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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 also an orphan donkey that lived with them, his name was Oliver.

It was a cold spring day. In fact, it was so cold that the creek that went through the farm had frozen over.

“Can we go play in the pasture?” asked Sam and Scott.

“Sure, but don't play on the ice, it will break if you do,” said Gertrude.

Sam and Scott ran all over the pasture. One time Sam ran so fast when he got to the creek, he couldn't stop. He stepped onto the ice and slid. A great big smile came over Sam and he said, “That was fun”.

“I've got to do that again,” said Sam.

“I thought mom said not to do it,” said Scott.

“She just doesn’t want us to have fun,” said Sam.

They played and played and had the best time until there was a strange cracking noise. Scott and Sam both fell into the cold water. They both had a hard time but finally they were able to climb out of the water and the two frozen donkeys walked back to the barn.

“What happened to you?” Gertrude said as they walked into the barn.

“We fell in through the ice,” said Scott.

“That’s impossible because you were told to stay off of the ice,” said Gertrude.

“We didn’t obey you and we did not do what you told us mom,” said Sam.

“You know it is easier if you listen. The people of Israel and Judah didn’t listen to God either. He would send prophets to teach them and the people would be mean to them. Jesus said, ‘And now you show all people that you agree with what your fathers did. They killed the prophets, and you build tombs for the prophets! This is why the Wisdom of God said, I will send prophets and apostles to them. Some of my prophets and apostles will be killed by evil men. Others will be treated badly. So you people that live now will be punished for the deaths of all the prophets that were killed since the beginning of the world.’ (Luke 11:48-50) God sent prophets to teach but the people wouldn’t listen. Their lives would have been better if they would have listened but they refused and were mean to the prophets. If you two would have listened you would be warm right now and not grounded, but because you didn’t you are cold and you are both grounded,” said Gertrude.

Song: Jesus Loves You

Scripture Reading: Luke 11:49

Question: Did the people of Judah and Israel listen to the prophets that God sent? (No)

Tuesday

Mary was walking back to the barn from the water tank when she saw a small sparrow that had died. Mary thought it was sad that such a cute animal died. She took a sock that she had found in the barnyard and put the sparrow in it. She brought it back to the barn and asked if she could have a funeral for it. Horace said that would be fine so Sam, Scott, Oliver and Mary had a funeral. Mary pawed the ground until there was a hole and she laid the sparrow in it. Sam read a Bible verse and they all sang Amazing Grace. After they sang, Scott covered the hole up with dirt. As they were finishing Grandpa came walking up.



“What are you doing?” asked Grandpa.

“Mary found a dead sparrow and we had a funeral for him,” said Scott.

“That was a nice thing to do. Jesus cared about the sparrows. Jesus told us to care about what God thinks and not people. He says God takes care of the sparrows and He will take care of us. Jesus said, ‘Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.’ (Luke 12:6-7) It is nice that you guys cared for something God created,” said Grandpa.

Song: Jesus Loves the Little Children

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:6

Does God care for animals? (Yes he even cares for sparrows)

Thursday

On Thursday, Oliver was playing and saw a bull snake.



“Do you want to play Mr. Snake” asked Oliver.

“I don’t want to play with a silly donkey,” said Mr. Snake.’

“I’m not silly!” said the Donkey.

“I bet you believe in God, pray and sing praises to God don’t you,” said the snake.

“I sure do,” said Oliver.

“That’s sssssilly,” said the snake and he slithered off.

It upset Oliver that the snake didn’t believe in God. Oliver walked up to Gertrude and told her about it. “Today I saw a snake that didn’t believe in God”.

“The Bible says there will be people who don’t believe in God. We just have to make sure that we tell them that we do and tell them about Jesus. Jesus said, ‘I tell you, if any person stands before other people and says that he believes in me, than I will say that person belongs to me. I will say this before the angels of God. But if any person stands before people and says he does not believe in me, then I will I will say that person does not belong to me. I will say this before the angels of God.’ (Luke 12:8-10) All we can do is tell people about Jesus and some will believe and some will not,” said Gertrude.

Song: The Wise Man

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:8

Question: What happens if we do not confess Jesus before people? (He will not confess us before His Father and the angels.)

Friday



Scott was walking by the gate where Farmer Smith comes in every day to feed cattle. There was a strange piece of paper. It was green and had a picture in the middle of it. It also had a number on it. It had a “1” with two zeros after it. Scott picked up the piece of paper and brought it to his dad Horace.

“Where did you find this?” Horace asked.

“I found it by the gate that Farmer Smith uses” said Scott.

“This is a hundred dollar bill. I bet Farmer Smith will be glad when I give this back to him,” said Horace.

“Why? It doesn’t look very important,” said Scott.

“Humans use this to buy stuff. Farmer Smith even uses it to buy us food,” said Horace.

“Why don’t we have money like Farmer Smith?” asked Scott.

“Money is a dangerous thing. It can make people selfish. As long as people share their money it can be a blessing but if they are selfish it is bad. Jesus said, ‘There was a rich man that had some land. His land grew a very good crop of food. The rich man thought to himself. What will I do? I have no place to keep all my crops. Then the rich man said, I know what I

will do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger barns! I will put all my wheat and good things together in my new bigger barns. Then I can say to myself, I have many good things stored. I have saved enough for many years. Rest, eat, drink, and enjoy life! But God said to that man, Foolish man! Tonight you will die. So what about the things you prepared for yourself? Who will get those things now? This is how it will be for the person that saves things only for himself. To God that person is not rich.’ (Luke 12:16-21) Money is dangerous if you don’t share,” said Horace.

Song: The Lord’s Army

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:21

Question: What do you do to make sure you use money the way God wants you to? (Share it)

Saturday

One morning Gertrude was fixing breakfast and she noticed that Mary looked upset.

“What’s wrong Mary?” Gertrude asked.

“I am worried that I will never find a boy that likes me,” said Gertrude.

“Don’t worry Mary, a boy will find you when the time is right. You are a smart, beautiful young donkey,” said Gertrude.

“Are you sure mom?” asked Mary.

“I’m sure Mary. There are only two things that Jesus asks us to worry about. That is to follow God and to be righteous. Jesus said, ‘So I tell you don’t worry about the food you need to live. Don’t worry about the clothes you need for your body. Life is more important than food. And the body is more important than clothes. Look at the birds. They don’t plant or harvest. Birds don’t save their food in houses or barns. God takes care of them. You are worth much more than birds. None of you can add any time to your life by worrying about it. If you cannot do the little things, then why worry about the big things? Look at the wild flowers. See how they grow? They don’t work or make clothes for themselves. But I tell you that even Solomon the great and rich king, was not dressed as beautifully as one of these flowers. God clothes the grass in the field like that. That grass is living today, but tomorrow it will be thrown into the fire to be burned. So you know that God will clothe you much more. Don’t have so little faith! So don’t always think about what you will eat or what you will drink. Don’t worry about it. All the people in the world try to get those things. The thing you should want is God’s kingdom. Then all these other things you need will be given to you.’ (Luke 12:22-31) Mary, just do what’s right and work for God’s kingdom and God will take care of everything else,” said Gertrude.



Song: Gospel Chariot

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:31

Question: What are the two things we can worry about?  
(Righteousness and God's kingdom)