



The Honeycomb

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Proverbs 16:24

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Cathedral Caverns and Farewell!

On Memorial Day, my parents decided to take us to Cathedral Caverns. It was the first time for all of us except for my daddy. It was very fun. We enjoyed it a lot.

Cathedral Caverns is Alabama's newest state park. Its entrance is very large and it has a high ceiling. We saw many stalagmites and stalactites. The "Goliath", a stalagmite column inside the cave, is believed to be the world's tallest column. It is 45 feet tall!

There are so many other wonderful sights and formations in the cave. I especially love the "Stalagmite Forest", the "Frozen Waterfall" and the "Mystery River". If you visit Alabama, you need to visit Cathedral Caverns. It is a beautiful natural wonder.

With this issue, we say goodbye. The first issue of the Honeycomb was published in August 2005, nearly two years ago. Mama and I think it's time to take a break from it. We had fun doing it together and I hope you had fun reading it. Thank you to ALL of you who supported this newsletter. God bless you.

Giggles and Riddles

1. How is an eye doctor like a teacher? *They both test pupils.*
2. Why did the banana go to the doctor? *It wasn't peeling well.*
3. How do you tell a girl stone from a boy stone? *He is a little Boulder.*
4. What did the egg say when it hatched? *What an eggsperience.*
5. Why does a flamingo lift one leg? *If it lifts both it will fall.*
6. What is pointed in one direction and headed in the other? *A pin.*
7. What did the necklace say to the hat? *You go ahead. I'll hang around.*

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Happy Father's Day
to all the fathers
reading this! God
bless you today and
always!

A Father's Day Poem and Craft

How about writing a little poem for your father on Father's Day? A cinquain is a 5-line poem. It is pronounced as "sin-kane". There are a three forms of cinquain. Here is one of them.

Line 1: Write a noun.

Line 2: Write two adjectives describing the noun on Line 1;

Line 3: Write 3 words ending with -ing (action words) that describe what the noun on Line 1 might do;

Line 4: Write a phrase describing the noun on Line 1; and

Line 5: Write a synonym of the word on Line 1.

I wrote this for my father.

Daddy Kind, wonderful Loving, helping, caring The best father I know of Guide



After you have written your cinquain on a white sheet of paper, cut out the poem in the shape of a heart. Then glue the poem over another piece of heart-shaped construction paper. The second heart could be in your father's favorite color. On the back of the heart, write "Happy Father's Day" and the year. Of course you can decorate the hearts if you want. You also tape a loop of string on the back.

How Caves are Formed

After the visit to Cathedral Caverns, I enjoyed reading more about how caves are formed.

Limestone Caves - In areas where there are thick layers of limestone, rain trickles down through the soil and turns slightly acidic from carbon dioxide and plants decaying in the ground. The slightly acidic water can dissolve the carbonates in limestone. The water goes down until it reaches underground streams. Over a period of time, these acidic streams can dissolve large chunks of limestone. Sometimes as limestone dissolves, it leaves big underground rooms.

Ocean Caves - Sometime as ocean waves pound on the rocks, they hollow out a cave.

Caves in the Bible

Did you know that caves were mentioned many times in the Bible? Here are some of them.

1. The first time cave mentioned was in the story of Lot. After he and his family escaped from Sodom, he dwelt in a cave with his two daughters. (Genesis 19:30)

2. Next we read of the cave which Abraham purchased to bury Sarah. That cave also became the burying-place for Abraham, Isaac, Rebekah, Leah and Jacob (Genesis 49:31; Genesis 50:13)

3. Remember when David ran away from Saul? He hid in an immense natural cavern (1 Samuel 22:1-2) called the cave of Adullam.

4. The cave of En Gedi was where David cut off part of Saul's robe. (1 Samuel 23:29)

5. Psalm 142 was a psalm by David and that was written in a cave.

6. Lazarus was placed in a cave before Jesus brought him back to life. (John 11:38-40)

7. Jesus' tomb was a cave. (Matthew 27:60)

Happy Father's Day

This poem is specially dedicated to my dearest daddy. I love you, daddy!

My daddy is special,
He loves me very much.
He reads to me, too.
Maybe about bunnies in a hutch.
He hugs me a lot.
He plays with me every day.
And all the places he takes me
All I can't say.
He goes outside with me.
And tells me stories too.
He buys me things, as well-
Maybe some new shoes.
He talks to me.
He shows me things.
That's why I say...
Happy Father's Day.

Michiko Gibson, June, 2007.

Stalactites and Stalagmites

Stalactites hang tight to the roof.

Stalagmites might grow to the roof
one day!

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What Kind of Pollution?

Did you know there's a kind of pollution called light pollution?

It's true! No, it's not where the light we use becomes bad or anything, but it shows up when we use too much (and the wrong kind) of light at night. Then, we can't see the stars anymore because the sky background is too bright. It's getting to be a real problem and unless you live out away from a city, you can see light pollution in your night skies.

Here's a couple of photos - the one on the left shows a nice dark night sky out away from bad lighting. Looks fine, doesn't it? Now look at the same area of the sky, but with lots of light pollution. How different (and not a good kind of different, either!).

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So what can we do about light pollution? We can't stop living in cities, and we can't give up all our outdoor lighting. But we can make some changes that will really help the night sky to look a lot better when seen from our cities.

To stop light pollution, we need to change the way we use lighting outdoors. Today there are good alternative ways to light places outdoors that need it that do not light up the sky. More people need to be aware of this, especially people (city councils, builders, etc) that make decisions about what kind of lights to put up outdoors.

So, if we can get all the lights pointed down instead of up, then we'll be able to see the stars again - how wonderful!