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Sunday, September 16, 2007

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

TODAY'S THOUGHT: *Let us be grateful to people who make us happy: They are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.*

—Marcel Proust

Buffalo, more properly called American bison, used to roam the Great Plains in the hundreds of thousands. But after being hunted and exploited, their population dwindled and the American bison nearly became extinct.

Thanks to conservation efforts, this magnificent animal has survived. Recently, wild bison were reintroduced to Colorado's Front Range. Sixteen of the animals were removed from the National Bison Range in northwestern Montana and released in a 1,400-acre wildlife refuge northwest of Denver.

This is an area that is already home to deer and bald eagles. With the introduction of the bison, together with prairie dog colonies and hundreds of other species, the area is pretty much the same as it once was hundreds of years ago.

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, and all they that dwell therein." So wrote the psalmist who himself was quite accustomed to sitting in fields and meadows, pondering the mighty works of God.

The American bison is a reminder of all the creatures, great and small, that God has put upon this planet as a creative "signature" of God's mighty presence.

Prayer: Thank You, O God, for the world you have created. I pray that we might be good stewards of that which You have brought into being. I praise You for Your mighty works. Amen.

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ACTIVITY PAGE for the week of September 16, 2007

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: 1 Thessalonians 1-5

Monday: 2 Chronicles 7-9

Tuesday: 2 Chronicles 10-13

Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 14-16

Thursday: 2 Chronicles 17-19

Friday: 2 Chronicles 20-22

Saturday: Psalms 100-102

VERSE TO REMEMBER

“For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.”

—Psalm 100:5

MATERNITY TEST

Unscramble the words below to uncover the Mother-Child pairs in the Bible. Unscramble the larger letters in BOLD to find the mother of Moses.

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| 1. NNA A H H | _____ | is the mother of | EUSMAL | _____ |
| 2. CE H RAL | _____ | is the mother of | OSPHEJ | _____ |
| 3. C UNEIE | _____ | is the mother of | MY O HTI | _____ |
| 4. VEE | _____ | is the mother of | L EAB | _____ |
| 5. HA B ETSHAB | _____ | is the mother of | LOMONSO | _____ |
| 6. BAEZIH L ET | _____ | is the mother of | HO J N | _____ |

Secret Mother: _____ **D** _____

Answers: 1. Hannah/Samuel, 2. Rachel/Joseph, 3. Eunice/Timothy, 4. Eve/Abel, 5. Bathsheba/Solomon, 6. Elizabeth/John. **Secret Mother:** Jochabed, Exodus 6:20, Numbers 26:59.

FIND THE HIDDEN BOOK OF THE BIBLE

Find the books of the Bible that appear in the following sentences. Can you find them? Example: **Joe** lunged at the greased pig (JOEL).

- Isn't it useless to worry when you can pray?
- My brother Gene, sister Jeanie, and I plan to go early.
- Lisa said, "I'm at the west end of the north side of the building."
- After considering a sedan, I elected to go for a pickup.
- The best her dog could do was fetch the newspaper.

Answers:
1. Titus
2. Genesis
3. Matthew
4. Daniel
5. Esther