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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 also Grandma and Grandpa, their names were Raymond and Doris. Finally, there was an orphan donkey that lived with them, his name was Oliver.

One day while Mary was cleaning up in the barn, she noticed a bunch of trophies that were stored in a box on a high shelf.

“Mom, what are these?” asked Mary.

“Those are Farmer Smith's rodeo trophies,” answered Gertrude.

“Did Farmer Smith used to do rodeo?” asked mary.

“He was a star. He even won the bull riding at the National Finals Rodeo,” said Gertrude.

“No one treats him like he's famous,” said Mary.

“Well this is his home and they've always known him. It is kind of like Jesus when he went back to Nazareth to preach. Jesus



went to the synagogue and read a scripture and started to preach and the people thought He did a good job but had a hard time believing He was the Messiah. The Bible says, ‘All the people said good things about Jesus. They were amazed at the beautiful words Jesus spoke. The people said, How can he speak like this?, He is only Joseph’s son, isn’t he?’ (Luke 4:22) Jesus knew they were having a hard time believing Him and He said, ‘I tell you the truth. A prophet is not accepted in his own home town.’ (Luke 4:24) Jesus then told them some Bible stories about God sending prophets away to preach and the people got very angry with Jesus. They pushed Jesus to a hill and were going to push Him off a cliff, but Jesus walked through the crowd and got away. Everybody loves Farmer Smith, but they loved him before he was a rodeo star. However Jesus told His hometown about Him being the Messiah and they tried to kill Him,” said Gertrude.

Song: Jesus Loves Me

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:28-29

Question: Did Jesus’ home town believe He was the Messiah? (No, they got mad and tried to kill Him)

Tuesday



Sam liked to watch people and especially Farmer Smith. One day Farmer Smith and one of his friends from town were doing something strange at the creek. They had a net between them while they walked dragging the net through the creek.

As Grandma stooped to the water to get a drink, Sam asked, “What are they doing Grandma?”

“They are seining for crawdads. Crawdads are tinny, lobster looking things that live on the bottom of the creek. Farmer Smith uses them as bait when he goes fishing,” said Grandma.

“So he’s kind of fishing for crawdads with a net instead of a pole?” asked Sam.

“Yep. Some people use nets to fish for fish just like Farmer Smith is doing for crawdads. That is how Peter, James and John met Jesus. Jesus wanted to use their boat to preach from. They weren’t

having any luck fishing that day so they let Jesus use the boat. Jesus put the boat in the lake and preached from it. After Jesus was done preaching He said, 'Take the boat into the deep water. If all of you will put your nets into the water, you will catch some fish.' (Luke 5:4) Peter answered, 'Master, we worked hard all night trying to catch fish, but we caught nothing. But you say I should put the nets into the water; so I will.' (Luke 5:5) When they put the nets in the water, they caught so many fish, their nets began to break. The Bible says, 'The friends came, and both boats were filled so full of fish that they were almost sinking.' (Luke 4:7) Everyone was amazed by all of the fish. Peter believed but was afraid of Jesus. Peter said, 'Go away from me, Lord. I am a sinful man!' (Luke 4:9) Jesus told Peter, 'Don't be afraid. From now on you will work to gather people, not fish!' (Luke 4:10) They left their fishing stuff and followed Jesus," said Grandma.

Song: Jesus Loves The Little Children.

Scripture Reading: Luk3 4:10-11

Question: Was Peter afraid of Jesus at first? (Yes, he told Jesus to get away)

Thursday



One evening Gertrude woke up from sleeping because she heard a noise in the front of the barn. She walked in to the main room and was surprised to see Scott.

“What are you still doing up?” asked Gertrude.

“I’m scared of the dark,” said Scott.

“You weren’t scared of the dark yesterday. What is different about today?” asked Gertrude.

“Sam told me a scary story about zombies that eat donkeys at night,” said Scott.

“You know that is just a silly story Sam made up,” said Gertrude.

“My brain does but the rest of me is too scared to sleep,” said Scott.

“We don’t have to be scared of things like that because we fol-

low Jesus. One time Jesus went to a city called Galilee. There was a man there that had an evil spirit inside of him. The evil spirit said, 'Jesus of Nazareth!! What do you want with us? Did you come here to destroy us? I know who you are-God's Holy One! But Jesus warned the evil spirit to stop. Jesus said, 'be quiet! Come out of the man. The evil spirit threw the man down on the ground before all the people. Then the evil spirit left the man and did not hurt Him.' (Luke 4:34-37) Jesus has power and because of Jesus we do not need to be afraid of the dark. So go to bed," said Gertrude.

Song: The Wise Man

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:36-37

Question: Did the evil spirit know Jesus? (Yes)

Friday:

As Grandpa was looking at old pictures of their family, Sam asked, “Grandpa, did the apostles have families?”

“Everyone has families Sam. Everyone comes from somewhere. The Bible talks about Peter having a mother in law. Jesus healed her. The Bible says, ‘Jesus went to Peter’s house. There Jesus saw that Peter’s mother-in-law was in bed with a high fever. Jesus touched her hand and the fever left her. Then she stood up and began to serve Jesus.’ (Matthew 8:14) Families had to sacrifice a lot for the gospel to be preached, but Jesus was kind and healed Peter’s mother in law,” said Grandpa.

Song: The Lord’s Army

Scripture Reading: Matthew 8:14

Question: What did Peter’s mother-in-law do after she was healed by Jesus? (She started taking care of the m)

Saturday

One day Horace was walking in the barn yard when he saw Sam sitting alone.

“Are you okay Sam?” asked Horace.

“I’m fine,” said Sam.

“Are you sure? You look kind of sad,” said Horace.



“You know dad. I don’t mean anything by it, but sometimes I just like to be alone. It seems like I’m always with someone, and every once in a while I like to be alone,” said Sam.

“You know Jesus took time to be alone. Several times in the Bible Jesus left the crowds and went off by Himself. The Bible says, ‘The next morning, Jesus woke up very early. Jesus left the house while it was still dark. He went to a place to be alone and pray. Later, Simon and his friends went to look for Jesus. They found Jesus and said, All the people are looking for you!’ (Mark 1:35) After that Jesus went out preaching at different towns and cities but even Jesus took time to be alone and to pray,” said Horace.

Song: Gospel Chariot

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:25

Question: Did Jesus ever go out alone? (Yes)