

Ricky and the Winding Mountain Road

Ricky loved to go to the beach. Each summer, he looked forward to visiting his friends who were staying there. But to get to the beach, he and his family had to drive over a steep and winding mountain road. Ricky began to be afraid of this road because on each trip, his stomach ached and he felt sick. Sometimes his mother and dad would have to stop the car to let him out until he felt better.



One summer, Ricky and his family were again invited for a day at the beach. This time, his mother told him that there was no need to be afraid or sick on the way over the mountain. She reminded him that he was God's child. And since God is all-powerful and was with Ricky all the time, then no lie about being carsick could have any power over him. A lie has to have someone to believe it. If Rick didn't believe the lie, it would go away.

Mother found a sentence in *Science and Health* that she put on a paper and then put it on Ricky's bulletin board. The sentence said, "In infinite Life and Love, there is no sickness, sin, nor death, and the Scriptures declare that we live, move, and have our being in the infinite God." Mother explained that infinite means that something has no limits. And since God is infinite, then there is no limit to His care for Ricky.

Reading the sentence every day helped Ricky feel that since it said that we lived and moved in God, then the car movement was not a bad thing that could make him sick. No movement could move him away from good—from God's care.

When the day arrived for them to go to the beach, his mother could see that he was still a little fearful of making the trip. She reminded Ricky that God was with him and He would make Ricky strong and full of courage.

Ricky was very quiet as the trip began; but when he realized that he wasn't sick and wasn't going to be, he began to talk and laugh with his sister in the car.

Instead of being unhappy, he had a wonderful day playing in the sand and water. On the way home, he never even thought about being afraid.

That night, when his mother came to say good night, they talked about how they had proved God's care for His children, which included Ricky and everyone. Ricky was so happy to see that old lie of carsickness disappear because it was never real in the first place, and he certainly was never going to believe it again.

Joshua 1:9 "Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee wither-soever thou goest."