

GOOD NEWS CLUBS “NEWS”

SHARING TRUTH WITHOUT FLUFF

When we speak to the children in our Good News Clubs, we sometimes use terms that are clear to us but mystifying to children. Their active minds usually translate those terms into something familiar. We will never know how many children have sung “with the jelly toast proclaim” until they finally learned that it was “with angelic host proclaim.”

Our missionary Kim Calderon recently shared her son David’s remark after learning about idolatry in preschool. He stated with great clarity, “I-dola-try is bad, but The Dollar Tree is good.” (For David, this is a very important distinction to make, since he has fond memories of “dates” with Grandpa Jeff Moody that culminated in a trip to The Dollar Tree.)

One child in a Good News Club told her counselor, “I know God wants me to be His child, but I’m not sure I want to have a turtle life.”

Recently, a Titusville Good News Club teacher announced, “Today we will learn about Abraham.” One little boy asked curiously, “Lincoln?”

And how many Good News Club helpers have listened to the children recite their memory verse as, “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only forgotten son...?”

A Bible teacher asked the children, “What do we know about God?” “He is an artist!” said a kindergarten boy. “You know, ‘Our Father, who does art in Heaven...’” If we put together some actual ways that children have misquoted the Lord’s Prayer, it would come out like this:

Our Father who does art in Heaven,
Harold be thy name
Give us this day our daily spread
And forgive us our trash baskets
as we forgive those who trash baskets against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us some E-mail.
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the gory
whatever whatever. Amen!

Our own Rosalind (Roz) Zahn, who has capably served as a Bible Teacher in many Good News Clubs, once overheard her little daughter singing, “And the rains came down and the fluff came up.” “You know,” Roz commented, “It’s true. If the Devil can’t divert us with the storms of life, he distracts us with a lot of the fluff!”

Her observation is so true of our lives, isn’t it? It also reminds me of another truth: We can keep a lot of “fluff” out of the minds of the children in our lives by listening to them and by making a special effort to speak to them about Jesus in simple terms that they can clearly understand!

Please pray for all our Good News Clubs that the children will clearly hear and clearly understand the Truth. Pray that we will have enough volunteers to tell it to them. And please ask God if He wants you to be one!

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