

The Boy in the Well

A few years ago, a 7-year-old boy in Phoenix, Ariz., accidentally fell into a 275-foot-deep well.

For 45 minutes, he was trapped in darkness, with multiple fractures.

“Daddy, get me out of here,” he yelled.

“Don’t worry, son, and don’t be scared. We will get you out. Just push against the sides of the pipe so you don’t sink.”

Eventually, proper rescue equipment arrived. A rope was lowered into the well. Mr. Stage, the boy’s father, gave specific instructions about how to place the rope over his shoulders and beneath the arms, and to hold on.



The boy obeyed, and was lifted to safety. The father commented: “He always did mind good.”

The story illustrates the trustful relationship that existed between father and son.

As a child of your Heavenly Father, preparing to enter a new year, you can make no better resolution than to keep a similar rapport between yourself and God, in the good times and the bad. Such a connection certainly calls for obedience to His commands and instructions, found in the personal letter that He sent to you. It’s called the Holy Bible. In it is found a plan for your life, one that allows you to reach all the potential for which He created you.

And someday, when you approach the end of your days upon this earth, what better compliment could you receive from the Father – although, no doubt, with better grammar – than the thought that you “always did mind good?”

– Beecher Hunter