



TALMAGE TALES

Little Lessons of Light for Kids and Families

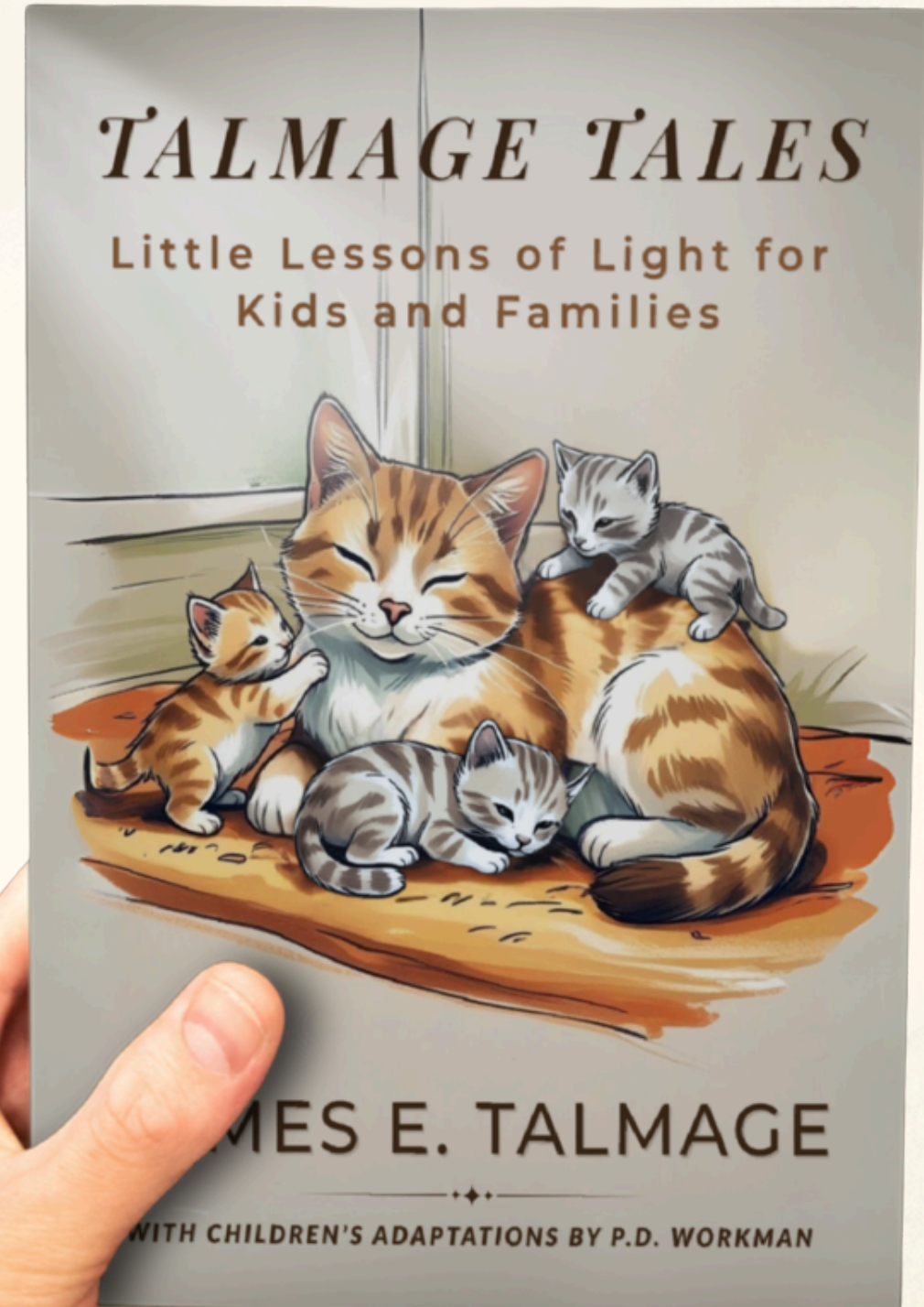
Timeless parables from James E. Talmage,
made accessible for a new generation.

How do we bridge the gap between timeless wisdom and a child's heart?

As parents and grandparents, we cherish deep spiritual truths. But translating that wisdom into lessons that capture a child's imagination can be a challenge. We look for ways to not just teach, but to connect—to spark conversations that build faith and character, one story at a time.

A Bridge Built for Two Generations.

Talmage Tales was created to make the inspired parables of Elder James E. Talmage accessible to every member of the family. It's a unique collection designed for reading together, discovering how gospel truths can speak simply and profoundly to hearts of every age. Each story appears in two versions, inviting families to cross the bridge of understanding together.



One Parable, Three Ways to Connect.



For Younger Readers

A child-friendly retelling with gentle language and beautiful illustrations to introduce the core lesson.



The Original Words

Elder Talmage's original, eloquent version, carefully preserved for adults and older readers to experience his full depth of thought.

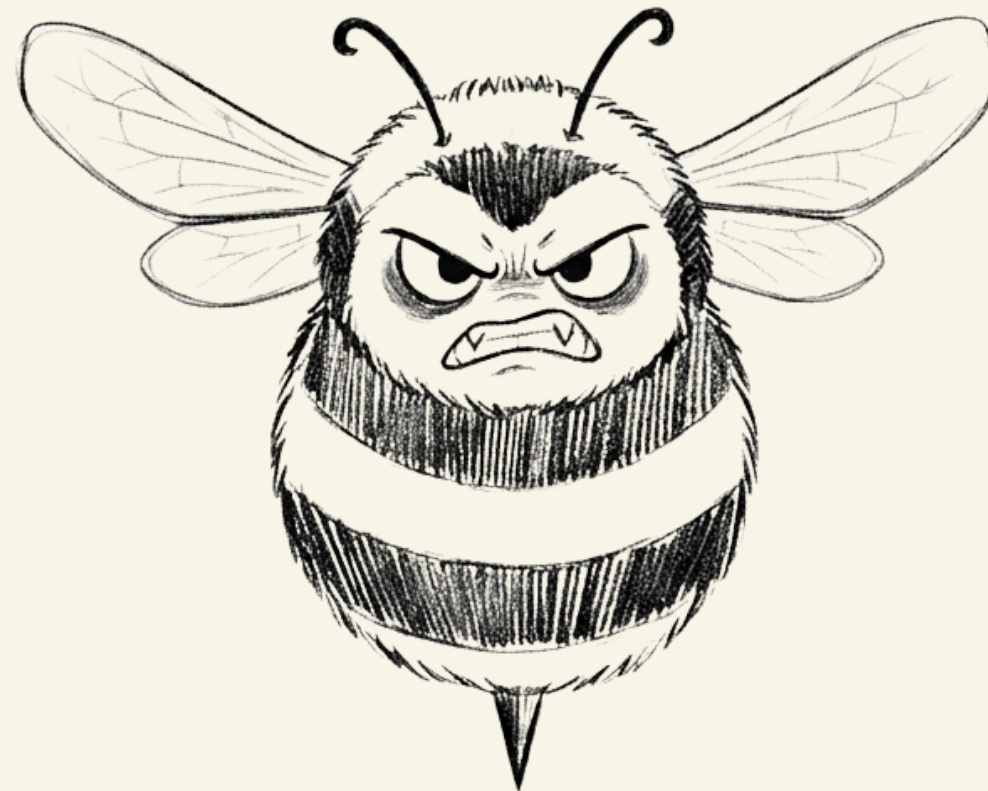


For Family Discussion

Thoughtful prompts and activities ("Let's Talk About It," "Try This") to inspire curiosity, faith, and conversation.

Walk Across the Bridge

Let's see how the dual-version format brings a story to life. In this parable, Elder Talmage reflects on a personal experience with a trapped bee to teach a powerful lesson about resisting the very help that can set us free.



A Lesson for a Child: Trusting a Guiding Hand.

He opened the window wide and tried to shoo the bee out. But the bee buzzed angrily around the room. It stung Brother Talmage's hand... He was sad that the bee attacked him instead of finding the exit. Like that bee, we sometimes resist... when if we would listen and follow his instructions, we would find greater freedom and happiness.

—P.D. Workman

The Eloquence of the Original: A Deeper Reflection.

"To the bee's short-sightedness and selfish misunderstanding, I was a foe, a persistent persecutor, a mortal enemy bent on its destruction; while in truth I was its friend, offering it ransom of the life it had put in forfeit... striving to redeem it, in spite of itself, from the prison-house of death and restore it to the outer air of liberty."

—James E. Talmage, *The Parable of the Unwise Bee*

Turning Storytime into Connection.

After reading both versions, the book provides gentle prompts to help families explore the parable's meaning together.

Let's Talk About It:

- Have you ever felt upset when someone tried to help you?
- What are some ways Heavenly Father helps us find the "open window" when life feels hard?

Try This:

When you feel frustrated today, take a deep breath and say, "I can look for the open window."

A Deeper Dive: The Parable of the Defective Battery.

Not all parables are simple fables. Elder Talmage, a renowned scientist, often drew lessons from his laboratory.

This parable uses the analogy of a voltaic battery to explore how individual actions affect the entire community.



From a Broken Cell to a Sinner's Repentance

Simple & Clear

The broken cell was like a sinful man man who needed to repent and become clean in order to accomplish his life's mission. But once he repents, he can work together with God and be part of the Lord's work.
—P.D. Workman

Deep & Profound

How like a sinner was the unclean cell! Its unfitness was the direct effect of internal disorder, self-corruption... In association with others who are clean, able, and willing, the sinner is as an obstruction to the current; the efficiency of the whole is lessened, if not entirely neutralized, by a single defective unit." — James E. Talmage



The Architect of Wisdom: James E. Talmage (1862-1933).

- **An Apostle and a Scientist:** Ordained an Apostle in 1911, he was also a renowned geologist and university president, uniquely positioned to bridge faith and reason.
- **A Master Teacher:** Authored foundational works like *Jesus the Christ* and *The Articles of Faith*, shaping generations of Latter-day Saint thought.
- **A Gifted Communicator:** His parables, originally published in *The Improvement Era* magazine, combined the mind of a scholar with the heart of a believer to teach profound truths through everyday examples.



The Builder of the Bridge: P.D. Workman (1972-).

- **An Award-Winning Author:** A prolific Canadian author of over 100 novels, skilled in creating emotionally rich stories that connect with readers.
- **A Person of Faith:** A lifelong member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, her faith inspires stories of redemption, compassion, and resilience.
- **A Thoughtful Adapter:** Through projects like Talmage Tales, she builds bridges between classic storytelling and modern families, helping readers see the complexity and beauty of the human experience.

A Treasury of Parables for Your Family.

The collection includes ten beautifully illustrated parables, each with its dual version and discussion prompts.

The Grateful Cat

The Unwise Bee

The Sick Battery

The Two Lamps

The Perfect Picture

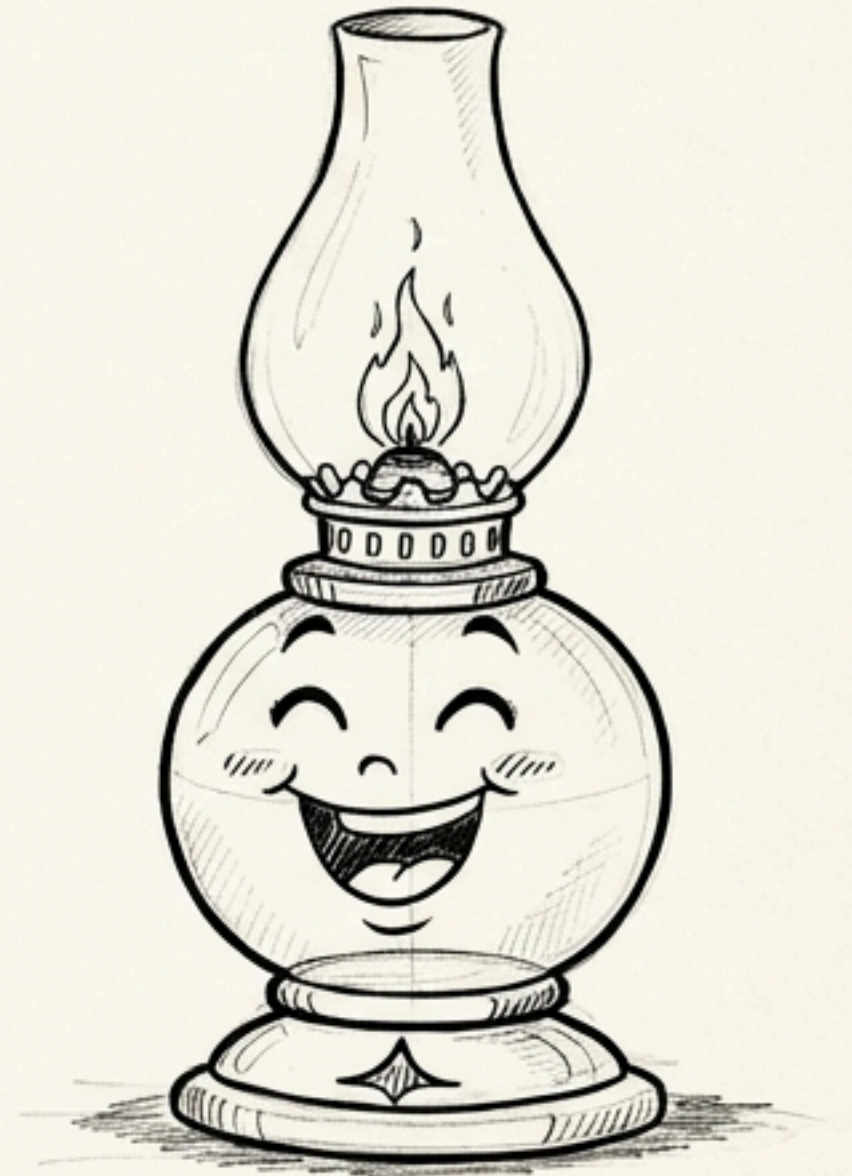
The Owl Express

The Brand New Coin

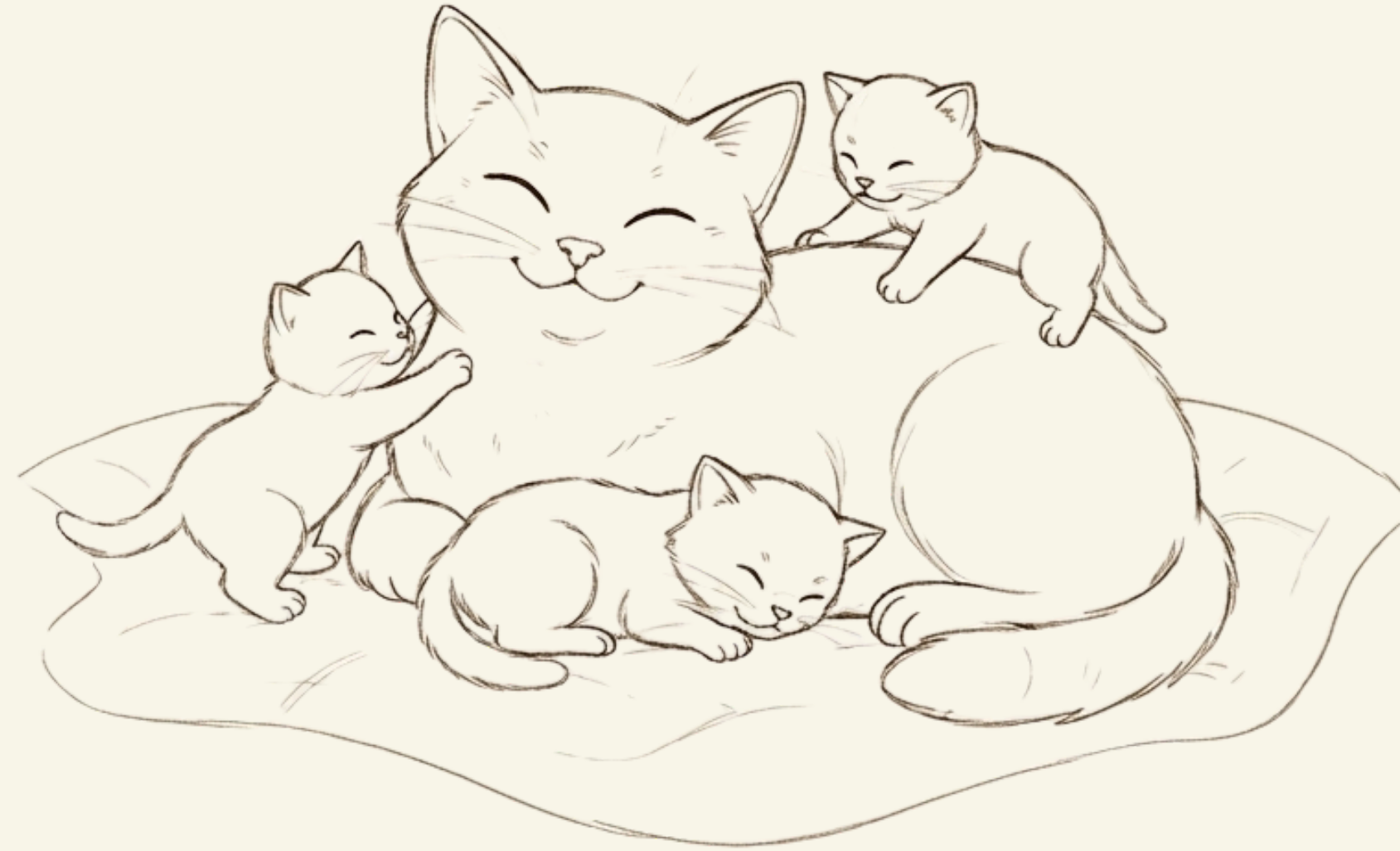
The Treasure

The Broken Flask

The Weather Warning



Bring the Bridge into Your Home.



Talmage Tales is more than a book; it's an invitation. An invitation to gather, to read, to discuss, and to connect. It's a tool to transform family reading time into moments of shared light and understanding, building a legacy of faith that spans generations.

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