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God's Jewels

Are you one of God's Jewels?

One afternoon the mailman brought Angel a package from California. After opening the surprise gift, she learns all about reflecting God's glory. Find out how every Kingdom Kid is one of God's Jewels!

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Dedicated to all the Kingdom Kids around the world. My humble desire is that somehow these writings would establish and anchor the truth of holiness within the hearts and minds of the younger generation. **"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."** (II Timothy 3:15) In a day of non-commitment and trashing of godly values may they **"Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding."** (Proverbs 23:23)

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Coming in from a long day of school, Angel said, "Mom, I'm home. Is there anything to eat?" She plopped her bright orange backpack on the counter and walked into the kitchen. Mother gave her a big hug and asked, "Did you have a good day at school?" "Yeah, it was okay," replied Angel. While she ate some chocolate-chip cookies, Angel told her Mother, "We're studying about jewels in Science class and I have to do a report on pearls." "That sounds interesting," said Mother. "Maybe we can go to the library and find some books about precious stones."

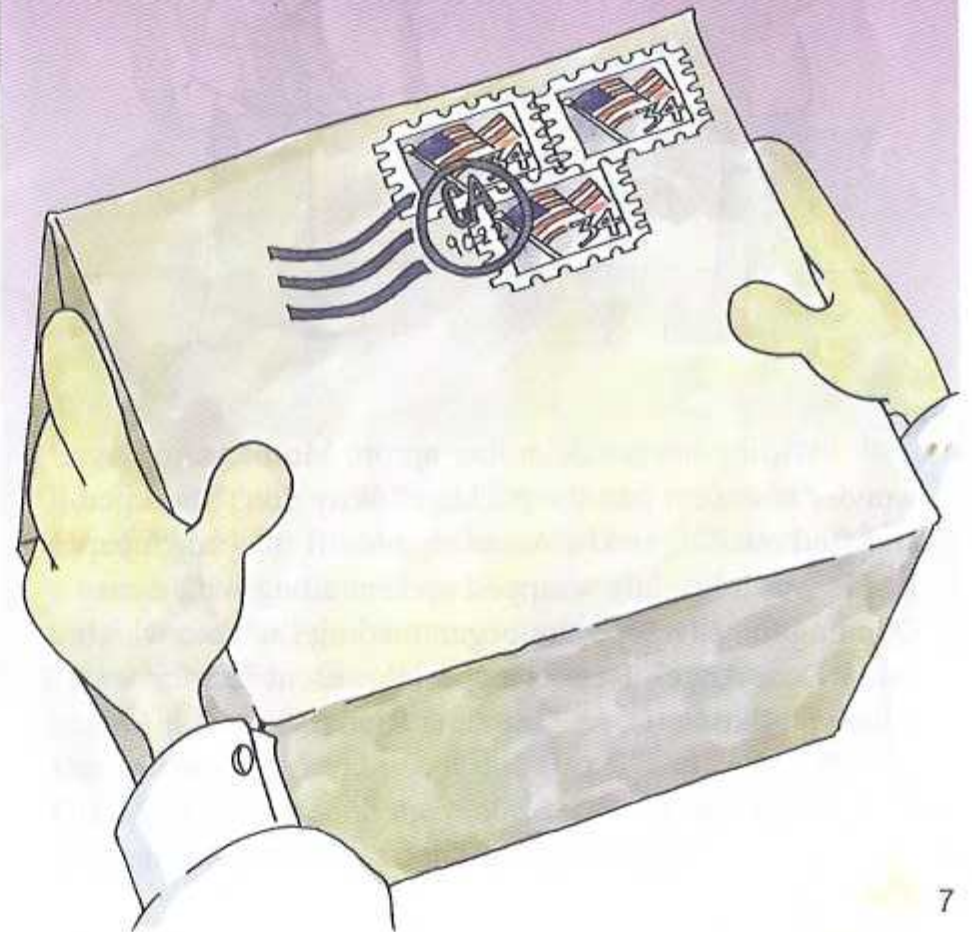
As they talked about her report, Ashes ran into the room and jumped on Angel's lap. "He was a bad boy today," Mother told Angel. "When I was upstairs, Ashes jumped on the counter and got into the package of cinnamon rolls. That naughty kitten licked all the icing off the top of the sweet rolls and then knocked the box onto the floor. Just as soon as Ashes heard me coming down the stairs, he went running to hide." Laughing at their kitty's mischievous tricks Angel said, "You never know what Ashes will do next. He's always getting into something."





Angel finished her snack and went upstairs. Mother reminded her, "You have a piano lesson tomorrow, so be sure to practice." Pretty soon the sound of piano music filled the home. Just as Angel finished practicing, she looked out the window and saw the mail truck stop at their house. The mailman placed some letters in the mailbox and then stuck a package on top.

Running down the stairs and out the front door, Angel said, "The mailman just brought the mail. I'm going out to get it." First of all, she grabbed the package and looked at the address. It was addressed to 'Angel Rieder'. Grabbing the rest of the letters, Angel went running excitedly back to the house. Bursting through the door, she began calling to Mother, "Mom, I got a package in the mail from California." Ashes followed Angel like a little black shadow as she ran into the kitchen where Mother was cooking dinner.



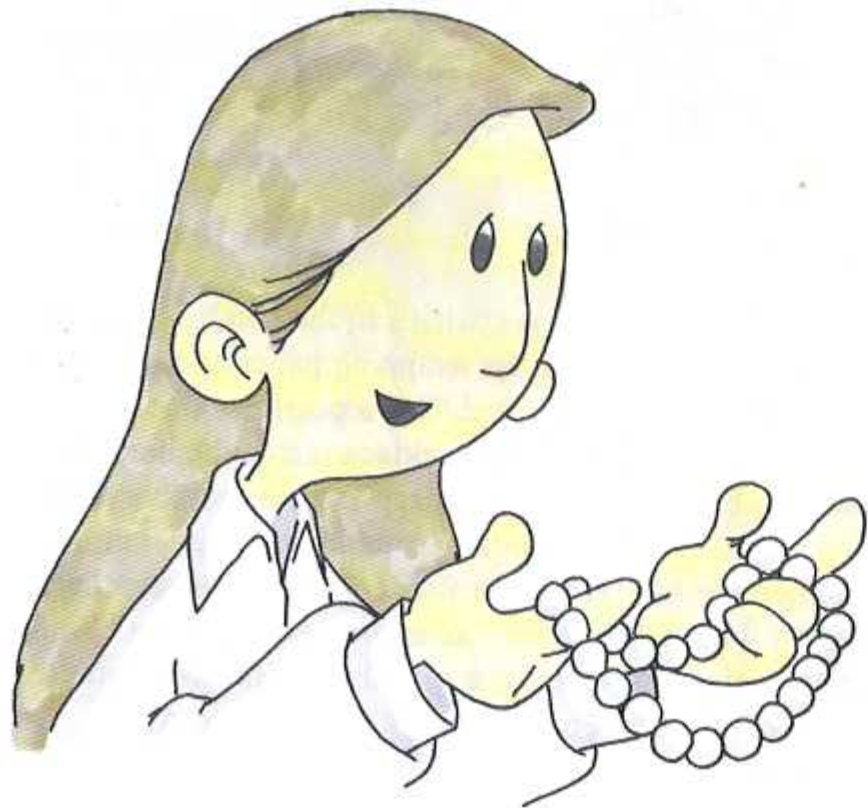


Wiping her hands on her apron, Mother said, "I wonder who sent you the package? Why don't you open it and find out." Quickly, Angel ripped off the brown paper. Inside was a brightly wrapped present along with a card. Opening the envelope she began reading the note which said, "Dear Angel, Here is a special present just for you. I hope you like it. Love, Grandma Rieder."



"Unwrap it and see what's in the box," said Mother. Eagerly Angel tore off the wrapping paper and lifted the lid. "Look!", she exclaimed, "It's a pearl necklace." Carefully, Angel lifted the necklace out of the box and showed it to Mother. "I wonder why she sent this jewelry to me," said Angel. Mother reminded her daughter, "Remember how Grandma Rieder sent your sister that beautiful carousel music box as a special surprise? Well, she promised to send you a gift also." "But, why would Grandma Rieder send me a necklace?" asked Angel. "Doesn't she know we don't wear jewelry?"

Mother looked into the earnest face of her oldest daughter and gently smiled as she explained, "Grandma Rieder has never been baptized in Jesus' name or filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. Although Grandma knows we are Christians she does not really understand why we don't wear jewelry. So to her, a pearl necklace is an extra special gift." Angel picked up the pearls and looked at them. Then she turned to her Mother and said, "The necklace sure is beautiful. It would be fun to wear something so pretty."



Stroking her daughter's long blonde hair, Mother said, "I understand how you feel. As a little girl, I really liked jewelry too." With great surprise, Angel asked, "You used to like jewelry?" "Yes, I did," replied Mother. "Let me tell you a story about something I did as a little girl."



"When I was about five years old, my Mother took me shopping at a very nice store. On the counter was a display filled with bright sparkling rings. Those rings enchanted me because I loved shiny trinkets. But I knew my Mother would never buy me any jewelry. So do you know what I did? As soon as my Mother looked the other way, I started to pull the rings out of the display and stuff them into my purse. I couldn't wait to hide away and play with all those beautiful rings."

Angel stared wide-eyed in disbelief as Mother continued her story. "When we returned home, I ran up to my play room and locked the door. Opening my purse, I began pouring the rings into a big glittering heap on the floor. At last, I had some bright shiny jewelry. But then my heart felt so guilty and my stomach got all upset. Those rings did not belong to me. I had sinned and knew my behavior would make Jesus very sad. Why, I couldn't even enjoy playing with the stolen rings; not one little bit. My wrong doing must be made right. So, I went downstairs and confessed my sin to Mother. She took me back to the store so I could apologize for my awful actions. Then I had to tell Jesus I was sorry and ask Him to forgive me. Thank the Lord for His forgiveness! Since that time, I have tried to be very honest and never take anything that doesn't belong to me. I never want to feel that horrible feeling of guilt ever again."



Drawing Angel close, Mother asked, "Would you like me to tell you why we don't wear jewelry?" As Angel shook her head yes, Mother said, "Let's get our Bibles and look up some Scriptures." They each got their Bibles and sat down at the kitchen table. Ashes jumped up on Angel's lap and started to pull at her Bible. "Look Mom," Angel giggled, "Ashes wants to study the Bible too."



Mother smiled as she said. "Let's start at the beginning and find out why God created jewels. Ezekiel 28:13 tells us about an angel named Lucifer who was created with a covering of precious stones. It says, **"Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created."**



"Wow, Lucifer's covering must have been beautiful," said Angel. "But, some of those jewels sure have funny names. Then she asked, "Why did God make him like that?" "Lucifer was a very special angel," replied Mother. "Ezekiel 28:12 says he was, 'full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.' God gave Lucifer musical ability and placed him in a special place of ministry. He walked up and down before God's throne and led the worship in heaven.



"Lucifer must have been a good singer," said Angel. "Yes, as he led the angels in worship, God's glory would fill the heavenly throne room," said Mother. "The light of the glory reflected in Lucifer's jeweled covering and filled the heavens with brilliant color." Angel's blue eyes sparkled as she imagined the beautiful sight.

"Then one day Lucifer became very proud because of his beauty and wisdom," continued Mother. "His pride caused him to rebel against God. He even wanted to sit on God's throne. Let's read about it in Isaiah 14:13-14. Angel found the Scripture and began to read, **"For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High."**



"If Lucifer thought he could overthrow God, he wasn't a very smart angel," said Angel. "You're right," said Mother. "God cast him out of heaven, precious stones and all. No longer is he called 'Lucifer, son of the morning.' Now he is known as Satan or the devil." "So that's where the devil came from," said Angel.



"Yes it is", replied Mother. "Lucifer's pride turned him into the devil and ever since then he has fought against God.. That is why God's Word commands us not to wear gold or pearls in I Timothy 2:9 and I Peter 3:3. Jewelry draws attention to us instead of to God. This can cause us to become proud and disobey God just like Lucifer."



Angel picked up her pearl necklace again and looked at it. "Yeah, if I wore this necklace, I'd want to show off to all my friends. It would make me proud. I don't want to be guilty of disobeying God's Word." Seeing the pearl necklace dangling from Angel's hand, Ashes, ever the playful kitten began grabbing at it with his paws. Then he slipped his head through the necklace and sat up as if to say, "How do I look?" "Look at this silly kitty," said Angel. "First Ashes wanted to study the Bible. Now he's wearing a necklace. Angel shook her finger at the little cat and said, "Ashes, you shouldn't wear jewelry. You're a Kingdom Kids kitten and must obey God's Word." Ashes slipped his head out of the necklace and tried to climb on Angel's Bible. Mother chuckled at his funny antics as Angel put the pearl necklace back in the box.

"So what reflects God's glory now?" asked Angel.
"We do," answered Mother. "Let's read about it in
Malachi 3:17. **'And they shall be mine, saith the LORD
of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I
will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that
serveth him.'** Precious stones will never be used again to
reflect God's glory. They are simply building materials for
the New Jerusalem. Heaven will have walls of jasper,
gates of pearl, and streets of gold. But the saints of God
shine with the light of His glory now and throughout all
eternity. We are God's jewels!"



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Kingdom Kids Quiz # 1:

1. What angel was created with a covering of precious stones?
2. Was he a special angel?
3. He was full of _____ and perfect in _____.
4. Where did this angel minister?
5. What filled the heavenly throne room when Lucifer led the angels in worship?
6. Where did the glory reflect?
7. Why did Lucifer become proud?
8. What did his pride cause him to do?
9. Where did Lucifer want to sit?
10. Was Lucifer able to overthrow God?
11. What happened to him?
12. What did Lucifer's pride turn him into?
13. Why does God Word command us not to wear gold or pearls?
14. Can pride cause us to disobey God?
15. Should Kingdom Kids wear jewelry?
16. Will precious stones ever be used again to reflect God's glory?
17. Who reflects God's glory now?
18. "Heaven will have walls of _____, gates of _____, and streets of _____."
19. What do the saints of God shine with?
20. "We are _____!"

**Kingdom Kids Bible Memorization:
Find the following Bible verses in the
book and memorize them.**

Ezekiel 28:13
Isaiah 14:13-14
Malachi 3:17
Proverbs 23:23
II Timothy 3:15

**Advanced Kingdom Kids
Bible Memorization:**

Ezekiel 28:12
I Timothy 2:9
I Peter 3:3