

Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church



book *of* faith

CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONS

OLD TESTAMENT

August 23-December 3, 2010

Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.

Week 1
August 23-12



"The serpent sent over a lovely fruit basket."

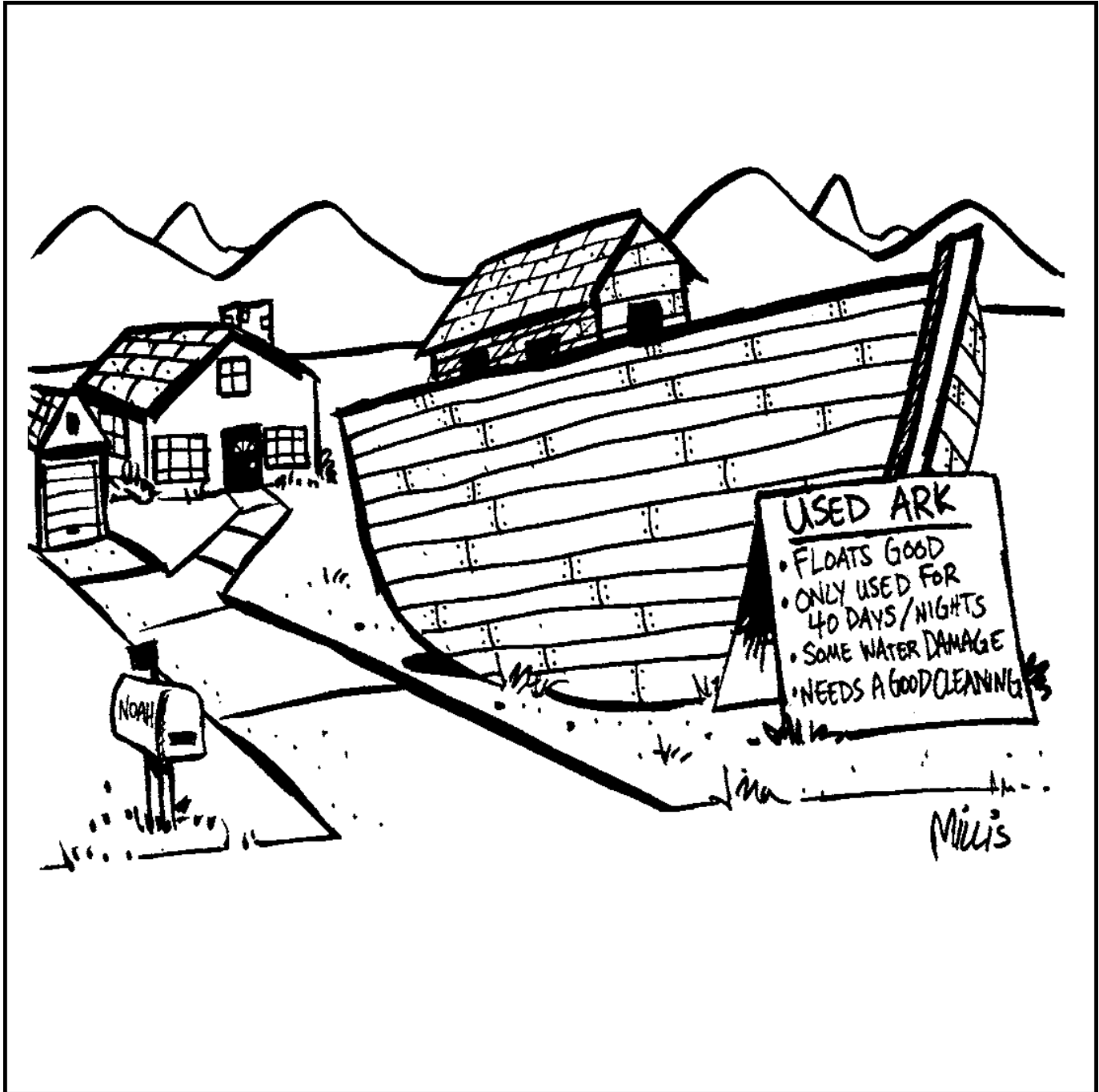
Activities to do together:

- **Plant something**
- **Make a fruit salad**
- **Go to the zoo**

Things to discuss:

- **Talk about how God gives us a conscience to do the right thing**
- **Talk about the Garden of Eden and what you think it might have looked like**

Week 2
Genesis 25-50



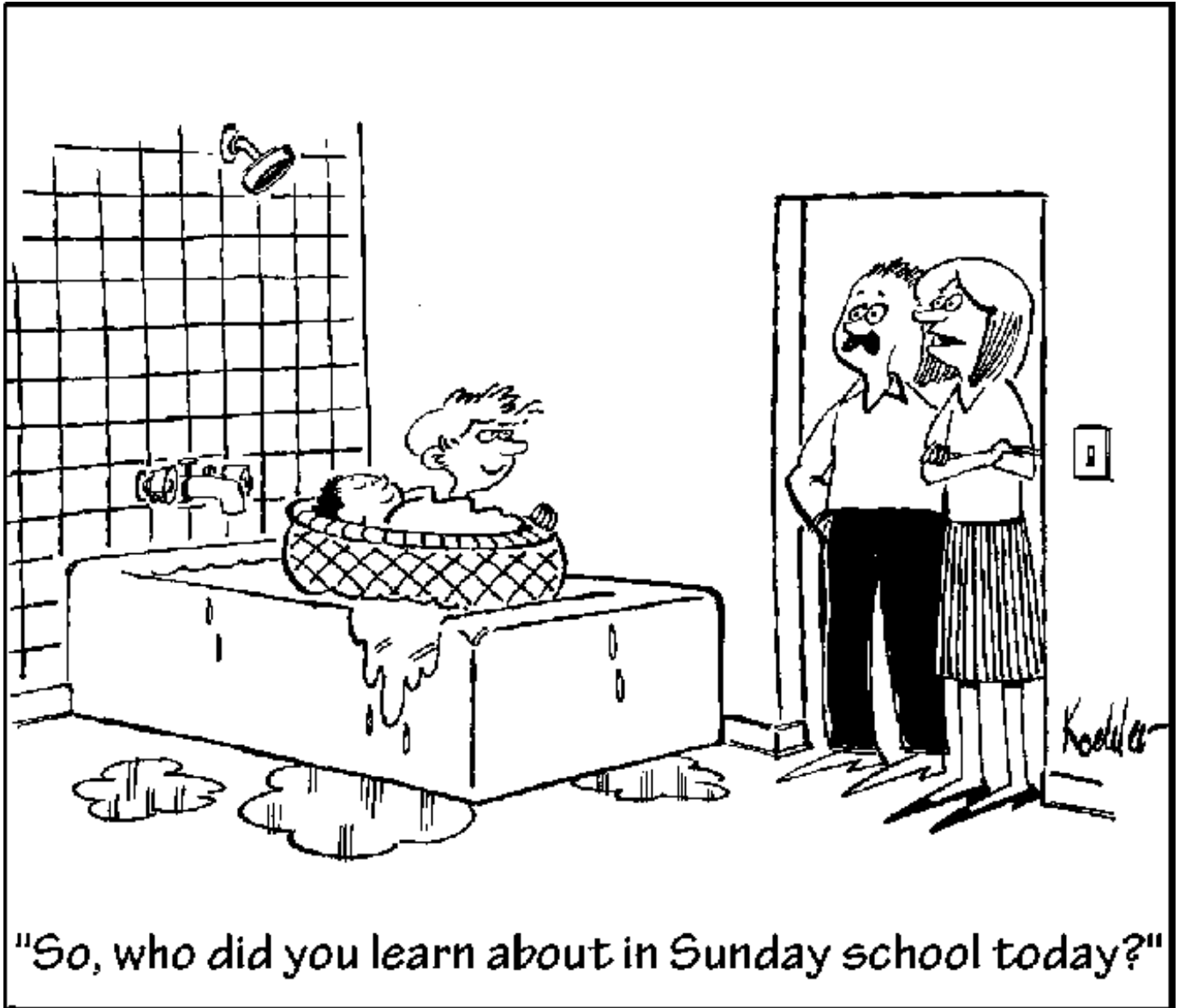
Activities to do together:

- **Water the garden**
- **Make a donation to the local Thrift Store, Flood Relief, etc.**

Things to discuss:

- **Talk about how God saved Noah and his family in the ark and how God comes to us through our Baptism**
- **Talk about starting over like Noah and his family had to do**

Week 3
Exodus 1-24



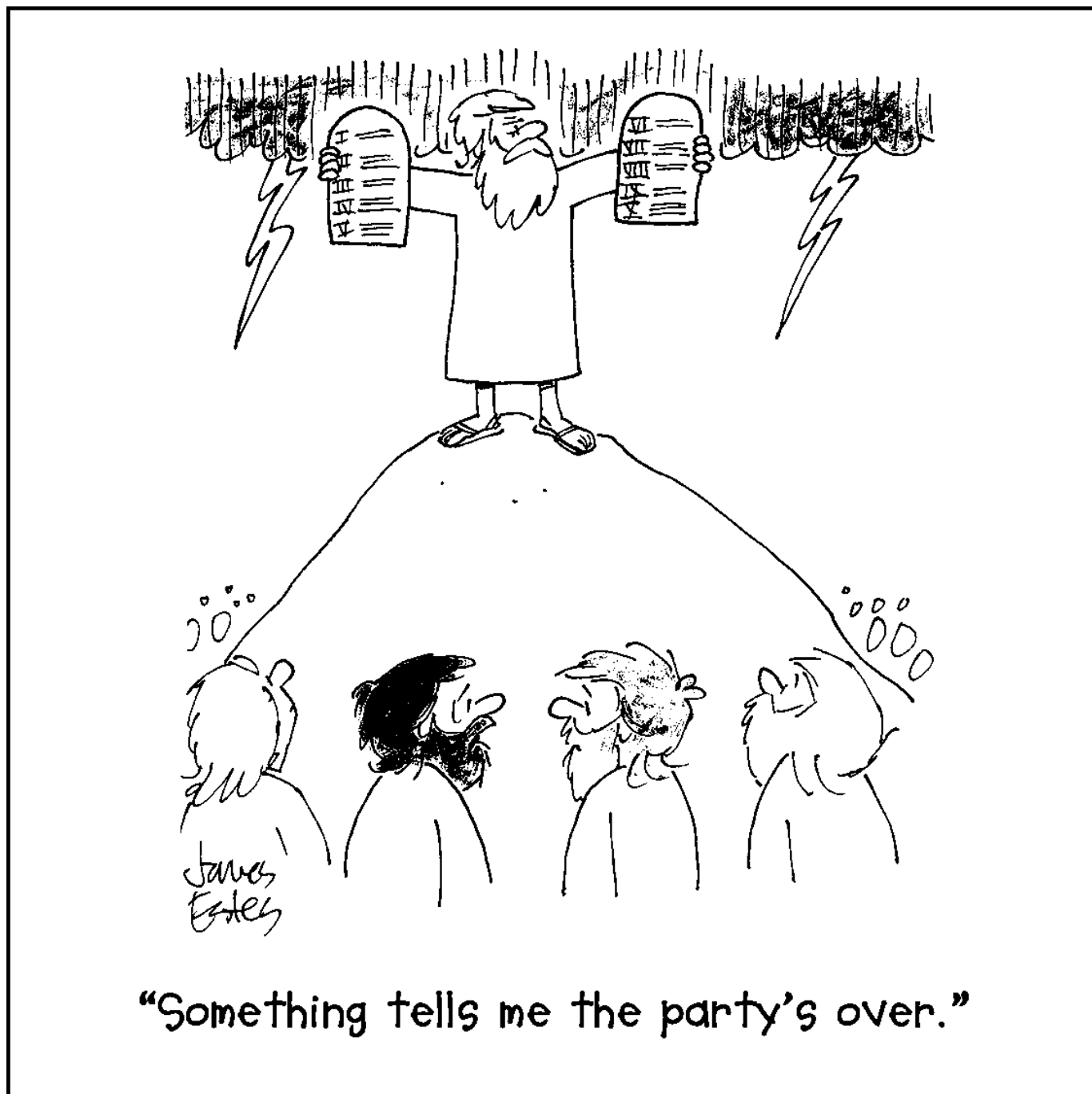
Activities to do together:

- **Play with water guns or a sprinkler or water hose**
- **Build something with building blocks or legos**

Things to discuss:

- **Compare the story of Noah and the Ark to Moses in the Basket**
- **Talk about a scary time in your life and how God brought you through it**

Week 4
Exodus 25-Leviticus 10



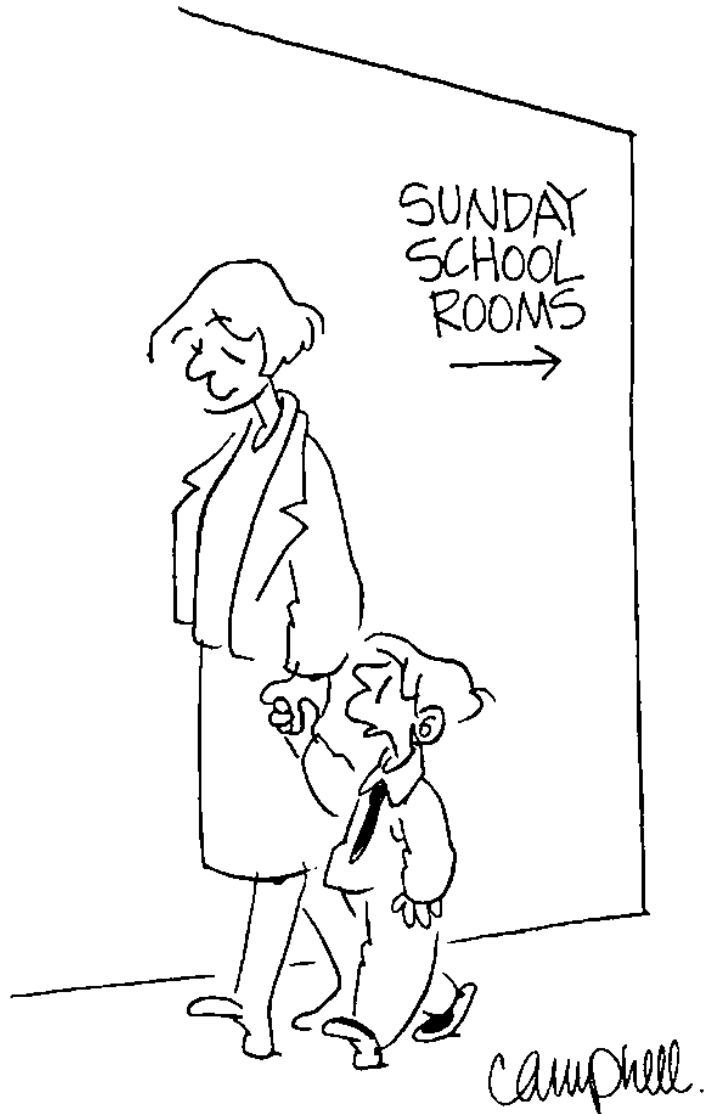
Activities to do together:

- **Watch the movie The Ten Commandments**
- **Write the commandments on cards, mix them up and see if you can put them back in order**

Things to discuss:

- **Discuss the 10 commandments**
- **Pick three of the 10 commandments and discuss why God tells us to live this way**

Week 5
Leviticus 11-Numbers 10



"I just spent 40 years in the desert with Moses. Can we get a cold drink?"

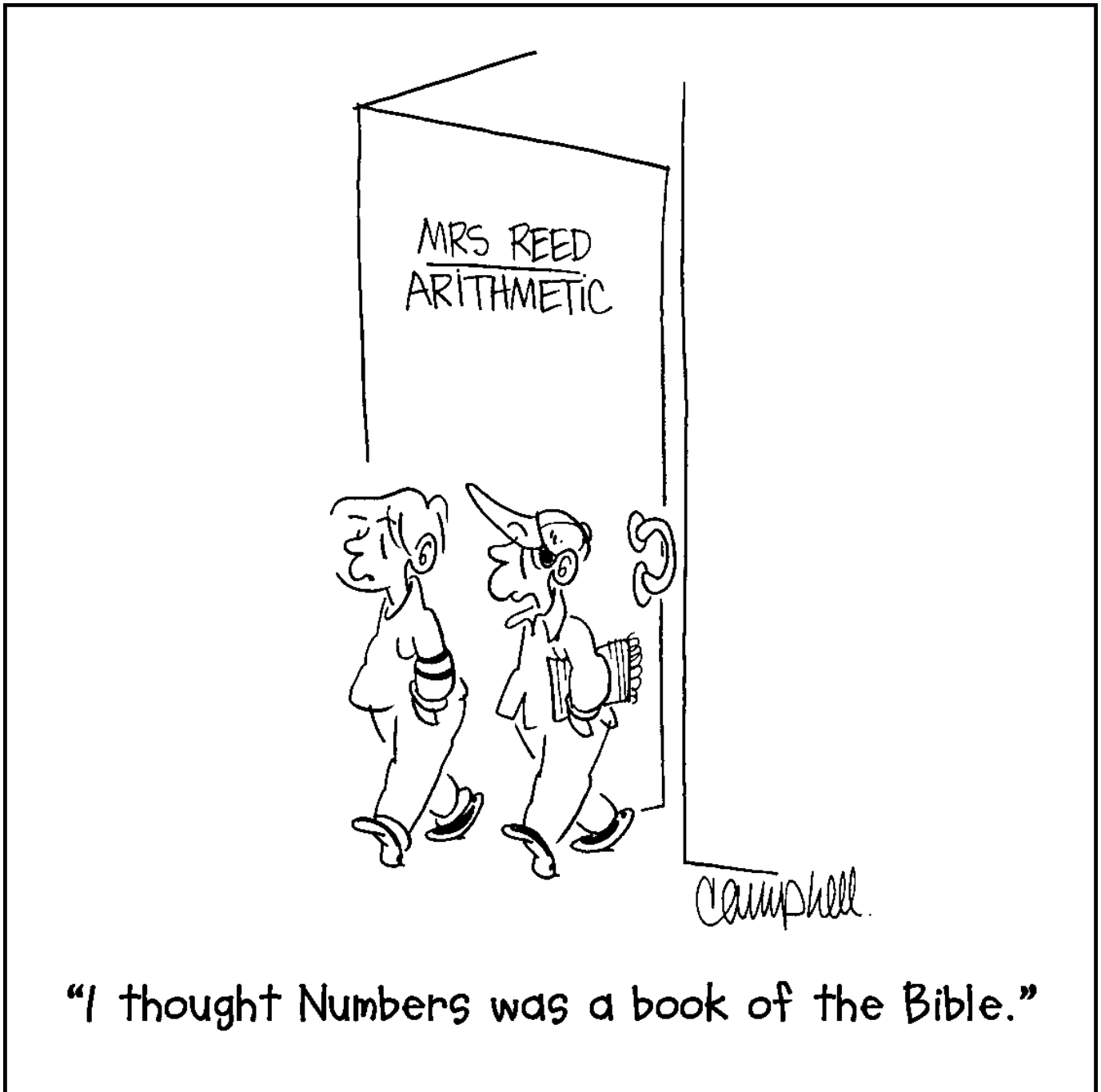
Activities to do together:

- **Make a milk shake or frozen slushie**
- **Try to exercise together for 40 minutes thinking about the 40 years in the wilderness**

Things to discuss:

- **Talk about the desert and how hot and dry it is**
- **Talk about how God provides rain, water and food for us**

Week 6
Numbers 11-36



"I thought Numbers was a book of the Bible."

Activities to do together:

- **Do addition and subtraction together**
- **Look at the names of the books of the Bible**
- **Set up a tent and talk about how the Israelites camped in the wilderness**

Things to discuss:

- **Talk about what the Bible means to you**

Week 7
Deuteronomy 1-24



“Because the men refused to ask directions.
That’s why the Israelites wandered in
the wilderness for 40 years.”

Activities to do together:

- **Play follow the leader**
- **Pretend you are spies sent to check out a new place (Deuteronomy 1:19-25)**

Things to discuss:

- **Talk about a time you were lost and how it made you feel**
- **Talk about how God leads us and cares for us**

Week 8
Deuteronomy 25-Joshua 12



“They asked everyone who broke down the wall of Jericho, but don’t worry. I denied it.”

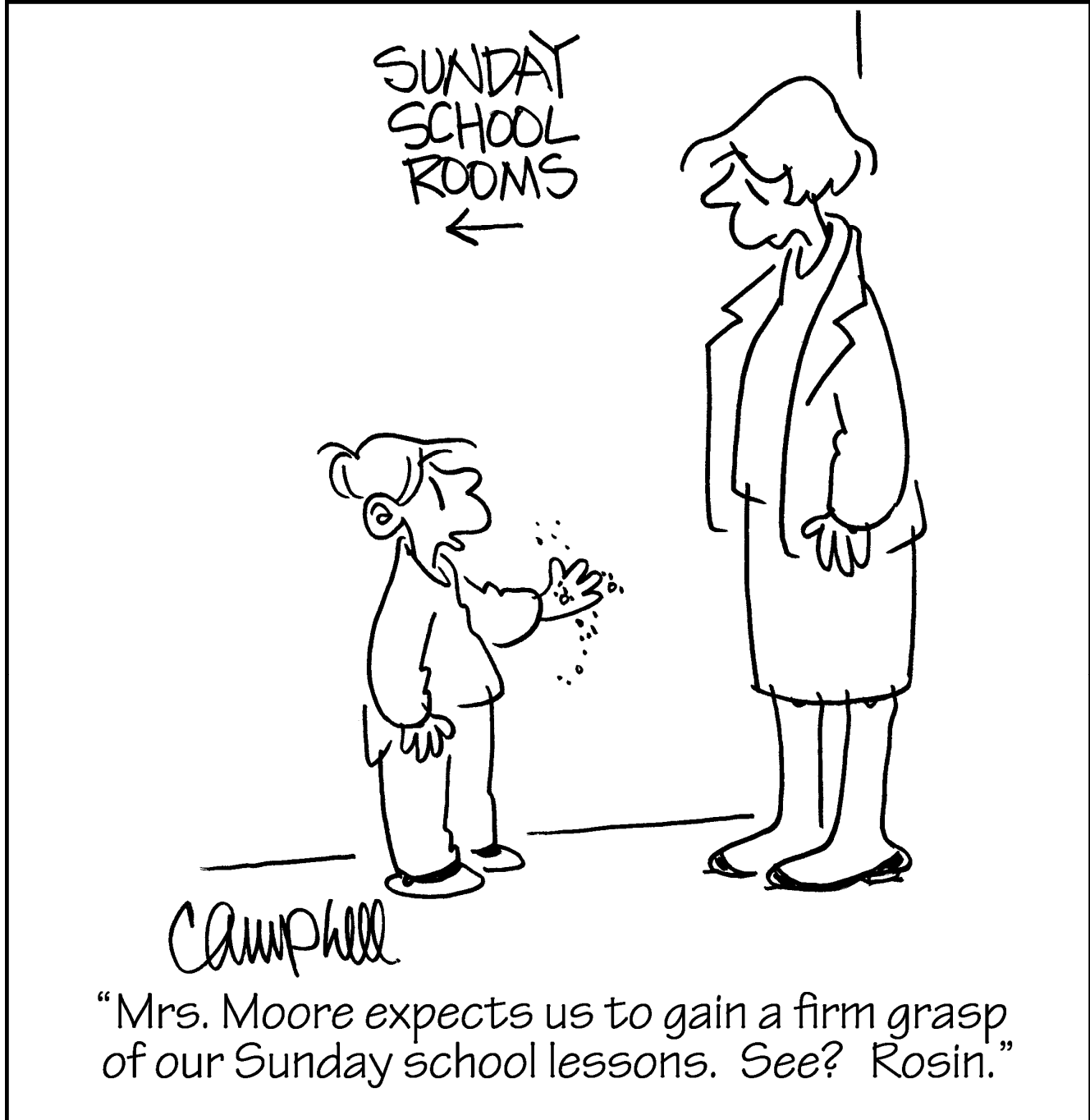
Activities to do together:

- **Play London Bridges Falling Down**
- **Build a wall out of blocks and knock it down**

Things to discuss:

- **Talk about how God can do the impossible**

Week 9
Joshua 13-Judges 8



Activities to do together:

- **Go to Sunday school together**
- **Act out the story of Gideon and the fleece (Judges 6:36-40) by using a sponge and water**

Things to discuss:

- **Talk about how Bible stories in the Old Testament are an example for us.**
- **Talk about what it might have been like to live in Old Testament times**

Week 10
Judges 9-Ruth 4



Activities to do together:

- **Visit a shut-in or someone in a nursing home—make a special card to give them**
- **Collect BINGO items for the nursing home**

Things to discuss:

- **Talk about your grandparents—the days when you were little—what your hometown was like when you grew up**

Week 11
1 Samuel 1-1 Samuel 31



"I'LL BET GOLIATH IS TAKING *HIS* VITAMINS."

Activities to do together:

- **Pretend you are Eli and Samuel (1 Samuel 3:1-16)**
- **Make a safe sling shot and practice hitting a picture of Goliath**

Things to discuss:

- **Talk about bullies at school—talk about not being a bully**
- **Talk about the ways God protects us**

Week 12
2 Samuel 1-2 Samuel 24



“A couple of times a day Mom likes us to have silent prayer and meditation ... not to mention peace and quiet.”

Activities to do together:

- **Make an Ark of the Covenant and have a celebration party processing into the house (see 2 Samuel 6)**
- **Play charades**

Things to discuss:

- **Talk about prayer being a way to talk to God**

Week 13
1 Kings



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“Naming me Solomon didn’t work.”

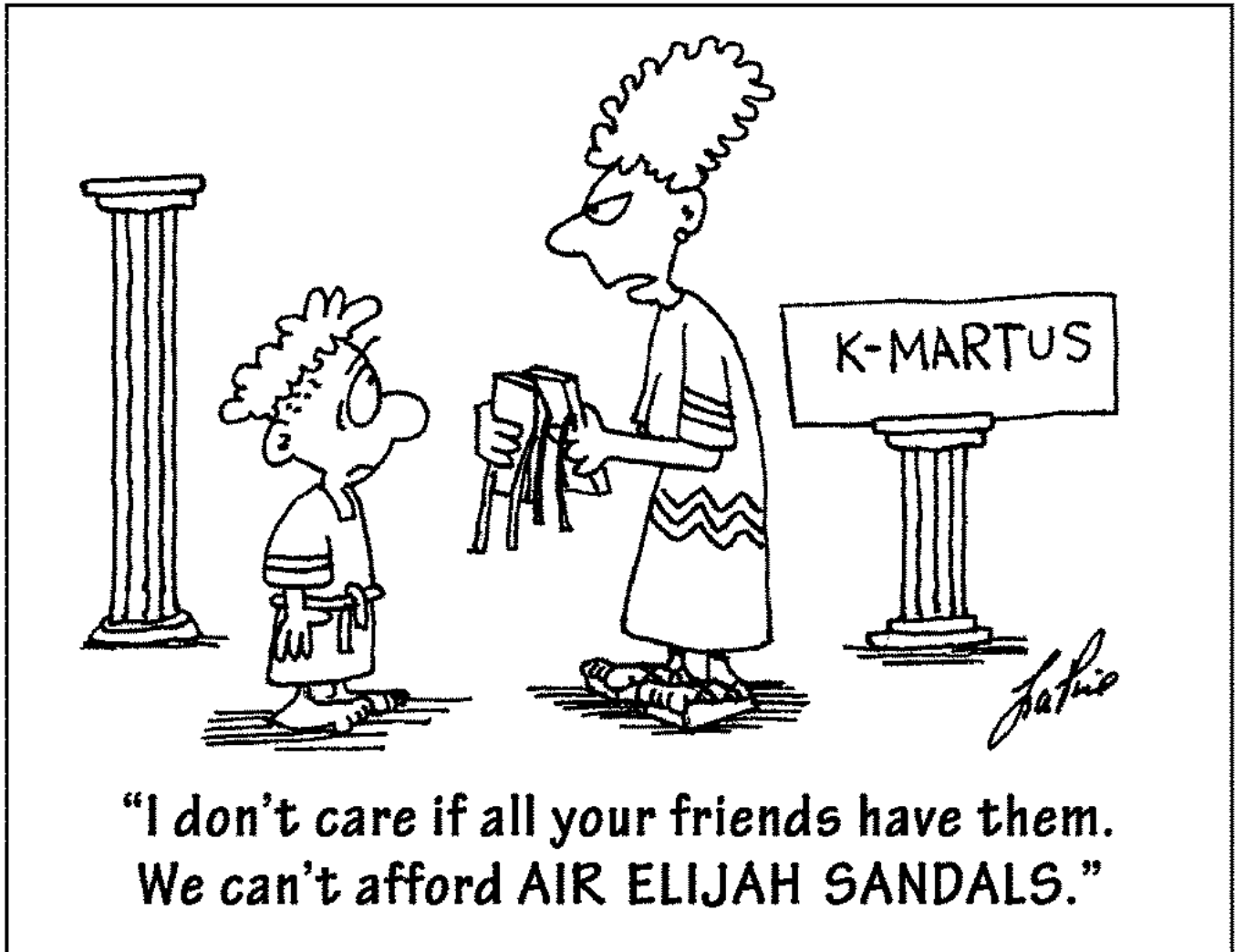
Activities to do together:

- **Look up the word “wisdom” on computer or dictionary.**
- **Build a big temple (out of blocks, Legos or chairs/blankets) like King Solomon in 1 Kings 6-8 and offer a prayer of dedication (1 Kings 8:22-26)**
- **Act out the story of Elijah (1 Kings 17 & 18)**

Things to discuss:

- **Talk about asking God for wisdom**

Week 14
2 Kings



Activities to do together:

- **Act out the story of Naaman (2 Kings 5:1-4) by getting your arms and hands dirty and washing off seven times in water.**
- **Play lost and found. Pretend like you have found your family's special Bible. Tell the story of Josiah finding the Book in 2 Kings 23:1-25.**

Things to discuss:

- **Talk about the importance of what's on the inside of us not the outside**
- **Talk about being a unique individual—not having to own what everyone else does**

Week 15
1 Chronicles



Activities to do together:

- **Find your Family Tree (genealogy) and put a copy in each of your Bibles**
- **Go to the museum**

Things to discuss:

- **Talk about the different talents we have and how they can help others**