

Seeing Our Friends as God's Children

It was the first day of school and the children happily went through the open doors and into their new classrooms. They were looking forward to learning new things, to meeting their old friends, and to making some new ones.

Kimberly liked her school and her many friends. She had one best friend. Her name was Holly. They had both been in the same room last year and had sat near each other. Kimberly was so excited when she went into her new room and saw Holly sitting at a desk. She immediately went to where she was, gave her a hug, and sat at the desk directly behind her.

The first two days of school were very busy for Kimberly as she was getting to know where everything was in her new room. But then things started going wrong. Holly kept turning around, putting her arm on Kimberly's desk, and pushing her papers and books. Sometimes, the papers and books fell on the floor. At first, Kimberly thought that she could get Holly to stop by poking her pencil into Holly's back, but this only made Holly angry. It continued to get worse because Holly started poking her pencil at Kimberly.

Finally, Kimberly knew that she needed to turn to God for help. She began to know the truth. The truth was, that since God is Love, no child of His can do something that is unloving to another child. God made all His children perfect, in His own image and likeness. That included Holly, as well as herself. Kimberly knew that she needed to see Holly as that perfect child, which she began to do right away.

It seemed only a moment before Holly stopped coming at Kimberly with her pencil. She turned around and sat quietly at her desk for a little bit. Then, she turned back around to Kimberly and said that she was sorry that she got mad, and that she would stop pushing around the things on Kimberly's desk. When it was time for recess, they both had a great time playing on the jungle bars and jumping rope together.

When Kimberly got home and told her mother what had happened, Mother was happy that she had shared that with her because she also had been having a problem with a friend of hers. Hearing how Kimberly had taken care of her problem with the truth, Mother realized now that she had been forgetting to reflect God and was trying to solve the problem without God's help. Mother was very happy to hear that Kimberly had turned immediately to God. She had proved for herself that God is always there for her. She just needed to stop believing in anything that wasn't good.



Genesis 1:27 "God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him."

S&H 340:23 "One infinite God, good, unifies man and nations; constitutes the brother hood of man; ends wars; fulfils the Scripture, "Love thy neighbor as thyself;"