

# S.I.L.L.Y. (Sisters In the Lord with Lots of Young'uns)

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“Her children arise up and call her blessed....” Proverbs 31:28

“It is true that many ‘perfect jobs’ may come and go during the childbearing years, but only one will absolutely never come along again--the job of rearing your own children and allowing them the increasingly rare opportunity to grow up at home.”

—Dorothy Patterson  
from Lies Women Believe by Nancy Leigh DeMoss

## For Breast-feeding Assistance:

I am an RN with 10 years of experience in labor and delivery. I miss the breast-feeding support and instruction that was such a huge part of my job, now that I stay home full time. If I can answer questions, or talk you through something, please call or email.

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## Which kind of Mom are You?

Two moms met in the Walmart parking lot. Mom number one was holding her menu plans for the next month, her calculator, and her coupon organizer. Her children followed her in a single file line, wearing angelic smiles and matching outfits. Mom number two was busy trying to get the baby out of her minivan, while her other children did gymnastics on the bars of the cart return. She seemed a bit flustered when she saw Mom number one coming in her direction. She tried to kick the petrified chicken nugget that rolled out of the baby’s car seat under the van before anyone noticed it. Pulling her older children from their new-found playground, she hissed, “Be polite!” The two families stood chatting for a few minutes, until Mom number two realized that the baby was eating her grocery list. They went their separate ways, both puzzled and shaking their heads. Mom number two is thinking, “I am so disorganized, it’s pathetic. How does she keep it all together like that?” Mom number one is thinking, “I wish I could relax a little more. I get so uptight with the kids and the house, but she always seems to be able to go with the flow. I wonder how she does it?”

We all have our strengths and weaknesses. The question you need to ask yourself is not which kind of mom you are, but if you are the kind of mom God wants you to be. If God is calling you to be

more organized and you have no idea where to start, this newsletter is for you. If God is calling you to be less regimented but you think you may have a stroke if one more child spills anything, this newsletter is for you.

There are many things we can learn from each other, and this will be a place we can share our experiences, questions, advice, prayer requests, laughter and tears. It always helps to know you’re not alone. Other moms struggle with the same issues you do. Often, the isolation of being a stay-at-home mom makes us feel we are the only one.

Hopefully, we will also have some contributors who are past the stage of having young children in the home. In the book of Titus, the aged women are instructed to teach the younger ones how to love their husbands and their children. We have much to learn from grandmas too.

I will probably write an introductory article for each newsletter, but would like all the rest of the categories to be filled with contributions from other sisters. Please share the thoughts of your heart with those who are alongside you, fighting the good fight for our children, each and every (long) day. We need each other. I look forward to reading your contributions and suggestions.

Please send your emails to [brantjamison@hotmail.com](mailto:brantjamison@hotmail.com) or regular mail to: Bonny Jamison, 14970 St. Rt. 120, Lyons, OH, 43533.

## Prayer Requests:

We'll post these new every month. If you would like one to stay on the list, please re-submit it each month, with updated information if possible.

\* Karen Blocher and family—for healing from burns

\* For our missionary families in Kenya, Haiti, and New Mexico

\* For the leadership in our country as we approach election

\* Angie Heisey—for healing with transverse myelitis

\* For Christians enduring persecution in other parts of the world

\* For our ministers –October is “Pastor Appreciation Month”

\* For Leadership Conference in November

\* For the speakers at Women's Retreat

\* For this newsletter, that it would be used of God to help sisters who are raising young children

\*I'm sure there are many others, this is for an example only!

## School Daze:

I don't feel qualified to write an article here yet. I am just starting to homeschool my oldest, who is five. I figured we'd be ready for Latin by Christmas, but we're still working on learning the lowercase alphabet, so I think my expectations may be a little unrealistic. Send your questions, comments or articles on homeschooling, Christian or public schooling. I'll post your questions; I'm sure I can't answer them.

## Kids' Korner:



This spot will be for fun ideas, recipes, projects or experiments that we can do with our kids. Something we did recently that was a big hit was raising tadpoles in gallon-size pickle jars. The kids picked out rocks and sticks, decorated the jars with stickers, and had fun watching the tadpoles swim. (I bought them at a pond and water garden supply store for 75 cents each). Unfortunately, “Princess” and “King Hot wheels” both went belly-up shortly after growing tiny back legs. Our original plan for releasing them into the wild had to be altered to include a toilet, but it was fun while it lasted.

## ~~~~~BOOK REPORTS~~~~~

And you thought you'd never have to do another one of these.....  
All of us are busy, we don't want to waste time reading books that are not worthwhile. If you come across something really good or have an old favorite, share it with the rest of us. Bible studies, fiction, biographies, instructional, whatever. Please provide complete information about the title and author, so we can go out and get a copy, too!

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## Tips Appreciated!

We all have our little “tricks of the trade” that make certain things easier, quicker, tastier or more fun. If it's short and not a secret, send it here.  
My tip: I'm the frequent recipient of beautiful dandelion bouquets that I forget and leave lying on the table, only to break someone's heart when they find them wilted. So I picked up a tiny crystal vase at a garage sale. I leave it on the table full of water all summer. When I receive a new offering, I say “Oh, honey, those are soooo pretty! Will you take out the old ones and put those in my special vase?” The small giver is mollified, I don't have to stop what I'm doing, and we don't risk hurt feelings later. Simple enough, right?

## Grandmas Fill Gaps

You'll notice that this section is in large print. We don't want you all searching for your reading glasses! (My mom is reading this too, so don't worry, I'll be chastised for my impudence!) Seriously, I could not get along without the help and support my mother gives me. She spends extra one-on-one time with the kids that I can't always give, she bails me out when I invite fifty people over and then decide to clean the closets instead of the kitchen, and she's only a phone call away when I just have to tell someone what one of the kids said. I hope all of you have a support person like this, although it may not be your mother. My husband's mom is also a great help to me, although more in the way of advise and prayer support, since they live 1,100 miles from us. She does something unique that I would like to share. She and my father-in-law designate each week for a different grandchild, rotating through all of them over and over throughout the year. During that week, they pray for that child, call him or her, have them over or send a card, and generally make them feel special. This is a great ministry. I hope all of you have an "aged woman" in your life, or for those of you who *are* older women, I hope you have a younger woman to mentor. If not, find each other! This is so needed. If you have a story or suggestion in this area, please send it in!

**"That they [the aged women] may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children," Titus 2:4**

### BY HEART:

What are you memorizing right now, and why? Memorizing scripture is key for busy moms. You may not always have time to sit down and read a chapter, but you can repeat and meditate on a verse from memory no matter what you may be doing. Say it out loud while you are changing a diaper or doing dishes. Write it on an index card and put it where you will see it often. This verse is one that helps me fall asleep when my husband is traveling and I'm alone at night. If David could say this with Saul and his army hunting him down, then I can too.

**"I WILL BOTH LAY ME DOWN IN PEACE, AND SLEEP: FOR THOU, LORD, ONLY MAKEST ME DWELL IN SAFETY." PSALMS 4:8**

### From the Mouths of Babes

Funny, embarrassing, precious, or poignant, children say the most amazing things, don't they? Everyone loves these little quotes, so let's share and share alike.

—My husband overheard our daughter, Bella, out on the porch by herself the other day. She said, "God....is this *your* spider?"

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### Faith Builders:

--Tell us about a scripture or answer to prayer that has impacted your life or the lives of your children recently.

The first time I called an "emergency prayer meeting" with my children was almost a year ago. We prayed for the life of a kitten, who was, in my opinion, miraculously healed. I watched my children's faith in the power of prayer grow through that experience and have called many prayer meetings since then. In fact, now, when we hear of an illness or accident, my son will often say, "Uh, Mom, aren't you forgetting something? We haven't prayed for them yet!" They are a witness to me many times. They pray expecting miracles, while I am usually surprised by them.

