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NO Limits!

Happy New Year to you, my friends! As we begin 2012, it is my pleasure to bring you this all-new issue of *Make Your Day Count* online magazine. Richard has called this year *The Year of No Limits*, and I am receiving that word for every area of my life—spirit, soul, body, family, finances and ministry! I want what God has for me this year with no limits. And I believe you can receive all He has for you too!

I pray you are blessed as you read *God's View of You*. As you guard your thoughts, you'll find it easier to throw off any doubts or a bad self-image, and realize that you are a new creation, according to 2 Corinthians 5:17. Christ's love for you is so deep and profound that the natural mind cannot even grasp it. And His forgiveness for our sins is as

deep as the ocean when we repent and allow Him to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

I have included a very special article from my mother-in-law, Evelyn Roberts, highlighting her sweet relationship with Oral, and reminding us of God's limitless love. And as always, I believe you'll enjoy some new recipes, inspiring testimonies, and lots more!

I am praying that the devil can't stop us this year as we reach higher and higher, pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:14). I pray you find inspiration within these pages as you make this limitless New Year of 2012 count mightily for the Kingdom of God!

Lindsey



GOD'S view of you

I believe you are valuable to God. If you're struggling with feelings of insecurity and never being good enough, look into the mirror of God's Word and see yourself through the eyes of the One who made you...you!

by Lindsay Roberts

Around this time of the year we celebrate Valentine's Day, and people's thoughts often turn to love.

But I want to talk to you about one kind of love that doesn't come up very often, and that is *loving yourself*.

I don't mean that you should have an inflated ego. But most of the time, I don't see people with overly inflated egos who love themselves too much. Instead, I see people, even Christians, who are struggling with their self-worth, not believing that they are valuable and precious to God.

Don't Believe the Lie

Matthew 22:39 NIV says, "Love your neighbor as yourself." But how

can you love your neighbor until you have learned how to love yourself?

Too many of God's children are suffering from low self-esteem when we don't have to. If satan is trying to put low self-esteem on you, I say, "Don't accept the package!" The Bible says, *If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new* (2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV).

You can begin to love yourself when you realize that God has made you a brand-new creation, and He has created you in His own image. You are a reflection of Him!

Not only that, but you are worth the price that Jesus paid for you on the Cross. God sent His only Son as a

ransom for you, and that makes you very valuable. You are God's prize, His treasure. **He paid no higher price for anything than He paid for you.**

If you've struggled with self-esteem, I believe it's time to stop believing the lie that you're inferior or worthless. In the body of Christ, many have stopped believing that lie that they have to be sick or poor. So let's stop believing the lie that we are worthless. You are so valuable to God that He sent His Son to buy you back from the hands of the enemy!

Forgive Yourself

Sometimes there's unforgiveness blocking people from realizing their value and loving themselves. Often it's easier to forgive someone who has "done you wrong" than it is to forgive yourself.

But I pray for God to release you today and for forgiveness to begin on the inside of you. If there is something you've done or something that has happened, ask God for forgiveness and *release yourself* from it.

First John 1:9 NKJV says, *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* Receive God's forgiveness and then say, "God, I forgive myself. I plead the blood of

Jesus and I release myself." Let yourself go free from anything satan has tried to throw your way, and if necessary, let the cleansing blood of Jesus work in you and wash away your sin.

As a Child of God

The Bible says that we are to believe the report of the Lord (Isaiah 53:1). Don't listen to the report of the devil—or someone who may be *acting* like the devil—that says you aren't worth anything, you've done everything wrong, or you'll never amount to much. That's a lie, because it's not what the Bible says about you.

The Bible says that you're the head and not the tail (Deuteronomy 28:13). It says you have the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16). You are a

highly esteemed child of God! So I say, put your head up, square your shoulders, and start seeing yourself through His eyes!

Now, let's join our faith together and invite the love of God come into your heart as I pray for you:

In the name of Jesus, I strip off the words and piercing arrows that have wounded your self-image. I pull those hurts out of your soul and your spirit, and I command satan to release you. I ask God to infuse you with His presence and cause you to see yourself the way He sees you—as His valuable and precious child! Amen. ✨

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What God orders...

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by Willard Jones

Has God given you a vision that seems impossible to accomplish? If so, I know how you feel because I've been there.

I pastor a small church in a low income area of town. So when I announced that God told me to build a multi-million dollar community center, many people thought I'd lost it!

They asked why I was building something to serve the community, rather than building a new sanctuary for the church. My answer was simple: That's the vision God gave me, and I intend to be faithful.

I think of it like this: When I go to a restaurant, I expect to be served what I've ordered. If the waiter brings me something I didn't order, I don't

pay for it. But when I'm given what I've ordered, not only will I pay for it; I'll leave a tip!

I believe that what the Lord orders, He pays for. When we set our faith in agreement with Him and begin to do what He's asked us to do, I believe He's so faithful that He'll deliver what we need to accomplish it...and more besides.

Beware of Detractors

Jesus warned Peter in Luke 22:31 that Satan would try to separate him from God. Nothing has changed! If we're not careful, the enemy can use trials, fear—everything in his power—to try to keep us from fulfilling the vision God has given us.

First Corinthians 13:13 says, *Now abideth faith...* One meaning of the word *abide* is "to stay." A lot of things will come and go in life, but the thing that must stay solid in our lives is our faith!

That means we have to look to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, so that Satan can't keep us from fulfilling the vision God has put before us.

If you're discouraged, I'd like to pray with you right now:

Father, I lift up those who are about to give up, give in, or give out. I ask You to bring renewed confidence and clarity in the place of confusion. Help us remember that You can provide all we need in order to do whatever You've asked us to do. Thank You for Philippians 4:13 that tells us we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. In Jesus' name, Amen. ☀



Richard and Lindsay with Pastor Willard Jones

Willard Jones is pastor of the Greater Cornerstone Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. A former teacher, coach, and school administrator, Pastor Jones is heavily involved in serving both the church and his community. He reports that the community center will be fully completed in May 2012, and that the Lord has fully provided the finances needed to build the center. For more information, go to www.oralroberts.com/media/television-guests/.

A note from Lindsay:

God is a faithful God, and I believe He has great goodness for your life. Here are some Scriptures that I believe can encourage you to stay strong in your faith. Remember, God can change the situation you face and make it count for His kingdom.

Psalm 36:5 NKJV:

Your mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Psalm 89:14 NIV:

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; love and faithfulness go before You.

Galatians 5:22 NKJV:

The fruit of the Spirit is... faithfulness.

Psalm 100:5 NASB:

For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations.



FRESH ROASTED TOMATO SOUP

with Grilled Cheese Croutons

Ingredients

6 cups (3 pints) cherry tomatoes or grape tomatoes
4 tablespoons olive oil
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 garlic clove, minced
1 chopped yellow onion

1 (28-ounce) can or two 14.5 ounce cans diced tomatoes
4 cups chicken stock
fresh herbs of choice
(I would use sage and thyme)
1 cup whipping cream (optional)



The roasted tomatoes make this soup something special!

Directions

Preheat the oven to 400°. In a bowl, combine the cherry/grape tomatoes, 2 tablespoons of the olive oil, and the salt and pepper. Toss the ingredients to coat evenly and spread them in a single layer onto a baking sheet lined with aluminum foil. Roast the tomatoes until they are nice and roasted, about 35 to 45 minutes.

In a large pot, heat the remaining 2 tablespoons of oil over medium heat. Add the onion and sauté until softened, about 6 minutes, adding the garlic in at the last moment just to lightly bloom. Add the canned tomatoes with their juice, the stock, the fresh herbs, and the roasted tomatoes, including any liquid on the baking sheet. Bring the mixture to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer, partially covered, for 30 to 40 minutes. Remove any large stems from the fresh herbs. Using an immersion blender or regular blender, puree the soup until it's smooth. Return it to the pot and stir in the cream. Without letting the soup boil, warm it over medium heat, stirring often, until steaming. Add salt and pepper, if necessary, and any other desired dried herbs.

Serve with grilled cheese sandwiches. For an added touch, I make my grilled cheese to my liking (with lots of yummy cheeses... Munster, Havarti, Extra Sharp Cheddar, and a little mayo) and then I cut it into 16 equal pieces... making it into grilled cheese croutons! Then I toss them into my soup a few at a time.

TOOTHPICK TENDERS



Yummy appetizer for your Superbowl gathering!

Ingredients

1 package uncooked boneless, skinless chicken tenderloins (5-6 tenders)
1 package of dried pitted dates
3-4 whole jalapeno peppers (raw)
2 packages of bacon slices (I prefer thick cut)

1 bottle of your favorite sweet barbecue sauce (Sweet Baby Ray's is a great option!)
1 box of toothpicks

Directions

Cut each tender into halves, lengthwise, and then cut those halves lengthwise again. Now you have 4 very long, thin strips. Cut those into 4 even pieces each, widthwise. You'll end up with 16 small pieces per tender. Open up the dates package and cut them each into 6 slices/pieces (more if they're large dates). They need to be long and thin too. The same thing applies to the jalapenos. Cut off the top and remove all the seeds. Slice them into small strips (they won't be very hot once they cook, if you are concerned about the spicy heat). Open the bacon package and lay each piece on top of one another in a tall bacon stack. Slice the entire stack in half widthwise.

Once each item is prepared, it is time to assemble! Roll date and jalapeno pieces inside the small chicken piece (do the best you can) and then wrap that roll in a piece of bacon. Secure with a toothpick. Chicken, date, and jalapeno pieces may stick out the side of bacon roll slightly, and that is fine. Lay onto parchment paper on a baking sheet, leaving space between each bite.

Bake at 375° for 20 to 25 minutes (about half done). Remove and coat in barbecue sauce (using a plastic bag is a good way to do this), but be careful not to let the bacon fall off. Place them back on the same parchment on the baking sheet, bacon juice and all. Bake until chicken is cooked through and golden, approximately 15 to 20 more minutes. Watch closely to make sure they don't burn. Best served warm. **If you have questions about storing, serving, or cooking meat or poultry, call: Meat and Poultry Hotline, 1-800-535-4555, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. EST.*

FAUX REAL CHERRY CHEESECAKE



An easy sweet treat for Valentine's Day

Ingredients

1 (8-ounce) low fat package cream cheese
1 cup confectioners' sugar
1 package instant vanilla pudding mix
1 1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract (don't use imitation)

1 (8-ounce) container whipping cream (whipped with a hand mixer or a whisk)
1 (9-inch) prepared Oreo pie crust
1 (16-ounce) can cherry pie filling

Directions

With an electric mixer, beat the cream cheese and the powdered sugar until combined. Add vanilla and pudding powder mix and beat 2 minutes. Gently fold in whipped cream.

Transfer mixture into the pie crust. Top the filling with the canned cherry pie filling. Refrigerate for at least one hour before serving.



My mother-in-law, Evelyn, had a special calling to be married to Oral Roberts. With Oral's passion for the lost worldwide, I know at times it couldn't have been easy to share her husband! But something that always blessed me, and I'm sure blessed a lot of people, was the tenderness that was evident between them, and how they doted on one another. The tender relationship that existed between them really is a picture of God's love for His children. We are the apple of His eye; we are the beat of His heart—we are His family! And the Bible tells us that He desires to give good gifts to us (Matthew 7:11), if we will only ask in faith.

As you read this article from Evelyn's book, *Whither Thou Goest*, I pray it reinforces our Father God's love for you, and I hope you are reminded that you are His beloved child.

—Lindsay

Every Dayness 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.

No Distance in Love

by Evelyn Roberts

Editor's Note: This article was taken from Evelyn's book, *Whither Though Goest*, first published in 1960.

When Oral and I married on Christmas Day, 1938, I knew I was marrying someone called to the ministry. But at the time, I never dreamed that he would take God's healing message around the world. And because Oral obeyed God's call on his life, we've spent a lot of time apart during our marriage.

The longest moments of my life have been those when Oral was not with me. When he conducted his tent crusades across the country, he was often gone from the family for three weeks at a time.

When Oral was home, it always meant twice as much work for me—more cooking, more straightening up around the house—but I loved having him home, and there seemed to be a peace in our home when he was there.

Keeping Love Alive

I believe a marriage is worth your attention, and it's the little things you do that can help build up a marriage. Oral and I liked to raid the refrigerator before bedtime, and the late night snacks were usually the time for heart-to-heart talks

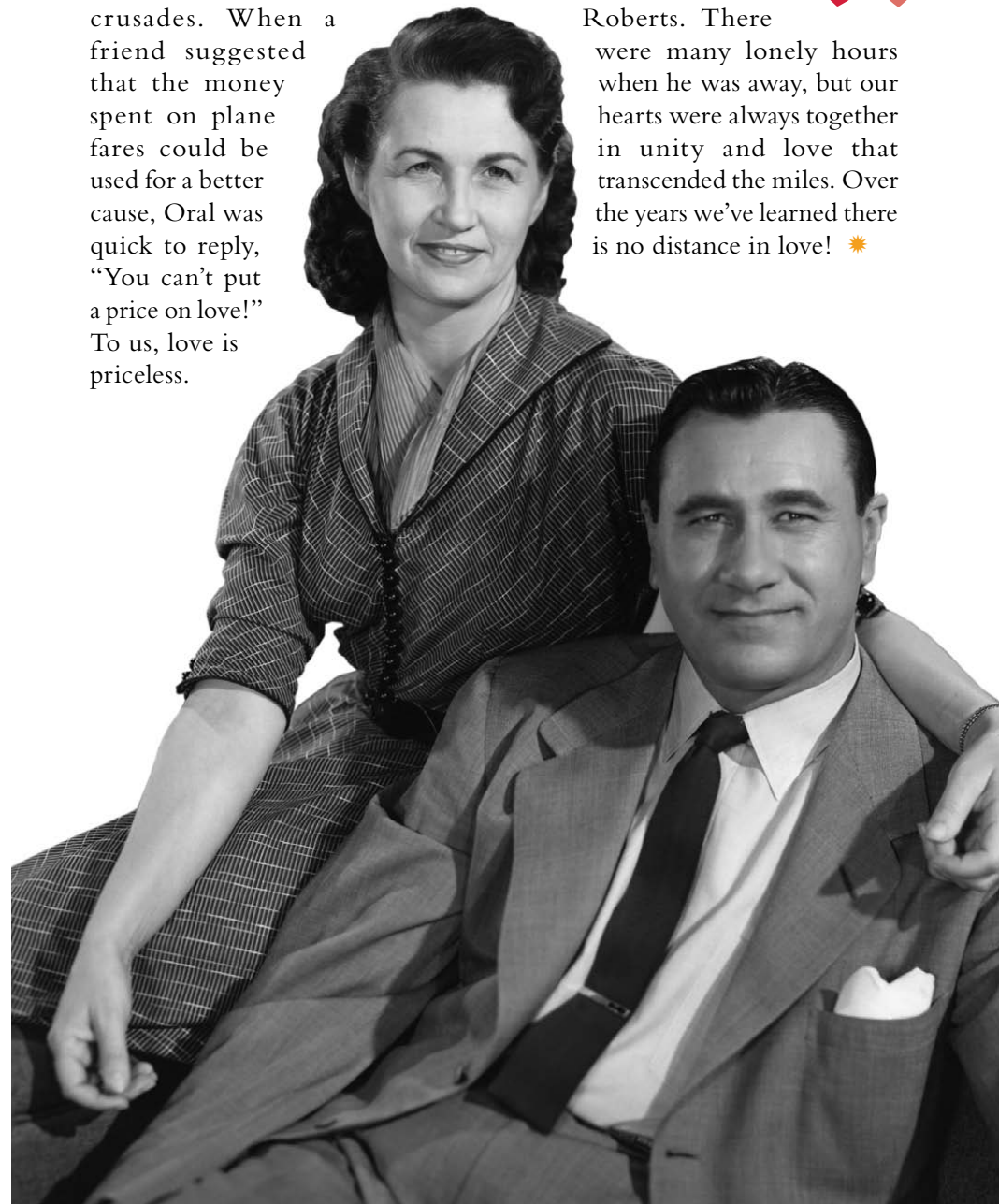
about our future, the children, and just being in love. Over a glass of cornbread and milk we grew closer.

We always worked hard to keep our love alive. We were criticized for traveling by plane to see each other during the long crusades. When a friend suggested that the money spent on plane fares could be used for a better cause, Oral was quick to reply, "You can't put a price on love!" To us, love is priceless.

Oral dearly loves his family, but his love for Jesus is even greater. That deep, spiritual love doesn't make us jealous, because it makes his love for us all the more sacred.

I've never been sorry that I married Oral Roberts. There

were many lonely hours when he was away, but our hearts were always together in unity and love that transcended the miles. Over the years we've learned there is no distance in love! ☀





When you're surrounded by trouble on every side, and it looks like there's no way out...

God can part the Red Sea for you

by Richard Roberts

What do you do when the attacks of life come? Do you get into despair? Do you focus on your inability to solve your problems, or do you focus on God's ability and His faithfulness to bring you through?

God Can Part the Sea for You!

In 2 Corinthians 4:8–9, the apostle Paul speaks personally and give us a picture of the dreadful problems he was going through when he said, *We are troubled on*

every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed.

In other words, Paul was saying, "The attacks of life come to all of us. But when you're hit, don't give up and don't get into fear. No matter how big or how bad the problem is, God is bigger! Stand strong in your faith and declare, 'My God will deliver me!'"

Isn't that what Moses said when he stood at the edge of the Red

Sea with Pharaoh's armies chasing him from behind? He said, *Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord* (Exodus 14:13 NKJV).

Moses and the Israelites were surrounded by trouble on every side. There was a roaring sea in front of them and a whole army of Egyptians thundering down on them from behind.

It seemed as if there was no way out, but God brought a great miracle. He divided the waters of the sea so the people could walk across on dry land!

And in the midst of whatever problem you're facing, I believe God can do the same for you!

There's Power to Overcome

Louis L'Amour, one of the great western writers, had a saying he often used to describe his leading characters. He would say, "That man takes a lot of killin'," meaning there was no quit in him!

And that's a picture of you and me when we refuse to give up in the midst of our problems! That's when you and I can declare by faith, "I may fall down, but I won't stay down!"

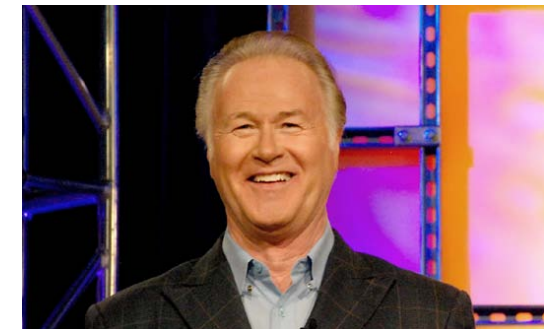
No matter what you're going through, I believe God is faithful. If you have fallen, you can get up and dust yourself off and move on.

If someone has done something horrible to you, give them to God. Say, "God, forgive them. I forgive them and I release them to you."

That's what Jesus did that dark Friday afternoon as He hung on the Cross for you and me—He forgave those who had put them there. Then He rose again on Sunday to purchase our salvation and—through His Spirit—to give us the **power** to overcome anything that comes against us. *For we are more than conquerors*, Romans 8:37 NKJV tells us, **through Him [Christ] who loved us.**

Go to the Source

If you have never made a full commitment of your life to the One who died for you and whose power can make you an overcomer,



We are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us.

I encourage you to pray this prayer with me right now:

Lord Jesus, I ask You to come into my heart, forgive my sins, and turn my whole life around. Lord, help me remember that it's not about me. It's about You and the Resurrection power You give me to overcome life's problems. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen. ☀

PACKING TIPS

by Colleen Rickenbacher



If you're going to be traveling on an airplane sometime soon, here are some handy packing tips that can help make your trip go a little smoother.

Packing Basics

There are basically three ways you can pack clothing in a suitcase: you can roll it, fold it, or hang it. Rolling often takes up less space and keeps the clothes from getting wrinkled. Start at the bottom of the garment and roll upward.

Socks and underclothes can be tucked into any available corner. Put heavier items on the bottom of the suitcase, including shoes. Always put shoes in a bag, even a plastic grocery bag, so the polish won't come off on your clothes.

To reduce wrinkles, I have one piece of full-proof advice: *tissue paper and plastic bags*. Fold or hang your garments, put tissue paper in the sleeves, the main body, and layered on the outside. Then cover them with a dry cleaning bag.

Ready to Go

If you travel often, it's a good idea to keep a bag of duplicate toiletry items packed and ready to go. Be sure to use travel-size bottles instead of full-size ones, so that everything will fit and your bag won't weigh so much.

Refill these items after each trip, and when you're ready to travel again, you can just grab the bag.

Put any breakable items in your carry-on bag instead of your checked luggage. Keep those items in separate plastic bags so if they break, they won't get lost or get all over other objects in your bag.

Important documents, jewelry, or prescription drugs should also go in your carry-on. You may also want to pack a toothbrush, toothpaste, and a change of clothes in your carry-on bag in case your checked luggage is delayed.

Identification

In addition to the identification on the outside of your suitcase, be sure to attach your name and phone number somewhere *inside* in case the outer tag gets torn off.

These few simple tips can help make your trip more enjoyable. Bon voyage! ☀

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my miracle story...



Softball-Sized Tumor, Gone!

I was having a lot of pain in my pelvic area. My doctor performed an ultrasound and discovered a mass the size of a softball on my right ovary.

They prepared me for the worst. The next few weeks were torture as I waited for more news and test results. During that time, I gave my heart to Jesus as my Savior.

The night before I was to go in to have another ultrasound, I was flipping through channels and I saw Richard Roberts for the first time. I didn't know who he was, but my mother said, "You really need to watch this!" She told me that my grandmother had watched Oral Roberts faithfully. I listened to

Richard ask people to put their hands on the television screen as a point of contact. I did what he said and I prayed with him. I immediately felt revived. I just knew something was happening.

The next morning, I still felt great as I made my way to the doctor for the ultrasound. The technician administering the test looked at me and said, "Jennifer, this has been a divine intervention! I don't see any sign of any mass whatsoever. I don't even see the scar tissue where the mass was!"

I fell on my knees right then and there in the doctor's office—I was healed. God is a miracle-working God!

—Jennifer from North Carolina



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Lookin' Good

The husband was livid when his wife bought a \$250 dress.

"How could you do this!" he exclaimed.

"I don't know," she wailed.

"I was looking at the dress on sale. Then I found myself trying it on. It was like the devil was whispering to me, 'Gee, you look great in that dress. You should buy it.'"

"Well," the husband persisted, "you know how to deal with him! Just tell him, 'Get behind me, satan!'"

"I did," replied his wife, "but then he said, 'It looks great from back here too!'"



Spaghetti Surprise

A woman prepared a pasta dish for a dinner party she was giving. In her haste, however, she forgot to refrigerate the spaghetti sauce, and it sat on the counter all day. She was worried that it had spoiled, but it was too late to cook up another batch. She called the local poison control center, and they advised her to boil the sauce again.

That night, the phone rang during dinner, and a guest answered it. The face of the hostess dropped when the guest called out, "It's the poison control center. They want to know how the spaghetti sauce turned out!"

Snow Boots

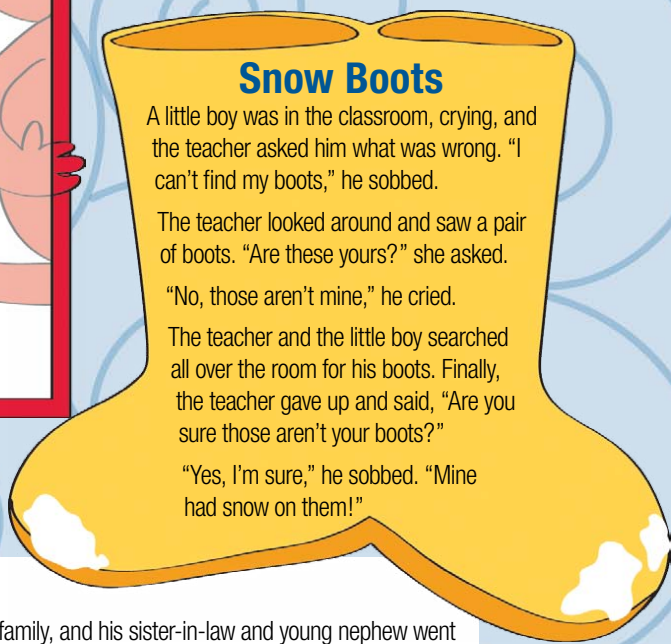
A little boy was in the classroom, crying, and the teacher asked him what was wrong. "I can't find my boots," he sobbed.

The teacher looked around and saw a pair of boots. "Are these yours?" she asked.

"No, those aren't mine," he cried.

The teacher and the little boy searched all over the room for his boots. Finally, the teacher gave up and said, "Are you sure those aren't your boots?"

"Yes, I'm sure," he sobbed. "Mine had snow on them!"



Grounded

Brendan had been visiting his family, and his sister-in-law and young nephew went with him to the airport when it was time to leave. After verifying his seat, Brendan told his relatives that he'd have to wait an additional three hours at the airport.

"How come?" his nephew asked.

"My plane had been grounded," Brenden explained.

"Grounded?" the little boy said. "I didn't know planes had parents!"