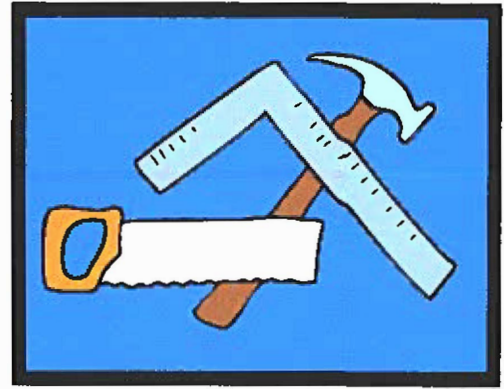


The Tool Chest

Justin got a new tool chest for his birthday. In the chest was a hammer, a saw, and many other shiny new tools. His dad gave him some boards and with a little help, he was able to build a neat wooden box. Justin loved the tools, and he looked forward to making many new things.



One day, Justin's mother needed to go to the grocery store. Justin stayed at home with his older sister Megan. He decided that he wanted to make some popcorn. Megan was upstairs working on the computer so he didn't want to bother her. He had watched his mother make popcorn many times. The microwave in his kitchen had a key that had the name "popcorn" on it. All he had to do was put the bag in the oven, push the button and it would make a perfect bag of popcorn.

When the buzzer sounded on the microwave, Justin took out the popcorn. He pulled open the bag and the steam rushed out and burned his fingers. His fingers hurt so badly that he forgot to know the truths that he had learned in Sunday school. The more he thought about his fingers, the worse they hurt. When his mother came home he was crying.

His mother put her arm around him and they sat down at the kitchen table. She told him that she knew how much Justin loved his tools in his tool chest. So she said that maybe they could make a mental tool chest that had tools in that could help him. Some of the tools that Jesus gave us that help people are the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and the Lord's Prayer. They could be called the "truth tools." Justin said that he wanted to use the Lord's Prayer as his "truth tool."

So Justin and his mother began to repeat each part of the prayer. Mother also added the spiritual interpretation of the prayer that Mary Baker Eddy wrote. As each part was said, they thought of all the ways that it told Justin about his relationship to God, and God's love and care for him as his perfect child. When they got to the last line, Justin could not say it because he was sound asleep. All the pain had left his thinking and when it did, the pain left his fingers also. The next morning when he woke up, his fingers were completely healed.

Justin and his mother were very grateful to Christ Jesus for giving them the Lord's Prayer, which was a wonderful healing tool in Justin's toolbox of truths. They were also grateful for Mary Baker Eddy's spiritual interpretation of the prayer that helped them understand its meaning.

Matthew 6:6 "When thou prayest, enter into the closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

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