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For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ~ 2 Timothy 4:3-4 NIV ~

## RJA News Corner

by Lee Stahl, Principal



Sharlyn and Mathania Sing at Music Fest

*God's Army* was the theme of this year's Music Fest, held at Blue Mountain Academy on March 1-2. Several schools and homeschoolers from Pennsylvania and New Jersey came to join the choir or orchestra in performing several songs during the church service on Saturday. During the afternoon, different schools were able to showcase special music selections by their students. Sharlyn Castillo and Mathania Olivier represented RJA with a duet of *Amazing Grace*.

## RJA Adds Reading Plus Program submitted by Carol Rey

This year our school has enhanced our reading curriculum with a comprehensive on-line reading program called Reading Plus. Currently just 3rd through 6th grades are piloting this program for RJA. Reading Plus focuses on the 3 domains of reading; cognitive, physical, and emotional. The students began the year taking an assessment and then an individualized program was designed just for them. Each day the students login to their personal account and select reading material that interests them. After reading the selection, they are given 10 comprehension questions of varying types. The goal each day is to get 80% or higher in order

for it to count as part of a "combo", which is 2 scores of 80% or higher in a row. When a certain number of combos are achieved (usually 10), the student "levels up" to more difficult reading material. There are also vocabulary and visual skill activities done on a daily basis.

Every day reading class is fun in 3rd and 4th grade as students celebrate their achievements. Students receive bronze, silver, and gold stars for each combo earned and blue "diamonds" each time a student moves to the next level. There is a lot of encouragement among classmates as we enthusiastically applaud each other's accomplishments! Every student has leveled up at least one time this year, however most students progressed 3-4 levels so far! The initial goal was for everyone in the class to level up at least one time, and then we would have an ice cream sundae! Not only did we achieve that, but so much more!



The P&K Mart  
submitted by Cindy Eisenhardt

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**Grace's Outpost** by Ashley Richards

Occasionally, months come along where I pray and pray for days for Jesus to give me an article to share with you for this column, and yet, no column comes. When that happens, I figure it's better to share God's words instead of mine. I pray you find blessings and inspiration from these verses that God has lain on my heart to share with you. (All verses are taken from the New American Standard Bible.)

"O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly; my soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, in a dry and weary land where there is no water... for You have been my help, and in the shadow of Your wings I sing for joy. My soul clings to You; Your right hand upholds me." – Psalm 63:1,7-8

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and

they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.' And He who sits on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.' And He said, 'Write, for these words are faithful and true... He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and He will be my son.'" – Revelation 21:3-5,7

"And they will come from east and west and from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God." – Luke 13:29

"He will swallow up death for all time, and the Lord God will wipe tears away from all faces, and He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; for the Lord has spoken. And it will be said in that day, 'Behold, this is our

God for whom we have waited that He might save us. This is the Lord, for Whom we have waited; let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation.'" – Isaiah 25:8-9

"Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God." – Colossians 3:2-3

"There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bondservants will serve Him; they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever." – Revelation 22:3-5

"And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat,

and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little boy will lead them." – Isaiah 11:6

"He who testifies to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming quickly.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus." – Revelation 22:20

"Do not let your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also." – John 14:1-3

**Question of the Month** compiled by Ashley Richards

Question of the Month: What is something about nature that makes you think, "WOW! Jesus really loves me!"?

"The rainbow really hits me. It's the promise that God and His promises are real." – Cheryl Cherington

"My cat sits on the back of my legs when I pray at night." – Toni Wlasniewski

"Butterflies. The butterfly has to work to get out of the cocoon. It has to work to get out, but when it does, wow! It's beautiful! Like butterflies, God makes us all different." – Chris Gelsinger

"The stars at night—or early in the morning when I go running. It's dark, and the stars are out in their glory. It's amazing that God created them all." – Dwight Edris

"Where we live, we have a lot of squirrels. I love watching them run up and down the trees, and back and forth." – Melinda Jaeger

"The starfish, and how it can regenerate an entire body from one leg. That wouldn't have been possible without the Creator God!" – Cindy Eisenhardt

"A cat purring, because purring isn't for survival. It's a sign of our Creator, that He loves us, and He created animals for us as companions." – Suzanne Beard

"His love for us—even down to the tiny flowers—they shine His love for us. Nature is beautiful for us, even with no effort on our part." – Cheryl Ingersoll

"Probably one of the more impressive things I've seen is the Yosemite Double falls.

It's around 300-something odd feet. It's impressive how all that water can be on top of the mountain and come down the mountain. We see the bottom of the mountains that God created. We think the bottom of the mountain is fantastic—imagine what the top looked like!" – Wayne Johns

"The sky—like the clouds—the shapes you see. You can look up and just imagine Jesus coming through the clouds! It's really neat." – Jason McLean

## The Crow's Nest by Bob Kondracki

### Absolute Truth

*"Truth is defined as that which corresponds to reality as perceived by God."*

~ R.C. Sproul ~

What is truth? This is the question Pilate asked Jesus, as recorded in John 18:38, just before he had Him flogged. When Pilate asked Christ this rhetorical question, he was implying that the truth is open to individual interpretation, and influenced by more than just the cold, hard facts. It's amazing that in almost 2000 years since then, the tendency for human beings to rationalize and manipulate the truth is still endless, despite our advanced knowledge, science, and alleged superior intellect. And the truth currently remains as elusive as it ever has. The reason for this is not hard to understand. Today and throughout history, whenever people see something that they don't like, doesn't fit their agenda or simply can't accept, they will attempt to justify and tailor the facts as if they were a piece of pliable clay, waiting to be molded to the artist's will, until they have a version of the truth that is agreeable to them. And in the course of time and repetition, what is not necessarily the facts becomes accepted as factual. As Vladimir Lenin, politician, revolutionary, and founder of the Russian Communist Party once so succinctly put it:

"A lie told often enough becomes the truth."

And many of us have now been taught and adopted the philosophy, "Well, that may be true for you, but not for

me. I see it (i.e. I want it) another way." Alarming, they often persist in maintaining this stance despite what the facts may demonstrate.

So, the question is; in today's world, where the growth of enlightened pseudo-intellectual thinking and postmodernism seems to be usurping the place of logic and critical thinking, slowly permeating our institutions of education, politics, media, science, and yes, even our places of worship, is there really any evidence, or even a place for "absolute truth?" Does absolute truth even exist anymore, and if so, is it even relevant or necessary?

Wikipedia's online encyclopedia defines Absolute Truth as "something that is true at all times and in all places. It is something that is always true no matter what the circumstances. It is a fact that cannot be changed." They go on to say, "One way or another, these are all truths because they are logically true." Uh oh, now we've done it, we've no doubt offended someone, somewhere. There's that ugly word that many fear and abhor...logic. It much too often infringes upon our own personalized ideas.

"A man is his own easiest dupe. For what he wishes to be true, he generally believes to be true." ~Demosthenes~

Interestingly enough, in the online Merriam-Webster's dictionary (established in 1828 by the way) no such

listing for absolute truth exists. I would have thought they had plenty of time to define a term that's been around for a while. I wonder if Merriam has a definition for "political correctness?" I'll have to check later.

Some open-minded (read-liberal) individuals today say that there is no true reality, there are only perceptions and opinions. Everything is relative. Relative to my philosophy, my personal preferences, my insights and experiences. "Who are you to tell me how I feel or how I should believe? Just because you think that way doesn't mean it's right, and that I have to think that way too." Sound familiar?

This kind of thinking relies on ideology instead of reason. Of course, if there are no absolute truths, then there are no absolute morals or ethics either. It comes down to situational ethics based on subjective (opinion) beliefs. Without a fixed point of reference, in the end, it is one subjective opinion vs another. And if I can enforce my beliefs better than you can enforce yours, it will be my way, right or wrong. As they say in the NFL, "Might makes right." And once you're at that point, you have one foot on a banana peel and the other firmly established in the state of chaos and anarchy.

But you protest, "what I believe is what most people believe."

That doesn't make it true.

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." ~Matthew 7:13-14~

Statistics should not define what is right or wrong, or even normal. Statistics often determine only what is popular.

What we have to especially guard against is arguing fact vs opinion. Too often the two get mixed up. I like the room temperature to be 70 degrees. Perhaps you prefer something like 65 degrees. We can debate this particular topic until the next ice age, but ultimately, we are arguing about an opinion. Nobody wins or loses, because it is a personal preference, not a fact. Now if you want to argue about the temperature at which water freezes...you are going to lose every single time, because I'm going to take the 32 degrees side of the argument. Water freezes at 32 degrees. It can be irrefutably proven. It is an Absolute Truth!

Contrary to popular modern opinion, there are a great many absolute truths that exist. But how important is truth in the Bible? As a matter of fact, it was a point of emphasis for Christ. Jesus said "I tell you the truth" over 75 times in the Bible. The truth is talked about over 25 times in the book of John alone. In John 8:32, Jesus said, "then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (continued page 6)

## Going Deeper by Barbara Snyder

### The Gift

"Be still, my soul, and steadfast.

Earth and heaven both are still watching though time is draining from the clock,

and your walk, that was confident and quick, has become slow.

So, be slow if you must, but let the heart still play its true part.

Love still as once you loved, deeply and without patience. Let God and the world know you are grateful,

That the gift has been given."  
by Mary Oliver in "Felicity"

I chose to start this entry with "The Gift" by Mary Oliver for several reasons. One of these reasons is as a tribute to our church members who are in situations that may cause them to question their lives and their purpose. I, at times, am in this group. At each stage of life and each situation, be it age, sickness, decreased vision and hearing, loss of a loved one, empty nest, or any emotional challenge, we can slow down and wonder. Where has the time gone? Can I meet this change at all? How does this affect my relationships with others? Then there are the even greater, very practical questions of getting food, making the steps downstairs to the laundry, continuing to serve, remaining a role model and more.

I wonder with deep respect at our elderly. I'm attracted to the grace in which they carry themselves, at the desire that

they reflect as they continue on in whatever setting they find themselves. I wonder (and struggle myself) if I can gracefully grow wiser and slower yet keep a positive attitude as they do. I wonder how those with support from family and friends compare to those who have little or no similar support. Yet I see those from all groups. I also see and hear that their church and their God, our God, is very important to them. It is He, through us, who carries them, supports them, encourages them.

I wonder at the sick in our church and neighborhoods. How do they carry on? In our church I see the grace of God carrying them. I see the ministries that they still care for and are involved in. And I say "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." I wonder at the daily challenges of illness, aging and decline. All these are transitions via grace.

Have we not seen as a church that these individuals are literally carrying their crosses patiently (and sometimes impatiently, under great hardship, and imperfectly) every day? When we serve them by phone calls, prayers, cards, gifts, friendship, we are serving Christ? We are the ones who offer a cloth to His bleeding head. Practically, for them, we are the ones who put in their name as candidates for communion each quarter. We are the ones who know where they live and stop by with a plate of brownies. (Oops, well

maybe fresh fruit salad or homemade bread!) We are the ones who are being groomed to take on their status someday and hope there are those to serve us. I know a few of these people well. I know I help them some (but not enough) and I know that I am being groomed for a more prominent role of the same sort in my neighborhood and in my larger community. I know there is a medical ministry that is waiting for me to further tap into. Do you want some help in medical ministry? I can provide some. And others can provide even more.

But I want so much to say something more. That is, sometimes we just need a friend. Jesus just needs friends. If you think that you need Him, just think of how much He needs you. In the scriptures almost all of His interactions with others were friend focused. When I was young, I used to spend time saying nothing to my dad but was so content to just sit at his side while he read the paper. I sat at his side during thunderstorms watching God's creation seize itself and split the skies. He was my friend, and I, his (My mom told me.), and we didn't have to say much to each other. So too are those who need us, just by sharing time together, sharing experiences together, sharing awareness together.

As Mary Oliver has said, "...let the heart still play its true part." Let us remember that the heart is necessary for Jesus, with Jesus, for others, for ourselves, for the Latter Rain, for the second coming of Jesus. Remember: "Let the heart still play its true part. Love deeply...and without patience. Let God and the world know you are grateful." Allow your life to be a prayer, dear friends, and gratitude be your song, heard by all.

So be it. Amen.

**Sue's Health Nuggets** by Sue Shobe, Faith Community Nurse

*Editor's Note: This will be the last column for Sue Shobe, our Faith Based Community Nurse. She is retiring on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The editors of our newsletter would like to thank Sue for her insightful and informative articles she has submitted to the Sentinel during her time with us, and we would like her to know that her contributions will certainly be missed. We wish her the best in her retirement.*

- 8. Alcohol can increase your blood pressure and add weight gain.
- 9. Getting 7-9 hours of sleep at night can decrease your blood pressure and risk of diabetes.
- 10. Smoking can increase your blood pressure and increase your risk for heart attack and stroke.
- g. Quit smoking
- h. Manage stress
- i. Manage diabetes
- j. Get plenty of sleep.
- 4. False. You should get your blood pressure checked at least once per year and more frequently if you have high blood pressure.
- 5. True. Maintaining a healthy weight decreases your chance of heart disease.

**Interesting Heart Facts**

Your heart beat 115,000 times per day.  
  
Most heart attacks happen on Monday.

<https://www.healthline.com/health/fun-facts-about-the-heart#2>

**Heart Disease**

**True or False**

- 1. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States.
- 2. There are four heart disease risks that you cannot change.
- 3. There are 10 risk factors for heart disease that you can control.
- 4. You should get your blood pressure checked twice a year.
- 5. Staying a healthy weight can decrease your risk of heart disease.
- 6. A healthy diet does not affect heart disease.
- 7. Exercise not only strengthens the heart and improves the circulation but helps you maintain a healthy weight, and can lower your blood pressure and cholesterol.

**Answers**

- 1. True. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States.
- 2. True. There are four heart disease risks that cannot be changed. They are:
  - a. Age
  - b. Gender
  - c. Race/Ethnicity
  - d. Family History
- 3. True. There are 10 things you can control to decrease your risk of heart disease.
  - a. Control Blood Pressure
  - b. Control Cholesterol and triglycerides
  - c. Maintain a healthy weight
  - d. Eat Healthy
  - e. Exercise
  - f. Limit alcohol
- 6. False. A healthy diet helps to maintain weight, manage blood pressure and cholesterol.
- 7. True. Exercise is important in decreasing risk for heart disease.
- 8. True. Alcohol can cause you to gain weight and increase your blood pressure.
- 9. True. A good night's sleep does decrease your blood pressure and the risk for diabetes.
- 10. True. Smoking constricts the blood vessels that result in increased blood pressure and risk for heart attack and stroke.

## The Crow's Nest (continued from page 3)

We can then infer from Jesus' statement that if the truth sets us free, lies will hold us captive. Do we begin to see how vitally important knowing the truth...the unadulterated, unrationalized, uncensored truth really is?

The Absolute Truth as God sees it?

Real truth isn't open to interpretation or opinion as the majority would like it to be. You see, God's perception of reality and truth is NEVER distorted! God sees things absolutely, in black and white. It is us who so often cloud the issue. Do you think that there is a question that God can't answer definitively? There is no gray area with God. And all of our justifying isn't going to make our customized fact any truer. Not in God's eyes, or in the realm of reality.

Surprisingly, I will admit that there is a time and a place for rationalization. One of the reasons I think it is so prevalent in human nature is because it is a psychological built-in coping mechanism that every one of us has employed at some time in our lives. But there must be a very clear distinction between using it to deal with very painful and difficult situations, and using it to reshape the truth for advantage or agenda.

Ultimately, if we are seeking the absolute truth, we must put all of our bias and preconceived ideas aside, and be willing to objectively go where the evidence takes us, whether we like it or not. Of course, that can open up another can of worms as to whether the data or evidence

we are presented with is in fact accurate.

To determine the accuracy of any information you receive, you must certainly take into consideration the source. Is it trustworthy? Can it be verified? Is it logical? I submit that no matter how reliable your information is, if it is of human origin, it is vulnerable to prejudice, agenda, and error. Which brings us full circle at this point. Given the choice of believing what man says and what God says, I will refer back to the profound quote by R.C. Sproul at the beginning of this article, and is certainly worth repeating:

**"Truth is defined as that which corresponds to reality as perceived by God."**

The truth isn't going to change just because we don't like it. God knows what the absolute truth is.

Now I realize much of this may fall on deaf ears, it often does. But I want you to think of this; none of us are going to obligate or manipulate God into judging us by the rules or parameters WE create. Yet some will defiantly continue to explain, continue to defend, continue to insist there are no absolute truths. They will cling to their ideology like a life preserver in the middle of the ocean. God has given us the absolute truth. It's in His word, and in His Son. But you can continue to believe what you want to believe. Proceed at your own risk.

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." ~Isaiah 8:20~

## Notable Quotes selected by Bob Kondracki

*Editor's note: I am doing something different for Notable Quotes this month. Instead of having multiple short quotes, I decided to print this reply by Tim Tebow to a question asked of him from a recent interview. He was asked about how he feels regarding some people not liking him. Of all the role models our children have to look up to these days, compare Tim Tebow's attitude and lifestyle to say, Kim Kardashian, Kayne West, Miley Cyrus, or any of the many other celebrities that the media elevates to god-like status in our society because of their appearance, money, fame, or immoral lifestyle. I suspect you'll most likely find the contrast both alarming and refreshing.*

*I added the italics and underlining for emphasis.*

"It's really about keeping perspective and not letting other people define you because they sure want to. Shoot, I try to encourage young people all the time to not let the world or outside sources define you because you are always going to have critics and naysayers and people that are going to tell you that you won't, that you can't, that you shouldn't. Most of those people are the people that didn't, that wouldn't, that couldn't.

"Don't be defined by the outside sources. You go after your dreams. Succeeding or failing is not making it to the bigs, or it's not necessarily

fulfilling that. It's having to not live with regret because I didn't try. I just feel for all the young people who don't go after something because they are so afraid of failing that you are going to live with a lot more regret than if you would've and you failed. I'm very passionate about that.

"I think the reason people don't go after things is because how much you will be criticized. What if I fall flat on my face? Fear and doubt and all these things creep in. I just don't believe that is the healthiest way to live. I don't want to have to live with fear or doubt every day, regardless of what everybody here says about me. It doesn't define me.

"I'm grateful that doesn't define me. There is one thing that defines me and that's what God says about me. Besides that, I get to go live out my dreams and help as many people along the way as possible."

## Calendar of Events for April submitted by Wendy Hughes

Date	Day of wk	Event	Time	Group	Leader	Location
4/2/19	Tuesday	Pathfinders	6:00PM	Pathfinders	Virginia	Fellowship Hall
4/3/19	Wednesday	Son Shine Seniors	11:00AM	Son Shine Seniors		Fellowship Hall
4/6/19	Sabbath	Sabbath/Pathfinders	11:00AM	Pathfinders	Virginia	Sanctuary
4/6/19	Sabbath	1st of the month bible study and potluck		Wayne Johns	Wayne & Arleen	Fellowship Hall
4/6/19	Sabbath	Youth activity/Xtreme Air	7:30PM	Adventist Youth	Wendy & Daren	1109 Bern Rd.
4/7/19	Sunday	Lay Pastor Training	10:00-2	Lay Pastors	Lance Moncrieffe	Fellowship Hall
4/7/19	Sunday	Banquet/Spaghetti dinner		Pathfinders	Virginia	Fellowship Hall
4/7/19	Sunday	Diabetes Undone	5:00-7	Health	Wayne & Arleen	Fellowship Hall
4/9/19	Tuesday	Pathfinders	6:00 PM	Pathfinders	Virginia	Fellowship Hall
4/13/19	Sabbath	Youth Sabbath	11AM	Adventist Youth	Wendy & Daren	Sanctuary
4/13/19	Sabbath	RJA Sabbath @ Kenhorst		RJA	Lee Stahl	Kenhorst
4/13/19	Sabbath	Bird Walk with Matt Ski		Social	Arleen Johns	
4/14/19	Sunday	Piano Recital	12:00-4:30		Cindy Eisenhardt	Fellowship Hall
4/14/19	Sunday	Diabetes Undone	5:00-7	Health	Wayne & Arleen	Fellowship Hall
4/15/19	Monday	Church Board Meeting	7PM			Board Room
4/20/19	Sabbath	Potluck				Fellowship Hall
4/20/19	Sabbath	Youth activity/St Peters Village	after potluck	Adventist Youth	Wendy & Daren	Warwick PA
4/21/19	Sunday	Diabetes Undone	5:00-7	Health	Wayne & Arleen	Fellowship Hall
4/23/19	Tuesday	Pathfinders	6:00-8	Pathfinders	Virginia	Fellowship Hall
4/27/19	Sabbath	Investiture	2:30-4:30	Pathfinders	Virginia	Sanctuary
4/28/19	Sunday	Fundraiser for Pathfinders		Pathfinders	Virginia	Walmart
4/30/19	Tuesday	Pathfinders	6:00-8	Pathfinders	Virginia	Fellowship Hall

## Recipe of the Month by Arleen Johns

This recipe requires a little more work, but it's worth it.

¼ C soy sauce  
1 C water  
Salt to taste

Add ginger, cayenne and broccoli and cook until broccoli is done (may need to add water to steam).

### Broccoli and Tofu in Garlic Sauce

1 block extra firm tofu  
3 TBS Soy sauce,  
Ginger and garlic powders for marinade- 1 tsp each  
1 onion, diced  
4 cloves garlic, minced  
3 T olive oil  
2 cups fresh broccoli chopped  
1 ½ ginger powder (may use fresh ginger plus powder)  
1/8 tsp cayenne pepper  
3 T corn starch

Cut tofu into 1 inch cubes- marinate in soy sauce, ginger and garlic powders for 30 minutes.

Slow fry till brown. May take 30 minutes.

Sauté onions and garlic in oil until clear (to save on calories—sauté in water).

Stir in finished tofu.

Mix together corn starch, soy sauce and water, and add to fry pan, cook until sauce thickens.

Serve over rice or on a bed of rice noodles.

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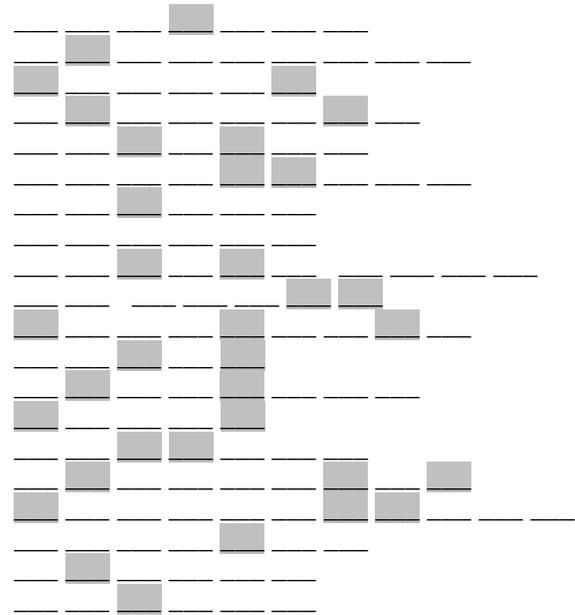
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**The Children's Page** by Ashley Richards

Do you know the story of Daniel and the Lions' Den? I'm sure you do—it's a very popular story! In the puzzle below, you'll find words that relate to that story, but the letters are all mixed up! Once you untangle all the words, write down the letters in the shaded boxes (going from the top of the page to the bottom) in the blanks at the bottom of the page, and you'll discover the secret to how Daniel survived in the lions' den, even though they were hungry and very, very dangerous beasts!

1. idnokgm
2. hiprowsed
3. isuard
4. sisanper
5. ssaartp
6. noridance
7. aeildn
8. aacelp
9. sniegt ignr
10. on flaut
11. icfofalsi
12. slino
13. eiionptt
14. euhos
15. livered
16. udoctenms
17. almiicoslyu
18. ttrused
19. rwonth
20. cruees



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**RJA News Corner** (continued from page 1)

Miss Cindy's Pre-K and Kindergarten at RJA has just celebrated the annual "Grand Opening" of their class store - the "P & K MART". The store opens every year after the Kindergarten kids complete the math unit on money, and learn how to count money and make change for a dime and a nickel. Kindergarten runs the store and the Pre-K children make shopping lists, dress up in play clothes, and shop. There is a store manager, a deli person, a bagger and a cashier. A big thanks to the parents, who have been sending their empty grocery boxes, cans and jars in to stock the store since Christmas. What a fun way to learn about money!

**Reading Junior Academy...  
Educating Today and for Eternity!**