



**From the Pastor's Desk:**

## ***INNOCENCE IS PRICELESS***

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small American flags mounted on either side of it. The six-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, "Good morning Alex." "Good morning Pastor," he replied, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor, what is this?" The pastor said, "Well son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."

Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque. Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked,



***"Which service, the 8:15 or the 10:30 ?"***

Innocence is indeed priceless and kids keep us all on our toes constantly with their innocent wittiness or as Art Linkletter use to say, "Kids say the funniest things." Who (old enough among us) can forget Art Linkletter's House Party, and a portion of a show that kept adult in stitches during every show.

Let's have a change of pace and listen to some funny encounters with children.

- A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?"

"Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago."

"Oh," she paused, "grandpa, did God make me too?"

"Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago."

Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

- Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" "Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life." The child thought about this for a moment, then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"

- A little boy told by his mother that he might go on a picnic she had previously forbidden sighed, "It's too late Mummy, I've already prayed for rain."

- A Sunday School teacher asked her class, "what was Jesus' mother's name?"

A Child answered, "Mary." The teacher then asked, "and what was her husband's name?"

Another child answered, "The Verge." Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?"

The child replied: "You know, they are always talking about "the Verge 'n Mary. "

- The Sunday School teacher was telling the kindergarteners the story of Joseph and coat of many colors. Teacher: "Then Joseph's brothers got angry about their father giving Joseph the coat, so they sold him to some traders passing by in a caravan."

My 5-year-old: "They had the same kind of car we have! We have a Caravan!"

- Two children were sitting in church, one about four years of age the other about six years of age. The little brother kept talking out loud, and the older sister tried to make him be quite. He very emphatically declares, who can stop me? She whispered in his ear, "Do you see those hushers back there."

- Children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, "Take only one, God is watching." Moving through the line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A boy wrote a note, "take all you want, God is watching the apples!"

May God +bless you and yours now and forever.

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