



Help me to follow You today  
Help me to walk in the narrow Way  
Help me to seek You first when I wake  
Help me Your guiding Hand to take  
Help me to listen to Your voices  
Help me to make the right choices  
Help me to find Your perfect Will  
Help me to stop & be perfectly still  
Help me to listen to Your Word  
Help me to live by all I've heard  
Help me to love You more & more  
Help me to share, not keep things in store  
Help me to follow You just like a sheep  
Help me to know my soul You will keep  
Help me to trust You with my life  
Help me to pass by malice & strife

Help me at all times Thy face to seek  
Help me, Lord, to be loving & meek  
Help me to learn to let You work  
Help me to squeeze & not to jerk  
Help me to rise whenever I fall  
Help me in falling to grow more tall  
Help me be strong when I am weak  
Help me Your Kingdom first to seek  
Help me forgive those who are cruel  
Help me to know I too am a fool  
Help me to know I need You so much  
Help me to find sweet rest in Your touch, and  
Help me tonight when I lie down  
To be wearing a smile & not a frown.

--By Solomon

### *Verses and Bible Stories on Mary, the Earthly Mother of Jesus—Part 1*

**Isaiah 7:14-15** Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

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**LUK.1:26-38** And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

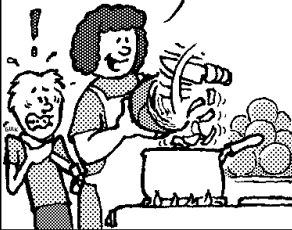
And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible.

And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.



ASK ME TO DO SOMETHING THAT YOU THINK IS DIFFICULT,  
AND THEN WATCH ME DO IT.

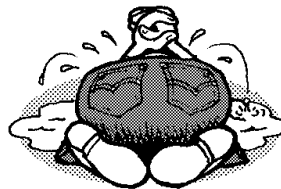
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AND WHEN I DO, YOUR FAITH WILL BE STRENGTHENED.

## Master's Arts

### Heavenly Vision—Thoughts of God

#### —Our Mind's Meditations Only What Pleases the Lord

The Master says:

Just like termites eat away at old fallen wood in the forest aiding it to decompose into soil, so do little thoughts that work their way into your mind eat away and eat away, breaking you down. You need thoughts that are like wind. Strong and fresh wind can make trees have to grow stronger and it makes their wood form stronger. Weak trees that have fallen down in the wind because they haven't grown strong, are then apt to break down all the way. You can choose to grow strong, or fall down weak and your work for Me turn to nothing, like the soil on a forest floor that used to be a tree. Don't get offended by the winds that blow. Choose to stay upright and get stronger because of the times of strengthening. Be brave. And don't let little thoughts that go against God's way of thinking come into your mind and eat away at your faith and joy and courage. These will just break you down, and leave your work in ruins, turning it to dust. Choose, that no matter what, no matter how hard things seem to be and what is coming against you, to do what is right and pleasing to Me, your Lord and King.

*Verses and Bible Stories on Mary, the Earthly Mother of Jesus—Part 2*

**Luke 1:39-55** And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda; And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth.

And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

And she spake out with a loud voice, and said,

Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

And Mary said,

My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

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**Matthew 1:18-24** Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying,

Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

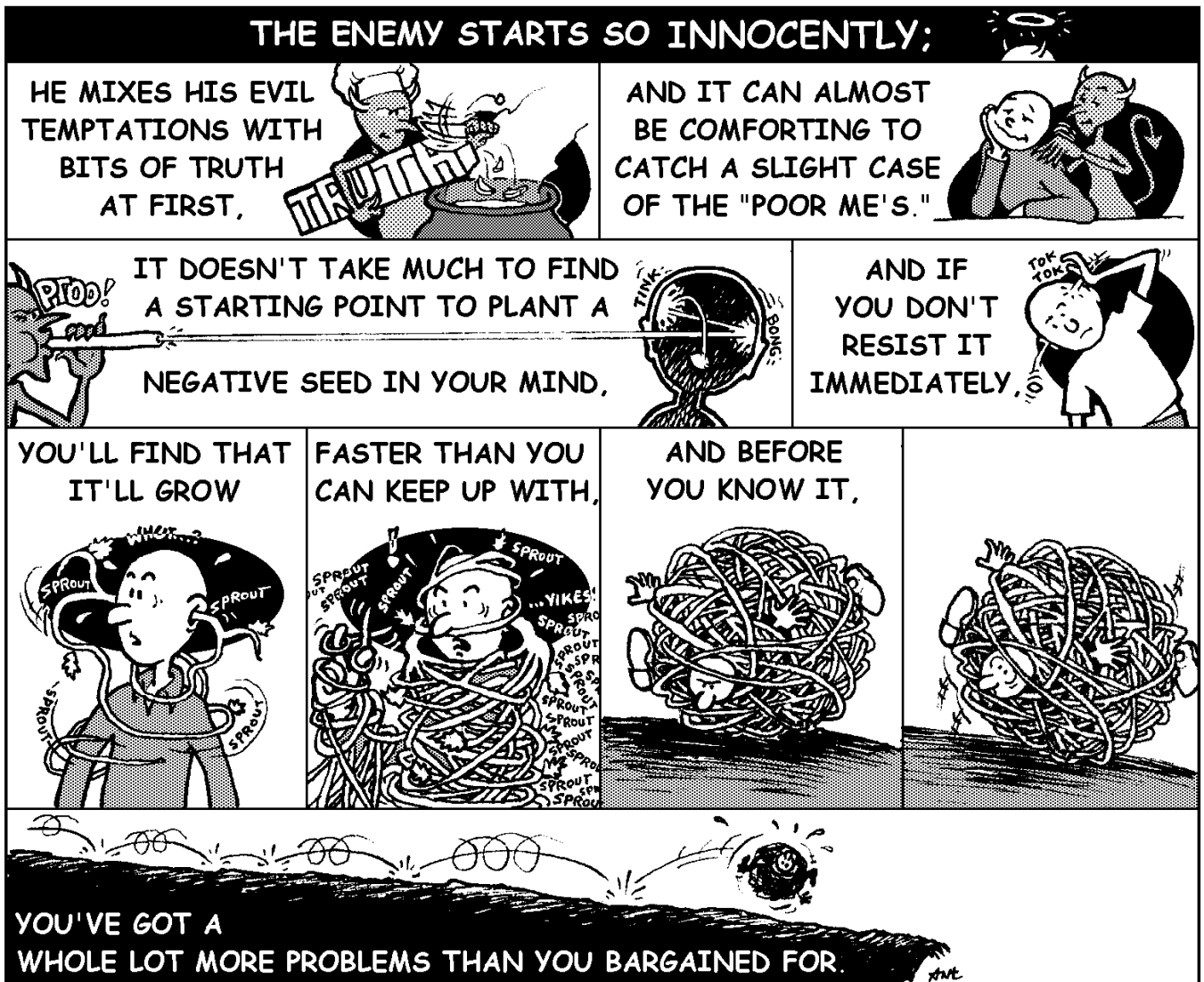
Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.



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## From Jesus With Love

You must make that effort of sitting at My feet, being patient to listen and to hear the Words of truth and life that I have to share with you, that you might be more fruitful, and that you might look even more to Me in the days to come.

I pour out many streams of My Word in a rich and abundant flow. I have given you free access to the treasure vaults of Heaven-all yours for the asking. I unlock the storage vaults of Heaven. I give free access to My living Word, for you have need. For Earth is where the spiritual battle is being fought, and on Earth is where you have need of My direct guidance, My explicit orders, My wealth of wisdom and strategy to win the spiritual warfare.

*Verses and Bible Stories on Mary, the Earthly Mother of Jesus—Part 3*

**Luke 2:4-20** And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

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**Luke 2:25-35** And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law. Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; ... that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

# LAMBIBITS

(Lessons, anecdotes, messages, Bible-based beliefs, inspirational talks, and sayings.)

Was it a mistake? Couldn't there have been a better, more proper way of doing it?

[Away] with the proper way! The proper way is of Man! The unexpected and the improper, the unconventional and untraditional, the unorthodox and unceremonious, contrary to man's natural expectation--this is the way God usually works! "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts!"--Isa.55:8,9. Who can know the mind of the Lord, and who can show Him anything?

Who do you think you are, anyway, to tell God what to do and how to do it? God knows His business and it's none of your business how He does it!

So quit trying to tell Him how He ought to do it! "Now Lord, You must do it this way or that way, so we'll be accepted and people will understand." ... Your friends don't need an explanation, and your enemies would never believe it anyhow! So why explain? Just trust God that He knows what He's doing! "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart: and lean not unto thy own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."--Prov.3:5,6.

The minute you try to figure it out in the flesh, you might as well quit, 'cause it will probably never work out that way anyhow.' "Lest Israel say, 'Mine own arm hath saved me!'"--Jdg.7:2.

God loves to do things contrary to the way we think He ought to do them!

He trying to show that He can use anything!--Even you!--By giving us such encouraging examples of His successful failures--His fabulous flops--His daring dropouts--who dared to trust Him in spite of themselves and give Him all the glory because they knew it had to be God!

--Pastor David (1919-1994)

*Verses and Bible Stories on Mary, the Earthly Mother of Jesus—Part 4*

**Matthew 2:10-14** When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh.

And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying,

Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:

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**Luke 2:42-51** And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.

But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

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**Luke.11:27-28** And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked.

But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.



# THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

**Revelation 3:12** Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

## JESUS SAYS:

Sometimes for safety children have their name and address and the name of their parents written on a card, pinned on their coat, or in a pocket somewhere. That's so if they get lost, people can help them find their way back to their parents or back home.

For those who belong to My Kingdom, and live in the City of God, New Jerusalem, I will write on them their new name, their new address, and the name of God. This means they will always belong to us.

Sometimes you see people who work in an office building or for a certain company, will wear a name tag with a number and their picture and some information about them. This shows that they work for a certain company, and it gives them entrance to that building. Without it they wouldn't be allowed to go to certain places and come in freely, nor to get their pay check. They are part of the team. People can see at a glance that they are meant to be there. Those without this tag are treated as visitors or outsiders, and such. But those who are labelled or tagged are given the freedom that only members get. Perhaps they can have free access within the building and around the offices, or they can freely use the cafeteria, and they might know the access codes, and get free parking at the place for workers only.

So those that work for Me and have received Me into their heart, and have committed their lives to Me, these ones get a special Heavenly label on them. It might not be a visible one, like the somewhat unsightly cards on Earth, but it will be written on them in a Heavenly way. These people are allowed the benefits that only God's children get to have as fulltime citizens of the King of kings.

When the Heavenly City comes to Earth at last, to be adored and honored by Earth's inhabitants, the God ordained rulers of the world then will wish to bring their gifts and give honour to the King of kings. They will get to come close to bring their praise and worship, and offerings. But only those that are fulltime citizens will get to access all the special places, and live with God, in close communion, as part of His family. Others might come for a visit, wherever God allows them to come, but then they need to leave again, to go back where they live. But God's children, who gave their life to Him, can stay and live and enjoy freedom to dwell in the city of God. They have their "residency" granted; the ability to live as a long term, life-long citizen of the Kingdom of God, never sent away. Their "visa" never runs out, and the gift of themselves, their "presence" can be the "present" they present.

They don't have to bring all these offerings, like people of the world may, but God's children who gave themselves to Me, to their Lord and Maker, King and Saviour, have given the best they can. They can live in God's Heavenly City forever, and serve the Lord with gladness, always. And it will be with gladness, for serving God in those days, after the enemy has been subdued, will be pure pleasure.

## HOW HE SAID HELLO

My husband saw Jesus walking through the Garden a week before he died from cancer. I asked him if Jesus said anything to him and he said, "No, Jesus was just smiling at me." When my husband found out he had terminal cancer, he struggled for months with the anxiety of death and with being forgiven even though he knew and loved Jesus. He said the devil was tormenting him with the thought that God would not forgive him. But the day he saw Jesus he had NO further anxiety but only peace and the desire to go be with Jesus.

--Anonymous

*Verses and Bible Stories on Mary, the Earthly Mother of Jesus—Part 5*

**Mark 3:31-35** There came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him. And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee.

And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren? And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said,

Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

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**Acts 1:11-14** Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

# PRAISE

I know You'll never let go of me. I know You are always there and You always hold me. Please help me to stay in Your arms and not jump out. Help me not to run too far ahead or lag too far behind. I long to stay right here, snuggled in Your arms forever. You are my anchor to whom I am tied. It doesn't matter when the seas get rough or troubled or stormy, because I know I have You. I'm tied to You. None of these things can move me; no troubles can alarm me. I love You and thank You, my precious Lord. Thank You for understanding. Thank You for holding me tight, Jesus. I adore You. I need You.



# INSPIRED STORIES FROM ABOVE

## From "Story Time with the Master"

### The Lizard



The lizard lay in the sun, hoping to catch some warming rays. This was his chance to keep up his warmth and health, otherwise he would just be too cold. He opened a lazy eye every now and then, just to make sure nothing harmful was coming near. When all was well, he would slip back into a deep rest. The only time the lizard really needed to move on this day was when the sunshine seemed to move from its spot, then he needed to go elsewhere, to stay in the sun.

When a cloud covered over the sun, and it started to rain on the, at last, warmed back of the lizard. He didn't enjoy that. Maybe in the heat of a summer's day it would have been a welcome thing. But on this day as he was trying earnestly to warm up; anything chilly just made the efforts to keep warm, be lost.

"Where can I get all nice and feeling good?" the lizard thought. "Oh! Over there. I'll try it."

The "over there" was a little spot shaded from the rain, and also had been some recently warmed ground, by a child having sat in that spot to read a book. They had just left, and so the lizard moved in. It wasn't a sunny spot yet, but it would do for now.

While he heard the rain fall, he drifted off to a dozy rest. --That is until a large hand came and took him up. Where he was getting taken, Lizard didn't know. But there was little it could just yet. However, it was only a moment before he was put down.

"Where am I?" the Lizard thought. "It is warmer in here. It's nice, but lacks the freedom."

Lizard had been placed, for the time being, in a large glass box with plants, and a warming light overhead.

It was being put under observation. Not like a pet really, as it was just as wild in nature as ever. But he was being watched, perhaps almost like a video. The children would peer into the glass and see the shape and size and movements of this lizard. They would get to know him better than just seeing him briefly outdoors every now and then. The things he liked were made available, but of course the freedom to go here and there, wherever he pleased, that would have to wait until later, after the children had learned all they could about this lizard.

One day it was time to open the box. The children took their little lizard friend out into a place in nature. The box was placed on its side, so that their friend lizard could crawl out anytime and anywhere it wanted to. They decided to leave the box there with some food and water supplies, just in case the lizard still wished to be there. Though it had more freedom to go here and there, it was a nice shelter from the rain, and it did get warmer from the sun as it was like a mini greenhouse.

Now the lizard was glad it had been placed in a box for a while, and was used as a living lesson and teaching object of observation for children. Now they took good care of it by providing this nice little place to come to, whenever it needed shelter and food, water and warmth. It was worth the time away from the freedom it had known. It had the best of all things now.

Be glad you are different. Be glad you are where you are. Just be glad. Where you are will benefit you and others, as you'll see one day. And if you feel lonely, like there is only one of you around, well, remind yourself that rather than alone, you are just unique and prized by others as very special.

