

# Kidz NeWz from the CBC Clubhouse

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A pig is a pig is a pig, they say. but her pig would be different. Twelve year old Karen's other fair entries had always been baked goods, fresh produce from her garden, or beef cattle but this project would be different. It would be good experience and also help fill her piggy

So the little white Yorkshire beauty (if you can call a pig beautiful) was moved from Dad's large herd to a special pen. Karen knew just the lines and traits for a pig to earn the approval of judges, and her

Mortimer was bound to win the blue ribbon! With proper feeding, grooming, and training, she would turn the little porker into a hog that anyone would be proud to own! Mortimer. Perhaps a more distinguished name could have been found, but at the time Mortimer seemed suitable. No pig could have been treated with more love and care. Baths with thick soap suds, a huge brush, and lots of elbow grease made his white bristles sparkle and his pink skin shine. He ate only the highest quality feed and his pen



BE SURE TO TAKE YOUR VITAMINS AND SAY YOUR VITA-VERSE

**EVERY DAY!** 

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

II Cor.5:17

say it for your parents or teacher?

was filled with soft straw. He even wore an elegant pink taffeta bow to compliment his lovely pink ears and snout! Oh, what a fine pig he was! Weeks went by quickly as Mortimer was groomed for exhibition days ahead. There was no question that he could win top honors at the fair! All went well until one afternoon when Mortimer's gate was left slightly ajar. That tiny gap was his challenge to escape clean surroundings and flee to the nearest mud hole. Mortimer paid no attention to Karen's cries as he rooted and grunted, wallowing blissfully in the black, sticky mud. What an awful disappointment! Karen had worked so hard to scrub and clean her piggy, but all the transformation on the outside had done nothing for his inner nature. His piggish desires and habits had not changed. Mortimer was born a pig, and a he would always be a pig.

Boys and girls find themselves with a similar problem. Parents, teachers, and pastors often try to teach, instruct, reform and refine young ones. At times children even try to improve themselves, but it is all to no avail despite their best efforts. Left to themselves, children revert to lying, cheating, gossiping, stealing, sassing, selfishness, pouting and countless other outward actions that show the sinful nature within. Outward changes like soap and water, church membership, water baptism, confirmation, or sincere resolutions cannot change your heart. Mortimer still ran straight for the mud no matter how many baths he was given! A pig is a pig, and a sinner is a sinner. Jesus told the Scribes and Pharisees, "...Ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess" (Matt. 23:35). "Ye are like whited sepulchers, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness" (Matt. 23:27). If religious leaders' hearts appeared so sinful in Jesus' sight, how must ours appear?

Is there a way to change, to have a clean, pure heart? Is there a way to change your life from wrong to right? It would be hopeless except for one answer, and that is the good news: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (I Tim. Can you memorize the verse and 1:15). He is the only One that can give you a *clean heart* and a *right spirit* (Psalm

## CRISIS OVER

They went from one crisis straight to another! The disciples survived the frightful storm at sea. Just when they were sure they were going under, Jesus spoke, "Peace, be still" and the waves instantly obeyed. When the boat reached the shore, the men were met with another terrifying threat. A wild lunatic ran from the cemetery toward Jesus with screams and threats! He was possessed by devils and begged Jesus not to torment him. The whole town lived in fear of the maniac. He lived alone in the cemetery among the tombs and was a danger to everyone and himself! Men tried to tame him, even tie him up and hold him down with chains, but it did no good. He was uncontrollable! Then Jesus came! The poor, deranged, devil-possessed man begged Jesus not to torment him.

"What is thy name?" Jesus asked. The man answered, "My name is Legion: for we are many."

The devils knew they could not stay where Jesus was and begged Him not to send them out of the country. There was a huge herd of pigs grazing on the mountain nearby, and the devils begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs! What happened next was a catastrophe! Two thousand startled pigs suddenly lifted their heads, wild-eyed and squealing in terror. They ran in a raging stampede down the mountain, over the cliffs, and plunged into the water below. It was an awful sound and horrible sight as the pigs squealed, floundered, and drowned in the sea!

Everyone in the town was shocked. Their income and livelihood was gone! They begged Jesus to go away. Meanwhile, the poor man who had been a lunatic was sitting at Jesus' feet, quiet, clothed, and in his right mind! He was no longer a threat to himself or anyone else. Jesus had spoken "Peace" to his heart. Jesus had cast out the devils, cleansed him, and given him a quiet, peaceful, and satisfied mind.

Jesus can calm the storms of life. He can change a child's heart from hungry to satisfied, from dirty to clean, from tired to rested, and from sad to happy. Jesus is the answer to every need. Receive Him today. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

# SHORT STORY QUESTIONZ

**READ IT! MARK 5:1-13** 

- 1. How many demons were in the man?
- 2. The name of the unclean spirit?
- 3. What large number measured the pigs nearby?
- 4. Where, besides the mountain, did the man live?
- 5. Name for a group of pigs?

# -DETECTIVE SKILLZ-

In Numbers 22:17, what were the first five words the donkey said to Balaam?

Find the answer and send it to Aunt Carolyn by email auntcarolyn@childrensbibleclub.com

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You will receive a special prize if you answer by August 31, 2019!

### NAVAJO ANGEL

Miss Betsy has been called the *Navajo Angel* because she is a special friend to the Native Americans on a huge Arizona Navajo Reservation. Despite her health issues, Betsy Frazier welcomes Indians day or night, befriending and helping them. In 1970, Betsy and her husband, Jim, left the conveniences of New York and moved to the dry barren Southwest desert. They faced bitter cold winter and hot, dry summers. They have lived without electricity, running water or telephones. The Fraziers wanted to tell the Native Americans about Christ.

**SMALL BEGINNINGS** Jim built a small cabin to live in and store supplies for the needy Indians. When word got out of food, bedding, and used clothing at the Widow's Mite Mission, people came. They always received a Gospel tract or Bible and personal witness of God's love and salvation. Many of the Indians were still clinging to superstitions such as nature worship and spirit gods. With time and prayer, the Indians believed the Gospel and were saved. What rejoicing! God blessed the work and soon many people donated used items to help the mission. The Fraziers lived as simply as the Navajos, and God always supplied their needs.

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SETBACKS Times of discouragement came. Their cabin burned down and later, the bus they moved into also burned. In 2003, Jim Frazier went to be with the Lord. Even though she was alone, God was faithful to Miss Betsy, allowing the mission to remain open. Currently the mission sits on ten acres of land and is equipped with a tractor trailer and several storage sheds.

CRITICAL NEEDS Winter is the worst time for the Indians. Some must walk long distances to the store or the mission. One man walked over fifteen miles to the nearest trading post but never returned home. Two weeks later, they found him frozen to death. An old grandfather asked Miss Betsy if he could have the scrap lumber by her fence. She learned he needed it for heat and led him to her own woodpile.

PANCAKE SHOES One winter an old Hopi lady asked, "What do you do with the old shoes that no one wants?" "They are taken to the dump." "Oh, don't do that!" she cried. "They make good pancakes!" She had an old kitchen stove but no wood. Burning a few shoes at a time made a fire hot enough to make pancakes. So now, if the mission receives old shoes too ragged to be worn, they are saved for the stove. Some winters the old shoes really ap fast!

.....Story continued in the next issue. Until then, please pray for Miss Betsy and her ministry!