



I'm Smart  
Kevin's Big Discovery

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***“For the LORD gives wisdom;  
from his mouth come knowledge  
and understanding.”***

***(Proverbs 2:6)***



"Hello Dad! Welcome back!!" Kevin shouted. He rushed to welcome his dad before he reached the front porch, and grabbed his briefcase.

"Hey, Son," his father replied with a quizzical look, wondering what the excitement was all about. "You seem so excited; what happened at school today?"

"I'm smart, Dad! I'm really smart!" Kevin announced with confidence.



Kevin's father wondered what his son was talking about, "Smart? What do you mean, Kevin?"

"I found out from God's Word that I'm smart!" Kevin said excitedly.

"O-o-ok," his dad said slowly and sat on the sofa in the sitting room.

"I'm impressed by your new attitude... it's like a complete new you."

"Yes, dad," Kevin replied. "I'm a new person, and smarter too."

"I see," said his father. "Sit down and tell me all about it."

Kevin plopped down on the sofa next to his dad, and told him what happened in school that day.



It was time for recess, and all the kids rushed to the playground.  
"What game do we play today?" asked Bob, the biggest boy in Kevin's class.  
"I know! I know!" shouted Ryan. "Let's play the Word-Ball Game!"  
Everyone was excited to play the game...everyone except Kevin.







The game was about who threw the most balls in the basket, but the reason it was called the Word-Ball game was because each player had to answer a question correctly before throwing a ball. Kevin didn't like the game because he couldn't spell words like the other kids. Before he could think through it, Ryan had picked him. "Hey Kevin, you're up first," Ryan said. So, Kevin stepped forward, and stood in front of the group.

"The tallest mountain in the world is Mount Everest," Ryan said. "Spell Mount Everest."

"M-O-U-N-T," Kevin spelt, "E-V-A - em, E-V-R -, em..."

Kevin was stuck. He was shaking like a leaf in the wind, and just as Ryan was about to ask another question, he spoke up with trembling voice.

"Stop!" Kevin said, "I don't want to play this game anymore!"

The other kids laughed and poked fun at him, "Aaaw, c'mon Kevin; don't be such a sissy!"

"Kevin is a dumbo" they all chorused and laughed.



With tears welling up in Kevin's eyes, he covered his face with his hands and ran back into the class, almost knocking over Miss Sophia who was standing by the door. He got to his seat, put his head on his desk, and cried.



Miss Sophia walked up to him, and tried to get him to raise his head, "What's the matter, Kevin? Tell me what happened out there."

"I'm not smart!" he sobbed. "Everyone thinks I'm a dumbo." Miss Sophia pulled up a chair and sat close to him.

"Come on now Kevin, what happened at the playground?" she asked in a consoling tone.



Still sobbing, Kevin raised his head from his desk and told Miss Sophia what just happened.

"You're not a dumbo," she said as she wiped his eyes with a hanky.

"But I'm not as smart as the other kids," he retorted.

"It doesn't matter," she said with a calm smile.

"But you can actually be as smart as any kid out there."

"Why do you say that?" he asked.

"Let me tell you a beautiful story from the Bible," she replied.



"The Bible? That special book about God?" Kevin queried.

"Yes!" Miss Sophia replied.

Kevin's eyes lit up, and he became curious to hear this story Miss Sophia was about to tell him.



Miss Sophia continued, "Jesus was twelve years old when He went with His parents to Jerusalem for a special event called the Passover. When it was over and they were on their way home, His parents realized after going quite some distance that Jesus wasn't with them. He had stayed back at the Temple. Can you guess what He was doing there?"

Kevin shook his head quickly, urging her to get on with the story.



Miss Sophia obliged him:

“He was with the Jewish teachers in the Temple, listening to them teach, and asking them questions relating to God's laws. He even answered some of their questions too, and His answers made the teachers wonder how a boy that age could be so smart. And do you know what?”

“What?” Kevin asked eagerly.

“As Jesus grew older, He became more and more intelligent!”



“Wow! Is He the same One who died on the Cross?”  
Miss Sophia smiled and nodded.  
“He died so you and I would have a beautiful life,  
which includes being smart,” she said.



Kevin's face brightened up, "Do I have to do anything to have this beautiful life?"  
"Yes, you have to be born again," Miss Sophia replied.  
"I've heard that before, but I don't know how," he said.  
"It's pretty simple," Miss Sophia said. "All you have to do is confess that Jesus is Lord of your life, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead."  
Kevin was silent for a while as he thought about it, and then he said, "Yes, I'll do it! I want to be born again!!"  
Miss Sophia held his hands and said, "Let's pray."



She led him in the prayer of salvation and asked him to repeat these words after her:

“O Lord God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus Christ. Your Word says that if I confess with my mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead, I would be saved. I ask Jesus to come into my heart to be the Lord of my life from today.

I declare that I have received eternal life into my spirit and I am born again; I am saved;

I am a child of God! I have Christ dwelling in me, and I walk in the consciousness of my new life in Him from today. Thank you Father for making me your child, in Jesus' Name, Amen!



Afterward, she read some Bible verses to Kevin and said to him, "Now that you're born again, you're smart. Your classmates won't make fun of you anymore!" Kevin's dad had been listening to his fascinating story with rapt attention all this time.

"Hmmm...very interesting indeed," he said thoughtfully when Kevin was done.

"What are you going to do now that you're smart?"

"Don't worry dad," Kevin replied. "Soon, you'll see me doing everything God says I can do."

"I can't wait to see it, son," his dad replied encouragingly.



Later that evening, Kevin thought about one of the Bible verses Miss Sophia read to him, "You're God's children. He sent Christ Jesus to save us and to make us wise, acceptable, and holy." (1 Corinthians 1:30 CEV). He smiled, and said under his breath, "Thank you Jesus for making me smart." Then he stood up and began to say, "I'm wise; I'm smart; I've got a sound mind; the wisdom of God is at work in me ..."



Kevin asked his dad if he could join their neighbour to church on Sunday. His dad agreed he could. In the days that followed, Kevin learnt more about his beautiful life in Christ as he studied his Bible, and attended the Sunday School.



Some weeks later, Kevin's school was chosen to take part in a Spelling Bee organised by the School District. Kevin decided to take part in the competition to represent the third Grade. "Since Jesus has made me smart, I can win," he thought to himself.





When his classmates got to hear Kevin was in the competition, they taunted him.

“Kevin? The Spelling Bee? Ha ha ha!” Ryan scoffed. “Kevin can’t even spell the name of his street!”

Kevin ignored him and the other kids that mocked him, and focused on practising his spellings.

On the day of the competition, the school hall was filled with students from the district. Kevin's classmates were all there, too, including Ryan and Bob, who came not to cheer Kevin, but to laugh at him. Kevin sat with the other kids who were also in the competition.



Several kids went up the stage before it was Kevin's turn. All the children did well. "Kevin, could you please step forward," one of the judges announced.



Kevin stood up and as he walked towards the stage, he muttered under his breath, "I'm wise; I'm smart; I've got a sound mind; the wisdom of God is at work in me..."



One of the judges said to Kevin, "You'll be given five words to spell."  
Kevin nodded, and stepped up to the microphone.



He was given the first word, the second, third, fourth, and fifth words, and to the surprise of his classmates, especially Ryan and Bob, Kevin spelt all the words correctly!

"What!" Ryan exclaimed. "When did Kevin become so smart?"

"Don't ask me; I don't know," Bob replied.



The competition got to its final stage, and only Kevin and another boy, Fred, made it to the final round. The winner would get to represent the entire School District at the National Spelling Bee. Kevin's classmates were amazed, wondering how he did it. They didn't know what to expect next, so they just watched in silence.



It was a tight competition; both of them were really good!

“Okay boys,” one of the judges said. “We're down to the final word. If either of you wins, you get to represent the 3rd Grade. But, if both of you win, then we will have a rematch.”



Fred had the first go but he missed the word! He couldn't spell METICULOSITY correctly. He spelt it as M-E-T-I-C-U-L-O-U-S-I-T-Y.



“Kevin, it's your turn,” one of the judges said. And as the judge was about to call out the word to spell, Kevin quickly muttered under his breath, “The Holy Spirit is my Teacher.”



The judge called out the word, "Spell CHIHUAHUA."

The whole hall was silent; you could actually hear a pin drop. Even Kevin's breathing could be heard from the microphone in front of him. He closed his eyes for a few seconds then spelt the word, "C-H-I-H-U-A-H-U-A, CHIHUAHUA."



Everyone turned to look at the judges, anxiously waiting for what they had to say. "Kevin... you are absolutely correct!" the female judge said excitedly.



The hall was filled with a loud applause and joyous screams. Kevin was the winner! Ryan was too shocked to say anything. Bob just stared with his mouth wide open.



A few minutes after the competition ended, Ryan and Bob walked up to Kevin. He was seated beside Miss Sophia and was beaming with smiles. Ryan spoke first, "Er... that was..." Bob finished off the sentence for Ryan, "AWESOME!" "What happened to you? You were never this smart?" Ryan asked. "Jesus helped me," Kevin replied. "Jesus? Who's Jesus?" Ryan asked.



Kevin told them about Jesus and God's love. Ryan and Bob listened with rapt attention, and gave their hearts to Jesus. Kevin was so excited for them, and thanked God for everything that happened that day.



Kevin's father walked up to him and patted him on the back, "Hey, Smarty, I'm so proud of you."

"Thank you, Dad," Kevin replied.

"You sure did a great job out there," Kevin's dad said.

"I know, Dad," Kevin smiled and tapped his temple, "that's because I'm smart."

"Of course you are," his dad said proudly. "I always knew you were a smart kid!"



# What The Bible Says

Here are some verses about people in the Bible who were smart because of their relationship with God.

**(1) Daniel and his friends.**

**“As for these four young men, God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.” (Daniel 1:17)**

**(2) Joseph**

**“Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “...there is no one as discerning and wise as you.” (Genesis 41:39)**

**(3) Peter & John**

**“Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.” (Acts 4:13)**

**(4) King Solomon**

**“Then God said to him: “...behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you.” (1 Kings 3:11-12)**

**(5) Moses**

**“And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds.” (Acts 7:22)**



# A Lesson For You

**God sent Jesus to the world to save you, so you would have a beautiful life just like Him.**

**That means when you make Jesus your Lord and Saviour, you become like Him (“...as He is, so are we in this world” 1 John 4:17 NKJV).**

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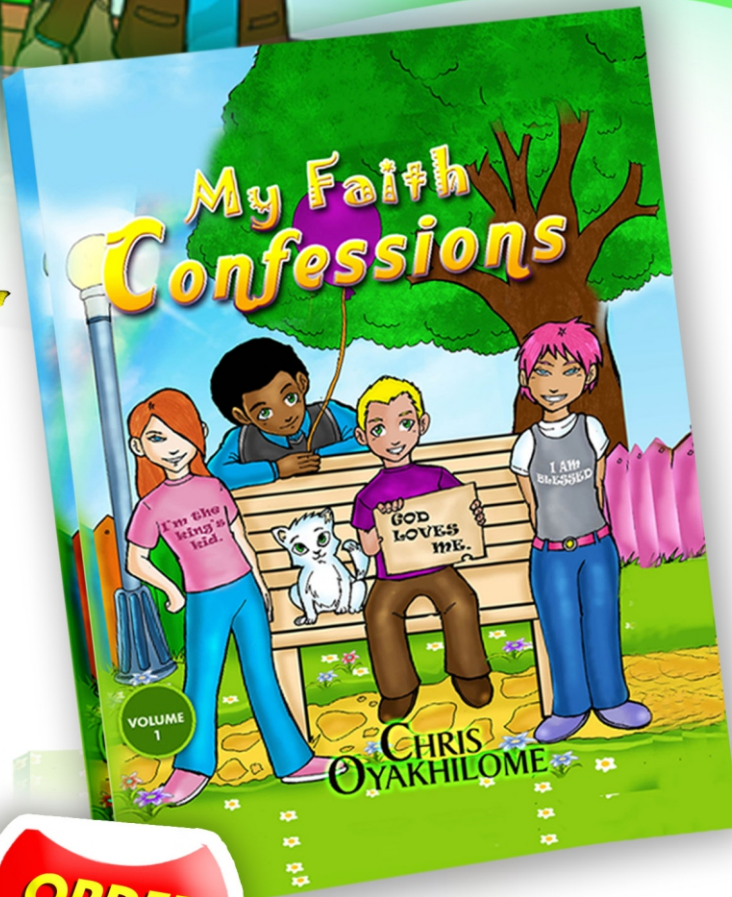
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