

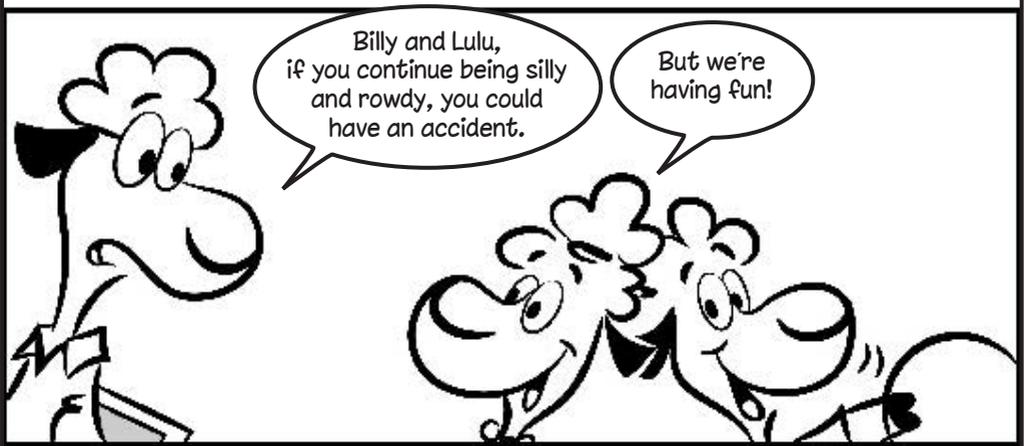


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FUN? OR FOOLISHNESS?!



ONE EVENING AT PARENT TIME:



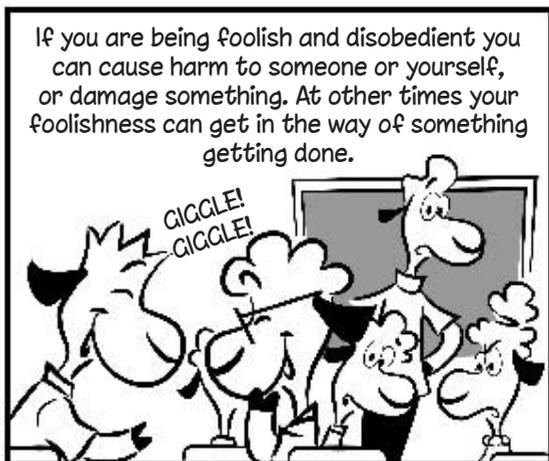


THE FOLLOWING MORNING DURING WORD CLASS:

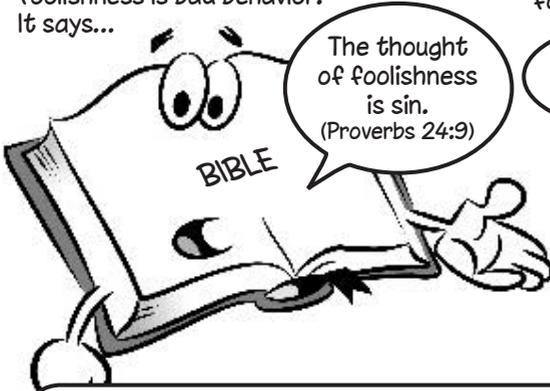


Do you remember the lessons on foolishness in these Grandpa stories?

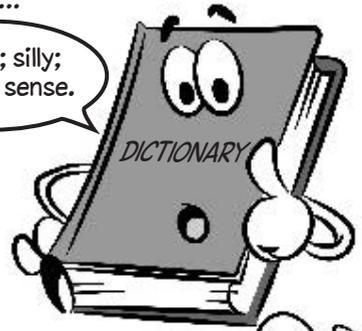
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The Bible explains that foolishness is bad behavior. It says...



The dictionary definition for "foolish" is...



So if you're being foolish, you are doing something that is silly and unwise—you aren't being prayerful or thinking about the consequences*. Jesus can't fully protect you when you're being foolish, because you're not listening to and obeying Him or your parents and teachers.



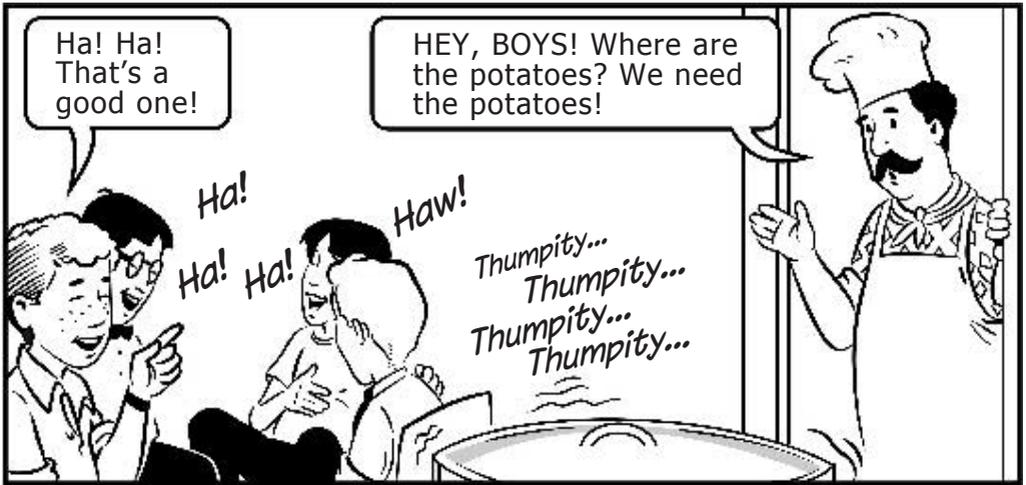
Some of the worst accidents I had as a boy happened because I was being disobedient and foolish.

Can you remember any of the times when Grandpa was foolish as a child, and what problems his foolishness caused?



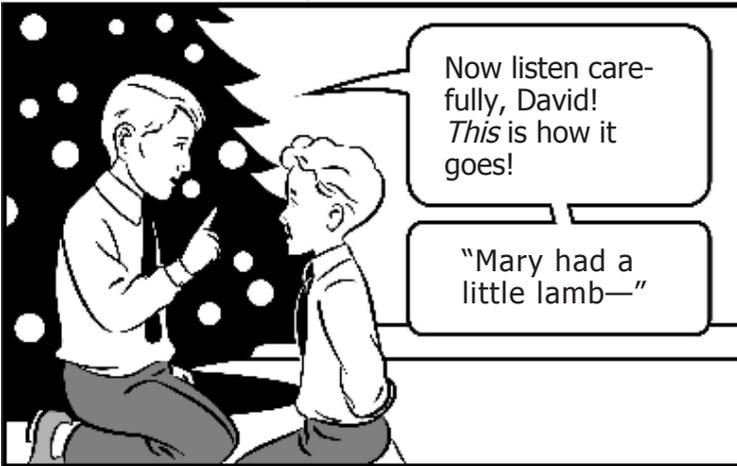
*consequence: result; effect

The Potato Peeler!



Question: It's not wrong to have fun telling stories, so what were the boys doing that was foolish? (Hint: "If you are being foolish ... your foolishness can prevent something from getting done.")

"Mary Had a Little Lamb...!"

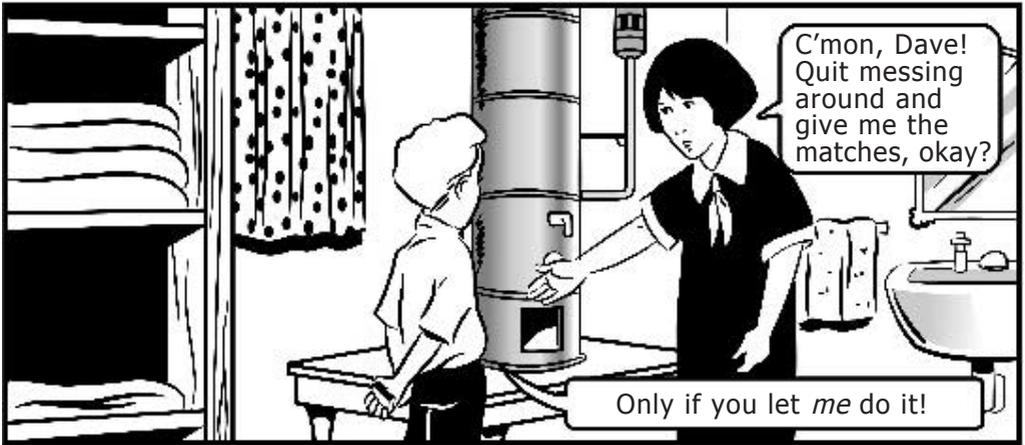


Question: When David quoted the poem the wrong way, like H3almer had taught it to him, it made the women laugh. How was H3almer being foolish in teaching David this wrong way to quote the poem?

"The Potato Peeler!" answer: The boys were being foolish by becoming so involved in telling and hearing stories that they forgot to do their job. That resulted in the potatoes being over peeled; making them so tiny that there wasn't enough food to feed the hungry students, and was very wasteful.

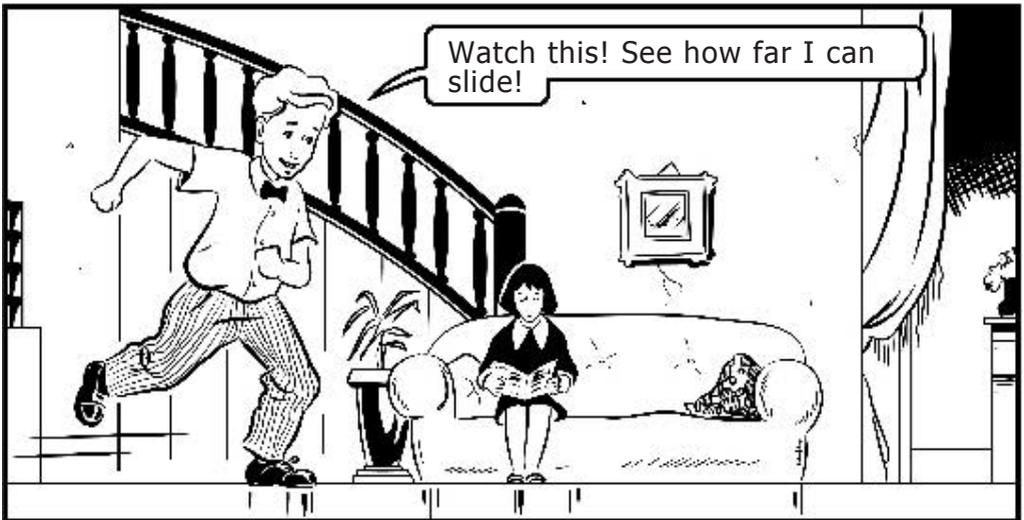
"Mary Had a Little Lamb...!" answer: The meeting was being held to raise money to help support missionaries, and the poem David meant to quote was to help inspire the women to give. The women laughed and enjoyed the poem the way David quoted it, but the poem didn't inspire the women to help the missionaries.

The Gas Explosion!



Question: David was teasing his sister, Virginia, while she was trying to light the gas heater. What is the lesson on foolishness in this story?

The Sliding Accident!



Question: What foolish thing did David do in this story?

"The Gas Explosion!" answer: It was foolish of David to tease Virginia and not obey her when she was doing the dangerous job of lighting the gas heater. It was also unwise of Virginia to turn on the gas before lighting the match, and to let David put his face so close to the heater.

"The Sliding Accident!" answer: He ran and slid inside the hotel, which caused him to fall and hurt himself. It's dangerous to run indoors.

Grandpa's Accidents for Being a Bad Boy!

Question one: What types of foolishness were David and Virginia guilty of in this story?

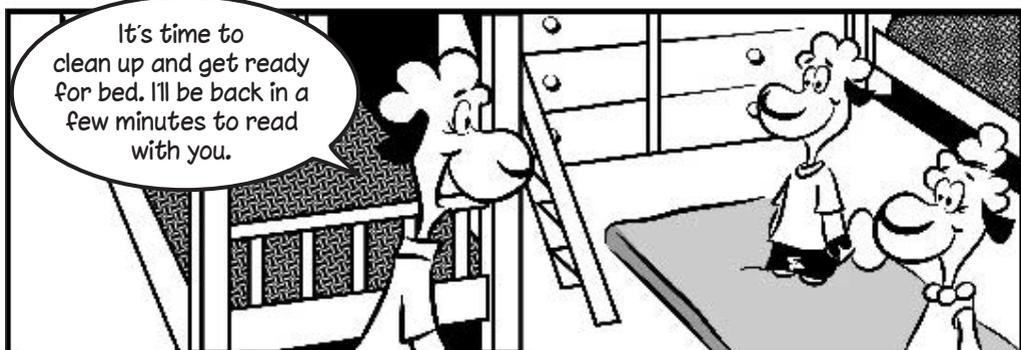
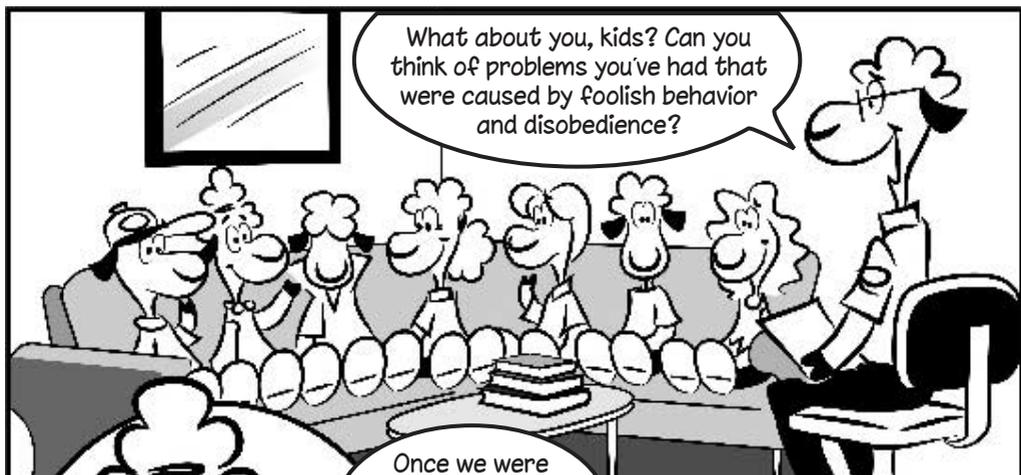


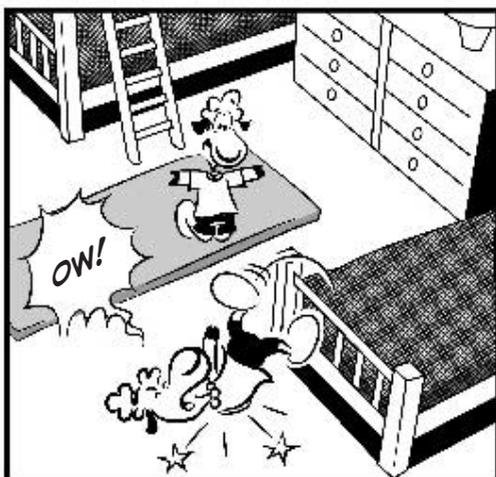
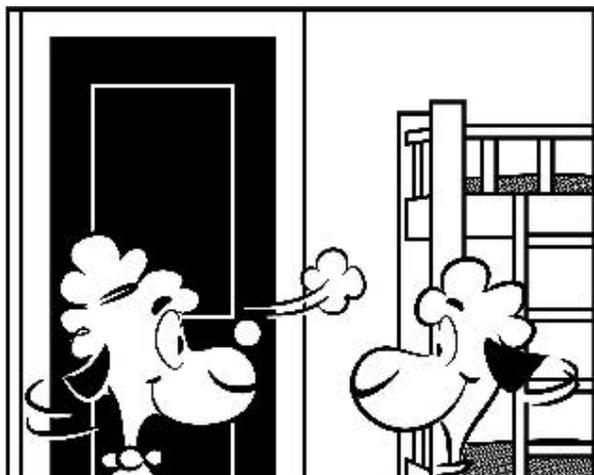
Question two: What foolish thing did David do after the doctor wrapped up the cut he got on his leg from the knife?



Question one answer: Though David knew it was wrong to tease, he still teased Virginia, which made her upset at him. It was also very foolish of Virginia to hit him with a package of sharp knives, as it caused an accident.

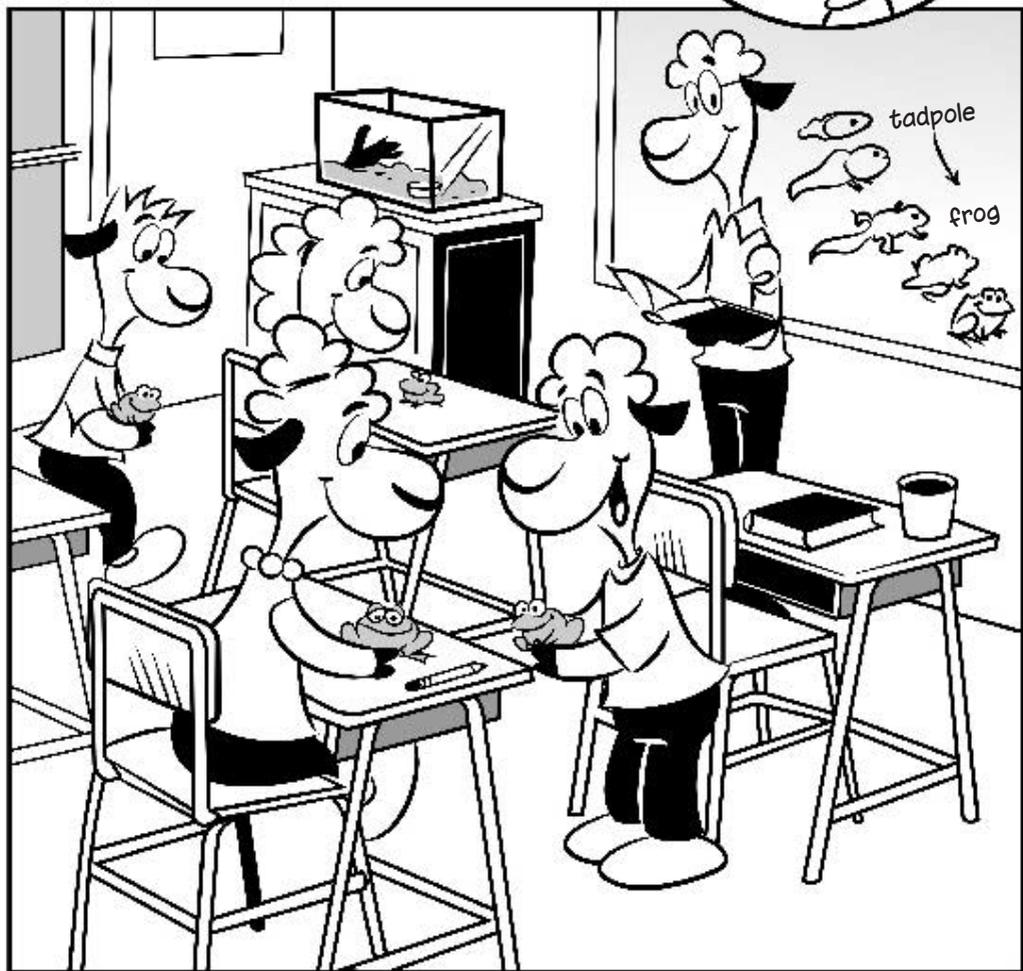
Question two answer: He foolishly disobeyed the doctor and rode his bicycle soon after he had the accident with the knife. This caused the cut on his leg to open and start bleeding again.

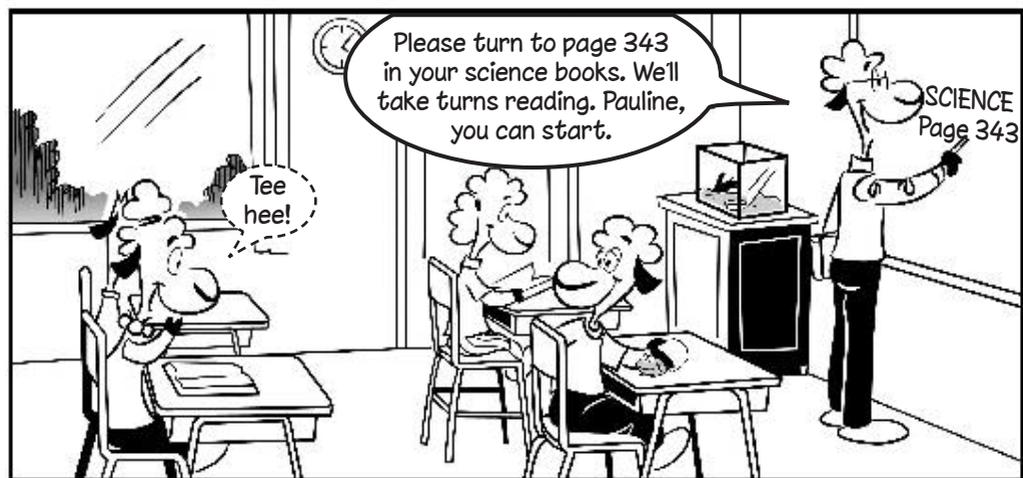
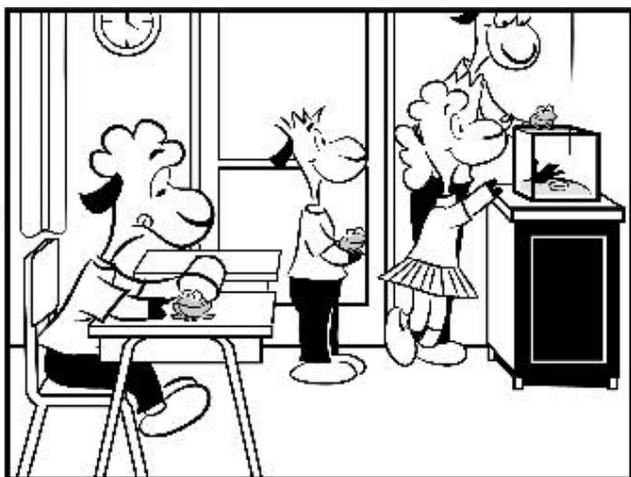
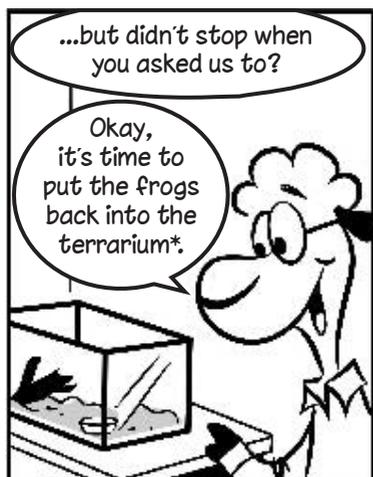




LATER, AT THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE:



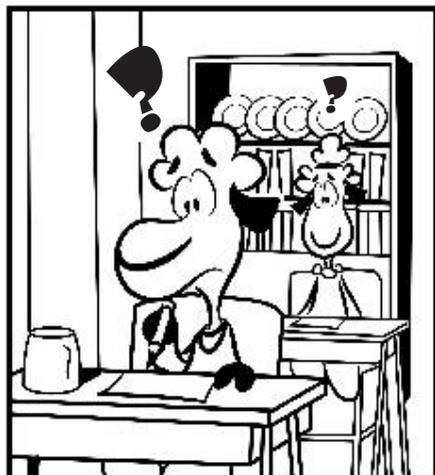
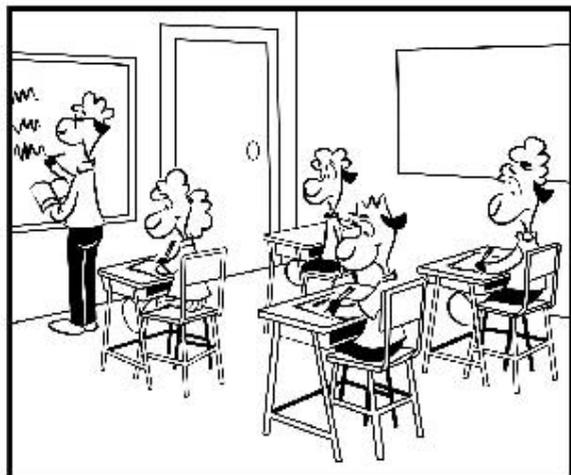




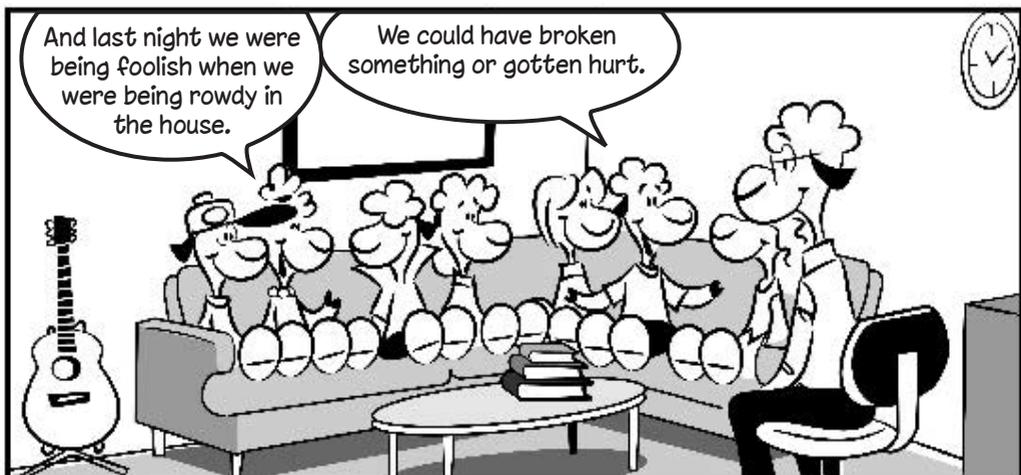
*terrarium: a plastic or glass enclosure that small land animals can be kept in

LATER:

I have two frog erasers, which I'll give to the two of you who get the most answers right.



It looks like Pauline and Tim get the frog erasers.



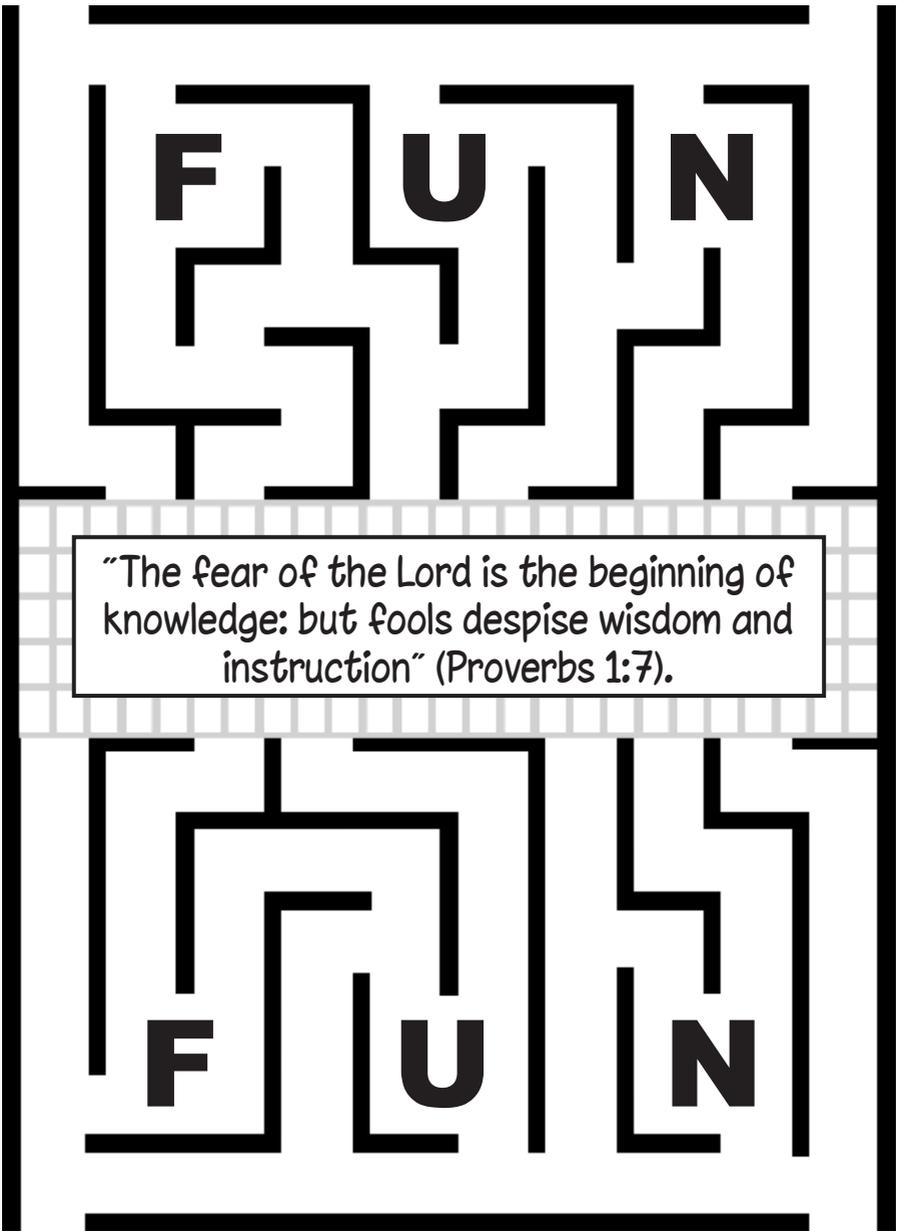


Thank You, Jesus,
for teaching me good
lessons, so that I could
pass my lessons on to
you kids!

Don't let
your fun become
foolishness.

Remember to obey your
parents, teachers, and other
"elders" in the Lord. They can
help you know how to have fun
and not be foolish.

Talk with your parent or teacher about times you've let your fun turn into foolishness and what the consequences were.



Enter the maze, pass through each letter of the two words "FUN," then exit the maze without using any path more than once. You must pass through the Bible verse in the middle after passing through each letter of the words "FUN," but without crossing your path.

Here are more verses on foolishness for you to look up with your parent or teacher, and talk about how they can be applied in your lives: Proverbs 15:14b; Proverbs 22:3; Proverbs 25:28; Ecclesiastes 5:36; Matthew 12:36-37; 2 Timothy 2:16; and 1 Peter 5:8-9.