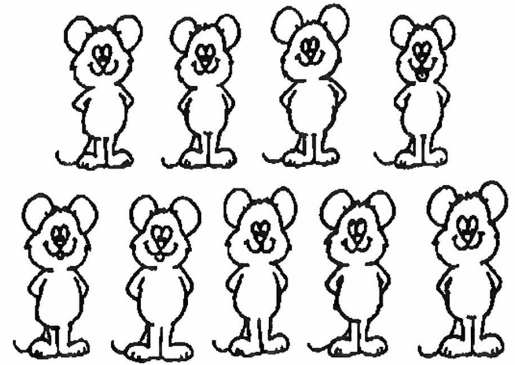


Drawing Math Pictures

When Michael was in the first grade, his favorite subject was math. He liked to do the problems and usually got all of them right. Then when he got to second grade, math was not the same. His teacher asked him to draw little mice, dogs, or kittens to show the math problem. Three mice plus six mice equals nine mice. Some of the children drew funny looking animals and didn't really care how their papers looked. But Michael wanted his paper to be nice and neat. He tried and tried, but he couldn't draw mice to look the way they should. He kept erasing what he drew, until his paper was so wrinkled and dirty that he couldn't turn it in.



The next day, the same thing happened, and again the next day. Michael became very unhappy because he was so far behind in his work. He began to listen to error until he believed that he couldn't do the math lessons at all. He forgot to ask God to help him. The teacher told him that he had to make up all the lessons that he hadn't turned in or he would get a bad grade.

The next morning, when it was time to go to school, Michael didn't want to go. He was sure that he could not do all those papers. He felt so bad that he began to cry. He told his mother all about what had happened. His mother told him that Mary Baker Eddy said that we can do whatever is right for us to do because we know that we reflect God, who is Mind.

So when he had trouble doing his schoolwork, he must stop listening to error telling him that he couldn't do it. Instead, he was just to stop, put his pencil down for a minute, and talk to God about it. He was to begin knowing that he was God's reflection and that he reflected intelligence from God as Mind. He was then to be very confident that God would show him how to do his work right. Michael felt much better. He promised his mother that he would listen to God all day instead of listening to error and off to school he went.

That afternoon, Mother stopped at the school. She wanted to see if she could bring home the math papers so Michael could complete all the ones he didn't do. As she was going into school, she saw Michael outside on the playground. When he saw his mother, he ran over to her. He was so excited to tell her that he had finished all the work that morning. He said that he had done just what she had told him to do. He put down his pencil and asked God to show him how to finish it. God did.

When Michael was in bed that night saying his prayers, he remembered to thank God for His help with the math papers. His mother said that she was thankful that Michael had learned how to demonstrate that God is always near and ready to help us.

Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find."

S&H 254:10 "When we wait patiently on God and seek Truth righteously He directs our path."

S&H 330: 9 "God is infinite, the only Life, substance, Spirit, or Soul, the only intelligence of the universe, including man."