

Teasing Can Be Healed

Susan loved school and all the boys and girls in her class. But one day, things began to change. The girls in her class began teasing her. No matter what Susan did, they would have something to say about it. If she went to the library corner to get a book, they would make fun of the book she had picked to read. If she went to the bathroom, they would tell the teacher that she just went there to play. This unkind teasing went on all day. Susan did not get angry with the girls because she had been told in Sunday school that she could wrap herself up in Love, and then hateful things couldn't get at her. This really helped, but she knew that it was time that the teasing stopped.

Susan decided that she had better turn to God for help, and that is what she did. She remembered that Christ Jesus tells us that we need to pray for people that are unkind to us. She could do that.

Since God, Love had created everyone and everything, she could know that each one of the girls, as God's perfect child, was loving and not mean. All the girls could ever feel was God's Love for them, so they couldn't do anything else but love.

From then on, until it was almost time to go home, every time the girls were unkind to her she knew the truth about them as God's perfect, loving children. Before the bell rang to leave the school, every child who had teased Susan came to her and told her that they were sorry for what they had done. They also hugged her, and told her that they really liked her and would never tease her again. Susan told them that she forgave them. In her heart, she knew that she had already forgiven them in her thinking.

When she got home, she told her mother what had happened and how she had prayed for the girls. Mother was so happy to hear that Susan had turned to God for help. She asked Susan which of the Ten Commandments tells us how to behave when people do unkind things to us. Susan said that it must be, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor" because it tells us that we should see only God's perfect child who is kind, obedient, truthful, and loving. Susan was so happy because she had proved for herself that God is Love and that Love is all there is.



*S&H 571: "Clad in the panoply of Love, human hatred cannot reach you."
Matthew 5:44 "Pray for them which despitefully use you."*