

Going Around in Circles

ONCE WHEN I WAS helping my 11-year-old son, Glenn, study for a spelling test, he asked me what the word “circumnavigate” meant. I explained to him that it meant “to sail around the world,” whereupon I began to tell him about Magellan, and how, after his ship had circumnavigated the world, Magellan was killed in the Philippines.

Glenn replied, “I don’t get it.”

“What do you mean?” I responded.

Glenn looked at me and said, “You know what I’m talking about, Mom. Didn’t Samson take care of them a long time ago in that temple?”

Rebecca Jones

WHEN MY GRANDSON was 3 years old, he loved fruit-flavored juice. Often his dad would spank him for drinking the juice left on the table at home by one of the family members. When his dad found out that my grandson was doing the same thing at the baby sitter’s home, he told him that he could look forward to a spanking if he was seen drinking from another person’s glass.

One day the baby-sitter placed a glass of juice on the kitchen table. When she left the room, she told her husband to keep an eye on it. As soon as my grandson saw her leave, he went in, looked at the glass of juice and looked up at the baby sitter’s husband. Then, in a serious tone, my grandson said to him, “Close your eyes.”

Gladys Adams