

The Gratitude Game

Two sisters, Carol and Jane, often sang hymns from the Christian Science Hymnal. They were also memorizing many verses from the Bible.

One day, the sisters were worried about their mother. She went to bed because she said that she was very tired and didn't feel well. Carol and Jane wanted to help Mother, so they asked her what they could do for her. She told them that they could help by picking up things in their room.

They had left some toys lying around, and they had not hung up their school clothes. Carol told Mother that she was sorry that they had been careless. So she and Jane went quickly to their room and put the things away. When they finished, Jane asked Carol if she would read her a story. Carol said that she would be glad to read to Jane, but first she

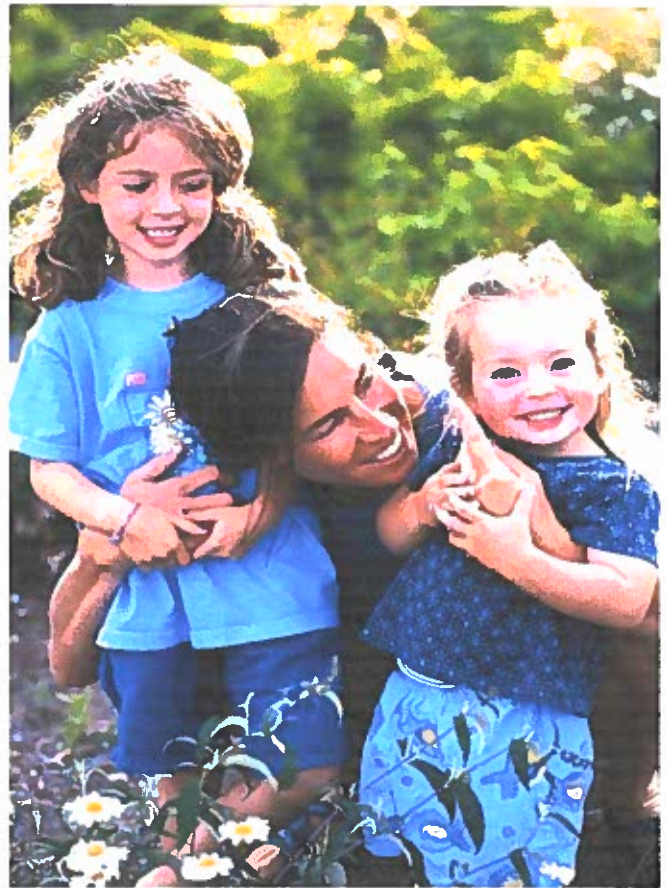
wanted to ask God to help her find something that would help their mother. Then she had an idea. She told Jane that they should get Mother to play the "gratitude game."

The girls ran to their mother and sat on the edge of her bed. They asked her if she would play a game with them. It was called the "gratitude game," and each one was to tell something for which she was grateful.

They all took turns naming things for which they were thankful. Carol said she was grateful to God for all her friends and her school. Jane said she was grateful to God for her toys, her dog, her mother, and her big sister. Mother said that she was grateful to God for having such beautiful daughters to love, and who loved her. They all thanked God for Christian Science, which was showing them about God's love for them, and how each of them was God's perfect child.

Soon, Mother didn't feel tired anymore; so there was no need for her to stay in bed. She got up and finished all the work that she had planned to do that day. She also had time to read a story to the girls, something that they all really enjoyed.

The last thing that they were all grateful for was Mother's healing.



*Psalms 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."
Hymn #3 "A grateful heart a garden is, where there is always room for every
lovely, Godlike grace to come to perfect bloom."*