

## Wrinkles and the Tangled Yarn



Jessie was a little girl who lived on a big farm in the country. Hannah, her older cousin, lived next door to her. They often played together and were the very best of friends. But there was something about their playing together that didn't seem right to Jessie. It seemed that when they played together, it always ended in them fighting about something. Then Hannah would get angry with Jessie and go home. Jessie had learned at Sunday school that any error, like quarreling and fighting, was not made by God and didn't have a place in her life. But she didn't know how to get rid of them.

Living on a farm as Jessie did, she had live animals for friends and pets, too. There was Copper the horse, Mollie the Jersey cow, and best of all was her puppy, Wrinkles. Jessie called her Wrinkles because of all the extra skin she had to grow into when she got bigger. Jessie loved Wrinkles very much and the two of them went everywhere together. One day, Jessie's mother was knitting a sweater out on the porch couch. Jessie was sitting next to her and Wrinkles was on Jessie's lap. It was then that Hannah showed up and wanted to play a game in the yard. At that same time, the phone rang and mother had to go into the house to answer it. The girls began playing the game, but it wasn't long before they started to fight. Jessie said Hannah was cheating. Hannah called Jessie a big baby and left for home. Mother heard the arguing and came out on the porch. Both she and Jessie looked at the couch at the same time because there was something different going on there. Wrinkles was lying there, all tangled up in a great big ball of red yarn. Both Mother and Jessie laughed at how funny she looked as she peeked at them between the pieces of yarn.

As mother began untangling Wrinkles from the yarn, she began talking to Jessie about how she might begin untangling the problem between her and Hannah. Mother told her that if the quarreling was to stop between them, Jessie would need to want to stop it. Jessie would need to turn to God and find out what was true. What was true about both Hannah and Jessie was that they were really God's perfect children, and they reflected the one Mind, which is Love. Jessie agreed that she would begin to work on the problem in just that way in her thinking.

The next day, when Jessie and Hannah were playing together, they began to have a little tangled up problem. It was about who should have the first ride on the new bicycle. Immediately, Jessie began to smile and look away from Hannah. This is what she said to herself: "I know that God is here. God is Mind. God knows only good. That is all I will know about Hannah. I will see her as God sees her and that is as His good, perfect child." Then suddenly Hannah said to Jessie: "Jessie! You go first." And Jessie did. But it was not having the first ride that made her so happy. It was because she had learned a lesson how to untangle problems that come up between her and others. She had demonstrated God's peace and happiness right there with her cousin, Hannah. That was something she would always remember.

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*John 17:21 "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us."*