



Passport Kids

Yes, you can share this secret...

"Shh, listen closely I am going to whisper this in your ear, and you can't tell a single soul." "Okay, I promise not to tell", you say, " Promise?" "I promise". Your best friend tells you the greatest secret in the whole world! You smile as you now have the information that no one else has!

Have you ever been told a secret? Did you tell someone else? Was it great news?

The Apostle Paul tells us a great secret -but this is a secret that we should share with everyone! The secret of being happy!

"I have learned the secret of being happy at anytime in everything that happens. I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." Phil. 4:12-13

I recently was searching thought my garage and came across my diary. My first entry was from the 5th grade. I was in *like* with a boy named Tony Pintaro, and so was my cousin

Jackie. I got to sit next to him on the piano bench, however, and SHE had not!

The further I read I started to see what was really troubling me the most. My parents had just come back from St. Croix (the mission field) to the states. I was living with my grandparents in Wisconsin.



I was going to a new school and was missing my parents as they traveled. I was not really happy. I missed being in St. Croix and my friends there.

As I continued to read I found entries from the 6th grade. I was then back in St. Croix, but still was not overly happy as NOW I missed my friends from the states. I was having a hard time of transition again.

Many times as MK's we face many changes. It is normal to have to have a time of adjustment. In looking back at this, I now see that I was not really enjoying the moment that I was living in.

Paul gives us a great secret-he tells us to be HAPPY at anytime and in EVERYTHING that happens. He later on lets us know that we can do this though HIS strength.

Maybe you are having a day where everything is wonderful, but maybe you are facing a time of adjustment or new challenges. No matter what this year holds for you know that you have the greatest secret ever, you can be happy at anytime, because you have Jesus with you.

It is so important to talk to HIM daily and read your Bible. If you find it hard to read alone, have your parents read with you daily! His WORD is our daily food. Now, get out there and spread the secret! We can be happy in everything!

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A few buggy facts:



Okay...yes, they are gross to some of us...but the Bible itself makes references to these little creatures.

Leafcutter ants cut neat scallop shapes out of leaves, which they carry home to their underground colonies.



They raise mushrooms (fungus) on the leaves, which is a source of food for them.

Queen ants can live to be 30 years old.

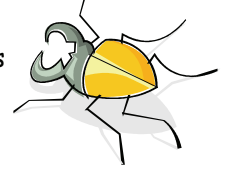
Female wasps have been known to stuff cranky male wasps head first into empty nest cells.

Dragonflies can flap their wings 28 times per second and they can fly up to 60 miles per hour!

As fast as dragonflies can flap their wings, bees are even faster...they flap their wings 435 times per second!



The Largest beetle in the Americas is the Hercules beetle, which can be 4 to 6 inches in length. That's bigger than your hand!



The world's largest roach lives in South America and is 6 inches long. It has a one-foot wingspan.

Cockroaches have 6 legs, 18 knees, and can hold their breath for 40 minutes. They rest 75% of the time— Now that's lazy!

Game: Shape up!

Sculpt Your Way to Victory!

In this game sculptors try to sculpt the word they see on a card while teams guess what is being sculpted.

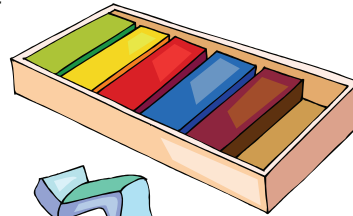
To play, you'll need at least 4 people, sculpting clay, and words written on index cards. Nouns like boat, muscle, or cat work best for this game.

Divide into two teams.

Each team picks someone to be the sculptor.

The sculptors look at the word written on a card. Nobody else should see what's written.

Both sculptors sculpt the object on the card as fast as they can. The sculptors can't sculpt letters or numbers, but they can animate the clay.

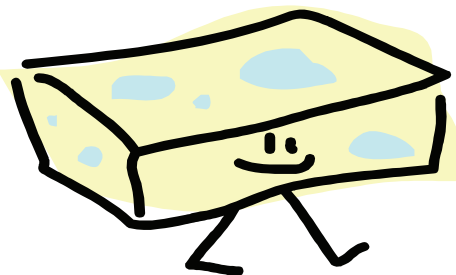


Each sculptor's team guesses what she is sculpting.

When a correct guess is made, both teams stop sculpting and switch sculptors.

The first team to make three correct guesses is the winner!

Let's make some butter!



You may not want the job of making all of the butter for your family but this is a fun experiment to see how

butter is actually made.

You will need:

- A jar with a tight lid
- A carton of cream -not sweetened
- A bit of salt
- Some Patience

Directions:

1. Pour cream into jar until it is 1/2 full.

2. Tightly screw the lid on the jar.
3. Shake the jar.
4. Shake it some more!
5. After a while you will notice that Yellow butter has formed.
6. Add a tiny amount of salt.

CONGRATULATIONS- you have just made your own butter. Now talk your Mom into making you some hot bread to go with it! YUM!!

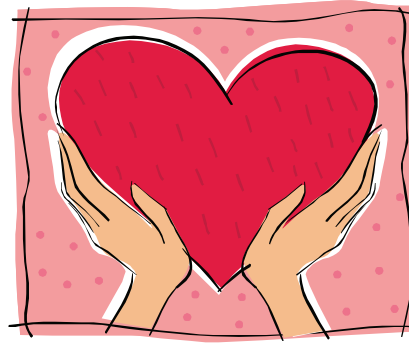
Everyday Life Lessons: Honesty!

Now that I am a Mother, yes I am very old, there are many qualities I want to make sure are in the lives of my daughters. This month we are focusing on honesty. The Bible tells us to "Speak the truth in Love" so that we will be mature in Christ.

Two nights ago Seanna, who is six, and I were doing her evening devotions. The lesson was talking about how we need to be open with God and our parents. That even Adam and Eve were sneaky and were not telling God the truth. I asked Seanna, have you ever been sneaky and done something that

you should not have? She said, yes the other night I snuck something out of the fridge when I knew that you were busy wrapping Christmas gifts. We talked about the importance to ask God for forgiveness.

I was SO PROUD of her because she was being honest with me. Sometimes it is so hard to be honest with our parents and friends, especially when



we know we have done something wrong. It is the easy road to tell a quick lie to get out of a situation. We want our lives to be pleasing to God, so we have to be honest. Lev. 19:35 says "do not deceive one another."

This is something that we have to work on in our life. We want to grow up to be good and strong Christians. Let's work on Speaking truth in Love!

The Collapsing Can:

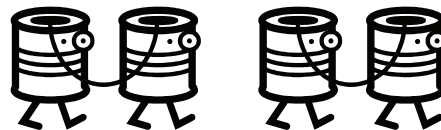
We are so used to the pressure of the air around us that we don't even notice it. But the air pressure is large enough to crush a soda can. You can see this with this experiment.

You'll Need: Empty Soda Can

A 2 or 3 quart saucepan

A pair of kitchen tongs

Fill the saucepan with cold water. Put



1 tablespoon of water into the soda can. Heat the can on the stove to boil the water. When the water boils, a cloud of vapor will escape from the opening in the can. Allow the water to boil for about 30 seconds. Using the tongs, grasp the can and quickly invert it and dip it into the water in the pan. The can will collapse immediately .



How does this happen?

When you heat the can you cause the water to boil. The vapor from the water pushes the air out of the can. When the can was filled with water vapor you cooled it suddenly by inverting it in water. Cooling the can caused the water to condense, and created a vacuum which allowed the outside air to crush the can!

Mountain Lions!

Mountain lions are known by more than 100 names, panther, catamount, cougar, painter and puma to name a few.



At one time they were very common. They lived all over North and South America. Today they can be found in the western states, southern Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

A full grown male can be 9 feet long, including his tail. They can jump the distance of 30 feet, and jump as high as 15 feet. They are born 2 to 3 per

litter. They stay with their mother until they are 1 to 1 1/2 years old.

Their favorite food is deer, but they'll eat other meat as well. They hunt alone, and they are known for sneaking up on their prey. They are most active in the night. Most mountain lions live for 15 years!



Whoever (aged 11 and under) emails the answer first to :Thenickels@alltel.net



wins a Christian CD of their choice!

We need your help:

Passport Kids is a newsletter designed for Mks aged 11 and under.

We need to hear from you. What would you like to have included?

Please send in your latest photo with some information about yourself. Your age, your birthday, where you live, your favorite food, your pets, your embarrassing moment! Smile.



We want to make this the very best newsletter for you! If you have a friend who is a missionary that is not a part of the UPC, email me their address and we can also add their name to the list!

You can email me at:

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