

## **Esther and Emmett – August 7**

Emmett: Hi Esther. I'm glad you're here. I want you to see if you can figure out who I am pretending to be!

Esther: Okay, Emmett. That sounds like fun!

Emmett: Okay. Here goes. Who am I? "Oh Emmett!"

Esther: That's a tough one!

Emmett: No it's not. I'm pretending to be you!

Esther: Oh Emmett!

Emmett: See...okay, let's try another one!

Esther: Okay!

Emmett: Now, see if you can guess who I am...ready....

Esther: Ready!

Emmett: I love everyone! I love you and you and you and you and you...let there be light. You can call me the good shepherd!...

Esther: Oh Emmett! Are you pretending to be ...God!

Emmett: You got it! Pretty good, eh?

Esther: Why are you pretending to be God?

Emmett: Because...the Bible says we should!

Esther: Really! I don't remember a Bible passage that says we should pretend to be God!

Emmett: Well, it doesn't actually say 'pretend.'

Esther: What does it say?

Emmett: It says we should do imitations of God!

Esther: Oh...now I know what you are talking about. It's part of the letter to the Ephesians, when the writer says people should be "imitators of God..."

Emmett: That's right. So I'm practicing doing imitations of God! How's this, "Moses, take off your shoes and come talk to this burning bush!" Am I good or what?

Esther: Well, you certainly seem to do a lot of imitations...

Emmett: Here's another one...

Esther: BUT did you read the....

Emmett: And God said...what did you say?

Esther: But...did you read the rest of what it says in Ephesians?

Emmett: What do you mean?

Esther: Did you read what it says after it says "be imitators of God?"

Emmett: Uh...well...not exactly...I figured that I better get right to work on my imitations. ...so, what does it say? Am I supposed to do some other impersonations too?

Esther: Not exactly.. what it does is tell us what it means to be imitators of God.

Emmett: Does it tell us to do what I do when I imitate God?

Esther: Noooo...

Emmett: I thought you were going to say that! (sighs) Okay, what does it say?

Esther: It says: "Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us."

Emmett: (quiet) I think my way seemed easier!

Esther: Oh Emmett, the writer was saying that being imitators of God means living the way God wants us to live, as God's children. Children learn lots of things by watching their parents.

Emmett: Like how to use a spoon when you're eating; or how to wave, or how to work the remote control for the TV.

Esther: Right. So as God's children we can learn to live like God wants us to live, by looking at the way Jesus lived.

Emmett: Oh, I get it. So, Jesus loved other people so we should love other people, and

share food with other people, and help other people, and be their friend.

Esther: Yes, because God loves everyone so we should share God's love with everyone.

Emmett: So, I can imitate God by loving people like Jesus loved them.

Esther: You've got it!

Emmett: Don't you mean: "Oh Emmett!"

Esther: Oh Emmett...Amen!

Emmett: Amen!