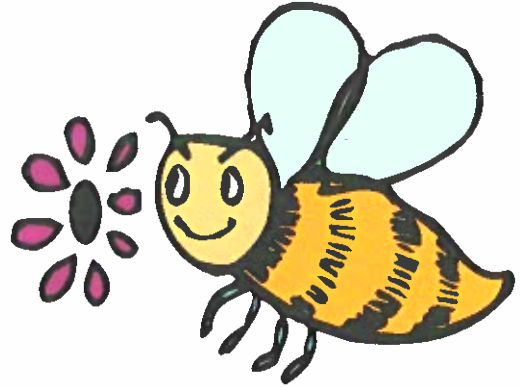


“We Love You Bee”

Bobby was five years old and his little sister, Jan, was three. They lived with their mother and daddy on a fruit farm near some beautiful mountains. There wasn't a church where they lived so Mother read Bible stories to the children. One of their favorites was the story of Daniel in the Lions' Den.



Now the farm where they lived was a wonderful place. There were horses to pull wagons, cows to give milk, and hens that laid eggs. And there was a big orchard with pink blossoms covering the trees in the spring. Later in the summer, juicy red peaches appeared. But because of the pretty flowers and the sweet fruit, there were always many bees buzzing around.

One day, Daddy found that a large family of bees had moved into the children's playhouse. This made Daddy very fearful. So he told Mother he would get rid of them because he was afraid that Bobby and Jan would be stung.

However, Mother saw that getting rid of the bees would be teaching the children to fear and not like bees. She wanted to teach the children the truth about God's protection. She sat down with Bobby and Jan and began reading the story of Daniel and how he felt safe in the lion's den because Love was there taking care of him. She asked the children, "If God, Love could control the lions, wouldn't He also be able to control everything on our farm. including the bees in your playhouse?" Bobby said that he and Jan could be just as safe as Daniel was. Both the children understood that there was nothing to fear from the bees because God would not make anything that could hurt them.

After that, the children always entered the playhouse quietly, and they would say: "Good morning, bees. We are happy to share our playhouse with you." Sometimes a bee would land on Bobby's arm or on Jan's face, but they were not afraid. The children would say, "We love you bee," and go right on playing. Pretty soon the bee would fly away. All summer long not a single bee stung anyone.

When it got colder and the bees were not flying around any more, Daddy moved them carefully into a new white hive out in the orchard. Their new home would be much more pleasant than the playhouse, and they would be closer to the blossoms when spring came around again.

From then on, Bobby and Jan could see very clearly why Daniel had felt safe in the den with the hungry lions. They too had proved that they were under God's protecting love, just like Daniel.

S&H 514: "Understanding the control which Love held over all, Daniel felt safe in the lions' den."

S&H 514: "All of God's creatures, moving in the harmony of Science, are harmless, useful, indestructible."