

A Heart For “Littlefolks”

Children delight in laughing and learning with Ginger Brown and puppets

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Once upon a time, western Kansas farm girl Ginger Brown wanted to be a schoolteacher, as she’s always had a heart for children. Specifically, she wanted to teach first grade. However, her mother held a deep belief that Brown’s true gift was music, and encouraged her all through childhood to pursue music, especially voice lessons. Obediently, Ginger “sang every chance she had” throughout her school career, enrolled in college as a music major, and even sang in a traveling choir. However, the desire to teach never left her soul, so she and mother made an agreement. Brown enrolled in Elementary Education, but also continued voice lessons.

Proving that “mother knows best”, Brown soon realized the value of her music training. After graduating from Emporia State Teacher’s College in Kansas, she landed her dream job and taught first grade for eight years. One day, the school hosted a ventriloquist. From then on, her heart for children and musical training synchronized perfectly.

“Watching the ventriloquist, I just knew how it was done,” Brown shared. “I had studied voice placement, lip control and breath control in my voice training. I simply went home and tried it, and it worked!”

Consequently, it can be said they all lived happily ever after; “they” meaning Brown and her cast of puppets she calls the “Littlefolks”, including Lamkins (a shy lamb), Linus the Lion (who always tells the truth) and Wonder Dog (a dog who wonders about everything). The “Littlefolks” title is also a perfect fit for her typical audience of children. However, Brown has many “big folks” who admire her, particularly parents and fellow teachers.

Now an accomplished ventriloquist and recording artist, who has performed overseas and nationwide, Brown is passionate about her children’s ministry, The Littlefolks Gospel Productions, Inc. based in Wichita Falls, Texas. The ministry includes camps, crusades, books, DVDs, school and community programs and more. Brown is also willing to tackle the tough subjects, authoring materials that help children deal with overwhelming grief, such as the loss of a parent. She can relate, having lost her own “earthly” father at a young age. Other lessons include sharing with children that we are all different, how to overcome fear, respect for others, laugh “at” yourself and “with” others, the importance of telling the truth, and when “not” to believe your friends.

For more information on Brown’s ministry, including free music and a fun page for children, or information on appearances, books and other media, visit www.thelittlefolks.org .