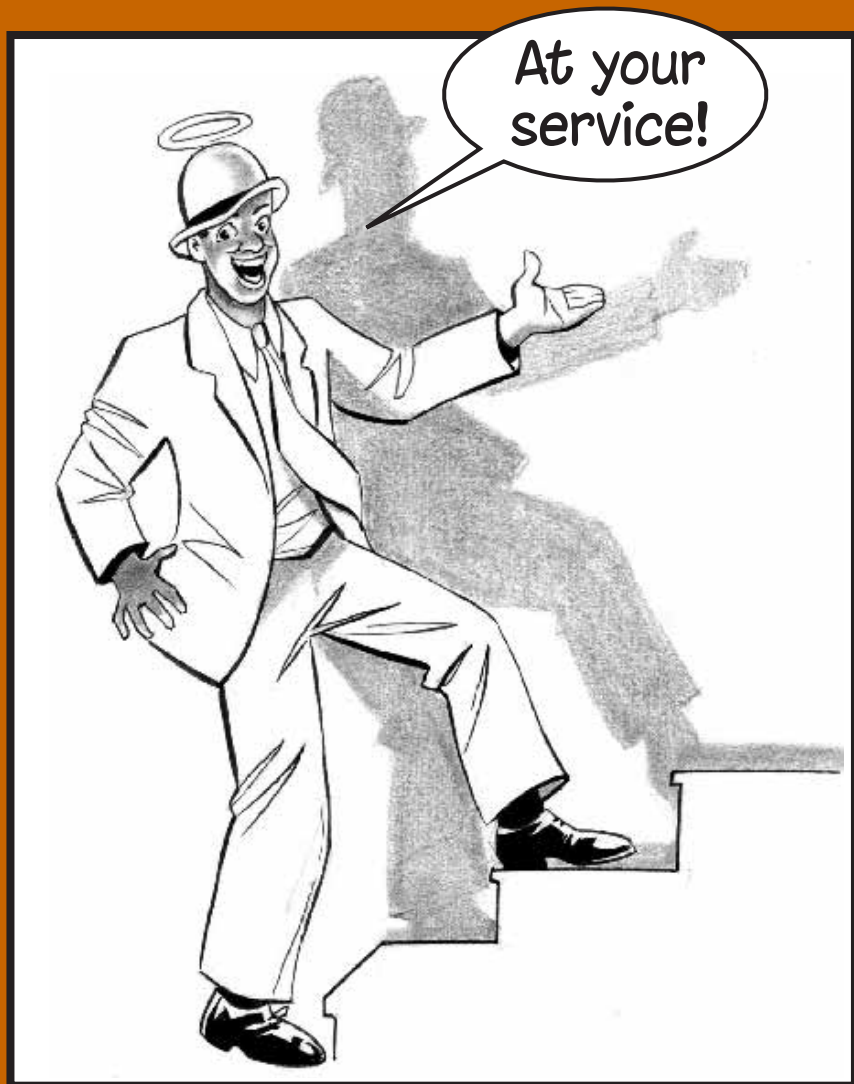


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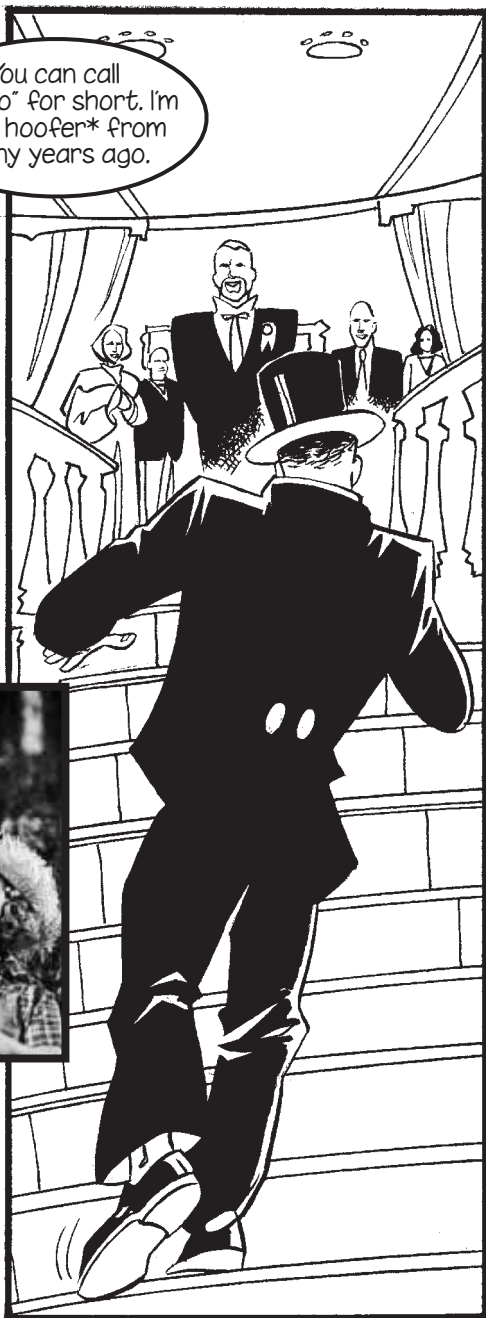


Know Your Spirit Helpers—Part 11



You can call me "Bo" for short. I'm that hoofer* from many years ago.

"Bojangles" (Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, 1878–1949) began working as a professional dancer at the age of eight, and throughout his life performed on stage and in movies, such as *The Littlest Rebel* (1935).



He was considered one of the world's greatest tap dancers and became famous for his "stair dance," which he invented when he was receiving an honor from the king of England. The king was standing at the top of a flight of stairs, and Bojangles' feet danced up the stairs to be honored.

*hoofer: professional tap dancer

I HAVE THE MOST WORTHWHILE JOB I CAN THINK OF!

I assist your parents and teachers in teaching and training you children—the leaders of *God's Kingdom* to come!



I give them inspirational ideas to keep you on the upswing*, inspired, and motivated.



It's also my job to challenge you kids to learn all you can, and to persevere*, even when something is difficult.



***upswing**: improving in a way that everyone notices

***persevere**: keep trying; stick with

Jesus has shown me the big jobs He has for each of you in the future, and I am eager to help you learn all that you will need in order to do these jobs. My job is to encourage you kids to stick to your scholastic studies or a new skill you're learning until you've got that subject or skill down.

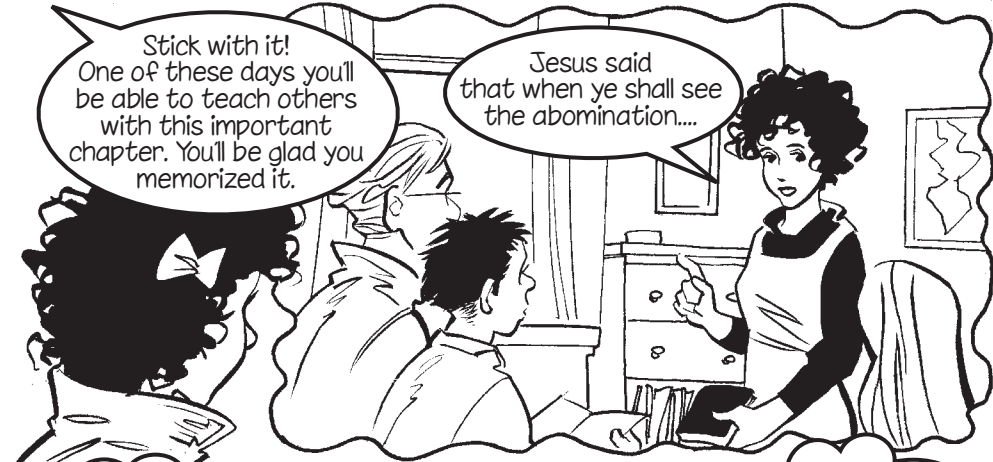
When you are learning something new, if you have difficulty with it, you can be tempted to quit and do something else that's more fun and easier to do.

When that happens, call on Jesus to send me to help you to stick.



Don't be timid, ask me to speak to you, and I'll be happy to give you tips.



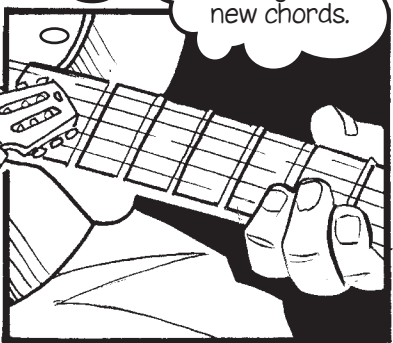


Stick with it!
One of these days you'll
be able to teach others
with this important
chapter. You'll be glad you
memorized it.

Jesus said
that when ye shall see
the abomination....



Thank You,
Jesus, for how
I am learning to
play the guitar.



Please send
Bo to encourage
me to stick to
learning these
new chords.



One day soon
you'll use this song
to win a soul to
Jesus. Keep at it!

"PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT."

I know a lot about practice, sticking to it, hard work, setting goals, and reaching those goals.



However, it was up to me how well I learned to tap dance, and how to use that talent.

I didn't only practice once in a while, or for only a few hours during scheduled practice times.

I DANCED AT OTHER TIMES TOO.

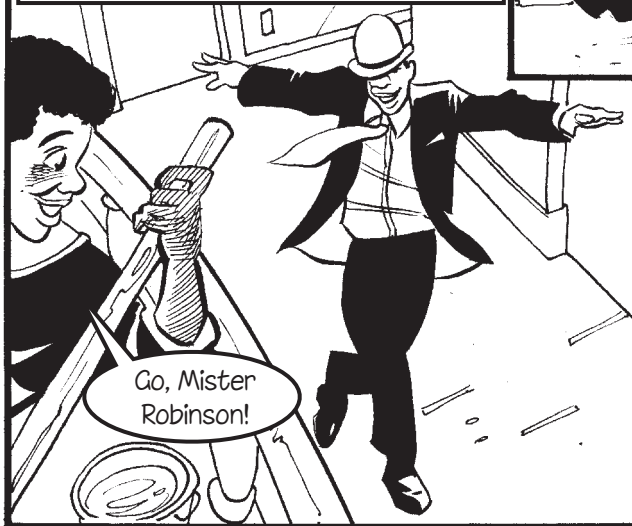
I danced to the bus or the car when leaving the house.



I danced from the car or the bus to the theater where I was to perform.



I danced around the halls in the theater waiting for my time on stage.



Go, Mister Robinson!



By the time I got on stage, my feet were so accustomed to dancing, they almost couldn't stop.

MAKE THE MOST OUT OF THE TRAINING YOU ARE RECEIVING.

Study during your Word time and school hours, and then keep learning throughout the rest of your day. The more you practice—any time you can—then the skills you are being taught will become part of you, just like tap-dancing became a part of me.

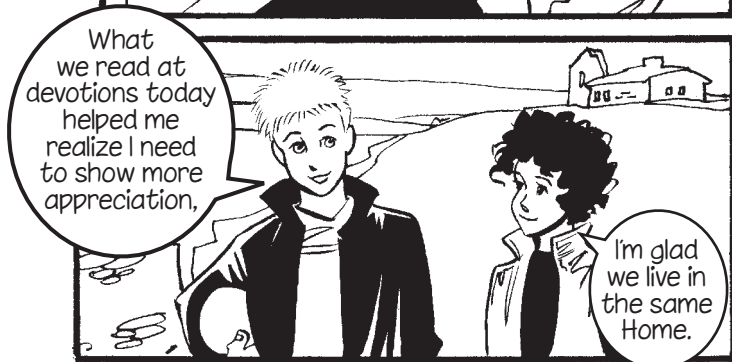
- Learn how to witness by listening closely when an adult or teen witnesses to someone. Then you can try what you've learned.



- Discover new witnessing opportunities by listening closely when your parent reads a *Grapevine* article to you about outreach.



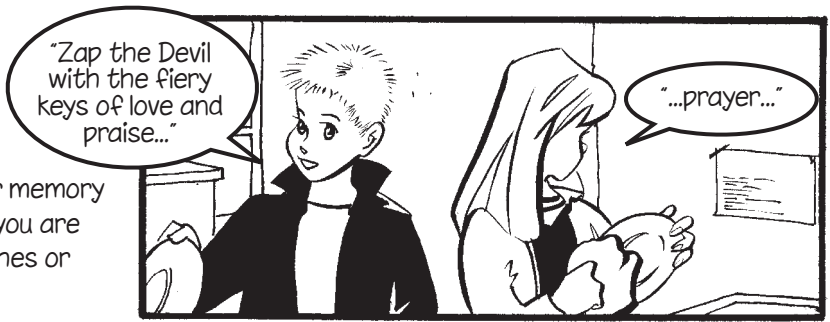
- Talk with your friends about the Word you read and what you've learned from it.



- Quote your memory work for the day or week to others in the Home, and ask them to quote you theirs.



- Review your memory work while you are washing dishes or cleaning up.



- Read books and stories about people who did things for others, and see what you can learn from their lives.



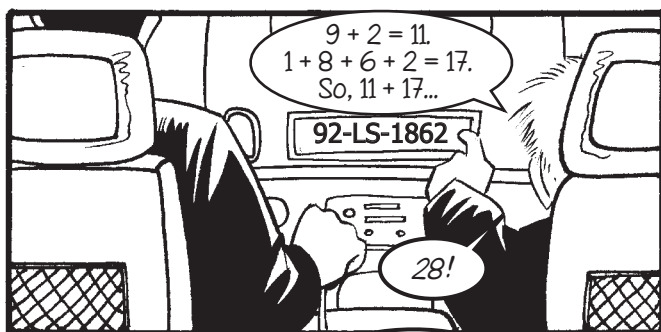
- Read books that teach you more about science, history, or social studies. Ask a parent or teacher if Grandpa talks about a subject you are reading up on, and ask them to teach you what Grandpa says about it.



- If you're studying about trees or flowers, take a close look while you're out in the garden.



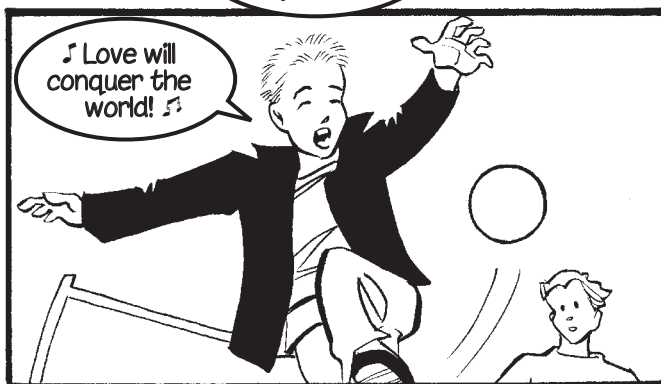
- You can play math games when you're out. An example would be adding up the numbers on the license plates of cars.



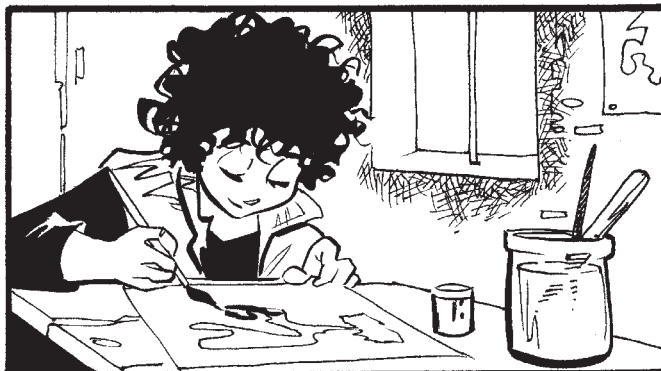
- If you are learning a musical instrument, practice during your spare time as well as your scheduled practice times.



- Practice your performing skills by singing as you go throughout the day (except for during your Word and school times, or mealtimes).



- Do you have an art talent? Practice and study different techniques.



WHEN YOU FEEL YOU NEED A BOOST...

...ask for me to be at your side, and I'll bring you some enthusiasm!

That's my girl! You got it, Keana!

I'll show you how to stay pumped up with enthusiastic fervor!

You can read more about persevering and not giving up when learning a new skill in "Fight the Good Fight," MOP 1:24. Also, read "Trials and Triumphs": 518, 565, *Good Thots 2* with your parent or teacher.

YOU FAMILY MEMBERS ARE THE LORD'S SHOWCASE* TO THE WORLD.

Naturally, I'm eager for you to ask for me to join you in your witnessing and performing.

If you'll listen, I'll whisper in your ears encouragement to be bold, and ways to inspire the crowds you perform for, and motivate the people you are witnessing to.

So remember to call on me, Mr. Bill "Bojangles" Robinson. I live to help you in your witnessing, because you are the greatest show on Earth!

*showcase: display

Have you ever tried tap-dancing?