

# THE ADVANTAGE OF A HANDICAP!

--How To Be Happy Though Handicapped!

Grandpa, we have a boy in the Family who is handicapped because he's deaf. He sent us a letter telling us about himself. Can we read it together?



Dear Family, My name is Zion. I am 11 years old, and I am deaf. Because I can't hear, I also can't speak well, but I have learned to talk with my hands!

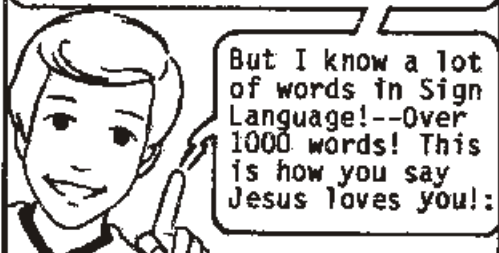


Do you want to know what it's like to be deaf?-- It's kind of like watching a TV with no sound!

I wonder what they're saying?



It's like living in a World with the sound turned off! Because I've never heard what words sound like, I can't talk!



**JESUS**  
Bent right middle finger touches left palm, reverse. (Nails in Jesus hands.)

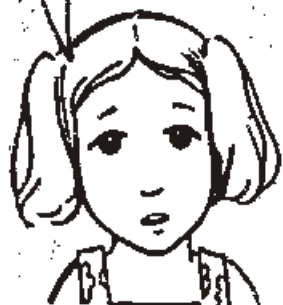


**LOVE**  
Hands crossed on heart.



**YOU**  
Index points at person addressed.

Grandpa, it's so sad that he's deaf! Why doesn't the Lord heal him?



"Did you know that there are over 30 million people in the World who are deaf like me? God loves them very much and wants us to be able to witness to them! I love you! Love, Zion."

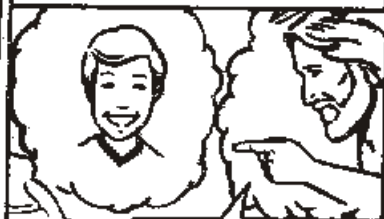


I didn't understand that, either, until the other day when I really got desperate in prayer!

Then the Lord gave me a wonderful vision!



Lord, Zion and his parents have obeyed Your Word! They've gone to the mission field! They've done all that they possibly can do! --So Jesus, please show me why You haven't healed this boy!



DAVID! LOOK AT ZION! I want him and his parents to have a ministry to deaf people!

I could see Zion and his family showing our posters to all these deaf children and explaining each one in sign language! It was so beautiful! The deaf children were "listening" to his fingers!



Jesus sent us to tell you what Heaven is like!



This is the Heavenly City where you won't be deaf anymore!

Zion's five younger brothers and sisters were even singing for the deaf children and clapping their hands, playing on their instruments of ten strings!



I don't have a sad God, I have a happy God!

I can't hear what they're singing, but I can see their joy and light and love!

If that deaf boy can be so happy, maybe I could be happy too!



What a rare and wonderful gift they have to be able to teach our way of life to the deaf and to sow the seed of God's Word with their fingers, and reach those who might otherwise never get saved!

Look at us! We're happy because we have Jesus! I try to use my handicap for God's glory to help and comfort others!



You can be happy too!  
--Just receive Jesus!



You mean there is Someone Who can make me happy even though I'm deaf? This is the answer I've been waiting for!

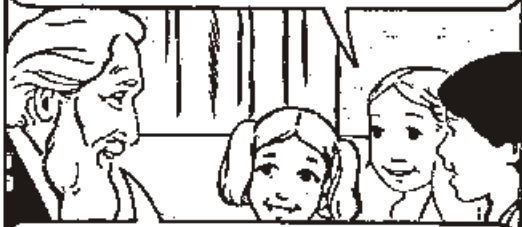


So that's the answer the Lord gave me!

He allows some people to have handicaps so that they will have a burden to love and help and minister to others who have the same handicap!



So just because you have a handicap doesn't mean you can't serve the Lord!



Right! In fact we've got some crippled people in the family who go out and witness in wheelchairs or on crutches!

Sometimes they get out more lit and witness to more people than the rest of us! People have more sympathy for them!

Here's a gift for you!

Thank you!  
God bless you!

My! Nothing can stop him from preaching the Gospel, even though he's in a wheelchair!



I'd like to hear what he has to say!

See, just because someone is handicapped, God doesn't throw him on the scrap heap! Some of the greatest saints of God who ever lived had handicaps!--I even have one!



I have a crippled left arm and hand!

How did it get crippled, Grandpa?



I broke it when I was a boy, and the bones didn't join back together very well!

See this big bulge on my left arm? That's where it was broken!



So my left hand can do very little!

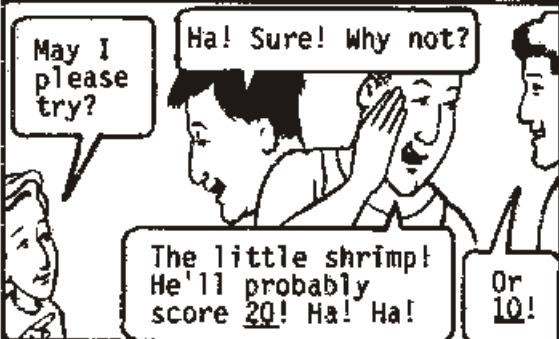
But as a result my right hand became unusually strong because I used it twice as much.--One time as a boy, I went over to the drug store where the big boys from the football team would line up to play on the "squeeze machine"!



UMPH!

50! That's really good!

You had to squeeze the handles on the machine together as hard as you could! Then a little arrow would show you how strong your grip was!

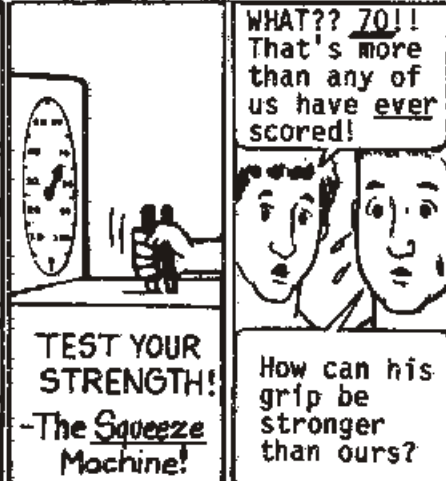


May I please try?

Ha! Sure! Why not?

The little shrimp! He'll probably score 20! Ha! Ha!

Or 10!



WHAT?? 70! That's more than any of us have ever scored!

TEST YOUR STRENGTH!  
-The Squeeze Machine!

How can his grip be stronger than ours?



See! I turned my handicap into an advantage! Handicaps can keep you humble and able to sympathise with others! --And out of some handicaps can come very successful ministries.



I guess this is just my "thorn in the flesh", like the Apostle Paul had! It helps keep me humble!  
(2Cor.12:7)



Well, if it doesn't stop you from serving the Lord, maybe I could serve Him too!

God can use that handicap for His glory! Don't be ashamed of it!



If He doesn't heal you, then ask Him to use you with your handicap for His glory!

Did you know that we all have a handicap of some kind? We're all handicapped with sin, weaknesses, failures and mistakes!--All of us! That's why Jesus had to die for us, to save us from our sins!



"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God!" (Romans 3:23)



Amen! And aren't you glad that you're still sinners, so that you can sympathise with other sinners and tell them how to get saved?



Our own sins, mistakes and handicaps help to humble us and bring us closer to Jesus!

So that we can comfort others with the comfort where-with we are comforted of God!  
(2Cor.1:4)

Praise God! Thank You Jesus!--For the advantages of a handicap!



I need You so much, Jesus!

