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David's Devotional A Broken Organ

It was December 24th (*Christmas Eve*), 1818, in the Austrian Alps. A choir depended upon their organ to help them with their singing. This night the organ was broken! They were sure the special presentation they had planned would be a disaster!

Joseph Mohr oversaw the event. There was no way the organ could be repaired in time. Joseph decided to write a song that could be sung without the aid of an organ. He quickly jotted the words down and took them to his organ player, Franz Gruber. Joseph explained the situation to Franz. He asked Franz to compose a simple tune for the song that he had written. That night, the song was sung for the first time.

Karl Mauracher came to repair the organ. He heard about the new song and spread it throughout the Alpine region of Austria, referring to it as "*Tiroler Volkslied*".

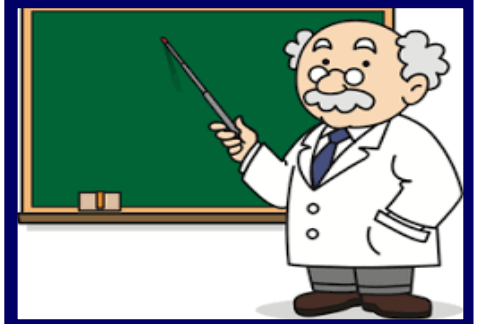
The Strasser Family, makers of fine gloves, learned of the song. When they set up their booths at fairs and festivals, they had their four children sing the song to attract attention. The children - Caroline, Joseph, Andreas, and Amalie - charmed audiences with the new song! It even came to the attention of the King and Queen who asked them to give a royal performance! This assured the fame of the song!

Were it not for a broken organ, "*Silent Night*" may never have been composed!

God can take something broken in our lives and make something good come from it!

He said so, "*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*" **Romans 8:28**

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An Interesting Quote:

"Tell me, and I forget. Teach me, and I remember. Involve me, and I learn."
 Benjamin Franklin

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6

Why does it seem our children are leaving the right path?

Didn't we TELL them what is right?
 Didn't we TEACH them about God, Jesus, and the Church?

Yes we did! Depending on how much we told and taught, they may forget a lot and remember some. But did they really learn? The real question is:

Were they involved? David Conley

Did You Know?

Santa's Reindeer Names

"Now Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Dunder and Blixem!"

Did you notice the last two? Shouldn't those be "*Donner and Blitzen*"? Those names were changed! The original "*Dunder & Blixem*" names were German and mean "*Thunder & Lightning*".

In Exodus Chapters 19 & 20 as well as Revelation Chapters 4, 8, 11 & 16 when God is present there is "*Dunder & Blixem*"!



What Happened?

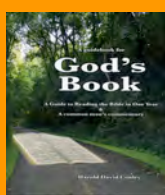
ONE Wedding,
 TWO Funerals, and
 TWO Baptisms.



These events show the joys and the sorrows that exists in this life. Through it all there is so much to be **thankful** for!



Be sure to study and understand Jesus' teaching on Baptism. We will be so thankful we did for it will make a difference between joy and sorrow after this life!



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Once Upon A Time ...

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven"
Ecclesiastes 3:1



Saturday Mornings

Saturday mornings (*when it was too cold or rainy to be outside*)

we watched cartoons!

Some were animations like Bugs Bunny and Super Friends. Others were shows like **Sigmund and the Sea Monsters; The Bugaloos, and H. R. Puf-n-stuf.** Who didn't love Witchiepoo?

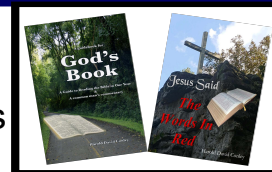
To start the Saturday morning line up was a local show called *"Earline in Storyland"*. She came on right after the station came on (*back then the station signed off at night and signed back on the next morning*). You had to get up very early to see Earline! We did! She dressed in a little girl's dress, talked to the stuffed animals, and told us all a story.

One day while sitting in a waiting room for one of us kids to see a doctor, a lady walked in. She strolled to the receptionist. Daddy nudged me, *"Do you know who that is? It's Earline!"* I couldn't believe it! Earline in Storyland was standing right there! She didn't look exactly like she looked on T.V. (in *"real life"* she was in *"full color"*)! I was delighted! Perhaps, if we waited long enough Witchiepoo would come in!

Solomon said in **Proverbs 20:11** *"Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right."*

Makes me wonder what having a crush on Witchiepoo means? David Conley

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Some Christmas Fun

Unscramble these words associated with the Birth of Christ

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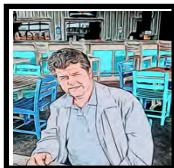
grnema _____

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Find these words in the Puzzle

Mary	Joseph	Jesus	Baby						
wisemen	cattle	Savior	gifts						
M	W	E	Y	X	G	I	C	F	S
A	I	R	M	B	A	A	G	R	C
J	S	J	X	S	A	V	I	O	R
J	E	O	C	T	G	B	R	M	G
S	M	S	M	S	M	A	R	Y	I
J	E	E	U	A	T	Y	J	P	F
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A Funny Thing Happened ...



The preacher just finished preaching. He warmly greeted everyone as they left the building. One of the people said, *"Your sermon was like the Peace of God!"* The heart of the preacher filled with pride! *"In what way?"* the preacher asked. The person replied, *"It passed all understanding!"*

The preacher thought of **Philippians 4:7** *"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."*

There are a lot of things that are beyond our understanding, but that does not mean they can't be helpful or life-changing! The Peace of God is fundamental to our spiritual well-being! This peace only comes from Jesus! **John 14:27** *"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."*