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Many countries have a special day that marks their independence from another country. We in the United States celebrate Independence Day on July 4th. When we were founded, we truly were founded on Christian principles. And, although the birth of our nation was not easy, we became strong because our forefathers believed in and trusted Almighty God.

In the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 7, Jesus tells us that if we listen to and obey Him we are "like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock." Sadly, as our country moves away from following God, we become "like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

When we trust Jesus as our savior we are freed from the tyranny of sin; but we must remember that we are dependent on God to stand firm.

As you celebrate the Independence Day holiday this year, make sure your foundation is Jesus Christ, The Rock. Thank God for the freedoms you do have, but don't use your freedom to sin. Use your freedom to follow Christ.



The Penny Pack of Caramels by Rev. Richard Edwards

Butch knew what honesty was. It was telling the truth and living truthfully. And growing up on the banks of the Mississippi River in the 1940's he had always tried to be honest. He liked everybody and it seemed everybody liked him (and his dog Skippy too). Many times his Mom would ask him to stop at Grimms Grocery store and pick up bread or milk. He would, often get a candy bar or soda and "put it on the bill."

Why he took that Penny Pack of Caramels that day is hard to understand. Five Caramels in a small package, right there on the counter display while Mr. Grimm was in the back room.

When he started to walk the 2 1/2 blocks home, something was wrong. The Caramels did not taste right. They were the same candy. But he was different. For the first time, maybe ever, he felt guilty. He had been dishonest and not truthful by stealing. For the first time he had a guilty conscience. Even though Butch and his family did not go to Church, he was taught right from wrong. And he knew stealing the candy was wrong.

He did not know the story of Zacchaeus when he gave back four times more than he took from people, but for the next few weeks when he went to Grimms he would leave change there by the cash register where Mr. Grimm could find it.

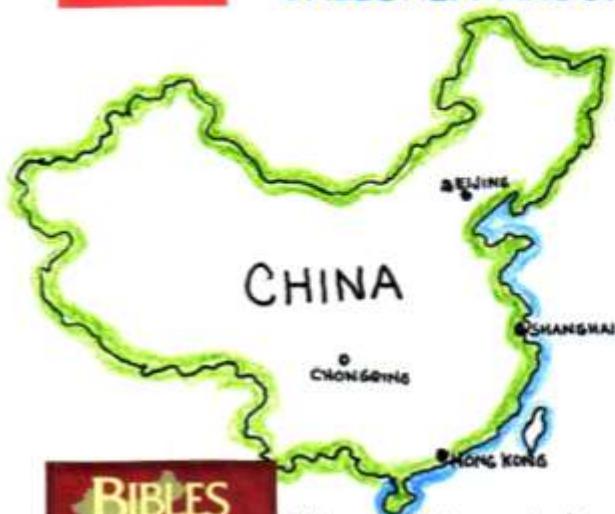
Butch probably paid several dollars for that Penny Pack of Caramels. Years later when Butch became a Christian he went back to confess to Mr. Grimm, but they had closed the store and moved away.

Butch often thought of how much more Jesus paid for his sins, which is a lot more than a Penny Pack of Caramels.





CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD



Bibles for China is a ministry of Voice of China and Asia. Their focus is to bring Bibles (free of charge) to Christians living in the poor rural areas of China. There are over 100 million Christians in China and as many as 30,000 more are coming to faith in Christ each day; most of whom will never be able to afford their own Bible.

**BIBLES
for CHINA**

**Our goal
for 2011:
30,000
Bibles**



When a Chinese believer has a Bible and he speaks to his neighbor, he speaks with authority. A Chinese person can evangelize a Chinese person with no problem when they have a Bible that's been printed in China.

For every Bible they pass out, surveys have shown that one Bible will be read by 5 people. Bibles are read (cover to cover) by some individuals in as little as six weeks. For every Bible distributed, three additional people come to Jesus

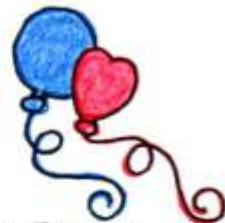
Christ as their Savior. Pray that Moms, Dads, and Grand-parents will faithfully read the Scripture to the children so they too may hear the truth about the love of Jesus and accept Him as their Personal Savior.



We are very excited to tell you that we can legally and freely distribute Bibles in China? We have already had multiple Bible distributions and it's really happening. Rural Chinese Christians are eager and anxious for Bibles. And they can't afford to buy one.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



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

JULY	3	Dakota,	Wisconsin	3	Sammy,	New Jersey
	5	Jonathan,	New York	6	Ian,	Maryland
	6	Ivan,	Pennsylvania	10	Taylor,	New Jersey
	10	David,	Tennessee	13	Tessa,	Wisconsin
	13	Jeremy,	Virginia	13	Kylie,	Virginia
	14	Hannah,	Tennessee	15	Lake,	Wisconsin
	15	Caleb,	Virginia	18	Angela,	Florida
	18	Benjamin,	Pennsylvania	18	Jacob,	Virginia
	21	Courtney,	New Jersey	21	Grace,	New Jersey
	23	Miranda,	Wisconsin	24	Audrey,	New Jersey
	25	Hannah,	Pennsylvania	25	Jonathan,	Utah
	25	Jimmy,	Wisconsin	28	Lindsay,	New Hampshire
	28	Kayla,	Pennsylvania	28	Jada,	New Jersey
	29	Noah,	Ohio			



Celebrate



If you would like to have your birthday published, just send us the information at least two months in advance. We'll send you a birthday card and a little gift on your date. We'll also announce them on the radio.

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

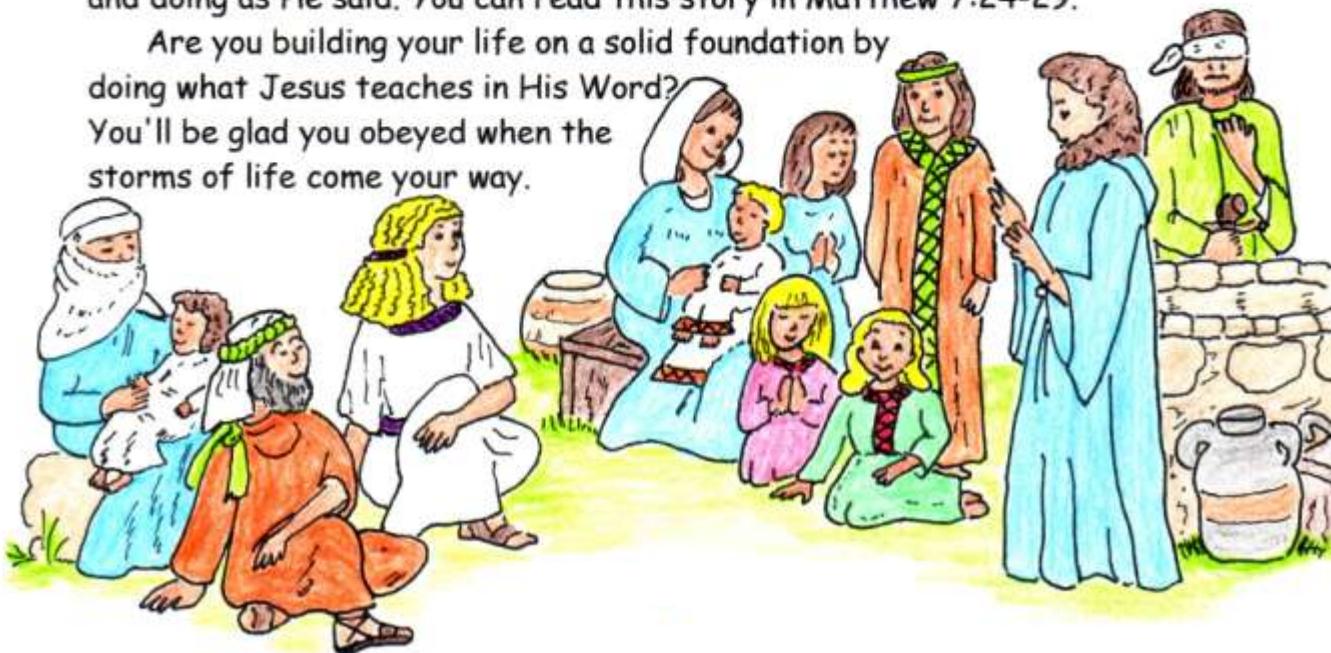
HOW FIRM IS YOUR FOUNDATION?

Jesus was a great teacher and He often taught His disciples how to live the Christian life through parables (stories).

There were two men who wanted to build a new house for their families. The first man chose his site very carefully. He found a solid rock ledge beneath the soil and there he built his house. The wind, rains, and floods came but the house stood firm because it had a solid foundation. The second man did not worry about a foundation. He found a very nice location but didn't realize that he was building on a bed of sand. It was fine in good weather but when the rains and strong winds came, the house fell down.

Jesus told the disciples to be wise and build their lives on a solid foundation. They would be able to stand firm when troubles came. However, if they lived their lives their own way and did not obey Jesus' teaching, they would be like the foolish man. Their lives would fall apart when problems arose because there was no foundation. He told them to be wise by building their lives on a solid foundation by obeying His teachings and doing as He said. You can read this story in *Matthew 7:24-29*.

Are you building your life on a solid foundation by doing what Jesus teaches in His Word? You'll be glad you obeyed when the storms of life come your way.



MATTHEW 7:24-29 SEARCH

The words below can be found in the Scripture above. Ask the Lord to give you understanding and wisdom as you read it. Then find the words in the puzzle. They may go up, down, across or diagonal.



FOUNDATION PARABLE NEW TESTAMENT JESUS WISE
 FOOLISH RAIN DISCIPLES ROCK SAND HOUSE TEACHER
 WIND FLOODS FIRM SOLID AUTHORITY SCRIBES

"The Lord lives. Blessed be my Rock." Psalm 18:46 NKJ

CHARACTER SEARCH

God asks each one of us to "Build Good Character Traits" in our lives. Some of them are listed below. They may go up, down, across or diagonal. Unscramble God's highlighted message and find it in the puzzle.

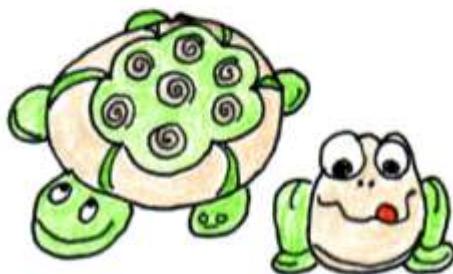


ALERT AVAILABLE **BUILD** LOYAL **CHARACTER**
COURAGEOUS DECISIVE DETERMINED ENDURANCE
FLEXIBLE GENEROUS **GOOD** HOSPITABLE **TRAITS**
INITIATIVE JOYFUL ORDERLY RESPONSIBLE

ALONG A ROCKY ROAD

While you are on vacation or hiking around your neighborhood, why not look for interesting rocks and stones to use in craft projects. Shapes and sizes make a difference.

You may want to use some of them to make animals by gluing several different sizes of rocks together and painting faces and other markings on them. You need thick craft glue for this project. Hot glue works best, but needs parental or adult help with a glue gun.



Paint a pretty design on a special smooth rock to make a paperweight.



Make a pencil holder with a small empty can. Spread glue around the sides and add the pebbles in an interesting design.

You may want to be a rock-hound and collect quality rocks. For that project you need to get a good book on rocks to use as a guide and begin to look for specific types.

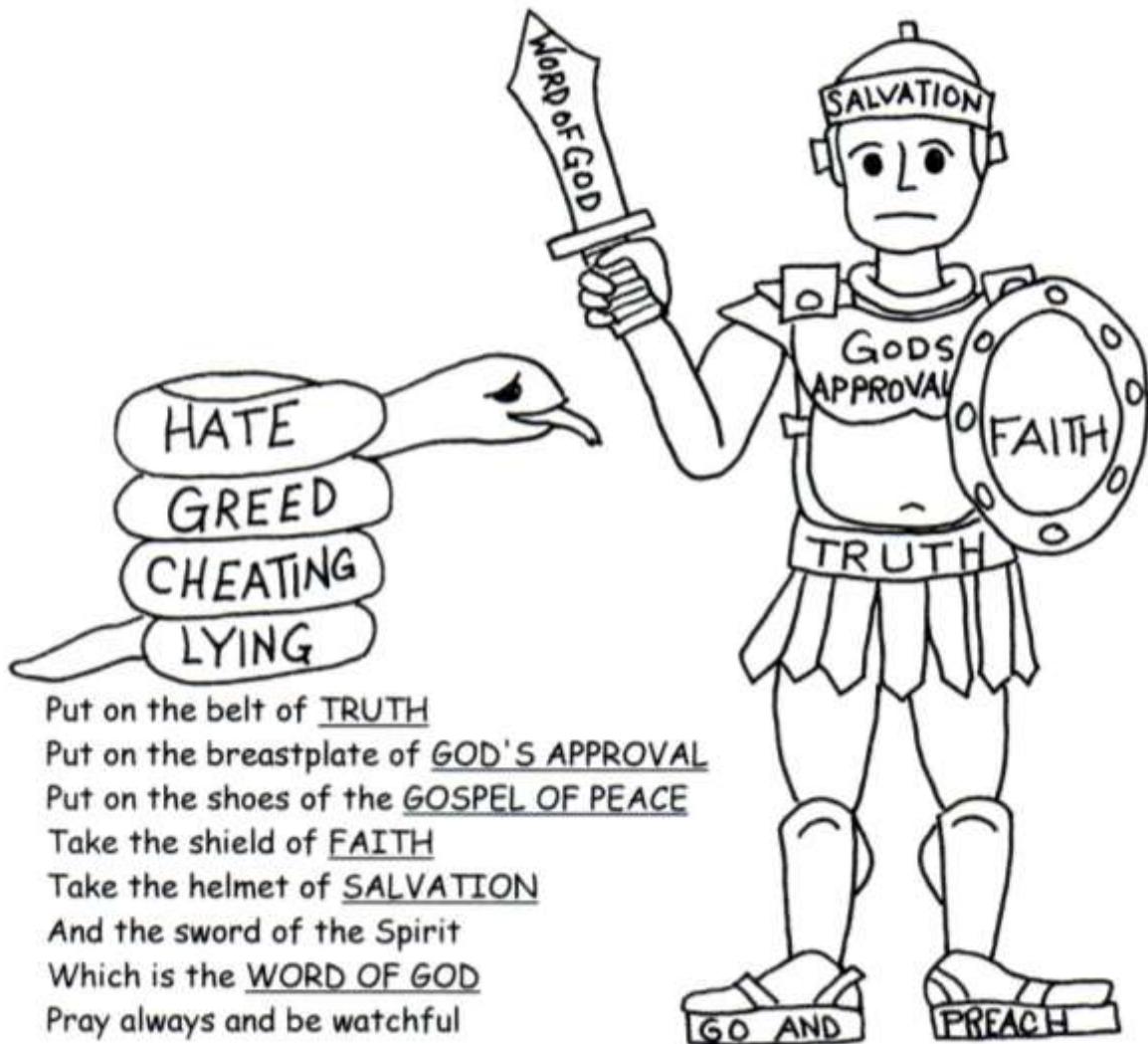


The main idea is to just have fun! Whether you are on a trip or home in your neighborhood all summer, interesting rocks and stones are all around.

"The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;
the God of my strength, in Whom I will trust." 2 Samuel 22:2,3 NKJ

A PAGE TO COLOR

"Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies and tricks of the Devil." Ephesians 6:11 (NLT)



Put on the belt of TRUTH

Put on the breastplate of GOD'S APPROVAL

Put on the shoes of the GOSPEL OF PEACE

Take the shield of FAITH

Take the helmet of SALVATION

And the sword of the Spirit

Which is the WORD OF GOD

Pray always and be watchful

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might."
Ephesians 6:10 NKJ

The Adventures of Phineas T. Phlapjack

Hi Pals!

Schools out!! Summer Vacation!! I'm free!!

Or so I thought. Uncle Bill apparently has other ideas.

I wanted to relax, play baseball, enjoy ice cream, and do whatever I wanted for the summer because it won't be long and I'll have to go back to school. Uncle Bill says I can do all those things, but he has a list of things for me to do as well - like cleaning out the shed, cleaning my room, helping with the yard work, washing the car, and anything else he can think of for me to do "that will keep me out of trouble."



"That's not fair! I thought we lived in a free country?" The words came out of my mouth before I could stop them. I thought for sure I was in for a really long lecture. But all Uncle Bill said was, "With freedom comes responsibility."

I'm still not quite sure what that means, but I guess I'll be doing a lot more than I planned to do over the summer. It won't be so bad; it's just not what I had planned. I don't mind helping around the house and the work needs to be done. Somebody has to be responsible to do it. I guess for now, that somebody is me.

Hope your summer will be good and that you get to do some of the things you want to do too! Hey, when you get a chance, write to me and tell what you did. I look forward to reading about it. Until then...

See you next month! Bye!

THE FOUNDING FATHERS OF THE USA

Most historians define the "Founding Fathers" to mean a larger group, than those listed below. The names and words may go up, down, across or diagonal.



JOHN ADAMS CITIZENS DIPLOMATS FRAMERS FRANKLIN
HAMILTON JOHN JAY JEFFERSON JURISTS MADISON
ORDINARY POLITICIANS SIGNERS SOLDIERS STATESMEN
WASHINGTON WARREN & HARDING

"You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32 (NKJ)

FOUNDING FATHERS FUN FACTS

- The newspaper publisher, Warren G. Harding, then a Republican Senator from Ohio, coined the phrase "Founding Fathers"
- The Founding Fathers of the USA were political leaders and statesmen who signed the Declaration of Independence, took part in the American Revolutionary War, established the US Constitution, or by some other key contribution.
- The Founding Fathers established our country on good moral standards. During the summer of 1776, the Continental Congress met in Philadelphia, and were anticipating declaring independence from England. They appointed a committee of five to write a "declaration of independence". Committee members included Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Robert R. Livingston and Roger Sherman.
- Thomas Jefferson was chosen to write the text. He began his work on June 11, 1776 and finished on June 28, 1776. The final draft of the Declaration of Independence text was finally adopted on July 4, 1776.
- There were 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence .
- There are 26 original copies of the Declaration of Independence text known to exist.
- We celebrate July 4th as Independence Day because that is the day that Congress approved the final draft of the text.
- John Hancock was the first to sign. His signature is the largest. This is why the phrase put "Your John Hancock" became popular.



(Committee of 5 present their draft)

Go to wikipedia.org for more information



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"For You are my rock and my fortress; Therefore, for Your name's sake,
Lead me and guide me." Psalm 31:3 NKJ

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So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have.

2 Peter 1:12 NIV