

MVUC Showed Me the Way

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One day I was in my class at school,
When one of my friends said, "This is the rule!"
She said, "You **must** believe in God."
I thought to myself, that's a little bit odd,
Because I learned at **my** church that it's okay
For people to believe differently, to think their own way.
So I said, "I'm sorry—that's just not for me;
I have to be true to myself, you see."

I thought then of Esther—that made me feel strong;
To speak up for what's right and speak out against wrong.
Then other stories from this year came into my mind,
Like the Golden Rule of how to be kind.
Everyone's connected in the Web of Life after all—
No matter how big and no matter how small.
So it makes sense to be caring when you do unto others,
Because we're all family, we're all sisters and brothers.

Brothers made me think of Joseph, who had many.
His mistake was to hold himself higher than any.
He forgot **every** person is special and unique—
All of us treasures to hold close and to keep.
But I can't forget Moses!...his mother knew
You have to let go what you love—yes, it's true.
'Cause sometimes when we try to hold on **too** tight,
We lose what's important; it gets smashed in the fight.

Sharing can also be like letting go;
Even giving a little helps what you've given to grow.
Like the story of Jesus with the loaves and the fishes:
The boy who shared his food helped fill all the crowd's dishes.
Miracles happen right here in our hearts;
It takes just one person to step up and take part.
Now **I'm** trying to open my heart more each day
Thanks to MVUC; they have shown me the way!