

Adorned for the king

Are you Adorned for the King? It's summertime so Angel and Miriam are packing for Youth Camp. Together they learn what kind of clothes to wear so they can bring glory to God. Find out how Kingdom Kids can be Adorned for the King!

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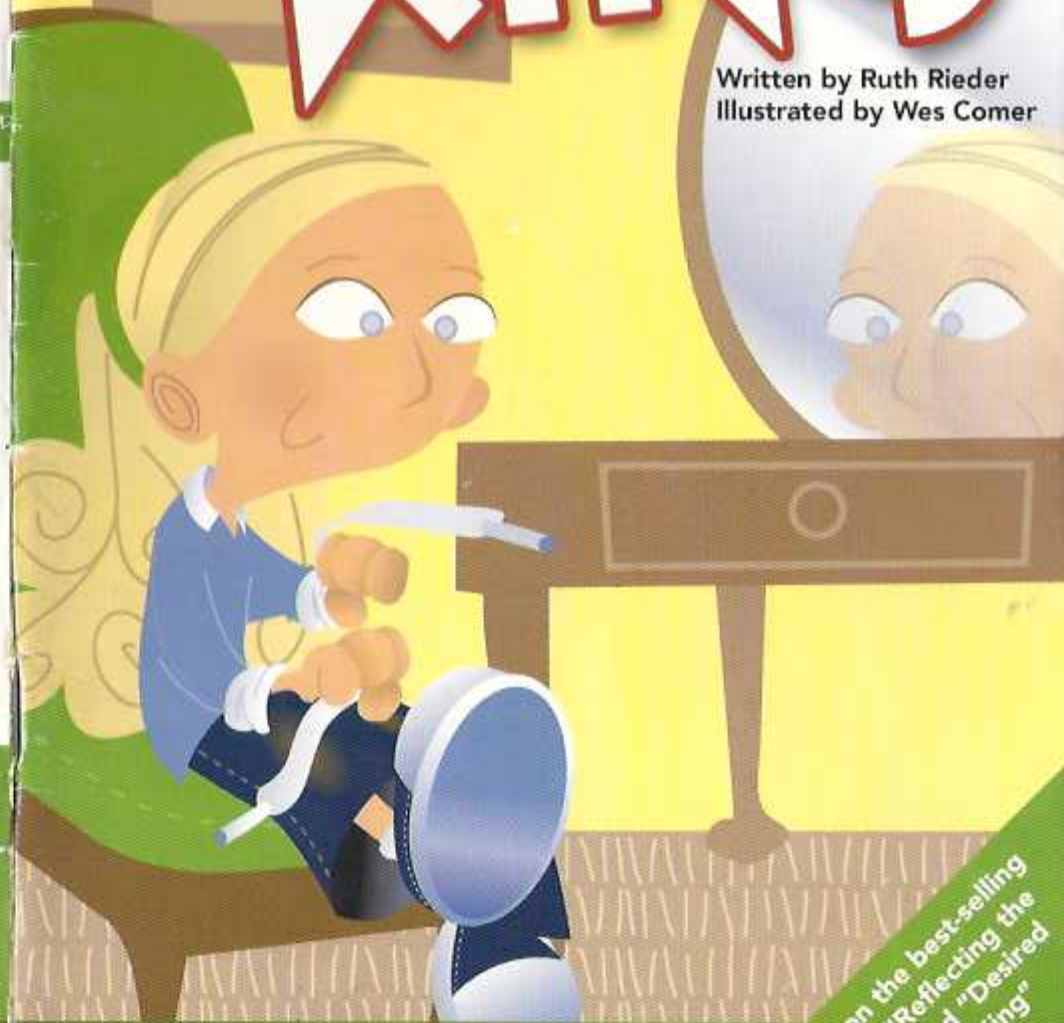
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Dedicated to all the Kingdom Kids around the world. My humble desire is that somehow these writings would establish and anchor the truth of holiness within the hearts and minds of the younger generation. "And that from a child thou hast known the holy 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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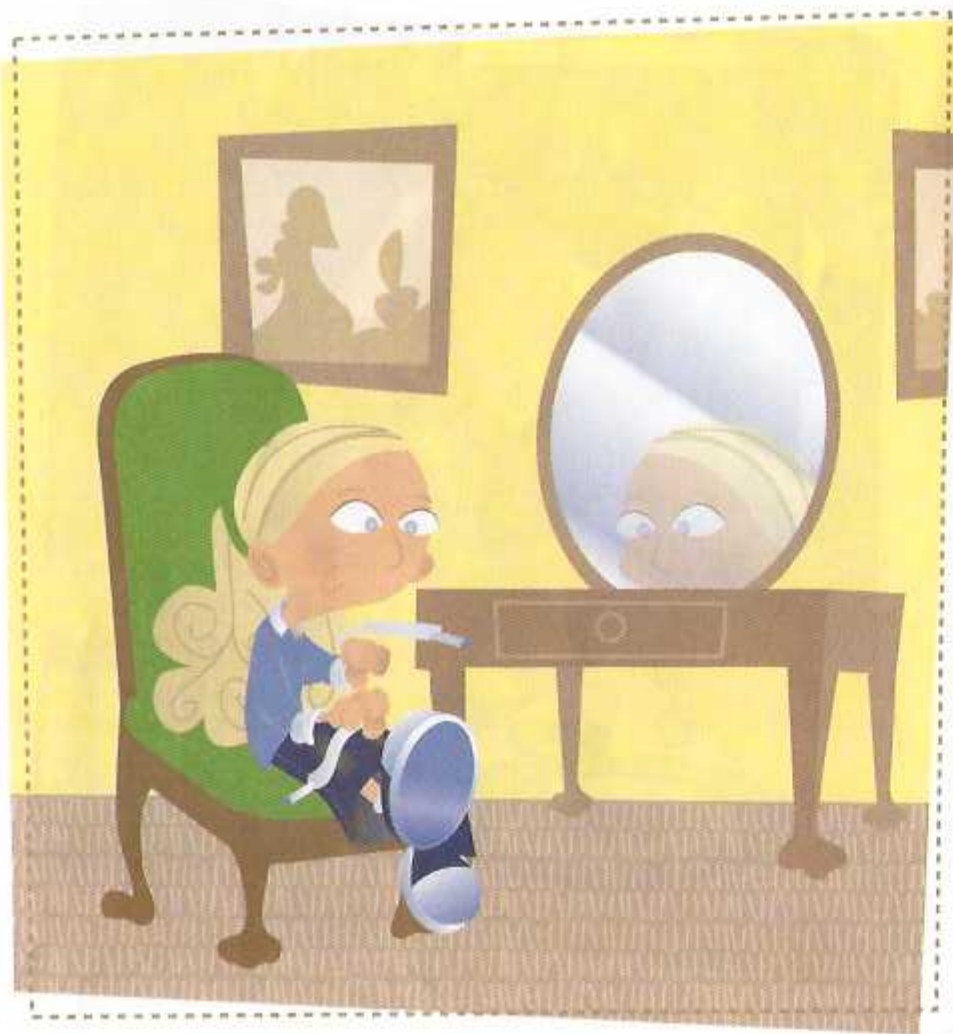
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The first day of summer vacation began bright and early for Angel and Miriam. After months of getting up for school, they both woke up early. Rolling over and glancing at the clock, Angel groaned when she saw the time: 6:15 a.m. Time to get up again for yet another day at school. Swinging her legs over the side of the bed, she sat there a moment trying to wake up. Suddenly she remembered—it was the first day of summer break! Snuggling down once again under her blue-and-cream floral comforter, she drifted off into contented sleep.



Meanwhile, Miriam was waking up as well. She hadn't forgotten about summer break and was so excited at the chance to play all day long. If it had been a school day, Mother would have had a hard time getting her out of bed. But Miriam always woke up early to play and have a good time. Mom called her a "party girl" because she loved to have fun!



Looking around her pretty room, Miriam happened to glance into the playroom and see the new bunny cage. Last week, Miriam had gotten a new pet, a little tiny white bunny named Fluffy. He was so cute, little and snuggly. She loved to play with him, and now that school was out, there would be plenty of time.



Bounding out of bed, Miriam opened up the rabbit cage to get her new pet. Picking him up by the scruff of his neck, like the pet store lady had shown her, she hugged him close and whispered in his ear. "Good morning, Fluffy! Today I don't have to go to school, so we can play together. You are going to like your pet harness. I will put it on you, and we'll go for a walk. Would you like to hop up and down the stairway? That sounds like fun!" She giggled as the bunny's whiskers tickled her nose.



Meanwhile, Ashes, her black-and-white kitty meowed outside the door. Fluffy and Ashes didn't know each other too well, so Miriam put the bunny back in his cage before letting the kitten in her room. Jumping on the bed, Ashes started washing his face. He had just finished his breakfast and it was time to clean up. All at once, his ears perked up at the sound of something in the playroom. Ashes spied the bunny and bounded off the bed to check out the new animal. When Fluffy saw the cat staring at him, he was scared and ran into his bunny house. Peeking out of the door, the rabbit stared warily at the black cat.



Coming into the playroom, Miriam scooped up the cat and closed the door. "Come on, Ashes, let's go eat. Mom made some homemade banana chocolate-chip bread yesterday, and I want some this morning." The kitten jumped out of her arms and raced down the stairs. He was always ready to help Miriam eat her breakfast.



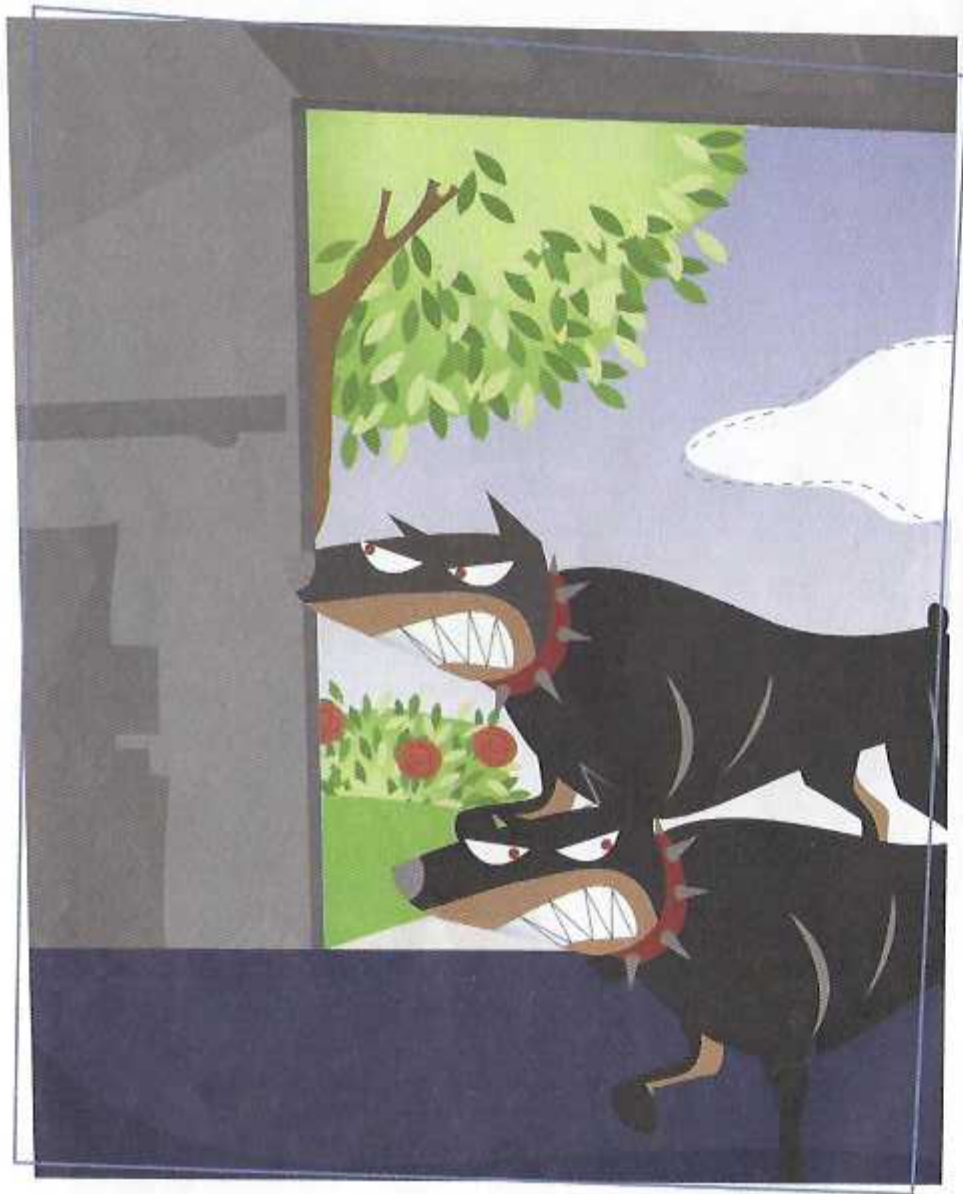
In the cheery kitchen, Miriam grabbed a plate and cut herself a huge piece of banana chocolate-chip bread. Sitting down at the table to eat, she said, "Yummy, this is one of my favorites!" Jumping on her lap and pushing her hand with his paw, Ashes let Miriam know he wanted some, too. Hearing Mother coming into the kitchen, the little girl quickly gave the kitten a piece of bread. "Good morning," Mom called out cheerfully. "How's my little girl this morning?" "I'm fine," said Miriam, "especially since school is out, and I can play all day long." Mom chuckled, "I knew I would find you up, but I'm sure Angel is still in bed. She loves to sleep and you love to play!"



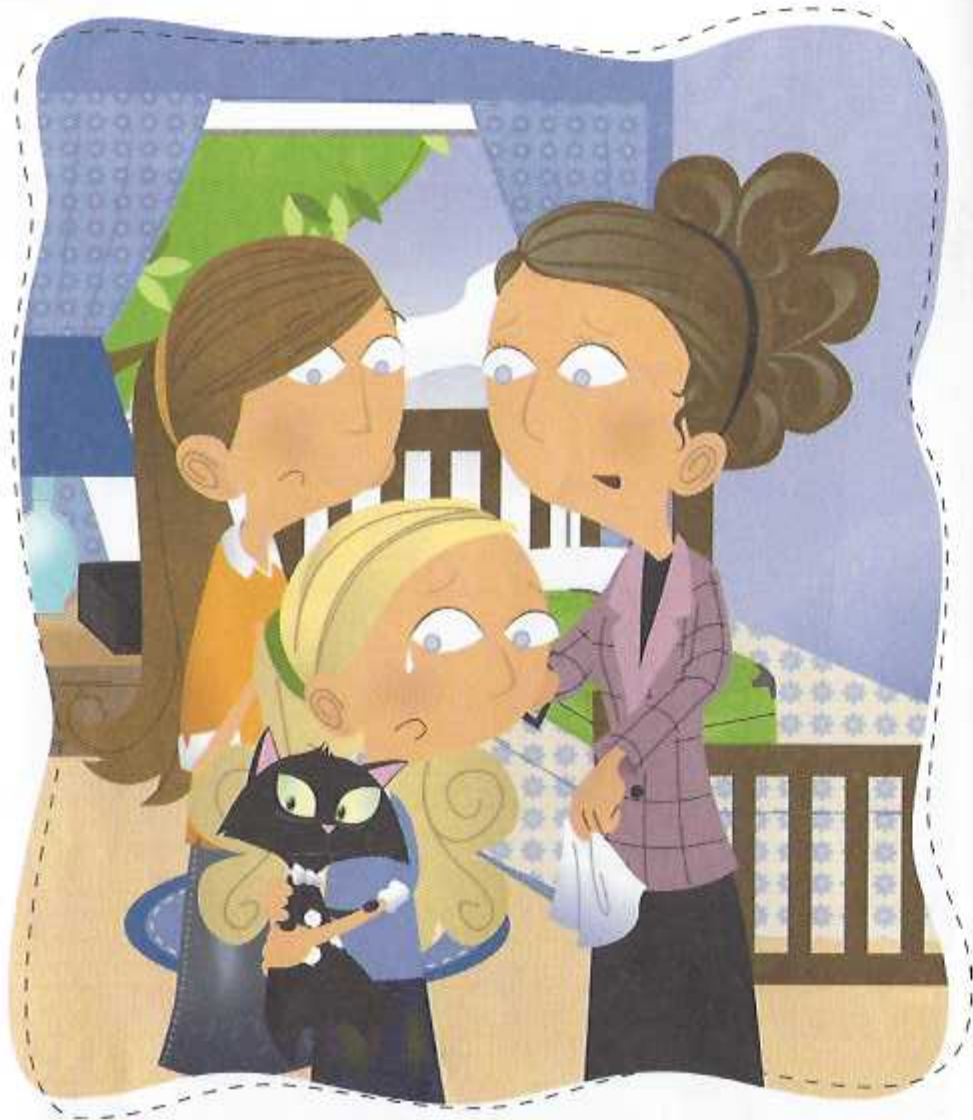
Stroking her daughter's light blonde hair, Mother asked, "Do you remember where we're going on Monday?" "Oh yes," said Miriam, "we are going to Youth Camp. It is going to be so much fun!" "Well," said Mom, "in the middle of your playing and Angel's sleeping, we have to pack for the trip."



Just then, Angel came downstairs. "You're finally up," said Miriam. "Hurry and eat so we can start packing for Youth Camp." Her older sister yawned and asked, "What's to eat?" "Mom made homemade banana chocolate-chip bread," Miriam informed her, "and it's yummy! Do you want me to cut you a piece?" "Sure," said Angel as she sat down at the table.



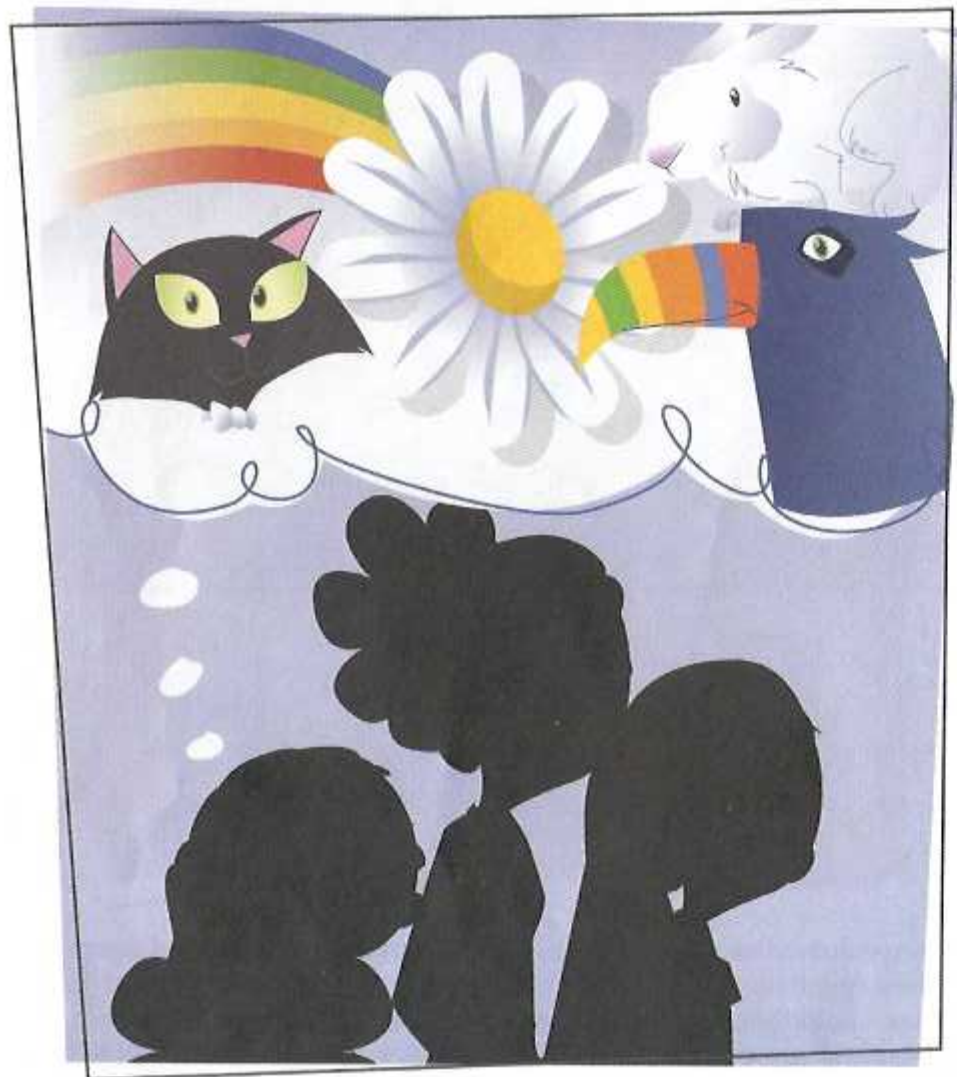
After breakfast, they went into the garage to find the suitcases. Because it was such a beautiful morning, Mom opened the door to let in the sunshine. Ashes followed them and jumped on the shelves to play. Suddenly and without warning, two big black dogs came running into the garage. Spying the kitten, the dogs ran toward him. Ashes screeched and leaped on the highest shelf. Baring his teeth, the cat howled and bounded all the way to the ceiling. His tail bristled as the fur stuck out all over his body. Screaming with fear for her pet, Miriam grabbed the cat and ran into the house, slamming the door behind her. Meanwhile, Mother and Angel shooed the dogs away and closed the garage door. Darting out of Miriam's arms, Ashes ran under the bed and refused to come out.



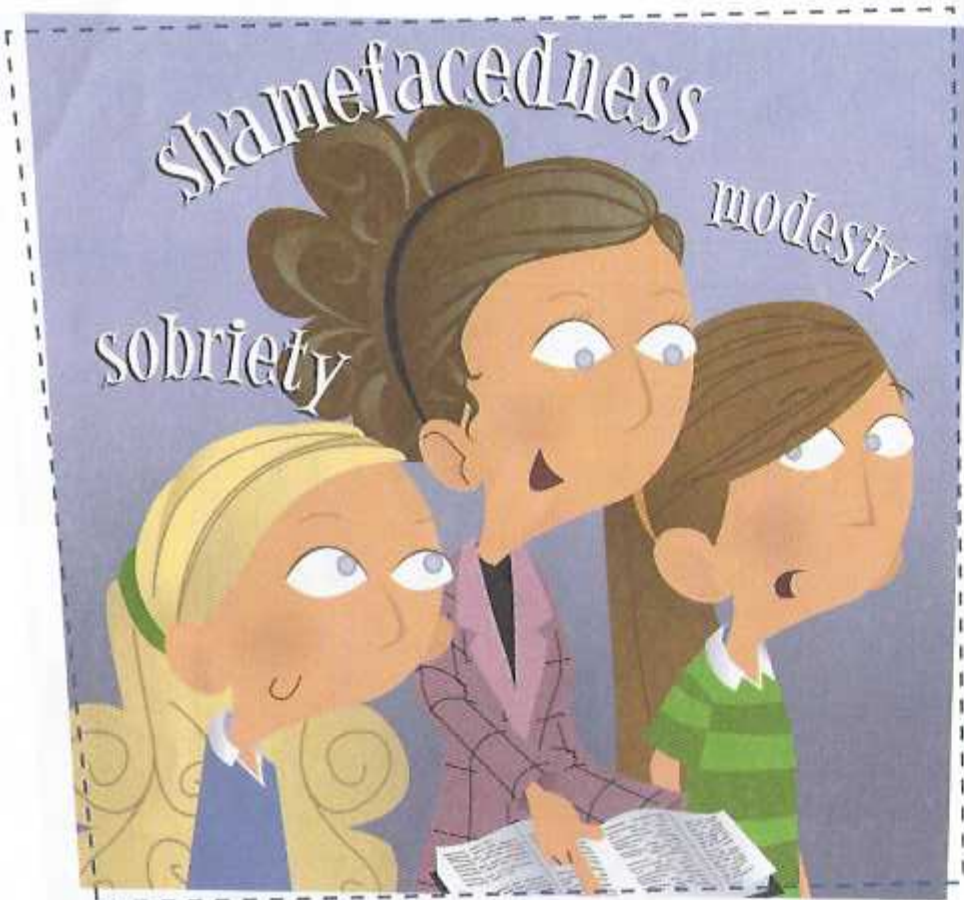
Comforting her little girl who was still trembling with fear after the close call with danger, Mother suggested they get their packing done. Carrying a suitcase into each of their rooms, the girls began pulling clothes out of their closets. When everything was picked out, Mother suggested they try on the clothes. "You have both grown so much since last summer, and we must be sure nothing is too small for you."



Mom watched as the girls tried on their clothes and modeled them. When Angel twirled around in her favorite jean skirt, Mother told her, "I am afraid that skirt is too short and a little tight for you to wear to camp this year. Looks like it's time to give it to your sister." "Aw, Mom," protested Angel, "this is my favorite skirt. Why can't I wear it?" Realizing it was the perfect opportunity to teach her girls about wearing the correct kind of clothing, Mother told them, "Let's take a minute and see what God's Word says about our clothes. Angel, bring me your Bible."



Sitting on the bed, Mother opened the Bible to I Timothy 2:9-10 and began reading, "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works." "First of all," said Mom, "it says to 'adorn' yourselves. Do you know what 'adorn' means?" "No," chorused the girls in unison. "It means to beautify or make beautiful. Remember we are King's Kids and it is okay to have pretty clothes because God loves beautiful things, too. Just think about all the lovely things He made: the big blue sky, fluffy white clouds, pretty flowers, colorful rainbows and brightly-colored birds. Miriam piped up, "Yeah, He made my cute little bunny and pretty kitty too!" "He certainly did," said Mother, "and all of these things have one thing in common—they bring glory to their Creator. This is also what God desires from His Kingdom Kids. He wants our beauty to bring glory to Him instead of to ourselves."



Mother continued, "Let's look at some words God uses to describe what is beautiful in His sight. One word is 'modest', meaning to be shy, reserved or decent. In other words, our clothes shouldn't make everyone stare or draw too much attention to us." Thoughtfully, Angel asked, "Well, what does 'shamefacedness' mean? That is a big word!" "I'm glad you asked," said Mom. "It means to have such respect for the Lord that we do not wear anything that would expose our bodies improperly and cause others to think impure or sinful thoughts. One last word is 'sobriety' which means to be serious about the kind of clothes we wear and how we present ourselves to others."

"Let me give you one last example," said Mother. "Song of Solomon 8:8-10 compares 'modesty' to a wall and 'immodesty' to a door." Miriam's eyes grew big as she asked, "What does a wall and a door have to do with my dresses?" Mother smiled as she began to explain, "Why do we have walls?" "To protect us," said Miriam. "You're right,"



said Mom. "Look out the window. See the neighbor's house and its surrounding wall?" The girls nodded. "That wall offers protection to everyone in the house as long as they stay inside the wall. Look at the children and their little doggie in the backyard. They can play there safely because of the protective wall. It keeps out the things that could hurt them. In the same manner, our clothing should be like a high wall that protects us. This is why we don't wear things that are too short or too tight. Because God loves us, He wants us to dress in a way that will shelter us from harm."



"Now, let me tell you about the door," said Mom. "Remember what happened this morning when we opened the garage door?" "Oh yes," said Miriam, her eyes filling with tears as she remembered how Ashes almost got hurt. "My kitty could have been killed by those big dogs." "That's right," answered Mother. "An open door can allow things to come in that will hurt us. This is why we don't wear clothes that show our bodies and let others see private areas. We should wear clothing that covers and protects us. A 'door' dress exposes you, leaving you unprotected while a 'wall' outfit covers your body and offers safety in a dangerous world. God wants His Kingdom Kids to be beautiful and protected as they bring glory to Him."



Angel looked down at her jean skirt. "I guess this skirt is like a door instead of a wall. Now I understand why you didn't want me to wear it anymore." Mother smiled as she told her girls, "You can measure everything in your closet by God's Word. It's so easy—simply ask, 'Is this a wall outfit or a door dress? Is it open or closed? Does it protect me or expose my body? As a Kingdom Kid, will I be adorned for the King and bring glory to God if I wear these clothes?'"



Just then, Ashes peeked out from under the bed. Miriam giggled and said, "I guess Ashes has a wall outfit. He's covered in fur from head to toe." As he jumped into Miriam's suitcase, the little girl told him, "Hey Ashes, next time we must keep the door shut so you won't get hurt. Open doors can be dangerous, but walls will protect us!" As Mother stood up, she told the girls, "Finish packing for Youth Camp. Remember, as Kingdom Kids, it is important to look your best, because you are Adorned for the King!"

In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

1 Tim 2:9-10



kingdom kids' quiz

part 1

1. Should you check out the clothes in your closet from time to time? Yes or No
2. Why is it important to see if everything still fits?
3. Adorn means _____ or _____.
4. Does God love beautiful things too? Yes or No
5. Name 3 beautiful things God created:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
6. What do all these things have in common? _____
7. God wants our beauty to bring glory to _____ instead of to _____.
8. What does modest mean? _____, _____, or _____.
9. Explain what shamefacedness means to you: _____

10. Sobriety means _____
11. How does Song of Solomon 8:8-10 describe modesty?

12. How does this Scripture illustrate immodesty? _____

13. Why do we have walls? _____
14. Why does God want us to dress in a way that will shelter us from harm? _____
15. In the story, what happened when Mother opened the garage door? _____
16. "An open door can allow things to come in that will _____."
17. Our clothing should _____ and _____ us.
18. A 'door' dress _____ you leaving you _____.
19. A 'wall' outfit _____ your _____ and offers _____.
20. God wants His Kingdom Kids to be _____ and _____ as they bring _____ to Him.
21. Can you measure everything in your closet by the Word of God? Yes or No
22. "Open doors can be _____ but walls will _____ us!"
23. Why is it important to look your best? _____

Bible Memorization



Find the following Bible verse in the book and memorize them.

I Timothy 2:9-10

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Song of Solomon 8:8-10

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