

# Story Time

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## **The Praying Aunt**

My Mom told me about my Dad's and Uncle's Aunt who prayed for my Dad, Paul, and Uncle Pete Spencer. She said that she would get happy and shout out at Ebenezer worship services also. Before Dad and my uncle died, they were both going back to church. When Eric is rubbing his hands together, I remember another little short guy named, Hanard (Pete), who rubbed his hands together when he was talking. This was Frieda Spencer Matthews' daddy. I never knew this aunt, but my mom said she was a shouting Christian. I think her name was Minnie Spencer.

## **The Water Gun**

One of my kin folks gave Gary Paul a water gun for Christmas. The older boys decided they would fill the gun up with water to see what Gary would do. I was in the front room of my mom's house and the boys had taken Gary into the room that joined the kitchen.

Well, I went to check on Gary and saw splotches of water all over the wall. The boys came in from outside through the back door laughing their heads off. I asked what in the world was going on, and they said that Gary turned the water gun on them and wet them good. And they had to run outside to keep from getting any wetter.

Gary was about six years old at the time. Yes, Ronnie Spencer, you were in on that. I can hear you laughing yet. Billy Wayne, Mark and Paul were the others.

## **The Christmas Present**

Right before the kids were off for Christmas holiday, these two girls went up to their teacher and told her that they thought the girl sitting close by had head lice. She kept picking something out of her hair and eating it. The teacher told the two girls to go back and sit down, she would handle the situation.

Well, nothing was done about it, so when Christmas came, that girl went to visit her dad, who was separated from her mom; and her step sister and brother went to visit their dad, who was also separated from their mother. The mother did not know that all three of her kids had head lice.

Well, both Dad's were not very pleased with the Christmas present the kids brought them. One father sent his kids back home untreated, and said he didn't have the money to get them a treatment. The other dad got a treatment for his to, but still didn't have all the dead lice combed out of their hair. The mom bought a treatment for her and her boyfriend, plus the one girl. Her mother told her she was going to have to treat the whole family over again, and spray her house good again, then clean up the beds. She had to get seven treatments in all until she got rid of the Christmas present.

## **The Itch**

One summer those same kids broke out in a rash. Their grandmother thought they had the itch, so she had the doctor to prescribe a salve for them. Later, she found out that a dog full of fleas had caused fleas to get into their apartment.

These two stories are enough to make you want to scratch!

