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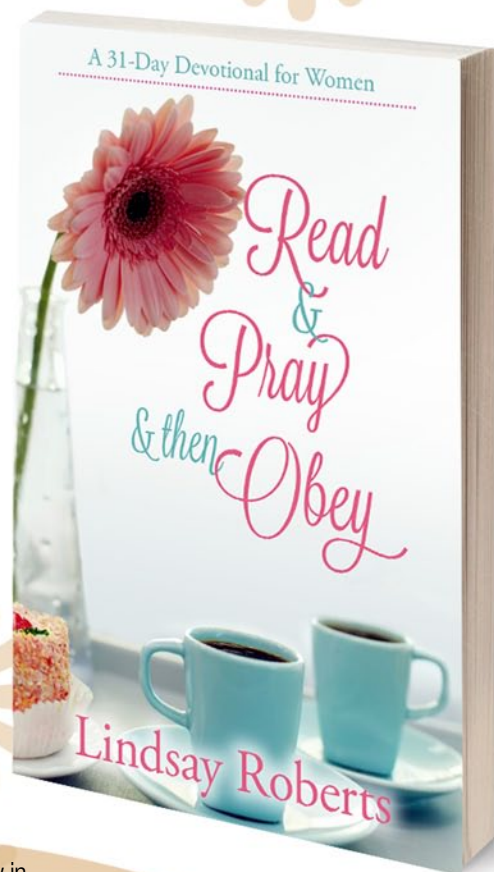
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"I believe as Christians, we can have the ultimate and best source of Good News that there ever was and ever will be—and that's the Word of God."

—Lindsay Roberts



With all the demands we face daily in our busy world, it can be a challenge to find time to build our relationship with the Lord. Yet He can be the source of great strength and refreshing for us.

In this inspirational book, Lindsay Roberts shares 31 encouraging Biblical devotionals that you can pick up at your convenience any time during the year as you seek the Lord in your personal devotional time. With each entry, Lindsay shares wisdom gained from her rich heritage of more than 30 years of ministry and her family relationship with Richard, Oral, and Evelyn Roberts—wisdom that can be applied to everyday living.

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New Year, New Opportunities

Revelation 21:5 says, "Behold, I [the Lord] make all things new." It's a new season, it's a new year, and it's a new opportunity to make your day count for the Kingdom of God. I'm so excited to bring you this issue of *Make Your Day Count* online magazine. My staff and I have enjoyed selecting these articles, stories, and recipes that I believe will inspire you to reach higher, dream bigger, and set apart more time to seek the Lord in 2013.

In this issue you'll find the story of Sheree Fletcher—a powerful woman of faith and an entrepreneur who has developed a great skincare product. She's married to a pastor who was an NFL football player, and they are doing great things for God. I've written a special article called *Abiding in the Shadow of the Almighty* that I believe can be a blessing to you. Many times we know where a person lives in the natural, but this is written to help you

find your spiritual dwelling place... "under the shadow" of Almighty God. And I've included a sweet article from my mother-in-law, Evelyn Roberts, telling about her inspiring *Commitment for a Lifetime* to Oral Roberts. My friend Kate McVeigh shares her article, *Get Over It*, which can be a real encouragement to the Body of Christ—challenging us to move beyond things of the past that can hinder us and embrace all God has for us in the future. A few recipes from my daughter Jordan are included to warm you up inside and out, and I believe you'll enjoy the faith building testimony from one of our ministry partners named Alexandra.

I pray that as you sit down and take a moment to read this magazine, you find encouragement and inspiration to rise up in faith and MAKE IT COUNT, in Jesus' name.

Lindsay



Abiding in the Shadow of the Almighty

by Lindsay Roberts

Psalm 91

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the Lord, which is

my refuge, even the most high, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

What a wonderful passage of scripture—one of my absolute favorites! My father-in-law, Oral Roberts, used a great comparison about an eagle when he preached about Psalm 91. He said that when the mother eagle protected her young that were inside the nest, she covered them so completely with the feathers of her wings that if a predator came by, they could not see the baby eagles at all. The only thing they could see was the big mother eagle, and of course they didn't want to provoke her. The enemy wouldn't even know the babies were there—that's how safe those little eaglets were. And that's how safe, secure, and protected I believe we can be under the protective "wings" of Almighty God.

But according to these verses, we have a responsibility too. It's up to us to acknowledge that all of this protection that God promises us comes with a part that we must do. The way I read this scripture, if we want to enjoy the protection He offers, then our part is to learn to abide under His shadow (Psalm 91:1).

To *abide* means to "live in, remain, and find rest and peace." *Abide* means make it your lodging place. It means to stop and have rest. Psalm 91:1 doesn't say run to God only when we get into a jam, then cut out and run into another jam and hope to maybe someday come back to God just under the

ticking clock of the midnight hour. It means to live in His presence and to remain there continually. Therefore, I believe it's up to us to diligently choose to live in that place with Him and His Word every day. And for what purpose? To punish us by putting boundaries on us? To me, it's not to punish, but rather, to protect by binding us so close to Him that He is well able to overshadow us with His protective covering.

I believe we have a Bible right to turn to God when struggles and trials come against us, and I believe He is faithful to make a way of escape for us. But we are the ones who make the conscious choice to abide, live, and dwell in the shadow or the covering of Almighty God. By an act of our will and our faith, we are, according to the scriptures, to remain faithfully and confidently within God's place of heavenly safety for us. That means to live and function within the guidelines of His ways and His Word. And then after we've done our part, then I believe we can expect God to do His part as we choose to dwell in Him and call Him Father God—the One who is our refuge and fortress.

I encourage you to open your life today and every day to God's Word and His promises to care for you. Then I believe you can begin to see situations begin to turn around for your good! ☀

Commitment for a Lifetime

Whither thou goest, I will go;
and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy
people shall be my people,
and thy God my God.

—Ruth 1:16 KJV



Oral and Evelyn on their wedding day,
December 25, 1938.

by Evelyn Roberts

I was so glittery-eyed when Oral and I got married! To tell the truth, I didn't know much about the man I was marrying. I only knew that I was supposed to marry him, because God had placed it in my heart two years earlier when we met at an old-fashioned camp meeting in Sulphur, Oklahoma.

After the first service I wrote in my diary, "Tonight I met my future husband. He is tall and handsome. His

name is Oral Roberts." But not once did he ask me for a date during that week!

We went our separate ways, and I took a teaching position in Texas. After two years we began writing to each other, and before long, Oral and his mother came to Texas on a weekend trip. We became engaged during that visit and were married on Christmas Day, 1938, in a 10-minute wedding ceremony that brought us together for eternity. To

say that we didn't know each other very well would be an understatement.

Coupled With God

Early in his healing ministry, Oral conducted three-week crusades and would be exhausted when he came home. I would fix his favorite foods and give him plenty of rest. I wanted his time at home to be as "normal" as possible. But in reality, with our busy schedules and demands on our time, we were learning to live without *needing* each other to make life complete.

One night Oral said, "Evelyn, there's something wrong. We're growing apart."

"Well, we love each other, but we're just so busy with normal life," I replied.

He said, "Evelyn, I don't want us to have a 'normal' life. I want always to be sweethearts."

That night we got down on our knees and talked to God about our marriage and this problem. Soon we were in one accord with the Lord.

We felt as though we had just gotten married again, and we've never grown apart since. We are sweethearts and always will be.

Since that night, Oral and I have often had "prayer meetings" with the Lord to harmonize our thinking and planning. These are precious times when two people whose lives have become one can also come into oneness with the heavenly Father's will. These moments have kept our marriage supremely happy and have helped us to synchronize the job of living both a public and private life consistently and abundantly.

Yes, throughout the years there have been lonely hours when he was away, and our life together has taken many turns. But I've always been thankful to God that the commitment I made to Oral Roberts and the commitment he made to me 66 years ago were for a lifetime of joy together. ☀

Everydayness is a tribute to Evelyn Roberts who went home to be with the Lord in 2005. Her husband, Oral Roberts, went home to be with the Lord in 2009.

If you would like to read more about Oral and Evelyn's life journey together, [click here](#) to order your copy of Evelyn's book, **Whither Thou Goest**.





Cooking

with Jordan

QUICK SLOPPY JOES

Ingredients

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1/3 cup chopped onion
- 1/3 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 cup ketchup
- 3 teaspoons brown sugar
- salt to taste
- ground black pepper to taste

Directions

In a medium skillet over medium heat, brown the ground beef, onion, and green pepper; drain off liquids.

Stir in the garlic powder, ketchup, and brown sugar; mix thoroughly. Reduce heat, and simmer for 30 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

EASY QUICHE

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup butter
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 (10 ounce) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
- 1 (4.5 ounce) can mushrooms, drained
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar (or your favorite) cheese
- 1 (9 inch) unbaked deep dish pie crust
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup milk
- salt and pepper to taste

Directions

Preheat oven to 375° F (190° C).

In a medium skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Sauté garlic and onion in butter until lightly browned, about 7 minutes. Stir in spinach, mushrooms, and 1/2 cup Cheddar cheese. Season with salt and pepper. Spoon mixture into pie crust.

In a medium bowl, whisk together eggs and milk. Season with salt and pepper. Pour into the pastry shell, allowing egg mixture to thoroughly combine with spinach mixture. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes.



Jordan's MACARONI AND CHEESE

Ingredients

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| 2 cups uncooked elbow macaroni | 2 cups bread crumbs |
| 4 tablespoons butter | 1/4 onion, minced |
| 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour | salt and pepper to taste |
| 2 cups milk | 4 cups shredded cheddar cheese |

Directions

Preheat oven to 350° F (175° C).

Prepare the elbow macaroni according to package directions.

Meanwhile, melt the butter in a small saucepan over medium-high heat. Stir in the flour until a cream-colored paste forms. Pour in the milk to form a white sauce and stir constantly until it comes to a hard boil, stirring for one more minute. Remove from heat and set aside.

Spread half of the cooked macaroni into the bottom of a lightly greased 9 x 13 inch baking dish. Layer half of the minced onion, half of the salt and pepper and half of the cheese. Repeat layers one more time: macaroni, onion, salt and pepper, and cheese. Pour the reserved white sauce over all. Spread bread crumbs over all and top off with small pats of butter to taste.

Cover and bake for 45 minutes. *Servings: 10-12*

BLUEBERRY MUFFINS

Ingredients

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| 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour | 1/3 cup vegetable oil |
| 3/4 cup white sugar | 1 egg |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt | 1/3 cup milk |
| 2 teaspoons baking powder | 1 cup fresh blueberries |

Crumb Topping

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| 1/2 cup white sugar | 1/4 cup butter, cubed |
| 1/3 cup all-purpose flour | 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon |

Directions

Preheat oven to 400° F (200° C). Grease muffin cups or line with muffin liners.

Mix crumb topping ingredients and set aside.

Combine 1 1/2 cups flour, 3/4 cup sugar, salt, and baking powder. Place vegetable oil into a 1 cup measuring cup; add the egg and enough milk to fill the cup. Mix this with flour mixture. Fold in blueberries. Fill muffin cups right to the top, and sprinkle with crumb topping mixture. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes.



Everyone wants "seconds" with this dish!

Tap into God's Purpose for Your Life



Lindsay with special guest, Sheree Fletcher, and co-host Belinda Scott.

Recently on our *Make Your Day Count* TV program, my co-host Belinda Scott and I interviewed a very special guest, Sheree Fletcher. Sheree is a mother, wife, entrepreneur, and a gifted reality TV star. Her husband, Terrell Fletcher, played football in the NFL for the San Diego Chargers and today is the pastor of City of Hope International in San Diego, CA. Sheree has a great desire to empower women with the purpose of God. She also shared with us the story behind her unusual moisturizing cream for dry skin. —Lindsay

Lindsay: Hello, you lovely lady! We are so glad you've joined us today. You have an amazing story that I know has inspired a lot of women. You were married to Hollywood actor Will Smith. You went through a public and painful divorce, you were part of a reality show about

Hollywood exes, and now you're an entrepreneur and a minister! You have been through a lot!

Sheree: Yes, Lindsay. At the time of my divorce, I did not know the Lord. I knew He was real, but I didn't have a relationship with Him. In 1999, it

became very clear to me that my way of living wasn't working. In the natural, I had everything I could need, but I still wasn't happy. God showed me that it wasn't happiness I was looking for, because happiness is situational.

Lindsay: Happiness comes and goes.

Sheree: Right! What I was looking for was fulfillment. I was looking for my purpose. We serve a God who has purpose, and we are made in His image. That means we need purpose too. So I gave my life to the Lord Jesus Christ, and I have not looked back. I felt the leading of the Lord to begin to help other women be overcomers in life. The Lord showed me that He is the one who gives us purpose, but part of my assignment from Him was to help women get the POWER to tap into God's purpose for their lives. No matter what we go through in life, the Bible tells us that the same comfort we've received, we should give that comfort to somebody else (2 Corinthians 1:3–4). There's a responsibility that we have to one another—to bear one another's burdens, to help pull our sisters out of trouble if we can, and to prevent our sisters from hitting the wall as many of us have.

Belinda: Just like you, so many women have been through desert experiences, times when we've felt lost and alone. And you are helping

them come out with purpose and power and without shame.

Lindsay: I like that—with no shame! But what do you do when somebody's hurt you? What do you do when a huge change comes to your life such as the break-up of a marriage? How do you avoid bitterness, regret, and shame?


Sheree: I believe it's a conscious choice. I believe you have to choose to not be bitter and choose to not dwell in shame. I also believe forgiveness has to be done quickly.

Belinda: Now, hold on a second. She said forgiveness has to be done quickly!

Sheree: Yes, the decision to forgive needs to be made quickly, but the forgiveness itself is a process.

Lindsay: So many times, it "feels" better to gripe and complain. Let's be honest—sometimes we would rather pick up the telephone and call a friend. But I believe a true friend will listen to you and let you vent your feelings, because I think that is part of our healing process. But then that friend could say, "OK, are you through? You've been there long enough; it's time to move forward!"

Belinda: So, Sheree, when did you begin sensing the Lord telling you that you had something to give that would bless other women?



Sheree: Well, after I got saved, I had such an intense desire to know the Lord. I studied everything I could get my hands on. I was taking online courses, and I was surrounded by notebooks. I just couldn't get enough of Him. It was during that time that I developed *Whoop Ash*—my intense moisturizing cream.

Belinda: And where did the name *Whoop Ash* come from?

Sheree: Actually, I started out with another name and I was already in the trade-marking process when the Lord dropped the name *Whoop Ash* down into my spirit. "Ash" is an African American colloquialism for dry skin. But the technical term chemists use to refer to dry skin is "ashen," so that's where the word "ash" in the name comes from. And the Lord showed me the acronym WHOOP—*Women Helping Others Obtain Power*. Because of what He had been speaking to me about helping other women, I felt and I still feel that the name was God-given. I knew in my heart that *Whoop Ash* was supposed to be the name of my product and that it was going to open the door for me to minister to people. At the time, I didn't understand why God would give me that name. But do you know what? The question I hear the most when I talk about this product is, "How did you come up with the name?"

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Lindsay: Exactly! That question is your window of opportunity to reach out to others with the love of God and minister to them, right where they are. It takes people like you, who are willing to reach out and touch somebody, to share Jesus with the world! The Bible says the fields are ripe for the harvest, but the laborers are few (Luke 10:2). Sheree, you are a marvelous laborer, and I pray that God continues to minister to you and through you, in Jesus' name. Praise God!

*If you would like to learn more about
Sheree Fletcher, or order Whoop Ash,
go to www.whoopash.com.*



Set Free from 20-Year Addiction!



Alexandra

For twenty years, I battled a cocaine addiction that was holding me back from serving God like I wanted to. In 2008, I joined World Changers Church, pastored by Creflo and Taffi Dollar, but my addiction continued to control me, and it was getting worse.

In September 2010, our church hosted a healing conference. I had never heard of Richard Roberts, but I went to the conference and listened to him preach, and then he laid hands on us. Deep inside my heart, I heard the Lord tell me, "I chose you, Alexandra. I chose you."

After the evening service, our pastor asked who wanted to plant a seed into Richard's ministry. I told God I would sow my last \$10 into that offering because I could feel that He had touched me that night through Richard's ministry. I didn't know exactly what happened inside me, but I knew God had done something in me!

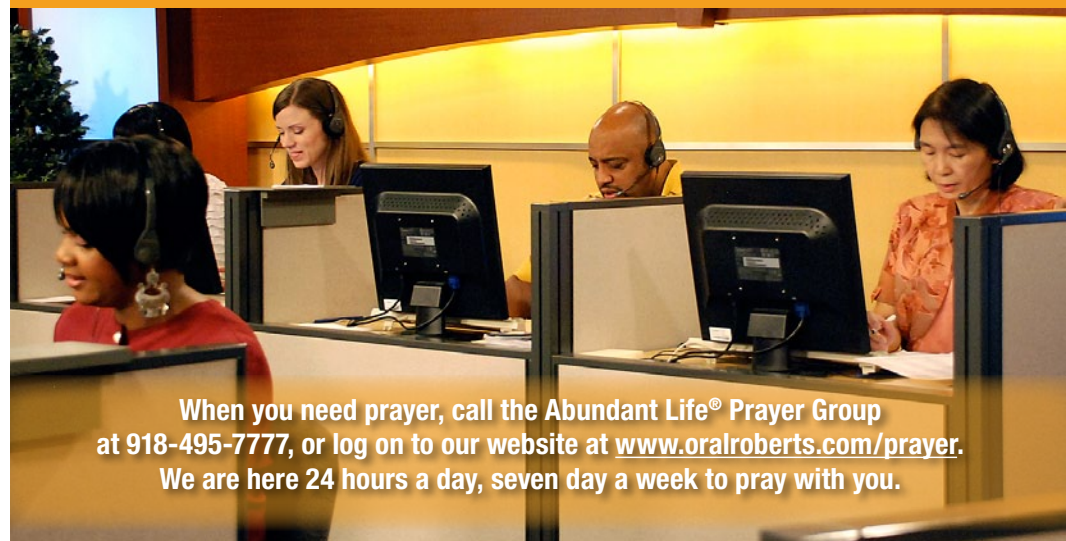
It was not until after the healing meeting ended that I realized I had been set free. *I had been delivered from a twenty-year cocaine addiction in a matter of a second.*

As of today, I have been clean and drug-free for over twenty months, and I now have a job as a substance abuse counselor. God has blessed me so much, and I am so grateful to Him and to Richard Roberts for praying for me.

—Alexandra from New York

If you would like to see Alexandra's Living Proof testimony, go to www.oralroberts.com/living-proof-video/living-proof-alexandra/

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Overcoming the Enemy's Strategy of Offense

Get Over It



By Kate McVeigh

As I travel all over the world ministering the Gospel, I often see people who have been hurt by others and, for one reason or another, have been unable to put that hurt behind them. I believe unresolved hurt hinders the person burdened by it from going further in his or her walk with God. And many times I've seen hurting people hurt other people. The one who has been hurt may go on to wound others in the same way he or she has been wounded.

A person who has been hurt by someone else's actions has actually been *offended*. The dictionary defines an *offense* as an act that causes anger, resentment, displeasure, or affront. I think it makes the devil happy when he can influence people to do things to offend other people. Perhaps that's

one of his main strategies against the body of Christ. The devil likes to use offense to separate and divide people from the very person or place that could possibly help them.

In the Bible, David is a prime example of someone who didn't allow himself to become offended. And because he didn't entertain the bitterness and offense, David was able to slay a giant and win a major battle against the Philistines (1 Samuel 17:1–51).

When David's father sent him down to the battlefield to take food to his brothers who were preparing to fight, his older brother mocked him for his youth and inexperience—potentially humiliating David in front of the whole army of Israel. But David let his brother's words roll off him. Through his faith and

obedience to God, David was victorious over the giant Goliath.

What are the “giants” in your life? Are you facing a financial giant or a giant of sickness and disease? Perhaps your children or grandchildren aren't serving the Lord. These and many other problems can seem like huge giants in your life that require great faith to overcome. But no matter how ready you are to stand in faith, I believe you won't completely overcome your giant if you continue to hold on to offenses. Galatians 5:6 instructs us that faith works *by love*. But unforgiveness—which is the opposite of walking in God's love—can stop the power of God from flowing to you and through you.

God gave us His Word so we would have a way out of every offending situation that could steal victory from our lives. Jesus tells us in John 16:1, *These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended*. The Bible says God has given us the ability to stand on His Word, to walk in love, and to avoid being taken in by offenses. But it's still up to us to use what He's given us. I believe we

have to absolutely refuse to hold on to offenses so we can be free.

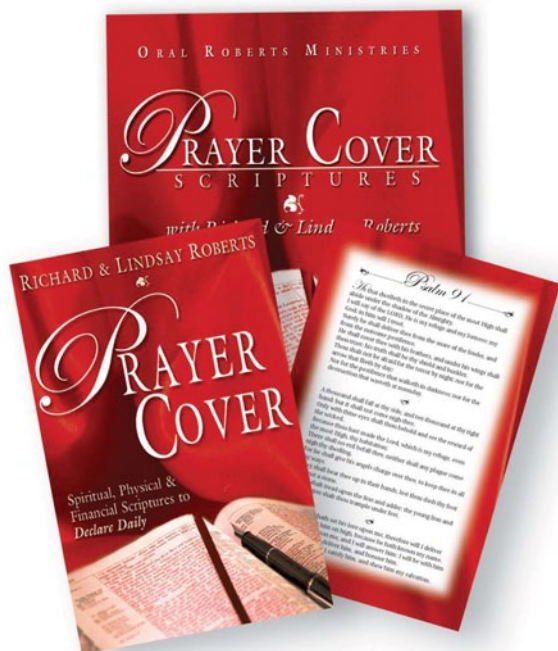
The Word says learning how to live free from offense is simply a part of growing up in God and becoming a mature Christian. By the power of the Holy Spirit living inside you, you *can* walk in victory over offenses. I encourage you to make the decision that from this day forward, you are not going to miss out on what God has for you because of unforgiveness in your heart. Walk in the love of God, live in His peace, and believe you can become more than a conqueror over the enemy's strategy of offense!

Prayer to Overcome Offense

Father, I choose to forgive those who have hurt or offended me. I let it go and release any resentment I feel toward them. I ask You to bless them in every way today. I pray for their peace, happiness, and protection. And because I forgive those who have failed me in some way, Father, I believe that You also forgive me of my own shortcomings. By Your grace, I release all bitterness and anger, and I forgive all who may have wronged me, even as You for Christ's sake have forgiven me. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen. ☀



Do you find that you are easily angered or hurt by other people? Is it difficult for you to forgive someone who has offended you in some way? I believe God can set you free from all offense! Kate McVeigh's book, *Get Over It*, is designed to help bring you to that place of forgiveness, freedom, and victory in your spiritual walk. [Click here to order.](#)



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Wisdom from Our Kids

The following are real answers given by children.

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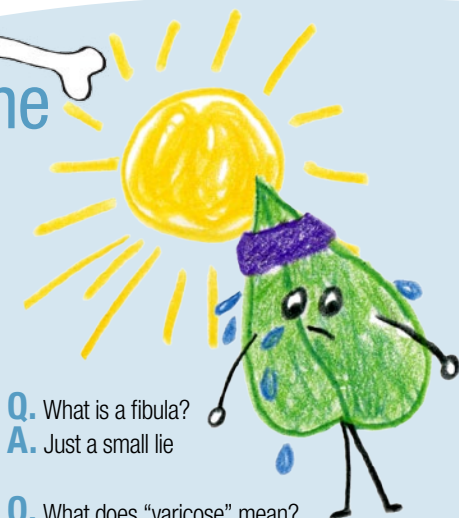
A. Salt, pepper, mustard, and vinegar.

Q. How is dew formed?

A. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them sweat.

Q. How can you keep milk from turning sour?

A. Keep it in the cow.



Q. What is a fibula?

A. Just a small lie

Q. What does “varicose” mean?

A. Nearby.

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