



Kids Know Best!

Judi had her 5-year-old grandson Jacob for the afternoon. They had a fun time playing, but finally she had to tell him that it was time to take him home because she had a hair appointment.

Jacob said, "I can go with you and sweep up hair for her (the hair-dresser)." Judi told Jacob that she would be there too long because she was going to get her hair colored.

Judi could see the wheels turning in Jacob's mind. Then he asked, "So do they do that with crayons or markers?"

-- **Judi Clark of LaGrange, Indiana**

Beth teaches a 6th grade class in Pennsylvania Dutch country. A local church has a big fundraiser. They make more than 100,000 doughnuts

for "Fastnacht Day," the doughnut day that precedes the start of Lent. Beth was walking with her students about this cultural event and she was giving the background reasons for the celebration.



When she mentioned Ash Wednesday, one student said, "Isn't that the day Jesus walked along the road and they put brooms out in front of him?" Later as they talked about getting rid of

the fats in the house before Lent began, another girl said, "That's because when Jesus lived, during Lent they only ate pretzels."

Beth Fryer of Pennsylvania

Mary took her 9-year-old niece Kylie to the doctor for stomach pains. She was diagnosed with a bladder in-

fection. When they got into the car after the appointment she asked Mary, "What is a blubber infection?"

Aunt Mary of Davenport, Iowa

Barbie, 3, was busy playing at her Gammie and Papa's house. After Mom and Dad arrived to take her home, Gammie called out, "Barbie, time to put your shoes and socks on so you can go home now!" Barbie very sweetly but loudly, replied, "No, thank you Gammie!" It was several minutes of laughter before they could even respond to her.

Barb Gocus of Clackamas, Oregon

Kathryn's children are very aware of her English accent, and they love it when they hear someone speaking with the same accent as their mother's. Recently James, 6, turned on the morning news and then came running to the kitchen to get Kathryn. "Mom, quick," he said. "There's someone on the television speaking English." Kathryn wondered what he was talking about so she went in and heard an English news reporter talking about the engagement of Prince Charles to Camilla Parker Bowles. Apparently James thinks "English" and "American" are two different languages!

Kathryn Bassett of Auburn, Indiana

One Sunday Anna's mother was sick so they were unable to go to church. When Anna, 3, asked Grandma about church, she was told it was too late to go to church. Anna asked, "Did the kids go home?" Her grandmother said yes. Then little Anna asked, "Did the teachers go home?" Her grandmother said yes. Anna then said, "You mean they left

Jesus there all alone?"

Kim Vessey of Council Bluffs, Iowa

Rules are relaxed at Aunt Mary's, and she told the great-nieces not to worry about picking up toys before going home because the "toy fairy" would come pick up while she drove them home. While Aunt Mary was dressing, she heard giggling from the living room, and when she came out, most of the toys were put away. "She came," Moriah said, "the toy fairy." She didn't have time to get all the toys, but she got what she could."

Mary Garrett of St. Peters, Missouri

When Devlyn's granddaughter Hyacinth was 4, Devlyn opened a savings account for her. She wouldn't be able to touch the money until she is 18. The teller who did the paperwork said, "My, Hyacinth, you sure will be able to have a nice wedding with all that money." Hyacinth turned to Devlyn and asked, "Grandma, do I have to use that money for a wedding?" Devlyn assured her that it was to be HER money to do with as she saw fit. Hyacinth looked the teller straight in the eye and said, "Then I want to buy a house with my money... NOT A HUSBAND!"

Devlyn Mundorf of Waterford, Pennsylvania

Linda's sister Vickie lived on a sheep farm near Marion, Michigan. During a time when Linda had braces on her teeth, she visited the farm. Linda's 4-year-old niece was very curious about her "metal mouth." After staring at Linda for a few minutes, Mandy asked, "Aunt Linda, why do you have barbed wire on your teeth?"

Linda Quick of Angola, Indiana

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