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Broken!

FICTION by Hazel Lamoreaux

Crash! Jacob glanced around the store, expecting to see people staring at him. He saw a woman looking at hats. Across the aisle, a man searched through shirts.

No one heard it, he thought.

Jacob saw the cracked mirror of the compact. What should he do?

He picked the compact up and set it down quickly on the counter. He waited for a clerk. When none

came, he went looking for his sister, Marissa.

He found her at the scarves.

"I'm getting Mother this blue scarf for her birthday," she said. Jacob nodded, feeling miserable.

I should have waited for the clerk and paid for the compact, he thought. But he had worked so long to earn money for Mom's birthday present!

Illustration by Joan Holub

**"With God all things are possible."
Matthew 19:26**

Marissa looked at him. "Is something wrong?"

Just then Dad appeared. "What a pretty scarf!" Dad said to Marissa. "What did you get, Jacob?"

Jacob wanted to explain what had happened, but he couldn't seem to talk. Finally, he mumbled, "I don't feel good."

"You don't look good either," Dad said. "Maybe you need some food. We'll have lunch and finish shopping later."

They went to a nearby restaurant. Jacob ordered a slice of cheese pizza. It was usually his favorite food, but today it didn't taste good. All he could think about was the broken compact.

"Are you sick?" asked Dad.

"I'm all right," he said, as he forced down a few bites of the pizza.

He wouldn't have enough money to get Mom's birthday present if he paid for the compact, but he knew he would have to do it. Right was right.

"Want to tell me what's bothering you, Son?" Dad said.

Jacob blurted out what had happened. "I'm going back to pay for

the compact," he said. "I should have waited for a clerk."

Dad put his arm around Jacob's shoulders. "I'm proud of you, Son! And that compact will be the best birthday present you could give Mom."

"How could a compact with a cracked mirror be a good present?" Jacob asked.

"Whenever Mom looks at the compact, she won't see a cracked mirror. She'll see that her son chose to do the right thing," Dad said.

After lunch, they returned to the department store. Jacob went up to the cosmetic counter. "I'd like that compact," he said, pointing to the broken one.

The clerk picked up the compact. "I'm sorry. This one is broken."

"That's the one I want," Jacob said. "It broke when I dropped it. Could you gift wrap it, please?"

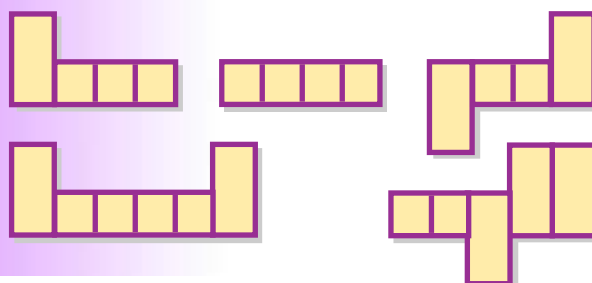
Jacob took the present, feeling much better inside.

Then they bought cards. Jacob wrote, "Happy birthday to Mom, who always taught me to do right!"



Think It Over

What kind of decisions do we want to make every day? Decisions that are **right, good, honest, wise, and fair**. Put each word in the box that fits.

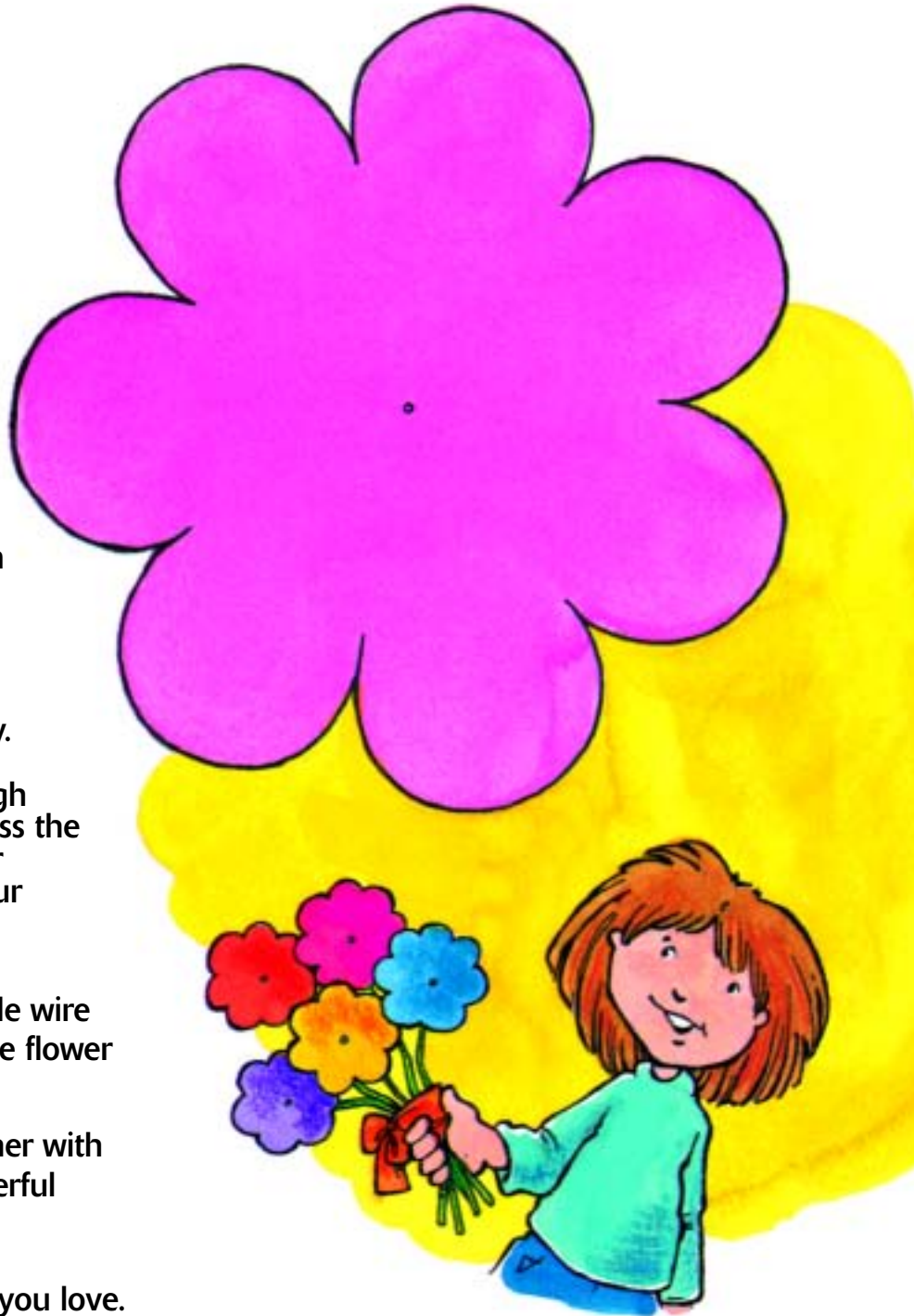


Making a Special Bouquet

You will need:

- scissors • pencil • cardboard • construction paper
- green chenille wire • bright yarn or ribbon—20 inches long

- 1 Cut out the flower pattern printed on this page.
- 2 Place this flower onto your cardboard. Draw carefully around the petals. This will be your pattern for all your flowers.
- 3 Cut out your cardboard pattern carefully.
- 4 Choose three of your favorite colors of construction paper. Take your time drawing around one or two flowers for each color.
- 5 Cut out your flowers carefully.
- 6 Push one chenille wire through the center of each flower. Press the top end of the chenille wire over to form a small knob to hold your flower in place on the stem.
- 7 Bend the stem of your chenille wire to form a small V (to keep the flower from slipping down the wire).
- 8 Tie your paper flowers together with ribbon or yarn to form a cheerful bouquet.



Give your bouquet to someone you love.

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Jesus Heals a Boy

In a beautiful, big home a boy lay sick with a fever. No doctor seemed to be able to help him. No medicine seemed to help. The boy grew weaker and weaker. It looked as if nothing could save his life.

When the boy's father heard that Jesus was in a town nearby, he hurried to find Jesus. The father pushed his way through the crowd until he stood in front of Jesus.

"O, Master," he begged, "my son is very sick. Please come with me to my home."

Jesus knew it would take many hours to travel to the man's home. So He said, "Go home. Your son is well."

The father believed in Jesus' power and trusted His words. So he obeyed.

As the father hurried home, he met his servants who were coming to tell him the wonderful news that his son was healed.



"When did he get well?" asked the father.

The servants answered, "At the seventh hour yesterday."

That was the exact time the father had talked to Jesus! Then everyone in that home believed in Jesus, God's Son. They had seen God's power at work.

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To Talk About

- Why was the father so happy when he returned home?
- Does Jesus make *you* happy? How?

Bible story based on
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