

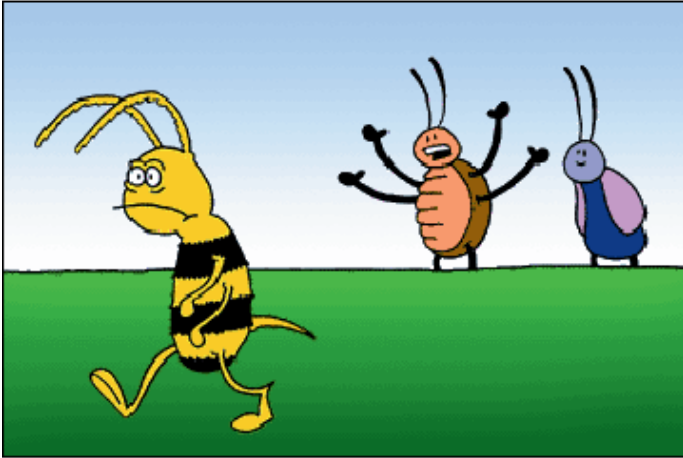
Faith and Funnies

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WAIT, COME BACK ... I SAID "YOU MUST BELIEVE", NOT "YOU MUST LEAVE, BEE"



Where does a
bee sit?

On its bee-hind!

What did the judge
say when the
skunk walked into the
courtroom?



Odor in the court!

Hickety Pickety

*Let's do some Hink Pinks!
Name the rhyming pairs.
(Answers at bottom of page.)*

1. What do you call a sick medication?
2. What do you call a hog's piece of hair?
3. What do you call a light red beverage?
4. What do you call an unhappy father?
5. What do you call a boat voyage?
6. What do you call a paperback thief?

Is prayer your steering
wheel or your spare tire?

-Corrie Ten Boom

1. ill pill 2. pig wig 3. pink drink 4. sad dad
5. ship trip 6. book crook

An Apple For the Teacher

written by Marla Carter

School is back in session. Children all over the country are picking out new backpacks, lunchboxes, folders, and clothes. There are many shared experiences when it comes to back to school season. Over the years, schools have changed from one room school houses to large, modern buildings. Children have gone from carrying books to carrying laptops. One thing that hasn't changed is the idea of an apple for the teacher. Children may not be taking actual apples to their teachers any longer, but the apple still appears everywhere in gifts and decor associated with teachers. It made me wonder how the tradition got started.

In early 19th century America, and especially in small towns, teachers were often paid with food. Apples were a popular choice because they were abundant and easy to transport for these farm families. At the same time, education was becoming increasingly important, and teachers were seen as role models and mentors. The simple gesture of gifting a sweet, juicy apple let them know their work was appreciated.

Over time, the apple became more of a symbol. In fact, some people associate the apple with wisdom and knowledge based on the story of Adam and Eve--which is ironic because the Bible never tells us what kind of fruit Eve ate from the forbidden tree.

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Apples are mentioned a handful of times in the Bible, and I especially like Proverbs 25:11. "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver." Isn't that a pretty visual?

A word fitly spoken is when a person says something wise, helpful, or kind at just the proper time. Have you ever experienced that? It's a thing of beauty, just as when silver and gold are used in art or dinnerware or architecture. It can lift your spirits, soothe your soul, and encourage your heart. The right word spoken at the right time is as valuable as gold; it's something to be treasured.

Teachers can impart wisdom and speak helpful words, but so can we all. Our words have power. They have the power to build up or tear down. We should always strive to speak words that are encouraging and kind. Our world is so full of hate and division that when we speak words of love and kindness to someone, it's a thing of beauty--like silver and gold.

Colossians 4:6 says, "Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." Ephesians 4:29

An Apple a Day

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 SEED
 CORE
 GREEN
 FUJI
 JUICY

ORCHARD
 TREE
 PEEL
 GALA
 HONEYCRISP
 PIE

CIDER
 BLOSSOM
 RED
 GRANNYSMITH
 SLICES
 FRITTER

