy splash,  
**"Can you help us Ellie-phant?"**  
Said the dog with a dash,

**"Sure, I'll come and help  
And with my trunk that's long  
I'll lift the log for Barty  
That's why God made me strong!"**

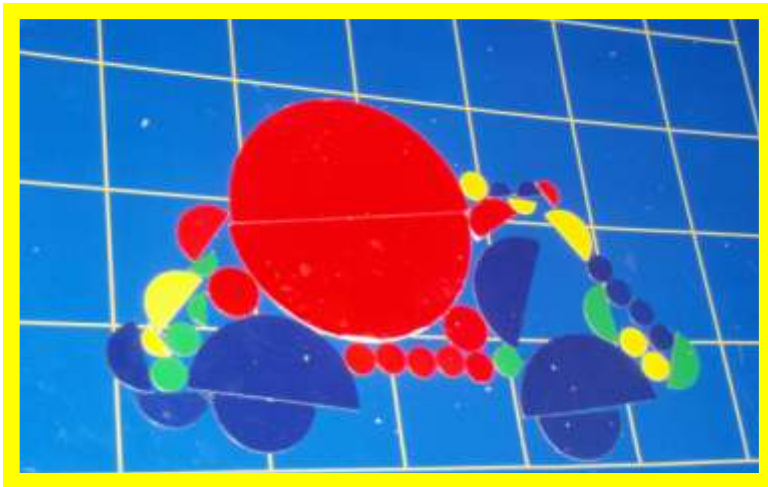
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Ellie-phant kept his word,  
And with friendly dog  
Lifted the log  
And then a cheer was heard!





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If your friend needs you  
**And it's what you should do,**  
Take the hike  
Or ride a bike  
To go and help him through.

You may need to run  
Or it may be easy and fun,  
But do it in style  
And help him to smile  
**You'll be glad you got it done!**

**Sometimes you'll hear the "I can'ts"**  
Each one has different talents,  
Be what you are  
Help friends near and far  
Just like the team-working ants.

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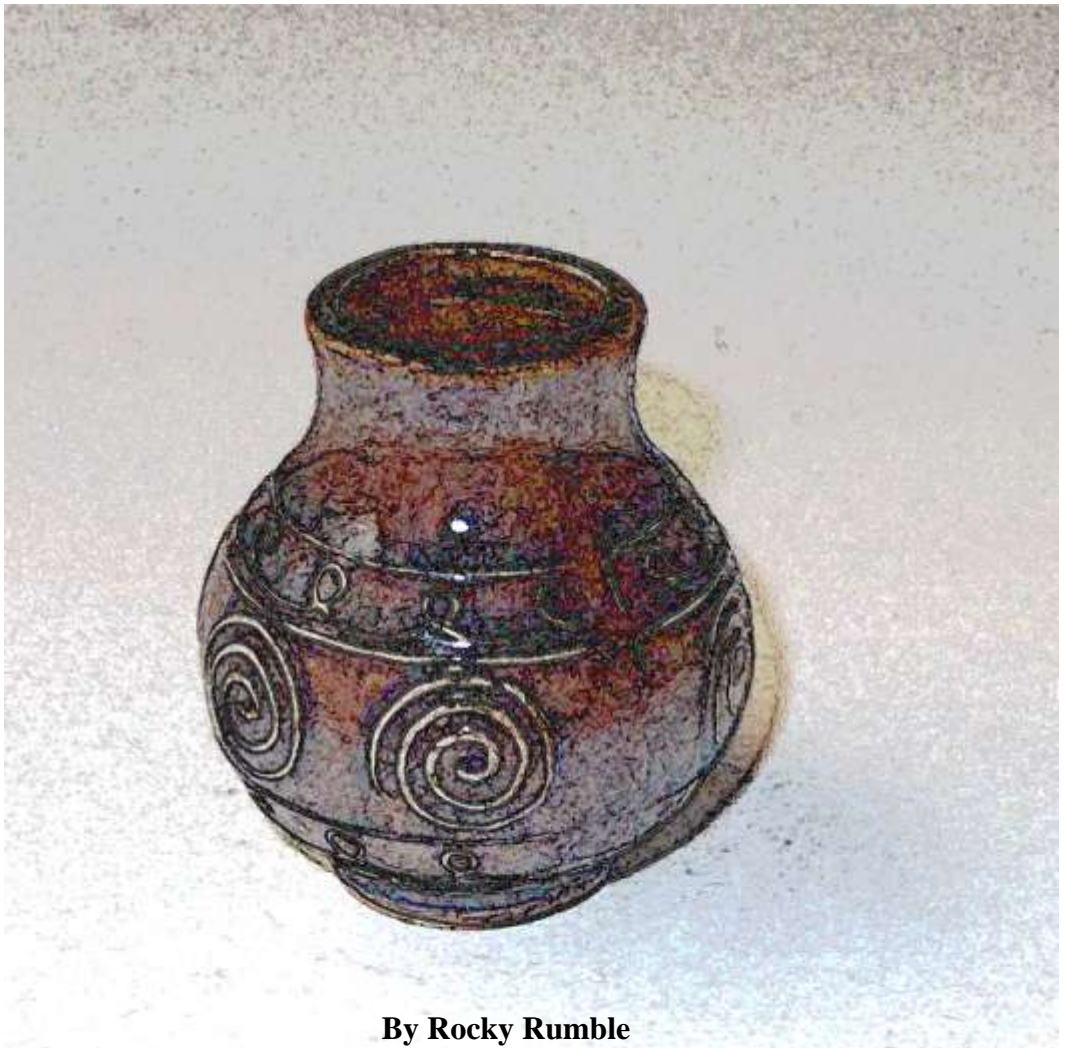
## The Ants That Could Dance

Larry and Lance  
Were two little ants  
Who liked to dance  
And play and prance.

**"Please put on your pants,  
Then you'll have a chance  
To play and dance."**

Said Mum with a glance  
To Larry and Lance.

So they put on their pants  
And started to dance  
And play and prance.  
You could see at a glance  
That Larry and Lance  
Who put on their pants  
Were happy little ants.



**By Rocky Rumble**

## Big Eared Ellie-Phant

There was a lonely calf  
Who seldom seemed to laugh  
An elephant no doubt  
Who had a big long snout.

He sat under a tree  
Observing peacefully  
The wildlife around  
Listening to every sound.

Then his mum came near  
**"My calf, what do you hear?"**  
She said in a loving tone  
As Ellie sat alone.



By Lorriane



**"I hear the buzzing bees**  
The rustling in the trees,  
I hear the running herds  
And squawking jungle birds.

**"But Mum, I cannot run**  
Out in the shinning sun,  
**It's not because of heat**  
**But it's my aching feet.**

**"I'll rest until I'm well**  
And then I will feel swell.  
**I'll run again, beside**  
**The herd, or play and hide."**





**Created by Liam (3)/ Photo by Chariane**

Mum whispered to her calf,  
**"Though you're not tall like a giraffe**  
Or stripy like the zebra  
Or fast like the cheetah,  
Besides your big size and nose  
Your strength and your large toes  
**You're special in another way**  
**Now can you guess and say?"**

**She said, "I'll give a clue,**  
**It's something you can do**  
Even while you sit to heal  
**Until you better feel."**



**Photo by S.d.B.**

His ears began to flap  
As a fly was on his lap  
**"Oh! I know," he said**  
**"These big ears upon my head."**

**"Yes! That is it!**  
While you sit  
**You'll hear the sounds**  
**Of these jungle grounds."**

He waited and listened,  
And was a real friend  
To those who passed by,  
**"How happy am I**  
For this time I have spent  
Being a listening elephant.



By Chariane Quille

**"I sure want to try**

To be a friendly guy,

To listen more than talk

Be quiet more than squawk

To hear what others say

Before I speak to pray,

To not be rude and rough

**Stop when I've said enough**

To use my ears much more

**Than I ever did before."**

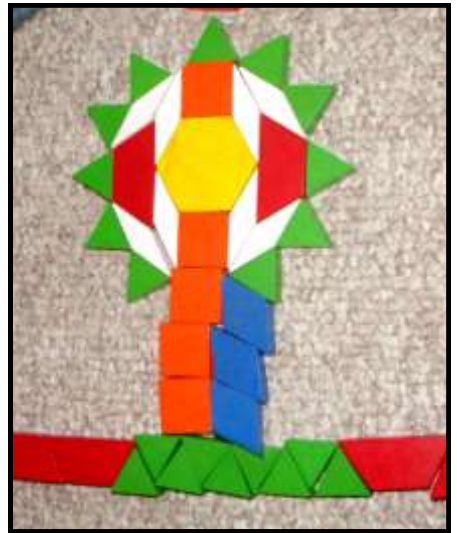
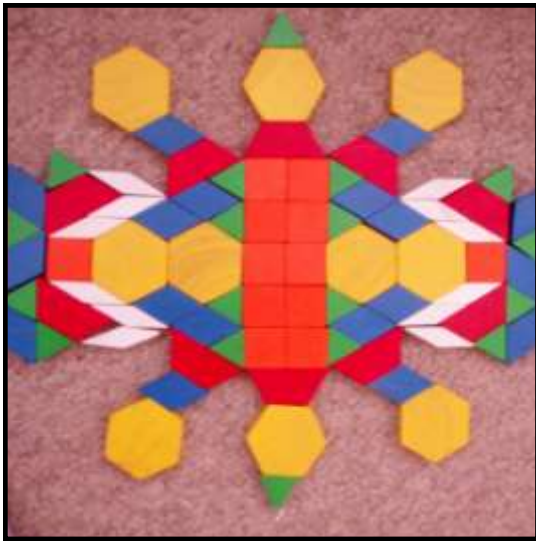


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Ellie was so glad  
For the quiet time he had,  
He learned the listening game  
And he was not the same,

More friends than he could count  
Had this creature with a snout,  
**'Cause he would hear them out**  
What they told him about,

He quietly heard  
Then shared a kind word,  
He was nice to be around  
**And happiness he'd found.**





**Photos by Chariane Quille**

## Happy Creatures

The anteater scowled

The bear cub growled

The tiny bee cried

The deer fawn signed

Groaned the antelope

The chick began to mope

The frog had a grumble

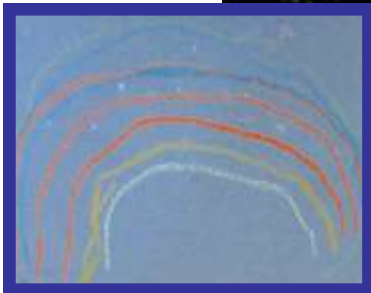
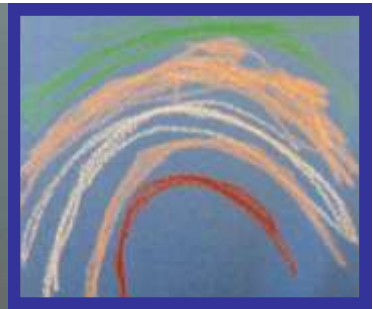
The ostrich had a mumble

And sulked the crane

The lizard would complain

A murmur was heard

From the perching song bird



**By Charles (4) &  
Liam (6)/ Photo  
by Curtis Peter  
van Gorder**

Oh what is this?  
I cannot tell,  
Is there something they miss?  
Things are not well.

Then an angel fairy  
Came to make things cheery.  
**"Don't be sad or down  
And wear a grumpy frown,  
There's something better to do  
If you come, I will show you."**

She took each creeping bug  
From ant to sliding slug  
The galloping horse  
And pony of course



Photo by Chariane Quille

The furry hopping bunny  
The monkey acting funny  
The toad and frog  
The cat and the dog

The spiky hedgehog  
The snail on the log  
The deer and the moose  
The duck and the goose

The owl too  
And the kangaroo  
The goat and pig  
And the hippo so big



**Created by Liam (7) & Charles (6)/ Photo by Chariane**

The lion with a roar,  
And so many more  
Led the angel fairy,  
With her smile so cheery,  
All who wanted to go  
See a special video.

They saw Adam there  
In a place so fair,  
A beautiful garden  
**Its name was "Eden",**  
He was naming all  
Creatures, great and small.





**Photo by Chariane Quille**

Each beast that he found  
From giraffe to hound  
Liked living in this place  
And wore smiles on their face,  
Each animal knew  
God cared for them, too.

Then the big black crow  
**Said, "I think I know**  
What we all should do  
**When we're feeling blue.**  
Instead of getting down,  
We can turn around

And look a different way  
--Up to Heaven, and say:



By Michelle

We know God made and cares.  
For all the furry bears  
The chatty cockatoo  
The hopping kangaroo

For funny ground hogs  
And all the croaking of frogs  
For every prairie dog  
And every warthog

For every beast so big  
And the little guinea pig  
For every large iguana  
For every stripy zebra

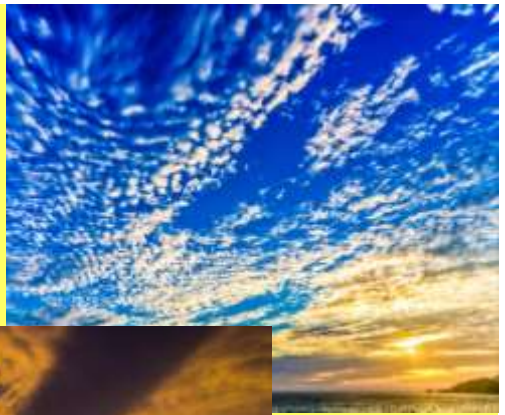


**By Fleur Celeste**

For every clucking chicken  
The peacock and peahen  
For every guinea fowl  
For every hooting owl

For every running cheetah  
And even the gorilla!  
For the funny monkeys  
And the braying donkeys

For the fish with a tail  
And the big grey whale  
For tame and wild cats  
And the digging wombats



**Photos by Tommy Farnsworth**

For every ostrich and emu  
And the woodpecker too  
For the bird called a crane  
And the swinging orang-utan

The clever chimpanzee too  
And all those we find in a zoo:  
***We're glad God made us all,  
For He loves us, big and small."***





**Photo by Chariane Quille**

## Walking and Squawking

There once was a kid named Azar  
Who had a toy guitar  
**He'd grab that thing**  
When he wanted to sing  
And played it like a star.

He had a brother called Stede  
Who was a friend indeed  
Whatever the day  
They liked to play,  
Or draw or run or read.



By  
Fleur  
Celeste



One day on a walk

**They heard a loud bird "Squawk!"**

They looked to see

There were twenty-three,

**In the cockatoo's flock.**

With ease, it seemed they flew

Through the sky so big and blue

**"Wish I could fly!"**

**"So do I!"**

They wanted to join them too.



By Liam (7)

**"But we can do things you know,  
Though we are here below,  
Without a wing  
We still can sing  
Joyful wherever we go."**

Though the birds could fly  
**The brothers wouldn't sigh.**  
Laughing and singing  
Cheering and bringing  
Smiles to others nearby.



**By A. Trenholm**

## God Made Us Great

Bobcat Billy  
Climbed and played  
Up on a mountain  
Where he stayed.

**He didn't hop**  
Or dance for fun,  
But he could climb and prowl.  
The moonlight was  
His midnight sun,  
Just like his friend the owl.





Penny the Penguin  
and Mackie the chick!

By Charles (6)



Awake at night  
He slept in the day,  
**"I'm nocturnal!"**  
**Is what he'd say.**

Each creature is made  
To be just right,  
Exactly what they must.  
Brown or grey  
Black or white  
Beige or tan or rust,

Fast or slow  
Above or below  
In sea or air  
In tree or lair



By Lorraine

In ponds or land  
On rocks or sand  
Large or small  
Short or tall

Speckled or plain  
With shell or mane  
Fur or skin  
Fat or thin

Eggs or babies  
Males or ladies  
Stripe or spot  
In cold or hot

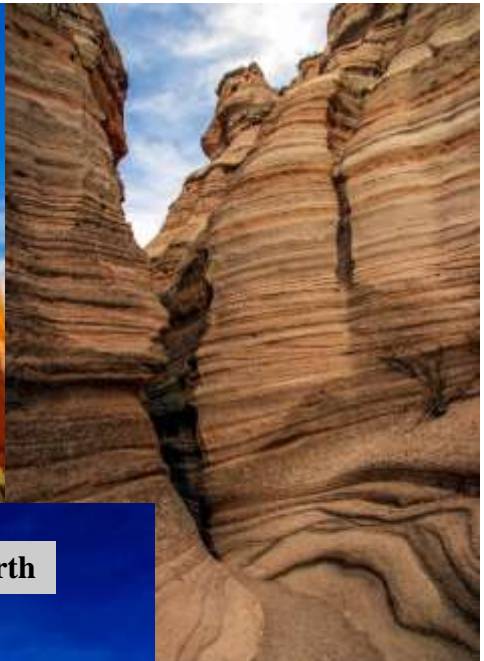


By Fleur Celeste

Noisy or quiet  
All kinds of diets  
Bold or shy  
They walk, swim and fly

On mountains steep  
In oceans deep  
Crawling or leaping  
In gardens creeping.

God gave what each one needs  
To live and grow and feed  
And Jesus loves us so  
From our head down to our toe.



**Photos by Tommy Farnsworth**



No trouble, if you are a Bubble

The large tail  
Of a blue whale  
Can splash down on a wave,  
**But it's no trouble**  
If you are a bubble  
**You'll float up and be safe.**

The loud boom  
You hear in your room  
Of a thunder storm outside,  
**Won't do you harm**  
**Won't cause alarm**  
In your house you safely hide.





Photo by Chariane Quille

The barking dog  
With his friend on a jog  
Might give a little fright,  
If he comes near you  
Oh what will you do?  
**With a prayer you'll be alright!**

Rise above like a bubble  
Despite some trouble  
**And hide in Jesus' care,**  
He is everywhere!  
You have nothing to fear  
When Jesus is near.



# Grumble Bumble Bee

Grumble Bumble Bee

Was sad and not happy

As he flew from flower to tree

Making his sweet honey.

Then he stopped and said,

On a rose that was red,

**"Why should I cry, and sigh,**

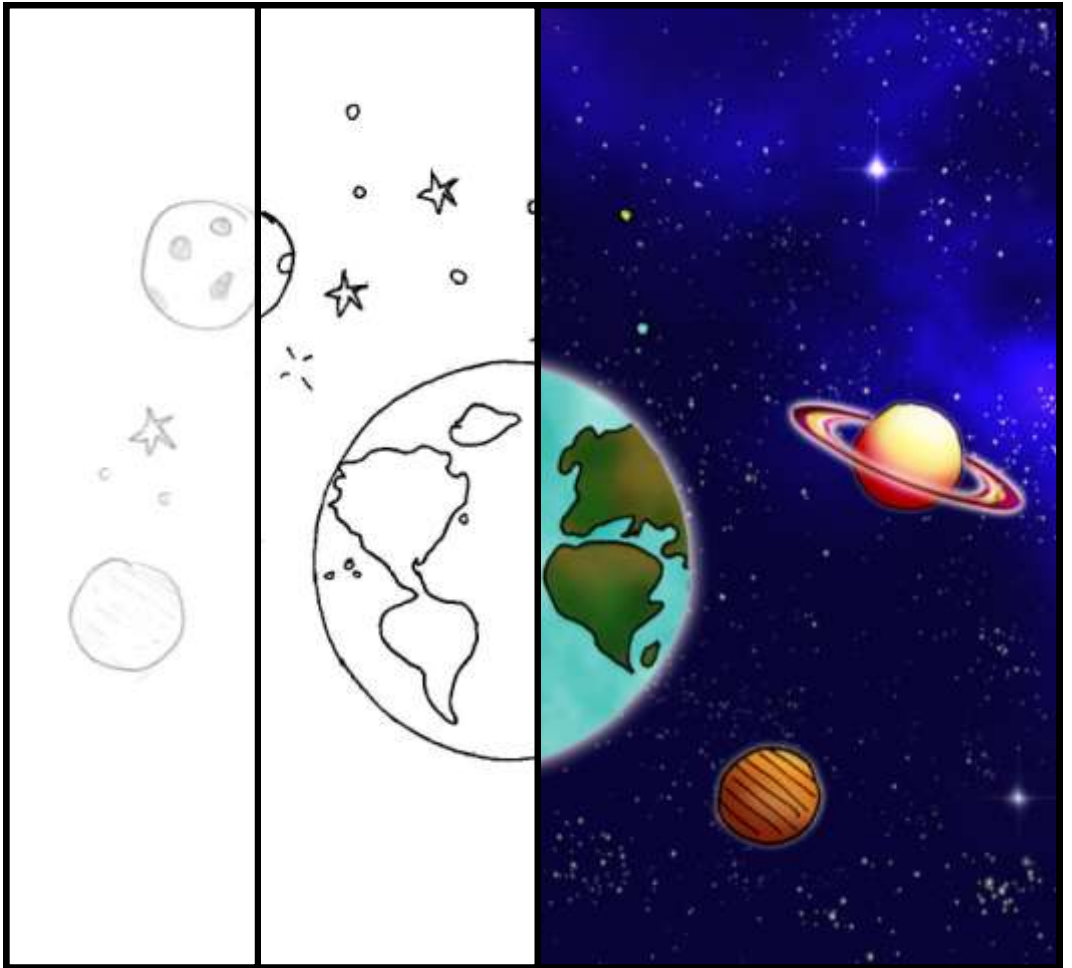
When I can fly, oh my!

I should be glad

And not sad

Because I can see such pretty things

**I am a bee and I have wings."**



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## Rescuing the Capsule

The great big rocket shoots  
Through the sky  
Dropping the capsule,  
My, oh, my!

Flying through the great big space  
Heading for the human race  
To help it land  
Three great parachutes pop out.

The astronauts made it  
Hurray! They shout.



**Photos by Chariane Quille**



**Created by Charles (5) & Liam (7)**

Splashing down in the ocean deep  
Every astronaut falls asleep.

Into the ocean divers swim  
To find the capsule and those within  
In their boat they came to get  
Astronauts from their capsule so wet.

The divers wake the astronauts up  
Rescuing them and their little pup,  
The astronauts and divers meet on the waves  
A helicopter with a basket the crew saves.





**Photo by M. McNally**

## **But before the journey's done**

They find something else that is fun  
Something caught their eyes  
It was a surprise!

They notice something floating on the sea  
A chest full of treasure is what they see!

They were glad they found  
Fun was all around  
Not just on the moon in a rocket ship,  
Their whole life could be an amazing trip.

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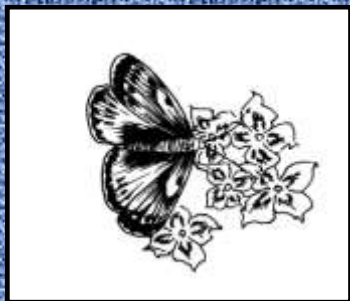
## Lego

Lego makes you concentrate  
And count by two and four and eight,  
So many things we can create  
Like rockets, trains and cranes—**It's great!**

If a Lego vehicle happens to break  
I can use the pieces to something else make  
**That's why Lego can be such fun**  
It can make lots of things, and not just one.



By Fleur Celeste



## Ball Play

Playing cricket outside is a fun thing to do  
Baseball and soccer are great games too!  
To get exercise and learn something new  
Is why we play these games! How about you?

When we hear our daddy call,  
That he wants to come play ball  
Outside we run  
To have some fun

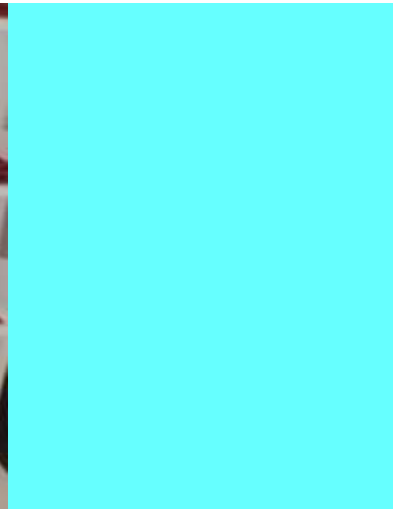
**We grab our bat, that's for cricket**

And get the ball, bails and wicket.

Sometimes we miss the ball  
Or in soccer we might fall,

**But we've learned to pray**

And show kindness when we play.



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Charles (4), Patrick (2)  
and Mummy Chariane**



## Dollhouse

We made a doll house for our friends to use  
The shape and colours we had to choose  
Sandpaper and paint, hinges and screws  
Nails and hammer and wood we used

We tried our best to make it good  
And put it together with nice strong wood.

We made it ourselves  
**It wasn't store-**bought,  
It was an extra special  
Gift that they got.





**Art by Lorraine**



**Photos by M. McNally**



## Pea Pods

To plant our veggie patch  
We had to clear the weeds,  
Dig and loosen up the dirt  
And then we planted seeds.

We checked our garden every day  
To see if sprouts grew there,  
At last one day we gladly saw  
The answer to our prayer.

Our pea plants grew and sprouted flowers  
They drank the rain and soaked up showers  
Then, there came a pea-filled pod  
A fun snack made just by God.



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## Hands and Ears

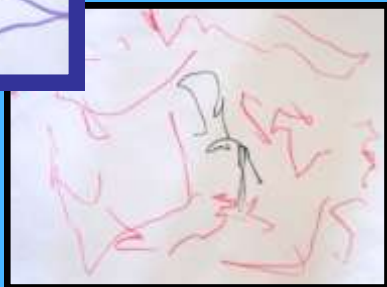
**I'll use my hands to give and help**  
And put my things away,  
**I'll use my ears to listen well**  
**And wise things I'll obey.**

I like to wash my hands real well  
When I hear the dinner bell  
**I'll say a prayer and "Thank you"**  
When I sit down to eat my food.



**By Patrick (2)**

**—A truck and its reflection.**



I wash my hands before I touch  
My eyes or mouth, or food and such  
For these are things I must keep clean  
**I wash off germs that can't be seen.**

When I do things that get hands dirty  
Like using the toilet or work or play,  
Blowing my nose or going out  
Washing helps keep sickness away.

And when I fold my hands to pray  
I open my ears and listen well,  
To hear what Heaven has to say  
**'Cause Jesus has so much to tell!**



**Photo by Francesco Moldavian**

## When Things are Gone

Sometimes we feel sad  
When something we once had  
Is no longer here,  
We sigh and shed a tear.

But when we look up above  
**And think of Jesus' love**  
**We know, He's always near**  
To comfort and give cheer.





By Fleur Celeste

And many things each day  
Will never go away  
Like the sun, stars and moon  
**And we'll live forever too!**

Things of Earth may pass away  
**But God's love is here to stay.**  
Though you may miss loved ones for awhile  
Together in Heaven, you will smile.



**Photo by Chariane Quille**

## Occupations

A chauffer who drives a car  
Whether travelling near or far  
Must be careful and alert  
So that no one will get hurt.

A chef in a kitchen is a clever man  
Cooking up his mealtime plan  
He checks the food is right to eat  
He nicely displays his edible treat.

Scientists want to find out and discover  
Their detailed notes they must look over  
Then study, research, and learn yet more  
**At last they open the answer's door.**



By Liam (6), Charles (5)

Way up high in a rocket ship  
Astronauts are in for quite a trip  
**They can't just jump in and take off fast**  
They prepare and learn so all things last.

An electrician is a good guy to know  
Fixing and making electrical things go  
Faulty equipment could cause some fires  
**So he's careful with circuits, fuses and wires.**

Fire engines, ambulances  
And helicopters can rescue  
They focus on their job  
And do what they need to  
Brave paramedics and firemen  
Rescue people again and again.



**Photo by Chariane Quille**

Those who do construction work  
Need to build well and must not shirk,  
Things must be planned, then plans followed  
To make a house, a building, or road.

Detailed work and diligent too  
Is what a postman has to do,  
Faithful in all kinds of weather  
He delivers packages, postcards and letters.

Patient care and work outdoors  
Ploughing, planting and much more  
A farmer has to persevere  
So we have enough to eat right here.





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Cotton picking and sheep shearing  
Help provide what we are wearing.  
Weavers make cloth, a seamstress sews  
And tailors creatively help make clothes.

Colours, lines, and computer tricks  
An artist uses these, and depicts  
On paper, canvas, or computers screens  
Pictures and images for others to see.



**Photos by M. McNally**



## A Brand New Day (parts)

In the beginning God made  
The Earth and Heavens  
In just six days,  
And rested on day seven.

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### **On day six, Creation's final day**

Animals were formed and began to play.  
Big, small and tiny creatures walked and crept,  
They crawled, hopped, dug, slithered and galloped.

God formed a man from the dust of the ground  
Made in His image—the only one around,  
**Until a woman was created, to be Adam's wife,**  
Her name was Eve, into them God breathed life.

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Today many languages are spoken on Earth  
In a multitude of cultures from Taipei to Perth,  
And people living in North, South, East and West  
Are loved by God—**let's also love Him best!**



Photos by Curtis Peter van Gorder

## A Victorious Day (parts)

Hannah promised to let her son serve the Lord,  
To learn of Him, and study His Word.  
When Samuel was born and then a bit he grew,  
He began his ministry with Eli too.

One night when Eli was fast asleep,  
And all was quiet, without a peep,  
**“Samuel” a voice called, and he ran right away,**  
To see what Eli wanted to say.

**“I called you not, but if you are real still,  
And listen to the Lord, you’ll hear His will.”**  
Samuel did as Eli said,  
The Lord spoke to Samuel while he was in his bed.

As he grew he did what pleased the Lord,  
**He prayed for the people, and told them God’s Word.**  
He was a travelling judge and prophet too,  
He showed by example what God asked them to do.



By Nadia (15)

## A Christmas Day (parts)

**T'was foretold to men of old**

A king would come, down from above,

**It's what the prophecies had told,**

Born as a babe God would send His love.

The promised child at last had come,

**God's love was shown to everyone,**

It was a merry happy birth,

**The One had come who'd save the Earth.**

Angels sang and filled the sky,

Singing glory to God on High.

To see the babe the shepherds went,

And worshiped God, on knees were bent.

Majestic men had seen the star,

Bringing gifts they travelled far.

**Led by the star they'd found the place,**

They knelt and worshiped face to face.





**By Fleur Celeste**

## A Miraculous Day (parts)

When the boat arrived, people flocked to see  
The One who healed them, they were hungry.  
With no food to give, Andrew found a lad,  
Jesus blessed his lunch, a good meal thousands had.

A stormy night on lake Tiberius  
On the water walked a man—it was Jesus.  
**“If it’s You” Peter said, “let me walk on the waves”.**  
**He walked and learned it’s faith in Jesus that saves.**

Asleep through the storm, Jesus lay in the ship,  
The men called for help, it was a dangerous trip.  
The storm went rumble-rumble, crash, and bang,  
**Jesus said, “Peace be still” it was quiet again.**

Many folks who were sick, deaf, crippled and blind,  
Were healed and restored when they went to find  
**Jesus God’s Son, who helped everyone,**  
He healed, loved, and cared with compassion.



Photo by Curtis Peter van Gorder

Time for a special meal it was,  
Jesus took a towel and some water because  
He wanted to wash their dirty feet  
When they had finished their food to eat.  
To serve in love with humility,  
**Show's true greatness and Christianity.**

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As a team the believers worked together  
Sharing all they had, with one another,  
A family of disciples, of sisters and brothers  
**Reaching out with healing and God's Word to others.**

**Those weren't the only disciples, you know,**  
Today Jesus still tells believers to go  
Into the world to spread His Word.  
Though things are tough, as you have heard,  
**One day we'll go to a glorious place**  
And get to see Jesus face to face.  
All tears and pain will be wiped away  
When we fly to heaven—what a joyous day!