

## GOD'S WORD

**"You can be sure that no one who ... is greedy, or who values anything as more important than God can have a part in the kingdom of Christ and God" (Ephesians 5:5, Clear Word).\***

## A Trip to Masai Mara

**N**eeQua and Billy were not really bad children. The problem was that NeeQua liked watching TV all the time, and Billy liked fiddling with his mobile phone. It made Dad and Mom very sad that the children enjoyed playing with their gadgets more than attending family worship.

Their father, an auditor, traveled a lot and had received lots of frequent flyer miles. One day he told his family that they would use his frequent flyer miles and travel to Kenya to see animals at the Masai Mara game reserve.

Dad took his smartphone and satellite phone, and Mom carried her mobile phone. These phones could get a signal anywhere in the world. After many hours of flying, the family arrived in Nairobi, Kenya. They enjoyed a good night's rest before departing in the morning for Masai Mara, which was about 170 miles west of Nairobi.

About four hours later they arrived at the game reserve. It was breathtaking. They saw animals as far as their eyes could see. But after a number of hours they began to get worried, because they hadn't seen any lions. Then they saw a car flash its lights. Their driver told them that the flashing lights meant there were lions ahead.

Soon they were thrilled to see a pride of lions

sleeping under an anthill. They joined the semi-circle of cars, and Dad took lots of pictures. Since they were the last ones to arrive, all of the cars had gone by the time the family decided to start off for Nairobi. The driver turned the ignition key, and all they heard was a clicking sound. He tried again and again. Nothing happened.

Dad and Mom looked at their mobile phones. They had no signal. Even Dad's satellite phone did not work. Everyone was horrified when they saw the lions stand up and walk toward the car. Dad suggested that they pray. NeeQua and Billy did not even complain. Dad's prayer was short: "Lord, help our car to start. Amen." He then told the driver to start the car. You could almost hear five hearts beating frantically.

The car responded with a roaring sound, and the fearful lions scampered away. After arriving in their hotel room, NeeQua and Billy looked at their parents and told them that they were sorry they valued their gadgets more than they valued prayer. They asked for forgiveness. Dad and Mom were thrilled and told their children that technology may fail them, but they could always depend upon prayer. This experience helped the children not only to love prayer but also to become very obedient in everything. And they learned to value God more than anything.

### ACTIVITY

Hidden in the activity below is a sentence explaining how you can help your friends value God more than anything. To find out the sentence, write the colored words in the boxes on the lines matching the color.

involved with boys and	Help them	hopeless life
not to get	lead them into a	girls who will try to

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(BROWN)

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The sentence you have written above is paraphrased from Ephesians 5:11.

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