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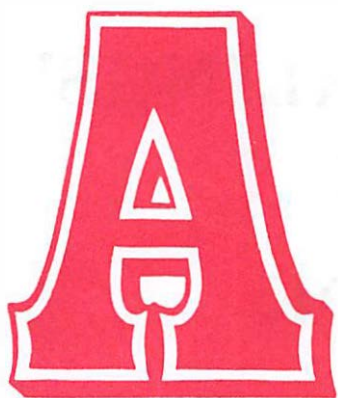
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A is for
Aaron with
wonderful
rod,

Who proved to the
heathen that he was of
God.

Exod. 8:19



Aaron's Wonderful Rod

A wicked king once lived in Egypt. He was making the Lord's people work too hard. God saw this and heard the poor people groaning as they worked. God always helps His people when they are in trouble. This time He sent a man named Moses to take them to a land God had chosen for them. Moses was afraid to go alone to that wicked king, so God said that Aaron might go with him.

The king said that the people must not leave Egypt, but when God sent one plague after another, the king changed his mind. At one time Aaron threw down his rod, or staff, and it became a live serpent. Some men, whom the king thought very wise, did the same thing, but Aaron's rod swallowed all of their rods.

In this way the wicked king was shown that Aaron was of the true God, and the king let the people go to their home.

Just as God used Aaron to work a miracle, God can use us if we will be willing to serve Him.

Aaron at all are alone afraid



B-

**Bartimaeus
was blind,**

But the

Lord

made him well;

**Oh, what a
glad story
He then
had to
tell.**

Mark 10:46-52



Jesus Heals Bartimaeus

Bartimaeus was a blind man. He could not see the people when they passed by. He was sorry that he was blind, for everyone likes to see.

Because Bartimaeus was blind, he sat down beside the road and asked the people to give him something to eat and wear. He wished many times when they were kind to him that he could look into their faces, but he could hear and he was glad for that.

One day, when Bartimaeus was sitting by the roadside, he heard someone saying, "There is the man who can make the blind people see."

Then Bartimaeus was glad, and he began to call to Jesus. Some thought that because Bartimaeus was poor and blind Jesus would not do anything for him; but Jesus heard him right away, and said, "What do you want me to do for you, Bartimaeus?" Bartimaeus said, "I want to see like other people."

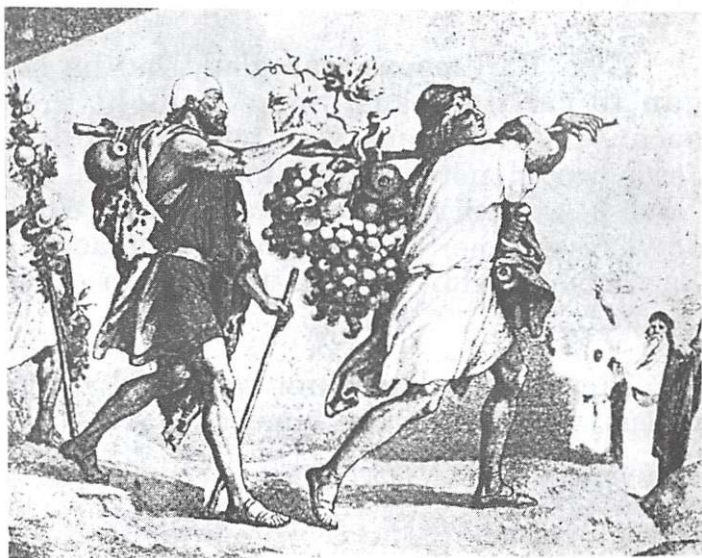
Then Jesus made him well, and Bartimaeus was no longer blind.

Bartimaeus blind because bad

C

C is for
Canaan
And for Caleb,
too——

‘Twas he told the people
To be brave and true.



The Man Who Was Not Afraid

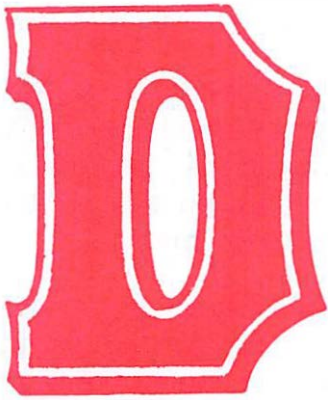
Caleb was one of the twelve men who went to see if Canaan was a good country to live in. When they came back, ten of the men said that Canaan was a good place but that there were giants over there.

Then all of the people began to cry and said to Moses, "Oh, take us back to Egypt. We had to work hard, but there were no giants there."

Caleb said, "Oh, the giants will not harm you, for God will not let them. Have you forgotten how many times God has helped us since we left Egypt?" But the people only cried louder, and said, "Take us back to Egypt where there are no giants," and because the people cried, and were afraid, they had to stay where they were for years and years.

However, when Caleb was an old man, and the time came when they could go to Canaan, Caleb asked if they would let him live in the mountains where he had seen the giants. Moses said that he might go. God took care of Caleb, and the giants did not hurt him.

Caleb Canaan country could



D is for
Daniel,
alone
in the
cave,

To whom
came
an angel,
from
lions
to save.



Dan. 6:22

Daniel Among the Lions

Deep down in the lions' den was Daniel. Do you suppose he was afraid that the lions would eat him? No! for he knew he had done nothing wrong. He knew that God would care for him.

The hungry lions came around Daniel, but they did not dare to bite him. Why? Because an angel was there, too. Yes, God had sent an angel to stay with Daniel. That was the way God was taking care of him.

Very early the next morning the king came to the den. He called to Daniel. This is what he said: "O Daniel, is thy God able to deliver thee from the lions?" And Daniel answered, "My God hath sent his angel and hath shut the lions' mouths."

How glad the king was then! He told some men to hurry and take Daniel up out of the den.

The king then sent for the wicked men who had put Daniel in the den. When they were brought he had them thrown into the lions' den. No angel came to save them, and the lions soon ate them.

Daniel den dare deep down

E

E is for
Esther,
a queen
kind and
true,

Who helped
save her
people,
as
she was
a Jew.



Esther 2:20

Queen Esther Saves Her People

Esther was feeling sad one day. She had heard that all her people must die. She wanted to save them, but she did not know how. At last she thought she would go to the king and invite him to a feast, or good dinner.

If she went to the king and he was not pleased she would have to die. Esther knew this, but thought she had better die than so many, so she asked the Lord to take care of her and went.

God did take care of her. The king was kind and asked Esther what she wanted. She asked the king and his friend, Haman, to come to a feast she meant to prepare. Now, Haman was the man who wanted the Jews to die.

The king and Haman came. While they were eating, Esther said that she and her people were to be killed. The king asked who would dare to do such a thing. She answered that Haman was the one.

The king said that Haman must die, and he made a way so that the Jews would be able to live.

Esther eat even every eating

F

F is for
the Furnace
and also
the Flame,

That unto the Hebrews
a blessing became. Dan.
3:19-30



In the Fiery Furnace

Far away was a country where they
worshipped idols. The people thought this
was right, but they found out that there was
a God in heaven to worship.

This is how it happened—

The king had made
An idol tall
And said all men,
Both great and small,
Around its feet
Must come and fall.

They heard the king
In loud voice say,
"Go bind these boys
This very day."
But they were true
In every way.

The people came
From far and near
To bow around
This image queer
And worship there
In awe and fear

The furnace flames
Were fierce and hot;
But true, though strange,
They felt them not,
And God came down
To share their lot.

But there were three
Boys young and fair
Who knew 'twas wrong
And did not dare
To bow around
The image there.

And thus the king
That very hour
Sent writings forth
God's praise to show'r
For now he saw
God's strength and pow'r.

Furnace flame far fire fair

G

G for
Goliath,
the Giant
so Great,

Who met
little
David
and also
his fate.



1 Sam. 17:4-11

David Slays Goliath

Giants are large men. There are not many giants now, but there were at one time.

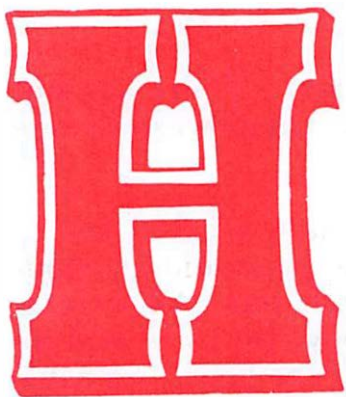
Once a little boy saw a giant try to scare God's people. The giant said he wanted someone to fight with him. All were afraid to go until this boy came. He said he would go in the name of the Lord. The boy's name was David. The giant's name was Goliath.

The Lord helped David to sling a stone so straight that it killed the giant.

King Saul was pleased when he saw that the giant was dead, and he took David home with him. Something happened that made Saul angry and caused him to hate David. He heard some people singing, "Saul hath killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands."

Saul was afraid the people would love David more than they loved him, so he planned to kill David, but God would not let him. God protected David, and all the people looked up to him because he did great things for God.

Goliath go God giant get



H is for Hannah, who
prayed for a son.

The Lord heard and
answered

by giving
her

one.

1 Sam. 1:11



Little Samuel Sent to Hannah

How lonely a home must be without a baby in it! This is what Hannah thought. So she asked God to give her a baby.

She told the Lord that if He would give her a little boy she would raise it for Him. God was pleased to hear her pray in this way, and He gave her a little boy. Hannah called her baby Samuel. The name Samuel means "heard of God." It filled Hannah's heart with joy to know that God had heard her prayer for a little baby. She took good care of him until he was old enough to leave her. Then she brought him to the Lord's house.

Little Samuel did his work well, and God loved him so much that He talked to him in the night.

When Samuel became a man he was still good. He told the people what was right and wrong. The people did not always do what he said, but they loved him.

How happy his mother, Hannah, must have been to see her little boy grow up to be such a good man!

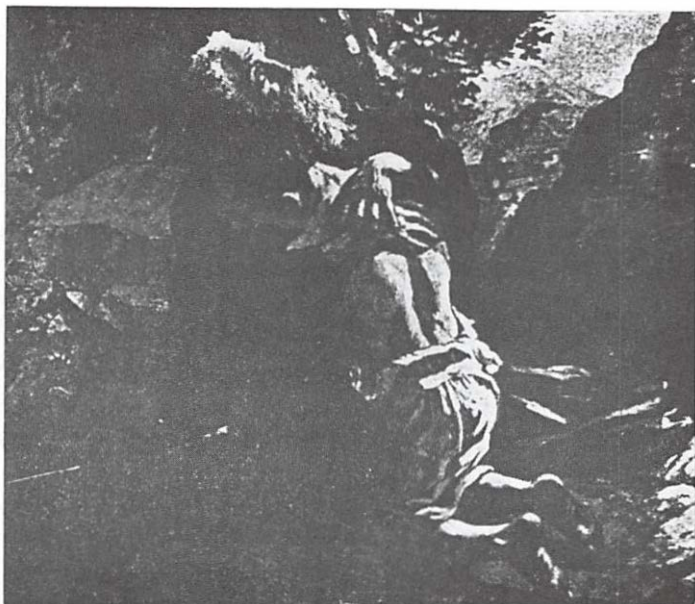
Hannah how her his home



I is for Isaac,
who wasn't
afraid

When placed on
the altar

his father had made. Gen.
22:9



Isaac's Life Is Spared

Isaac was a good little boy. He liked to obey his father and mother.

One morning very early his father, Abraham, called him. They were going out to pray and worship God. They took some wood with them. They were going to place it upon the altar.

When they were nearly to the place, Isaac saw they had no lamb, so he asked his father where the lamb was that they were to burn upon the altar. Abraham told Isaac that God would see that they had a lamb.

Now, God knew they loved him, but He wanted to see if Abraham loved his own son better. He had told Abraham to offer up his own son, Isaac, upon the altar.

When all was ready Abraham told Isaac that he was to be the lamb. Isaac was not afraid to let his father tie him upon the altar, but something happened just in time to save him. An angel told Abraham not to hurt his son, Isaac. Abraham turned around and there was a ram caught in the bushes. God had provided a sacrifice after all.

Isaac in it if is into idol



J is for Jacob,
and Joseph, too,
Whose dreams though



so strange,
were found
to be
true.

Gen. 28:12-15; 37:7-9

Jacob's and Joseph's Dreams

Jacob was far away from home one night, sleeping upon the ground. He had such a strange dream that he wondered about it. In the dream God said that Jacob's children would be many—so many that he could not count them. And he saw a ladder there with angels upon it.

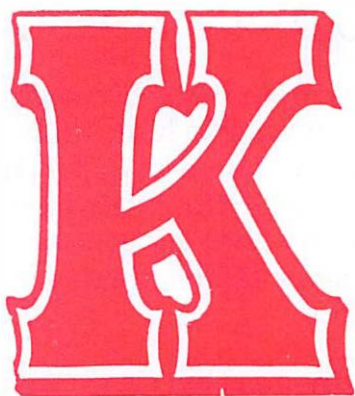
Joseph had two dreams, but both were much the same. He told them to his father and brethren, and they wondered if he was going to rule over them.

His brothers feared that the dreams would come true. One day they saw him coming to join them. Now, they were away from home caring for their father's sheep, so they planned to kill him.

Joseph's life was saved by some men coming just at the right time. They bought him and took him to Egypt.

Joseph had many bad things happen to him in Egypt, but he loved God and did what was right. It wasn't very long and Joseph's dreams did come true. Joseph did rule over his brothers, but he was a good ruler.

Jacob Joseph just join Jew



K is for
Kidron,
a brook
on the
way

To the garden

where

Jesus

went

often

to pray.

John 18:1



Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

Kidron was not a river. It was only a little brook, or ravine. It was between Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives. In the New Testament it is spelled C-e-d-r-o-n. But K-i-d-r-o-n is also right.

Jesus liked to cross this little brook. There was a beautiful garden just beyond. The name of the garden is Gethsemane. In this garden Jesus could be quiet and talk to God.

We shall never know how often Jesus crossed the Brook Kidron, nor how many times He prayed in the garden. We do know that one time while He was there somebody kissed Him—and that somebody was Judas, one of the twelve apostles.

A kiss is usually a sign that someone loves us, but this kiss was different. It was a sign for the soldiers to do Jesus harm. Jesus was very sad because Judas had kissed Him. Judas could not have realized the great harm that he was doing by kissing Jesus, for he was afterward very sorry, but nothing that Judas could do would ever undo the wrong.

Kidron

kiss

know

knew

L

L is for
Lazarus,
longing
for food,

While
others
were
feasting
on all
that was
good.



Luke 16:21, 22

The Beggar at the Rich Man's Gate

Lying close to a rich man's gate was a poor beggar. This beggar was hungry. Sometimes some food would be given to him, but not much, and what was given to him was not good.

He thought that by coming often to this rich man's house he would be seen and the rich man would pity him. Perhaps he would give him some food that had been left.

Now, the rich man knew the beggar was there, but he did not care to try to help him. Sometimes the dogs came and licked the sores on the poor man's legs, but the rich man would not let anything like this worry him.

At last the beggar died and went to a happy place. God loved him. He did not need the rich man's food then. After a while the rich man died, but he went to another place. When he looked up and saw the beggar, then he was sorry he had been so unkind to him. We will always be sorry if we are unkind to others.

Lazarus let left last lost

M

M is
for Mary,
kind,
humble,
and sweet.

The place she most loved
was at Jesus' dear feet.

Luke 10:39



Mary at the Feet of Jesus

Mary loved to sit at the feet of Jesus. She wanted Him to tell her about heaven. It was good to listen to Him. Then, she liked to hear about the heavenly home He was going to prepare for her. Now, Mary had a sister, Martha, and one brother. One time her brother, Lazarus, took sick. They sent word to Jesus, but before He came Lazarus died. When Jesus came and saw Mary and her friends weeping, He Himself wept. Then some of the people said, "How Jesus must have loved him!"

Then He went to the grave, or cave, where Lazarus was. Jesus called, and Lazarus came out to them. Mary and Martha were happy to have their brother again.

Jesus came once after that to their home and ate supper with them. Mary wanted to show Jesus how much she loved Him. So she took some very costly ointment, or perfume, and poured it on His feet. Then she wiped His feet with her hair.

One man who saw Mary do this thought that Mary had just wasted the costly ointment. Jesus told him that it was a good thing she had done because she loved Him.

Mary Martha much many

N

N is for
Noah,
with beasts
large and
small,



He
entered
an
ark, thus
saving
them all.

Gen. 7:8, 9

God Saves Noah and His Family

Noah lived in a time when the people were very wicked. Never had so much sin been known among the people. Noah was sorry to see the people so wicked and he told them so. He said that God was going to send much rain upon the earth and that everybody would die. There was only one way to escape. That way was to get inside an ark, or large house-boat, which Noah meant to build.

The people just turned away and would not listen, but at last the time came, and the rain began to fall. Noah knew then that it was time to go inside the ark. So he took his family and went inside.

God had told Noah to take two of all kinds of animals and birds in with them. These were all saved.

After it had stopped raining Noah and his family thanked God for being so good to them. How strange it must have seemed to know they were the only people living!

Noah now never new name



O is for
Obed,
Ruth's sweet
little boy,

Who
brought to
his grand-
mother
pleasure
and joy.



Obed's Mother and Grandmother

Ruth 4:17

Ruth's Little Boy

Of a poor woman's family, none were left but the wives of her two sons. This woman was so lonely that she thought she would go back to her old home and die. When she was ready to start, her daughter-in-law, Ruth, said she was going with her. She told Ruth that she feared she would get homesick, but Ruth said she was going.

It was good Ruth did go, for she took fine care of her mother-in-law.

They got home just in time for wheat harvest. Ruth went out and gathered wheat for them to eat. Many times some wheat was left where she would be sure to find it. Ruth was very thankful for this.

Everyone was kind to Ruth, for they could see that she was a good woman. After a while she was married to a good man. God gave them a little boy, and they named him Obed. Obed was a great comfort to his grandmother. She had nearly all the care of him.

Obed was a famous person in the land of Israel. He was the grandfather of David who was the King of Israel.

Obed often one old out only

P

P is for
Peter,
who
stepped
forth so brave,

to go
and meet
Jesus, who
walked
on the
wave.



Matt. 14:28

Sinking Peter Is Saved

Peter was in a boat when he saw Jesus walking on the water. It was a strange sight to Peter. At first he thought it was a spirit. Jesus knew what Peter thought; so He said, "It is I; be not afraid." Peter was glad it was Jesus and he wanted to go out to meet Him, so when Jesus said, "Come," he stepped out of the ship.

Poor Peter! He did not keep looking at Jesus. The wind had been blowing very hard and had made waves upon the water. Peter had not thought of this, for it seemed easy to walk upon the water when he looked at Jesus, but now he looked down. He saw only the great waves. He began to sink and thought he was going under. Then he called to Jesus, "Lord, save me!" Now, Jesus wanted Peter to pray to Him and ask to be saved.

Jesus held out His hand and asked Peter why he was afraid. Peter's heart was full of praise. He said, "Of a truth, thou art the Son of God."

This taught Peter how to have faith in God. Sometimes we all have to learn lessons the hard way.

Peter poor pray pain praise



Q is for
Quail
that in
great
showers fell,

when the
children
of Israel
thought
to rebel.



Num. 11:31

Quail Sent to the Children of Israel

Quite a number of the children of Israel were sitting on the ground. They had been telling stories about the good things they used to have to eat. Now, they said, they could get nothing but manna to eat.

This manna that they spoke of was a very good food. God had sent it because other food was scarce. They liked it until they began to think of what they used to eat.

At last they went to Moses and told him they wanted some meat. They said that if they could not get it they would go back to Egypt. Poor Moses! He did not know what to do. He asked God if all their flocks and herds should be killed to give the people enough meat. God said, "No." He said that He had heard what the people had said and that He would send some soon.

Then something like a great cloud seemed to rise in the sky and came over them. Then down came little birds called quail. They fell so fast that the people could not eat them all.

Quail **quite** **quiet** **queer**

R

R is for
Rachel,
whom
Jacob
admired;

And she
was
the bride
that so
much he
desired.



Gen. 29:18

The Meeting of Jacob and Rachel

Rachel took care of her father's sheep. When Jacob first saw her, she was coming with the sheep all around her.

He had asked some men if they knew his uncle, Laban. They said they knew him well and that Rachel was his daughter. Jacob then went to Rachel and told her that he was her cousin. He had walked so far that he needed rest, so while he was resting they had a good visit. He thought she was the best girl he had ever met.

When Jacob knew that Rachel was waiting to water the sheep he helped her. A large stone was laid on top of the well. This stone Jacob rolled away. When the sheep were watered Jacob and Rachel went to Rachel's home.

Laban was glad to see Jacob and asked him to live with them a long time. Jacob was glad to do this. He helped Laban with the cattle and sheep. After a while he married Rachel, and they were very happy.

Rachel rest rolled resting



S is for
Sodom, the
wicked old city,
Which God once
destroyed without any
pity.

Gen. 19:24



The Wicked City Destroyed

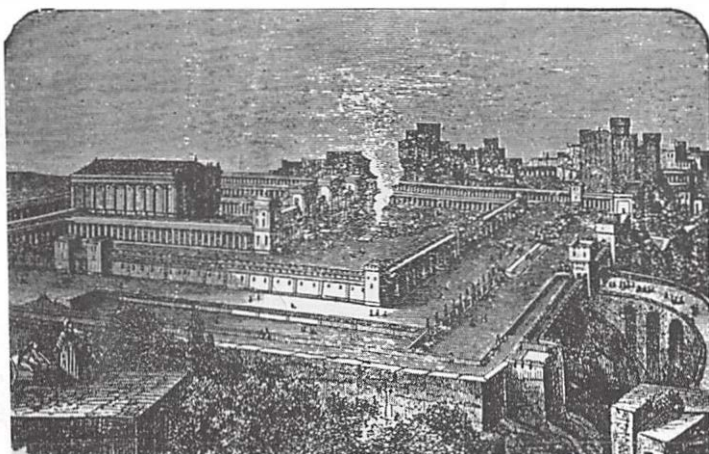
Sodom was the name of a wicked city. It was where Lot lived. Lot's uncle, Abraham, heard that God was going to burn the city. This made Abraham sorry. He feared that Lot would be burned, too, so he asked the Lord to save Lot.

God did save Lot and part of his family. They would have all been saved, but Lot's wife looked back. She did not want to leave her friends. As she watched the city burn she turned into salt. The rest did not look back and so got far away. The flames could not reach them, and they were safe.

Water covers the place where Sodom used to be.

Some day God is going to burn the world that way. The people are wicked, but there are some good people in the world. These will be saved if they look to Jesus and do what He tells them. But if people get their hearts set on things of this world, then they will be lost when they stand before the judgment seat of God.

Sodom so she save safe salt



T

T is for
Temple,
all stately
and grand,

Which Solomon built as
David had planned.

1 Kings 6

The Temple Built by Solomon

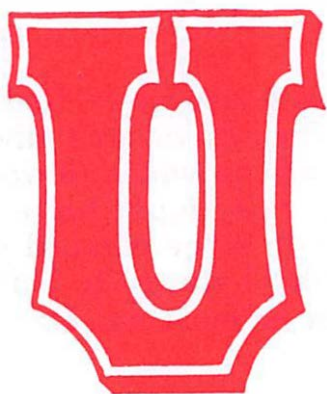
The Temple was the house where God's people went to pray. When David was alive they had only a cloth tent in which to worship God. David said they must have a better house for the Lord, so he planned to build one, but before David started to build the house God told him he must not. David was sorry.

God said David must keep all the plans he had made. Then He would give him a son who could build it, so David got everything ready that he could. Then he told his son Solomon just how the Temple was to be built.

Solomon was a very wise man. God had given him great wisdom. He had asked God to give this to him; for he saw that he would need it, as he had much to do. He was careful to do everything as his father had told him. And when the Temple was done it was grand.

Word went all over the country about the beautiful building. Many people came to look at it. One woman, the Queen of Sheba, said that it was even much more beautiful than she had heard.

Temple the to tent told them



U is for
Uzzah,
who saw
the ark
shake.

By
trying to
hold it he
made a
mistake.



2 Sam. 6:6, 7

Uzzah Dies by Touching the Ark

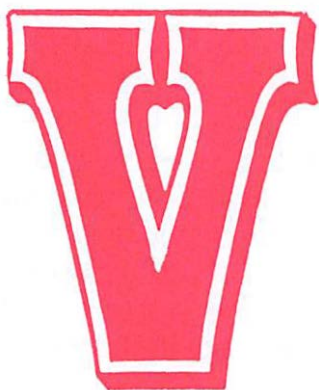
Uzzah and his brothers were going to help King David take the ark to Jerusalem. But they had forgotten that they were not to touch it with their hands. They could take it from place to place, but they were not to touch it, so they put it upon a cart drawn by oxen.

They got along very well until they came to a place where wheat was threshed. There the oxen stumbled and shook the ark. Uzzah feared that it was going to fall, so he touched it with his hand to steady it. Uzzah died at once, for God was angry with him for being so thoughtless.

The rest were afraid and left the ark in a house nearby. When David heard that God was blessing the man with whom the ark was left he went for it again, but this time they were careful not to touch it.

God blessed them and David sang beautiful songs as they marched along. The ark had finally come back to Jerusalem.

Uzzah upon until use under



V for the
Vine that
poor Jonah
enjoyed,

Until in
the night
by a
worm was
destroyed.



Jonah 4:6, 7

Jonah Under the Vine

Vexed and very angry was Jonah one day. He had told some people that their city in forty days was to be destroyed. When the people heard this they were sorry for their sins. They asked God to forgive them, which He did.

Now, Jonah was angry because his words had not come true, so he sat down to pout over it.

God knew how Jonah felt and thought He would teach him a lesson. So one night He caused a vine to grow. In the morning it was large enough to make a good shade. Jonah sat under it to see if the city would be destroyed.

About noon the vine died. A little worm had eaten its root away. Then the hot sun made it die. God asked Jonah if he was sorry the vine had died. Jonah said, "Yes." Then God said, "You were sorry for the vine and did not want it to die, but I was sorry for the people and did not want to see them die." It is important that we do not want harm to come to other people. We should feel sorry for those in trouble.

Vine very vexed view vain

W

W for
the
Water
Christ

turned into Wine.

The
first of
His Works
in the
miracle
line.

John 2:6-11



The First Miracle

Water is something we all like to drink. It is good for us. Wine is not good for us if it is the kind that makes people drunk, but there is wine that is good for us and that will not make us drunk. This must have been the kind that Jesus made at the wedding supper.

Jesus heard that the wine was all gone, so He told the servants to fill some jars with water, then to take from these jars and give to the people. Some, who did not know what Jesus had done, said it was better than the other wine had been.

This was the first miracle Jesus performed.

Some think that because Jesus turned this water into wine it is all right to drink any kind of wine, but this is not so. Solomon said, "Wine is a mocker." He meant it would make people do what they do not want to do—kill people, etc. If Satan ever tempts you, remember Solomon's word. Another time Solomon said that if wicked people want you to do wrong, say "no."

Water we wine will with



X stands

for Christ, our Savior today.

How happy we are God sent

Him

this

way!



Luke 2

Our Savior's Birthday

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

Many years ago Jesus was a tiny baby lying in a manger. Some knew that He was a king. These were men who had studied the Bible and knew what God had said about Jesus.

Some of these wise men told King Herod about Jesus, and Herod wanted Jesus to die. He sent soldiers with swords out to kill all the little babies.

Mary and Joseph took Jesus away and hid Him. They stayed away until Herod was dead. When Jesus became a man He told the people that His throne was in heaven.

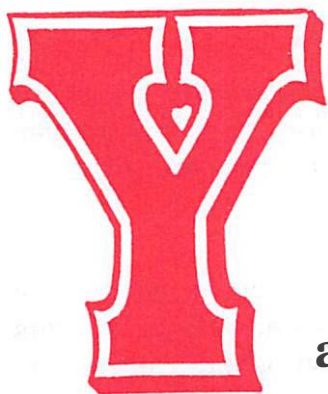
Some people who did not like Jesus nailed Him to a cross and He died. God let them do this so that we could get to heaven and live with Jesus. Let us thank God for sending Jesus to this earth.

exalt

expect

extra

exact



Y for the
Young man
that couldn't
afford to give
up his riches to follow
the Lord.

Matt. 19:16-22



The Rich Young Man

You may wonder why the young man had to give up his riches to follow the Lord. Jesus saw that he loved his money and was making an idol of it. If he was saved he would have to give things to the poor people. This would be hard for the young man to do.

Jesus did not mean he must throw away his money. Neither was he to give some to everyone he met, for when we have anything good He wants us to take care of it. Jesus meant that when the young man saw people suffering he must give them something they needed.

When we give to God's poor people we give to Jesus, and when we help His people that are sick or in prison we help Jesus. Some day we may be surprised to hear Jesus say, "Yes, I know you, because you put a coat on me when I was cold, and you came to see me when I was sick."

We must learn a lesson from the young man and never be selfish. There may be a time when we are in need and would be glad if someone would help us.

Young you yes yet yonder



Z is for
Zacchaeus,
wishing
to see
The Savior;

so
watched
from a
sycamore
tree.



Luke 19:3, 4

Watching Jesus from the Tree

Zacchaeus had heard so much about Jesus that he wanted to see Him, but as Zacchaeus was a short man and as a crowd was nearly always around Jesus, Zacchaeus knew that it would be hard for him to see above them.

Then he thought of a tree that was close to the way Jesus was passing. He ran ahead of the crowd and climbed into the tree. He was there when Jesus spoke to him.

How surprised the little man must have been to hear Jesus say, "I am going to your house for dinner!" He quickly came down out of the tree.

Zacchaeus was full of zeal. He wanted to live right and be a good man, so Jesus talked to him and saved his soul. It didn't take Zacchaeus long to start making his wrongs right. He wanted to pay back everybody that he had cheated.

How glad we should be that we have such a Savior to come to—one who sees us no matter where we are!

Zacchaeus zeal zealous Zion

The Twelve Sons of Jacob

Said God unto Jacob, "Thy sons shall be many;
Thy seed as the sand of the sea."
And Jacob believed Him when he hadn't any,
And promised God's servant to be.

And now as we name them 'twill help you
remember
And teach you your figures as well;
And if in the future your friends ask the
number
Their names too you'll easily tell.

The first one was Reuben,
A dear little lad,
Who cheered both his parents
And made their hearts glad.

1

The second was Simeon,
Who, trying to buy,
Some corn for his father,
Was kept as a spy.

2

The third son was Levi,
From whom the priests came;
Be careful to always
Remember his name.

3

The fourth son was Judah:
His name gladness brings,
For through him descended
A Savior and kings.

4

The fifth was a short name,
Not Daniel, but Dan.
We read very little
Of him as a man.

5

The sixth son was Naphtali,
A hard name to say:
His words were as blessings
And comfort each day.

6

The seventh sweet baby
They named little Gad;
And just for his presence
His parents were glad.

7

The eighth son was Asher,
Whose name would imply
A bright, happy youth on
Whom all could rely.

8

The ninth son, Issachar,
Was not hard to please,
If he could be quiet
And live at his ease.

9

The tenth son, Zebulun,
Should dwell by the sea,
With haven and shelter
For sailors to flee.

10

The eleventh was Joseph,
Whom Jacob loved best,
And by whom all Israel
Was favored and blest.

11

The twelfth, dear Benjamin,
The last little one,
Was tenderly cared for
By each older son.

12

When Jacob knew that death was nigh
He wished to tell his sons good-by
And show them what the Lord has said
Would come to pass when he was dead;
So as they gathered one by one
He gave a message to each son.





Jesus Died to Save You

Little children, did you know that Jesus loves you? Do you know that He died for you? You say, "Yes, I know He loves me, but why did He die for me?" Let me tell you.

Jesus knew you wanted to get to heaven. He also knew that His Father wanted you to go there, but everybody had sin in their hearts. Somebody had to die for this sin, so Jesus said He would die.

It was hard for God to see His only Son die, but God was willing for Jesus to die for us. We ought to thank and praise God for being so good to us.

Do you ever try to get your friends to love Jesus, too? Jesus said to let your light shine. He meant that you should talk to your playmates about Him and tell them what He has done for you. You can tell them why He died. In this way you can be a little worker for Jesus. He did so much for us by dying that it would be only fair that we should tell others that Jesus died for them, too.

Savior save soul salvation

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And now that you've learned all the letters quite well
And also to count and are able to spell,
Just take up your Bible and find every name
That A B C stood for and study the same.
The stories are many, the Bible so true,
That everything in it, though old, will seem new.
And, children, if you will just read it I know
Your love for the Bible will certainly grow,
And then in the future perhaps 'twill be you
The Lord will be choosing His bidding to do—
To spread the pure gospel and tell of His love
In sending dear Jesus to us from above,
And cheering your friends who are lonely and sad
By telling the story that made angels glad.
So study and work hard till you've learned how to read,
And if you're faithful I know you'll succeed.
That when you are older you'll look back and see
You worked just as hard when you learned A B C.

