**Funny of the Week**

**One day, three men were hiking and unexpectedly came upon a large raging, violent river. They needed to get to the other side, but had no idea of how to do so. The first man prayed to God, saying, “Please God, give me the strength to cross this river.” Poof! God gave him big arms and strong legs, and he was able to swim across the river in about two hours, after almost drowning a couple of times. Seeing this, the second man prayed to God, saying, “Please God, give me the strength and the tools to cross this river.” Poof! God gave him a rowboat and he was able to row across the river in about an hour, after almost capsizing the boat a couple of times. The third man had seen how this worked out for the other two, so he also prayed to God saying, “Please God, give me the strength and the tools and the intelligence to cross this river.” And poof! God turned him into a woman. She looked at the map, hiked upstream a couple of hundred yards, then walked across the bridge. *(From the Internet)***

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[**For more quotes, stories, anecdotes, illustrations, trivia, and funnies on this topic, I invite you to scroll down the homepage of the website to the W-section of documents, and click open the Women's World document!**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

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**April 27th, 2024 - God turned him into a woman *(From the Internet) women’s world***

**April 20th, 2024 - God lives inside us *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip) the world within***

**April 13th, 2024 - taking a Jeep up-country (J. R. Goatland, in Reader's Digest) the world within**

**April 6th, 2024 - politician running for office (PLANET PROCTOR NEWSLETTER) RD22442 dishonesty**

**March 30th, 2024 – hereafter *(Laura Willhite, in Country magazine) after death***

**March 23rd, 2024 - put all the animals inside *(Sister Vincenza Gagliostro, S.S.N.D., in Catholic Digest) Noah and the ark***

**March 16th, 2024 - obedience school (Roger Andersen, in Reader's Digest) February, 2024, page 14 - obedience**

**March 9th, 2024 - best of everything for his father (Tidbits of Denver) funerals & coffins**

**March 2nd, 2024 - die and go to heaven *(Merry Pruitt, in Reader's Digest) cats world***

**February 24th, 2024 -** [**We had our ten-year-old daughter late in life, long after our two boys were born. She is the joy of my husband’s life, but he is self-conscious about being an older father. He likes to jokingly tell people that by the time she graduates from high school, he’ll be in a nursing home. One day she asked, “Mom, you know howDad always says he’ll be in nursing home when I graduate?” I nodded, expecting some sad question about mortality. “Can I have the car then?” *(Terri Gray, in Reader’s Digest) page 136***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

**February 17th, 2024 - singing the 22nd Psalm *(Ray Hall, in Reader's Digest) misunderstanding***

[**February 10th, 2024 - learn all of his colors *(Mrs. Harold Manor, in Country magazine) honesty***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**February 3rd, 2024 - died in the service *(Claire Chanel, in On Course magazine) church life***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**January 28th, 2024 - Jimmy*(The Jokesmith) The Best of Bits & Pieces, page 25)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**January 21st, 2024 - grandfather *(Harry P. Coleman, in Reader's Digest) page 137 - birthdays***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**January 14th, 2024 - brother's wedding *(Mark Sample, in Reader's Digest) page 155 - weddings***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**January 7th, 2024 - As a dentist, I recently tried out a new chocolate-flavored pumice paste *(Jeffery K. Liebforth, in Reader’s Digest) page 228 - chocolate***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**December 30th, 2024 - During my uncle's physical exam, his doctor mentioned that he was slightly overweight. "Do you get any exercise?" the physician asked. "Well, I used to have an exercise bike in the TV room," my uncle began. "Used to!" the doctor said. "Where is it now? "I had to store it in the basement," my uncle confessed, "because it got in the way of my snack trays." *(Wayne R. Reif, in Reader's Digest) page***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

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[**December 23rd, 2023 - kindergarten teacher  *(MIDDLESCHOOLMATTERS.COM)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**December 16th, 2023 - animal crackers *(SCOUTLIFE.ORG), as it appeared in the November, 2021 issue of Reader's Digest, on page 52)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**December 9th, 2023 - works real hard *(William D. Olson, in Reader’s Digest) Santa funnies***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**December 2nd, 2023 - Let’s get her a new dress *(Joann K. Schilling, in Catholic Digest) xmas kids funnies***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**November 25th, 2023 “How many are there?” *(Changing Times, The Kiplinger Magazine)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**November 18th, 2023 - Think bigger *(Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott, in Baby Blues comic strip) thinking***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**November 11th, 2023 - play a war game *(Funny, Funny World) war***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**November 4th, 2023 - temperance sermon *(Denver Rocky Mountain News)* timing**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**October 27th, 2023 - exercise *(Derek Thompson, in Reader’s Digest) moving into action***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**October 20th, 2023 - The longest drum solo *(@FAKEMUSICFACT, as it appeared in the March/April 2022 issue of Reader’s Digest, on page 106) noise***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**October 13th, 2023 - God of any kind *(Jewishmag.com, as it appeared in Reader’s Digest, October, 2023) Catholic Church***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**October 6th, 2023 - tattoos, Grandpa?” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip) Church life***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**September 30th, 2023 - Bible *(Charles Schulz, in Peanuts comic strip) dog's world***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**September 23rd, 2023 - Outside of a dog *(Groucho Marx) reading and a dog's world***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**September 16th, 2023 - little box on a stand *(Midland Cooperator) church life***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**September 9th, 2023 - pony in here somewhere!” *(CENTREFOR OPTIMISM.COM) 122242 optimism/pessimism same as March 11, 2023***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**September 2nd, 2023 - record.” *(Charles Schulz, in Peanuts comic strip) perfection baseball***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**August 27th, 2023 - Colonel Sanders *(Planet Proctor Newsletter) Catholic Church***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**August 20th, 2023 - late *(JOBHUNTEXPRESS.COM) 22242 Work-related***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**August 13th, 2023 - Rev. Billy Graham *(Bits & Pieces)*  *heaven***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**August 6th, 2023 - delay in making a new suit *(Observer” in Financial Times, London) creation***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**July 29th, 2023 – cremated *(Joan Rivers) after death***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**July 22nd, 2023 - Out shopping with my nine-year-old son, I stopped at an automated-teller machine to use my new ATM card. Worried about security, I told my son that I was going to get money out of the machine and to make sure no one was watching me. After the ATM spit out ten crisp $20 bills, my wide-eyed son said, “Do it again, Mom! Nobody’s watching!” *(Sarah Gray, in Reader’s Digest)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**July 15th, 2023 - God turned him into a woman *(From the Internet) Answered prayer***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**July 8th, 2023 - in the closet *(Shari Hanson, in Reader’s Digest) honesty***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**July 1st, 2023 - I think our No. 1 problem *(Randy Glasbergen, in The Saturday Evening Post) responsibility***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**June 24th, 2023 - Children’s take on the Bible *(Rocky Mountain News) Bible***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**June 17th, 2023 - neglected to buy a card *(Anne Carlson, in Reader's Digest) Father’s Day***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**June 10th, 2023 - George Burns *(Epistle) religion***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**June 3rd, 2023 - give you a little advice *(Kevin Fagan, in Drabble comic strip) advice***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**May 26th, 2023 - An elderly woman *(The PassTime Paper) divorce***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**May 19th, 2023 - beauty changes with time *(Kevin Eiene, in Reader’s Digest) beauty***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**May 12th, 2023 - You’re the light of my life *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip) Mother’s Day***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**May 5th, 2023 "How come you're late? *(JOBHUNTEXPRESS.COM) Work related, same as August 20, 2023***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**April 29th, 2023 - ancestors *(Hazel Hulse, in Reader’s Digest) Adam & Eve***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**April 22nd, 2023 - parrot *(The American Legion Magazine) fprgiveness***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**April 15th, 2023 - airplane *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip) Bible***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**April 8th, 2023 - mother-in-law *(Jason Tuthill, in Reader's Digest) Easter***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**April 1st, 2023 - give up for Lent *(Charles E. Miles, in Reader’s Digest) Lent***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**March 25th, 2023 - A father read that a middle-aged man should not shovel wet snow because he could have a heart attack. So he said to his teenager, “Son, I shouldn’t shovel wet snow. Would you do it for me?” The son said yes, he’d do it immediately. And the father had a heart attack. *(Orben’s Current Comedy)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**March 11th, 2023 - A psychiatrist with two young sons – one a pessimist, the other an optimist – tries an experiment. For Christmas, he fills the pessimist’s room with beautifully wrapped presents, while in the optimist’s room he dumps a huge heap of horse manure. On Christmas morning he finds his little pessimist, surrounded by gifts, crying, “What if I don’t like any of them?” The father then walks into the next room, where he finds his optimistic son excitedly digging through the odorous pile. “What are you doing?” yells the father. His optimistic son replies: “There’s gotta be a pony in here somewhere!” *(CENTREFOROPTIMISM.COM)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**March 4th, 2023 - things money can’t buy *(Bits & Pieces) Money matters***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**February 26th, 2023 - *(Planet Proctor) 52242 Up***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**February 19th, 2023 - baptizing Muffin *(BLUERIDGENOW.COM)* 92250 a cat's world**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**February 12th, 2023 - In an effort to get back to the original meaning of Halloween - football uniforms *(Tulsa World) Halloween***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**February 5th, 2023 - Girl Scout motto *(S. J. Buhler, in Reader’s Digest) Girl Scouts***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**January 29th, 2023 - *(CENTREFOR OPTIMISM.COM) 122242 optimism/pessimism***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**January 22nd, 2023 - I already blessed it last night.” *(Judy Moore, in Reader’s Digest) 122221 blessed***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**January 15th, 2023 - Tom *(Al Batt) posw***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**January 8th, 2023 - learn all of his colors *(Mrs. Harold Manor, in Country magazine) honesty***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**January 1st, 2023 - try to be more like my dog *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)*-**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**December 26th, 2022 - It was Christmas and a judge was in a benevolent mood as he questioned the prisoner, “What are you charged with?” he asked. “Doing my Christmas shopping early,” replied the defendant. “That’s no offense,” replied the judge. “How early were you doing this shopping?” “Before the store opened,” countered the prisoner. *(Parts Pups)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**December 19th, 2022 - First boy: “And I want a new dump truck and ice skates and a new bike and . . .” Second boy: “Why are you yelling? Santa hasn’t a hearing problem.” The first boy after noticing Grandma sitting in the next room says to the second boy: “I know, but Grandma might.” *(Bud Blake, in Tiger comic strip)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**December 12th, 2022 - Santa Claus is that jolly old gent who goes “Ho! Ho! Ho!” Then again, if you had to work only one day a year, you'd laugh too. *(Orben's Current Comedy)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**December 5th, 2022 - Billy says to his Mom: “I’m gonna go for a walk down the street. Grandma said Christmas is just around the corner.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**November 28th, 2022 - On their way to a dinner party, a wife cautioned her husband: "Now, Howard dear, no drinking, leering at wives, telling horrid jokes, starting political arguments or monopolizing boring sports discussions. Just go and enjoy yourself." *(Ron Stanfield, in Today's Health)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**November 21st, 2022 - We attended the wedding of an acquaintance’s son. Because we did not know the young man or his bride, we decided to send them a practical household gift, a fire extinguisher. Apparently, the couple mass-produced their thank-you notes because we received a card saying: “Thank you very much for the nice wedding gift. We look forward to using it soon.” *(Toni D. Moore, in Reader’s Digest)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**November 14th, 2022 - A businessman taking an efficiency seminar presented a case study on his wife's routine for cooking breakfast: "After a few days of observation, I determined what was slowing her down and suggested ways to speed up the process." "Did it work?" the teacher asked. "It sure did. Instead of taking her 20 minutes to cook my breakfast, it takes me only seven." *(Reader's Digest)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**November 7th, 2022 - Grandmother was headed out the door to go to church one Sunday when she got a call from her daughter. Would Grandma like to have her three little grandchildren visit while daughter and son-in-law took a five-day holiday trip? Grandma was so delighted she put $5 in the collection basket at church and thanked the Lord. The Sunday after the grandchildren had returned home, she put $20 in the collection. *(Bits & Pieces)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**October 30th, 2022 - My six-year-old son was excited about his Halloween costume. “I’m going to be the Pope,” he said. “Ian, you can’t be the Pope,” I said. “You’re not Catholic. You’re Lutheran.” Ian hadn’t thought about that. So he considered his alternatives. After a few minutes, he asked, “Is Dracula a Lutheran?” *(Jenny Crane, in Reader’s Digest)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**October 23rd, 2022 - Boy to father: “I don't know why you call this an allowance. It doesn't allow me to do much of anything.” *(Shanks, in The Saturday Evening Post)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**October 16th, 2022 - Two women went window-shopping. One saw an item she liked and fished in her handbag for a $20 bill. After rummaging around, she said, “Darn, I don't have enough.” Her friend said, “Sorry, I can't lend you anything -- I didn't bring any money with me. How come you ran short?” “Oh, I was a soft touch for a bum this morning.” “Really? And what did your husband have to say about that?” “He said, ‘Thanks.’” *(Elizabeth Sutherland)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**October 9th, 2022 - Some friends of mine took their 5-year-old grandson, Christopher, to church one Sunday. Being a member of the choir, Bettie went and took her place with the choir while Christopher and his grandpa sat in the congregation. During the service, Bettie motioned several times to Christopher to poke Grandpa and keep him awake, but there was no response from him. After church, Bettie asked Christopher why he did not do what she had asked -- especially since she had given him 50 cents. Said Christopher: “Grandpa gave me $1 to let him sleep.” *(Camp Leech, in Reminisce magazine)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**October 2nd, 2022 - A Pennsylvania citizen, arriving in heaven, was asked to share some experience from his earthly days. The new arrival jumped at the opportunity. “I survived the Johnstown flood of 1889. Over two thousand people perished in the destruction. It was one of America’s worst disasters. I’ve told the story over and over. Now I can tell it up here.” “That will be fine,” said his guide. “But remember – Noah will be out there in the audience.” *(Leslie B. & Bernice Flynn, in Humorous Incidents and Quips for Church Publications, p. 20)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**September 24th, 2022 - My old music instructor told me that when she taught music in elementary schools, she began each session by having the class sing a familiar song. She said that one enthusiastic first grader stood out for his rendition of “God Bless America” when he belted out those stirring lyrics: “Stand beside her and guide her, through the night with a light from a bulb!” *(Paul Lund, in Reader’s Digest) 72230***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**September 17th, 2022 - Billy says to his Mom, as she walks into his bedroom: “You talk to your plants, so I’m reading a cowboy story to my cactus.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**September 10th, 2022 - The mother apologized to her unexpected ministerial guest for serving the apple pie without cheese. Her son slipped quietly away from the table for a moment, then returned with a small piece of cheese, which he laid on the guest's plate. The visitor smiled thankfully at the lad, and putting the cheese in his mouth, remarked, “You must have sharper eyes than your mother, sonny. Where did you find it?” The boy replied with a flush of pride, “In the mousetrap.” *(Leslie and Bernice Flynn, in Humorous Incidents and Quips)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**September 3rd, 2022 - Recently I spoke to a large gathering of business and professional women, all of whom are capable, alert and talented persons. I commented that I had recently read the book entitled Ten Tall Texans, and that all of the biographies, with only one exception, were of famous men. Then I gave the challenge: “Why doesn't someone in this audience write a book entitled Ten Terrific Texans, a volume of biographies of outstanding women?” A few days later one of the executives called and told me that she had accepted my challenge and had begun writing such a book with a slightly different title: Women Who Change Things . . . Besides Diapers! *(William Arthur Ward, in Abundant Living magazine)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**August 28th, 2022 - The Sunday School teacher said, “Ask and you shall receive. Everything comes from God.” The cute kid shook his head and responded, “I don't have to. When I want something, I just ask Grandma.” *(L. M. Boyd)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**August 21st, 2022 - At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam’s ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill. “Johnny,” she asked, “What’s the matter?” “My side hurts,” he said. “I think I’m going to have a wife.” *(Rocky Mountain News)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**August 14th, 2022 - The Sunday school class had reached the part in the lesson where “Abraham entertained the angel unaware.” “And what is the meaning of ‘unaware’?” the teacher wanted to know. There was a silence; then one young lady volunteered, “Unaware is what you take off before you put on your pajamas.” *(SoCaSan, in Quote magazine)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**August 7th, 2022 - A Sunday school class listened to the story of Adam and Eve one day and the teacher asked the children to draw a picture about some part of the story. One little girl drew a car with three people in it. She had a man in the front seat and a man and woman in the back. “Very good, Mary,” said the teacher. “Now would you tell the class what this picture means?” “This is God driving Adam and Eve out of the garden,” said Mary. *(Bits & Pieces)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**July 29th, 2022 - Two seven-year-olds were fighting in their Sunday-school class. One boy told their teacher, “He hit me first. And it says in the Bible it’s all right to hit back.” “Where,” the Sunday-school teacher demanded, “did it say that in Scripture?” “You told us,” said the boy. “You said the Bible said you should ‘do one to others as others do one to you.’” *(James Dent)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**July 22nd, 2022 - At a recent meeting for Religious Education teachers, my friend Carol told us she always asks her students to research one interesting fact about their patron saints' lives, such as the country they lived in, or their occupation. According to Carol, she'd told one student, named Joan, to find something interesting about Joan of Arc -- other than the fact she was born in France. Another student, however, thought the stipulation unfair. “You didn't tell the rest of us that,” the student protested. Carol calmly defended her position. “Telling her Joan of Arc was born in France hardly gives anything away,” she explained. “Every Catholic knows that Joan of Arc was French.” As Carol turned back to the board she heard Joan whisper to her friend. “I didn't know she was born in France,” Joan said. “I just knew she was the one swallowed by the whale.” *(Christine O. Shestak, in Catholic Digest)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**July 15th, 2022 - Billy draws a picture of an airplane carrying four passengers. The picture is supposed to depict Jesus, Mary, and Joseph’s flight into Egypt. The mother asks: “Who’s the 4th person you’ve added?” The child answers: “That’s Pontius the Pilate.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**July 8th, 2022 - One parent never argues with his kids when they come home from the store with the newest in bizarre clothing. He just says he likes it and they take it back in the morning. *(Delia Sellers, in Abundant Living magazine)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**July 1st, 2022 - The child is grounded, sits in the corner of the room, and says to his Mom: “Gramma said the truth would set me free.” *(Steve Dickenson & Todd Clark, in Lola comic strip)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**June 25th, 2022 - The Vatican received an invitation for a friendly but high-level golf game to be played in the spirit of friendship by representatives of Catholics and Jews. None of the cardinals was good at golf, so they decided to make Jack Nicklaus, a devout Catholic, a cardinal so he could represent the Vatican -- and win the game. Nicklaus was honored and agreed to play. The day after the game Nicklaus went to the Vatican and reported to the pope that he had good news and bad news. The good news was that he had played the best golf of his life; the bad news was that he lost by three strokes to Rabbi Tiger Woods. *(Rocky Mountain News)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**June 18th, 2022 - Three little boys were bragging about whose father made the most money. “My dad sits down, scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, and gets $100,” the first boy said. “That's nothing," said the second boy. “My dad sits down, scribbles a few words, calls it a song, and get $200!" “I got you both beat," said the third boy. “My dad sits down, scribbles a few words, calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all his money!" *(Vera Emmert Johansen)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**June 11th, 2022 - A Sunday School teacher was quizzing her class about their Old Testament knowledge. “What do you think Noah did all that time he was on the ark?” she asked. There was silence. “Do you think he did a lot of fishing?” “What?” sneered one boy. “With only two worms?” *(Glenn Van Ekeren, in Speaker’s Sourcebook II, p. 222)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**June 4th, 2022 - One Sunday the pastor noticed 7-year-old Johnny staring intently at the large plaque hanging in the church foyer. “Good morning, son,” I said quietly. “Good morning,” Johnny replied. “What is this?” “Well, son, these are all the people who have died in the service,” replied the pastor. Soberly, they stood together staring at the list of names. Johnny’s voice barely broke the silence, “Which one?” he whispered, “The 8 or the 10:30?” *(Rodney and Cathy’s Joke List, in Catholic Digest)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**May 27th, 2022 - A preacher was speaking to a Sunday School class. He had finished speaking on the joys and wonders of heaven. Then he asked, “How many would like to go to heaven?” All but one boy raised his hand. “Harvey, don’t you want to go to heaven?” he asked. “Yes, I want to go,” replied the boy, “but my mother told me to come right home after Sunday School.” *(Rev. Leon Hill, in O’ For The Life Of A Preacher, p. 63)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**May 20th, 2022 - Spring is that busy period when highway crews rush to get the main routes torn up in time for summer traffic*. (Doug Larson, United Feature Syndicate)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**May 13th, 2022 - - A police recruit was asked during the exam, “What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?” He said, “Call for backup.” *(Rocky Mountain News)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**May 6th, 2022 - Starting my first week as a dormitory custodian at the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, I was appalled at the mess in some stairwells – smashed fruit, discarded pizza and soft-drink containers. I put up a sign saying “Pretend the custodian is your mother,” hoping the students would think twice before throwing their garbage around. Under the sign the next morning was a basket of dirty laundry and a note requesting homemade cookies. *(LaVonna Thompson, in Reader’s Digest)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**April 29th, 2022- We lived next door to Ginny and Ralph for several years and borrowed back and forth as neighbors sometimes do. My husband, however, was better at borrowing than returning. One day Ralph said, “Would you like to put my table saw in your garage, Bill?” “Why?" asked my husband. “Well,” said Ralph, “I like to keep all my tools in one place.” *(Lois J. Poggel)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**April 22nd, 2022 - I remember the time I cut classes in high school to attend one of the first Minnesota Twins games of the season. While exiting with some 30,000 fans after the contest, I had the misfortune of bumping into our stern assistant principal. He didn’t say a word. That night I couldn’t sleep wondering what would happen to me the next day. As I waited to be summoned from homeroom, a PA announcement informed us that the assistant principal was feeling much better after being out sick the day before. I never heard a thing, then or later, about my absence. *(Carl Morrison, in Reader’s Digest)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**April 15th, 2022 - An anonymous taxpayer wrote to the state comptroller confessing that he'd cheated on his income tax 10 years earlier and hadn't had a good night's sleep since. Enclosed was a check for $100 and this note: "If I still can't sleep, I'll send the balance." *(Reminisce Extra magazine)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**April 8th, 2022 - Robert Alston of Hamilton, Georgia explains that a pastor had a large group of children gathered around him for the children's sermon. "What is the object I have in my hand?" he asked. A hand shot up and little Cody exclaimed, "A baseball." "That's right," the pastor said. "And when you see a baseball, what do you think of?" Cody answered, "God." "You mean that this baseball reminds you of God?" the inquisitive pastor asked. "Why is that?" "Well, preacher," Cody replied, "I know you didn't get us up here to talk about baseball." *(Country magazine)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**April 1st, 2022 - Two little neighbor girls about the same age, one Christian and one Jewish, were constant companions. After one Easter holiday, the grandfather of the Christian girl asked her what her friend had received for Easter. The girl looked at her grandfather in surprise, and said, “But Grandpa, you should know that Becky is Jewish and she wouldn’t get anything for Easter.” Then she went on to explain patiently, “You see, I’m Easter and she’s Passover. I’m Christian and she’s Hanukkah.” Then with a big smile, she added, “but I’m really glad that both of us are Halloween.” *(Buddy Westbrook)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**March 25th, 2022 - When our farm required an extra truck driver for harvest, we hired Dave despite his lack of experience. We advised him to pick a landmark so he could remember the turnoff to the field. On his first day, things ran smoothly until his third trip to the field. Dave got lost. “Didn't you pick something to help you remember where to turn?” I asked. “I did,” Dave replied. “But the cows moved.” *(Clinton Farstveet, in Reader's Digest)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**March 18th, 2022 - My son’s fifth-grade teacher asked him to define eternity. “That’s when you’re at a restaurant with your parents,” he said, “and the waitress asks if they want more coffee.” *(Betty Plumb, in Reader’s Digest)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**March 11th, 2022 - A girl watched, fascinated, as her mother smoothed cold cream on her face. “Why do you do that?” she asked. “To make myself beautiful,” said the mother, who began removing the cream with a tissue. “What’s the matter?” asked the girl. “Giving up?” *(Nancy C. Bell, in Reader’s Digest)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**March 4th, 2021 - “Do you want a boy or a girl?” a friend asked our five-year-old, Ryan, during my wife’s seventh month of pregnancy. By then Ryan had heard the proverbial answer many times. “We don’t care if it is a boy or girl,” he replied, “just as long as it’s wealthy.” *(Charlie Gill, in Reader’s Digest)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**February 27th, 2022 - A wealthy farmer decided to go to church one Sunday. After services, he approached the preacher with a great deal of enthusiasm. Farmer: “Reverend, that was a damned good sermon you gave, damn good!” Reverend: “I'm satisfied that you liked it, but I wish you wouldn't use those terms in expressing yourself.” Farmer: “I can't help it, Reverend. I still think it was a damned good sermon. I was so impressed that I put a hundred-dollar bill in the collection basket.” Reverend: “The hell you did!” *(Nebraska Smoke-Eater)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**February 20th, 2021 - A former fourth-grade teacher came into her room one Valentine’s Day and found a handmade card bearing the message “All the fourth grade loves you, Mrs. Jones.” This touched her deeply -- until the next morning when she found a note with a corrected tally on her desk. It read: “All the fourth grade loves you, Mrs. Jones. All but two.” *(Quoted by James Dent, in Charleston, W.Va., Gazette)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**February 13th, 2022 - In an American-history discussion group, our professor was trying to explain how society’s ideal of beauty changes with time. “For example,” he said, “take the 1921 Miss America. She stood five feet, one inch tall, weighed 108 pounds and had measurements of 30-25-32. How do you think she’d do in today’s version of the contest?” The class fell silent for a moment. Then one student piped up, “Not very well.” “Why is that?” asked the professor. “For one thing,” the student pointed out, “she’d be way too old.” *(Kevin Eiene, in Reader’s Digest)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**February 6th, 2022: Grandma: “How nice! Bob and Mary named their babyafter me.” Billy: “They named their baby ‘Grandma’?” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**January 28th, 2022 - The Rev. Billy Graham tells of a time early in his career when he arrived in a small town to preach a sermon. Wanting to mail a letter, he asked a young boy where the post office was. When the boy had told him, Dr. Graham thanked him and said, “If you’ll come to the Baptist church this evening, you can hear me telling everyone how to get to heaven.” “I don’t think I’ll be there,” the boy said. “You don’t even know your way to the post office.” *(Bits & Pieces)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**January 21st, 2022 - The mind is a wonderful thing. It starts working the minute you're born and never stops until you get up to speak in public. *(Roscoe Drummond)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**January 14th, 2022 - The photographer for a national magazine was assigned to get photos of a great forest fire. Smoke at the scene hampered him and he asked his home office to hire a plane. Arrangements were made and he was told to go at once to a nearby airport, where the plane would be waiting. When he arrived at the airport, a plane was warming up near the runway. He jumped in with his equipment and yelled, “Let’s go! Let’s go!” The pilot swung the plane into the wind and they soon were in the air. “Fly over the north side of the fire,” yelled the photographer. “and make three or four low level passes.” “Why?” asked the pilot. “Because I’m going to take pictures,” cried the photographer. “I’m a photographer and photographers take pictures!” After a pause the pilot said, “You mean you’re not the instructor?” *(The Jokesmith)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**January 7th, 2022: A 19-year-old drawn by an ad for an inexpensive two-bedroom apartment unwittingly moved into an Arkansas retirement community. After moving in, said Madison Kohout, “I thought it was a bit weird that all of my neighbors were significantly older than me.” But she reports numerous benefits to living with seniors, including neighbors offering home-cooked meals and the freedom to “play music whenever I want to, because some of them can’t hear.” *(The Week magazine December 31, 2021 / January 7, 2022)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**December 31st, 2021: Woman: “My new year’s resolution is to fit into my college blue jeans again.” Man: “Mine is to win a $100 million lottery.” Man: “Resolutions are supposed to be realistic goals, silly.” Woman: “OK, college sweat pants.” Man: “$50 million.” *(Bill Amend, in Foxtrot comic strip)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**December 24th, 2021: Dennis: “Boy! You should hear the revolutions everybody's comin' up with this year!” Mom: “I think you mean resolutions.” Dennis: “Mister Wilson wants to be thinner, Joey wants to be taller. Margaret wants to be smarter, an’ Gina wants to be stronger! I just wanna be better!” Mom: “Good for you!” Dennis: “How about you, Dad?” Dad: “I want to make your Mother as happy as I can all year!” Dennis: “What about you, Mom?” Mom: “My resolution is to make sure you two keep your resolutions!” *(Hank Ketcham, in Dennis The Menace comic strip)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**December 17th, 2021: At her church's Christmas skit, First Daughter Chelsea Clinton played a character named “Clueless" in a mock rendition of the TV game show “Jeopardy" who were given the answer – “He turned water into wine" responded: “Who were Ernest and Julio Gallo?” *(Bill Flick, December, 1995)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**December 10th, 2021: Our daughter announced that she no longer believed in Santa Claus and flatly refused to leave milk and cookies out for him on Christmas Eve. Upset at losing a four-year tradition, her father tried bribing and cajoling her. Nothing worked. Later that evening, to my surprise, she walked into the living room carrying a bowl of oatmeal. Her father helped her put the bowl under the tree, next to eight others just like it. “What on earth are you doing?” I asked. “I thought she didn’t believe in Santa.” “She doesn’t,” he said, beaming. “But the reindeer -- they’re a different story!” *(Karen Dwyer)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**December 3rd, 2021: A grandmother took her grandson to see Santa Claus in a department store after purchasing about a dozen Christmas gifts. Santa gave the boy a little present. “What do you say to Santa?” prompted grandma. “Charge it,” said the boy. *(Bits & Pieces)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**November 27th, 2021: First-graders complete some well-known sayings: Better be safe than . . . punch a fifth-grader. Strike while the . . . bug is close. It’s always darkest before . . . daylight savings time. Don’t bite the hand . . . that looks dirty. No news is . . . impossible. A miss is as good as a . . . Mr. You can’t teach an old dog new . . . math. The pen is mightier than the . . . pigs. Where there’s smoke, there’s . . . pollution. Children should be seen and not . . . spanked or grounded. You get out of something what you . . . see pictured on the box. *(Rocky Mountain News)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**November 20th, 2021: A friend of mine has several children who complain constantly that they need bigger allowances. Tired of hearing their grumbling, my friend said to them, “Kids, you don’t know just how good you have it. When I was a boy, I used to get up early to deliver newspapers. I walked to school in the snow and rain, and after school I delivered groceries. Sometimes we didn’t even have enough to eat.” His children listened intently, and my friend thought he had made his point until his youngest piped up, “Hey, Pop! I bet you’re awful glad you live with us now!” *(A. R., in Reader’s Digest)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**November 13th, 2021: As the child continues to talk non-stop, the father says to her: “Penny, I know you have a lot to say, but I’m going to give you a little advice. You have two eyes, two ears and only one mouth. That means you should look and listen twice as much as you talk!” Penny: “Oh. Then I should also smell twice as much, because I have two nostrils!” Father: “Well, I guess that’s right.” Penny: “And I should walk twice as much because I have two feet! And I should clap twice as much because I have two hands! And I should wiggle my toes ten times as much because . . .” *(Kevin Fagan, in Drabble comic strip)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**November 6th, 2021: I didn’t know if my small grandson had managed to learn all of his colors yet. So I decided to test him. I would point to something, ask him what color it was, and he’d tell me. This had gone on for several colors when he looked up at me and said in a very serious tone of voice, “Grandma, I think you should try to figure some of these out for yourself!” *(Mrs. Harold Manor, in Country magazine)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**October 30th, 2021: Grandma: “Don’t feel bad that you were unable to buy Halloween costumes. When I was little we didn’t have store-bought costumes, we made our own. And we weren’t driven around while trick-or-treating, we walked and we got penny candy, not these new, giant candy bars.” Little girl: “So why do you always call them ‘the good old days’?” *(Steve Breen, in Grand Avenue comic strip)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**October 23rd, 2021: The third-grade class had just finished the week’s Bible study on the Exodus and entry to Canaan. The teacher asked for students’ questions. “Mr. Morkert,” Billy called to the teacher, “there is one thing I didn’t understand.” “What’s that?” asked the teacher. “Well, according to our Bible history book, the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea, right?” “Right,” Mr. Morkert confirmed. “And the children of Israel fought and won the battle at Jericho, right?” “That’s right.” “And the Children of Israel built the temple, right?” “That’s also correct,” agreed the treacher. “So what’s your question, Billy?” “What I’d like to know,” Billy continued, “is what were all the grown-ups doing?” *(The Lutheran Witness)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**October 16th, 2021: A husband and wife were arguing about an investment the husband wanted to make. In the midst of it, he pointed out that men had better judgment than women. “Well,” I guess you’re right,” replied the wife. “You married me and I married you.” *(Bits & Pieces)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**October 9th, 2021: Recently I spoke to a large gathering of business and professional women, all of whom are capable, alert and talented persons. I commented that I had recently read the book entitled Ten Tall Texans, and that all of the biographies, with only one exception, were of famous men. Then I gave the challenge: “Why doesn't someone in this audience write a book entitled Ten Terrific Texans, a volume of biographies of outstanding women?” A few days later one of the executives called and told me that she had accepted my challenge and had begun writing such a book with a slightly different title: Women Who Change Things . . . Besides Diapers! *(William Arthur Ward, in Abundant Living magazine)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**October 2nd, 2021: Bill Moyers, who was an ordained Baptist minister during the time he was President Johnson’s press secretary, was saying grace at a White House dinner one evening. Johnson was seated at the other end of the table and was having trouble hearing. “Speak up,” he said, “I can’t hear you.” “I wasn’t talking to you,” replied Moyers. *(Bits & Pieces)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**September 26th, 2021: An applicant for a job admitted to the personnel manager that he had both good and bad traits. “What are they?” he was asked. “Well,” the man said, “on the good side I can do the job better than any man in the world. Twenty of the country’s largest companies are bidding for my services. I could probably double your business within a month, if you hire me.” “That’s very impressive,” said the manager. “Now, what are your bad traits?” “Well,” replied the applicant, “there’s only one – I have been known to exaggerate now and then . . . .” *(Bits & Pieces)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**September 19th, 2021 in the closet *(Mrs. Robin Waalkens, in Reader’s Digest) honesty***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**September 12th, 2021 exercise class *(Mrs. Robin Waalkens, in Reader’s Digest)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**September 5th, 2021 homesick *(Bits & Pieces) a dog’s world***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**August 29th, 2021 addressed to “God” *(Bits & Pieces) postal service***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**August 22nd, 2021 moving to New York.” *(Bits & Pieces) prayer***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**August 15, 2021 old friends phoned *(Denise M. Knott, in Reader's Digest) timing***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**August 8, 2021 Shingles *(Orben's Current Comedy) misunderstanding***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**August 1, 2021: Parenthood - *(Rocky Mountain New) parenting***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

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[**A husband and wife had been married for 60 years and had no secrets except for one: The woman kept in her closet a shoe box that she forbade her husband from ever opening. But when she was on her deathbed -- and with her blessing -- he opened the box and found a crocheted doll and $95,000 in cash. "My mother told me that the secret to a happy marriage was to never argue," she explained. "Instead, I should keep quiet and crochet a doll." Her husband was touched. Only one doll was in the box -- that meant she'd been angry with him only once in 60 years. "But what about all this money?" he asked. "Oh," she said, "that's the money I made from selling the dolls." *(Reader's Digest)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**When police arrested a medicine peddler for selling eternal-youth pills, they discovered that he was one of those repeat violators. He had been arrested on the same charge in 1772, 1829 and 1904. *(Claude McDonald, in The Christian Word)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**Scene: The Pearly Gates, years in the future. Norman Vincent Peale and Billy Graham are at the head of the admitting line. St. Peter is checking their credentials when suddenly a pert little blonde in a skimpy dress marches up and gives the saint a familiar hello. St. Peter gives her a beaming welcome, drops everything and leaves the famous duo waiting 45 minutes while he makes sure the young woman is properly settled in. Seeing this, the gentlemen become a bit irate. Billy Graham asks just why this snippy girl should be given the red-carpet treatment, in view of the great services rendered on earth by himserlf and Dr. Peale. “Down on earth,” explains the saint, “Helen drove a little sports car. She cut in and out of traffic, drag-raced at intersections, tailgated and ran stoplights.Gentlemen, she scared the devil out of more people than the two of you put together!” *(Walter S. Hall, in Reader’s Digest)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**Between classes at Glassboro State College in New Jersey, I was desperately searching for a dryer to finish my laundry. One machine had stopped but was full of clothes. I carefully folded the garments, which belonged to a female. Seeing a chance to meet someone new, I added one of her still-damp sweatshirts to my load. Then I left a note saying she could pick the shirt up at my apartment -- No. 68 -- and suggesting we might go to a movie, or dancing. After class, I found a message on the empty dryer: “Dear No. 68 -- My girlfriend appreciates your help. If you'd like your clothes, you can pick them up at my apartment, No. 32.” *(Phil Cozzolino, in Reader's Digest)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**Lauren was lying in bed one night when she felt her husband’s hand caressing her neck. Then it slid down her side, stopping at her knee, which was as far as her husband could reach. Then he moved closer and did the same on her other side before abruptly stopping and moving away. Delighted by this unexpected attention, Lauren whispered, “Honey, that was wonderful. Why did you stop?” He answered, “I found the remote. *(Palm Beach Florida Weekly) 72243***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**You are what you eat, so I eat only rich foods. *(Argus poster)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

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[**“Does anyone know why a bear sleeps in his cave during the first 6 months of winter?” the teacher asked her 3rd-grade class. Eight-year-old Susan waved her hand excitedly. “Yes, Susan?” encouraged the teacher. “Because there’s no one brave enough to go in there and wake him up.” *(Tom Haley, in Catholic Digest)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

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[**While working as a mall Santa, I had many children ask for electric trains. “If you get a train,” I would tell each one, “you know your dad is going to want to play with it too. Is that okay?” The usual answer was a quick yes. But after I asked one boy this question, he became very quiet. Trying to move the conversation along, I asked what else he would like Santa to bring him. He promptly replied, “Another train.” *(George T. Faure)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

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