

# *He Works in Mysterious Ways*

*I had heard all I wanted to hear. We were sitting on the side lines as the boys' football team was practicing. There sure is a difference between baseball moms and football moms! Kim, one of the football moms was cursing at her daughter for not doing her homework correctly. It seemed like she would not let up on her language. We all sat very tense, wishing the mom would quit talking and feeling sorry for the girl. I tried to hold my tongue but there was too much inappropriate language flying out of her mouth. I leaned forward in my seat, looked over at the screaming mother, who was about 5 seats down, and asked if she could please watch her mouth.*

*As quick as a wink, she replied, "I am watching my mouth."*

*And of course, I responded too, "Yes, and so are we. And we don't like it." She responded with a few choice words. I didn't say anything more. The whole side-line was quiet at this time, waiting to hear what would be coming next. As we sat in silence, I began to feel bad for not approaching Kim privately. The trip home from the field was quiet too. However, when we got home, all 3 children tried to squeeze through the front door at the same time, with all 3 of them yelling, "Dad! Dad! You should have been at practice tonight! Mom almost got in a fight with Kim! We were afraid she was going to get beat up!" My husband laughed as the children shared their perspective of the occurrence. I did feel bad, I am not usually that bold and the football season was just beginning.*

*You'll never guess, the sweetest thing happened days after our experience on the ballfield. There was a knock on the door; it was Kim. Her friend had been diagnosed with cancer and they both came by to see if my husband and I would pray for them. Of course, we did. The boys became friends, and her son would go to church with us occasionally. Kim and her family moved to Tennessee. Periodically they return and when they do, their son will come for a visit. Just when I thought I had blown it, the Lord turned the situation around. He works in mysterious ways.*

*Job 11:7 "Can you solve the mysteries of God? Can you discover everything about the Almighty?"*