

The Blessing Book!

The Gillam family stood looking at the big, Mahogany tree lying across their yard. During the night, a strong storm had blown the tree down. Dad was the first to speak. "God surely did take good care of us, didn't He?" he said, placing his hand on Hayden's shoulder. "That really makes me stop and praise Him."

Hayden looked at their house standing just a short distance from the fallen tree, yet not harmed at all. "Yeah," he said in amazement.

"I hope I never forget all the things God has done for us," said Mother.

Hayden nodded. "Whenever I'm scared of something," he said, "it helps to remember how God took care of me in the past."

"We had a story in Sunday School about how Samuel once set up a stone as a memorial of how God had won a battle for Israel," commented Reagan. "It had kind of a funny name, but it meant something like 'God has helped us.'"

"You're thinking of the name 'Ebenezer.' I believe it's found in First Samuel, chapter seven" said Mother. She smiled. "Were you thinking of setting up a memorial rock of your own?"

Reagan laughed. "Well, not exactly, but I thought maybe we could make a notebook of times God helps us," she suggested. "We could add to it whenever something special happens -- like this tree missing the house."

"That's a good idea," agreed Hayden. "Hey! I know! Let's put in a picture of all of us standing in front of this big tree. Whenever we see the picture we'll be reminded of how God took care of us."

Mother and Dad both smiled. "We can call it our 'Blessing Book,'" suggested Dad. "What a good way to remember all that God has done for us!"

What about you?

Do you have a way of remembering the things the Lord has done for you? Has the Lord helped you or your parents in your country? Maybe he helped you to make new friends, or with a hard test at school. Why don't you make a record book of what the Lord has done for you. Don't do it just to live in the past -- but do it to encourage yourself that you have come through some hard things before and Jesus has always been with you.

