

Safe With God at Summer Camp

Amanda was spending her first summer at camp, many miles from home. One sunny morning, she was feeling very sorry for herself because her ears hurt. She could not hear when the other girls spoke to her so she went to her cabin where she could be alone. She began to cry. She wished her mother could be there to help her. Since she had been raised in

Christian Science, she knew that she could always turn to God for help. She prayed aloud and said, "Dear God, please tell me what to do."

Quickly, Amanda decided that she would write to her mother and ask her to know the truth for her about her ears. She found writing paper and a pen. She told her mother how the camp nurse had said that the children were getting something in their ears when they swam in the lake. Some of the girls had already gone home. Those who stayed had been given medicine. Amanda knew that her medicine was Mind so she did not want to take any medicine from the nurse.

She was ready to seal the envelope when she remembered that even if she sent the letter, it would take two days before her mother could answer it. If she asked her Father-Mother God to make her well, He would answer right away by healing her. Suddenly a message came to her from the Bible. It was a verse that told her that God is always available. Even before we call on him, he will answer us.

She decided that it was time to turn to God. She went to her bed and got out her books. She began reading the weekly lesson from the Bible and *Science and Health*. Everything that she read in the lesson about God and man's relationship to him, she would say it was also true about her. Then she closed her eyes and repeated the Lord's Prayer. Afterwards she gave thanks that God, Love, was right there caring for her and keeping her safe.

At the very instant that she finished saying the prayer, she realized that the pain was entirely gone and she felt like her usual happy self. She then added a P.S. to her letter to her mother and it said, "God has saved me. My ears don't hurt any more and everything is all right." Then she sealed and stamped the envelope. Out the door she went and down the path. She skipped to the camp's mailbox, singing as she went along.

Amanda was so happy because she had learned how to do her own praying. She knew that wherever she was, she could know the truth. As Christ, Jesus promised, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."



Isaiah 65:24 "It shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."

S&H 453: "A Christian Scientist's medicine is Mind, the divine Truth that makes man free."