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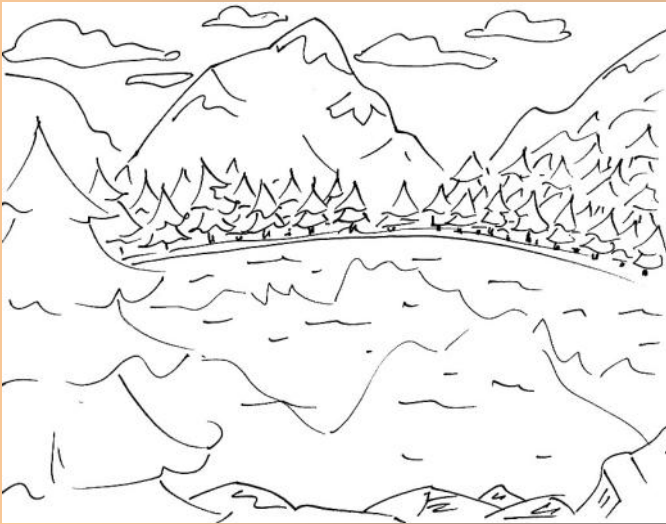
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Sutherland Lost in the Forest



87—Sutherland Lost in the Forest

A nine year old girl named Sutherland, living at Platterville, Colorado, had special protection one night. She was helping her father to bring the calves home. The calves were in the woods and it was cold. They needed to round them up and bring them back.

She was told to follow the calves home, while her father kept looking for the rest of them. However, the calves mislead her, and very soon she realized that she was lost.

It was getting to be winter time and was cold. But cold wasn't the only trouble. There were wolves there, too, that everyone dreaded. The Lord gave this girl peace and calmness in her heart, gave her strength, and kept her warm enough through the night as she kept on her uncertain way.

The next day, Sunday at 10 AM, she reached the house of John Beebe, near a place called Evans, having travelled constantly for eighteen hours, a distance of at least 25 miles.

All night as she walked, the wolves growled around her and kept close to her, but no harm

came to her; and neither was she frightened. God had given her faith. She remembered what her mother said, that the Lord would always take care of her, if she was good. So she asked the Lord to take care of her, and she knew God wouldn't let her be harmed.

Many people had been looking all over for her, and she was then found at that house, and returned to her parents. They found that she was healthy and had been safe, and was at peace. God had looked after their girl through that night.

**“For the Lord shall be thy
confidence, and shall keep thy foot
from being taken.”**

(Proverbs 3:26)

**“But whoso hearkeneth unto me
shall dwell safely, and shall be
quiet from fear of evil.”**

(Proverbs 1:33)

Off the Train He Goes



88—Off the Train He Goes

A lady was on a long train ride in Europe some years ago. In the compartment that she was in there was one man who was bad mouthing and saying awful things. He didn't love and respect the Lord. The lady prayed, "Please do something to stop this man from staying such terrible things."

After she prayed, the train started to slow down and nearly stopped. This man—and only him—suddenly jumped up and got off the train, like he wanted to be the first one off.

He didn't even look as he jumped out the door, nor did he think to take his belongings with him.

When he was on the ground, he realized that the train had stopped in the middle of nowhere. It wasn't a train stop at all!

The train started to speed up again, and he ran to try to get on, but it was too late. He couldn't get on board. His friends on the train still had his bags, so they threw them out the window to him. God had answered prayer, stopped the train and got him off.

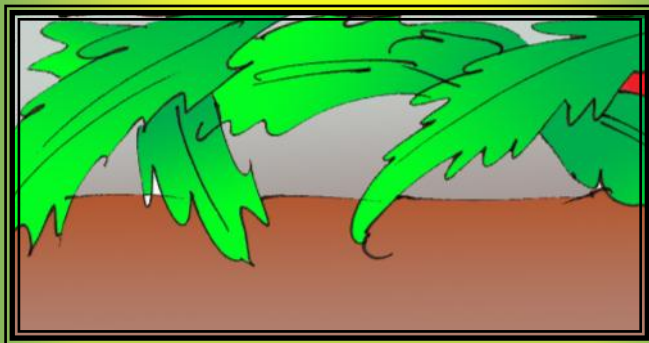
**“In quietness and in confidence
shall be your strength.”**

(Isaiah 30:15)

**“Let the words of my mouth, and
the meditation of my heart, be
acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my
strength, and my redeemer.”**

(Psalm 19:14)

Falling Branch



89—Falling Branch

(By Dina Ellens)

When we were having a Sunday morning gathering in the yard. It was a nice sunny day and everyone was enjoying the service. There was a row of little seats where all the younger children were seated.

Shortly after starting the meeting, the worship leader asked all the little children to move their chairs closer in. No sooner had they done that, then a heavy, five foot long

palm branch fell right at the spot where they had been seated.

These branches are quite dangerous when they fall but thank the Lord for His protection, and for those who are in tune and obedient to His leadings!

“In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.”

(Proverbs 14:26)

“The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.”

(Proverbs 18:10)

Burn Reversed



90—Burn Reversed

A man who is a believer in the power of the Lord to heal, anything, was one day offering hot drinks to those in need. Suddenly the hot water spilled on someone there and right away their arm started to look quite burned. This man knew it was not God's will for someone to be getting hurt like that. It was the Enemy causing trouble to his Christian efforts. He rebuked enemy and the burn and commanded it to be gone, with the power of Jesus. To the wonderful amazement of those there, the burned skin immediately changed to being normal and healthy and no longer burned.

“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.”

(Isaiah 26:3)

“The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.”

(Psalms 145:18-19)

Sandwiches for Clowns



91—Sandwiches for Clowns

Two men were dressed up as clowns. They were singing songs to people in a train station. They loved Jesus and wanted to tell people about Him.

The clowns were hungry and didn't have any food. They wanted to ask someone to give them something to eat. So they prayed for Jesus to supply what they needed.

Just as they were wondering what to do, something amazing happened.

A businessman walked up to them and gave them something! What did he give to the hungry clowns? —Sandwiches!

The clowns hadn't asked anyone for food, but Jesus knew they were hungry. He sent food to them in this way.

The clowns ate one little sandwich each. Even though it wasn't very much food, they felt great after eating it. For the rest of the evening they weren't hungry at all.

It was a miracle!

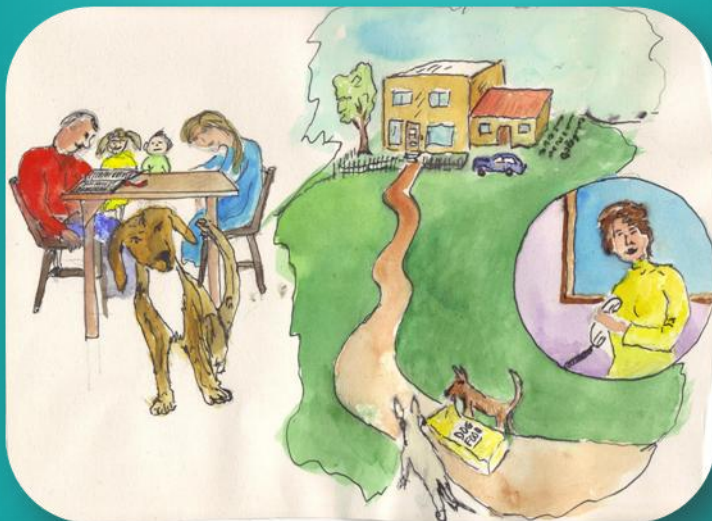
**“He giveth power to the faint;
and to them that have no might
he increaseth strength.”**

(Isaiah 40:29)

**“But they that wait upon the Lord
shall renew their strength; they
shall mount up with wings as
eagles; they shall run, and not be
weary; and they shall walk, and
not faint.”**

(Isaiah 40:31)

Amazing Dogs



92—Amazing Dogs

Josh was a happy dog and lived with a missionary family. There were several things this family needed and whenever they needed something, they always prayed for it.

One morning when they were reading the Bible, they also prayed for some more dog food. Just then the telephone rang. It was their friend who lived on the same street a few blocks down.

She called to tell them about something amazing she had seen while driving home.

Two dogs were dragging a big bag of dog food with their mouths. They pulled it down the street and up the little hill that led to the family's yard.

The dogs brought it right to their yard, and without eating the food, the miracle dogs left.

The children went outside and saw the dog food. They brought it in the house. Even though it was raining and the bag got wet, the food inside was still dry and very good!

Their dog, Josh, was very happy!

“But the mercy of the Lord *is* from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.”

(Psalms 103:17-18)

“Our help *is* in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”

(Psalms 124:8)

Healing Angels



93—Healing Angels

There once was a little girl who was just two years old when she got a bad sickness. It was so dangerous that she even had to be flown by a helicopter to a special children's hospital. Her mummy was praying and praying for her daughter. When she came into the hospital room her daughter was sleeping soundly.

She stayed with her daughter all night. The next morning the little girl woke up and told her mother, “Mummy, the angels came to see me!”

God had sent His angels to visit the little girl while she was so sick. The little girl soon got better and was completely healed!

Three years later when she was playing with her cousins they were pretending to be dressed like angels and she said,

“Remember when I was really sick, Mummy? Three angels stood by my bed. One touched my hand and told me I was going to be okay. They were beautiful. They wore long white robes and they glowed.”

**“The angel of the Lord encampeth
round about them that fear him,
and delivereth them.”**

(Psalms 34:7)

**“Many are the afflictions of the
righteous: but the Lord delivereth
him out of them all.”**

(Psalms 34:19)

Jeep to the Rescue



94—Jeep to the Rescue

A lady was driving in a motorhome with her mother and daughter. They liked to explore. They tried to drive through a dry creek bed, but ended up getting stuck in mud and sand, and couldn't get out.

There was no one around in the deserted area to help them. They knelt down to pray on the sandy ground and said the Lord's Prayer. That's the only prayer they knew, and the only thing they could do to get help.

Then, in less than 10 minutes a four-wheel drive jeep drove up to them. The man said, "I've been sent here to help you."

This helpful man tied a rope to the back of the motorhome, and then fastened it to his jeep. "Put your engine in reverse," he instructed the lady driving the motorhome.

The jeep drove in reverse and pulled on the rope, and slowly the motorhome was freed from the sand. The very grateful and relieved ladies served the man a nice lunch. They felt like they were eating with an angel.

After lunch the man said, "*You got stuck once on this sandy road. Let me follow you to be sure you will make it safely back to the main road.*"

They agreed, and off they went. The man's jeep followed them until they made it safely to the road. At that moment, surprisingly, he just disappeared!

He was an angel sent by God to help them. The lady that was driving the motorhome was so happy, and felt God's love through this. She made God the most important One in her life, and let Him be her guide.

**“And call upon me in the day of
trouble: I will deliver thee, and
thou shalt glorify me.”**

(Psalms 50:15)

**“As for me, I will call upon God;
and the Lord shall save me.”**

(Psalms 55:16)

Multiplying Bread



95—Multiplying Bread

In a place called Timor, in Indonesia, a team of 20 travelling missionaries were visiting a pastor and his wife. It was a time when there wasn't much food around in the area. They were hungry, and needed food. The pastor's wife wished she could provide a meal, but thought she had nothing to offer.

God told one of the men that she still had four tapioca roots in her kitchen. When she looked, she found exactly this amount in her kitchen.

God said to the man to tell the woman that if she cooked those roots He would make there be enough for everyone to have some.

The woman obeyed. (She must have treated the roots first to make them non-poisonous.) Then, with the roots she was able to make one little flat loaf of bread.

God said to break it and give it to the people, and she did. As she broke the loaf in half, one half would miraculously become whole again, and in this way she filled the plates.

She continued breaking the whole loaf again and again, until everyone got a plateful of bread loaf halves. There was even extra at the end for the dogs to have some food.

The small amount of tea that was only enough to fill two cups was also poured, and it kept pouring until all the cups were filled. Some people even had two or three cups of tea to drink along with their very dry tapioca bread.

The hungry people who wanted to tell others about Jesus, all had enough to eat and drink.

**“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;
who healeth all thy diseases;
Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;
who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;
Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things;
so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.”**

(Psalms 103:2-5)

A Light and a Shadow



96—A Light and a Shadow

Many times a travelling team of missionaries in Indonesia needed to walk at night, or make their way through a dark jungle. It was very difficult, and they had no maps to find their way. God told them to just pray for light.

God gave light to the travelling Israelites in the wilderness with Moses, and He can give light to those who need it today. When the missionaries prayed for light, a light—like the landing light of a plane—would shine.

When the light would go to the left, or move to the right, or go forward, they would follow in that direction. They didn't know the way, but each time they followed the light they would always come to the exact place where the Lord wanted them to minister.

Sometimes when they travelled in the daytime, the weather was too hot and sunny. It was very uncomfortable to walk and travel in the intense heat. The team prayed and God put a cloud above them as they walked. God's miracle cloud gave shade to them.

Wherever they went on their journey, to the left or to the right or straight ahead, a special cloud just above them moved so that its shadow was always over them.

“For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.”

(Psalms 84:11)

“When I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me.”

(Micah 7:8)

Mamita's Jungle Farm



97—Mamita’s Jungle Farm

Mamita was a brave and hard-working older woman. With two of her grown children and a couple of mules, she travelled through the jungle in Ecuador until she found the land she chose to make her farm.

She built a simple hut of straw and wood to live in. She planted, rice, beans, corn, coffee, and every type of fruit native to the area.

Her adult children had already returned to their own homes long ago. When she had reaped about a hundred pounds of rice, she put the sack

of it on her shoulder and started walking towards a small town to get the rice cleaned.

Mamita had to walk across a huge river to get to the town, but it had always been at a low level and she had crossed it easily before.

However, on that day the river was very deep and flowing fast. When she reached the middle of the river, she realized that she couldn't make it across safely.

She cried out to God to help her. Suddenly there appeared a light-skinned, young teen boy, who ran to her and carried her and the sack of rice to the other side.

When he had set her down, Mamita turned to thank him, but he had disappeared.

When she reached the small town where she would get the rice cleaned, she asked everyone if they knew of such a boy.

Those at the small town knew everyone who lived around there, yet no one knew anything about him. They'd never seen or heard about him before.

Mamita thanked God for sending an angel to save her and help her cross the river.

**“Cast thy burden upon the Lord,
and he shall sustain thee: he shall
never suffer the righteous to be
moved.”**

(Psalms 55:22)

**“What time I am afraid, I will trust
in thee.”**

(Psalms 56:3)

Butterfly Pet



98—Butterfly Pet

One day a special and unusual friend came to bring cheer to a lady who felt very sad, tired and lonely. She worked very hard every day and needed some encouragement.

Just then a child told her of a butterfly they had noticed that needed help. It was wet, and its wing was a bit hurt.

The lady put the butterfly in the sunshine to dry off. She hoped it could fly again afterwards.

When she checked on it later, instead of flying away, it fluttered over and landed on her finger.

It wanted to stay with her all day, perched on her arm or shoulder, no matter what she was doing. This made her feel loved and happy and not alone anymore.

The lady tried to put the butterfly on a plant in the house so she could cook, but it just flew back to her again.

When it got hungry and thirsty its long, thin tongue was extended all the way out.

To feed her new little friend she would put a drop of juice from a piece of pear onto her hand, and so the butterfly could touch its tongue to it. It liked that juice drink.

At night she placed the butterfly by her bed in a covered box with air holes.

In the morning the butterfly was again happy to be her partner during the day.

It stayed with her all that day, and the day after that too, riding on her arm or shoulder as she worked.

**“The Lord is nigh unto them that
are of a broken heart; and saveth
such as be of a contrite spirit.”**

(Psalms 34:18)

**“Behold, the eye of the Lord is
upon them that fear him, upon
them that hope in his mercy.”**

(Psalms 33:18)

Painting Heaven



99-Painting Heaven

A four-year-old girl named Akiane lived in a family that didn't know about God or Heaven.

She didn't watch any television, and learned and played at home. No one had told her about Jesus. Then she was given a special gift.

God let her have beautiful pictures in her mind of what Heaven is like, and visions of Jesus. This little girl wanted to show these things to others, but the only way she could do it was to draw the pictures. So she began learning to draw.

Because God wanted her to show and tell others about Heaven and Jesus, God gave her amazing art skill at a very young age.

When Akiane was six years old, she began using paints to show the lovely, heavenly visions God was giving her.

When she was eight years old, she painted a wonderful portrait of the face of Jesus; a vision of Him that she'd seen.

When she was 12 years old, she described what Jesus is like when she sees visions of Him: "He is pure. He's really strong and big, and His eyes are just beautiful."

This girl learned that God and Jesus and Heaven are real, even though no one had told her.

It was a miracle that she was able to paint amazing pictures very professionally, even better than most adult artists.

This miracle helped her family believe in God and receive Jesus as their Saviour.

Akiane's visions and art gift from God are helping to show many others how loving and amazing Jesus is, and that Heaven is real and wonderful.

**“Delight thyself also in the Lord;
and he shall give thee the desires
of thine heart.”**

(Psalms 37:4)

**“I will instruct thee and teach
thee in the way which thou shalt
go: I will guide thee with mine
eye.”**

(Psalms 32:8)

Heaven is Real



100—Heaven is Real

A Christian family was going on a trip to another town. Their little boy, Colton, began to feel very sick. Something was wrong inside and he had to go to the hospital for emergency care.

When he was put into a special sleep so the doctors could work on him, Jesus gave young Colton a wonderful trip to Heaven, and he heard angels singing to him.

Colton got to see and talk with Jesus and sit on His lap. Colton noticed how nice Jesus' eyes were. They were so beautiful and filled with love.

After his trip to Heaven, when Colton saw a painting by a girl named Akiane, who had seen visions of Jesus too, he said that was what Jesus had looked like to him, when he went to Heaven.

Jesus told Colton how very much He loves children. Colton made sure to tell his parents this important message.

In Heaven, he even met one of his sisters that he didn't know he had. She gave him a hug and was so happy to see him. God takes good care of her there. She is part of His family, and is waiting until the rest of her family can come to be with her there too.

Colton also met his great-grandpa who had gone to Heaven long before. Colton also told of the many gorgeous colours in Heaven, and how beautiful it was there.

He said that Jesus has a horse that He rides on, and that there are many nice animals in Heaven as well. Colton noticed the marks on Jesus' hands and feet, showing that He had given His life on Earth for us, to forgive us and let us come to Heaven.

Later, when someone asked Colton why Jesus did that, he said, "So we can see His Dad," (God the Father).

This boy wants to let everyone know that Heaven is real, and is a wonderful place—and those that have received Jesus get to go there.

He wants everyone to know and love Jesus, so they can go there one day, too.

“Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.”

(Psalms 16:11)

“For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.”

(Psalms 11:7)

