

TWAS the night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring—not even Jonathan or Jennifer. Because, before putting them to bed, Roger and Carol had told them a 1988 bedtime story that went something like this:

ONCE UPON A TIME—I mean this year, Roger's brother Drake and his wife Becky had their first child. And they wrapped the baby in a brand new sleeper and laid her in a bassinet. Megan Renee was born April 20th. We praise God, that although Megan was born pre-mature, she is a perfectly healthy baby.

In May, Carol's brother David graduated from college. But since Roger couldn't get off work to take the family home in time for the graduation, Carol's sister Sue and her husband Rick presented Carol with a very special gift. They drove out just long enough to pick up Carol and then to turn around and drive back to Illinois in time for Carol to attend David's graduation. A few weeks later Roger joined the rest of the family in attending the 8th grade graduation of Roger's brother Anson.

As we returned to Colorado in June, we discovered a stow-away while we were stopping over for the night at Norman (Roger's cousin) and Marieta's in Kansas City. Eric, who is Jonathan and Jennifer's cousin, had decided to take a vacation in Colorado. Eric's four favorite activities while he was here were playing with Roger's computer, eating, playing with Roger's computer and eating. We still have plenty of food left, but Roger did end up selling his computer.

We found out that Eric must have left a trail of bread crumbs on the way here, because, it was only a few weeks later (yes it does take weeks to follow bread crumbs – especially if you pick them up and eat them as you go) that Jonathan and Jennifer's cousin Jason (Eric's brother) along with their Aunt Sharon and second cousin Kim came for a visit. They were regular tourist while they were here.

In August we decided that those bread crumbs must have still been there. For it was during this month that Roger's Mom and Dad and his brother Anson came for a visit. (Although Dad tells me that they flew here, and Dad doubts that the pilot used those bread crumbs to find his way to Colorado Springs) After they did get here – we had a lot of fun.

August 30th was a big day for Jonathan as he started kindergarten. Jonathan is attending Mountaintop Christian School, where he learns as much about God's love as he does about reading, writing, and arithmetic. Jonathan says that kindergarten is a lot of fun, but he wishes that they would make the breaks a bit longer. Jonathan's dad says that about work too.

Although Jonathan is off to school, Jennifer still has someone to play with. In August, Carol started doing daycare. Jennifer has a two year old boy and a couple of infants to help Mom take care of.

Roger would have reminded Jonathan, Jennifer and Carol how much fun they had spending Thanksgiving dinner and other evenings with Drake and Becky, or about Roger's new job working for the programming department at Digital, or how really special Christmas is, now that one of our own is in a Christmas play, but Jonathan and Jennifer (and Carol) were sound asleep.

And so ended the bedtime story—and with that we remind you that the wonder of Christmas is that the God who dwelt among us can now dwell within us.

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C H R I S T M A S

Roger, Carol

JONATHAN

JENNIFER