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INTRODUCTION

Stories have always been a way to involve kids into self-study and inquisitive thinking. They give them a vent to explore and experiment with their imaginative and innovative skills. Not only kids, but grown-ups also start making stories instantly after they read one. Apart from stories about fairies, kings and queens, kids prefer reading stories that give them thrill and enjoyment. The stories that present some real-life incidents and happenings are best read for they are didactic in nature. The present book presents a wide variety of stories about boys. Apart from dwelling on the basic nature of boys, they present a range of adventures and experiences boys go through and finally pull themselves with confidence and determination. Indeed, every story fills the reader with a desire to overcome weakness and emerge as a winner. While readers enjoy the stories on literal level, it would be much more rewarding to dig beneath the surface.



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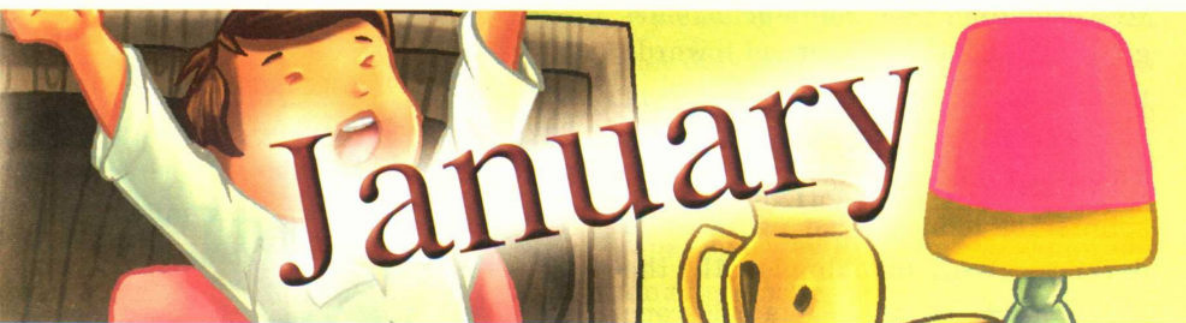
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1 JANUARY

Life Aglow

Obscure from the human eye, a guardian angel's eyes turned towards the sky in reverence extending heavenward to the throne of God. The angel watched mesmerised as a splinter of light formed against the darkness. With unfolding truth, the illumination began to kaleidoscope into a myriad of colours which blended into life.

The angel smiled at what God had embellished. This tiny being, despite in the state of unhatched beginnings had responded to the Master's gentle voice. It's fragile spirit which had awakened to find that it was wrapped

in an undisturbed consciousness and was drifting in a sea. Faint sounds soon saturated the shelter of refuge where the baby basked.

"This is your mother's heart," the angel whispered. A particle of truth, the ever present, unending measure of God, had ignited life. His presence brought pristine, spiralling hope to enhance the womb for the ongoing miracle of humanity. The angel glanced at the unborn child.

Mother's expanding womb became the Master's canvas. With each artistic stroke of the Master's brush the baby grew.

As the delicate fibres of the brush neared the little one's heart, a giggle escaped into laughter. The Master then unveiled the unfinished portrait to the guardian angel.





2 JANUARY

Tiger Son

An elderly widow, Chen Ma lived with her only son in a village. Her son was one of the tiger hunters. His share of the profits was sufficient to keep them well. During a storm, her son was separated from his fellow hunters and became food for a hungry tigress. She implored the magistrate for compensation. The magistrate decreed that she would have a small share of profits by the hunters. But the hunters gave her the tigress' newborn cub.

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After the hunters left, Chen Ma untied the rope from the little tiger's neck and fed him a paste of cooked roots with her fingers. Her son had a good supply of grains and roots in the attached shed and she planned to stretch the food out to last the winter. She named her Fu Chee.

By next winter, Fu Chee had grown into tiger. After the death of Chen Ma, Fu Chee guarded her tomb nightly. Then one day the tiger was seen no more.

A small monument at Chen Ma's tomb with Fu Chee's story engraved by the hunters.



4 JANUARY

McFeeglebee's Pond

Out behind the big red barn at the edge of the walnut grove is a most magnificent pond shaded by an old oak tree. It belongs to McFeeglebee. He absolutely forbids fishing in that pond because little boys make too much noise and make the water muddy. He'd be a fool to let them fish in his pool. One day Little Georgie P. Johnson decided to break the rule. He baited his hook, sinking it deep into the pond. All of a sudden a huge grisly catfish was caught. How could he have been so wrong?



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The water was seething and boiling, turned bright red, then dark as that grisly catfish became a sharp teethed shark. But with a splash of its tail it turned into a whale. That whale became a sea dragon. Just as the dragon was about to sup, he woke up. It was after all only a dream but it was only a goldfish, barely an inch. Now when friends ask him what happened out there, he wiggles his nose and gives them a stare, "I'm particularly fond of fishing. But there's just too many surprises in McFeeglebee's pond."





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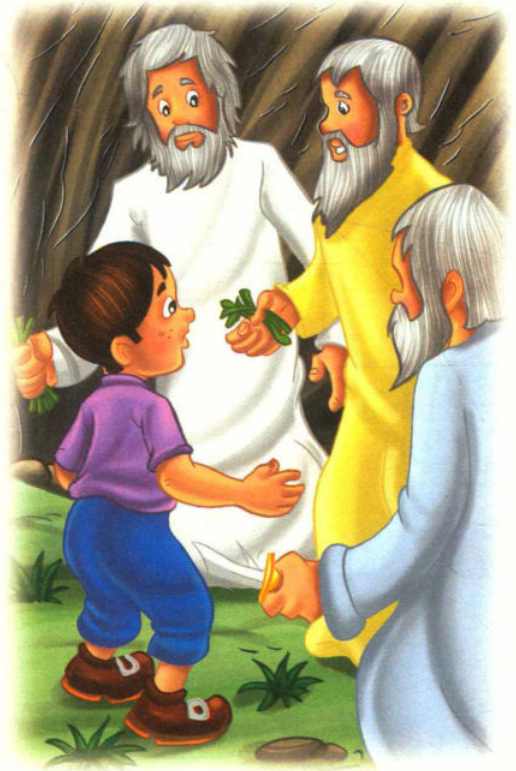
The Little People

Long time ago, while the Choctaw Indians were living in Mississippi, the Choctaw legends say that certain supernatural beings or spirits lived near them. These spirits, were known as “Kowi Anukasha”. They were about two or three feet tall. Their homes were in caves hidden under large rocks. When a four years old boy wanders off into the woods or the little one is well out of sight from his home, “Kwanokasha”, who is always on watch, seizes the boy and takes him away to his cave.

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After crossing many hills and streams Kwanokasha and the boy met three old and long white hairy spirits in a cave.

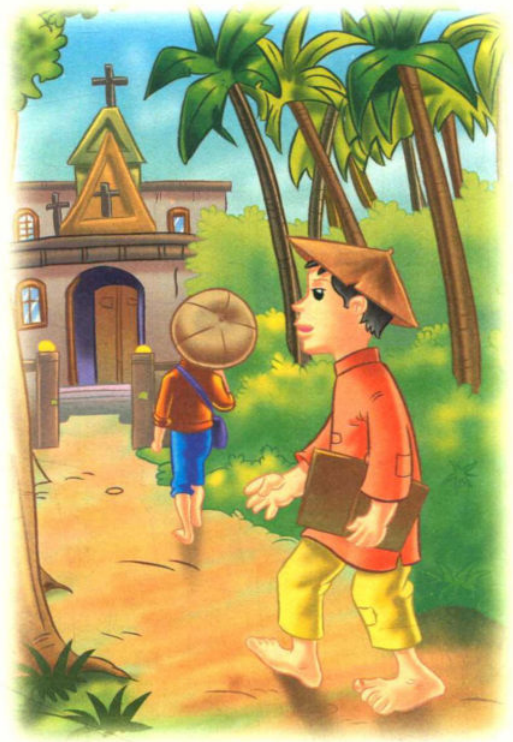
The first one offers a knife that makes him bad; the second one offers poisonous herbs that make him unable to cure people and if he accepts the good herbs, he will become a doctor. It is also said that the “Little People” are never seen after that. During the darkest nights you can see a strange light wandering inside the woods. This light is the Indian doctor and his little helper to cure the people.



8 JANUARY

Machmud Was a Smart Boy

Machmud was a smart village boy who had the opportunity to continue his studies in a Christian highschool in the city. His parents gave him a small amount of money that was not enough. He could not bear it anymore. One afternoon he noticed that the school cafeteria was crowded and busy. He decided to try to eat without paying. But when he was praying that night, he knew that someone knew that he had been stealing food from cafeteria. God knew his action.



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The next day he met the retired teacher who managed the cafeteria and confessed to her. The old lady smiled and said, "Praise the Lord. He had brought you back to the right path of life". He got another surprise before the final examination. The lady said, "You've been working diligently and my income increases a lot since you help me. I am willing to pay for your education". He became an agriculture engineer and went back to the village. He often told his family about the wonderful plans God had designed for him. "I can develop my village and be a useful person."



10 JANUARY

Poppy

The car turned into the driveway that led up the hill to Poppy and Nanna's house. Ginny could see Poppy sitting in his rocking chair on the front porch. Before the car was halfway up the driveway, Ginny said, "Hi, Poppy." A smile crossed his face as he saw his granddaughter waving from the car seat. "Hi, Poppy," Ginny said as the car stopped in front of the house. "Tell me a story," she said. Poppy told lots of stories. When Poppy finished the story, Ginny crawled down and went into the house.

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One day, Ginny came out to visit her Poppy.

"Hi Poppy! What are you doing?" she said. "I'm going to plant a tree". "Oh, a tree! Can I help?" she asked. "Sure you can help," Poppy said. Ginny picked up the stick from a little plastic shovel. "This is the tree. We will call this tree, the Ginny Tree." After the tree was planted, Ginny asked "Mommy! Mommy! I want to swing." As she walked out to the Ginny Tree and looked up at how tall it had grown, Ginny remembered the day that she and Poppy had planted it. And she thought how sad it was that her own daughter didn't have a Poppy.

