

A Star in the Window

During World War II, it was the custom in the United States for a family who had a son serving in the military to place a star in the front window of their home. A gold star indicated that the son had died in support of his country.

Sir Harry Lauder, a notable Scottish entertainer, told a touching story about this custom. He said that one night a man was walking down a New York street accompanied by his young son. The little fellow was interested in the brightly lighted windows of the houses and wanted to know why some had a star.

The father explained that those families had a son fighting in the war. The child would clap his hands as he saw another star in the window, and would cry out, "Look, Daddy, there's another family who gave a son for his country."

At last, they came to a break in the row of houses. Through the gap, a star could be seen shining brightly in the sky. The little lad caught his breath and exclaimed, "Oh, Daddy. Look at the star in the window of heaven! God must have given His Son, too."

Ah, the insight of a child! Indeed, God did give His only begotten Son as the sacrificial Lamb offered for the forgiveness of our sins.

Because He loves you and me.

--Beecher Hunter