

Kaktus Kids

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St. Patrick's Day edition

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**Education Station
NOW twice as long!**

It now takes up both
pages four *and* five!

**New section
just for girls!**

Find out more about it on
the last page.

**Released in the
nick of time!**

On the day of Saint Patrick!
Remember to wear green!

I hate
my job.



Reworked Layout

Lines instead of boxes!

Reader Central

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Poetry Contest

Write a poem (whatever length you wish) that includes the words skunk, monk, junk, trunk, sunk and hunk.

Send your completed poem to:
christian@chapmankids.net



Winners will get their poem published in Kaktus Kids. Please include your name, age and state.

Susie the Social Butterfly

Do you flinch at the thought of introducing yourself to people? Does talking on the phone make you break out in a cold sweat? Well fret no more! Susie the Social Butterfly has the answers to all (not all actually, but a lot) of your social questions! Each month, Sophie will provide a tip for you and a short list of questions that you can ask people to get a conversation started, or keep it going. See more on page 14
- The Editors

Send your poems, drawings, jokes, stories, or pictures to christian@chapmankids.net



Book Reviews: The Great and Terrible Quest

The Great and Terrible Quest is an incredible book for all ages. From the third grader to the ninth grader to the old person (18 and up), The Great and Terrible Quest is extremely enjoyable. It is the fantastic tale of a young lad **named Trad and his quest for something (we're not sure just what)** with a fat juggler, a three legged little dog, and a white haired knight who has lost his memory. Full of bad men, good men, twists, turns, riddles and rings, The Great and Terrible Quest is a fantasy without the fantasy. A historical fiction without the history, and a book that **you won't want to miss. Read it as soon as possible!**
-Girl



The Great and Terrible Quest is a really good book, but the beginning bears an uncanny resemblance to **King's Quest III. It makes a good impression of the somewhat corrupted England of the middle-ages, but that being said, you don't really need to know a lot of history to read the book. And even if you do, it still won't be badly thought out or passably written.**

If I give away too much it would ruin the story, so I will just outline what it starts out like. Trad is a boy living **with his 'grandfather', whom Trad suspects to be the treasurer** of a robbery clan, due to the mean guests he frequently has over and the topics of their conversation. One day, he meets an old knight who seems to have very recently had suffered from amnesia...

It's a fun read, even though you might not understand some aspects of the storyline until the very end. But rather than confusing you or draining your interest, it makes you want to keep reading until you find out, pulling you into the plot after the first chapter. This is a good book.

Overall, I give it 4/5 stars. It could have easily won 4.75 if not for the somewhat abrupt ending. (Plot is not completed until the end of the last sentence.)

-Boy



And 1/2
Lone
Stars!

The Great and Terrible Quest is by Margaret Lovett

Education Station's



Ask Dr. Wise ^{a lot}

Dear Dr. Wise, How do we hear?

Your number one fan, Earnest

Dear Earnest, After sound waves hit our ears, they go through that one hole in them until they hit a relatively loose wall of skin that flaps back and forth, moving a hammer in the same way. The data in that hammer is transmitted into your brain.

Dear Dr. Wise, What is an HDR Photo?

Cameron (Most people call me 'Cam')

Dear, 'Cam'

An HDR is just a lot of pictures with different exposures put together on top of each other with computer software to make a single extremely vivid photo, that can resemble a 3d animation since it is so colorful.

Dear Dr. Wise, How does knitting work?

Sincerely from Grandma

Dear Grandma, when you knit, you are really just tying one big knot. It is hard to explain exactly how in just three sentences, I will say that I found this picture to the left very helpful and interesting.

The threads are the gray and red lines.



Dear Dr. Wise, What are **kittens' whiskers** for?

Your friend, Curious Cat

Dear Curious cat,

Cats' whiskers are used for feeling their way around in the dark and for hunting (e.g. Can I fit into this hole to chase the mouse?)

Dear Dr. Wise, what is a computer virus?

Kevin Mitnick

Dear , Kevin, a computer virus is something that can do lots of things that you don't want to happen on your computer, such as opening it up as a port to make it a 'zombie computer' that is controlled totally by one or more hackers, causing it to slow down dramatically. Viruses can do other things too, such as disabling programs or repeatedly copying themselves repeatedly to your computer.

Dear Dr. Wise, People in my neck of the woods do not have tails. Why do we have tailbones?

Love, Redneck Bob

Dear Redneck Bob, If you look at a picture of a human skeleton., you can clearly see that if any miserable little creature was to surgically remove your tailbone, your legs would fall off, and you would most certainly become very unhappy. A tail doesn't always mean a long furry thing that sticks out of your rear end and wags a lot.

Dear Dr. Wise, Why do leaves change color in fall?

Love, Autumn

Dear, Autumn

Leaves change color because in the wintertime, trees live off of the food that they collected in the summertime with chlorophyll . The food making process shuts down in fall and the chlorophyll dies. Leaves eventually fall off the tree when they finish shipping their food to the trunk and are useless.

Dear Dr. Wise, How does an electric fence work?

Your friend, Cowboy Bob

Dear Bob, When you touch an electric fence (oops) you make a kind of short circuit with the wires and you, and when the shock pulse comes (Electric fences aren't continuous circuits. That means that you have to wait a while between shocks) It travels through you as opposed through the wire.

not to answer the question every time an issue comes out for the sake of the brainwashed readers?

Ultimately, Randominquisitor

Dear , Randominquisitor,

Dear Dr. Wise, why do we always have such

lame names in this section of Kaktus Kids?

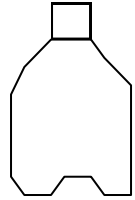
Are you trying to hide our identity for safety, or are you just a lousy two bit fraud that thinks up uncreative questions, or even more pitiful excuses, so as

Your question is too long. Please shorten your question so that we can accept your future questions in later issues of Kaktus Kids. We do not accept long questions like this one.

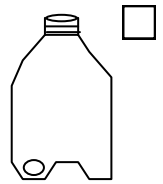
Brain teaser How-To

I made a hands-on-brain teaser / puzzle thing that's pretty easy to make with really basic supplies:

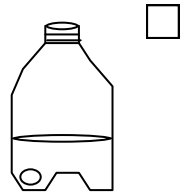
So you have an ordinary plastic disposable water bottle or whatever else you think might work:



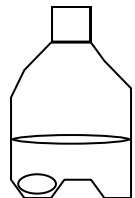
Take off the lid and shove a quarter in. it should BARELY get through the neck:



Put in a bit of water (like 1/4 full):



and screw the lid on as tightly as possible. it should be almost totally airtight.



You have to get the majority (or all if you can) of the water on one side of the bottle and the quarter on the other end.

See more at www.nerdhow.wordpress.com!

Christian's official blog!



I am Dr. Wise and I approve of this message.



Kaktus

BETTY BLONDE & THE DOORSTOPPER PLUG

I ATE THE DOORSTOPPER PLUG!!!

BUT BEFORE YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THIS AWESOME SCENE WE MUST GO BACK...

AND WE ARE BACK!

I ATE THE DOORSTOPPER PLUG!!!

DO YOU WANT ME TO ANSWER TO DO IT?

AS YOU CAN SEE, THE TECHNICAL DRAWING OF THIS IS VERY HIGH QUALITY WHICH IS WHY WE MUST THESE SCENE HAPPENINGS MOST SURELY...

DONT BE WORRY BETTY BLONDE WE CAN FIND SOME THESE IN EUROPE TO DO

OK, HEY! WHY DO IT WE WORK UP OUR LOCAL DEALER OF DOORSTOPPER PLUGS?

ESGNOO UK CARRIES STRINGS

COMPLETED DOORSTOPPER ACTUAL SIZE

HEY GUYS! I WON AN ESPION AND ACTION AND HIS DOORSTOPPER IS AT REKEL

BACK TO SQUARE ONE

GO GOLD SEARCH YOUR CLOSEST DOORSTOPPER PLUG SELLER IS 70,000 MILES AWAY IN: ESTOCRATIA

OR THEN! TO ESTOCRATIA!

BUT YOU CANT GO! HEARTALIA GETS AT WAR WITH EST NOW!

YAY! DOORSTOPPER PLUG HEAVEN HERE!

WHY DO I ALWAYS GET STUCK WITH THE WEIRD ONES!

COME!

THEY START AS BETTY IS CASUALY PLAYING WITH THE DOORSTOPPER PLUG WHEN

THERES NOTHING LIKE A GOOD DOORSTOPPER PLUG TO THING!

AAAH!

OOOH!

THEN, IT HAPPENED!

AAA-UHOO! E-UHOO!

GULP

THIS IS THE ANATOMY OF A DP:

TOP VIEW

ENHANCED SEAL AROUND RIM

NO-HOLE GROUND RICH

HIGH DEPTH

DOORSTOPPER CUP

WALL CLIFF

DOORSTOPPER XRAY VIEW

HOLDER

OK, THEN! TO ESTOCRATIA!

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WHY DO I ALWAYS GET STUCK WITH THE WEIRD ONES!

COME!

LA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA! LAA!

Komix



Kaktus Kooking & Krafts



Strawberry-Apple Jell-O

You need:

- 1 box strawberry flavored Jell-O
- 1 box cherry flavored Jell-O
- 2 apples, diced
- Crushed pecans
- As much Cool Whip as you like :)

1. Boil four cups of water and dissolve the Jell-O in it. Add four cups of cold water.
2. Put mixture in a dish and refrigerate for one hour.
2. Add apples and refrigerate until f
3. Now serve yourself a bowl of Jell-O, sprinkle some pecans on top, and smother it in Cool Whip!

Bon Appétit!



How To Knit, Part 1: The Slip Knot

You will need a pair of knitting needles (the bigger the better for beginners) and some plain yarn. Take the end of the yarn and make a loop with it. Make sure there is a big tail at the end of the loop. Now take the end of the tail and bend it in half. Stick that bended yarn into the loop, but **make sure that it doesn't go all the way through**. Put your needle through the bend, and pull both ends of the yarn of the loop. You have a slip knot! If you pull all the way, it will fall apart, so make sure it is secure on the needle.



Fresa



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Beauty & Style: Staying Modest

Combined Issue!
Kaktus Kids +
Fresa = Fun Fun
Fun!

Quiz: What's your Party Style?

Leprechaun Story by
Mariah!

AAAA!
It's all
girly!
Get me
out of
here!!!!



Susie the Social Butterfly Tips #1 and #2

Never *ever* be afraid to say hello or be friendly with other people. There are **hundreds of potential friends out there**, and you'll never know if they're nice or not if you don't try. If you do say hi, and they treat you like a weirdo, don't feel embarrassed, because you've done nothing wrong. Instead, they should be the ones that feel embarrassed!

When you meet someone new, smile, look them in the eye, and use their name frequently in conversation so you won't forget it! They will like it too.

Questions and comments to keep the conversation going (no matter how dorky they sound, try them. You'd be surprised at what people respond to):

How is school going?
Have you ever read (name of book)?
When is your next (name of sport) game?
How is (name of pet)?
Do you know (so and so)?
I like your shirt/shoes/skirt/whatever!
Have you ever been to (name of place)?

It's a new column!



Happy Birthday!

Janna C. turns 14 on March 1st
Kelly C. turns 14 on March 27th
Catherine C. Turns 25 on March 13th
Skyler C. turns 15 on March 25th
Hannah B. turns 12 on March 22d

Have a fantastic birthday everyone!



Verses to Ponder

Psalms 8:3-4 : When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Matthew 7:1 : Judge not that ye be not judged...

-KJV



Once there was a little girl leprechaun who lived on Lucky Lane and then there was the boy leprechaun who lived on Gold Lane

The little girl's name was Lucy and the boy's was Louie. they didn't know that each other existed but you see Lucky Lane and Gold Lane collided and then they turned into one full road

called Lovely Lane and one day Lucy was walking to Leprechaun Market and was looking to see if she had enough money for the market. Louie was walking to his friends house to go and hang out a while and he was looking to see if he remembered to bring his game boy and right as they were turning the corner they both collided

BAM!!!

"Ouch! That hurt!" said Lucy

"Yeah, sorry. Are you ok?" said Louie

"Yeah I think I'll survive." said Lucy

a chuckle came from Louie. "So what do you say we get up of this road and **introduce ourselves properly?" said Louie**

"Yeah maybe that would be best." said Lucy so they got up and Lucy said, "Hi my name is Lucy, and yours is?"

"Oh cool!" said Lucy .

"So where are you going?" said Louie

"To the store." said Lucy "And you?"

"To my friend's house." said Louie

"Oh cool!" said Lucy "Ok, see you tomorrow!"

"OK" said Louie

The very next day. . .

"Hey." said Lucy

"Hey." said Louie "How did you sleep **last night?"**

"Oh yeah great, great, yeah I slept **good."** said Lucy in a sort of nervous voice. "Hey Lucy." said Louie

"Yeah?" said Lucy

"I-i n-ee-d to a-s-k y-y-you somth-h-ing" said Louie in a very stuttering voice.

"Ok shoot." said Lucy

"This is kind of short notice but will you be my girlfriend?"

"Um, well I don't think I'm ready yet just because I'm just not ready but I would love to still be friends with you" said Lucy

"Yeah, you're right, way too sudden. So friends." said Louie

"Yeah, friends" said Lucy and they shook hands. Two years later Louie asked again and this time he got a...
YES!!!!!!



-Mariah C.

Quiz

What is your type of party?

- On the weekends you can be found. . .
 - Baking cookies
 - Shopping
 - Reading
 - Making a play with your friends.
 - Playing outside
- Your clothing style is best described as. . .
 - Casual and comfy
 - Fashionable and funky
 - Stylish but simple
 - Unique and totally original
 - Sporty yet sweet
- What is your favorite food of these?
 - Pasta with red sauce and Swedish meatballs
 - Strawberry-Banana smoothie
 - Steak tacos
 - Granola
 - Energy Bars
- What kind of books do you like to read?
 - Cookbooks
 - Chick-lit for teens
 - Nancy Drew
 - The Classics
 - Biographies of Athletes
- What dog breed would you like?
 - Beagle
 - Chihuahua
 - German Shepherd
 - Shih-Tzu
 - Chocolate lab
- Be honest. What is your dream job?
 - Rock-star chef.
 - Personal Hairdresser
 - Private Eye
 - Interior Decorator
 - Professional Athlete
- Your fave magazine:
 - Everyday with Rachael Ray
 - American Girl
 - Writer's Digest**
 - Craft Magazine
 - Uhh. . . The sports section of the paper?
- Where do you go to relax?
 - The kitchen
 - My closet believe it or not
 - The attic (or basement)
 - My room
 - Outside
- Where would you like to go for vacation?
 - Italy
 - Hawaii
 - Washington D.C.
 - Paris
 - Beijing (2008 Olympics)
- What word best describes you?
 - Tasteful
 - Stylish
 - Mysterious
 - Crafty
 - Athletic



See results on page 14



Beauty & Style

Spring is just around the corner, and with spring come new clothes and fashions! However, warmer weather also brings immodest clothes and I'd be lying if I said they didn't tempt the average girl. But worry not! You can still stay stylish and modest if you work at it! Here are some tips on covering up:

Shrugs:

Shrugs are a girl's best friend. They are like sweaters, only shorter, and they are light enough so you won't be sweating the whole time. They also come in many different styles and colors, so you won't be bored!

Ponchos:

Ponchos might seem passé, but you can help bring them back in style! Like shrugs, ponchos also come in tons of different varieties. Maybe your mom has some stashed away somewhere. . . She might not admit it though! ;)

Shawls:

What is more feminine than a lacy shawl draped over your shoulders? Save them for special occasions though! They are too nice to wear every day!

Cardigan Sweaters:

Every girl has one of these hanging in their closet. You can tie it across your shoulders, wear it as is, or be creative and think up your own style!

Of course, not all clothes are going to be immodest, there are plenty of styles out there that you can feel comfortable with! But if you have your doubts **about a piece of clothing, it's better to wear something else than to try and cover it up.** These are just some ideas for those times when you are absolutely desperate!

How to Dress up your Hair

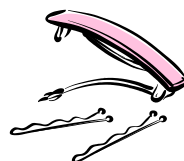
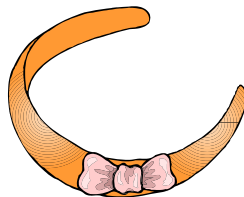
Is your Sunday hair routine (or daily hair routine for that matter) giving you the blahs? Are you tired of a plain old bun, braid or ponytail? Spice it up with hair pretties like:

Headbands : They come in so many styles and colors!

Barrettes : Not just for little girls. Get a fancy sparkly one made out of rhinestones.

Flowers : Nothing looks prettier than a flower pinned to your hair! They look fabulous on a boring old bun.

Clips : Use a shiny sparkly colorful one to put your hair up. You will get tons of compli-



"The Back"

Dear Readers,

We apologize for the long break from Kaktus Kids. We recently moved, and we were unable to produce magazines on a regular basis. But now we promise to do so! We have decided to combine Kaktus Kids with another shorter magazine for girls called **Fresa**. **This will help us tremendously, as we usually don't** have enough material for both magazines, but if we combine them then we have one larger magazine. Fresa is directed towards **girls 11 and up, but that doesn't make all of Kaktus Kids girls only!** Kaktus Kids is still for everyone, boys and girls, any age. As always, your contributions are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your patience and cooperation loyal readers!

Your Friends,
The Editors and Spike

They *never* let me write the letters!



From Page 12

If you chose mostly A's you would have tons of fun with a cooking party. Make homemade pizza and cookies, and serve them on a fancy table. Play opera music to set the mood.

If you chose mostly B's you would enjoy a spa party. Do facials, manicures and pedicures, and listen to classical music while you chillax. **Drink some of your smoothies while you're at it!**

If you chose mostly C's you would like a mystery party. You could try a murder mystery dinner party. They are sold online, and basically, everyone dresses up as a suspect and tries to solve a mystery.

If you chose mostly D's a scrapbooking party is right up your alley. Buy little scrapbooks for everyone, and ask them to bring some photos. You can provide stickers, paper, glue, sparkles and more to make cute scrapbooks!

If you chose mostly E's then a sports party would be very fun for you. Organize a game of your favorite sport and divide everyone into two teams to play it! Drink Gatorade and eat energy bars later.