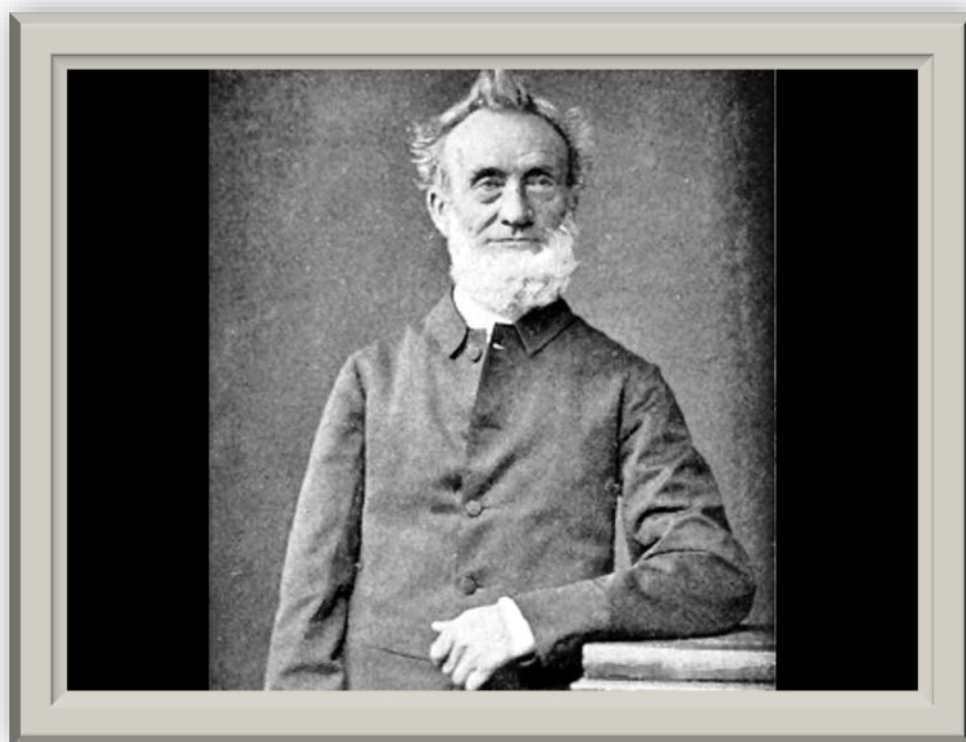


The Story of  
**George Muller**  
(1805 -1898)



**Retold by Christina Eastwood**

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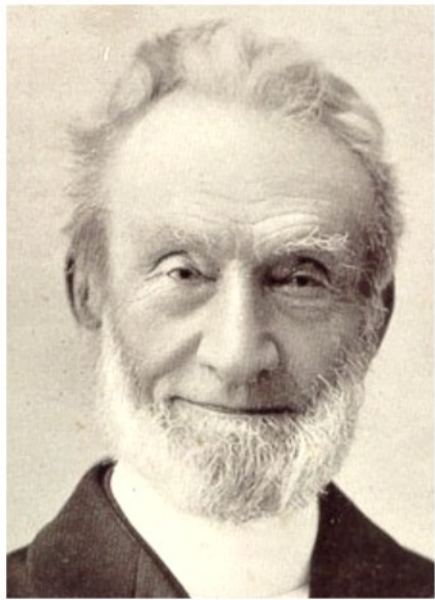
This is a long story but we have decided to leave it in its entirety.

It reads very simply.

Read it in small parts for younger children.

It is a good reading book for child who has a good grounding in basic phonics - building stamina in reading.

Have the child read a small portion each day.



George Müller (1805-1898) was born on 27th September. When he was young he went to college to study. He studied to become a minister of a church. But – how sad – he was not really a Christian!

Young George Müller lived a sinful life. He borrowed money. He did not give it back. He tricked people out of their money. Once he even got sent to prison. His life made him unhappy. Then a friend took him to a Bible study meeting. It was in a friend's house. Just a few people met together. They read the Bible. They sang hymns. They prayed together. They listened to a sermon.

George Müller had studied the Bible in the theo-logi-cal college. Yet he had never heard anything like this before. What he heard was the gospel. He heard that Jesus Christ came to die for sinners. He heard that by trusting in him he could be forgiven. George Müller knew he was not a Christian. His college training had made no difference. Now he came to Jesus Christ.

He asked for forgiveness. He found peace in his heart.

It was not easy for George Müller. He kept remembering his sins. He began to read the Bible every day. He began to pray every day. Gradually he understood more. He understood that God did not remember his sins. He was forgiven now.

George Müller wanted to be a missionary. He was good at languages. "Perhaps I can tell the Gospel to Jewish people," he thought. "I can learn their language too."

So he went to London. There was a missionary society in London. It was a special missionary society for Jews. George Müller started to train with this society.

George Müller met a number of Christians in England. They helped him and became his friends. One was Henry Craik. Henry Craik had a friend who was a missionary. His name was Mr Groves and he was a dentist. A dentist earned a good wage. He was a well-off person. Mr Groves had given up this good job. He had gone on a dangerous journey to Persia. He took his family with him. He went to preach the gospel. People in Persia had not heard the gospel before.<sup>1</sup> Mr Groves wanted to tell them.

George Müller learned a lot from his new friends. He learned about the Bible. He learned to trust God for everything. He spent time praying. He thought about Mr Groves. He wanted to work for God too. He asked God what work he wanted him to do.

God called him and Mr Craik to be ministers in Bristol. He married Mr Groves' sister. She wanted to serve the Lord too.

The city of Bristol had many orphans. It was a very busy seaport. An illness called cholera often broke out. Grown ups died of cholera. The children were left orphans. No one looked after them. No one fed them. They had nowhere to live. No one told them about Jesus. George Müller and his wife decided to help. They got a house. They took in the

orphans. They fed them. They told them about Jesus. Soon there were many orphans. Too many for one house. Mr and Mrs Müller had a special house built. You can see it in the picture. It was very large. But soon it was not big enough. They built another house. And another.



The orphans were well looked after. They had a safe place to live. They had teachers to help them learn. Best of all they heard the good news that is in the Bible. What good news is that? It is the good news that Jesus Christ came from heaven. He came to live and die to save sinners.

The children began to grow up. Mr and Mrs Müller found jobs for them. The children could earn their living now. Mr and Mrs Müller gave them some money. They gave them some clothes. They gave them a Bible of their own. Now the children were ready to look after themselves.

But where did the money come from? It cost a great deal to build a big house. It cost a great deal to feed many children every day. It cost a great deal to give them clothes. It cost great deal to give them teachers. Did Mr and Mrs Müller ask people for money?

No. Mr and Mrs Müller asked God for the money. They prayed to him. Many times there was no money left. Many

times Mr and Mrs Müller wondered how to feed the children. But always the money came when it was needed. God made just the right person decide to give them some money at just the right time.

Many of the children became Christians because of kind George Müller and his wife.

<sup>1</sup> You will find this exciting story retold for children in *Family Adventure* by W. T. Stunt which is available on the *Mothers' Companion* flashdrive <https://motherscompanion.weebly.com/>