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THE BOOKPLATE

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Out of the Mouths of Babes

from the Journal of Chris Posterick

Years ago, when my son Andy was quite small, he never went anywhere without taking a book along. One evening, after picking him up from daycare, as we were walking across the parking lot heading for our car, a strong gust of wind came up. As the pages of his storybook fluttered open he said, "Look Mom, the wind is trying to read my book."

Another time we took him into Chicago to see a live production of *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dicken's. He had seen the Mickey Mouse version at home many times on video and I had also read him several different versions from his own book collection, so he was very familiar with the story. He was only four and a half years old and we were a little apprehensive about how he would sit through an adult two hour long play. He did remarkably well, however. He was mesmerized throughout the entire play except for only one part where the dialogue dragged on and on and there was no action for a long time. He finally took my hand and quietly asked, "Mommy, when are they going to turn the page?"