

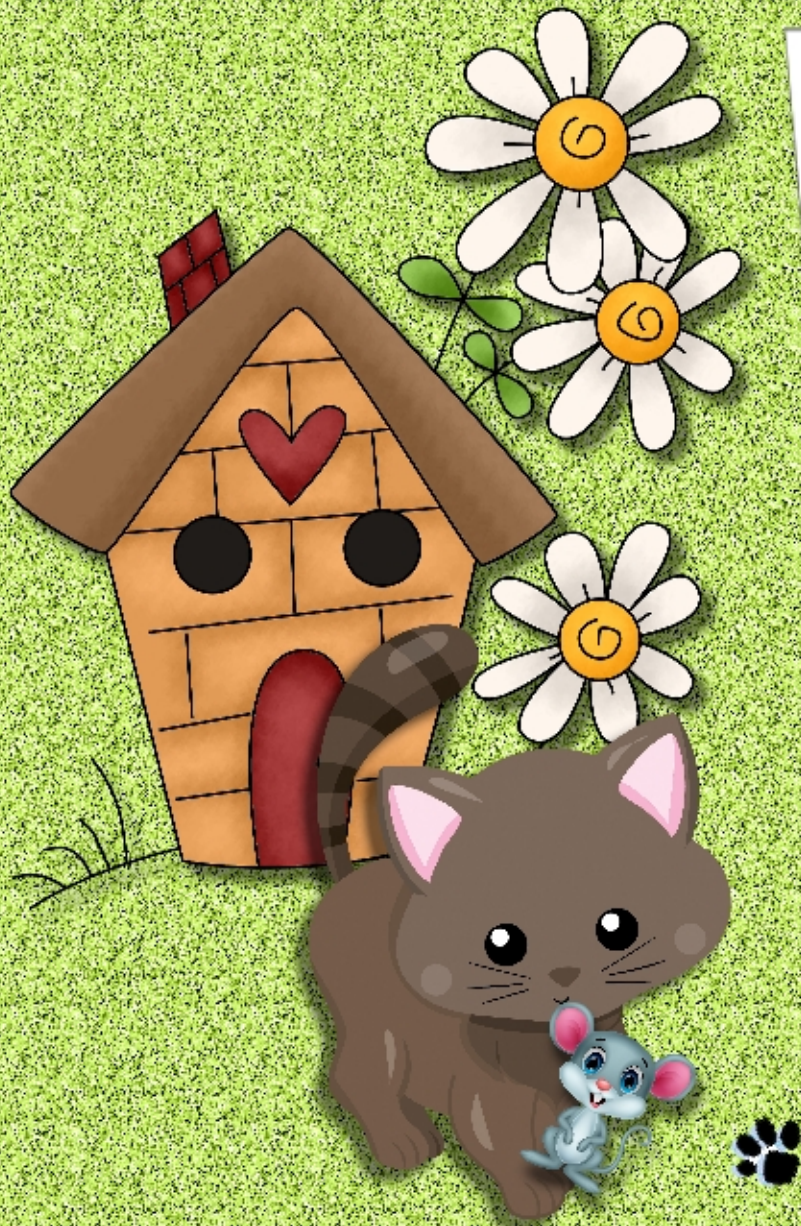
# CALLY SAYS NO!

One day I witnessed a very strong parable about finding safe boundaries. This was one of those times when the Lord speaks His Word to us through His creation.



I was watching Cally our cat. She had the daily habit of walking across the street and disappearing into the tall field of grass. She was hunting for mice.





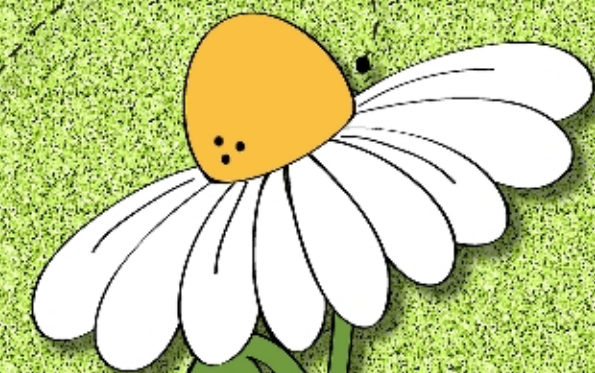
It was only after she had her babies that we discovered what she was doing.

After the babies were born she would carry the mice gently in her mouth like a kitten, and bring them back to her babies.

As she approached her babies, she would drop the live mouse at their feet and they would jump and scamper all around chasing it.



At that age I never did see them actually eat a mouse, but they did learn to catch them and play with them. I shuddered to think how many live mice she was bringing home that were hiding around our home.



One day I saw Cally walk out to the end of the driveway. She was obviously headed to her field. Her kittens followed her like a string of ducks. Cally got half way across the street then turned her head and saw her kittens.



She turned around and walked back to the driveway and faced her kittens head on. Her kittens did not run up to her for love, play or milk like they normally did.

They stood still in their tracks just as Cally was doing to them.





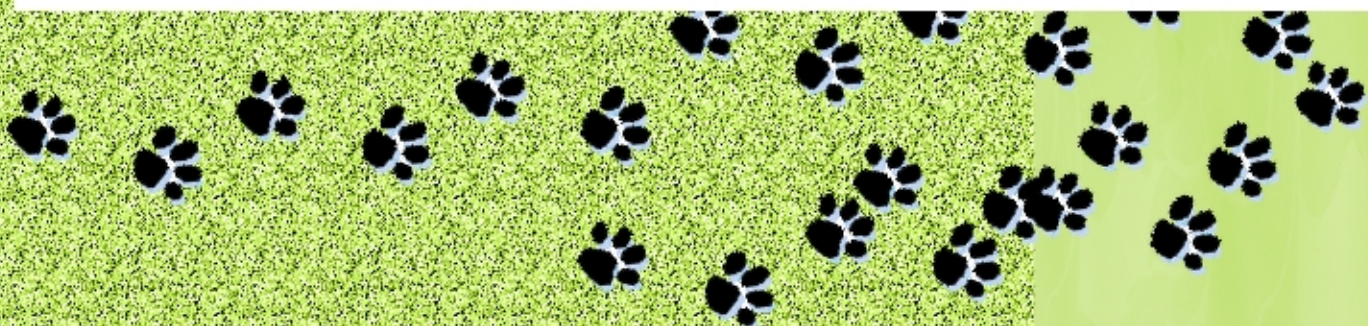
After they were standing head-on still like this, she turned around and took a few steps in the street, then turned her head again to see if they were following. Sure enough the string of kitty-ducks were moving to follow. She returned to the driveway and repeated the gesture, and they stood still.





She did this 3 times and so did they!!!! She was not getting through to them. The last time she came back to the driveway, her hair stood out and she hissed at them!

Fur balls at attention... they did NOT follow her across the street! They scampered as fast as they could - back to the yard!



Sometimes God tells us over and over again how to stay safe and we don't listen. Sometimes He has to be stern with us until we learn how to stay within safe boundaries. This is because He loves us.

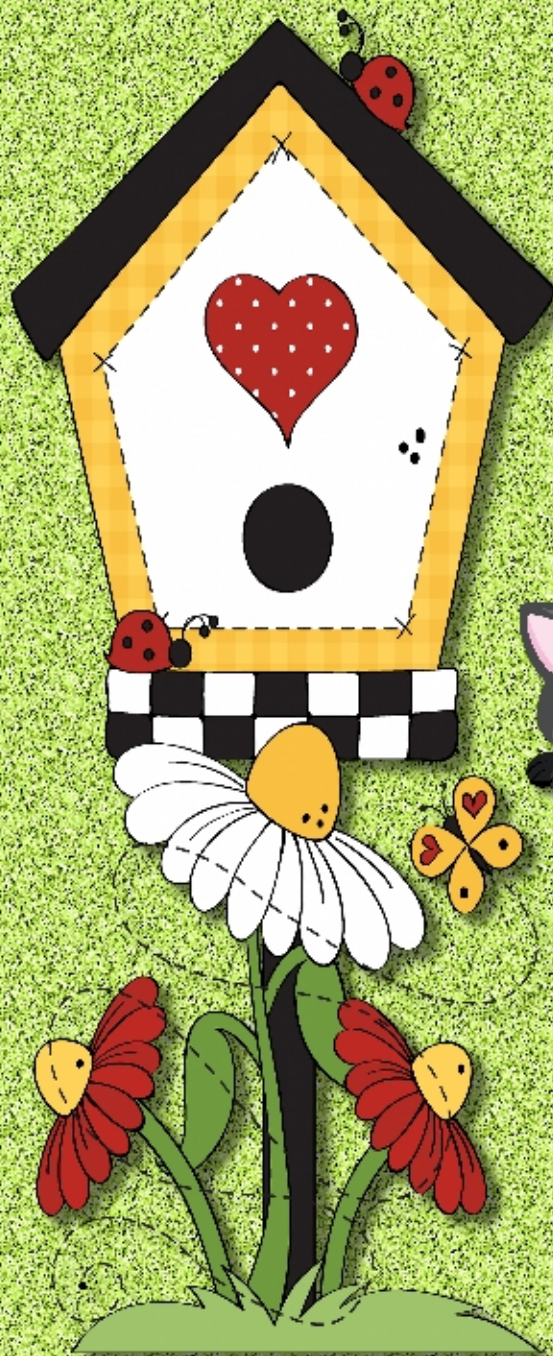




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