

# Cyril Church of Christ

## Kid's Devo

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Monday

There was a family of donkeys that lived on a farm between the towns of Cement and Cyril. There was a mom and a dad. The mom's name was Gertrude and the dad's name was Horace. There were three young donkeys named Mary, Scott and Sam. There was a grandpa, his name was Raymond, but everyone just called him Grandpa. Finally, there was also Grandma Doris.



One day Farmer Smith backed up with a trailer. Soon he opened the gate and out came a baby donkey.

“What’s your name?” asked Sam.

“My name is Oliver,” said the baby.

“Are you going to live on the farm?” asked Mary.

“I think so,” answered Oliver.

Gertrude and Horace just brought Oliver into the barn and their family. Farmer Smith got Oliver at the Apache Sale Barn because Oliver’s mom and dad died after getting really sick.

The next day Farmer Smith hooked up Sam and Scott to a wagon so he could feed the cows. Oliver ran up and stood by the wagon, wanting to help to.

“I want to help,” said Oliver.

“You’re too little,” said Sam.

“I can help too,” said Oliver. His voice louder this time.

“You’re too little,” said Scott.

Oliver ran away and cried. Soon Grandpa walked up to Oliver and asked, “What’s wrong Oliver?”

“They won’t let me help on the wagon because I’m too little,” said Oliver.

“Be patient Oliver, you will get bigger before you know it,” said Grandpa.

“It stinks to be little,” said Oliver.

“Let me tell you a story about King Joash. Before Joash was king, Judah was ruled by an evil Queen named Athaliah. She killed all of Joash’s brothers, but a woman named Jehosheba protected and hid Joash until the priests and the army worked together to get rid of Athaliah and make Joash king. The amazing thing was Joash was seven years old when he became king. The High Priest Jehoiada helped Joash and together they got rid of the temples to the fake gods and got rid of the fake priests. Joash is also called Jehoash in the Bible and the Bible says, ‘Jehoash did right in the sight of the Lord all his days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him.’ (II Kings 12:2) Very few kings in Judah did a good job, but this young boy did good and followed God while the High Priest Jehoiada helped him. So you see, even little boys can do wonderful things for God. You just need to go find out what you can do,” said Grandpa.

Song: Jesus Loves Me

Scripture Reading: II Kings 11:17-18

Question: Was Joash old when he became king? (No, he was just seven years old)

Tuesday

Sam was laying in bed one night and “splat”, a drop of water hit him in the eye. He wiped it off and went back to sleep and then “splat” “splat” went two more drops of water. Sam woke up and saw that rain water was coming through the roof into the barn. Sam ran into his mom and dad’s room and said, “Mom and dad, my roof is leaking”.



“It’s okay Sam, just move your bed and put a pot under the leak to catch the water,” said Gertrude.

“Isn’t someone going to fix it?” asked Sam.

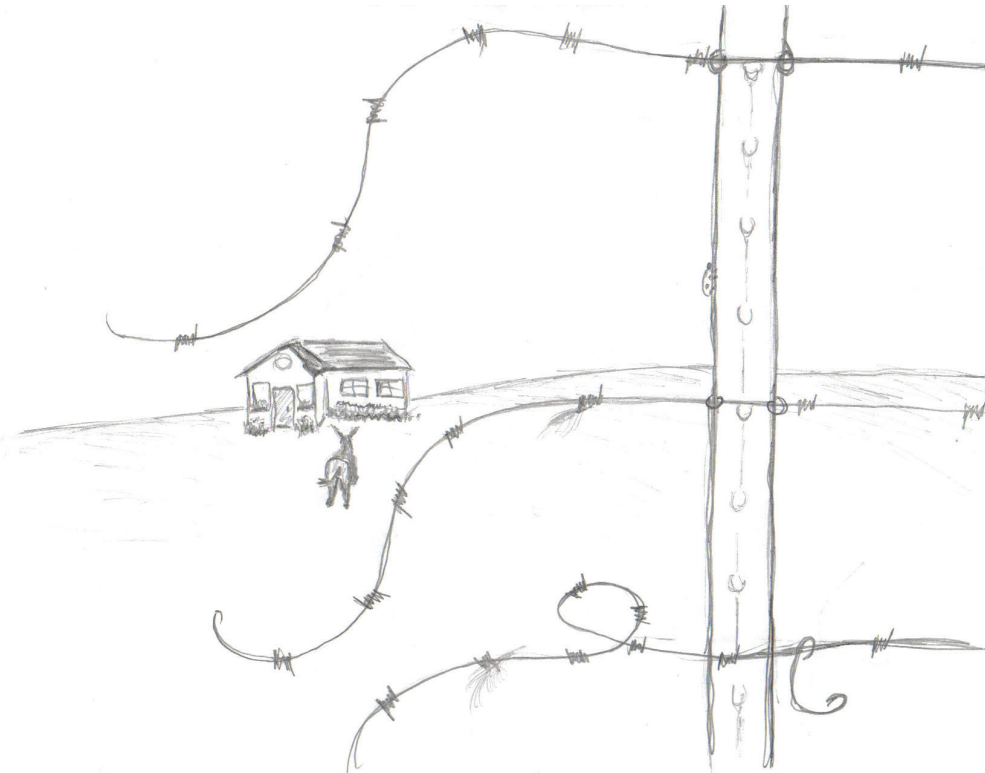
“Well, Farmer Smith will when he gets a chance but I don’t know when that will be. Remember King Jehoash. When he became king the Temple of God needed a lot of repairs. He told the priests to collect money from the people and make the repairs to the temple. A long time went by and no repairs were made. King Jehoash asked the priests, ‘Why do you not repair the damages of the house? Now therefore take no more money from your acquaintances, but pay it for the damages of the house.’ (II Kings 12:7) Jehoiada the High Priest had put a chest by the altar and he put a hole in it for the people to give money to the temple. With the money they made the repairs and fixed up the temple. It took a long time but the job did get done. Farmer Smith works hard, but he knows the barn needs repaired and one day he will get it done,” said Gertrude.

Song: Jesus Loves The Little Children

Scripture Reading: II Kings 12:11-12

Question: Did they fix the temple fast? (No, Jehoash had to hurry them up)

Thursday



It was Thursday and Sam was walking beside the fence when he saw a hole in it. Sam knew it was wrong but he got out of the fence and went walking. He came to a house he had never been to. It was quite a ways from Farmer Smith's House. All around the house were colorful flowers. Sam at first was just going to eat one petunia, because he was very hungry and they looked very tasty. Sam didn't stop eating though. One after one, Sam ate every petunia that surrounded the pretty yellow house. It was then that Sam hear a scream.

“Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhh” said a grey headed lady swinging a broom.

“You get out of here,” said the woman as she hit Sam on the back with the broom.

Sam started walking back but then he met up with Farmer Smith. Farmer Smith put a halter on Sam and when they got home, he tied Sam to a pole. Scott and Mary did enjoy teasing Sam. After a while Grandpa

came by.

“Are you okay Sam?,” asked Grandpa.

“I’m embarrassed but okay Grandpa,” said Sam.

“Why did you do it?” asked Grandpa.

“I knew it was stupid, but I just kept doing it,” said Sam.

“Always remember you can stop doing something that is wrong. Let me tell you a story. There was a king of Israel named Jehoahaz. He was the son of Jehu. He was a terrible king. He did evil and didn’t follow God. Because he was so evil, God allowed Hazael king of Aram to defeat Israel. King Hazael and later his son King Ben-hadad made the life of the Israelites very hard until Jehoahaz prayed to God for help. You see, even though Jehoahaz was evil, somehow he knew that God was his only hope. The Bible says, ‘The Lord gave Israel a deliverer, so that they escaped from under the hand of the Arameans; and the sons of Israel lived in their tents as formerly.’ (II Kings 13:5) Jehoahaz was delivered by God, but when the danger from the Arameans was gone, Jehoahaz went back to being evil. You see Sam. You were kind of like Jehoahaz. You only stopped following the devil when you were in the pain of getting hit with a broom or tied to the pole. You should have stopped doing wrong before that. The question is are you going to be like Jehoahaz. Now that things are better are you going to go back to being evil?,” said Grandpa.

Song: The Lord’s Army

Scripture Reading: II Kings 14:6

Question: Did Jehoahaz continue to stay following God after things got better? (No)

Friday

One day Mary walked up to Grandpa and asked him, “Grandpa, you don’t seem to work as much as everyone else does”.

Grandpa smiled and said, “Well Mary, I can’t do as much as I used to. I’m getting old, I guess you could say I’m retired from a lot of the work around here”.



“When do I get to retire,” said Mary.

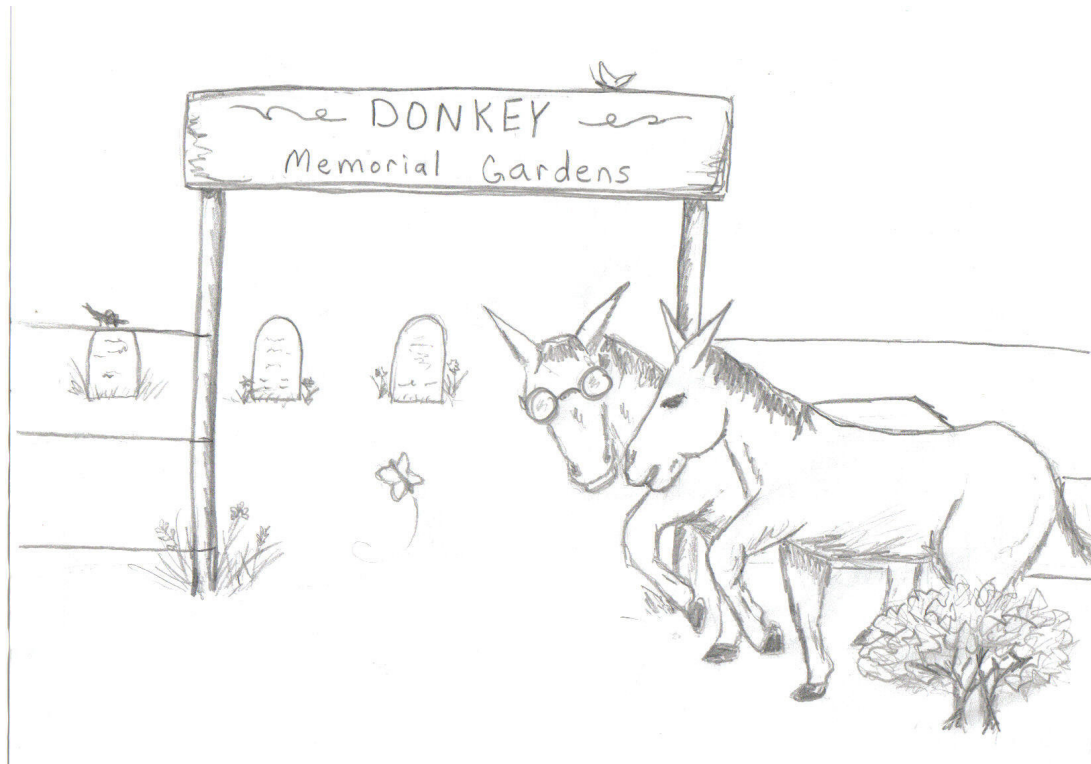
“Well there may be a day when you don’t have to do as much work as you used to. However it is important to know that you don’t ever retire from doing right or from doing God’s work. Take Elisha. Even when he was very sick and dying, he still did the work of a prophet. While he was sick, the king of Israel came to him crying. He said, ‘My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!’. The king was worried about the people of Aram taking him over. Elisha told him to take a bow and arrow and shoot it towards the east. Elisha said, ‘The Lord’s arrow of victory, even the arrow of victory over Aram; for you will defeat the Arameans at Aphek until you have destroyed them’. (II Kings 13:17) Elisha also told him to take the arrows and strike the ground. The king struck the ground three times and stopped. Elisha said, ‘You should have struck five or six times, then you would have struck Aram until you would have destroyed it, but now you shall strike Aram only three times.’ (II Kings 13:19) Elisha died after that.

Song: The Wise Man

Scripture Reading: II Kings 13:18-19

Question: Did Elisha do the work of the Lord until he died? (Yes)

Saturday



One day Mary and Grandpa were walking by the Donkey graveyard on the farm.

“Grandpa what happens to the body after it’s buried,” said Mary.

“Well, the Bible says that we are dust and that we return to dust. Our soul is what matters, not our body,” said Grandpa.

“However one weird story happened in the Bible,” said Grandpa.

“What was it?” said Mary.

“Well, they had buried Elisha, and later they started to bury another man in the same grave as Elisha. A few soldiers came from Moab and they started to fight with the people at the funeral. Instead of putting the

man in his own place, they quickly put him in the same place as Elisha. The Bible says, ‘...when the man touched the bones of Elisha he revived and stood up on his feet’ (II Kings 13:21) That would make an interesting funeral,” said Grandpa.

Song: Gospel Chariot

Scripture Reading: II Kings 13:20-21

Question: What happened when the dead man’s body touched Elisha’s bones? (He came back to life)