

MIKEY MARCHED WITH THE BAND

A lady took her grandsons, ages 4 and 6, to spend the day at Disneyland.

During the course of the day, she bought each of them a little flag. On several occasions, they stopped to watch the marching band of toy soldiers. Each time, the boys would be spellbound as the band marched by.

All at once, the grandmother realized that the 4-year-old was gone. She searched all about, calling his name, and making her way through the crowd.

As she sat down to catch her breath and try to determine what to do, she looked up to see the marching band of toy soldiers. There, at the end of the line, smiling merrily and waving his flag, was little Mikey, having the time of his life, completely unaware that he was lost.

Imagine the relief of the grandmother to find her lost grandchild.

This story presents a spiritual lesson.

How like the world, going on its merry way, unaware of a loving Father's concern for its lostness, is this account. People ignore the teachings and principles of Scripture – written that we may have joyful and abundant lives – choosing instead to follow the pathways of sin and selfishness.

Even some metropolitan areas boast of being sin cities. Folks are eager to choose their way – a route of indulgence, of self-gratification – instead of God's way.

But someday the band will stop playing. Then and only then will those who do not believe in Jesus Christ and His offer of eternal life realize the price of their folly.

How much better it is to love God and others in obedience to Him, laying up treasures in heaven.

Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long (Psalm 25:5 NIV).

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