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# Games We Played

Grandson Colton became bored so easily. Kids of today are much more sophisticated than we were at their age. Then again, we were much more active. We played outside more, and played games they never heard of. They were simple games for simple times.

I have heard many kids, including my own grandson, say, "I'm bored!" I have to say that I cannot ever remember being bored when I was a child; I had to work on the farm and when I received a little free time I enjoyed it; free time was cherished. I definitely wasn't bored; I even made up my own games to play and many other ways to entertain myself.

Most of us didn't have television and some didn't even have a phone. I always had a phone as long as I can remember; we were so close to town.

As we talked about growing up and the lifestyle of kids of today, we began to reminisce about the games we played. In the summer, we played Annie Over until it was too dark to see the ball.

When we had enough kids, we'd play Red Rover. (The other night I taught Colton how to play Red Rover and London Bridge), he thought it was so funny; he loved it. We played hopscotch on the sidewalks or the dusty dirt, until dark. Bob lived downtown Winchester and played on the roof top and in the alleys and shoveled snow for businesses in winter. He said he also would use a clothes pin to stick a card or cardboard into the spokes of his bicycle to make it sound like a motorcycle. When he moved to Lynndale Subdivision; he played all the kids games I played, but basketball won him over as he got older.

At school the girls and I jumped rope or played bridge with the jump rope. Really good jumpers could run into and out of two ropes that were being turned at the same time, and they could keep jumping without missing a step. I wasn't good at that style of jump rope but I did love bridge where you kept jumping over the rope and each time it was raised higher each time until everyone was out.

I remember singing and jumping rope with singsong chants that included the name of the jumper. These chants went something like this:

*Down in the valley  
Where the green grass grows,  
There sat \_\_\_\_\_,  
Sweet as a rose.  
She sings so high,  
She sings so sweet,  
And along came \_\_\_\_\_,  
And kissed her on the cheek!  
How many kisses did he give her?.....*

Then we'd all begin counting...until the jumper missed a step and was "out." Another favorite went like this:

*Here comes \_\_\_\_\_!  
Dressed in yellow...  
Went upstairs to kiss her fella...  
Made a mistake and kissed a snake! How many doctors did it take?...*

Then the counting began

again. We were making last-walk and playground game, that boys usually played and girls played jacks.

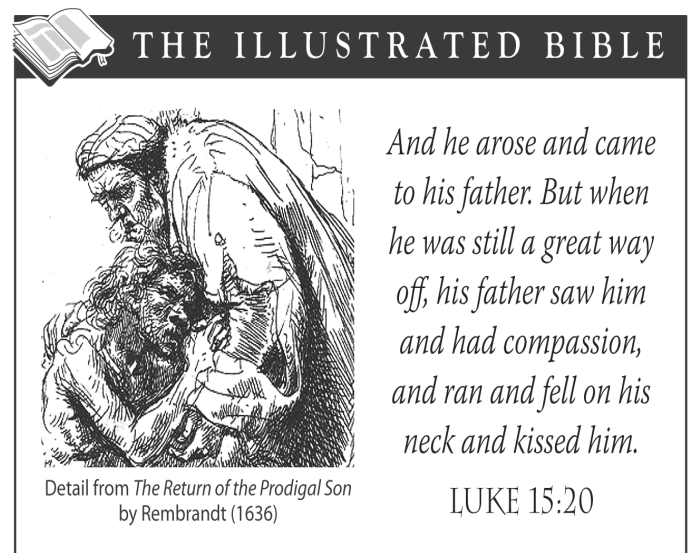
We also played Crack the Whip, but it seemed someone always wound up falling down on the end and wound up with bruises and skinned knees. We'd find any type of small can and create noise makers by putting rocks in it and shaking it that drove our moms crazy.

In the winter we would make snow angels, sleigh ride and ice skate, throw snowballs and end up in a snow ball fight. When it was too late to play outside we would make shadows on the wall with our hands. The rabbit was easy, or a horse or a dog but some of the others were too difficult.

We built tree houses and play houses using discarded material and swung from grapevines in the woods or from the river bank.

No, we did not have the electronic and digital sophisticated games kids have today. But we used our imagination to make up for it.

Will today's games create memories for this generation of kids as our childhood pastimes did for us? Bob and I both agree that we would not trade our memories of our youth for anything in the world!



Detail from *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Rembrandt (1636)

*And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.*

LUKE 15:20

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## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Shiprah in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Jonah 3, what "people of" showed they were repenting by proclaiming a fast and wearing sackcloth? Carhemish, Nineveh, Larsa, Harran
3. Which book may be

summarized as, "God will hold us accountable for all our actions"? Obadiah, Micah, Zephaniah, Zechariah

4. In 2 Chronicles, from what type tree did Solomon make harps and stringed instruments? Fig, Cypress, Cedar, Algum

5. From Ecclesiastes 3, there is a time to be born, and a time to ...? Live, Eat, Die, Praise

6. Belteshazzar is better known as? Satan, Daniel, James, Goliath

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## Is The Devil Winning?

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Just this past week as I was conversing with two fellow preachers, and as we discussed the religious condition of our country, we all arrived at the same conclusion. And it was determined by quoted scriptures that our Lord surely must not tarry in sending Jesus back to the judge us all. It was noted that a great majority of people are no longer interested in hearing or obeying what our Lord has said. It was said by Solomon in **Proverbs 21:29**: "That a wicked man hardeneth his face," and in **Proverbs 29:14**: "He that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief." This is a terrible condition in which one chooses to live. In **Romans 2:5** Paul wrote: "But after thy hardness and impenitent heart, treasureth up to thyself wrath against the day of wrath, and revelation of the righteous judgment of God." Then the writer of **Hebrews 3:13** says, "But exhort one another daily, while it is called today, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." The example given in this same chapter tells how that all the people who came with Moses out of Egypt persisted during the forty years in their wilderness of Sinai. Yes, everyone that was 20 years old and older never saw the promised land. The writer says that they provoked God to move against them, because they heard, yet were unwilling to believe and obey. I personally believe that mankind is in this same condition today. Perhaps even more so.

Will our Lord continue to tolerate this situation of disobedience? If he does, then the Old and New Testament examples are untrue. But of course they are not untrue. In **Hebrews 2:2-3** it says: "For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward, how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation, which at the first was spoken unto us by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them which heard us." So then can one enter Heaven who rejects the message of Him who came to save us? **Acts 4:12** plainly declares "that there is no salvation in any other, for there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

In closing, I feel compelled to say this: you may choose to ignore our Saviour if you desire to do so, but this you must hear, there is coming a day in the which you will not be able to do so. **Revelations 1:7** says when Jesus comes every eye shall see Him, especially the ones who crucified Him, along with all the inhabitants of this earth, but notice, it will be a long day of weeping, wailing, praying, begging, bowing of the knees, all to no avail. **Romans 14:11-12** endorses this also, saying that all will give an accounting unto the Lord that day.

What will you do? If you have not settled your account before that day?

Call or visit with us this next Lord's Day.

Sincerely, Bob Casey (859) 369-4165

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No matter how many years I went to school or how many tests I took, nothing was more disappointing or discouraging than to be reminded that my answers did not agree with the teacher's questions. Whenever there was a disagreement, I had to defer to the teacher's wisdom, knowledge and learning.

And when David asked God for the answer to "Life's Ultimate Question" God responded by giving him a simple, straightforward, easy-to-understand answer: "The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart." God's words to David address our walk, our work and our talk - which cov-

ers every aspect of our lives.

To walk blamelessly requires us to live and walk in God's path by being obedient to God's rules and regulations. His Word is not open to our interpretation nor do we have the right to pick and chose what we will or will not do. If He said it, we are to obey it and do it!

To do what is righteous requires that we are to behave - to live our lives - in ways that are consistent with the character of God. Our God is a loving God, a holy God and a saving and serving God. Righteousness goes far beyond piety because one can be pious and not do God's work in His world.

To speak the truth from our hearts means that our walk and our talk are consistent and conform to God's Word and come from the very center of our being.

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