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A DAY in the HOMESCHOOL DEPARTMENT

As Christian Light grew in the 1980s, it encountered a rapidly growing homeschool movement which was serious about Christian education. As these families moved into challenging new territory, a special department was formed to help homeschooling parents succeed, especially those enrolled in our Homeschool Plus program. We are thankful for the opportunity to serve homeschoolers. This fictional story will give you a peek into our homeschool office and its interaction with others.

THE BELL RINGS. It is 8:00. Everything is quiet—but not for long. Soon all of the employees' voices swell together in harmony as we sing a hymn of praise. After morning devotions, we all scatter to our own departments to begin our day of work.

In the Homeschool Department, usually the phones start ringing by the time we reach our desks. When a counselor answers the phone, the caller introduces herself as Paula Star, a Homeschool Plus student. She wonders why the recipe for fried apples in the Home Economics course didn't turn out. It had a very strong cinnamon flavor. After the counselor verifies that she put in all the ingredients just as the recipe called for, Paula realizes that she put in 2 tablespoons instead of 2 teaspoons of cinnamon.

While one counselor is trying to figure out this

problem, the phone rings again. This time another counselor answers and talks to Amarya Licegali from India, whose son is enrolled in Homeschool Plus. As she is filling out the Academic Projection for her son Joshua, she wonders if Apologia General Science is acceptable as one of the required science credits for the Academic Diploma. The counselor tells her that it cannot be used as one of the required sciences for the Academic Diploma since it is an 8th grade course.

As another counselor enters grades from a Quarterly Progress Report, a frustrated mother from Bethel, Vermont, calls wanting advice on dealing with her son's frequent transpositions of letters. She said he recently wrote, "Davdi rides a muel on Teusdays."

After lunch, the counselors continue to work on entering scores from Quarterly Progress Reports. One of the counselors notices that the scores for one student are extremely low. After looking at the total number of points possible on a few of the LightUnit tests, she soon realizes that the family reported raw scores. A quick call to the family takes care of this problem as she explains that scores are to be reported as percentages.

About 4:00 as one of the counselors corresponds with another customer by e-mail, the phone rings again. This time it is Jill Jones. She is requesting that we send her daughter's transcript to Calvary Christian College. The counselor assures her that we can send it, but Jill will need to send a signed request, since the transcript is an official document. Jill Jones sighs in relief, having expected a much more complicated process.

Before the counselors realize, the bell rings again. It is 5:00. Another day has passed in the Homeschool Department. ■





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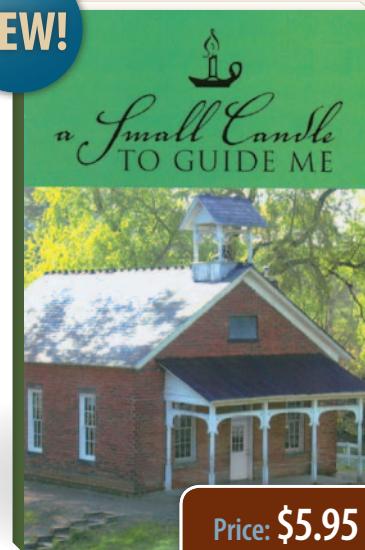
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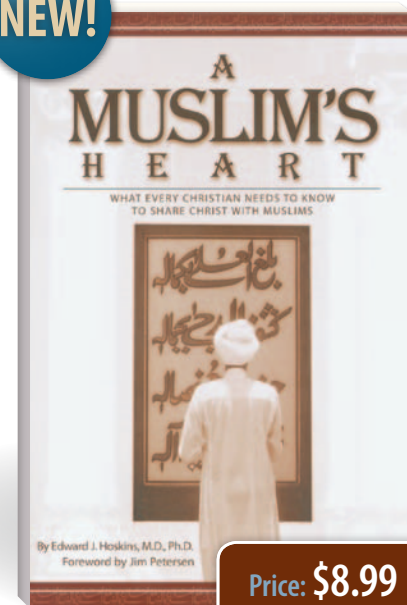
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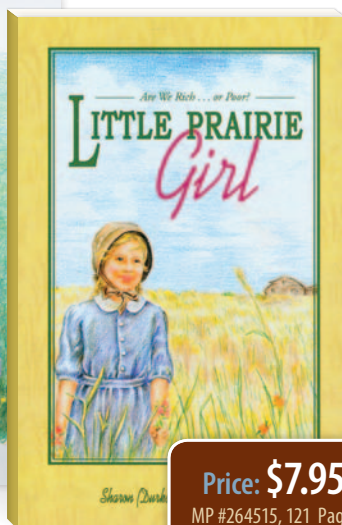


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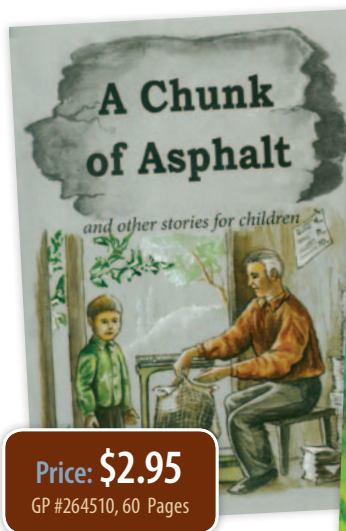
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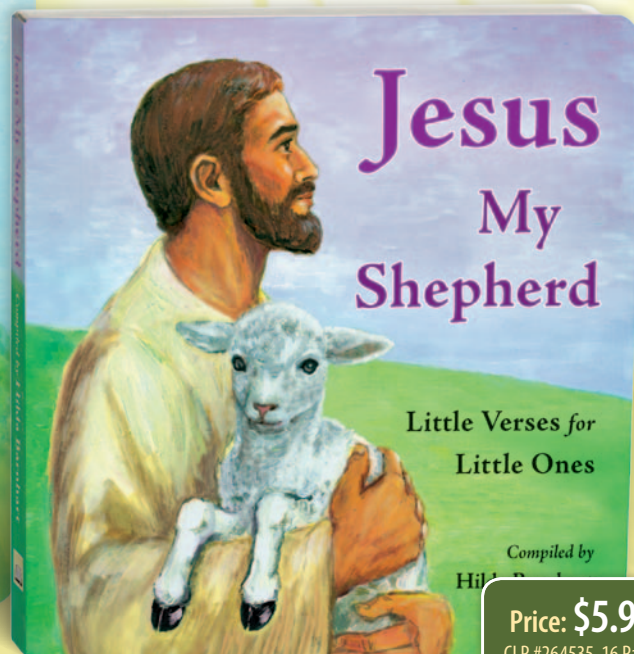
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