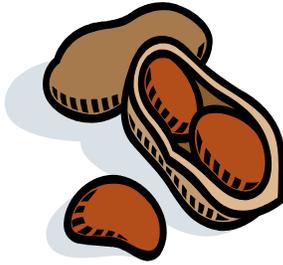


George Washington Carver

How God Turned An Ordinary Boy **INTO A GREAT SCIENTIST**

Can you **guess** how many things can be made from peanuts?

- a) 3? b) 30? c) 300?



You'll find out when you read the story of
George Washington Carver.

George came up with ideas for peanuts
that no one else had thought of.
His ideas made him a **famous scientist.**



George wasn't always an important person. He was born the son of a poor, black slave in the United States. **Back in those days, slaves weren't expected to amount to much.** But George loved to learn about nature. He loved visiting the woods and learning which plants made people feel better when they were sick. He even got the nickname **"The little plant doctor."**

When he was little, George made his most important discovery: It happened when he listened to a preacher one day who talked about the **Lord Jesus Christ**, who created all the plants that George loved. George learned that Jesus loved him and died to be his Saviour from sin's punishment. He was amazed that someone as important as Jesus would do this for him,
and George invited Jesus into his heart right then and there.

From that day, George wanted to learn all he could about the Lord and His creation. **He read his Bible every single day.** He memorized *entire* books of the Bible, such as Genesis, Psalms, Proverbs, and the four Gospels.



George learned from the Bible that **God answers prayer.** So he asked for God's help in everything. When he needed to find work to pay for college, he asked God to help, and God gave him a job in a laundry.

At college, George became an **expert** in the field of plants and agriculture. When he graduated, he wanted to help the farmers who needed good crops to grow. He remembered the weeds in the forest – **weeds** like the **peanut plant.** No one in those days thought that peanuts were good for anything at all, except feeding to the pigs, and so no one grew them.



George thought that since peanuts were nutritious, they would be a good crop. So he convinced the farmers to grow **peanuts.**

The only problem was that after they grew lots and lots of peanuts, there wasn't anyone who wanted to buy them – because no one knew what to do with them. George felt so badly. But instead of giving up, he got on his knees and asked God to help him figure out what could be made from peanuts.

George asked God: "Dear Creator, why did You make the peanut?"

George listened in his heart for God's answer. **"Take it apart and find out,"** God seemed to say.



So George got to work. He found out that peanuts have all kinds of valuable substances in them, like oil, sugar, starches, and many other things. He **experimented** with making up all kinds of **new products** from those peanut ingredients.

Once he got started, it seemed there was no end to his ideas. George made peanut butter, peanut milk, cheese, ice cream, candy, cakes... and even imitation chicken and peanut pickles.

He came up with... **300 products!**



Factories had to be built to make the products, and millions of hectares were planted with peanuts. **George created a whole new industry.**

Everyone asked George where he got all his ideas. He told them that he woke early each morning to **read his Bible**, and **to ask God** what he could discover that day.



**"I never asked God anything that He did not do.
We work together, and the ideas come faster
than I can work them out."**

George was now famous. He could have been the richest man in the world, but he refused the money. He **remained humble** and **helped others**. And God rewarded him.

What can we learn from George Washington Carver?

- ◆ We all matter to God – even if you're poor or others don't think much of you. God has a special plan just for you.
- ◆ Trust God & pray. He will bless you and show you amazing things.
- ◆ Only God can make a good scientist
(or a good "anything" for that matter).



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." – Jeremiah 29:11