

## The Purpose for Poison Ivy

At a summer religious camp for children, one of the counselors was leading a discussion on the purpose God had for everything He created.

They began to find good reasons for clouds and trees and rocks and rivers and animals and just about everything else in nature.

Finally, one of the children said, "If God had a good purpose for everything, then why did He create poison ivy?"

The discussion leader gulped and, as he struggled with the question, one of the other children came to his rescue, saying, "The reason God made poison ivy is because He wanted us to know there are certain things we should keep our cotton-pickin' hands off."

Ahh, the wisdom of children!

As an adult, I've had to learn that lesson the hard way ... and maybe such is the case with you, too.

But whatever the painful experience may be, like the poison ivy, God always has the antidote.



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