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BIBLE LESSON

Excerpts from “The Fall of Lucifer”*The Story of Redemption, pp. 13-19***(For “Experiencing the Story,” Lesson 1)**

“Lucifer in heaven, before his rebellion, was a high and exalted angel, next in honor to God’s dear Son. . . . Lucifer was envious of Christ, and gradually assumed command which devolved on Christ alone.

“The great Creator assembled the heavenly host, that He might in the presence of all the angels confer special honor upon His Son. . . . The Father then made known that it was ordained by Himself that Christ, His Son, should be equal with Himself; so that wherever was the presence of His Son, it was as His own presence” (p. 13).

“Lucifer was envious and jealous of Jesus Christ. Yet when all the angels bowed to Jesus to acknowledge His supremacy and high authority and rightful rule, [Lucifer] bowed with them; but his heart was filled with envy and hatred. . . .

“[Lucifer] left the immediate presence of the Father, dissatisfied and filled with envy against Jesus Christ. . . . He told [the angels] that henceforth all the sweet liberty the angels had enjoyed was at an end” (p. 14).

“There was contention among the angels. Lucifer and his sympathizers were striving to reform the government of God. . . . They rebelled against the authority of the Son.

“Angels that were loyal and true sought to reconcile this mighty, rebellious angel to the will of his Creator. . . . They clearly set forth that Christ was the Son of God, existing with Him before the angels were created; and that He had ever stood at the right hand of God, and His mild, loving authority had not heretofore been questioned; and that He had given no commands but what it was joy for the heavenly host to execute” (p. 15).

“Lucifer refused to listen. And then he turned from the loyal and true angels, denouncing them as slaves. These angels, true to God, stood in amazement as they saw that Lucifer was successful in his effort to incite rebellion. He promised them a new and better government than they then had, in which all would be freedom. Great numbers signified their purpose to accept him as their leader and chief commander” (p. 16).

“The loyal angels hastened speedily to the Son of God and acquainted Him with what was taking place among the angels” (p. 17).

“It was the highest crime to rebel against the government of God. All heaven seemed in commotion. The angels were marshaled in companies, each division with a higher commanding angel at its head” (p. 17).

“Good angels wept to hear the words of Satan and his exulting boasts. God declared that the rebellious should remain in heaven no longer” (p. 18).

“Then there was war in heaven. The Son of God, the Prince of heaven, and His loyal angels engaged in conflict with the archrebel and those who united with him. The Son of God and true, loyal angels prevailed; and Satan and his sympathizers were expelled from heaven. All the heavenly host acknowledged and adored the God of justice. Not a taint of rebellion was left in heaven. All was again peaceful and harmonious as before. Angels in heaven mourned the fate of those who had been their companions in happiness and bliss. Their loss was felt in heaven” (p. 19).

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NET KIDS SCRIPT (For “Introducing the Bible Story,” Lesson 2)

Emiko: So did you have fun?

Darren: Huh?

Ana: Emiko was just wondering if I went out with my friends yesterday.

Emiko: Well?

Ana: I confess . . . I didn't go.

Emiko: Why not?

Ana: My face was full of zits . . .

Darren: Zits?

Emiko: Pimples! Blemishes!

Darren: Oh, the pox! (Tee-hee!) We can't see them through the computer, so cheer up!

Emiko: Darren, you're no help! I understand now, Ana.

Ana: I just hate my face when it's like this. . . . I look ugly, and they HURT!

Darren: At least they're only on your face and not all over your body like poor Job.

Ana: I'd just die of embarrassment.

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NET KIDS SCRIPT
 (For “Introducing the Bible Story,” Lesson 3)

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| Ulla: Is it OK to be angry when you don't understand why God allows bad things to happen to us? | Tendai: My mom says God doesn't <i>cause</i> bad things to happen; He just allows them. |
| Tendai: Well, He created us to be emotional beings. | Ulla: Like how? |
| Ivan: What are you angry about? | Tendai: Remember the story of Job? |
| Ulla: My dad is in the hospital. | Ulla: Yes. |
| Emiko: Oh no! Is it serious? | Tendai: God let Satan test Job, but He was with Job the whole time. |
| Ulla: He had an accident with his tractor. He was trying to help someone. It's not fair! | Ulla: Oh, I wish I understood God better. I hope He understands how I am feeling right now. |
| Emiko: Life often isn't fair, Ulla. God understands how you feel. | Tendai: There's nothing you can say or do that would make God stop loving you. Oh, well! That rhymed. |
| Ivan: How does your dad feel? | |
| Ulla: He just says that he knows God protected him from being killed. | Ulla: BWG (big wide grin). Thanks, Tendai. |

NET KIDS SCRIPT (For “Introducing the Bible Story,” Lesson 4)

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| Ulla: | I am still not over this angry feeling. My dad has a badly broken leg and can't use it for a long time. | Ana: | Yes. He would sustain, or take care of Job even if Job didn't understand how. |
| Ivan: | But it will heal eventually. And God is the only one who can heal it. He created it. | Ulla: | Well, I don't know how God is going to take care of our family if my dad can't work for six weeks. |
| Darren: | Just popped in. Sorry about your dad, Ulla. | Emiko: | That reminds me of a verse I just learned. “I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.” It's in Psalms somewhere.* |
| Ulla: | Thanks. I am too. And I'm also upset that I am still angry that he got hurt trying to help someone. | Darren: | Well, Ulla, I guess that means you won't have to beg for bread. |
| Tendai: | God didn't seem to be upset with Job when Job thought God was unfair. | Emiko: | I think it also means that your dad is in God's hands even though you don't understand why he got hurt. |
| Ana: | Hi, guys. Sorry to be late. But God did set Job straight. | Ulla: | Set him straight? |
| Ulla: | Set him straight? | Ana: | He told Job that He was the Creator and the Sustainer. |
| Ivan: | Sustainer? | Ulla: | I guess I better ask God for a little more trust instead of worrying about feeling angry. |

*Ps. 37:25, NIV.

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NET KIDS SCRIPT
 (For “Introducing the Bible Story,” Lesson 5)

Emiko: How is your dad, Ulla?

Ana: That’s God for sure.

Ana: Yes, and how are you? Are you any less angry?

Ulla: I am learning a lot more about God. My dad says that he trusts God even if he doesn’t always understand Him.

Ulla: My dad is home and joking around as usual. But he can’t move much or do any work.

Tendai: Remember we were talking about Job? God spent time with Job, and Job seemed to feel better about all the things he couldn’t understand too.

Emiko: Who’s helping get the farmwork done?

Ulla: My aunt and uncle were visiting when it happened. My uncle took my dad to the hospital.

Darren: I think God tries real hard to help us know Him.

Darren: See, God knew you would need them.

Emiko: Yes, and even after all Job’s questions, God made his life much better at the end.

Ulla: Yes . . . They were supposed to come last month, but couldn’t.

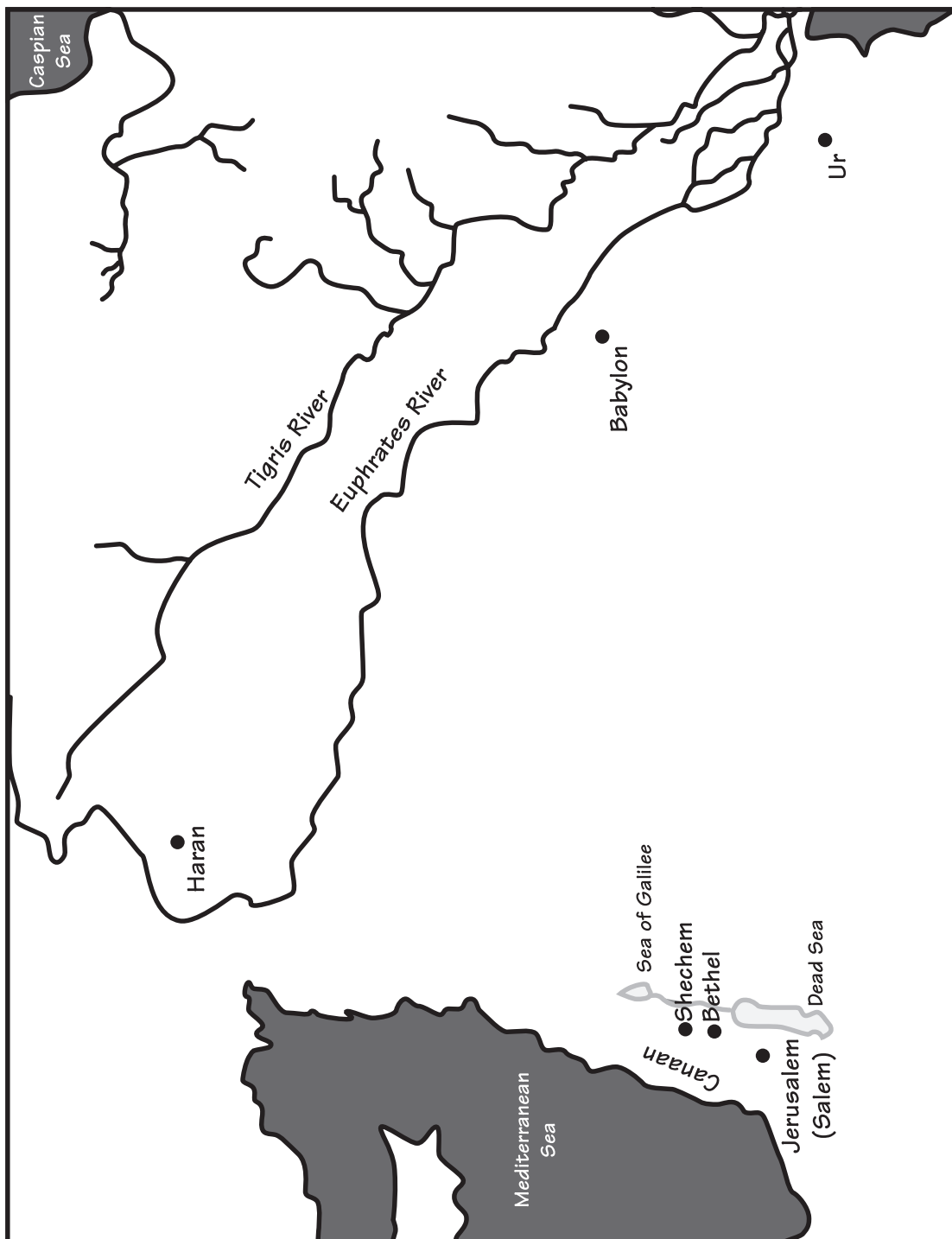
Ulla: Like you have made my life better. Thanks, guys!

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BIBLE LESSON

Abram's Journey (For "Experiencing the Story," Lesson 6)



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SHARING THE LESSON

Serenity Prayer

(For “Sharing the Lesson,” Lesson 7)

God,
grant me the serenity to
accept the things I cannot change,
courage to change the things I can, and
wisdom to know the difference,
living one day at a time,
enjoying one moment at a time,
accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,
taking, as Jesus did,
this sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it,
trusting that You will
make all things right
if I surrender to Your will,
so that I may be reasonably happy
in this life and supremely happy with You
forever in the next.

—Reinhold Niebuhr

LESSON 8

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READINESS ACTIVITIES

Positive People
(For “Readiness A,” Lesson 8)

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| good friend | sense of humor | has helped me | nice smile | good person |
| sweet person | has good ideas | easy to talk to | fun person | crazy/good way |
| understanding | leader | encourager | talented | creative |
| caring | friendly | strong Christian | loving | affirming |
| gentle spirit | happy with self | patient | kind | joyous |

(Note: This activity may be adapted to be more meaningful to the group you are working with.)

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SHARING THE LESSON

Prayers

(For "Sharing the Lesson," Lesson 8)

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Father God, You are the one who led the family of Abraham out of the land of Egypt. You worked in Moses, an ordinary man. Be with us, ordinary people, and give us the strength to use our abilities for You as Moses did. Amen.

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Dear Lord, You work in Your people throughout the world. Each of us is different, and each of us is called to a different task. Help us to hear when You call us and give us the strength to do our task—just as You did with Moses. Amen.

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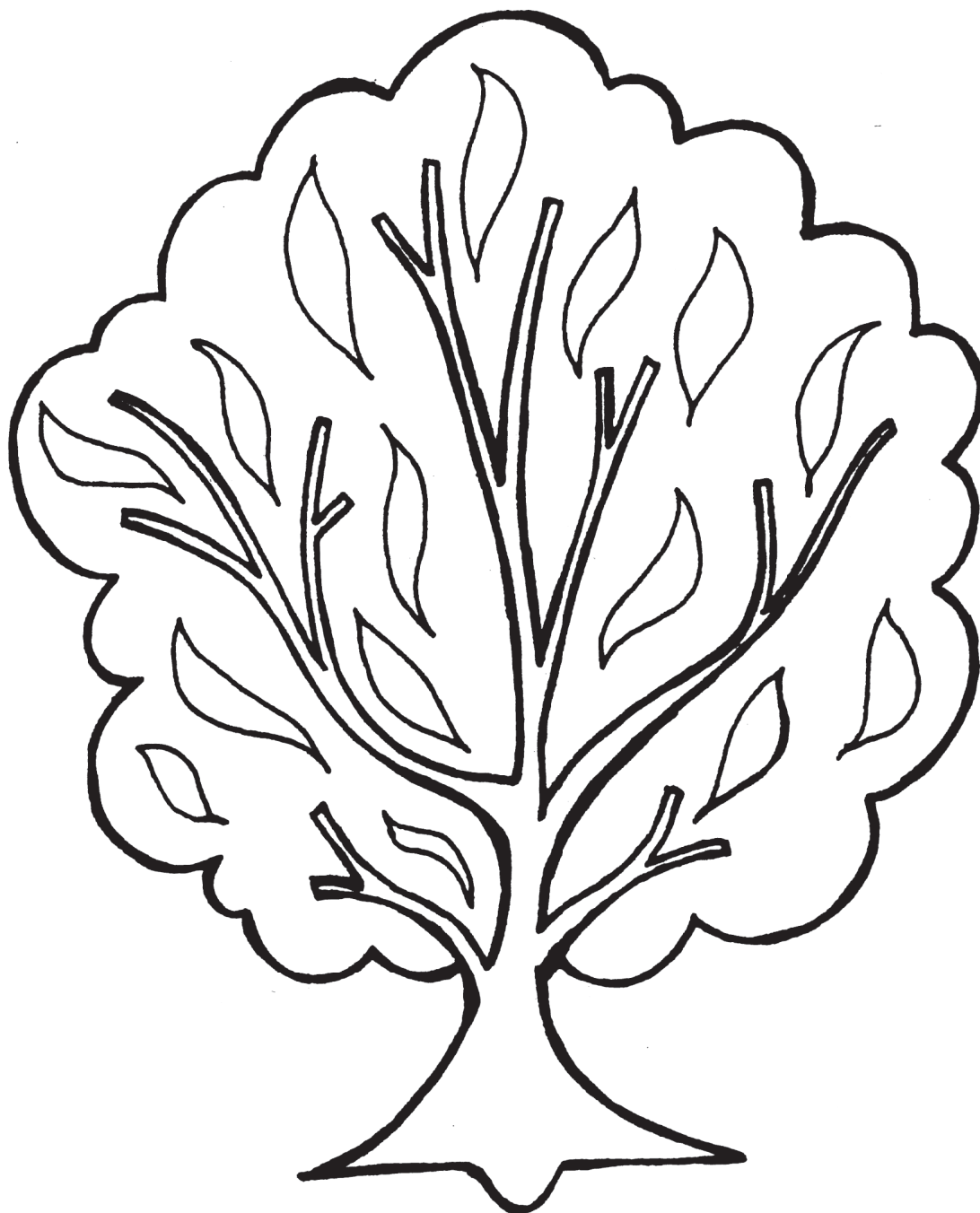
Mighty God, through Moses You changed the lives of many people. Help us to hear Your call so that through us lives around Your world will continue to be changed. Amen.

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BIBLE LESSON

NET KIDS SCRIPT (For “Introducing the Bible Story,” Lesson 10)

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| Ivan: | Good afternoon, everyone. | Ana: | Ivan, you were rescued? |
| Ana: | Ivan, hi there . . . it’s still morning here! | Ivan: | Yes. This 16-year-old senior student came and stopped the bully. He was so cool about it. Just pulled him off me and with a loud voice warned him never to touch me again. |
| Darren: | Ivan, glad you could join us . . . how was your day? | Darren: | Ivan . . . wow . . . bet you breathed a sigh of relief. |
| Ivan: | Darren, I had a hard time at school today. | Ana: | I like the sound of him—was he tall? . . . dark? . . . handsome? . . . *smile* |
| Emiko: | Hi and bye, Ivan. I’ve got to go, been here for 30 minutes, but still have lots of homework to do. . . . Sorry about your day. | Ivan: | Ana . . . *grin* . . . is that all you think of? . . . No, he wasn’t tall, and he wasn’t big, but he was strong inside. The bully left in a big hurry. |
| Ana: | Bye, Emiko. . . . Ivan, what happened? | Ana: | Ivan, your rescuer sounds like a real champion—a hero! I hope you thanked him! |
| Darren: | Was it that bully again? | Ivan: | Ana, I have to look for him and thank him tomorrow. I was in such a state of shock, he left before I could do that. |
| Ivan: | Yes. He took my lunch and then wanted the money my mother had given me to buy food for tonight’s dinner. When I didn’t give him any, he started to push me around. | | |
| Darren: | What did you do, Ivan? | | |
| Ivan: | I chose not to fight back. But I was rescued by an older guy. | | |

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BIBLE LESSON

NET KIDS SCRIPT (For "Introducing the Bible Story," Lesson 11)

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| Ana: | Emiko, how's life? | Ulla: | What's a PACT? |
| Emiko: | I'm lonely today. | Ivan: | Usually it's an international treaty. Another word for pact is promise. |
| Ana: | Why? | Darren: | Or agreement or contract. |
| Emiko: | Best friend, Tomoko, moved to Peru [sniff, sniff]. | Emiko: | Ivan, what did you agree to? |
| Ana: | So sorry. | Ivan: | To write each other once a month and to meet at the university if we don't see each other before we turn 18. |
| Ulla: | Can you e-mail her? | Emiko: | He's not on e-mail? |
| Emiko: | Yes. It won't be the same, though. | Ivan: | Not as yet . . . no electricity where he lives. |
| Ana: | I know! I do everything with my best friend! | Darren: | Ivan, that's tough. |
| Darren: | Can you visit her? | Ivan: | It's OK. |
| Emiko: | Not for a while. | Emiko: | I don't feel so bad about Tomoko. |
| Tendai: | Emiko, did you do anything spe- cial to see her off? | | |
| Emiko: | We had a party. I gave her some gifts. | | |
| Ivan: | Emiko, my best friend and I made a pact before he left. | | |

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NET KIDS SCRIPT (For "Introducing the Bible Story," Lesson 12)

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| Darren: G'day, gang; had a great day at the beach! | Darren: That's hard! I think people should get treated the way they treat others. |
| Ivan: Darren, SHHH! We've got snow again! *sigh* Where is summer? | Ivan: That's what I say, but my mother read me some verse in 1 Peter about honoring the king. |
| Tendai: Hello, Darren. You sound very happy today. | Tendai: What does the king have to do with this? |
| Ivan: He sure does. I wish I felt the same way. | Ivan: Tendai, I think it's really about the golden rule. Remember? "Do unto others . . ." |
| Darren: There is so much to be happy about today! School is going great. The weather is still warm. What's wrong, Ivan? | Tendai: "... what you would have them do to you." That blows Darren's respect theory. |
| Ivan: My headmaster . . . I don't understand him. | Darren: I guess so. We really should treat others as we want to be treated, not as they deserve to be treated. |
| Tendai: Ivan, you are talking my language! *smile* I can't understand my headmaster either. What happened? | Ivan: Then Christians should treat others with respect in all situations. |
| Ivan: I just think that he could be kinder to us, but my mother says I have to respect him! | Tendai: Even sisters? |
| | Ivan: Yes, and even headmasters! |

NET KIDS SCRIPT
(For “Introducing the Bible Story,” Lesson 13)

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| Ana: | Hello, everyone . . . what a day it has been at my house! | Ana: | They started threatening him. He was about to get pounded. But I came around the corner of the building just then. |
| Emiko: | Ana, what happened? | | |
| Ana: | Well, my little brother almost got beaten to a pulp. | Emiko: | Ana, you’re a hero! . . . How did you save him? |
| Darren: | Sounds like a dangerous place where you live. | Ana: | I simply talked . . . and offered them the bag of cookies I had. |
| Ana: | It was kind of his own fault. He was very nasty to an older boy at school. This time it was the leader of a gang he picked on, though. | Darren: | [BWG] [big, wide grin] . . . Very clever, Ana! Offer food! I must remember that one! |
| Darren: | Not a good idea. What did they do to him? | | |