

God can do everything!

A young girl was waiting after church for her family. The pastor saw her standing around and struck up a conversation. Since the girl had just come from Sunday school, the pastor decided to ask her some questions to determine just what the children were learning there. He said, "Young lady, if you tell me something God can do, I'll give you a big shiny apple." Thoughtfully the little girl replied, "Sir, if you can tell me something God can't do, I'll give you a whole box of apples."



Picking a wife...

In Sunday School, they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, 'Johnny what is the matter?' Little Johnny responded, 'I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.'



The 5%...

God looked down on his creation seeing many who were far from him but some who loved him. God decided to E-mail the 5% who were good to encourage them, to help them keep going. Do you know what that E-mail said?

Oh no, you didn't get one either, huh?

Lesson in Lying

A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17." The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

Where Christ is cherished, family is loved and everyone is family!



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**"I desire to do your will, O God;
your law is within my heart."**

[Psalm 40:8]

**Join us each Sunday
for Worship...**

10:45a.m. Worship & Praise

Just Like Me

Dear Lord, forgive our yielding to temptation;
Forgive our pride, our love of worldly things.
Have mercy on our love of sensual pleasure,
Compassion on the sins that self-love brings.

It must be hard to understand us sometimes;
So very different is your heart and mind.

But wait, I just remembered that you do know
What it's like to be a part of humankind.

You suffered just like we do, and you were tempted.

You lived with us so you could comprehend

The things that we go through each trying day,

So you could give us mercy, and be our friend.

Thank you for compassion and forgiveness;

Thank you for your love and empathy.

Thank you, Lord, for coming down from heaven

To experience life's trials, just like me.

By Joanna Fuchs

Real World Rules!

The following are some rules Bill Gates shared at a high school when he spoke to their graduating class...

1. The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.
2. If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss. They don't have tenure.
3. If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.
4. Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you are. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.
5. Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not. In some schools they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.
6. Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.



Something To Think About...

On one hand, we've the frivolity of St Patrick's Day in March yet on the other, the solemnity of the Lenten season as we prepare for the passion demonstrated by our Lord Jesus as He chose to go to the cross for your sin and mine. How do we balance these emotions in our lives? The writer of Hebrews tells us, "*Let us fix our eyes on Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*" [Hebrews 12:2] That's not to say that Jesus saw the cross with joy, but that He could look past the suffering and shame, the humiliation to the joy of eternity reunited with His Father. He could also find joy in bringing others with Him – all those saved through acceptance of salvation through grace because of the finished work of the cross.

We may enjoy moments of laughter, and we should; we can share times of quiet reflection, recognizing the great gift of life given to us in Jesus – and we must; but let us also look to heaven, to the promise of God given in the work of Jesus so that we can know real joy and have true perspective of our place in Christ.

Rather than looking to the world with its expectations, its disappointments, its way of putting you in your place; look to Jesus and as you do see the worth of a soul paid for in full out of love from the God of the universe. That should bring a smile to your face.

As we journey this month toward Holy Week during this season of Lent, let us reflect on how each experience more fully engages us in the story that shapes and defines our lives.

Most of us seek to go the road of least resistance, to get along with the world around us even though it means compromise to what we know is true, and to be, at the end of the day, content in our circumstances. The example Jesus gives is to step out in faith and to move forward, never wavering though it means a destiny with shame and embarrassment. Spurgeon spoke boldly to Christians who could not bear the shame that comes from the world for following Jesus: "Yet you are a coward. Yes, put it down in English: you are a coward. If anybody called you so you would turn red in the face; and perhaps you are not a coward in reference to any other subject. What a shameful thing it is that while you are bold about everything else you are cowardly about Jesus Christ. Brave for the world and cowardly towards Christ!"

The same promise arising from Christ's rising from the dead, ascending into heaven, and sitting down at the right hand of God speaks of being glorified after our shame (though in a different sense) as true for all who will follow Jesus and not compromise for comfort.

Throughout this month, consider not what you must give up, but what you stand to gain by remaining in Christ and letting Him be your example. Your eternity awaits.

Mark your Calendar...

Sunday March 1st – Communion
Wed March 4, 11, 18 & 25 – 7:15pm Study "*Famous Last Words*" on the book of 2 Timothy
Sat March 28th 10:30 a.m. Special MLHA Council Mtg to discuss receiving Maitland St. Church (London) into MLHA membership
Sun March 29th – Palm Sunday
Fri April 3rd – Walk of Witness 10:30am (Good Friday)
Sun Apr 5th – Communion 8:30am followed by breakfast and then Praise Service & 10:45 am