



Passport Kids

The Soldier!

This month our nation celebrates the Fourth of July.

Today we have so many freedoms because of those who have fought for us!
God Bless America!

The somber black wall, engraved with rows and rows of names, filled Jason with awe. He was visiting Washington, D.C. with his family, and he was standing in front of the monument honoring those who had fought in Vietnam. All the names on the wall were of those who had died in that war.



A soldier stood near the wall, dressed in uniform, with medals on his chest. He seemed to be looking for something as he read the names. Then he placed a finger on one of the names and began tracing the letters. Over and over the soldier traced the letters of that name.

Curious, Jason edged closer. He was surprised to see tears on the soldier's cheeks. He hadn't imagined that a soldier would cry.

The soldier noticed Jason, and feeling embarrassed, Jason backed away.

"It's all right, young man," said the soldier. "Let me explain the reason for these tears." He squatted down and looked Jason in the eye. "The name I was tracing belongs to a man who fought with me in Viet-

nam. We were together when a grenade landed right beside us. Glenn threw himself on top of it and took all the fury of the explosion. He died for me. Because of him, I'm alive today." The soldier gave Jason a trembling smile, and Jason felt tears filling his own eyes as he watched the soldier walk away.

Later, Jason told his par-

ents what the soldier had said. "It must be a strange feeling, to know that somebody died to save your life," Jason added.

Dad nodded thoughtfully. "Actually, that happened to you, too," he said. "Someone did die to save you."

"When?" asked Jason in surprise. "Who did that?"

"The Lord Jesus did," replied Dad. "All that He suffered on the cross was for you, Jason. It was to pay for your sins, as well as for those of the whole world."

"Oh, that's right!" said Jason. "I guess I never thought of it that way before."

While celebration our nation's freedom this month let's not forget to celebrate our freedom from sin!

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Chore Charts in the Bible...

Bible-time families could have many members living under one roof. There were husbands, wives, children, grandparents, and sometimes servants. Later, married sons and their families often stayed in the home as well. Everyone had to pitch in and help.

If they had a chore chart it may have looked like this:

Men:

Earn living to pay for bills.

Pay the bills.

Teach sons a trade.

Teach sons the laws and customs of Jewish religion.

Women:

Collect the olives and dates.

Grind the corn.

Prepare the meals.

Spin and weave the thread.

Make the clothes.

Take care of the animals.

Teach daughters how to manage

the household.

Children:

Fetch the water for house and families.

Older Children:

Care for cattle and tend to the flocks.



How about you? Do you help your parents around the house? Why not start helping out this week!

Kids in Prayer...Fruits of the Spirit Prayer!

This summer remember to keep your time of prayer as a priority! Did you know that you can pray a fruit of the spirit prayer and have a great week and 1/2 of snacks?

The Bible tells us that the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness

and self control. Those are found in Galatians 5:22-23.

Gather an apple, orange, banana, grapes, watermelon, peach, strawberry, peach, and a pear (or whatever fruits you have available where you live).

Each day as you pick a fruit choose one of the fruits of the spirit to pray for you your life.

For example if you choose an

apple pray that you will have God's Love in your heart and that you will share his love that day with those around you!

By the ninth day you will have healthy snacks in you and will be learning about HIS fruit!



This month's Link- www.goobersplace.com

Have you ever had a boring day...where you just wish you had a great UPC website geared just for you?

Well look no further-

www.puppetown.com is a great place for you to check out.



Rev. Dale Harrah and family
live in Missouri!

There is a lot to see- and area with coloring sheets to print out, jokes, meet the characters, Bible studies and more! Check it out today!

Just for Parents...Life Lessons- Peer Pressure!

Have you ever looked out into the parking lot at all of the different cars and thought...why am I driving this clunker? I wish I could scrap it and get a new Lexus SUV! You have just experienced the "Keeping up with the Jones's" Bug!

From the time our children are young they experience peer pressure. Kids want to brag about where their Mom buys their clothes, what toys they got for their Birthday, the kind of game system they have. They are experiencing peer pressure. As parents we must instill in them that they have to stand strong as growing Christians. Sometimes it seems to them that they are the only ones who's trying to

do the right thing.

Your being involved in their life, praising them when they stand up for Christ and Godly character can make all of the difference in the world. I recently got a chance to see "More than Dreams" DVD. This is a dramatic narration of several Muslims conversions to Christ. Many of them saw one vision of Christ telling them HE was the one they were searching for. They immediately changed. Some of them went for years without ever seeing a Bible or meeting another Christian, yet

they abandoned everything for HIM.



It is so important that we raise solid young Christians that will stand up for Jesus even in the time of adversity- This month why not catch your child standing up for Christ and praise them for it. Your influence, your attitude, your training, your putting Christ first is what will help them make Godly decisions and stand up against daily peer pressure!

[Matthew 5:16](#) Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Real Facts....

1. At birth a Dalmatian puppy is pure white.
2. Americans spend \$360 million dollars a year on golf balls.
3. Dragonflies have six legs but can not walk.
4. It cost the U.S. 2.5 cents to make a quarter.
5. The tongue is the fastest healing

part of the body.

6. The fastest racehorse ran over 43 MPH.
7. The pineapple is the largest berry.
8. In ancient Rome Lemons were used as an antidote to all poisons.
9. Slugs have 4 noses.

10. The largest cheese ever made weighed 57,508 lbs.

11. A sneeze travels out of your mouth at 100 MPH.



Turtles can take up to three weeks to digest a meal...

And you thought you ate slow!

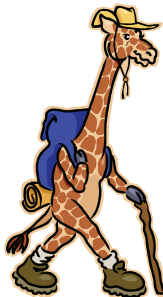
Nature Corner- The Giraffe

The outstanding feature of a giraffe is its' neck. Like the other animals it only has seven neck vertebrae, they are just elongated.

The giraffe uses it long black tongue to get bugs off it it's face and to grab leaves from trees. It's tongue is black to keep it from getting sun-burned.

Since they are so quiet they were

once thought to be mute, but now scientist know that they communicate with grunts, snorts and blast of air through their noses.



Their natural enemies are lions and hyenas. They ward off danger by kicking. One kick of a giraffe can shatter a lion's skull.

They have the shortest sleeping time

period of any mammal. They only rest 10 minutes to 2 hours in a 24 hour time period.



Their heart is 2 feet long and weighs 24 lbs. It pumps twice the blood pressure of any other mammal to get the blood up to the brain-it has a pressure regulation in the neck for when they put their head down to drink so that their blood pressure remains consistent.

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Digital Postcard Contest!

This month we are having our **second digital postcard contest**. Buy a postcard have your parents scan it and email it to us! The first postcard in wins a CD **AND** the silliest postcard wins a CD- so you have a chance to win one of two prizes! Email your postcards to

Cylinda@upwithmks.com



WE need your contributions.....

Are you creative?

WE need your poems, pictures, songs, silly sayings, notes, cards for our website!

This is updated weekly- but only if you send us something new about you!!

We need your help in creating a name for it! Please email any ideas to:

Cylinda@upwithmks.com

Last Month's Winner.....

Brianna and Stephanna Bennett are the winners of last month's Digital Postcard contest! Congratulations and their postcard will be appearing soon at:

WWW.upwithmks.com