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God is SO GOOD; although I have ADD, Attention Deficit Disorder

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I am a great believer of humor, in moderation, as an antidote to taking life too seriously. Even with spiritual matters, up to a point God will allow humor. With some of these jokes, the mention of specific religions is deleted, for reason of better taste.

The first two jokes have a spiritual message.

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A minister died and met with St. Peter.

St. Peter: "In order to get into heaven you must have one thousand points. What have you done to merit a thousand points?"

The minister: "I was minister of a church of five hundred Christians for 35 years."

St. Peter: "One point"

The minister: "I officiated at 75 funerals."

St. Peter: "One point"

So the minister tried more specific works of charity.

The minister: "A poor homeless single mother came into my office with her baby. I let her room in my parsonage for a month."

St. Peter: "One point"

The minister: "I met a group of a dozen alcoholic gamblers on the street. I converted them all to become sober Born Again Christians."

St. Peter: "One point"

Now the minister was beside himself. He wondered what kind of saint makes it into heaven.

The minister (in desperation): "The only way I will get into heaven is through the Grace of God."

St. Peter: "ONE THOUSAND POINTS!"

A disastrous flood came to town. This man had an absolute belief that God always would save him. Flood waters took over his yard. He went on to his front porch. A boat came by.

Boatman: "Come on get in. I will take you to higher ground."

The man: "Don't bother. God will save me."

The water rose higher and higher. The water was up to his knee, then his waist. So he climbed on to the porch roof. A second boat came by.

Boatman: "Come on get in. I will take you to higher ground."

The man: "Don't bother. God will save me."

The water rose higher and higher. He climbed to the house roof. Then a helicopter found him.

Helicopter pilot (by public address system): "Grab hold of the rope that we will throw down, to pull you in."

The man: "Don't bother. God will save me."

The water rose higher and higher, until the man drowned. Very angry, he met with St. Peter.

The man: "I was taught that God always will save me. I really am disappointed. Why didn't he save me?"

St. Peter: "If you have any complaint, God is in the next office. You have my permission to go in there and talk to God personally."

So he walked into God's office.

The man: "I really am disappointed. Why didn't you save me?"

God: "Look, I sent you two boats. Then I sent you a helicopter. What more do you want?"

A man wanted to join a church, so he walked into the first minister's office.

The man: "I would like to join your church."

First minister: "We would be glad to have you. But first you must answer one question. Where was Jesus born?"

The man: "Philadelphia"

First minister: "Sorry, you are wrong. First you must attend our Sunday school for a while."

So the man walks out the door. He goes into another church two blocks down the street. He walks into that second minister's office.

The man: "I would like to join your church."

Second minister: "We would be glad to have you. But first you must answer one question. Where was Jesus born?"

The man: "Pittsburgh"

Second minister: "Sorry, you are wrong. First you must attend our Sunday school for a while."

So the man walks out the door. He goes into still another church down the street. He walks into that third minister's office.

The man: "I would like to join your church."

Third minister: "We would be glad to have you. But first you must answer one question. Where was Jesus born?"

The man: "Bethlehem"

Third minister: "That is correct!"

The man: "By George, I knew it was in Pennsylvania somewhere!"

A not so honest painter accepted a job to paint a church. He scrimped on the amount of paint for the job. To make the paint stretch further, he put in much thinner. When three quarters done, he was low on paint. So he added more thinner. He got to the steeple with little paint. For the steeple, he added more thinner.

When he finished, dark clouds came. Lightning and thunder came. Then it started to rain cats and dogs. The rain washed off much of the paint.

In the rain, the voice of God boomed from a cloud, "REPAINT AND THIN NO MORE."

Three clergymen went on a fishing trip. They got into a boat and rowed into the middle of the lake.

First clergyman: "Oh, I forgot the bait. I will have to go back and get it."

Third clergyman: "Do you want me to row you back to shore?"

First clergyman: "Don't bother. That's OK."

So the first clergyman gets out of the boat and walks on top of the water. He gets the bait and walks on top of the water back to the boat.

Second clergyman: "Oh? I forgot the hooks. I will have to go back and get them."

Third clergyman: "Do you want me to row you back to shore?"

Second clergyman: "Don't bother. That's OK."

So the second clergyman gets out of the boat and walks on top of the water. He gets the hooks and walks on top of the water back to the boat.

Third clergyman: "Oh? I forgot our lunches. I will have to go back to get them,"

So the third clergyman steps out of the boat and sinks to the bottom of the lake.

Second clergyman to first clergyman: "Do you suppose we should tell him about the boulders just below the water line?"

Three clergymen and their wives were killed in a common accident. They all met with St. Peter. The first clergyman went to be interviewed by St. Peter.

St. Peter: "What have you done to deserve heaven?"

First clergyman: "We had a very active church and we saved one thousand Christians."

St. Peter: "But oh, you really loved money. So many of your sermons were on how to raise money for the church. I even heard that you received an unexpected windfall, but you invested the money, instead of giving to the poor. And to top it off, your wife's name is PENNY."

Then the second clergyman met with St. Peter.

St. Peter: "What have you done to deserve heaven?"

Second clergyman: "We really had a booming, soul raising church. In fact, we saved five thousand Christians."

St. Peter: "But oh, you really enjoyed your booze. Too often, instead of turning to prayer, you would have a few shots from that whiskey bottle. And to top it off, your wife's name is SHERRY."

So the third clergyman said to his wife, "Hey FANNY, let's get out of here immediately!"

As is the custom at most churches, the minister was shaking hands with the congregation, as they were leaving worship service. A man greeted him.

The man: "You know -- that was a DAMN GOOD sermon!"

Minister: "Thank you. I am glad you liked it. But one thing bothers me. I wish you would watch your language."

The man: "I am very sorry. I just forgot myself. Oh by the way, I put a thousand dollars into the collection plate."

Minister: "THE HELL YOU DID!"

The minister has his sermon written on sheets of paper. He read from the papers as he was giving it.

He came to the sentence "Adam said to Eve." Then he discovered that the next paper had mysteriously disappeared. He nervously thumbed through the sheets of paper, trying to find the next sheet.

He repeated, "Adam said to Eve," while frantically thumbing through the sheets of paper.

Then the public address system picked up his mumbling, "There seems to be a leaf missing."

A woman with a holy roller background visited a mainline Protestant church. As was her habit, she would repeatedly interrupt the worship service, by standing up to shout, "HALLELUIA," or "AMEN." That is out of place at mainline worship services. She was being obnoxious.

The ushers were concerned about the disturbances, so they gathered together to decide what to do about it. One of the ushers agreed to speak to her the next time she pulls that.

The woman suddenly stood up to shout, "PRAISE THE LORD!"

The usher said to her, "We don't do that."

Three condemned persons were about to face execution by the guillotine. This included two clergy and one ADD person.

The first clergy marched up to the guillotine.

The executioner said, "You may chose your head position, to look up or down."

He said, "I will look up, to see the Lord above, because soon I will be with the Lord."

The knife came speeding down. Suddenly the knife stopped abruptly only two inches from his neck.

The executioner said, "The Lord must be protecting, with this miracle. This is a sign for me to set him free."

The second clergy marched up to the guillotine.

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Then the ADD person marched up to the guillotine.

The executioner said, "You may chose your head position, to look up or down."

He said, "I will look up, to see the Lord above, because soon I will be with the Lord."

The knife came speeding down. Suddenly the knife stopped abruptly only two inches from his neck.

The ADD person then said, "I see what is the problem."

A clergyman died. Saint Peter said to him, "You will need transportation on these streets in heaven above." So St. Peter showed a deceased lawyer driving a Lincoln Town Car and a deceased business man driving a BMW.

Then St. Peter gave to clergyman a small Kia to drive around. He became depressed over his seemingly low status, as evidenced by the Kia.

A week later St. Peter found the clergyman to be extremely happy and glowing. So St. Peter said, "Apparently you have adjusted very well to your status beyond the pearly gates." To that, the clergyman replied, "I just saw the bishop go by on a bicycle."

Between moments of dispensing wisdom, it seems that historical religious leaders had also learned software programming. One day, a great contest was held to test their skills.

After days and days of fierce competition, only two leaders remained for the last day's event: Jesus and A Pharisee.

The judge described the software application required for the final test, and gave the signal to start writing code.

The two contestants feverishly typed away on their keyboards. Routines, classes, applets and applications flew by on their screens at incredible speeds. Windows, dialogs, and other intricate graphics began forming on their monitors.

The clock showed that the contest would soon be finished. Suddenly, a bolt of lightening flashed and the power went out. After a moment, the power came back on -- just in time for the clock to announce that the last competition was over.

The judge asked the two contestants to reveal their finished software. The Pharisee angrily said that he'd lost it all during the power outage. The judge turned to the other competitor. Jesus smiled, clicked a mouse and a dazzling application appeared on his screen. After just a few moments, the judge was clearly impressed and declared Jesus the victor.

When asked why the decision was made, the judge pointed out the unique characteristic that set the winner apart from all the other contestants:

Jesus saves.

A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. The two were always getting into trouble. It seemed that whenever any mischief occurred in their town their two young sons were in some way involved. The parents were at their wits end as to what to do about their sons' behavior. The mother had heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children in the past, so she asked her husband if he thought they should send the boys to speak with the clergyman. The husband said, "We might as well. We need to do something before I really lose my temper!" The clergyman agreed to speak with the boys, but asked to see them individually.

The 8 year old went to meet with him first. The clergyman sat the boy down and asked him sternly, "Where is God?"

The boy made no response, so the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God?"

Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face, "WHERE IS GOD???"

At that time the boy bolted from the room and ran directly home, slamming himself into the closet. His older brother followed him into the closet and said, "What happened?"

The younger brother replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time. God is missing and they think we stole him."

A little child painted a picture in Sunday school class. The picture showed an airplane with a baby and three adults inside. The Sunday school teacher asked about the picture. The child answered that Herod The King was determined to kill baby Jesus, so Mary and Joseph are flying Jesus to Egypt, to escape Herod. The teacher asked, "Who is the third adult?" The child answered, "That is Pontius Pilot."

Jake said to Joe, "In Sunday school class today, we learned about General Moses."

Joe replied, "Tell me about General Moses."

Jake told the story. "General Moses was the commander when the Hebrew people were escaping from Egypt. But Pharaoh's army was chasing after them. Suddenly they came upon the Red Sea. General Moses had an idea among his military tactics. The general commanded that the Hebrew people assemble pontoon platforms to serve as a bridge. So the pontoon platforms were put across the Red Sea, so that the Hebrew people could cross. When Pharaoh's army approached, General Moses also had a plan to scuttle them. The pontoon platforms had explosive charges. When Pharaoh's army set foot on the pontoon platforms, General Moses used remote control to set off the explosive charges. Consequently Pharaoh's army drowned."

Joe interrupted, "That isn't what really happened."

Jake replied, "If I told you what really happened, you wouldn't believe me."

A new pastor was calling on his new parishioners. He came to one parishioner's house, where the house was obviously occupied. He knocked three times and nobody answered. So the pastor wrote on his card "Revelation 3:20" before he taped the card to his door.

The next Sunday, the collection plate contained the card returned; however the parishioner wrote on the card "Genesis 3:10."

The pastor looked up "Genesis 3:10" and he understood very well why the door was not answered.

Revelation 3:20 reads, "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me."

Genesis 3:10 reads, "I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

A pastor died and met with Saint Peter, who said to him, "Sit in this room, while I think about it."

Then Saint Peter said to a taxicab driver, "Go right into heaven, immediately."

The pastor protested, "Why is it that you say that you will think about me, while you allow a lowly taxicab driver to go in immediately?"

Saint Peter replied, "Your sermons put people to sleep. But the way the taxicab driver drove, he had his passengers so scared, that he had them praying."

A nun inherited one thousand dollars, so she had to consult the mother superior and confess that she violated her vow of poverty.

The mother superior said, "I suggest that you go to the poorest skid row street corner in the city and give the thousand dollars to the first poor looking person coming along.

So she went to skid row and found an eligible poor man. She gave the thousand dollars to the man and said, "Godspeed your blessings."

The next day, the man went to the convent and knocked on the door. He then gave the nun twenty thousand dollars. He said to the nun, "I just came back from the race track, and the horse, Godspeed, won and paid twenty to one odds."

THE LORD'S PRAYER BUNGLED BY CHILDREN

Howard be thy name.
Give us this day our jelly bread.
Lead me not into Penn Station.
Lead me not into temptation, but deliver us some e-mail.
Forgive us our trash baskets, as we forgive those who trash basket against us. (Methodists say "trespasses.")

A priest and a pastor, both wearing pulpit garb, were installing a roadside sign. The sign read "TURN AROUND BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE."

A resentful motorist came by and shouted, "YOU BIBLE FREAKS, LEAVE ME ALONE."

A half minute later, the priest and pastor heard in the distance screeching of tires and then "Splash."

The pastor said to the priest, should we change the sign to read, "BRIDGE OUT?"