Corrie ten Boom

The Courageous Woman and the Secret Room

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Corrie ten Boom lived in a higgledy-piggledy house, surrounded by family, friends and LOTS of clocks…

There were tall clocks,
  tiny clocks,
fancy clocks,
  and funny clocks.

And Father, the finest clockmaker in the Dutch city of Haarlem, knew how to fix them all!

Corrie's family met together every day to read the Bible.

"You are my hiding place and my shield," read Father one day. *"I hope in your word."**

Corrie sat there, wondering,

"Why would anybody need a hiding place?"

The answer came many years later.

Corrie was sleeping in her room when a loud **BANG!** woke her up.

As she looked outside, she saw brilliant flashes followed by booming explosions.

"War," she whispered.

It was indeed war. A big one, called World War Two. Countries were fighting, and people were bullied and killed for how they looked or talked, or where they came from.

Some of these people were Jews.

They were chased by the soldiers and put into horrible prison camps where many died.

As Corrie watched this happening, she prayed a very brave prayer.

"Lord Jesus, I give myself for the Jewish people. In any way. Any place. Any time."

And just as with every prayer prayed by a follower of Jesus, this too was heard.