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BAD OL' BANDIT
BILLY THE BOA CONSTRICTOR

JOSHUA 1:9

HAVE I NOT
COMMANDED YOU?

BE STRONG
AND OF GOOD
COURAGE;

DO NOT BE AFRAID,
NOR BE DISMAYED,

FOR THE LORD
YOUR GOD
IS WITH YOU

WHEREVER YOU GO."

Well howdy y'all! It's right fine to meet y'all today! Well, let me stop reading my Bible and I'll stand up and introduce myself!

my name is Miss Katie and I have something so excitin' to share with y'all today! I'M plum tickled pink about it!

none of ya'll will believe it, yup, I just got nominated for this here badge which declares that little ol' me gets to be a DEPUTY SHERIFF for this here town. and let me tell you it sure is the WILD, WILD, WEST!

There was this sneaky ol' snake roamin' 'round these parts 'n he is sure a mean 'un,

why, i just heard the other day that he went to sweet Miss Sarah's house and ate her apple pie right out of her winda without even sayin' please!

how sneaky is that! well, i got him locked up and caged up and sure as the day is long, i keep that key safe so he can't escape.

Well, i was readin' my Bible while you wranglers all were roamin in here - well, you know the Bible, right? the B-i-b-l-e?

well, that's just about my favorite book, y'all, yes, in fact, let me say that correct, it IS my favorite book, the Bible.

yes, and what i want you to do with me today and every other day, little wranglers, i want you to say that everytime i say Bible? the B-i-b-l-e. try it with me. the Bible? the B-i-b-l-e, very, very good.

well, let me tell you - in the Bible? the B-i-b-l-e?, that mean-ol-snake, well he pulled some prettty nasty tricks on two very special people who were very, very close to God. Do you know what part of the Bible i am talking about? oh yes, the BIBLE. Bible? the B-i-b-l-e?

yes, you're right! it was in the very first book, in Genesis and it's Adam and Eve

well they were G0d's first created humans. and they lived in splendor, let me tell you. they lived in a garden with God, and walked with Him and talked with him all the time.

Genesis 1:31 says that God had look at all he had made, and HE saw that it was very good.

well that garden was just 'bout as nice as you could ever get. there were no thorns, no weeds, no troubles at all, no sickness, no sadness -

except for one thing, one nasty mean ol' slitherin' bandit creaping 'round and fixin' to start some nasty, mean ol' trouble for adam and eve.

ohhhh eeeee

well, as the Bible says, oh yes the Bible? the B-i-b-l-e. that mean ol' nasty trouble maker asked eve if she really believed THAT God would really be serious when he told her not to eat of just one tree.

ya see, God had given Adam and Eve only ONE RULE - out of all the world that he created they only had one rule!

can you imagine you little wranglers if you woke up tomorra' and you only had one rule you had ta folla?

not the hundreds n hundreds you have got ta' obey today? **ohhhhheeee** they only had one! just imagin'.

well, that one rule was ta' not eat from this one tree called the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

well, God told them that if they would eat of this tree, well, they would dyyy.

oh no...not dia.

yup. well, adam and eve, well they seemed to stay away, until this one dreadful day, when that mean ol snake found his way into creating some doubt, and some fear and making sweet Eve believe that well, it would be okay for her to just take ONE taste!!

well, how many of us would just jump into this de-vine book right now, the Bible? the B-i-b-l-e? and try n' stop her from disobeying God!

Stop Eve! don't listen to that mean ol' snake! He's nothin but a bandit and He's fixin' to rob you of your lyfe!!

oh no!

sure enough that mean ol' snake and his big brain full a lies made Eve think that it would be okay and well, she fell into sin, she disobeyed that one important rule. **"don't disobey me"** God said, but she went ahead and she disobeyed.

pause. have any of you done that? have you disobeyed?

but that wasn't enough, my new friends, we know **from** the Bible - the B-i-b-l-e? we know that her protector and her husband Adam, - well, he didn't stop her from doing this horrible thing, nope, well, he went right along with it - and he ate too!! oh boy, that sneaky ol' snake!

well, from then on, and until today, ya little chickabiddies, sin has been here and you can't get away from it - you see, the Bible? the B-i-b-l-e? tells us in Romans 3:23 that all have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God.

that's why ive been hired as a deputy sheriff of this here wild west town to tell y'all that there is an amazing sheriff and his name is Jesus and this Bible? the B-i-b-l-e?

well, from front page to the very last, this wonderful de-vine book, yes it is de-vine isn't it. it's a miracle from the Lord, Himself, THIS BOOK, WELL IT will tell you how much HE loves you, and how safe you are from that mean ol' snake the devil

and how his love covered and wiped clean all the sin that came from ADAM AND EVE DISOBEYING

even though they made that bad, horrible choice, God still loved them and even though sin came into the world and has not gone away, God gave them and everybody else a second chance.

and by golly, that second chance, ya little wranglers, well that second chance is here for all of us - that's being able to follow our good sheriff, JEsus.

Jesus gives us a **choice**, we can go HIS WAY or OUR WAY - and remember, our way is full of sin and wrong choices.

Any little lie you tell, or mean thing you do, or wrong choice you make, well that is sin, and we simply ain't strong enough to make it go away on our own, that sneaky ol' snake the devil is pretty powerful,

but our good sheriff, JEsus, well he is the strongest and bravest and most powerful of all and that's a promise from the Bible? the B-i-b-l-e? one day Jesus will return to earth and destroy that mean ol' the snake, the devil, and all old sin and sadness will be wiped clean and we will be given a new earth - pure and beautiful!

so chickabiddies, what did we learn about today from the Bible? the B-i-b-l-e? we learned Romans 3:23 - for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. yes, and by all - we mean all. even deputy sherrifs

and well, the penalty of sin in death! cause the Bible? the B-i-b-l-e? says so right here in **Romans 6:23 - for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through JEsus Christ our Lord!**

WHOWEEEEEE. that's pretty amazin!

the gift of God is eternal life???? well, that's just sweeter than Miss Sarah's apple pie isn't it.

we can't **earn** eternal life, the Bible? the B-i-b-l-e? says it's a gift and we can have that gift today.

and that WONDERFUL AND MIRACULOUS GIFT is **Jesus!**

now let's pray and talk to Him right now, y'all bow your heads, close your eyes and fold your hands while I pray.

Thank you JEsus for the Bible? the B-i-b-l-e? your de-vine book that shows us how to go Your way which is good, and not our way which is full of sin and wrong choices .

thank you for loving us so much that even when we sin, when we choose our way and not your way, that you love us with your big powerful love that covers all our sin and shame,

and when we believe in you, we believe you are the Son of God and that you love us so much, that you give us that free gift of eternal life with you in heaven.

We love you so much JEsus, you are SO good and SO kind and it is amazin' that we get to learn about you and talk about you and worship you today and tomorra' and when we get home, and all the stuff in between. in Jesus' name - and all my wranglers say, amen!

before you go, wranglers, i want to show you something special that i keep tucked away for special occasions. It's something that I think you will really look forward to every day.

This is my very first soccer ball. My momma and daddy gave it to me after i got deputized in this here wild west. It is a soccer ball with a special story that goes along with what we just talked about with ADAM AND EVE and sin - it will help you remember and never forget.

this dark part of the ball is the part that will remind you of the sin and the darkness, sin makes us dirty, it keeps us from being close to God.

okay, y'all, there are four more colors to chat about, but we will save them for next time! i wonder if you can guess what each color means?

See y'all next time! Jesus loves you and I love you too!

MY WAY

GOD'S WAY