

## BIG JIM

Have you ever had someone in your school that was a real “bully”. If so raise your hands. Well this story is about someone just like that who would like to hit the boys in the stomach and pull the girls hair. And his name was, BIG JIM.

One day Big Jim was outside in the school yard and he saw a big mudpuddle. and he said what can I do with this. And he decided to put a rope just in front of the mud puddle on the path to school and cover it with dirt so that no one can see it and tie one end to the small tree and he hid on the other side with the rope in his hands. He decided that when the next person that came down that path he would pull the rope and they would fall in the mud. Boy, he was real mean, wasn't he? Well the next person happened to be the teacher with her white dress on. She was singing, “I'm going to make the children obey, I'm going to make the children obey”. Just then Big Jim pulled the rope and she fell in the mud. She got up crying and screamed as she was running home, “I'm not going to teach here anymore!!!!”

Well, the principal came running when he heard the noise and he asked what happened and the other children explained what BIG JIM had done. He said to his others in authority, “We've got to find another teacher”. He got on the phone and called the offices and asked if there was another teacher that they could send. They said that no, everyone of the teachers had their own places to teach and there was no one else. He said, “Oh, what are we going to do?” Then he remembered a man who was a little unusual, but that he was a good teacher. He went to that man's house where he lived way out in the country. When he knocked on the door (knock on something loud) he called out, “Do you remember me?” The man came to the door and said “Yes, I do”. The principal said, “We had a little problem in town and could you come to finish the semester of teaching?” He said “Yes, I can”, and they decided that he would come tomorrow morning.

The children all got ready for the new teacher and then he came. He was riding a donkey and tied the donkey outside. In class he said, “Boys and girls, I heard that you had some problems here, and we need some RULES. First let's list some RULES that are good for the class.” Half way through listing the RULES, he remembered that along with the RULES was PUNISHMENT and he said “We also need to have PUNISHMENT with our RULES”. (Say to your people, Who has a big belt that I can borrow, Put the belt over the chalk board and continue but have not only a list of rules but also how many 'licks' with a belt, too. Don't forget to include “NOT TO STEAL” as one of the RULES).

When you finish, say that everything went well on the first day, because everyone was scared of the belt. (Pop the belt real loud). The second day also. (Talk real quietly and say), “But on the third day something BAD happened”. Pick out a small boy and ask him if he would help you. (Whisper to him that you will not spank him). “On the third day, I saw with my eyes this boy.....STEAL at recess a lunch of another boy's and eat it!

**“RULES are RULES! Where is the rule that you did wrong? How many ‘licks’ with a belt is listed? OK, bend over like this. alright are you ready? How many ‘licks’? OK” (prepare your hand, moving it around and then make a loud noise getting ready to hit him) (Have your helper ready to run in and say) Wait, wait, he was just a little boy!! That’s no excuse, the rules are for little ones and big ones, go sit down, NOT YOU the little boy, you stay here. Are you ready? How many ‘licks’? OK” (prepare your hand, moving it around and then make a loud noise getting ready to hit him) (Have your helper ready to run in and say) Wait, wait, he was hungry!! That’s no excuse, the rules are for all boys and girls, hungry or not, go sit down, NOT YOU the little boy, you stay here. Are you ready? How many ‘licks’? OK” (prepare your hand, moving it around and then make a loud noise getting ready to hit him) (Have your helper ready to run in and say) Wait, wait, does the chalk board have any names on it? Well, no, what do you mean? I want to take his punishment. What, you want to take his punishment? Well, there’s no names? Is that OK with you? OK, but you have to stay up here and watch. OK, are you ready? How many ‘licks’? OK (prepare your hand, moving it around and then make a loud noise getting ready to hit him). Then hit your own leg as your helper jumps up and down.**

**Boys and girls, who did something wrong here? That’s right, the little boy. But who received the punishment, That’s right the helper. How many rules are on the board? That’s right ten. How many commandments are in the Bible? That’s right ten. The Father in Heaven is like the teacher and we are like the little boy, because the Bible says that we have all done something wrong and sinned and we need punishment. The Bible says the punishment of sin is DEATH, spiritual death separated from God. How many of you want this? (Quickly draw the Calvary’s 3 crosses and draw blood on the middle cross and on the ground in front of the cross.) But, Jesus yelled out and said Wait, wait. I’ll take their punishment. And he on the cross died and his blood fell to the ground, because he wanted to DIE for us. How many of you want God’s PUNISHMENT? No, we don’t. How many of you want God’s MERCY and PARDON, where Jesus took your PUNISHMENT? Yes, we do. Jesus died for you, just like the helper took the punishment of the little boy.**