

## BLACKIE'S BITS

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BLACKIE'S BITS IS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO LEARN ABOUT MISSIONS AND TO INSPIRE THEM TO CONSIDER MISSIONS

Hi, Peoples who read Miss Betsey's letters!

Miss Betsey tells me that there are pastors and churches and friends praying for us. Wow! I like knowing that people are praying for us because it helps me remember that we're not alone, like Elijah when he thought he was all alone but God reminded him that there were other people who hadn't bowed to Baal, even with Mrs. Jezebel killing people who loved God.



GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS!

## Ladies' Conference

Miss Betsey
helped film
some things for
the virtual
ladies'
conference,
and it went
well! Miss
Betsey says
that she
really
appreciated

the reminder by one of the speakers that we need to trust the Lord no matter what the circumstances. Since we couldn't meet in groups back then, Miss Betsey watched here at the house, and she made tea and other special snacks and let me and the other puppets listen, too. It was a nice day.

## What's going on now

The provincial leader has announced that we need to continue following restrictions, and that means that we're not allowed to visit in other people's homes. But, we're allowed to have church, and that's nice! Whenever Miss Betsey gets frustrated (like when she thought we'ld be allowed to visit friends for Christmas but then things changed and we weren't allowed to go after all), she gets all huffy and grumpy and sad. But then she says, "Well, Blackie, we are not in control of circumstances. But we can control our attitude. So let's try to have a good attitude!" She keeps reminding me that Romans 13:1 says that we're supposed to be obeying our authority (unless we're told to do something

that God doesn't want us to do). And she says that they're responsible for a lot and that we should be helping them all we can. I've heard her tell other people on the phone (she doesn't mind if I listen), "I want to be neither driven by fear nor careless." So that is what we're trying to be, and it's nice that we can still call family and friends and talk with them on the phone. Miss Betsey says to just think about missionaries who wrote letters and wouldn't get their Christmas packages until three months later!

One nice thing about being a puppet is that I'm not counted as living at the house. And because Miss Betsey is "alone," she's allowed to have one person over. A really good friend said that she'ld come spend Christmas afternoon with us! Yea!!! She's going to bring her doggies, and we're going to have a lot of fun, I know. We'll play games and eat cookies and go for a walk in the snow. We might even throw snowballs! I think the doggies like to eat snow.

We are really, really blessed to be able to have a friend with us on Christmas day. And you know what? Our best Friend is here with us already! And He is never going to go away. I'm glad Miss Betsey knows Jesus! He takes good care of us and helps her remember that He's in control of everything. After all, that's why we celebrate Christmas! He is in control of even death! He is wonderful!!!

## Merry Christmas!!!



Miss Betsey is working on setting up a permanent studio for making Sunday School videos. The Lord has blessed us with such a nice place for recording! Some churches sent Christmas gifts, and we're using them to help us get everything set up. I even have some friends who have been asking Miss Betsey if they may help teach Sunday School, and she is letting them help out whenever we need extra puppets. We are so thankful!



I was curious the other day and asked Miss Betsey how many videos we have made, and it's over 220! That's a lot! We are glad that God has let us record that much, and we hope it is helping the boys and girls and anyone else who may watch. Our channel online is called "La Bible pour tous." (That means that the Bible is for everybody!) Miss Betsey even let us puppets teach the whole Bible lesson on the book of Amos!



Maybe it doesn't seem as important, but we like to go outside for walks and watch the birds and animals God has allowed to adapt to Canada. We are on the migration route for snow geese, and I love to watch them take off in groups as they go to the fields for breakfast!



