

## LITTLE MONKEY

Once upon a time, there was a very little monkey.

Everyday he and his mother went walking out in the jungle. My, little monkey loved to walk in the jungle with his mother. Sometimes they would even eat bananas from the banana trees!

One day, Mama Monkey said, "Little Monkey, you're not a little monkey any more. You are a BIG monkey.

You can walk out in the jungle all by yourself. But remember two things, Little Monkey. Ephesians 6:1 says, 'Children, obey your parents in the Lord for this is right.' And, the second thing is this; when you walk out in the jungle, don't go down to the river. There's something in the river that has beady little eyes, teeth like a tiger and EATS UP little monkeys!"

"Oh Mama, I won't go down to the river!" said Little Monkey.

Little Monkey left and began walking out in the jungle. He was SO happy!

The sun was shining and it was a beautiful day. He even ate two bananas from the banana tree.

Soon, he came upon an animal that has great big ears and a big long nose.

Mr. Elephant said, "Hello, Little Monkey. What are you doing out in this jungle all by yourself?

Where is your mama?"

Little Monkey replied, "Mama is at home. I'm a BIG monkey now, and I can walk all by myself! But, Mama told me two things. One, in Ephesians 6:1 it says, 'Children, Obey your parents in the Lord for this is right.' And second, don't go down to the river. There's something in the river that has beady little eyes, teeth like a tiger and eats up little monkeys. I'm not going to the river! ' Little Monkey started walking again. Then, he saw an animal that is very tall with a big long neck.

Mr. Giraffe said, "Little Monkey, you are a big monkey now. But, don't go down to the river!

There's something there that has beady little eyes, teeth like a tiger and eats up little monkeys. Don't go to the river!"

"I won't and also in Ephesians 6:1 it says, 'Children, obey your parents in the Lord for this is right.' So, I won't go to the river."

And, Little Monkey went walking again. But, boys and girls, there is something in the jungle that is very, very bad. Laughing Hyena said, "Oh, Little Monkey, go on down to the river. If you go to the river you will see the prettiest little monkey you ever did see!"

What could Little Monkey do? He wanted to see the prettiest little monkey he had ever seen. His mama was at home. Maybe just one time he could go down to the river. He began to ever so slowly because he was afraid now. He didn't think about Ephesians 6:1 saying, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord for this is right."

"Look in the water! I'm the prettiest little monkey I ever did see! If I am this pretty in front, maybe I'm even prettier on the back side!"

Little Monkey turned slowly around, putting one foot on the log and then the other foot on the log.

But, it wasn't a log! It was a crocodile and it bit his tail!

"Oh, Oh, Oh! I remember now! Ephesians 6:1 says, 'Children, obey your parents in the Lord for this is right.' And, I will never go down to the river again!