

## The Cowboy Version!

As far back as I can remember, boys, including myself, liked to play “cowboys.” Whether we played the “Indians” or not, we liked to “round ‘em up and move ‘em out!” Shootin’ and lassoin’ and ridin’ everywhere we went! Of course we didn’t have real guns, or often, even ropes! We certainly didn’t have the horse, but we rode him anyway!

I recently taught the preschoolers at the Sonshine School the “Cowboy Version” of “The Lord’s Army!” It’s always good to mix it up a little, to keep their attention! We walk like cowboys; ride like cowboys; and shoot like cowboys. Of course, since cowboys didn’t fly, we’d fly like buzzards. The kids love it!

Over the years things have changed, though. When I was a kid, we always wanted to be the good guy! If we had a white hat, we’d want to wear it. If we didn’t, we’d claim we did! All of it was imaginary anyway, so it didn’t matter if anyone could actually see the hat.

Anymore, if anyone plays like a cowboy, you can’t be real sure that they want to wear the white hat. In fact, it seems that very few will wear the white hat. So, you ask, what’s the big deal about the color of the hat? Well, if you don’t know it, the white hat is the good guy!

I am amazed at the response I get when I am saying goodbye to people. I may use the statement “see ya later,” but as often as any, I will tell people “behave yourselves!” Oh, the moaning and groaning that comes back to me, “Why would I want to do that?” Or, “That’s no fun!” Or “Do I have to behave?”

It does not surprise me when I hear actors saying, “I like playing the bad guy!” But Christians? Hmm. That just doesn’t make any sense! It’s as though we can’t be heroes, or have fun or enjoy our lives unless we’re doing something wrong! Tell you what, try this and see how much excitement you have:

### 1 Peter 3:15

*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;*

Love to all,

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