

# Children's Newsletter

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As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.

Proverbs 25:25

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## Editor's Note:

Well, the first issue of the Children's Newsletter is a success (barely). By the way, if you don't like the name (or anything else), please don't hesitate to tell me. I want this newsletter to be the best that it can be.

Now that you have exhausted your imagination trying to figure out what to write about, here are some ideas to help you next time:

- School. I'm sure most of you have written an essay for school before. For many of you your school books probably told you what to write about. This can be a great source for ideas.
- Look at everything else that you have written before. You may find that you have written on a large variety of subjects. You could use what you have already written or write another paper on a similar topic.
- Look at what other people have written (This newsletter is a great place to look). What did they write about?
- What do you like to do? What are you interested in? What have you done recently? Why not write about it?

Now the problem is probably that there is too much to choose from. Nobody said that you are limited to one essay.

Finally, thanks for helping me get this newsletter started. After all, you wrote the articles.

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## A Few Facts From Chris

Have you ever thought about how wonderfully you were made? Take a look at the facts below:

- Your heart pumps a total of 8,000 gallons of blood about 12,000 miles through your body every day.
- When you're born you have 350 bones, but gradually many of them grow together; when you're an adult you have only 206.
- Each hair on your body come equipped with a tiny muscle that can make it stand upright.

It's incredible that these things work so well together. What an amazing God we have that He can make our body so perfectly! If God loves us enough to make us so wonderfully, how do you think we should love others.

Here are some "Chris Challenges"

- +Invite a friend to pray with you each day of this week.
- +Memorize Ephesians 6:18 and recite it to a different person each day of this week.
- +Prayer isn't just talking to God. Part of prayer is listening to Him. Check your listening skills; have someone tell you 10 names of fruit. Now see how many you can repeat back to them.
- +Make a list of all the things in the world you're thankful for. See if you can hit 100! Then, make it a point to thank God for some of these everyday when you pray.

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## Some Quotes

*Submitted by Jane Shaw*

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

Jim Elliot 1956

"Then Hwin, though shaking all over, gave a strange little neigh and trotted across to the Lion. "Please," she said, "you're so beautiful. You may eat me if you like. I'd sooner be eaten by you than be fed by anyone else." "

From "The

Chronicles of Narnia:

The horse and His Boy" by C. S. Lewis

"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life--your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life--and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him."

Romans 12:1 MSG

***Come,  
Ye Thankful People***  
**by George J. Elvey**

Come, ye thankful people, come,  
Raise the song of harvest-home:  
All is safely gathered in,  
Ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
For our wants to be supplied:  
Come to God's own temple, come,  
Raise the song of harvest-home.

All the world is God's own field,  
Fruit unto His praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown,  
Unto joy or sorrow grown;  
First the blade, and then the ear,  
Then the full corn shall appear:  
Lord of harvest, grant that we,  
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,  
And shall take His harvest home;  
From His field shall in that day  
All offenses purge away;  
Give His angels charge at last  
In the fire the tares to cast;  
But the fruitful ears to store  
In His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come  
To Thy final harvest-home;  
Gather Thou Thy people in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin;  
There, forever purified,  
In Thy presence to abide:  
Come, with all Thine angels, come,  
Raise the glorious harvest-home. Amen.

*Hymn submitted by Charissa Cogan*

## **Hope**

*By Matthew Day*

We all use the word 'hope' often. Since we use this word so much, don't you think that we ought to have a good understanding of what hope is?

When you want to know what a word means, the first place you should go is to the dictionary. My dictionary gives this definition: "1. The feeling that what is wanted can be had or that events will turn out well....8. To feel that something desired may happen." That is a pretty good definition of hope. So hope requires two things: Something that is desired and a feeling or belief that you may get your desire.

I once heard a song that was about a time when there will be no more hope. No more hope? That doesn't sound good.

But think about this, Hebrews 11:1 says "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." From this verse, I can see that hope requires faith and faith requires something unseen or some kind of mystery. Which brings me to my own definition of hope: "The belief that somewhere in the unknown that lays before us there is some good." This definition requires a third thing. It requires something in our future to be unknown to us.

So if you really think about it, the song is right. When we get to heaven, I believe, nothing will lie in mystery. Hope will no longer be needed. But until then, it is impossible to live without hope.

Hope is a gift that God has given to us so that we can do His will without giving up.