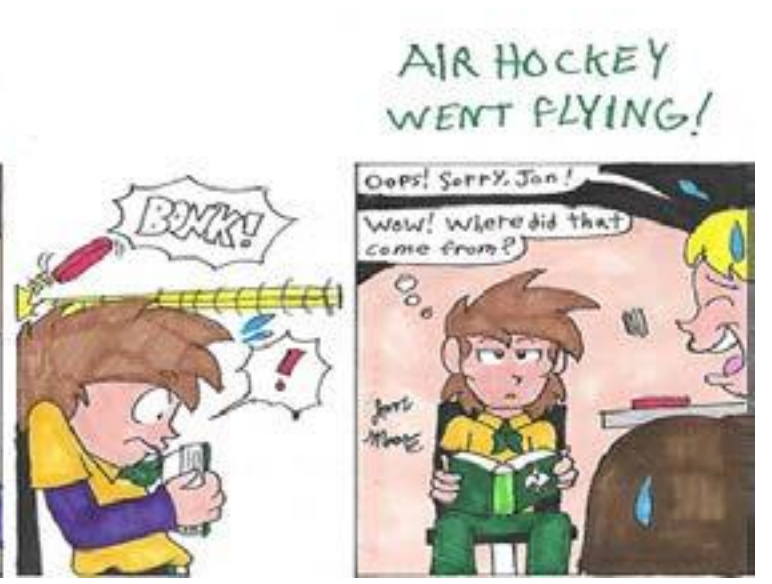


# GRINS & GIGGLES



He's 16 and always prepared to be the life of the troop. With his fellow scouts around him, there's a laff a minute filled with Jon's unique wit and candor. Keep up with these eager beaver's vision of a scout's life.



Leah Boys is a world class champion rodeo trick rider. At home in the saddle, a master of the shootin' iron and the bull whip. She has thrilled thousands all over the world with her daring stunts and is widely acclaimed as a superstar...but at home she's just mommy to her 4-legged kids. Laugh at the antics of home and travel life with Leah her loving



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He's a journeyman who explores the human condition giving examples of simple common sense from the words taken from the book of Proverbs. He could be called wise man, a noble man, a scholar, or even a preacher ....but he is simply called Bro. Jones. Take a journey for yourself into this thought provoking feature. A refreshing new look into Proverbs. Hopefully he will leave you eager for more....



## MEMES of the week

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## THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER

By Gary Toole, The Christian Way Ministries

While everything is debatable in general terms, there are absolute truths that work without question. The proverb we've heard all our lives, "The family that prays together, stays together," is true. It's been quoted so often and with such religious fervor that some have even thought it was an actual scripture. Of course, many scriptures back this saying up. Like for instance, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6. Now, one fellow said, "Train up a child in the way you should have gone yourself." Amen to that! And part of that training is prayer. The family that prays together does stay together, generally speaking, from a spiritual standpoint.

I've often wondered why in the scripture it says, "And when he is old, he will not depart from it." Well, my conclusion is, when they are under your

roof and their feet under your table for the most part, even if by force, they pretty much do as you say. When they are grown and with a mind of their own, it's a whole different ball of wax. The real test of whether they have been trained properly, including sincere, fervent, effectual daily prayer in the home, shows up most times in later years, after they have been weather beaten by the world.

Like the prodigal son, they realize home is where the heart is. That prayer is the key to heaven's gate. The real acid test, according to the scripture, is supposedly when they are grown and on their own. The story was told of a little unruly boy. His father thought he was cute and didn't discipline him and wouldn't let his wife. The boy grew up and landed in prison. Later years he came to see his dad and he took his father in the woods for a walk. He

shows his father small pines and asks him to bend them. Then he got to a larger one he couldn't bend. He said, "Dad, that's me. When I was small you didn't bend me and now that I am older you can't."

When we hear the saying, "The family that prays together, stays together," we think in physical terms, when in fact it is primarily referring to spiritual terms. That spiritual bond that it creates in the lives of our family. That bond that goes with them a life time. The family that sincerely prays together, stays together, spiritually united for eternity, if by their own choice they choose to follow Christ. And of course, sincere prayer does keep families together from a physical stand point and even much closer emotionally. Yes, the family that prays together stands a better chance of staying together. Can you say amen?



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