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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 Farmer Smith was doing some work in the barn. He had a small radio and was listening to some music while he worked. Soon Farmer Smith was done, but when he left he forgot his radio and he even forgot to turn it off. Sam, Oliver, Scott, and Mary were amazed by the radio and had fun listening to the people talk and they also liked the beautiful music.

After a while a preacher came on. “You can be sure you will go to heaven if you only give me nineteen dollars and ninety five cents,” said the preacher.

Later that day Sam was talking to Grandpa. “Grandpa, where can I get nineteen dollars and ninety-five cents?”

“What would you need nineteen dollars and ninety five cents for? Donkeys don't use money,” said Grandpa.

“We heard a preacher say we could go to heaven if we gave him nineteen dollars and ninety five cents,” said Sam.

“That doesn’t sound like Farmer Smith’s preacher. Where did you hear that preacher?” asked Grandpa.

“We heard him on the radio,” said Sam.

“You guys have to understand that there are a lot of preachers that are bad. Some of them think they’re doing good, but just don’t know God. Some of them are trying to trick people out of money. Jesus said, ‘Be careful of false prophets. They come to you and look, like sheep, But they are really dangerous like wolves. You will know these people because of the things they do. Good grapes don’t come from thorn bushes. And figs don’t come from thorny weeds. In the same way, every good tree makes good fruit. And bad trees make bad fruit. A good tree cannot make bad fruit. And a bad tree cannot make good fruit.’ (Matthew 7:15-20) Guys you heard a false prophet. There are a lot of them. Just because someone says they are following God, doesn’t mean they are,” said Grandpa.

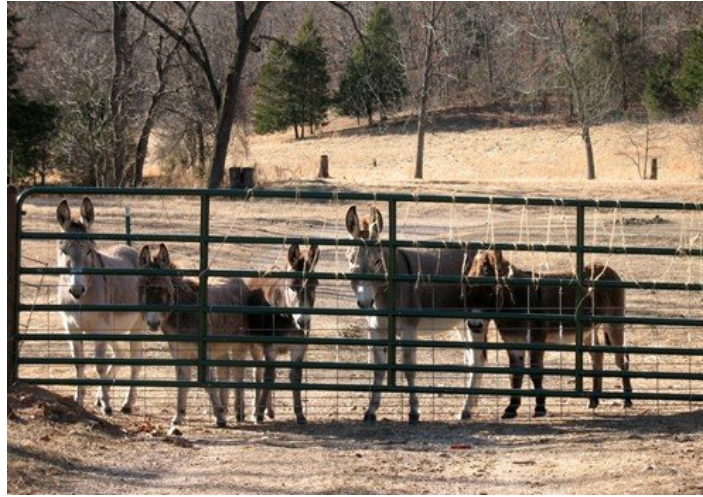
Song: Jesus Loves Me

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:15

Question: Are all preachers good preachers? (No, some of them teach against what the Bible teaches)

Tuesday

Scott was walking around in the barnyard when he noticed that a small gate was open. It wasn't the gate that Farmer Smith opens to drive the truck through. It was a small gate that one person could walk



through. On the other side of the gate were some oats that someone had spilled on the ground. Scott thought it would be a shame to waste such good oats, so he started to walk through the gate. The problem was that the gate was very narrow and Scott had grown a lot. He just wouldn't fit. He tried and he tried but his body wouldn't fit through the narrow gate. Soon Sam came walking by.

“What's wrong?” asked Sam.

“I'm stuck,” said Scott.

They pushed and pushed but Scott wouldn't budge. Fifteen minutes passed by and Gertrude walked up.

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“Were you trying to get out of the fence?” said Gertrude.

“Yes mother. There are some oats on the other side,” said Scott.

“It looks like you are learning that it isn't good to disobey,” said Gertrude.

“I'm learning,” said Scott.

Gertrude took some eggs from the chicken coop and broke them on Scott.

“Yuck,” said Scott as the eggs ran down his fur.

With a couple more pushes, Scott was freed.

“You know this reminds me of a Bible story. Jesus said, ‘Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction. And there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.’ (Matthew 7:13) It was hard for Scott to go through the narrow gate but with effort and eggs, he was able too. Jesus tells us that we have to be different from everyone because most people take the easy gate. We have to take the narrow gate and follow God and not the world,” said Gertrude.

Song: Jesus Loves The Little Children

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:13

Question: Which gate does Jesus want us to take? (Narrow)

Thursday

Mary and Scott were playing beside the creek. They built little barns made out of sand. As the time went by, they built prettier and prettier barns. They were so proud of all of the pretty barns that they had made and they decided to ask Horace their dad to come look at them. Mary



and Scott walked to the barn and Horace followed them back to the creek. He was excited to see what they had made.

As they came to the creek, Mary and Scott were shocked to see that there was no sign that the beautiful barns were ever there.

“Where are they?” yelled Mary.

“They’re gone!” said Scott.

“The creek looks a little higher. It must have washed them all away,” said Horace.

“They were so pretty,” said Mary.

“This is just like a story that Jesus told. Jesus said, ‘Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them. I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock; and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on the house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on the

house; and it fell. And great was its fall.” (Matthew 8:24-26) You guys made pretty barns but you put them in the wrong spot. Remember Jesus, and build your lives around Him and His word. That way your life won’t end up like those barns,” said Horace.

Song: The Wise Man

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:26

Question: Which is a better place to build your house, on sand or a rock? (Rock)

Friday

One day Oliver was walking in the pasture and he saw his friend Stripe. Stripe is a skunk. Oliver snuck up behind stripe and went “boo”.

Stripe was scared and that is when it happened. Stripe sprayed Oliver. When Oliver got back to the barn Sam said, “Gross. What’s that smell?”.



“It’s Oliver,” said Scott.

“You smell like skunk,” said Mary.

“You’re not staying in the barn are you?” asked Sam.

“I’ve got to sleep somewhere,” said Oliver.

Gertrude stepped in and said, “Oliver is welcomed to stay with us, even if he stinks”.

“He’s unclean mom,” said Mary.

“In the Old Testament times, people were unclean but that was in the Old Testament and not the church. In the time of Jesus, there were people with a disease called leprosy. They were considered unclean and had to live separate from everyone else because other people could catch leprosy. It was hard to have to live alone. One man who had leprosy, saw hope in Jesus. The Bible says, ‘Jesus came down from the hill. Many, many people followed him. Then a man sick with leprosy came to Jesus. The man bowed down before Jesus and said, Lord, you have the power to heal me if you want. Jesus touched them man. Jesus said, I

want to heal you. Be healed! And immediately the man was healed from his leprosy.’ (Matthew 8:1-3) Oliver isn’t unclean. He’s just stinky,” said Gertrude.

Song: The Lord’s Army

Scripture Reading: Matthew 8:3

Question: How did Jesus make the man clean? (He healed his leprosy)

Saturday

Sam was racing the other donkeys and beat them all. He came home bragging saying, "I'm the fastest, I'm the fastest".



Grandpa gave Sam a mean look and reminded him of the verse, "God is against the proud people, but he gives grace to the humble people." (I Peter 5:5) He then told Sam the story of a humble man who asked Jesus to heal his servant. The Bible says, "When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed and in terrible suffering." Jesus said to him, "I will go and heal him." The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, "I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith." (Matthew 8:5-10)

"Sam, if you want to be close to Jesus, you have to be humble," said Grandpa.

Song: Gospel Chariot

Scripture Reading: Matthew 8:5-6

Question: What quality is important to have a relationship with God? (Humility)