

# AN ELEPHANT NEVER FORGETS



**Message:** *Never forget the Lord*

**Scripture:** *Deuteronomy 6:12(NIV)*

Today I'd like to tell you a true story about a girl named Elizabeth. When she was young, Elizabeth's father owned a zoo. (Wouldn't it be fun if your father owned a zoo?) One day he bought an elephant named Queenie for his zoo. Well, it didn't take long before Elizabeth and Queenie were best friends. They were so close that Queenie could even sense how Elizabeth was feeling. When Elizabeth was sad, Queenie would touch her face with her trunk as if to say, "It's going to be OK."

After a number of years, Elizabeth's father died and the family couldn't afford to keep Queenie any longer, so they had to sell her. So one day Queenie was driven away to a circus in another state.

Almost 40 years went by, and Elizabeth found out that Queenie was living in an animal park in Georgia, so she decided to go and visit her. She was worried that Queenie wouldn't recognize her after all those years, but when she spoke Queenie's name those big ears went out; she smelled Elizabeth's hands and feet, and it was as if they'd never been apart!

They say an elephant never forgets. Well, Queenie certainly didn't forget Elizabeth, did she? And you know what? The Bible says that we should be like an elephant! Here in Deuteronomy 6:12 it says, "Be careful not to forget the Lord."

It's amazing how many people learn about the Lord and then forget all about Him. But we sure don't want to do that, do we? No, we want to be like an elephant and never forget the Lord.

Let's pray about that: Father in Heaven, we're so happy to be getting to know you. Lord, wherever we go and whatever we do, help us to never forget you. Amen.

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