



Father David's Father & Mother - 1940

"Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." - Exodus 20:12.

Making Memories

I am walking the path of life today
with mem'ries I have made;
And I know as they cling and walk so close,
this is the price I've paid—
For the little things I might have done; but
a selfish heart rebelled.
A letter unwritten, a word unsaid,
a touch of love withheld:
Those things I was sure in the care-free years
no one would ever miss.
Oh! if someone had only whispered then,
"You will remember this."
But little I thought as I kept the pace
amid the gay parade,
That down through the years I should live some day
with memories I had made.
I am walking the path of life today
with mem'ries I have made;
Unrolling the records before my heart,
I stand almost afraid.
There's the love untrue and the broken vow,
and then—a stolen bliss.
Oh! had it come to me then—as now,
"You will remember this."
There is the year that I wandered away,
careless, forgetting God;
Then the agony as I stumbled back,
under the chast'ning rod.
Oh! I know you can dodge it if you will;
I call a spade a spade,
For I know in my heart I walk today
with memories I have made.
When I'm walking the path of Tomorrow
with mem'ries I have made;
When the last deep valley's behind me, and
I've made the last steep grade;
When it's twilight and evening bell and
I am crossing the bar.
I wonder what mem'ry will bring me then?
Will God be near or far?
Oh! Maker, so mighty, help me today
as memories I make.
To remember it lies within my power
the future to create.
And the things that I do shall walk with me
along the coming way.
So help me, I pray, to remember
I'm making memories today.

—By Grandmother

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FAMILY NEWS -BY YOU & ME!

Ways To Witness As A Mother!

—To other Mothers, & to your children's friends!

From Diana & Pauline; British Isles: (Great idea! GBY!-Dad)

Friendship Group
for Mothers!

AFTER READING THE LETTER "FRUSTRATED?" we realised there must be so many mothers in similar situations to ours, so the Lord gave us the following idea:

BOTH PAULINE & I HAVE YOUNG BABIES, so we decided to start a "friendship group" for other mothers in our area, as a way to witness to them. We drew up some attractive posters & stuck them up in the local clinic, library & shopping centres.

THE POSTERS INVITED MOTHERS TO PHONE US if they would like to be put in touch with other mothers in their area. We discovered that a lot of mothers who responded were simply frustrated & lonely from being alone in the house most of the day & didn't know anyone they could just drop in on. A few were suffering from post-natal depression & needed positive encouragement. We even had one sweet pregnant girl phone who wanted to talk to another mother about pregnancy & child-birth itself.



During a Sunday outing with the Children's Club—(back row) Pauline with baby Timmy, James with baby Amanda, & Diana. (front row) Amanda-7, Luke-8 (of James & Diana), Janet-10 & Margaret-9.

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long the conversation would take a turn to the spiritual.

IN EVERY CASE WE GOT TO SHARE OUR FAITH & witness quite freely, even leading to Salvation with some!

AFTER ONE VISIT we could tell if the mother was hungry spiritually or not & we began to divide them up: Those not interested we paired off with another not-so-interested

WE ARRANGED to see again.
WE HELD GROUP MEETINGS ABOUT ONCE A MONTH just to keep the others on the line. In this way, one mother could run a group of 12-20 mothers of which maybe only a handful will want the spiritual help which you alone can give them. —It's like a Church of Love for mothers!

WE'D ALSO LIKE TO SEND OUT A NEWS SHEET full of Family Care quotes & suggestions to each group mother. One big advantage to this kind of witnessing is that most of it can be done from your own home & even if you go visit them, it's so easy to feed & change the baby—which can be quite a problem when witnessing or going DTD.

CHILDREN'S CLUB!

ANOTHER IDEA IS SOMETHING WE DID WITH OUR OLDER CHILDREN, Luke-8 & Philippa-7, during their summer holidays, & this can be adapted for use on weekends during the school year too. Luke & Philippa had made friends with 7 older local children, ages 6-12, so each weekend we invited them all in for 1½ hours every afternoon.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDED BIBLE STORIES & SKITS, SONGS, ARTS & CRAFTS & OUTINGS. In the evening they would come over for song practice with Steve who plays guitar. During the month of August they learned 5 of our Family songs—Pet Shop, Are You Lonely, Psalm 121, You Can Be Free & There's Not One Little Boy, as well as the old-time favourite All Things Bright & Beautiful.



After a month of learning Family songs, the Children's Club performed at an old folks home—Janet-8, Margaret-9, Luke-8 of James & Diana, Amanda-7 & Ruth 12.

AT THE END OF HOLIDAYS THEY DID 2 PUBLIC PERFORMANCES

at old folks' homes. The biggest victory was not only did they all get saved, but also the sample of learning the Word & praying before we did anything helped them to experience Jesus as an ever-present friend & help in all situations.

THE PARENTS WERE SO THANKFUL for our efforts. When we invited them all (along with other neighbours) to hear the children sing, we were able to share our beliefs with them too! PTL! It amazed them that we were able to do so much with the children when both Pauline & I had babies under 3 months old.

WE HAD TO LAUGH & tell them about the times when we had to stop & feed a hungry baby in the midst of a colouring session, or rush up between skits to change a dirty nappy! The children were all so sweet & considerate of the babies & loved playing with them. It really helped our children to be good samples too.

I THINK THE BIGGEST LESSON FOR US was to acknowledge that our children are our biggest ministry & making the most of each situation. We hope this inspires all you families to see what God can do with what you have "in thy hand"!—Diana & Pauline. (Amen!) Let's hear of more! —Dad.)