

CHILDREN'S CORNER



Boys and girls, "lacrimation" is the fancy name for crying. We have all done it. We cry when we are upset, or get hurt, or even sometimes when we laugh too much.

Many of the creatures in the animal kingdom can produce tears, but they don't cry. Many, especially puppies, howl and whimper if they are lonely, but they don't cry. However, one of the very few animals with the same tear glands as ourselves, and that is capable of shedding tears of sorrow, is the elephant. It's interesting to know that elephants have been known to cry when one of the herd dies, or if it should return after a long period of absence.

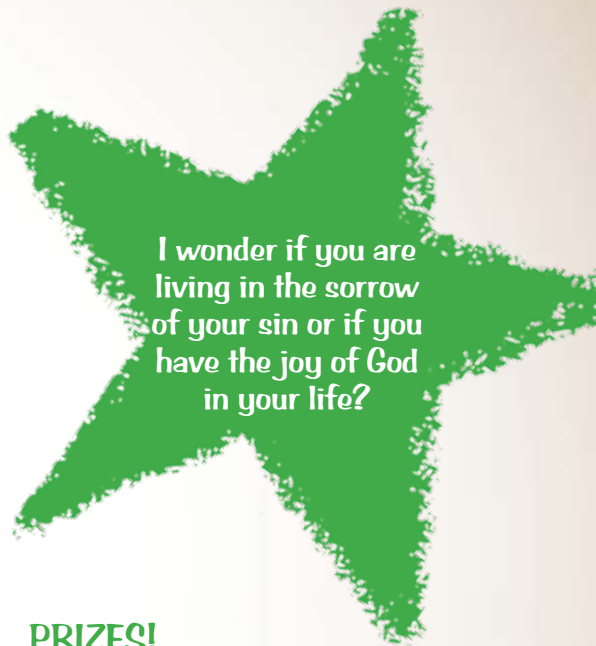
The Bible too speaks a lot about tears and people who cried. The shortest verse in our Bible is John 11:35: "Jesus wept". The Lord Jesus was called the "Man of Sorrows". Once, looking down over the great city of Jerusalem from the hillside, Jesus wept for the people that lived there. They were lost in sin and without a shepherd to guide

them. Then there was Peter – he also cried. This big, strong, burly fisherman broke down and "wept bitterly". Why? Well, he had just denied knowing the Lord, for the third time. Then the cock crowed just like the Saviour had said it would. And Peter wept, and went out into the darkness of the night, full of shame and guilt.

Then we read of Mary – she wept at the feet of the Saviour. She did so because she remembered that she was once an awful sinner. She was overwhelmed by the Saviour's love and mercy towards her. She cried because of His willingness to forgive her from all of her sin.

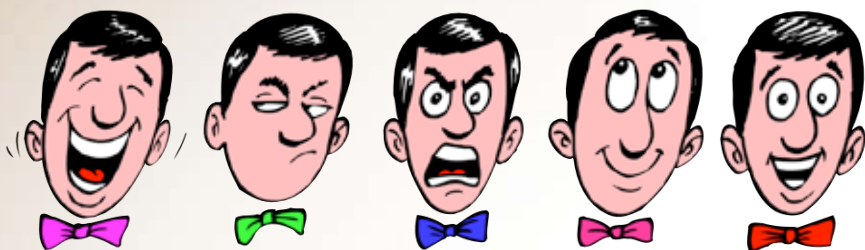
Sin always brings sorrow... but salvation brings joy. I wonder if you are living in the sorrow of your sin or if you have the joy of God in your life? Those who are saved have a bright and wonderful future because one day, for them, "God shall wipe away all tears" forever, when they enter heaven's glory (Revelation 21:4).

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Quiz: Which one of these is not found in the Bible

LAUGHTER ANGER FRUSTRATION JOY BOLDNESS



Here are some references to look up if you are unsure of what the answer might be: 1 Samuel 18:6, Proverbs 15:1, Acts 4:13, James 4:9.

Answer:

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