

Math is no Problem

Judy brushed her hair in front of the mirror. It was time to leave for school, but she did not want to go. "Oh, Mother, do I have to go to school today?" she asked. Mother helped her put on her coat. "Why, of course you have to go to school," she answered. "But I don't want to go. We'll have math again, and I can't do it!" said Judy.

Judy liked the grade she was in. It gave her many things to learn and study. She liked reading; she liked drawing and painting; she liked spelling and handwriting; but she didn't understand math. "When the teacher explains, I just don't understand," she complained.

Mother thought for a moment and then asked, "Why don't you ask God to help you?" "But," said Judy, "that would mean that God would have to be at school with me. I know he is here at home with me because I talk to him, and I feel safe here. How can God be here and at school? How does he move around to different places?"

Mother laughed at all the questions, but she knew the answer for all of them. She told Susan, "God is everywhere. He is the Mind that gives you and everyone good thoughts. So if God is everywhere, He doesn't need to move around to different places. He is already at school because you are there. He is wherever you are. He gives you good thoughts, and if you listen to what these thoughts tell you, then you can use them."

"Now, does this mean that if I can't do my math, that God will give me the thoughts that I need to do it?" Susan asked.

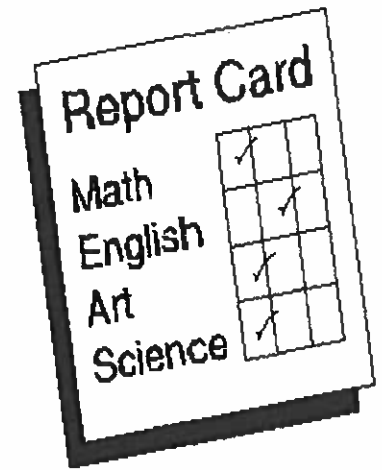
"Yes," said Mother, "you will have the thoughts that you need to do the math if you are still and listen to God."

Judy ran to the kitchen and got her lunch box. As she waved good-bye to Mother, she felt much happier about going to school. She would try not to be afraid that she could not do her math. She would listen quietly for God to help her.

At first it was not easy for Judy to be unafraid when she received bad grades on her math papers. But, little by little she learned to tell the thoughts to be quiet, since they were not from God. She knew that they were not from God because all they said were things that made her afraid. And when she began to listen quietly for God's thoughts, her math grades improved.

Finally, the day came when the report cards were passed out in school. Walking home with her friend Beth, she opened the envelope. How surprised she was to find all good grades. And in math she got one of her best grades!

Judy ran home as fast as she could to tell Mother the news. Not only had she received good grades, but she had learned to listen to thoughts from God, instead thoughts of fear. She had learned that God is with us all the time, everywhere we go. He is there to help us in all that we do.



John 8:28 "I do nothing of myself."

S&H 254: "When we wait patiently on God and seek Truth righteously, He directs our path."