

"Fourteen Men and a Bulldozer!"

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Today my story has none of the usual characters! It only has rocks. See this dish of rocks? They came from all over the place.

And the thing about rocks . . . they never need to be fed or watered or taken for a walk. When we say "solid as a rock" we mean it does not move or change or laugh or cry. It is just a ROCK!

There are two lessons in the Bible this morning about rocks and tears. The first one is about God's most holy mountain. And as you know, mountains are made of rock!

Upon that rock mountain, when the "end of days" comes, God will gather all His people for the biggest and best feast of our whole life. It will be fabulous! And everyone you ever knew will be there. Even your great Gramma or Grampa who may have died a long time ago, they will be there. Even THEIR Great Gramma and Grampa. And lots of people you have never met yet! It will be the biggest and best party ever!



And on this most Holy Mountain of God, there will be no more tears! Not a single tear. Have YOU ever cried? NOT on this mountain! There will be no more tears, EVER.

The TEARS in today's lessons, when we are sad, every one of us has cried. Even Jesus cried when one of his best friends died. So, we know, if He cried, we will cry sometime too.

Look at this rock. Do you think a rock can cry? Nope. I drew this crying face on here, but we all know that a rock can never really CRY. Rocks are solid.

In the second Bible story this morning Jesus's friend died, and of course, the man who died, and his name was Lazarus, Lazarus was buried. In the Bible days, when someone died and was buried, it was more like a little cave they put the dead body in. And then they wanted to seal up the grave, so no critters could get in. So they used a big heavy rock, because a rock is solid and it won't move around at all. Unless fourteen strong men and a bulldoze help, or unless God moves it.

So when Lazarus died and was buried, there was a very big, heavy rock placed at the doorway of that cave. And Jesus commanded, like maybe 14 strong men, because there WERE no bulldozers back then, He commanded them to MOVE that rock away so Jesus could talk to Lazarus, and they obeyed, because Jesus IS the Son Of God after all.

So, we learn that Jesus, the Son of God, cries when someone dies, AND He commands US to move ROCKS. And here is the miracle of Jesus in that story . . . He brought Lazarus back to LIFE!

THAT is the miracle promised to me and to you. THE END

OH, see you next week, AND a long time from now, way in the future, I will see you at that huge and

fabulous party on God's Holy Mountain at the end of all days!

THE END. . . AGAIN!