

"He is so proud of his scrapbook because the pictures in it are all like friends to him.

"I wish all mothers, and especially those with limited means, would try this plan. They will find that it more than pays in the interest that is taken."

How to Tell a Bible Story

By Miss Alice A. Harding

A dear grandmother, who very often told stories to the wee grandchild, was one day reading a story to her, when suddenly the little one interrupted, by saying: "Tell me with your mouth, Gran'ma,"—all mothers are familiar with the same request—"Tell me a story."

To tell a story, we must know it well ourselves, from beginning to end, with all the happenings, and all the people necessary, in the right order. So, to tell a Bible story, we should read the account as given in the book, very carefully. Then, closing the book, we should try to see the pictures, clearly, in our own minds, selecting those we are going to use when telling the story to the children.

It would help if we went over the story to ourselves, in the simple, direct language which we would use to the children. Then, when we really tell the story to them, we can watch to see what parts they enjoy most. And we shall find that they like a story to move quickly, so as to hear what is coming next. They do not like long introductions or explanations, although they do listen very closely to little points or details, which are interesting to them in their own lives.

In her own beautiful way, the mother who loves to tell the story, because she knows 'tis true, makes real these Bible stories, using sometimes the exact words of the book, when she is sure the children understand their meaning. Perhaps, in telling the parable of the Lost Sheep, the mother might talk to the little ones like this:

A long time ago, when Jesus was on the earth, He told many beautiful stories to His friends and to the people. They knew He loved them and they used to come close beside Him and "draw near unto Him, to hear Him." You have heard of some of these stories. What were they about? Yes, "the

lilies of the field," the grass, the grains of seed, Mary and Martha, the good Samaritan. Jesus told one story about "The Lost Sheep." Shall I tell it to you?

There was once a shepherd who had a flock of one hundred sheep. He knew every sheep and would miss even one little lamb if it was lost. He used to lead them to the tender grass and to the streams of clear, cool water. In the cool of the evening he would call them to him. They knew his voice. He loved them every one. As they were going into the fold, he counted them—"One, two,—ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine!" And then he could not see the other one. "I have one hundred. What has happened? It is the smallest lamb. Has it fallen on a rock and broken its leg? I must find it." Into the dark the shepherd went, with his lantern, and called and called. By and by he heard a faint cry. He heard it again. And at last he found the poor little lamb wandering about in the desert not knowing where to go. He put it on his shoulder and when he reached home he shouted to his friends and neighbors: "Rejoice with me: for I have found my sheep which was lost." Then he put the lamb into the fold with the others and went to rest.

Now Jesus is like the shepherd. He came to bring each little one into His fold. And when each one is brought in there is great gladness in heaven as when the shepherd brought home the lost sheep.

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A Sunday Game

By Mrs. Marion Cruikshank

This game requires a little preparation. The leader, usually a "grown up," chooses twenty well-known Bible texts. These are numbered and written either on a large sheet of paper, or each text on a separate slip. Where more than two or three take part in this contest, this latter is the better way.

Two or three of these texts are quoted with absolute correctness, the others have some slight mistake, such as an added plural, "the" for "a," or some alteration not apt to catch the eye.