

**Cyril**  
**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Kid's Devo**



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## Monday

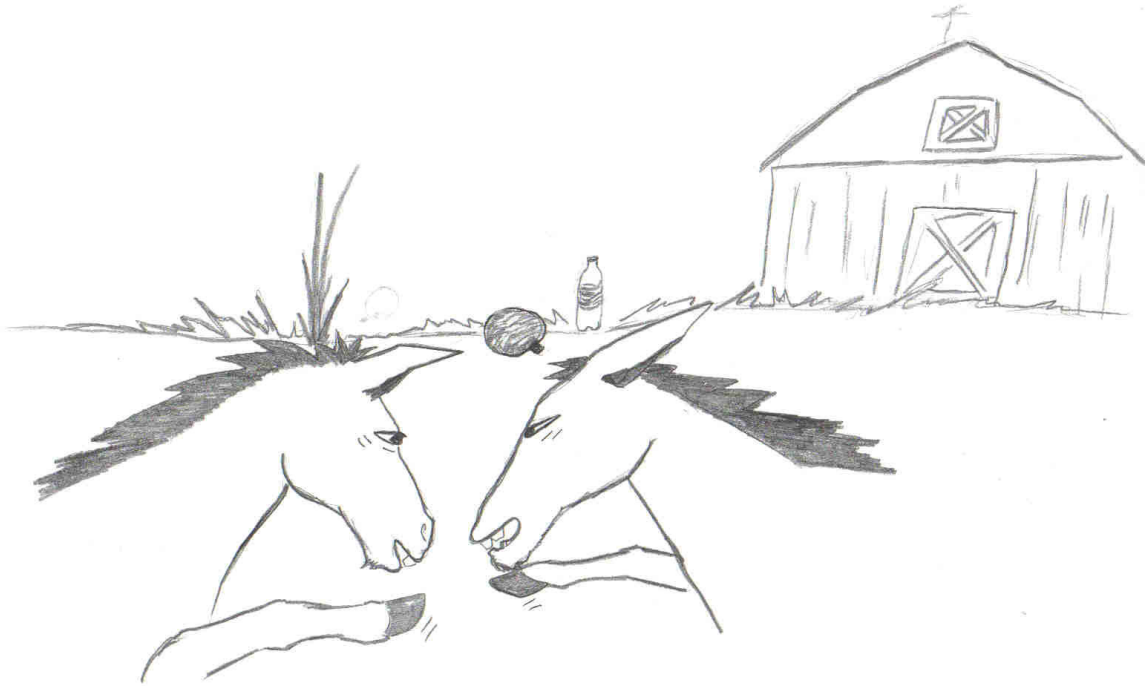
There was a family of donkeys that lived on a farm between Cement and Cyril. There was a mom and a dad. The mom's name was Gertrude and the dad's name was Horace. There were three young donkeys named Mary, Scott and Sam. There was also a grandpa. His name was Raymond, but everyone just called him Grandpa.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

One morning Scott was walking by the goats on the farm. Goats can tease sometimes and a girl goat named Tina began teasing Scott.

"Scott Mule you're funny", Tina said trying to start a fight.

"Thank you Tina", Scott said as he started walking faster. Tina picked on Scott a lot and he hated getting picked on. So he just wanted to leave.

"Yep your funny. Funny looking, funny smelling, and Mule is the funniest last name I ever did hear. Humans call people mules to make fun of them. I guess you are about the funniest family on the farm." Tina said pointing and laughing.



Scott didn't fight back. It usually just made things worse. There wasn't anyone better at being mean than Tina.

Scott walked by Grandpa. Scott's head was hanging low and he had the beginning of a tear in the corner of his eye.

"What's wrong Scott", Grandpa said while walking closer.

"Grandpa I hate my name", Scott answered.

"Scott's a nice name", Grandpa replied

"I was talking about Mule. Everyone makes fun of it. They even call bad people mules."

Grandpa smiled and said, "Do you know where we got our name?"

"No" Scott replied.

"Sit down and let me tell you a story. There was a time when there wasn't anything. It was called the beginning. That was when God created everything we see. On the first day He created the world. The Spirit of God moved across the world on the first day. He created the day and the night then too. On the second day he created the land in the waters and the space above the land and the waters. He called the air and space the heavens. On the third day He brought the land together and the seas and oceans together. He created all kinds of plants. Trees, grasses, and vegetables were all created on the third day. On the fourth day God created the lights in the heavens. He created the sun to light the day and the moon to light the night. He also made the stars on the fourth day. On the fifth day God created all the animals that live in the waters and he also made all kinds of birds. On the fifth day God created all the animals. He made cattle, deer, antelopes and everything else. Most importantly this is the day God created your great, great, great.....grand pappy mule. He also made humans on this day. The first human was named Adam. God brought all the animals to Adam and he would name them. That is why you are Scott Mule. It is the name given to us by Adam. You should be proud of it. Adam liked the animals but there was still something missing. That is when God took one of Adam's ribs. From that rib he made the first human woman. Her name was Eve."

"Where did you find that out Grandpa?" Scott said.

"The first book of the Bible. It is called Genesis." Grandpa answered.

"Thanks grandpa. I'm proud of my name now. At least it's better than Tina Goat. Bye." Scott replied as he ran back to play with Mary and Sam.

Read Genesis 2:19-20

Thinking Question: Who gave names to all of the animals? (Adam)

Song: Jesus loves me.

## Tuesday

It was Tuesday and Sam and Mary were playing by the chicken coop. Suddenly they heard a terrible noise. There were squawks and chirps and the sounds of flapping wings coming out of the chicken coop. It was then that a long red fox came out of the coop. "Help.....Help....." squawked Margie. She was one of the older hens in the coop.

In the middle of the foxes mouth was Margie. His sharp teeth were on her body and her legs and neck stuck out of opposite sides of his mouth. Without much thought of the danger, Mary took off after the fox. Sam soon followed. The fox started running for the fence. If he got past the fence, Sam and Mary wouldn't be able to catch him. Mary ran as fast as she could. She ran beside the fox and kicked him with her front hoof as hard as she could. The fox stumbled and the fox and Margie soon started to do somersaults together in a cloud of dust. When Sam got there, the fox was knocked out and Mary was helping Margie limp back to the chicken coop. Margie was banged up pretty badly but the veterinarian or animal doctor said she would be just fine.



It wasn't very long until Gertrude, Sam and Mary's mom, came galloping up.

"Are you both OK?" She said tired from running as fast as she could to check on Mary and Sam.

"We're fine mom, but Margie was almost killed." Mary said while crying.

"Is she going to be OK?" Gertrude asked.

"Yeah, I heard the veterinarian say she would be fine." Sam said while getting a hug from his mom.

"Why mom? Why would such a bad thing happen? Why would God let such a bad thing happen?" Mary said still crying.

"It is sin, Mary, and there is a lot of it in this world!" Gertrude answered.

"Where did sin come from mom?" Mary asked.

"There was a time when there wasn't sin in the world. God made Man and Woman. Their names were Adam and Eve. They lived in the Garden of Eden. God had all kinds of wonderful things for them to eat in the Garden. They could even eat from the Tree of Life. Eating from it made you where you didn't get old and it made you where you would never die. Well God told them they could eat from every tree in the garden except the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God told them if they ate from that tree, they would surely die. The Devil made himself look like a snake one day and he started talking to Eve. He lied and told Eve that the Fruit of the Knowledge of Good and evil wouldn't kill them. He said that if they ate it that they would become like God. Eve listened to the devil and she ate it. She then gave some to Adam and he ate some too. Back in those days people didn't wear clothes just like mules. As soon as they ate the fruit, they realized they were naked. They hid themselves from God. God said, "Where are you". They answered, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid so I hid myself." God then asked, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" Well then Adam blamed his wife and Eve blamed the snake, but that was the first sin. Then mankind started to get old and die. Another punishment was that women would suffer pain while giving birth to children. There started to be thorns in the ground, and mankind would have to work hard all of their life. The worst thing was that that was when sin came into the world. People can choose to do wonderful things, but they can also choose to do terrible things. Sin is bad and separates us from God. God made Adam and Eve leave the Garden of Eden and they no longer got to eat from the Tree of Life. Also all kinds of evil came into the world, but there will be a day when God brings it all to an end. We then will get to go to heaven where once again there will be no sin." Gertrude answered.

"I wish they would never have sinned." Sam said still looking sad.

"Me too Sam, Me too." Gertrude said nuzzling him with her nose.

Scripture Reading: Genesis 3:8-13

Thinking Question: Who committed the first sin? (Adam and Eve)

Song: Jesus loves The Little children.

Wednesday: Church Day (There isn't a lesson on Wednesdays and Sundays)

### Thursday

One day Sam and Scott were playing with a gourd that they had found. They pretended that it was a soccer ball and were having a great time. Everything went well until Sam went a little too far to the left.

“Out of Bounds”, Scott yelled as he stopped playing. Sam ignored Scott and kicked the gourd right between the goal marked by a Kosher Weed and an empty pop bottle.

“Goal”, Sam yelled.

“That wasn’t a goal. You were out.” Scott protested.

“The boundary was marked by the shadow of the telephone pole and I was in.” Sam answered.

“Cheater” Scott yelled.

“Sore Looser” Sam yelled back.

It wasn’t very long until Sam and Scott were butting heads, kicking and biting in an all out mule fight.



“Stop that. You stop that fighting right now.” Horace their dad yelled as he galloped up to the brawl. Sam’s teeth firmly stuck in Scott’s backside.

“You should be ashamed of yourselves. Trying to hurt each other. You two are brothers.” Horace said as he marched them back to the barn.

“I’m sorry”, Sam said worried about the punishment soon to come.

“Me too dad”, Scott said while walking with his head pointing to the ground.

“You have to understand that hate and jealousy can destroy families. There were two brothers in the Bible who fought. Adam and Eve had two sons at first. The oldest son was named Cain and the next oldest was Able. Cain was a farmer and Abel raised animals. Cain and Abel both made sacrifices to God. Abel offered one of his flock for a sacrifice. Cain offered crops from his farm. God was pleased with Abel’s sacrifice, but wasn’t pleased with Cain’s sacrifice. Cain became very jealous of Abel. The Lord warned Cain not to be angry with Abel and he told Cain to control his desire to sin. One day Cain and Abel were in the field together and Cain rose up and killed Abel. God knew what happened and asked Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?”. Cain answered, “Am I my brother’s keeper?” God said, “Your brother’s blood is crying out to me.” God

punished Cain. God told Cain that his farm and anything he planted would never grow again and that he would have to wander around and not have a home. Cain was upset and was worried about someone finding him and killing him, but God put a sign on Cain so no one would kill him.” Horace told them the story while getting them both a pencil. “You both will have to write Genesis 3:7 three times.” Horace told the two boys.

“All right” Sam and Scott answered.

Scripture Reading: Genesis 3:7

Song: Lord’s Army

Thinking Question: What bad thing did Cain do? (He killed Abel)

## Friday

One day it was raining and Scott, Mary, and Sam were out playing in the rain. Soon the water was up to Sam's knee but they didn't think anything about it and continued to run and Gallop. The water kept rising and they looked back and the water had risen half way up the barn door. Soon they couldn't touch and had to start swimming. They started swimming back to the barn, but they looked and the doorway was almost covered up with water.

"Hurry kids. Swim this way." Grandpa yelled as he stood on top of a hill in the pasture.

Mary, Scott and Sam swam and swam. It seemed to take forever for them to reach the hill that their grandpa was standing on.

With their legs shaky from swimming so far, Scott, Mary and Sam crawled upon the hill. It was crowded with all the other farm animals slowly crawling up it's banks. The hill didn't make a big island in the flood. It was about half the size of a foot ball field.

"Boy Scott, I didn't think we were going to make it," Sam sighed.

"Me neither. I don't think I could have swam another foot." Scott answered.

"Well you are all safe now." Grandpa said while licking Sam's mane.

"Wow grandpa. I've never seen a flood on the farm like this one. Has there ever been a flood this big?" Mary asked.

"Oh yes. There was a flood that covered the whole world." Grandpa answered.

"Really Grandpa. Tell us the story", Scott answered.

"Well people started not listening to or following God. The world just kept getting worse and worse. People were mean and there wasn't anywhere that was safe. God knows everyone's heart and their hearts were evil. It made God cry. One day God decided that everyone had to be destroyed because of the evil in the world, but one family was faithful and God decided to save the one family. This was the family of Noah. God told Noah to build an Ark. The Ark was a big boat. The ark was about 450 feet long and about 75 feet wide. God had Noah put two of every kind of animal in the Ark. There was a male and a female of every kind of animal. Also God had Noah put seven of each of the clean animals on the Ark. Noah was six hundred years old when he entered the ark with his family and all of the animals." Grandpa said.



Then the farmer came up to Grandpa and wanted help pulling a wagon to rescue more animals from the flood.

“Grandpa are you going to finish the story?” Sam asked disappointed there wasn’t an ending.

“I’ll finish it for a bedtime story tomorrow. Stay on the Island until the water is gone. Bye Bye.” Grandpa said as he trotted away with the farmer.

Thinking Question: Was Noah young when he got on the Ark? (No he was 600 years old)

Scripture Reading: Genesis 6:7-8

Song: Who did swallow Jonah.

Thinking Question: Why did God destroy the Earth with water? (Man had become evil)

## Saturday

"It's bed-time guys." Gertrude said while leading them to their stall in the barn.

"Grandpa said he would finish a story tonight." Sam said wondering what happened to Noah on the Ark.

"I'm coming, I'm coming." Grandpa said as he entered the stall with the kids.

"I wouldn't break my promise. I remembered." Grandpa said while kissing each grandchild on the forehead.

"Where did I leave off?" Grandpa asked.

"Noah, his family and all of the animals were on the ark." Scott answered.

"Well it rained for forty days and forty nights. All the people and animals that were not on the Ark died in the water. The flood lasted 150 days. After a while Noah wanted to know if the flood was still all over the earth. He sent a raven out. The Raven flew all over until the water was dried up. Then he sent a dove and the dove didn't find a place to land and returned to the Ark. Noah waited seven more days and sent another dove. This dove returned with an olive leaf in its mouth. This told Noah that the water was gone. He waited another seven days and sent another dove, but it didn't come back. After the land dried up, God told Noah and his family to leave the Ark. They did and offered a sacrifice to God. God told Noah that He would never destroy the earth with water again. He told them that He would put a sign in the sky to remind them of His promise. That sign is a rainbow." Grandpa said.

"I've seen a rainbow." ; Marry said.

"Well every time you see a rainbow, think about God's promise", Grandpa said.

"We will, Good night Grandpa." Mary, Sam and Scott said as they curled up in the hay.

Song: Lord's Army

Scripture Reading: Genesis 9:13-14

Thinking Question: What sign did God give that He wouldn't ever destroy the earth with water again? (A rainbow)