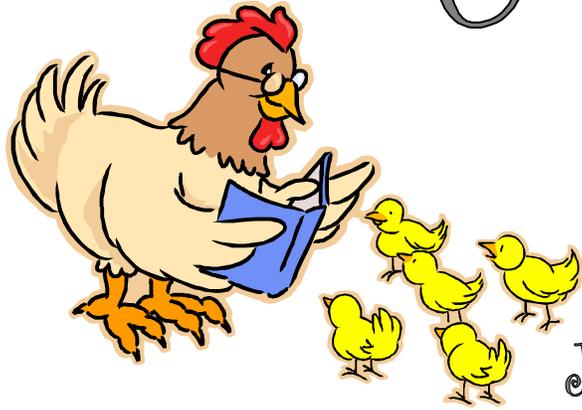


Doing His Work



Children's Lesson by:
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Good morning, children. Could we pray? OK, close your eyes, fold your hands and bow your head. Now, you are going to concentrate on Jesus, aren't you?

Precious Lord, we thank You so much for this day. We thank You so much for how You take care of us, for the gentle way that You have with each one of us. We thank You for how You know everyone, because You, Father, know each hair on every little head that sits in the front row. You know every desire and every heart in this room. Lord God, we are just asking that something that I would say today would speak to the hearts of each one. Lord God, that they would be so stayed on the path that You have for them that no storm of any sort could move them away. That they, like Christian in Pilgrim's Progress, would move forward to the gates of the Most High. I ask that You would cause us to listen to You today in a way that we maybe haven't before. In Your precious name, Lord Jesus, I pray. Amen.

This morning I am in Genesis 13. You all know the story of Abraham and Lot, don't you?

Abraham and Lot went out, but then they started quarrelling. Actually, the people that worked for them started quarreling. Abraham and Lot were out in a big area and their shepherds, or the people taking care of all their livestock, were fighting. They were saying, "I want this!" and, "No, that's my cow! No, that's my sheep and that's my goat!" There was strife between them. So, Abraham had an idea, which I believe came from the Lord. He said, "Let's go out, Lot, and whatever you want you take, and I will take whatever you don't want."

So, what if you went to your pile of toys, and said to your brother or sister, "You take whatever you want and I'll take whatever you don't want." How





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fall down out there, you have to run and pick me up, right? Because, wouldn't you do that if that was your baby sister fallen down? Or, your older sister? Or, anybody in your family? Now, I'm asking us to think. I am jumping a bit here, because I think we balk at this. You are my family, because I only have one baby, who is not a baby anymore, as he is over twenty. My family is very little then. So I look to this group for my family, because I really don't have anybody else.

OK, listen further, ***9Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.*** He is saying,

"Whatever you want, if you want the right I will go over here. If you want the left, I will go over here." Lot then could do whatever he wanted. Now, check this out. Verse 10, ***And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan... He was looking at the whole thing. I see them up on a hill where he could see everything, ...that it was well watered... He wouldn't have to worry about a drought or having to irrigate or anything like that. ...it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD... What is the garden of the Lord? What was His first garden?***

Children: Eden.

Ms. Eubank: Eden, so we are talking about some beautiful ground: lots of water, green, anything could grow there, probably lots of little streams for all the animals. But watch this next phrase, ***...like the land of Egypt...*** What does Egypt represent, Isaac?

Isaac: Bondage.

Ms. Eubank: Oh!!! Bondage, it so does! What else does it represent?

Josiah: World.

Ms. Eubank: Yes, that is what I was going for. Egypt is the world or bondage.

"You can have whatever you want in my closet," and she takes all your best stuff and leaves you the rags. How is that going to work out for you?

But Abraham said, "You can take whatever you want. You choose." This is what I want to read to you starting in Genesis 13:5, ***And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.*** It's not that he was poor, but he was moving out of want. He had a lot of stuff. Verse 6, ***And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together.*** They both had so much stuff that they couldn't live on the land they had and had to separate. ***7And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.*** ***8And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren.***

We are brothers. Tell me, who has brothers and sisters? Anybody? Do we all? Yes, we do. What about if I don't have your last name? What are you going to do with that? Am I still your sister? Tell me.

Josiah: You are still our sister in the Lord.

Ms. Eubank: In the Lord. It means that if I

OK. ...*as thou comest unto Zoar.* ¹¹*Then Lot chose...* This is what I want you to look at, ...*Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan...* Lot chose himself. He didn't ask. He didn't say, "Lord, where would You like me to go? What would You like me to do?" He, Lot, chose himself.

Now, you can look at that a different way. I choose myself, "I shall get a new dress today. I shall go eat at a very nice restaurant today. I, I, I, I, I, I, I, I. Oh really, you are hungry? Well, that's too bad. You should get a better job. Oh well, moving right along. I, I, I, I, I, I, I." Selfish! It is selfishness. "You want to play with my toy? NO! It's MINE!! Mine, me, me, me, me, my, my, my, I, I, I!" Selfish! When, in the end, what happened to Lot? Who had to go after him to rescue him?

Johanna: Abram.

Ms. Eubank: Abram had to go after him, because Lot was in a total mess and couldn't get out of Sodom. "I, I, I, me, me, me. I'll take this!" Lot chose for himself. He didn't once consider, I believe, what would happen to Abram. He never thought about it. He actually said, "Whatever! Take care of yourself. I'm going over here where it is beautiful and green."

Now, look at the rest of this, ...*and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.* ¹²*Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom.* Sodom: good or bad?

Children: Bad.

Ms. Eubank: Bad! Me, me, me, I, I, I, selfish, selfish, selfish, BAD. Thinking about yourself can only lead to being really lonely. The

Lord does not like selfishness. What did Jesus do on the cross? What did he give on the cross?

Johanna: His Blood. He died for us.

Ms. Eubank: What else? Did he have anything else He could give us?

Johanna: No.

Ms. Eubank: He gave everything. He gave everything! Who is our pattern? Who are we supposed follow?

Josiah: Jesus and God.

Ms. Eubank: OK, so are we supposed to follow the pattern that Jesus has laid down for us? What about all those people on the hillside? They had listened to Jesus preach and were

hungry, weren't they? The disciples would have sent them away. They said, "What are we going to do? We can't feed them all!" What did Jesus do?

Children: Fed them.

Ms. Eubank: He fed them. What did He end up doing?

Josiah: He ended up breaking the bread and fish in half and they all got small pieces.

Ms. Eubank: Then they got full baskets back, didn't they? He fed them. What is our responsibility? Not only to each other in our family, but what about all those people out in the world? Egypt, Sodom, what is going to happen to them?

Josiah: They will get destroyed.

Ms. Eubank: Right. Whose responsibility is that? Are we feet and hands for Jesus? Is He going to run down here and take care of everything? Who is He expecting to help Him out to do the thing He wants us to do?

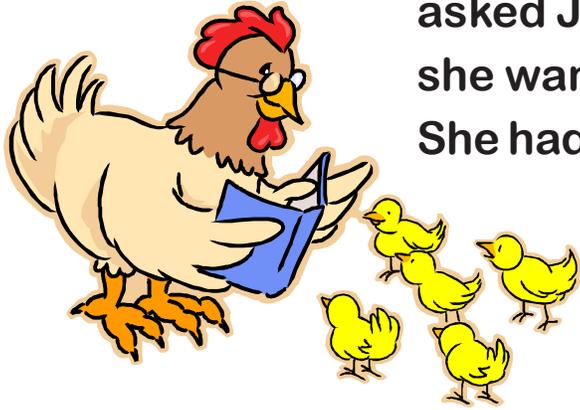
Children: Us.

Ms. Eubank: OK. Now, I have a surprise. I am going to read you a story.

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GIVE ON THE
CROSS? HE GAVE
EVERYTHING!

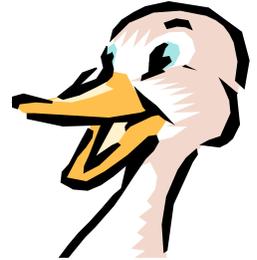
Little Red Hen

Once upon a time there was a Little Red Hen who loved God with all her heart. She had asked Jesus into her heart to be her Lord and she wanted to please Him from the very start. She had three neighbors who were Christians.



Mr. Duck

Hello,
everybody!



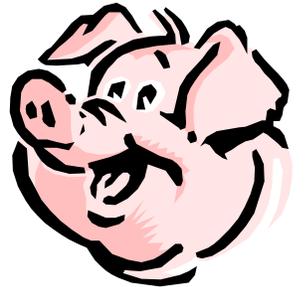
Miss Kitty

Purr, purr!
Meow, meow!



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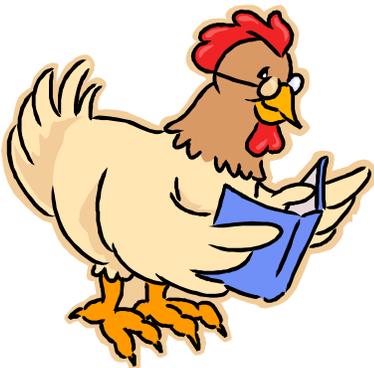
Mr. Pig



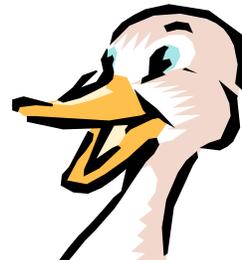
They all went to church and heard the Word, but Little Red Hen **DID** the things God said to do.

Little Red Hen read the Bible every day.

Who would like to read with me?



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taking a trip.



Not I, I am going
to lie down.

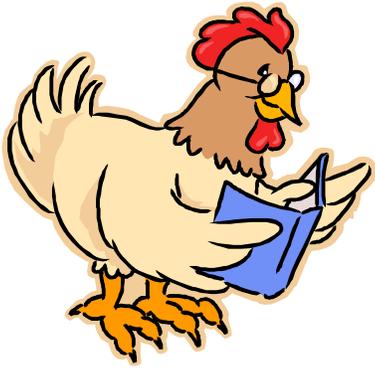


Not I, I'm too
busy! OINK!



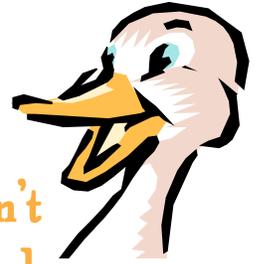
So, she read the Word anyway.

Little Red Hen loved to pray,



Would you like to pray, also?

she asked her friends.

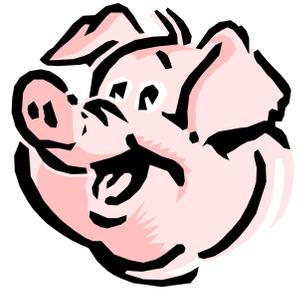


Not I, I don't have a need.

Not I, I have too many kittens to take care of.



OINK! Not I, I'm too busy!

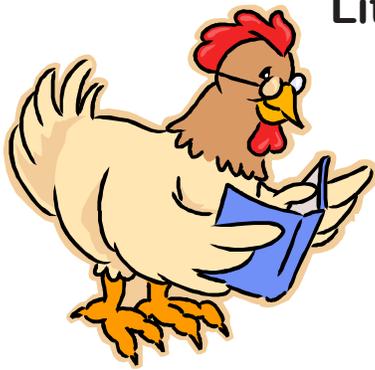


But the Little Red Hen kept on praying.

Little Red Hen was very sad because she knew her friends were missing God's best. They were too lazy to do the Word of God and put it to the test. They were just too lazy to do the Word of God.

There was so much work to be done on the farm. There was planting and harvesting and weeding and hoeing. There was making repairs on a new building.

Little Red Hen asked,



Will you come and help me?

Not I, I don't have a witness in my heart.



Not I, I'm not sure what you're doing is right.



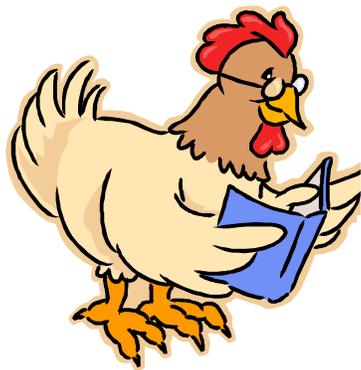
OINK! Not I, I'm too busy!
OINK!



Little Red Hen was sad, because her friends would not help. So it was left to her to do the job.

Little Red Hen knew that the winter snow was coming and her friends would be left outside. But her trust was in the Word and she used her head. She wanted to repair her home with straw to keep it warm and gather lots of food to keep her family fed.

Then Little Red Hen thought of something she could do. “I will help my neighbors prepare their homes,” she thought, “and they can help me prepare mine, too!” Therefore, she asked,



Would you like for me to come and help you prepare your house for the winter? If we work together, it would be much easier.

Not I, I never get cold.



Not I, I'm too old.

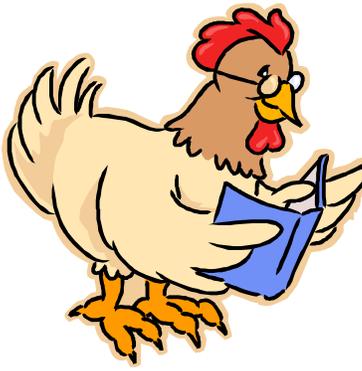


OINK! Not I, I'm too busy! OINK!



So, Little Red Hen went home and did it all by herself.

When winter came, the snow was piled up very high; there was no food to be found. Little Red Hen was warm and cozy in her house and very dry. But, deep inside she felt so sad, because she knew her friends were cold and hungry. She thought of poor Mr. Duck who was getting very old. Then she had a wonderful idea! She ran out into the deep snow and called her neighbors together.



Will you come into my warm house and stay for the winter? I have more than enough room and food for you.



I will!

I will!



OINK!
I will!
OINK!



said Mr. Pig, in his nicest tone of voice.

All winter long Little Red Hen taught her neighbors God's Word. She prayed with them and shared the faith of God as she had heard. After the winter, Mr. Duck, Miss Kitty and Mr. Pig were not lazy Christians anymore. They did all that God's Word said to do. God blessed them and if you are a doer, God will bless you, too.

THE END

Praise the Lord! The Lord is so gracious!

Now, listen, I need you to remember about doing what the Lord tells you to do. Don't be selfish. Don't keep the best for yourselves. If you have a little pull in your heart to go do something, do it. The worst thing that could happen would be that you are wrong and you would have helped somebody out when God didn't tell you to do it. That is the worst thing that could happen. The most wonderful thing that could happen is that you did what the Lord wanted you to do and then he will start talking to you more.

Your memory verse is found in I John 4:20, ***If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?*** So, this week I would really like if you all could memorize I John 4:20. May the Lord bless you.