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*The Dogwood Tree*

*My favorite plant/tree is the dogwood tree. The dogwood is a deciduous or shrub tree. The scientific name for it is *Cornus florida*. The biological rank is genus. The word genus means a category that ranks above species and below family. As a legend has it, the cross on which Jesus was crucified was made from a dogwood tree. God decreed that the dogwood tree would from that day forth never grow so large to make a cross. Also, the reason the dogwood is my favorite is because you never stop thinking about how beautiful it is to you.*

