

Dear friends,

In the last “When Swing Was King” activity packet we sent to you, Denny opened things up with reminiscences from his working life before Vital Signs Ministries. He asked me if I would follow suit with this packet and I said I’d be honored to do so. So here goes. I grew up in a family of 8 children and, being one of the older ones, I did an awful lot of babysitting, first for my siblings and then later around the neighborhood. Also, I worked at a dry cleaners and was a waitress at Walgreens. One of the memorable chores I had at that last place was cutting the Jello into squares, placing it in fancy little bowls, and then dolloping out whipped cream on top! Oh my; the things that stick out in our memories.



But my favorite job from my younger years was working at the Lincoln city playgrounds during the summer. High school kids (like me) and college students were hired to oversee such activities as softball teams, crafts, games, and contests. By the way, the college students were usually N.U. football players.

One of the ways we promoted our program was a Saturday TV show which highlighted the variety of things we offered the kids of Lincoln. One Saturday I was on the show because our softball team was doing so well. But on another, I was one of the high school girls who was awkwardly hauled across the line by those hulking football players as we demonstrated a tug of war contest. Needless to say, I heard a lot about that show from my friends...and for years afterward too!

Following high school, I was a nurse aide; I worked at the city auditorium in Omaha under Charlie Mancuso; and I then taught high school English at Bellevue East for 10 years. Finally, in 1986 I went full time with Vital Signs Ministries. This has been, by far, my most rewarding employment for me because I get to serve the Lord side by side with Denny.

We continue in fervent prayer for all of you and we are so looking forward to when we can see you in person. We hope you enjoy this packet. Denny works hard at creating them but he loves doing something that might be a lift to your spirit, a stimulant to your memory, and a reminder that you have lived in wonderfully interesting times. Blessings,

Claire Hartford (for Denny too)

Multiple Choice Questions

- 1) Which of these were **NOT** regular characters on *Gilligan's Island*?
 - A) The Professor
 - B) The Dentist
 - C) Ginger
 - D) The Skipper

- 2) In these TV ads for bathroom tissue, Mr. Whipple was always pleading...
 - A) "Please don't squeeze the Charmin."
 - B) "Why won't they let me alone?"
 - C) "Don't buy that other brand, Lex."
 - D) "But Northern knows best."

- 3) From the Andrew Sisters hit song, who "was a famous trumpet man from out Chicago way?"
 - A) The Windy City Wonder
 - B) Little Boy Blue
 - C) Horatio H. Hornblower
 - D) The Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Company B

- 4) What insurance ad sings, "Like a good neighbor _____ is there."
 - A) Liberty Mutual
 - B) American Family
 - C) State Farm
 - D) Johnson & Johnson

- 5) "Moonlight and love songs never out of date, hearts full of passion, jealousy and hate. Woman needs man and man must have his mate, that no one can deny." These come from...
 - A) "Fly Me to the Moon"
 - B) "As Time Goes By"
 - C) "Sentimental Journey"
 - D) "It Had To Be You"

- 6) John, Paul, George, and Ringo were known collectively as...
 - A) *The Rolling Stones*
 - B) *The 4 Seasons*
 - C) *The Beatles*
 - D) *The Monkees*

- 7) Which of these were **NOT** popular children's games to be played outside?
 - A) Hide and seek
 - B) Kick the can
 - C) Hopscotch
 - D) Old Maid

- 8) The "Windy City" is:
 - A) Chicago, Illinois
 - B) Seattle, Washington
 - C) Frisco, Colorado
 - D) Tulsa, Oklahoma

- 9) Which is the next line after "Rock-a-bye your baby with a Dixie melody?"
 - A) "There's no more behind the door, so go on home, baby."
 - B) "When you croon, croon a tune from the heart of Dixie."
 - C) "The baby's sweet; she'll not meet any Yankees in her sleep."
 - D) "There will be time to make the climb to the bunk bed after tea."

- 10) Which of these were **NOT** a candy treat available at the movie concession stand in the 1940s and 1950s?
 - A) Milk Duds
 - B) Raisinets
 - C) Good and Plenty
 - D) Cotton candy

11) What child's book stars a lovable, rotund, honey-loving bear along with such friends as friends Piglet, Eeyore, and Christopher Robin?

- A) *Winnie the Pooh*
- B) *Charlotte's Web*
- C) *The Secret Garden*
- D) *Old Yeller*

12) What city will you find just east of Pikes Peak?

- A) Denver
- B) Aspen
- C) Colorado Springs
- D) Vail

13) What was the answer to this jingle: "Ask any mermaid you happen to see, What's the best tuna?"

- A) Starkist
- B) Kroger's Finest
- C) Chicken of the Sea
- D) Swanson's

14) The songs "Beyond the Sea," "Splish Splash," "Dream Lover," and "Mack The Knife" were all hits for:

- A) The Righteous Brothers
- B) Bobby Darin
- C) Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra
- D) Louis Armstrong

15) "Toto, I've got a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore" and "There's no place like home" are famous lines from:

- A) *The Wizard of Oz*
- B) *Lost Horizon*
- C) *Charlie Chan In Berlin*
- D) *Casablanca*

16) Can you finish this tagline used in ads by Clairol Shampoo: "If I have but one life to live..."

- A) "...let me stray from the grey!"
- B) "...I want Clairol in my corner."
- C) "...at least my hair will look great."
- D) "...let me live it as a blonde!"

17) In Vaughn Monroe's "Red Roses for a Blue Lady," what does he promise the florist "if they do the trick" he will "hurry back to pick" what?

- A) "Another dozen for her trousseau."
- B) "A single red gardenia for her hair."
- C) "Your best white orchid for her wedding gown."
- D) "A second order of roses for her dear mother."

18) Who was the Confederate president during the Civil War?

- A) Jefferson Davis
- B) Stonewall Jackson
- C) Robert E. Lee
- D) Sam Houston

19) "You're soaking in it!" That's how Madge always surprised her manicure clients. Well, just what product *were* they soaking their hands in?

- A) Bertolli olive oil
- B) Palmolive dish detergent
- C) Mrs. Butterworth's pancake syrup
- D) Jergen's hand lotion

20) Wendy, Tinker Bell, Captain Hook, and a hungry crocodile all show up in what children's classic?

- A) *Swiss Family Robinson*
- B) *Treasure Island*
- C) *Grimm's Fairy Tales*
- D) *Peter Pan*

21) In the 1960s, who was famous for singing “Tiptoe Through the Tulips” on Johnny Carson's *Tonight Show*?

- A) Tiny Tim
- B) Bob Dylan
- C) Spike Jones
- D) Andy Warhol

22) The state song of Georgia, written by Hoagy Carmichael in 1930 and later associated with Ray Charles, is:

- A) “Sweet Georgia Brown”
- B) “Midnight Train to Georgia”
- C) “Rainy Night in Georgia”
- D) “Georgia On My Mind”

23) What 1939 classic movie starred Clark Gable, Vivien Leigh, Leslie Howard, Olivia de Havilland, and Hattie McDaniel?

- A) *Goodbye, Mr. Chips*
- B) *Gone With The Wind*
- C) *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*
- D) *Gunga Din*

24) The name of the ship that brought the Pilgrims to America was...

- A) *Bon Homme Richard*
- B) *Santa Maria*
- C) *Mayflower*
- D) *Victory*

25) What company uses this logo?

- A) Rabbit Inc.
- B) Miller Brewing
- C) McDonald's
- D) M&M Candy



26) According to the song, “Every time it rains...”

- A) ...it brings love everlasting.”
- B) ...it rains pennies from heaven.”
- C) ...you know an angel is crying.”
- D) ...I know you will still love me.”

27) The Statue of Liberty was a gift to the U.S. from which country?

- A) Russia
- B) England
- C) Germany
- D) France

28) The famous pair of entertainers who sang “Indian Love Call” in 1936 movie *Rose Marie* were:

- A) Nelson Eddy & Jeanette MacDonald
- B) Phil Harris & Alice Faye
- C) Fred Astaire & Ginger Rogers
- D) Bing & Dixie Crosby

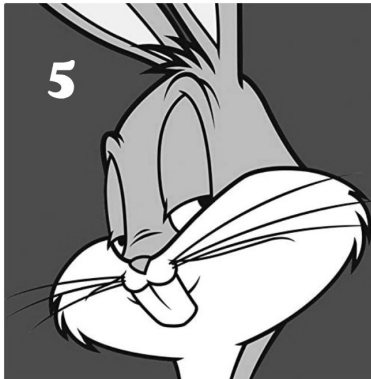
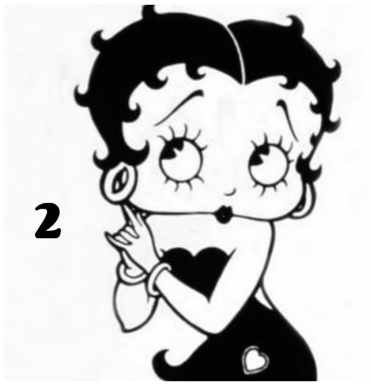
29) What company's ads invited the public to “leave the driving to us?”

- A) Greyhound
- B) Yellow Taxi
- C) Union Pacific
- D) Hertz

30) In the 1934 film *Bright Eyes*, a young girl sang “On the Good Ship Lollipop” which became her signature tune thereafter. That actress was:

- A) Margaret Rutherford
- B) Judy Garland
- C) Shirley Temple
- D) Annette Funicello

Can You Identify These Cartoon Characters?



- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

- 6) _____
- 7) _____
- 8) _____
- 9) _____

Points to Ponder

From George Washington Carver:

“I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting station, through which God speaks to us every hour, if we will only tune in.”

“There is no short cut to achievement.
Life requires thorough preparation - veneer isn't worth anything.”

“How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these.”

From Winston Churchill:

“The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity.
The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.”

“You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something in your life.”

“Never, never, never give up.”

From the Old Testament Book of Proverbs:

“Better is a dish of vegetables where love is
than a fattened ox served with hatred.” (Proverbs 15:17, NASB)

“A joyful heart is good medicine,
but a broken spirit dries up the bones.” (Proverbs 17:22, NASB)

“Every word of God is tested;
He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.” (Proverbs 30:5, NASB)

What Comes Next in This Song Lyric?

- 1) “Chicks and ducks and geese better scurry, when I take you out in the surrey...”
- 2) “He's got the whole world in his hands...”
- 3) “Some enchanted evening, you may see a stranger...”
- 4) “Anything you can do, I can do better...”
- 5) “You'll never know how many dreams I've dreamed about you...”
- 6) “Got my bag, got my reservation; spent each dime I could afford...”
- 7) “Don't know why there's no sun up in the sky...”
- 8) “Who's sorry now? Who's sorry now?...”
- 9) “Well, I'm packin' my grip and I'm leavin' today...”
- 10) “That certain night, the night we met there was magic abroad in the air.
There were angels dining at the Ritz...”



Fill in the Blank Questions

- 1) Which president used the phrase “speak softly and carry a big stick?”
- 2) What animal character was used in public service ads by the U.S. Forest Service to warn, “Only **YOU** can prevent forest fires?”
- 3) Where would you find the engine in a Volkswagen Beetle?
- 4) What household device from “back in the day” featured vertical control, horizontal control, and often need “rabbit ears” to work properly?
- 5) The plays *Macbeth*, *Hamlet*, *Othello*, and *Romeo and Juliet* were written by...
- 6) What 4 things did a bride once wear on her wedding day for good luck?
- 7) “Well, if they'd free me from this prison, if that railroad train was mine, I bet I'd move just a little further down the line. Far from Folsom prison, that's where I want to stay. And I'd let that lonesome whistle blow my blues away.” What country music legend recorded this song in 1955 and then later in 1968 when it went to Number 1?
- 8) In what country did Mother Teresa serve the poor, the ill, and orphaned children?
- 9) Who “went to the cupboard to get her poor dog a bone?”
- 10) If you met a man who was wearing a kilt, what country would you guess he most likely came from?

The Answers!

Multiple Choice Questions

- 1) B
- 2) A
- 3) D
- 4) C
- 5) B

- 6) C
- 7) D
- 8) A
- 9) B
- 10) D

- 11) A
- 12) C
- 13) C
- 14) B
- 15) A

- 16) D
- 17) C
- 18) A
- 19) B
- 20) D

- 21) A
- 22) D
- 23) B
- 24) C
- 25) C

- 26) B
- 27) D
- 28) A
- 29) A
- 30) C

Can You Identify These Cartoon Characters?

- 1) Donald Duck
- 2) Betty Boop
- 3) Lady & the Tramp
- 4) Snoopy
- 5) Bugs Bunny
- 6) Yogi Bear
- 7) Fred Flintstone
- 8) Pluto
- 9) Pogo

What Comes Next in This Song Lyric?

- 1) "When I take you out in the surrey with the fringe on top."
- 2) "He's got the whole wide world in His hands."
- 3) "You may see a stranger across a crowded room."
- 4) "I can do anything better than you."
- 5) "Or just how empty they all seemed without you. So kiss me once, then kiss me twice, then kiss me once again. It's been a long, long time."
- 6) "Like a child in wild anticipation, long to hear that 'All aboard.'"
- 7) "Stormy weather, since my man and I ain't together."

8) "Who's heart is aching for breaking each vow?"

9) "Cause I'm takin' a trip, California way."

10) "And a nightingale sang in Berkeley Square."

Fill in the Blank Questions

- 1) Teddy Roosevelt
- 2) Smokey the Bear
- 3) In the rear of the car
- 4) A television set
- 5) William Shakespeare
- 6) Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue
- 7) Johnny Cash
- 8) India
- 9) Old Mother Hubbard
- 10) Scotland