



Perspective

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Fun In Church

Chatter around the Sunday dinner table:

"Mom, Sandy got up three times during church and left the building."

"I had to. The first time Susan had to go to the bathroom and didn't know where it was. Then I had to go to the bathroom. Then I thought I would die if I didn't get a drink of water. Besides, at least I came back when I left. That's more than Tim can say."

"Hey, I had to go to the store and get some cough drops. You wouldn't want me coughing while the fat lady sang, would you?"

"Don't make fun of fat ladies. You may be one yourself one of these days."

"I wasn't making fun of her. I just don't understand why someone that fat would want to draw attention to herself by trying to sing."

"That's enough, children. Didn't you hear the sermon this morning about judging each other?"

"I wasn't judging. The Bible says we should all bear fruit and I was just being a fruit inspector."

"Better not pinch that grapefruit, she might sit on you."

"If the fat lady was bad, you should have been sitting in front of the baby that kept burping during the prayer."

"I heard that all across the room. That was the loudest burp I've ever heard."

"Just be glad you weren't sitting next to the kid with the frog."

"Did somebody have a frog in church?"

"Well, he did until Mr. Sweetbarn stepped on him during the offering."

"Is that why old Sweetie dropped the offering plate? I thought he'd

been moved by the Spirit."

"Hey, did you hear all that laughing in the back? A bunch of us kids were watching old man Tightly during the offering. He pulled out \$50 like he was going to drop it in the plate but he palmed it like a card shark and put in a dollar instead."

"What's so funny about that? I feel sorry for a man who has to play games in front of little kids."

"In front of his wife, too."

"Do you think God sees everything that goes on in church?"

"Sure. He even saw Mr. Sweetbarn step on the frog."

"Do you think He laughed?"

"He probably had to laugh to keep from crying. Especially after he heard what Mr. Sweetbarn called that little kid under his breath."

"I like a God who laughs."

"Me, too!"