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Games with God

By Virginia Hamilton Adair

I played, a child both wild and meek,
with God at games of hide-and-seek.
I searched in vain the usual places
and found a thousand saddened faces.

"Your God is hidden in heaven," they said;
"You'll see him only when you're dead."
How could I make them understand
God often took me by the hand?
Then as my tears began to fall
I felt his touch and heard his call,
"I never hid from you at all."

I played with God a game of tag,
his mantle flying like a flag.
I gave my God a good head start
but caught him running in my heart.

I played with God the game "I Spy,"
but lost him with my fading eye,
till playmate God in his pure kindness,
printed his image on my blindness.

Stewards of God's Mysteries

By Dr. Gil Stafford

As Chalice bearer at a recent Sunday service, three year old Elias approached me. I knelt down to extend the Holy Mysteries to this adopted orphan child from Haiti; he peered into my soul to whisper a message from God; "Amen" , he said.

Elias was for me, a teacher of the Gospel, to use Paul's meaning. Elias affirmed for me that truly God is still an active agent in the world. God is working through the lives of his mothers who rescued him and his brother from despair to give them hope.

In I Corinthians 4:1-7, Paul wrote "Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries." We are the 'us,' the servants worshipping and the stewards teaching.

Surely God so loved the world that God is one of us, appearing in the face of the love seen reflected in the eyes of the lunch lady, the pizza guy, Elias' mothers and Elias himself.

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