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A Surprise up His Sleeve



38—A Surprise up His Sleeve

Years ago a Christian family in Canada were struggling to have enough finances for their family and to use for their mission work for the Lord. They believed in giving ten percent of everything they earned, to others serving the Lord. They liked to support missionaries around the world.

One month as they looked over the money they had saved to give to the Lord and His work they realized, if they gave it they wouldn't have enough to also cover their home expenses. What should they do?

They chose to honor the Lord and His work and made their gift to God's work their priority. Not only did they send that saved tithe of their income to help missionaries overseas, but additionally they gave a donation to some missionaries who were visiting where they lived.

Very soon after this step of faith and trust to give to God and His work, something wonderful and unexpected happened! The man needed a jacket and was able to find a very cheap leather jacket in a second hand store.

He bought it and put it on, and to his surprise there was money in each sleeve!

One sleeve had \$50 in it, and there was \$100 in the other! The Lord encouraged them for their generous giving to God's work.

**“He that hath pity upon the poor
lendeth unto the Lord; and that
which he hath given will he pay
him again.”**

(Proverbs 19:17)

**“Give to him that asketh thee, and
from him that would borrow of
thee turn not thou away.”**

(Matthew 5:42)

Mr. Douglas' 50 Cents



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39—Mr. Douglas' 50 Cents

W. L. Douglas was a shoe manufacturer, that became nationally known. However, he wasn't always well off. When he was younger he had some struggling years. One time he had been unemployed so long that he was down to his last dollar.

That Sunday when he attended church he chose to share half of all he had, with the Lord and placed 50 cents in the collection basket.

The next morning he heard of a job he could apply for in a neighboring town. Great! God was providing a way for him to get some income. However, the railroad fare to that town was one dollar. What could he do?

Was it a mistake that he gave the 50 cents to the Lord the day before, as now he only had 50 cents left? How could he get to the town to apply for the job? Mr. Douglas chose to make his way to the town the best he could. He bought a ticket on a train that could take him halfway there, and decided he would just get out and walk the rest of the way.

Then something wonderful happened! God blessed him for giving and sharing what little he had with others; and in fact if he hadn't done that, the miracle of supply wouldn't have happened.

As Mr. Douglas began to walk the rest of the way to the town where he hoped to get a job, he found out that there was another work opportunity, right there in the town he happened to be in--the town that his 50 cents took him to.

A factory there was employing men, and within half-an hour Mr. Douglas was hired for work there. And he found out he would get paid even more than he would have for the other job in the farther away town that he was originally intending to apply for. He got \$5 more each week for that unexpected job at the factory.

This was many years ago, when \$5 was worth much more; probably as much as a few hundred dollars is worth today.

“But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.”

(2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

God Buys Him Shoes



40—God Buys Him Shoes

A missionary was in need of new shoes and didn't have the money to buy them. Well, he did have some money, but it was his tithe, the ten percent that he had set aside to give to the Lord and others in need.

As he was walking past a shoe shop one day he pondered, "Maybe I can borrow some of that saved money and buy myself some good shoes, and then hope for some more money to come in later, so I can repay the saved money I took..." Then he stopped himself and realized, "That's not even my money, that

belongs to the Lord. I'm not going to touch it.”
He kept walking, leaving the shoe store behind. That is when the miracle happened.

After he had walked about a block, he found there on the ground enough money to buy the needed shoes! (And to set aside one tenth of that miracle money, and add it to his saved gift for God.) He walked back to the shop and got the needed shoes.

Instead of getting in debt by borrowing the Lord's money, he had faith and patience to wait, and God gave him just what he needed, and more!

**“For ye have need of patience,
that, after ye have done the will
of God, ye might receive the
promise.”**

(Hebrews 10:36)

**“Faithful is he that calleth you,
who also will do it.”**

(1Thessalonians 5:24)

Balancing on a Bike



41—Balancing on a Bike

When I was seven years old we had a pale blue bicycle—the first one I remember ever having. We got it for Christmas. The first time I saw it was Christmas morning in 1982. My brothers and I woke early and crept down quietly to see if there was anything by the tree. And one of the gifts placed there was a bicycle for us all to share.

To help myself learn to ride it—since it had no training wheels—I would take my turn with it and practice again and again how to stay on while riding down this strip of cement.

It would be a goal. “I’ll see if I can stay balanced riding it from this side over to that side.” I don’t know how long it took for me to eventually be able to ride it without falling or tipping, but it wasn’t something I learned in one day or with one try.

Something different happened however with my seven year old son. He’s had a bicycle for quite a while, but has kept on the training wheels, as it was too hard to balance and keep up with his brothers riding their bicycles.

It was more fun and practical to be able to ride without falling and enjoy the ride with the rest

of his family. But sometimes the training wheels would get in the way or make him get stuck. For example if there was a narrow dirt pathway that had a rut down the middle of it, the training wheels would go on the sides of the path and make the main wheels be suspended in the air.

It could be like a stationary exercise bike. As much as he peddled it would just make the wheels spin and he couldn't move forward without being pushed out, or getting off the bike to move himself along the pathway.

One sunny day, when he was in need of encouragement, he decided it was time to

remove his training wheels and give it a go riding without them. He had tried it before, but it didn't work well. But this day was different. His daddy had prayed a prayer for the Lord to do something special for the children that day. Perhaps this was the answer to that prayer.

Our son got the tools needed and took off his training wheels. I looked over to the side of the yard where he was when he then got on the bike and then just zoomed off across the yard and around the sheds and back again. He could suddenly, without practice, ride his bike without training wheels, perfectly!

It was much easier now to maneuver it here and there, and he could go faster too.

I was so surprised to see this amazing, instant ability right in front of my eyes! Many happy times were spent zooming around and around in the yard. It was a special gift from Heaven to him on that day.

“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”

(Philippians 2:13)

“He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord *is* my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.”

(Hebrews 13:5-6)

God's Audio Player



42—God's Audio player

There were some children in Indonesia who loved Jesus very much. They wanted to tell others about Him. They would pray for people, placing their hands on them, and Jesus would give healing to many people through these children's prayers.

The children would listen to Jesus and He would tell them what to say and what to do. Many adults and children in villages all around learned about Jesus because of these young ones' words and prayers.

Things weren't so easy for these children who lived in a jungle area. They lived without some of the basic things that many people enjoy having. Sometimes people who didn't follow Jesus made things difficult for them.

Jesus loved them and wanted to encourage them. One day when they were praying, Jesus said,

“I'm going to give you a surprise today! If you sing beautifully, I will play back your voices for you so you all can hear exactly how it sounded.”

They lived in simple ways without modern inventions. They had never heard their own voices recorded and played on speakers. This gift from Jesus would very special. So they began to sing beautifully to the Lord.

Then when they were through, Jesus said, “Now, if you will be quiet, I will play back your voices for you.”

So they all were quiet, and suddenly music filled the air. The children were amazed and very happy as they recognised their voices in the music that Jesus played back to them right out of the air.

“If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.”

(John 14:14)

“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”

(John 15:7)

Birthday Book



43—Birthday Book

In June this year, 2017, I wanted to complete a story book I was writing. I wanted to have it finished in time for one of my children's birthdays. I didn't have much time to spend on it, and his birthday was just in a few days.

The book was to have 12 chapters, and I had completed writing four chapters over the past nine years. I hadn't spent much time on it, but it was taking a long time to write it. I prayed for a miracle. I wanted to finish it in one day. I didn't have more time to spare.

Then I got typing, and that's mostly what I did that day, and some in the night too. I stopped to cook or do the other things I needed to for the children.

When it had been just a bit over 24 hours—hardly more than a day—since the time I choose to sit and finish the book, the remaining eight chapters had all been typed! Praise the Lord!

**“Jesus said unto him, If thou
canst believe, all things are
possible to him that believeth.”**

(Mark 9:23)

**Therefore I say unto you, What
things soever ye desire, when ye
pray, believe that ye receive
them, and ye shall have them.”**

(Mark 11:24)

Sing Away the Sickness



44—Sing Away the Sickness

The fumes in our car were making us feel very car sick at times. We found out later it was because the exhaust pipe needed fixing. But even without the fumes, when we'd drive up or down windy mountain roads it would make us feel unwell and nauseous.

One vacation we were driving home and decided to play a car game. One person would sing a song, and the word the song ended on would remind us of another song to sing. And on we went singing one song after the next. We chose to sing only uplifting and Christian songs,

songs of praise that glorified the Lord. It must have been about an hour or so that we were playing this game and driving along. Time went by fast and we were enjoying the singing.

Then we realized something else happened, or rather wonderfully DIDN'T happen. We'd sung away the car sickness! We had sung all the way on the windy mountain road and the places that we normally get car sickness, and none of us felt the least bit sick as we sang songs to and about Jesus. That was an interesting happening, and we were very glad for it.

**“But I will sing of thy power; yea,
I will sing aloud of thy mercy in
the morning: for thou hast been
my defence and refuge in the day
of my trouble.”**

(Psalms 59:16)

**“Unto thee, O my strength, will I
sing: for God *is* my defence, and
the God of my mercy.”**

(Psalms 59:17)

A Surprise Visit



45—A Surprise Visit

My mother, when she was a young lady, didn't know much about Jesus or at least she hadn't prayed to receive Him into her heart and life yet. Her mother—my grandmother, who I never met—was in the hospital at the time.

My mother heard about some missionaries that lived in the city she was in. She knew where they were, and had some time to go visiting. What she didn't know however, was that they would be leaving and moving the next day, so it would be her last chance to see

them and ask all the questions she had about the Lord. My mother also wished to use the time to visit her mother in the hospital. She had to decide between those two options—visit the missionaries or her mother.

It was winter and cold and snowy all around and she choose that she would instead go and visit her mother. So she was driving along, choosing to go to the hospital.

The next part she doesn't know how it happened. But all of a sudden she finds herself driving pulling up right at the house of the missionaries.

Well, since she was there, she got out and they welcomed her into the house. They stopped all that they were doing and talked with her for as long as she wanted to talk.

She had so many questions, and they helped show the answers from the Bible. Before she left them, she had chosen to receive Jesus as her Saviour, and was very happy.

She could visit her mother another day, but that was the last chance she had to speak with these people who knew God's word well and could lead her to the Lord.

Later on she chose to also be a missionary and went with her family—me included—to many different places, serving the Lord.

I'm so glad that my mother learned about Jesus, as I could grow up knowing Jesus as my best friend.

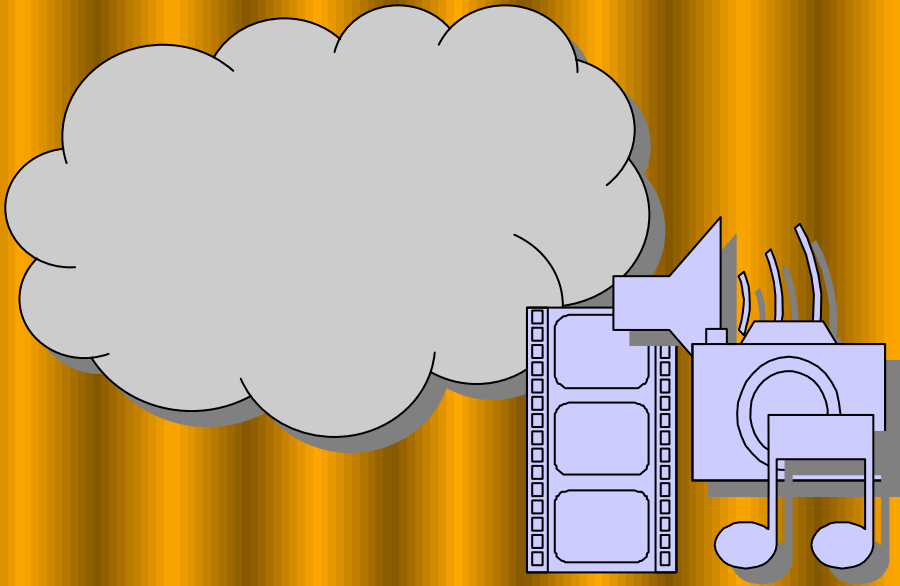
“Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.”

(John 15:16)

“Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel.”

(Psalms 73:24)

The Sound of Thunder



46—The Sound of Thunder

My sons and I were doing a little audio project. We wanted to record us reading some true stories and add some sound effects to go along with it, and we want to make a video as well using pictures and music and sound effects.

We used our little Dictaphone and recorded the stories. Then we took our Dictaphone around the house and yard to record different sounds that could go along with what the story was saying.

For example, one story talked about a cartload of food being brought to a family that was in need of food. We found something out in the yard to push and pull along the ground, that sounded a bit like the wheels of a cart on a road, so we recorded the sound.

Another sound we needed was a coin dropping on the ground, to demonstrate the story of a poor lady who has no food for her family, and prays. She then finds coin by the well when she goes to get some water.

For the video project we needed the sound of thunder. How do we get thunder? Well, one of our boys is good with making all kinds of sounds, and imitating them well with his mouth. So he did the best he could to make that sound. But when we listened to it afterwards, it sounded like someone else—the one who can make the thunder—added a bit on to the audio as well!

We listened and heard, of course the boy's mouth making a thunder imitation, but added to the audio was what sounded like real thunder rumbling as well!

We made this audio in the house on a sunny day. How did that realistic sound of thunder get in on the recording? It was a fun little miracle.

Jesus can do some fun surprises for us! –Like helping us with audio recording, of thing we can't do, but only He can.

**“Because thou hast been my help,
therefore in the shadow of thy
wings will I rejoice.”**

(Psalms 63:7)

**“The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger, and plenteous in
mercy.”**

(Psalms 103:8)

**The Letter “e”
as in “egg”**



47—The Letter "e" as in "egg"

I have a video made of something amazing that happened one day. I was making a children's video for my sister to show in her English class.

She teaches English to Chinese children sometimes, and she wanted videos to teach the children about the short sounds of vowels-- a,e,i,o,u.

To demonstrate on the video about the letter sound of "e" I thought I'd video myself cracking an egg and frying it in the pan. I'd have to manage holding the camera with one hand and try to hold it steady while with my other hand I

would have to crack the egg into the pan. This worked very well—even better than I expected, as the Lord did something surprising for us.

As the egg is cracked into the pan and spreads out, it forms into the perfect “e” shape!

How could the egg do that? But it did, and its all on video.

It was so perfect, to have a video teaching about “e” using an egg that takes on the “e” shape, seemingly all on its own—but we know it was the Lord doing it! How fun!

**“Therefore, my beloved brethren,
be ye steadfast, unmoveable,
always abounding in the work of
the Lord, forasmuch as ye know
that your labour is not in vain in
the Lord.”**

(2Corinthians 15:58)

**“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to
receive glory and honour and
power: for thou hast created all
things, and for thy pleasure they
are and were created.”**

(Revelation 4:11)

The Sting that Didn't



48—The Sting that Didn't

The weather is starting to warm up, and it's nice weather for splashing in our pool. The pool however now has a rip in it, and we are trying to figure out what to do.

Yesterday we decided to scoop the shallow water out of the pool and use it for a water tag game. The water was nice because it has been sun-warmed. We laughed and played around in the yard, trying to have fun with the water anyway, even if the children didn't have a deeper pool on that day to swim in.

But it isn't just us that likes water. The leak from the pool has made puddles of water around it on the grass. The birds are happy about this, as are the bees. Beside the pool is virtually a paradise for some bees. It has flowers and shallow water for them. All the things they need!

I remember thinking, as I went to scoop out some more water, "I hope I don't step on any bees and get stung." But then one of the times it happened. At first I felt a little prick on the bottom of my bare foot. I knew to check it out right away, and sure enough I saw a stinger in

my foot. I scraped it off as fast as I could and prayed it wouldn't cause me pain. I remember one time when one of the boys got stung on their foot it was about a week of discomfort they endured—day and night—with a swollen and hurting, itching foot. What would happen to me this time?

When I was a young girl I had climbed up a slide and accidentally grabbed on to two bees. My right hand was swollen and uncomfortable for a week or more. I couldn't write or do my workbooks using that hand.

So after I removed the stinger this time, I excused myself from the game and told the children to pray for me. Then I went to the kitchen to get some ice on it right away to slow down the spread of the poison.

I claimed in prayer, “This sting will not hurt me in anyway, in the name of Jesus Christ.” I stayed there in the kitchen for a bit, stepping on a ice pack. No pain or discomfort came then at all.

Then I went about my day doing this and that. Every now and then I remembered, “Oh, that’s

right I got stung. I forgot, as I felt nothing wrong at all!” And my skin didn’t even show the slightest redness.

When night came and I was reading a story to the children, my husband come in to say good night, and I told him of the miracle of the non-stinging bee sting. We praise the Lord for it.

Then right after that I felt was almost like a pin prick of pain right at the place I was stung. I knew it was just the enemy trying to take away the miracle.

Out loud I rebuked the devil in prayer and clung onto the miracle of healing the Lord wanted me to enjoy.

Instantly, as soon as it had started, the bad feeling stopped, and I happily kept reading the stories, and enjoyed a comfortable sleep at night too. Here I am in the morning, feeling just fine and well and ready for a new day.

**“Be strong and of a good
courage, fear not, nor be afraid
of them: for the Lord thy God, he
it is that doth go with thee; he
will not fail thee, nor forsake
thee.”**

(Deuteronomy 31:6)

**“As for God, his way is perfect;
the word of the Lord is tried: he is
a buckler to all them that trust in
him.”**

(2 Samuel 22:31)

Busking for a Well



49—Busking for a Well

We decided one Christmas that we wanted to help raise money for a well to be dug for a village in India that didn't have access to clean water.

Normally it would be very expensive, but a missionary organization found a way to get a well dug and pump put on it, without it costing too much money. But still, it would take \$1,500 AUD for it to be done. What could we do? We decided to go busking as a family. We learned several nice Christmas songs, and practiced using different musical instruments—

guitar, bongos, violin, tambourine, and a few other things. We then went a few times and stood near the entrance ways of some shopping malls and major shops.

We didn't have much time for busking, but we prayed for a miracle of God supply for the well that we new was desperately needed. We chose to do this busking again the next year too.

Some how, our little efforts, with our little family, singing our few songs, at the few times we could spare to go out and sing, the Lord

did the miracle and we had raised enough to be able to sponsor a whole well for a village!

The missionaries later sent us a colour printed booklet that showed photos of their project and the well all set up and in use.

Everyone there was very happy! And so were we. God blessed what we could do, and did what we couldn't. He touched people's hearts to wish to give and help out.

“Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.”

(Psalm 41:1)

“Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.”

(Proverbs 3:27)

Stories about Heaven



50—Stories about Heaven

Several years ago I had typed up some new and fun stories for children, to give a happy glimpse into what it might be like in Heaven. It's a wonderful place to be and Jesus makes sure that children have a good time doing all kinds of fun and enjoyable things there.

These imaginary stories give a little idea of what kinds of things children in Heaven might get to do. I was getting these stories illustrated to put into some books. We really liked these stories, and it took some years

between the start of the project to the printing out of the first two books. The art took a very long time to get done. But that wasn't the only and biggest challenge.

One day when I went to start working on the project, I couldn't find the file on my computer. It was gone! That was very odd. I prayed and prayed again, and rebuked the enemy. I tried looking at my back up files that I kept of my work, and strangely it wasn't there either. I wasn't going to give in to this. I knew Jesus wanted children to get these.

I kept praying hard, and looked just in case the file was deleted, but still stored on the computer. It seemed not even the place where deleted files go, was to be found, or was empty.

Then after an intense fight in the spirit, all of a sudden the file, and it's the only one, shows up in the deleted section of the computer.

I was so thankful for the victory. The Lord gave it back to me, even when the enemy had stolen it away. God is greater, and we can have the faith to ask for whatever we need,

when we are doing His work. “God’s work done in God’s way will never lack God’s provision.”

It showed me that I need to keep praying in all I do, as it’s only with God’s help and protection, and His resisting of the enemy that I can do my work for Him.

I depend on Him for anything to be done at all. Without Jesus I can do nothing, but “I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.”

**“Being confident of this very thing,
that he which hath begun a good
work in you will perform it until
the day of Jesus Christ.”**

(Philippians 1:6)

**“Holding forth the word of life;
that I may rejoice in the day of
Christ, that I have not run in vain,
neither laboured in vain.”**

(Philippians 2:16)

