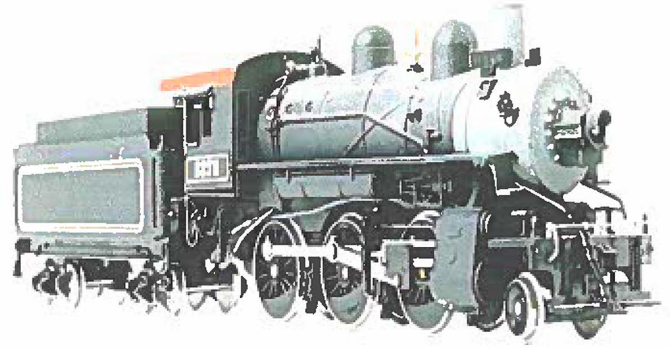


It Was Just Error Telling Lies

Ethan was a boy who learned through Christian Science that God is Love, and that He heals all our diseases. Every night when his mother put him to bed he said the Evening Prayer for little children by Mary Baker Eddy that his mother had taught him. He also would say the Lord's Prayer.



One day, Ethan's Grandmother asked him if he would like to go with her to visit his cousin, John. Ethan was very happy to go. It was to be his first trip without his parents. He just couldn't wait to see his cousin. Finally, the morning came and Grandma and Ethan left on their journey.

When they got to John's house, Ethan was so happy to see his cousin that he gave him a big hug. Now Ethan and John loved each other, but neither of them had any sisters or brothers to play with, and they were both used to having their own playthings. Before long, the boys wanted to play with the same toy, but neither of them wanted to give it up. Grandmother and John's mother tried to tell the boys that they must share things. John said that he would share, but Ethan said that he didn't want to share.

When it came time to go home, Ethan was coughing a lot. He said that he felt sick, but Grandmother knew that he was under God's protection. During the first part of the trip home, Ethan did not seem any better. Then Grandmother asked Ethan if he knew what was making him feel bad. Ethan said that that it was just error telling lies.

Ethan knew that God did not make error because he only made good things. And error didn't have any power because God didn't make it. He also knew that he belonged to God, and God was always taking care of him.

Both Grandma and Ethan knew that if God did not make the cold, Ethan could not have it, for he could not have anything that wasn't like God who was all good. Also, Grandma told Ethan that he had not been very loving toward John when he wouldn't share with him. She said that since he was God's image, wanting to give to others was something that he reflected from God. Ethan was happy that Grandma had explained that to him. The rest of the trip was a happy time, and there was no more coughing.

A couple of months later, John came to visit Ethan. When it was time for John to go home, Ethan asked his mom if he could give his favorite toy train to John. His mom said that he could. His parents were so happy that Ethan had learned that selfishness is just error telling a lie. By sharing with John he proved that he reflected God's Love in the loving thing that he did.

Prayer for children by Mary Baker Eddy, "Father-Mother God, loving me, guard me when I sleep; guide my little feet up to thee."

Acts 20: 35 "remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Psalms 46: 1,2 "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear,"