

CHILDREN'S CORNER



The Bell of Bonnal

Far away in the village of Bonnal in eastern France there is a church bell that sounds the hour for those labouring in the fields across the valley. At first this



The bell in this little French village also reminds me of the longsuffering and mercy of God towards the sinner. That mercy has afforded many a second chance. This is very

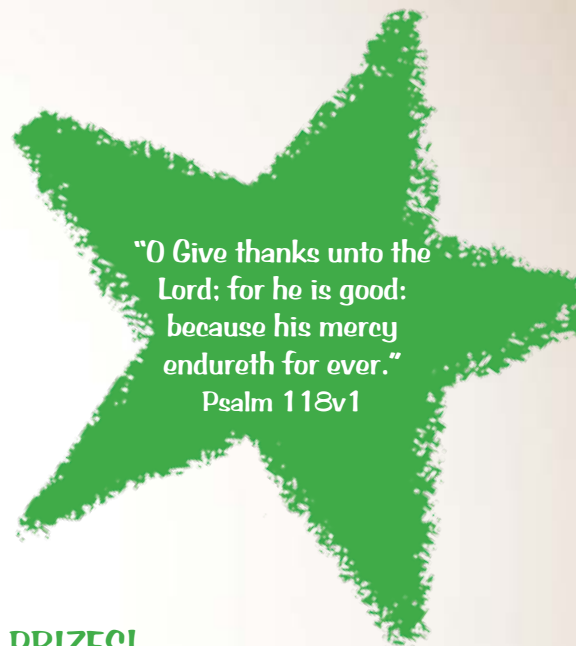
might not seem to be such a strange thing. Surely church bells can be heard ringing out the time of day just about anywhere! But the 'Bell of Bonnal' is different. You see, moments after the bell rings out the number of chimes, telling the hour of the day, it rings them out again for those who maybe didn't hear properly first time around.

evident in the lives of many well-known Bible characters – like Jacob, Moses, David and Jonah. Psalm 118: 1 tells us to be thankful for the enduring mercy of God. However, if one should linger on in his sin and die refusing God's great offer of mercy then he will be lost forevermore. Don't let that be the case for you! Be wise, reach out, and accept Christ as your Saviour.

The 'Bell of Bonnal' reminds me of the sending forth of the message of the Gospel. Across our land, churches faithful to God ring out that the hour has come... the hour of repentance... the hour of seeking God's forgiveness... the hour of salvation. Like the repeated tolls from the 'Bell of Bonnal', the Gospel message is a repeated message. Many have heard of their need of the Saviour, not just once, but twice, indeed time and time again, but as yet they have refused to come to Him for forgiveness.

I love the sound of that old bell, the 'Bell of Bonnal'. It has a welcoming, peaceful air about it, and so too has the message of the Gospel. What sweetness there is in knowing that God loves us, and that He sent His own dear Son to die for us, so that we, believing in Him, might be cleansed, pardoned, and made right with Him! I trust that when you hear the ringing of the message of the Gospel there are joy bells ringing in your heart because Christ is your Saviour.

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"O Give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever."
Psalm 118v1

PRIZES!

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Quiz:

Take out all the French words from the sentence below. You will be left with a verse from Hosea 10, but which verse is it?

Bonjour sow to merci yourselves in très bien righteousness, reap au revoir in mercy; heures break beaucoup up your fallow ground; garçon for it is voiture time to seek école the Lord enfant femme till he fille come and porte rain righteousness pomme upon fleur you.

Answer:

Verse