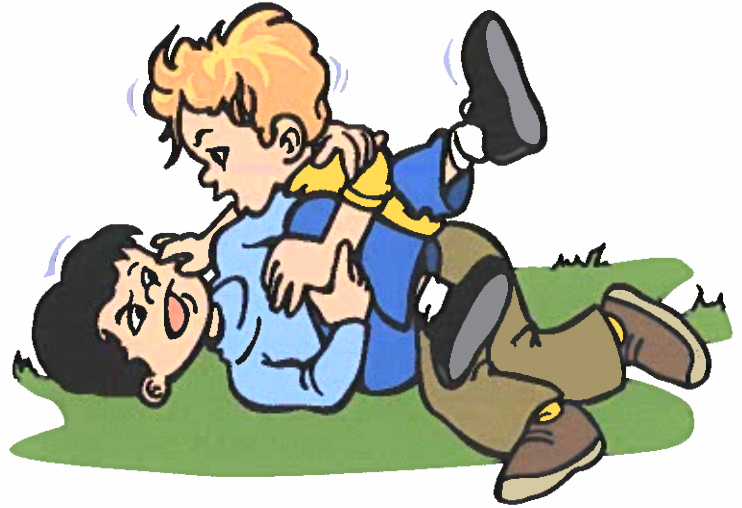


“And Love Is Reflected in Love”

Jeffrey learned many things from the Bible. He had already learned to say the Ten Commandments, the Lord’s Prayer, with its spiritual interpretation, and he was learning to say the Beatitudes. But most important of all he was learning how to use the truths that all of these were teaching him. He learned that good was always present every day, and that he could turn away from error’s lies to the truth and help himself and others.



Jeffrey loved playing with his friends who lived near him, especially his friend Mark. Mark was Jeffrey’s closest neighbor and the two boys had great fun playing in each other’s yards. Then the time came for them to start back to school after the summer vacation. All went well the first couple of weeks, and then all of a sudden the boys started to fight and argue. Their mothers had to take them to school and pick them up after school just to keep them from fighting. The mothers tried to get the boys to make peace, but they wouldn’t listen.

One morning, Jeffrey woke up with a very ugly skin rash all over his face and on parts of his body. He and his mother knew that they must pray at once as they had been taught to do in Christian Science. They knew that this error could not be from God; so it could not be true.

Mother told Jeffrey that he had learned that God loves all His children, and that all of His children reflect that Love by loving each other. She said that Jeffrey had been letting error tell him that he did not love Mark, and that this same error was telling Mark that he did not love Jeffrey. But the error could not be true, because both the boys were really God’s children. Then Jeffrey’s mother told him, “Remember that the Lord’s Prayer tells us that we should forgive our debtors. And then Mrs. Eddy tells us that forgiving our debtors means, ‘And Love is reflected in love.’”

As they continued to know the truth, both Mother and Jeffrey felt a great sense of love. Soon Jeffrey decided that he wanted to go and find Mark to see if he wanted to play. From that moment on, there was no more fighting between the boys. Also, the skin condition went away. Every bit of ugly error was gone. It was great to learn how to say “No” to error and “Yes” to Love. Jeffrey was also happy that it helped him to know God better.

*Hymn No. 374: We thank Thee and we bless Thee,
O Lord of all above,
That now Thy children know Thee
As everlasting Love.*