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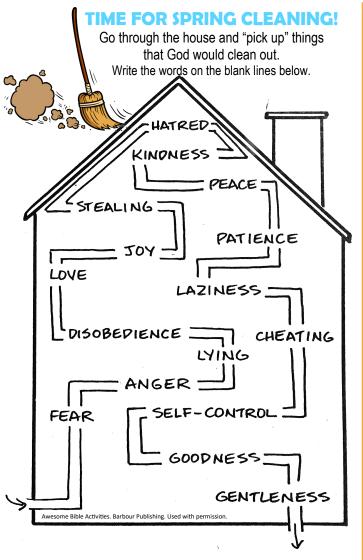
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DOGS

"You are looney, Mikey! There's no such thing, and you know it!"

"Is, too! I saw a picture of one,"

"I repeat," Molly insisted, "you are nuts! I've heard of guard dogs, guide dogs, mad dogs, and hot dogs, but I've never heard of prairie dogs!"

"I am not nuts! There is such a thing as a prairie dog, isn't there, Dad?"

Without any warning, Dad was thrown into the argument and simply answered, "Of course, there is. Why? What's going on here?"

Mike quickly answered, "I said that I wanted to get a prairie dog and Molly said there was no such thing. She had never heard of one. But there is, isn't there, Dad?"

"Yes, there is. Just because you have not seen or heard of something, doesn't mean it does not exist. I'll tell you what—when we go to visit Grandpa, you can go out to the pasture. You can spot plenty of prairie dogs in a prairie dog town. I'll admit, they are cute and plenty smart, too!"

"Oh great!" Molly croaked. "Now we not only have prairie dogs, but dogs live in a town! I can't believe it!"

When the time came, the children went to the pasture to look for prairie dogs, and Grandpa went along. "They're mighty skittish," Grandpa said. "They can spot an enemy, a fox, snake or owl, far off, and disappear in a flash into their holes in the ground. They are smaller than rabbits with little round ears and short legs and tails. With such sharp teeth, they eat grass like lawnmowers!"

The children walked quietly, hoping to get sight of the little squirrel-like rodents. Every family has their own home made of long tunnels underground with special rooms along the way. There is a nursery to raise babies, a pantry to store food, rooms for sleep, and they also build several exits for quick escapes. A sentinel stands on duty watching for trouble. If a predator appears, the sentinel stands tall on his hind feet, throws his head back and sounds the alarm with a sharp barking sound. That is why they are named prairie "dog." At the danger signal, all the prairie dogs streak into their tunnel for safety!

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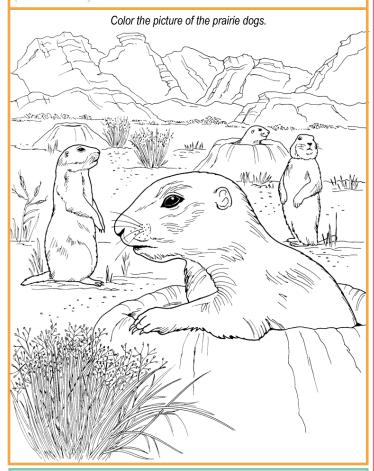


"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to <u>cleanse</u> us from all unrighteousness ." | John 1:9

(Be sure to take your vitamins and say your Vita-Verse every day!),

Can you memorize your Vita-Verse and say it for your parents or teacher? DOGS...continued What a picture of our refuge in the Lord Jesus Christ! Our enemies, our predators, are sin and Satan, who would take us to eternal death in hell, but Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins. If we will confess our sin and trust in Christ alone for salvation, He will give us eternal life. He will be our sure escape from sin, death, and hell!

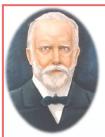
Will you confess your sin and receive Jesus Christ as your Savior? Will you find your refuge and safety from judgment in Him? "In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge (Prov. 14:26)."



SPRING CLEANING IDEAS FOR KIDS

"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor." Ecclesiastes 4:9

- Organize toys and books
- Dust furniture
- Wipe baseboards/lower cabinets
- Wash windows
- Shake out rugs
- Sort and put away winter clothing
- Donate unused toys
- Pull weeds from gardens



KIDZ HEROEZ Reuben A. Torrey (1856-1928)

"I'll have a Reuben, please." What you mean is that you want a "Reuben sandwich," made of a pile of corned beef, melty Swiss cheese, heaps of sauerkraut with gobs of

Thousand Island or Russian dressing between slices of rye bread grilled to just the right buttery, crispy taste. Yummm!

That's one Reuben. Another is the Reuben in the Bible and Jacob's oldest son. He became head of one of the twelve tribes of Israel.

Many other men have been named Reuben, but the Rueben in our story is **Reuben Archer Torrey**. He was born in New York City to the well-to-do family of a corporate lawyer and banker. Life was good for Reuben. He attended the best schools and universities. Even at a young age, he became very worldly. He loved dancing, cards, race tracks, and all that goes with them. "What more could I want," he thought. "I have all I need to make me happy." But as time passed, he became very unhappy,

even to the point where he considered ending his life. Once in the attic he read a book about being a Christian, but he did not follow through for fear God might want him to be a preacher and not a lawyer.

The life of entire surrender is a joyous life all along the way.

-R.A. Torrey

After some desperate days of conviction for sin, Reuben surrendered to Christ and was saved. He prayed, "Oh, God deliver me from this burden. I'll even preach!" That settled it, and from then on Torrey was a firebrand for God. He read the Bible every day in four languages! Torrey became known as an educator, pastor, world evangelist, and author, but his driving passion was winning people to Jesus Christ and intense, persistent prayer. He lived by faith without receiving a salary, only free-will offerings. He preached around the world, wrote over forty books, and won thousands to Christ. He was a man given wholly to God. One of his favorite phrases was, "I love to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

We may never be as recognized as Reuben Torrey, or be able to read four languages, or preach to thousands, but by God's grace, we can be faithful to study and memorize God's Word. We can pray earnestly daily and speak up, giving the Gospel to our friends and others we meet!