

The Legend of the Desert Bigfoot - The Last Chance Detectives - 2

My son, do not forget My teaching, but let your heart keep My commandments, for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you. Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.

Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. Proverbs 3:1-7 ESV

Mike asked Pop if he believed the story that was going around town about Bigfoot. Pop told him that something must have happened to make Mr. Varner react the way he did, but that didn't necessarily make the Bigfoot story true. Sometimes we jump to conclusions about people and situations and later find out that those conclusions aren't necessarily true. Sometimes other people jump to conclusions about us.

Is there someone that you've misjudged and need to give another chance?

Dan Plummer called for Pop Fowler's tow truck. He said he said he must have fallen asleep driving and ran his pick-up and trailer off the road. Mike investigated the trailer and found that the doors of the trailer had been forced open and who ever did it left claw marks.

What are some of the other clues that made the Bigfoot story seem true?

All four of the friends were very different in their personalities but still liked to spend time together and work on mysteries together. Spence was good at computer research and electronic equipment repair. He was able to check out the hair found at the two sighting to see if it matched.

Do you have friends who are very different than you? What makes you good friends?

Mike and his friends wanted to help Mr. Varner's dog. Even though Mr. Varner told them leave Jake alone, they took him to the vet anyway. They all believed that the dog could have died if they'd have left him. Mike's mom told him, "You can't make up your own rules as you go along -- your dad gave you the Bible for times like this."

What would have been a better way for them to get help for the dog?

Things aren't always what they seem. People aren't always who they seem to be. Mr. Plummer seemed like a good man. He convinced Mike and his friends that he rescued the gorilla from abuse the same way they had rescued the dog, Jake. In the end Dan Plummer wasn't a man who could be trusted.

Do you know someone who can't be trusted? Can people trust you?

Some people want to solve problems. Other people make problems. Some people want to make wrong things right again. Others think only of themselves. Each of us needs to examine ourselves to discover what kind of a person we are. Dan Plummer seemed like a nice guy, but his actions revealed that he was only looking out for himself and didn't care who else he hurt.

What kind of person are you? Do you try to help others?

Dear Lord, thank You for always loving us. We don't want to be selfish people, but many times we do think mostly of ourselves. Help us to be more aware of how our actions and attitudes impact others. Give us good relationships with our family and friends. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.