



February 2011



Ah, February! Presidents and Valentines! In the US we celebrate our past presidents because they helped our country become what it is today. And we often send Valentine Cards to friends and family to let them know we care. Our love shows people who we are.

You know, God has sent us a Valentine too, and it's His Word, the Bible. In it He tells us over again and again how much He loves us and what He was willing to do for us because of that love. God sent his Son into the world to die for us because He loved us so much! And there is no better Valentine than that.

This Valentine's Day, why don't you tell God you love Him too by believing in Him and accepting His free gift of salvation? If you already know Jesus as your Savior, show Him you love Him by what you say and do. If you share His love with others, this will be the best Valentine's Day ever!





HOW MUCH DOES GOD LOVE YOU?

Chaplain Jim Freed



Most of us know from reading our Bible and singing songs that Jesus loves us. We may have a picture in our minds of what that means, but the truth is that we cannot see God. And

if we can't see Him, how can we know how much God loves us?

Well, when I was a child there were times when I hurt myself or I just had a tough day at school. Maybe I fell off my bike or didn't make the football team. Perhaps a friend said something mean or I got a bad grade on a school test that I thought I did well on. Whatever the problem, I knew that I could always count on a hug from Mom.

Now I am grown up and have grandchildren. I see the fuss my wife, or Mom-Mom, as we call her, makes over her grandkids. And especially babies. There is nothing like the love that a mother or grandmother has for a newborn baby, (almost nothing that is). God tells us in the Bible that His love is stronger than that.

Listen to what He says;

"Can a woman forget her nursing child, and not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, yet I will not forget you." Isaiah 49:15 (NKJ)

So if you really want to understand God's love, you just need to think about how hard it would be for a mother to forget her little baby. The chance that God would forget you is even less than that!



CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD



Jose wanted a father more than anything in the world. His own father abandoned him and his mom when Jose was 4 years old. He wanted a father in his life. A friend invited Jose to an Operation Christmas Child celebration at church. Jose heard a Gospel presentation, and realized he has a heavenly Father who will never leave him. He prayed to receive Jesus into his heart.

Jose attended a discipleship program offered by local churches. 12 weeks later he became more excited about his faith in Jesus. His mother decided to accept Jesus in her heart too. Jose said, "Now we go to church together and I know that, even though my father abandoned us, God will never do the same."

(Samaritan's Purse)

Pray for more Christian programs that teach children to follow Jesus.

Pray for many children to learn about Jesus and take their own personal journey with Him.

Pray that Jose grows up to be a teacher of the Gospel and leads many to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus.

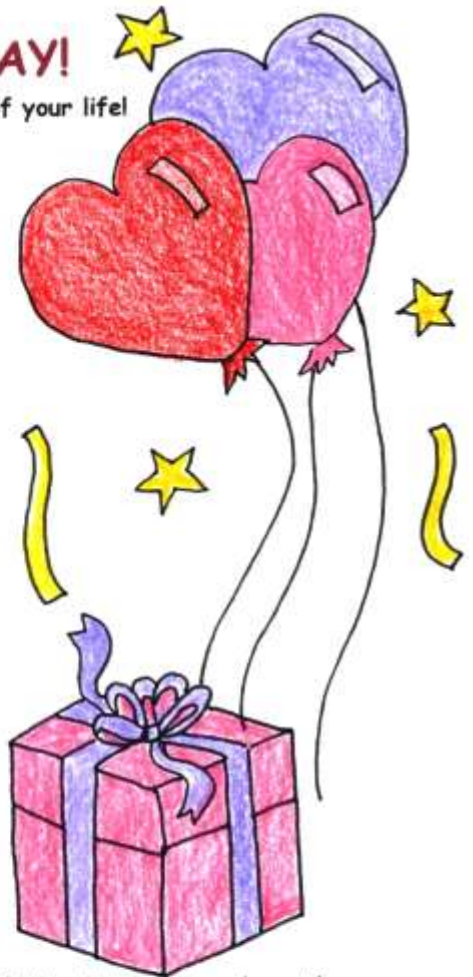


(Bible League picture)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Today is the first day of the rest of your life!

- FEBRUARY**
- 3 Matthew, Tennessee
 - 5 Ashley, Wisconsin
 - 6 Josiah, Canada
 - 9 Chenoa, Connecticut
 - 10 Nathaniel, New Jersey
 - 10 Shelby, Minnesota
 - 12 Anna, Pennsylvania
 - 14 Annalise, Wisconsin
 - 15 Amos, Virginia
 - 21 Dustin, New Jersey
 - 23 Michael, Virginia
 - 28 Alesha, West Indies



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**"The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."
Romans 6:23 NKJ**

NO GREATER LOVE

Probably the most well known and memorized Scripture verse is John 3:16.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." NKJ

Listed below are some of the words from that verse. They may go up, down, across or diagonal.



GOD LOVED WORLD GAVE BEGOTTEN SON WHOEVER
BELIEVES HIM NOT PERISH HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE



LOVE IS...

'Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.' 1 John 4:7 NKJ

Listed below are words that describe love; they may go up, down, across or diagonal



ACCEPTING COMPASSIONATE FORGIVING GENEROUS
GIVING HONEST JOYFUL RESPECTFUL TENDER
THOUGHTFUL UNDERSTANDING WARM

CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP

The Apostle Paul describes Christian friendship in what we have come to call "The Love Chapter" of the Bible. You will find the words below and in 1 Corinthians 13. They may go up, down, across or diagonal.



CALM GENEROUS HOPEFUL HUMBLE KIND LASTING
PATIENT POLITE POSITIVE SELFLESS SUPPORTIVE
TRUTHFUL

"Love never fails.....And now abide faith, hope, love, these three;
but the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:8,13 (NKJ)

DAVID AND JONATHAN

A very good model for true friendship is found in 1 Samuel 19 & 20.

Jonathan's love for his friend caused him to act in several ways.

Connect each statement with the correct verses. (The first one is done for you.)

- 1 He warned David of possible danger 1 Samuel 20:32 & 33
- 2 He spoke well of David, even to a person who considered David an enemy and who was angry with Jonathan for having David as a friend. 1 Samuel 20:42
- 3 He sought to do what David needed him to do. 1 Samuel 19:1-3
- 4 He risked his life in defending David. 1 Samuel 20:35-41
- 5 He helped David to escape death. 1 Samuel 19:4
- 6 He said one of the greatest statements in the Bible; "May the Lord be between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants, forever." 1 Samuel 20:4



A PAGE TO COLOR



When Jonathan told David the news, David fled to a cave to hide.

The Adventures of Phineas T. Phlapjack

Hi Pals!

I don't know about you, but I think I'm getting what Uncle Leland (he lives in Alaska) calls Cabin Fever. That's when, because you're stuck inside all day you get grumpy, sad, and have a hard time doing homework. Uncle Bill says there's more to it than that (something to do with sunshine) but that's how I'm feeling. Uncle Bill also said he didn't see much of a difference from the way I normally act. Then he laughed. He can be really odd sometimes.



The snow was fun for several weeks. But now I'm ready to see some green grass, feel the warmth of the sun on my face, and smell the oil in my baseball glove! I'd like to go for a bike ride (it's too cold and there's still some ice on the streets) or fly a kite, skip stones, anything to get me out of the house...anything but shovel more snow!

I know, I know, last month I was looking forward to snow. Now I'm looking forward to warmer weather. And then I'll probably want snow again. It makes me realize how wise God is. He made the seasons change every year. I guess he knew we needed change in our lives. Every season has it's own things that make it special. Even Winter. I like that.



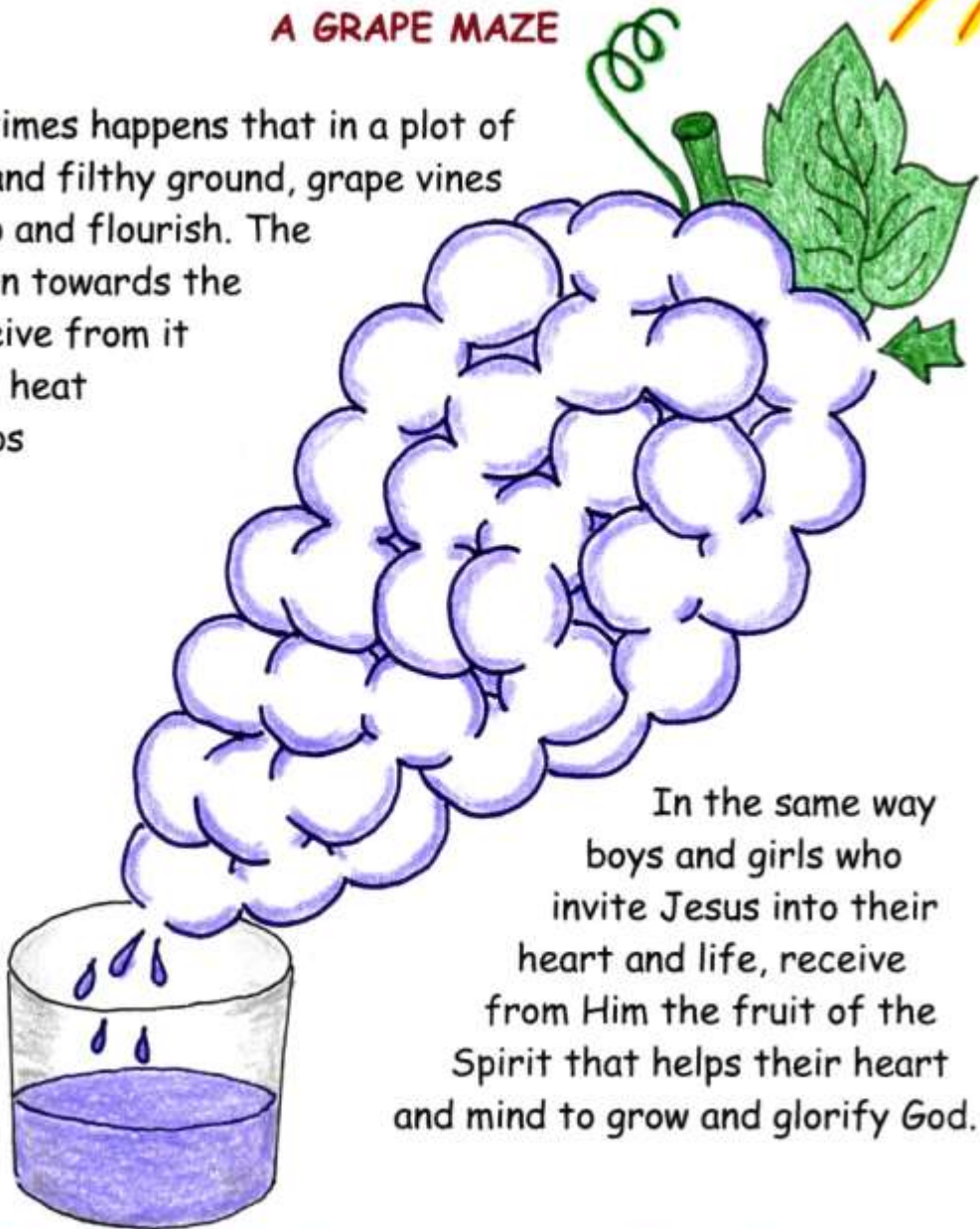
Well, I've got homework to do. I guess the sooner I work on it the sooner it'll be done and I can do something else. And, even though it'll probably be dark by then, I'll try to think of all the things that make Winter special.

So if you have Cabin Fever, hang in there, Spring is on its way! And for now, I'm thinking we should try to enjoy the snow before it's gone.

See you next month! Bye!

A GRAPE MAZE

It sometimes happens that in a plot of unclean and filthy ground, grape vines spring up and flourish. The vines turn towards the sun; receive from it light and heat that helps them to grow.



In the same way boys and girls who invite Jesus into their heart and life, receive from Him the fruit of the Spirit that helps their heart and mind to grow and glorify God.

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, goodness, self control. Galatians 5:22-23 NKJ

BOOK OF PROMISES

The Bible is a "Book of Promises" from God. Read it daily; it offers forgiveness, peace, comfort, hope, and love. Whatever your need, the answer can be found in the Bible. Make a "Book of Promises" for someone you love on Valentine's Day.

YOU NEED:

Construction paper
Scissors
Computer paper
Pencil
Stapler
Markers or colored pencils



DIRECTIONS: Make a cover for your book; fold a piece of construction paper in half.



Draw a heart as shown, and cut it out.

Fold 3 pieces of computer paper together.

Trace the heart on the top and cut it out.

Insert the pages in the cover and staple the spine.

Write a promise on each page - they can be silly or serious.

Decorate the pages with pictures to illustrate your promise.

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 NKJ



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"Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart."
Psalm 37:4 NKJ

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Jeannie age 8 in New Jersey
sent us this heart
for our February issue.





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This is love: not that we loved God,
but that he loved us and sent his Son
as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4:10 NIV