

Four Naughty Names

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We are all acquainted with someone who has a nickname. Probably some of you boys and girls have a special little name that only your family and friends call you, like “Pete,” “Pat,” or “Barb.”

Sometimes we are given nicknames because of what we are, or how we look, such as “Shorty,” “Sandy,” or “Happy.”

Once in awhile we are given names we do not like at all. No one wants to be known as “Meanie,” or “Pouty Face,” or “Tattle Tale.”

I once knew a man who was known as “Squeaks” because he never oiled or greased his farm machinery, and therefore it squeaked every time he used it.

Today I am going to talk about four naughty names. I wouldn’t want any of these, and I really do not think that you do either. But I want you to ask yourself these questions: “Am I like this?” “Do I do that?” Then decide for Jesus sake, and to please Him, you will quit all the naughty things you know you are doing.

1. Noisy Ned

Could this be your name? It could be, if you are like him. He annoys everyone who sits near him in church, or class, by coughing when he doesn’t need to. He carelessly closes the hymn book, and drops it in the book rack, or seat. He drops coins, and other things he has in his pockets. He makes all sorts of funny little noises with his hands, and sometimes even with his mouth. He often hinders folks from hearing the message from God because he does noisy things.

2. Nosey Nettie

Or is this your name? Nosey Nettie turns around to see just who the usher seated in back of her. How embarrassing it is for the visitor, or late comer. She finds out whose baby is crying in the back row, and who said “Amen” to something good. She looks back at the clock, and sometimes looks back at people for a long time. Folks just wish she would turn around and sit still, for they get so tired of someone looking back.

3. Nasty Nina

You can always tell where Nasty Nina sat, by the clutter of candy wrappers, bits of paper, and church bulletin she left in the seat, and on the floor. Sometimes she plays with her gum until it drops on the floor. Sometimes she causes someone to scrape the gum from the floor with a knife. Too bad. Just suppose that she was the janitor, and had to clean up some old gum. She seldom puts the song book back in the rack, and often leaves her scarf, papers, Bible, and even her purse in the seat when dismissed.

4. Naughty Nate

Naughty Nate whispers to anyone who is sitting beside him. Instead of trying to understand what the minister's message means, he reads his Sunday School paper and never listens - not once. He teases his little sister until she cries, and then he says he never touched her. He may even scribble on the seat. He fusses and twists until finally his father gets cross, takes him out and punishes him. By this time about twenty people sitting near him have missed a lot of the good blessings from God that the minister was teaching them. How they all wish that Naughty Nate would mind.

CONCLUSION: God's Word says that "Even a child is known by his doings." (Proverbs 20:11) Wise King Solomon tells us how important it is to have a good name. (Proverbs 22:1) People see how we act, and they care, but it is even more important to know that the Lord sees. It makes Him feel very badly when we are naughty.

David said, "I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way." (Psalm 101:2) We know that we cannot behave by ourselves, but if we are saved, and we ask God to help us, He will.

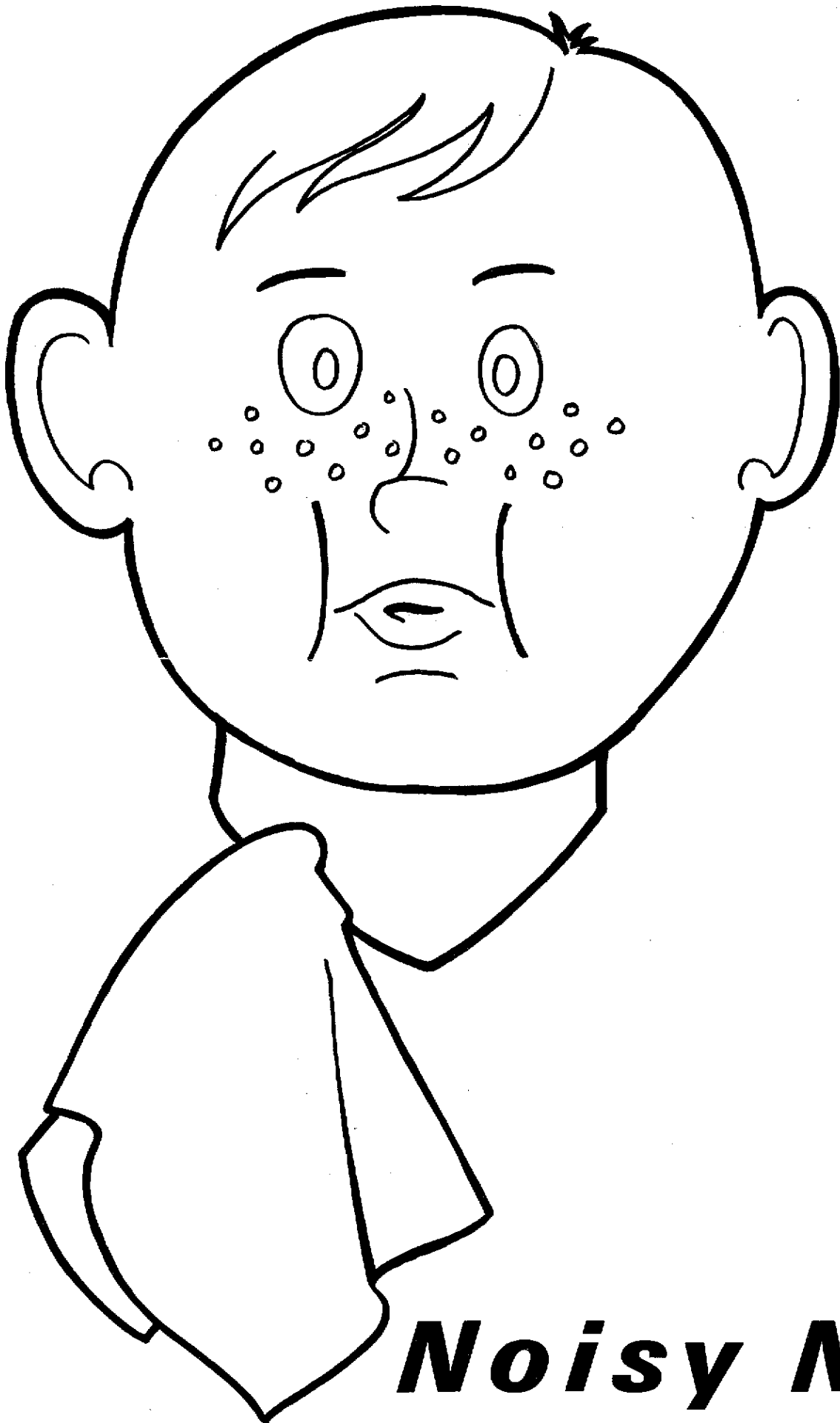
I will not be a Noisy Ned,
For I will never have it said
That prayer was not heard in back
When my book slammed into the rack.

Nasty Nina I'll not be.
I'll clean around me to a "T".
I'll not be bringing chewing gum.
I'll make folks glad to have me come.

As for Nosey Nettie - No!
Hereafter, I will sit just so.
When I hear "Amen" to something good
My head will be where my head should.

Naughty Nate? No! Not me!
I'll not act like my age is three.
From now on I will be the kind
Of Christian who knows how to mind.

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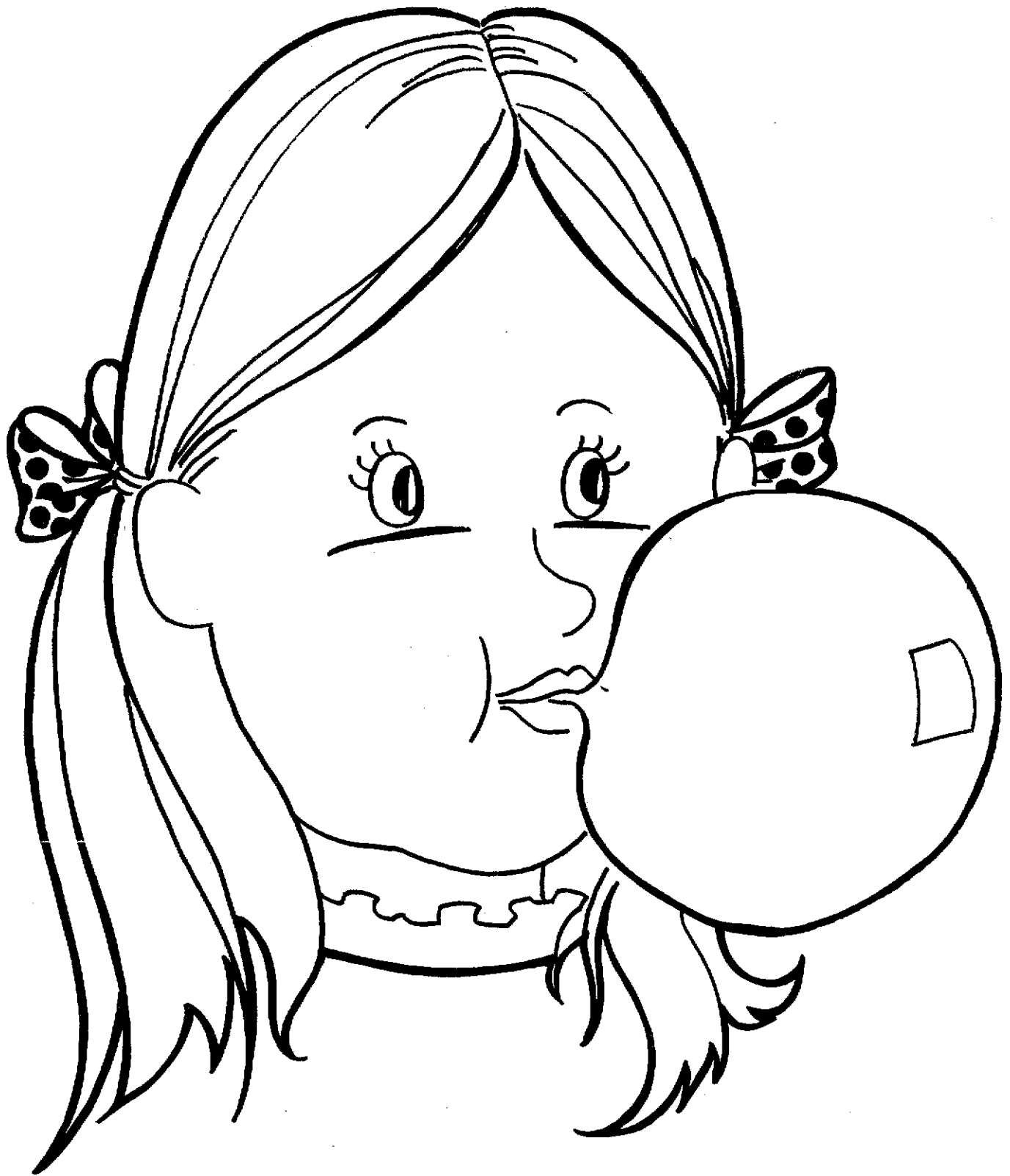


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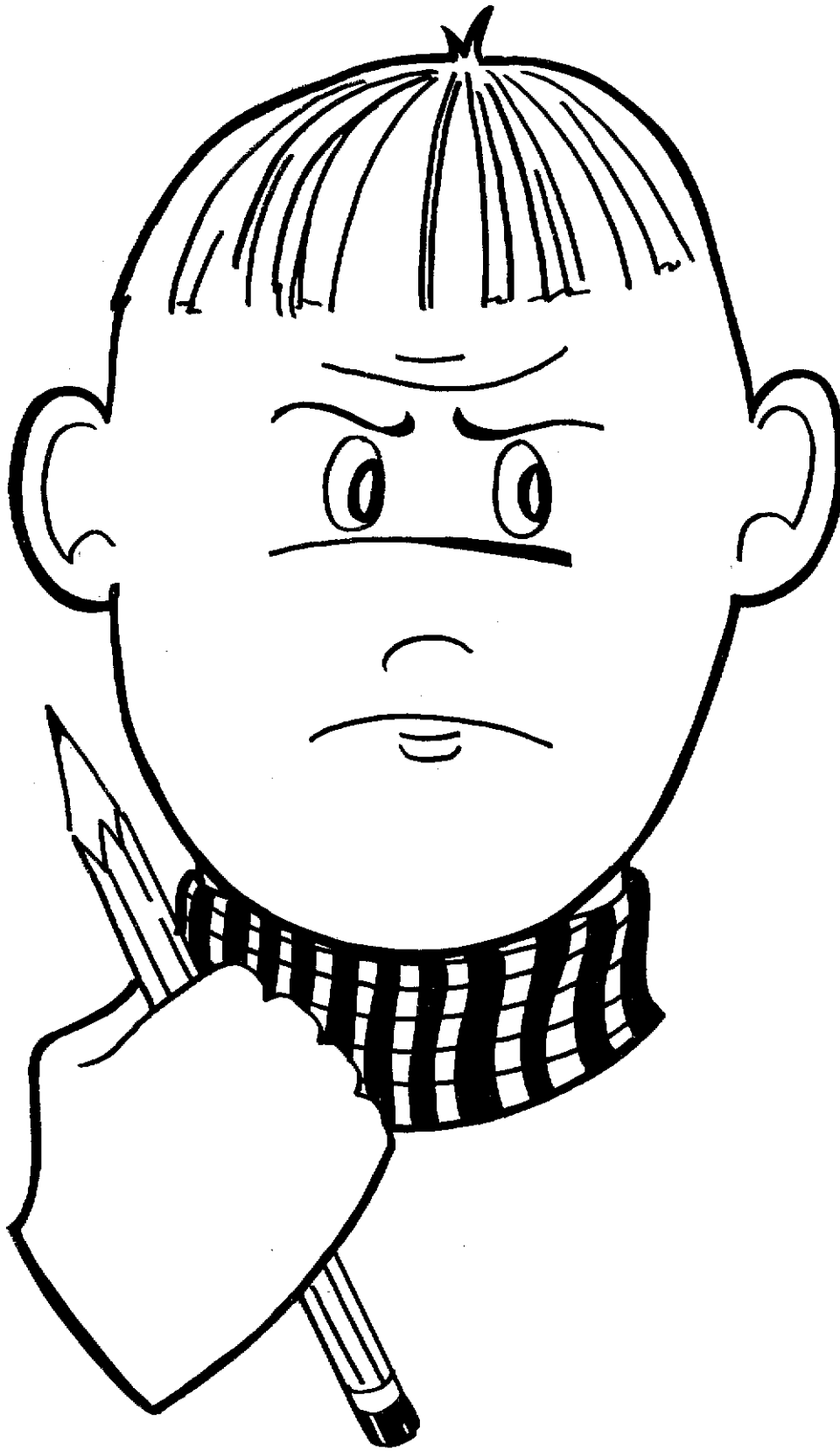


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