

**General Topics :: Illustration of the ants****Illustration of the ants - posted by denem7 (), on: 2006/3/16 2:31**

could someone please remind me how this illustration goes? thanks!

a man and his son stood beside a water hose. they realized many ants traveling to and fro at their feet. the son says to his dad, "why don't the ants build and work some other place? the water hose will surely wash them away. i wish i could tell them of the danger they are in, but i can't." the dad says "the only way you could warn them of the danger (so they could understand you) would be to become one of them." this is what God did for us. He became one of us.

i know i'm probably not telling this story exactly right. that's why i'm asking for help! thanks again.

Re: Illustration of the ants - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2006/3/16 8:48

I'm not sure I like that particular ant story very much, it really isn't a very good analogy of the situation. God has spoken finally and fully through His Son Jesus Christ but God has always spoken to mankind in ways that could be understood.

There is another parable that involves an ant that I kinda like...

The Ant and the Grasshopper

A mother of a 9 year old boy, Mark, received a phone call in the middle of the afternoon. It was the teacher from her son's school.

"Mrs. Smith, something unusual happened today in your son's third grade class. Your son did something that surprised me so much that I thought you should know about it immediately."

Mother's seldom want to hear from their child's teacher in the middle of the day. The mother was uneasy and nervous by such a beginning to a phone call. "What now?" the mother wondered.

The teacher continued, "I have been teaching for many years and nothing like this has happened until now. This morning I was teaching a lesson on creative writing. And as I always do, I tell the story of the ant and the grasshopper. The ant works hard all summer and stores up plenty of food. But the grasshopper plays all summer and does no work.

Then winter comes. The grasshopper begins to starve because he has no food. So he hops to the ants house and begins to beg. 'Please Mr. Ant, you have much food please let me eat, too.' Now boys and girls your job is to write the ending to the story.

Your son, Mark, raised his hand. "Teacher, may I draw a picture?"

"Well, yes, Mark, if you like, you may draw a picture. But first you must write the ending to the story."

The papers came in. As in all the years past, most of the students said that the ant shared his food through the winter and both the ant and the grasshopper lived.

As always, a few children said, 'The ant said, "No, Mr. Grasshopper. You should have worked in the summer and not played. Now, I have just enough food for myself." So the ant lived and the grasshopper died.

But your son ended the story in a way different from any other child, ever. He wrote, "So the ant gave all of his food to the grasshopper; the grasshopper lived through the winter. But the ant died."

And the picture?

At the bottom of the page, Mark had drawn three crosses. "Jesus gave up his life so that we might live eternally."

In Christ,

Ron

Re: - posted by denem7 (), on: 2006/3/16 17:02

Thanks for The Ant and the Grasshopper story. However, I wasn't asking others whether they liked the illustration in my posting. Additionally, I wasn't asking whether it contained sound doctrine. I was simply asking if anyone could remind me of how it went.

Everyone has different beliefs on their stance concerning doctrine. I personally think the story is a great analogy of God becoming like us (by becoming man). For me to say that I don't like your story, how would you feel? It's not very encouraging.

Dennis

Re: - posted by dohzman (), on: 2006/3/16 17:30

wow! sobering!

Re: - posted by Tears_of_joy, on: 2006/3/16 19:04

Interesting story. Thanks brother Ron.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

-John 15:13

Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us

-1 John 3:16

Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

-Matthew 20:28

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

-John 10:11

Re: - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2006/3/16 23:16

My apologies Dennis, certainly didn't want to discourage you.

In Christ,

Ron