

## INTRODUCTION TO THE COLLECTION

These stories are about children and how they practiced in their lives, their understanding of the simple truths that are found in the *King James Bible*, and *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, by Mary Baker Eddy. They were adapted from articles that appeared in the very early Sentinels. In each story, it will be noted that the child had the basic understanding of some essential truths. Some of these truths were that God is Love; God is everywhere; God created everything and made it good; and that error is a lie that God never made.

The demonstrations made by the children in the stories were grounded in their trust that God was their Father-Mother, Love; and Love was there taking care of them.

Whether you read the story to your children or your grandchildren, or they are able to read it themselves, the value of these stories is in the discussion of the truths that were brought out. Because of this, the parent or grandparent might become familiar with the story before it is shared with the child. In this way, if a problem surfaces with the child in the area of schoolwork, family pets, illness or getting along with others, locating a story that addresses that problem, might be of value.

These suggestions about the stories are in no way directions as to how to best use them. It will be up to parents or grandparents to decide what constitutes the most desirable approach for their child.

My hope for the stories is that they will give children examples of how other children relied on verses from the Old and New Testaments, and from the Truths found in *Science and Health* to help them in their daily lives.

Bible references in the stories, shown in italics, were taken from the *King James Bible*. References to *Science and Health* have been abbreviated, put in italics, and also have been stated without adding “*with Key to the Scriptures*, by Mary Baker Eddy”, due to the limited available space in the stories.

An article has been included just for parents and grandparents. It is called “Teaching Children to Heal,” and it can be found on the next page.

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*S&H 236: 23-27 “Parents should teach their children at the earliest possible period the truths of health and holiness. Children are more tractable than adults, and learn more readily to love the simple verities that will make them happy and good.”*



Margaret Marshall