



THE BEST THING DAD HAS

A father goes near his child (5) who is playing with his toy cars and asks him: «Tell me, Mark, what do you think is the best thing your Daddy has?». Mark thinks for a while, then he answers: «Mum!».

► KISSES ◀

A girl was asked: «How can you realise that it's all ok in your family?».

«When I see Mum and Dad kissing each other», she answered.

Parents mustn't hide when they kiss each other.

Whenever they show the love linking them, children feel trustful and happy. They know very well that their parents' love is a steady rock on which they can build their own life.

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CORRUPTION

A master builder had been working many years as a building contractor. One day he was ordered to build a majestic villa, following a project of his own. He might build it wherever he wanted, and there were no budget limits.

The works started quite soon. But taking advantage from the fact that they were trusting him completely, the master builder used poor quality materials, engaged unskilled workers, paid them very little and kept the money he had saved for himself.

When the villa was finished, there was a party, and the master builder gave the President of the firm the key of the house.

But the President gave it back to him smiling, and shaking hands with him said: «This villa is a present for you, just to demonstrate you our esteem and gratitude».

► YOUR HOUSE ◀

The days you are living are the bricks of your future house...



SAINT FRANCIS' SERMON

One day Saint Francis went out and met Friar Ginepro. The latter was a simple, good hearted friar, and Saint Francis loved him very much.

When they met, Saint Francis said. «Come on, Friar Ginepro, let's go preaching together».

«Father» the friar answered, «you know I'm not a learned man, I can't go preaching to people».

But Saint Francis insisted, and lastly they went. They went round the town, and prayed silently for all those who were working in the shops or in the orchards. They smiled to the children, especially the poorest ones. They greeted the oldest, they caressed the ill. They helped a woman carry a heavy bucket.

They went around the whole town, then Saint Francis said: «Come on, Friar Ginepro, let's go back to the convent».

«And what about our sermon?».

«We've had it already, haven't we?» answered Saint Francis with a smile.

► THE BEST SERMON ◀

If you have a perfumed heart, you don't need tell everybody. Your perfume will speak for you, and you will be the best sermon!



THIS IS THE PORTRAIT OF AN ANGRY MAN.
BUT TURN IT UPSIDE DOWN:
YOU WILL SEE A SATISFIED MAN!

THE STAIRCASE

A child was playing with a little friend of his on the staircase of his house. They pretended to be priests. All was ok, but suddenly the little friend got fed up of playing the role of an altar boy. He went on top of the stairs and started preaching.

The child was quite annoyed: «I'm the only one who can preach. You can't do it! You're spoiling our game! You're naughty!».

His mother heard them shout. So she arrived and explained her child that his friend was a guest, so he had to allow him to preach.

The child remained thoughtful for a while. Then he smiled, went on top of the stairs, and said: «Ok then, he can go on preaching, but I'll be God!».

► CLIMBING ◀

Don't think this world is a staircase! If you do it, you'll waste all your time trying to climb higher and higher.