

hump day jollies

the thinner

there was a scottish tradesman, a painter called jack, who was very interested in making a pound where he could. so he often would thin down his paint to make it go a wee bit further. as it happened, he got away with this for some time.

eventually the presbyterian church decided to do a big restoration job on one of their biggest churches. jack put in a painting bid and because his price was so competitive, he got the job. and so he set to, with a right good will, erecting the trestles and putting up the planks, and buying the paint and... yes, i am sorry to say, thinning it down with the turpentine.

well, jack was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly done, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder. the sky opened and the rain poured down, washing the thin paint from all over the church and knocking jack fair off the scaffold to land on the lawn.

now, jack was no fool. he knew this was a judgement from the Almighty, so he fell on his knees and cried, 'oh, God! forgive me! what should i do?' and from the thunder, a mighty Voice spoke, 'repaint you thinner, and go and thin no more!'

give me a break

a life-long atheist was spending a peaceful day fishing

when all of a sudden his boat was attacked by the Loch ness monster. the beast easily tossed him and his boat high in the air. then it opened its mouth to swallow both. as the man was flying through the air, he cried out, 'Oh, God! please help me!' suddenly, the scene froze in place, and as the man hung there in mid-air, a voice boomed down from the clouds,... 'I thought you were an atheist and didn't believe in Me!' come on God, give me a break!' the man cried out. 'a minute ago i didn't believe in the loch ness monster either!'

adam's rib

in sunday 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, and said, 'johnny what is the matter?' little johnny responded, 'i have a pain in my side. i think i'm going to have a wife.'

two little boys

a couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. the two were always getting into trouble and their parents could be assured that if any mischief occurred in their town their two young sons were in some way involved.

the parents were at their wits end as to what to do about their sons' behavior. the mother had heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children in the past, so she asked her husband if he

thought they should send the boys to speak with the clergyman.

the husband said, 'we might as well. we need to do something before i really lose my temper!' the clergyman agreed to speak with the boys, but asked to see them individually. the 8 year old went to meet with him first. the clergyman sat the boy down and asked him sternly, 'where is God?'

the boy made no response, so the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, 'where is God?' again the boy made no attempt to answer. so the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face, 'WHERE IS GOD?'

at that the boy bolted from the room and ran directly home, slamming himself in the closet. his older brother followed him into the closet and asked what had happened. the younger brother replied, 'we are in BIG trouble this time. God is missing and they think we did it.'

a leaf pressed

a little boy opened the big and old family bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. suddenly, something fell out of the bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. it was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed between the pages.

'momma, look what i found,' the boy called out.

'what have you got there, dear?' his mother asked.

with astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: 'i think it's adam's suit!'

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and with that i conclude. have a blessed rest of your week and remember ... nothing takes our God by surprise and His grace will get us through.