

Spelling Class Without Fear

Robbie had just begun second grade. This was the year he would begin a class called Spelling. Until now, none of the new things that Robbie had to learn seemed very hard, but this new class did.

Every night after dinner, Robbie studied the words for the next day. Each morning before he went to school, his mother would ask him the words and he would spell each word correctly. But when the spelling time arrived at school, Robbie would become afraid and he could not remember how to spell the words. He would miss many words and he did not get a very good grade.

One morning, the teacher told the class that the next day they would have a spelling test that would include all the words they had been given so far. Robbie studied very hard that night and he was sure that he knew how to spell all the words. But when the test time came the next day, he had the same problem of not being able to remember how to spell the words.

It wasn't until Robbie got his first report card did he find out that he was given an "F" in spelling. When Mother saw the report card, she knew it was time to have a talk with Robbie about the problem. "Isn't error trying to come into your thinking and make you unhappy?" asked Mother. "And it looks like the error is calling itself fear. Mary Baker Eddy tells us in the "Scientific Statement of Being" that God is intelligence, and we as his children have that intelligence, too. Therefore, Robbie, you must express that intelligence, and there is no power that can make you forget. As God's child you can never forget anything, and that includes spelling words."

Robbie sat quietly thinking about what Mother had said. He knew that what she said was true. He said that he would always try to think about having all his intelligence from God, so he did not need to be afraid.

The next day, when it was time for the spelling class, instead of being very afraid, Robbie felt free and happy. Just before the teacher gave the class the words to spell, he thought, "God is my intelligence, so I am not afraid." It was the first spelling test that Robbie got them all right. Not only the first week, but also every week after that, all his spelling papers were marked 100%. When Robbie got his next report card, he was so happy to find an "A" in spelling. He told his mother that he had proved that fear, or error, had no power because God, good, is the only power.



S&H 468: "There is no life, truth, intelligence nor substance in matter. All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation for God is all in all."