

CHILDREN
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Way back in 1959, Art Linkletter wrote a book, "Kids Say the Darndest Things." Truer words were never spoken.

I have one child, two grandchildren and five great grandkids. I spent forty years as a teacher in elementary school classrooms, so I heard kids say the darndest things. One regret in my life is that I did not keep a log of kid's sayings.

My son was three and playing in the sand pile in the back yard. He came stomping through the house saying: "I'm going to play in the front yard, it is raining in the back."

He was fishing one time and caught a catfish. It put up quite a fight for its size. "Hey look, I caught a whale."

My nephew was visiting from California on July, 20 1969. He was three at the time. All day the TV had been talking about man walking on the moon. There was a full moon that night, he went outside looked up into the sky and said, "I don't see anyone walking up there."

One night I was visiting my sister-in-law. Her son and mine were playing in the bedroom. All of a sudden we heard the foulest language imaginable. We both rushed into the bedroom. My nephew said: "It's all right Mom, we are working on a car."

My granddaughter liked to go to the Village Inn. At that time they served a plate of eight dollar sized pancakes. She would order the pancakes, and counted each one to make sure she got a full order.

I taught children in second grade. Community Helpers was one of the required units. We talked about the various jobs in the community. I asked the children to make a picture of the work their daddies did. All of a sudden there was sobbing coming from the back of the room. When asked "what is wrong?" the little girl replied, "My daddy doesn't work, he's a teacher."

Show and Tell brought forth this gem; "Last night we found a dead bird, and then my sister killed it more worser."

My little great granddaughter was in the back seat singing, "Darn it Darn it" I thought perhaps I had misunderstood, so I asked her grandmother, "Is she saying Darn it?? Before her grandmother had a chance to answer the little one said, "I can say darn it, but I can't say damn it."

So much for my experiences, what about yours?