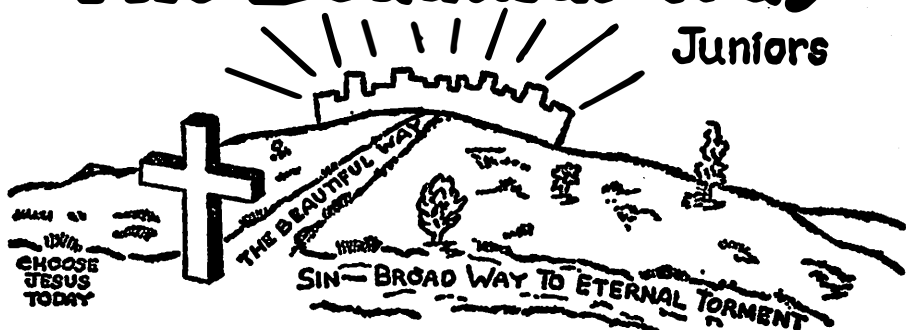


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Part One

July 6

Books of the Bible

The great Jehovah speaks to us
In Genesis and Exodus;
Leviticus and Numbers see,
Followed by Deuteronomy.
Joshua and Judges sway the land;
Ruth gleans a sheaf with trembling hand.
Samuel and numerous Kings appear,
Whose Chronicles we wondering hear.
Ezra and Nehemiah now.
Next Esther's deeds her goodness show.
Job speaks in signs, David in Psalms;
While Proverbs teach to scatter alms.
Ecclesiastes then comes on,
And the sweet Songs of Solomon.
Isaiah; Jeremiah then
With Lamentations takes his pen.
Ezekiel and Daniel close
The greater Prophets' hopes and woes.
Hosea, Joel next, and Amos
Begin the lesser Prophets famous.
Obadiah, Jonah, Micah come,
Nahum and Habakkuk find room.
Zephaniah to Haggai calls;
Rapt Zechariah builds the walls.
While Malachi, with garments rent,
Concludes the ancient Testament.

Our Liberty Bell

In the United States we prize highly the old Liberty Bell which is carefully preserved in Independence Hall, Philadelphia. Around the crown of the bell are the words from Leviticus 25:10, "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."

How did this apt inscription come to be there? Isaac Norris, Speaker of the Assembly of the Colony of Pennsylvania, in 1751, was made chairman of a committee to purchase a bell. They ordered a 2,000-pound bell from Lister, a famous bellmaker of London. But when the bell was mounted and tested, it cracked at the first stroke of the huge clapper.

The committee then asked two Americans, Charles Stow and John Pass, to melt and remold it. Their second attempt was successful, and the famous Liberty Bell resulted.

The bell has been rung on many memorable occasions besides July 4, 1776, the day when the Declaration

of Independence was signed. Several years ago it was taken on a 20,000-mile exhibition tour, so that people living in remote parts of the United States might have an opportunity to see it.

Let us never forget the bell's message of liberty. And may we always be careful to use that liberty properly, that it may not be taken away from us.

There is an even greater liberty, however, which all may have—the liberty from our sins which only Christ Jesus can give! “If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” John 8:36.

The Dove

Noah sent forth a dove to see if the water had gone down, but the dove found no rest and returned to Noah. A while later Noah sent her out again and she came back with an olive branch. Ever since this, the dove has been used as a symbol of peace because it told Noah that the waters had gone down. So when we think of the dove, we should think of peace. The Holy Spirit is the one who brings peace to our souls, and that is why He is called the Comforter.

Luke 3:22, “And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.”

The dove makes us think of the Holy Spirit, the third person in the Trinity. Without His help we could never become children of the living God. It is He who shows us our sins, and speaks to our hearts about Jesus and what He did for us by dying on the cross for our sins. The Holy Spirit

it also causes us to want to belong to Jesus and to serve Him. He does not talk about Himself, but about Jesus. When we come to Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in our hearts and gives us power to live for Him and serve Him and tell others about Him.

The Holy Spirit is the one who helps us to know how to pray and prays through us. Rom. 8:26, 27. When the Holy Spirit impresses us to pray, we need to give heed, as we do not know who needs prayer. Let us obey immediately.

Now, the Spirit is gentle, just like a dove. We can grieve the Holy Spirit just like we can easily cause the dove to fly away. If we allow unfessed sin in our hearts, it says God won't hear us. If we disobey the Lord Jesus the Spirit will be grieved. If we want our own way instead of God's will and way the Spirit will be wounded. Jesus did not want His own way, but He chose God's way even though it meant death on the cross for our sins. God wants us to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Only in this way can we really please Jesus, because He is the helper God sent to work with us. Eph. 5:18, “Be filled with the Spirit.”

—Selected by Margaret Cable

KNOWING FOR SURE

“I think,” said John, “that saying prayers is like talking to you through the telephone, Mother.”

“How so, dear?” she asked.

“Because, even though I cannot see you, I know you are there, as I know you hear me, and I know you'll do what I ask, if you think it is good for me.”

"Yes, it is all that, dear," said Mother, "and much better. I may be far away from you, but God is always near you and can hear your softest whisper."

—Little Learner Prayer

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw an orange or bring one to class. That is the shape of the earth, so we are told. Tell where the first orange tree came from.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Would you like to have been with the astronauts as they looked at this world from the moon? I am sure that was a wonderful sight, almost more than a person could take in. We are going to study about this beautiful world that God created in the beginning of time. Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and God were there in the beginning when the world was made. Notice the words, "God" and "Spirit," and then read John 1:1, 2, 14.

God is the Master Designer and Creator of all things. Everywhere you look you can see God's handiwork. Look at the floor and you will see materials that God has made. Look out the window. See the sky, and in it are the sun, moon, stars, and all the planets. God created the trees and all vegetation. An elm tree is capable of producing one thousand, five hundred eighty-four million seeds. All of these seeds have within them the power to grow into an elm tree. It is so great we can hardly understand it all. God made every leaf on that tree different in design. All the sands of the sea are a different pattern. Can you understand all that? No, but God's mind is greater than all He has created.

The word created means "caused existence where previously to this moment

there was no being." God created all the fish of the sea, fowls of the air, and all animal life. They did not just come into existence. They did not evolve as some people want us to believe. If this were true, we would still see things evolving. There would be things that were half-feathers and half-scales. No one can find any fossils to fill in the "missing links" behind their stories. We must believe the Bible. God created the plant and animal groups just as they are today and they have been reproducing after their own kind ever since. We will admit that there are small dogs, big dogs, etc., but that does not cause us to believe that all animals came from a common ancestor and over a period of millions of years that animals grew or evolved into other animals, etc. There are many missing links in the theory of evolution.

We believe God created things right in the beginning. But, of course, there are some mammals which confuse those who teach evolution. Take, for instance, the platypus in Australia. He is a funny little fellow with a beaver tail, snake fang, webbed feet, duck bill, etc. He is so different that they can't figure him out. But we know God created him in the beginning.

God said, "Let there be," and it came to pass. God has all power and we desire to have His favor upon us. One of these days, so the Bible tells us, this world will be burned up and pass away. (2 Peter 3:10-12.) We want to be ready to meet our God. We do not want to have the displeasure of such a God of great power upon us.

Jesus said if we did not believe Moses' words, we would not believe Him, either. Moses wrote the first five books of the Bible. Jesus believed that God created all things, and we do, too, don't we?

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 1, July 6, 1969

GOD'S WORLD OF LAW AND ORDER

Gen. 1:1-6, 8, 10, 11, 14, 16, 20, 24

John 5:46, 47

Gen. 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.

11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

John 5:46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.

47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

Memory Verse: O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches. Psalm 104:24.

Central Thought: God has all power and is greatly to be feared and loved.

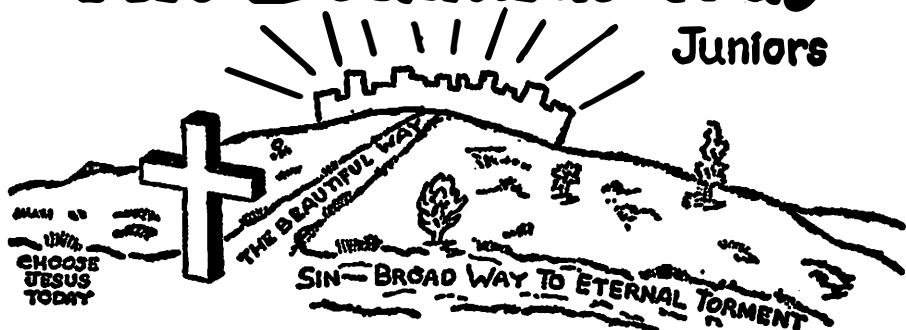
QUESTIONS:

1. Who was before the beginning?
2. What does the word "created" mean?
3. In the first verses it mentions God and the Spirit being there. Who else was there? (John 1:1, 2.)
4. What happens when God says, "Let there be"?
5. How did day and night come into being?
6. Tell how vegetation came upon the earth.
7. Where did the life in the sea and air come from?
8. Tell about the beginning of the animals.
9. What is going to happen to this world some day?
10. What will happen to the people in that great day?

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Part Two

July 13

Bessie's Blessing and Trial

(These true stories about Bessie were taken from the book, "The Value of a Praying Mother," by Isabel C. Byrum.)

Now that Bessie had learned the secret of a Christian life, she longed to see others enjoying the love of God. She felt the greatest burden for her father. Oh, if she could see him enjoying salvation! She often poured out her desire in prayer, with childlike trust and confidence. God heard her prayers.

One morning as she was passing the barn on her way to school, she heard some strange sounds. Peering through a window, she beheld a sight that made her wonder if she saw aright. There stood her beloved father, great tears streaming from his eyes, his countenance beaming with heavenly peace and joy, and praises to God pouring from his lips. What did it mean? In a weak voice she said, "Papa, dear, what is the matter?"

Turning he exclaimed, "Oh, Bessie, God has saved me! I am so happy! Run quickly and tell your mother!" Bessie ran to the house to tell the good news, but her father was there nearly as soon, saying, "Oh, I'm saved! You're right, Wife. I know now that you're right, and I see things just as you do! I'm so happy and feel so different. Oh, help me to praise the dear Lord."

Let us leave them in their happiness and follow Bessie to school. Her father's words rang as sweet music to her ears. How good the dear Lord was to answer her in her father's behalf! She felt that no good thing would be withheld from them that walk uprightly. But Bessie was soon to meet a severe and unexpected trial.

Her mother had made her a school dress. Though neat and pretty, it was of a material commonly used for men's shirts. Bessie knew this, but thought nothing of it until some of her schoolmates gathered round her at recess and said, "O girls, Bessie has a new dress like her father's

shirt." Another said, "Perhaps it is his shirt." The remarks were certainly unkind and Bessie felt them keenly; but she laughed and said, "Yes, I know it." Nothing more was said. But oh, that dress! How she disliked to wear it! At times she could hardly start to school with it on; but then she would think, "I know Mama thought it was pretty when she got it for me; and I thought it was nice until the girls made those remarks. I will try to like it for Mama's sake."

With such thoughts in her mind she returned home from school one evening. When she reached the house, she saw that no one was at home; but, knowing where the key was kept, she easily gained admittance. Finding herself alone in the house, she thought: "Now is the time to learn to like my dress, and I'm going to do it. Mother shall not know how I have felt about it." She hastened into the parlor and stood before a large mirror.

Now Bessie knew that she did not have a pretty face, and she had gained the victory over that; but she did want to feel that her clothes looked well on her, and that was the battle she meant to fight that evening. As she slowly turned from side to side viewing herself intently, she liked the dress better and better. At last she thought it very pretty and becoming, and she knelt down and thanked God for giving it to her. As she changed it for her work-dress she wondered why she had allowed the children's remarks to affect her so much and had not appreciated the dress more. No more remarks were ever made about the dress, and Bessie continued to admire it until it was worn out.

No one but herself and the Lord knew of the struggle through which she passed.

Through the trial concerning the dress, Bessie learned several valuable lessons: first, the less notice one takes of unkindness, the better; second, God's grace can keep in time of temptation; third, one should not murmur because of persecution; and, last, and best of all, God usually gives His children some great blessing before a severe trial, and the close relationship between the two makes them almost one in effect. She could now say with real appreciation:

A little trial often tries,
But proves a blessing in disguise.
Just as the rough rock holds the
gem,
The trial holds my diadem.

But a still greater trial was awaiting her. Bessie had a thirst for knowledge. She was doing well in school and wanted to do better. Instead of taking exercise during the daily intermission, she often spent them in hard study. Her system, naturally frail, could not stand the strain. She contracted a fever and for three months despaired of life. In the third month dropsy of the chest set in; and, on account of smothering spells, she had to be bolstered up in bed with pillows.

One day as Mrs. Worthington stood beside her child she felt that God wanted to heal her. Kneeling beside the bed, she prayed, "Dear Lord, heal my child, and grant that she may be spared to work for thee." From that time Bessie began to improve. She had no more smothering spells, and before long she was well and strong.

Bessie found a blessing even in this trial. She saw that, had she

been able to push ahead as she had desired, she might have lost sight of Jesus, and she now understood that her Savior cared for her body as well as her soul.

How can you love God when you have never seen Him? I love Him for all the things He has given me, such as my home, my parents, my food, etc. I see God in all good things.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a tree with trunk, branches, and leaves. Write TREE under it. Then write the words GOD, JESUS, and HOLY SPIRIT. Draw a line around all the words. Under the lines write the word TRINITY.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Did you ever hear anyone say that man came from monkeys? Boys and girls, that is not true. That is a false statement even if some who are teachers in school try to say that it is a fact. They do not believe the Bible if they teach such as this. We are glad for those teachers who do not believe such false teachings. The Bible plainly tells us God made life in the beginning and God made man. Those who teach that the animals and man slowly turned from one thing to another and finally came out like they are today can never answer the question as to which was made first, the egg or the chicken. We can't have a chicken without an egg, and we can't have an egg without a chicken. I believe God made the chicken first. He made all creeping things and all forms of life. A science teacher said, "There are no graded series from beast-like creatures to man." God took some dirt and made man. But that dirt man just lay there until God breathed into him

the breath of life and he became a living soul. Man has a body and he has a soul. The body will go back to dust, but the soul will live on forever. We can choose where our soul will go.

God made a beautiful garden for man to live in. There was a river to water it and every kind of beautiful trees, flowers, and greenery. It was the most beautiful garden that was ever made, because God made it. I have seen some beautiful gardens in Honolulu, Oregon, Texas, around the Niagara Falls, in California, and Florida, but I am sure this Garden of Eden was the most beautiful of them all. God put two important trees in the Garden. One was the Tree of Life and the other was the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God told them not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

All the animals marched past Adam and he gave each one a name. He felt sad that there was no one to talk to or to enjoy this beautiful garden with him. So God made Eve for him. We will talk about that next Sunday.

I want you to notice the first verse. God said, "Let us make man in our image." Now the word "us" means more than one. Last Sunday we learned that God created the heaven and the earth and then the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. We have the Holy Spirit and God, which are two in the Trinity. Trinity means three. Who was the third one? We read in John 1:1, 2, 14, that Jesus was in the beginning with God and all things were created by Him. So He is in the Trinity. There are three but they all work together as one.

When God spoke of making man in His image, it was not His physical image, but He made man a spiritual being in purity and holiness. He was given a mind higher than the animals. He is

a moral being responsible for his acts and deeds. He has a choice of how he wants to live here and where he will spend eternity. Boys and girls, life is serious.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 2, July 13, 1969

GOD'S HIGHEST CREATION

Gen. 1:26, 27; 2:7; Zech. 12:1; 2 Cor. 4:16; 1 Peter 3:4a; Genesis 2:9, 16-18, 20

Gen. 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Gen. 2:7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Zech. 12:1 The burden of the word of the Lord for Israel, saith the Lord, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.

2 Cor. 4:16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

1 Pet. 3:4a But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible.

Gen. 2:9 And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

18 And the Lord God said, It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

Memory Verse: And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Ephesians 4:24.

Central Thought: Man was created from the dust of the earth and given an eternal soul that will never die.

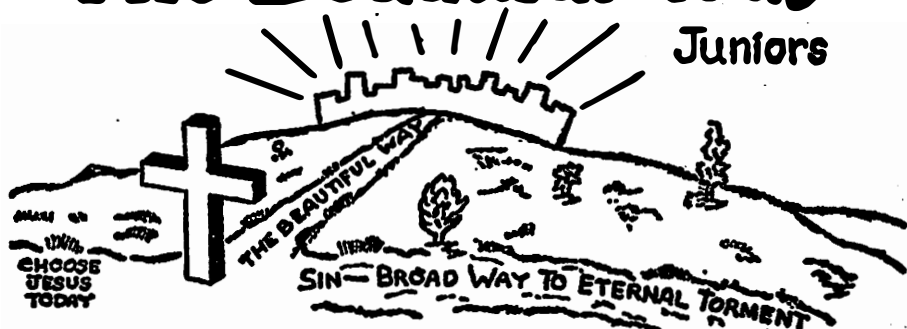
QUESTIONS:

1. Whom does the word "us" in the first verse of our lesson mean?
2. What does the word "create" mean?
3. What did God mean when He said He made man in His image?
4. What part of man goes back to dust and what part lives forever?
5. How did man become a "living soul"?
6. What was the name of the garden where God put man?
7. What two important trees did He plant in that garden?
8. What tree were they told not to eat of the fruit?
9. Who named the animals?
10. Did Adam find an help among the animals?

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Bessie Learns About The Divine Life

After Bessie's conversion Mrs. Worthington's talks to her were often on the subject of the divine life within—how to care for it and nourish it, so that it might not die nor become blighted. She sometimes compared the young Christian's experience to that of a new-born babe. "You know," said she, "the little one must be carefully fed, and tenderly guarded against everything harmful. Even a slight breeze blowing upon its little body, if unprotected, might result in death. But as the child grows older and stronger, it gradually becomes accustomed to the rude elements about it and can, with comparative safety, be brought in contact with them. The Christ life, new-born in the human heart, is just as sensitive and needs the same tender care. Guard it carefully, Bessie. It must be constantly nourished by prayer and the Word of God. Seek to become established by the grace

of sanctification; then you will be better able to meet temptation and persecution. Christ is your shepherd, and He wants to lead you, His lamb, into green pastures and beside still waters.

"A person may profess to be a Christian, Bessie; but unless he has a change of heart and affections, he is what the Bible terms a wolf in sheep's clothing, and not one of the gentle lambs of the Savior's fold. The profession does not amount to anything when the heart is full of envy, hatred, jealousy, love of self, and a drawing toward the world. A person with a profession only may appear for a time to be quite lamb-like; but sooner or later the old nature will manifest itself, for it cannot be hidden long."

"I think, Mama," said Bessie, "I understand you, but you spoke of the experience of sanctification; please tell me what that means."

As briefly as possible the mother explained that the second cleansing of the heart takes away that evil

nature which causes man to want to disobey God.

Not long after this talk Bessie had an experience in school that helped her to comprehend her mother's words. To be put back in her studies was hard, but to have to give up her old teacher, to whom she was strongly attached, was harder still. Her regret on the latter account, however, was of short duration; for her new teacher was even more lovable than the old one, and, best of all, she was a Christian. She and Bessie not only got along well, but became warm friends and enjoyed sweet fellowship in the Spirit. One day, however, something happened that severely tested their love, which, in the end, only deepened.

Bessie's seatmate, a girl named Nora, about Bessie's own age, was very mischievous. She did so many things deserving punishment that the teacher was often perplexed to know what course to take with her. Some one has said that "misery likes company." This was certainly true of Nora. She knew that the teacher and Bessie were good friends, and she longed to see Bessie get into trouble and receive some punishment. Knowing that Bessie tried hard to obey the rules of the school, Nora saw that she should have to lay some cunning plan or she would not realize her wish. She began to watch for an opportunity.

A streamlet ran past the school-house. While Bessie and Nora were playing near it one day, Bessie fell down in some mud. Just as she fell, the school-bell rang and they had to hurry back to their lessons. Fearing that some of the mud might have splattered on her face, Bessie asked

if her face was clean. Nora answered quickly, "Oh yes; do hurry up!" Nora felt that her chance had come, and she made up her mind to get her seatmate into trouble, if possible. Hurrying into the school-room, she whispered to one of the boys telling him to ask Bessie as she passed what was the matter with her face, but to say nothing more. When Bessie came down the aisle, she saw this boy looking at her with an amused expression, and gave him close attention. As she passed him, he whispered, "Bessie, what is the matter with your face?" and then turned quickly away.

Fully convinced that her face was dirty, Bessie sat down very much ashamed. Nora knew how her seatmate would feel and prepared herself for the question that she was sure would be asked. As it was time for the writing-lesson, she stuck her finger in inks of different colors; and, when Bessie asked where her face was dirty, she quickly pointed out the places, each time leaving a large spot of ink. Bessie, wholly unconscious of the ink-spots on her face, thought what a dreadful sight she must be, and asked permission of the teacher to wash. When the teacher turned, she saw, not mud, but ugly ink-spots. Supposing that Bessie had put them there, she shook her head. Her surprise was great. She felt that she ought to do something about it; but, being undecided, she turned away.

(Continued next week.)

I WAS GLAD I KNEW GOD THEN

"When my twin sister died, I thought I could not live without her," Mother said. "But because I knew

my heavenly Father was wise and had a good reason for taking her, I trusted Him. I cried with loneliness many times but I still trusted God. I still did not know why she died, or why I was left when we both were in the same bed with the same illness, but still I trusted God. I knew He never made a mistake."

"I am glad that I know God, too," Betty stated. —Selected

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

List on the blackboard the things that cause unrest and the things that bring peace and rest to the soul.

Dear Boys and Girls:

God finished His creative work on the sixth day and then He rested on the seventh day. He has not done any more creative work since that time that we know of. God wanted us to understand what it meant for us to have soul rest. People in sin are troubled. When a man kills another man or robs a bank, he does not have any peace or rest. He knows that the police are after him. He can't sleep well because he has a guilty conscience and any little noise will waken him. That is a terrible way to live, isn't it? Now a person who has sin in his heart should feel the same way. God is looking at him. He always sees that sin. The boy or girl knows if he or she should die while asleep, in a storm, or in an accident, or from some illness, he or she would go to hell, the place for all who do not choose to go to heaven. There is unrest in the souls of sinners. Just to know that all sin is gone brings peace and rest. Well, God has that for you. He made a way whereby you can come to Jesus, confess your sins, tell Him all about it, and ask His for-

giveness. He will forgive you and then you will have soul-rest. As long as you live for the Lord and do not sin, you have soul-rest. It will last all the days of your life and right over into heaven if you keep free from sin. Now, that is what God wanted us to know about when He rested on the seventh day.

To help us understand it better, God gave a law to the Israelites by Moses that on the seventh day of the week they were not to do any work so they could have rest to their bodies. For years they observed this day. It was called the Sabbath Day. God knew that when Jesus came and died on the cross, that we, through Him, could have perfect soul rest. Then we would not need the Sabbath rest. Paul tells us that the law was a schoolmaster or teacher to bring us to Christ. Our lesson shows how Jesus, when He was here, did not keep the Sabbath day, which is Saturday, or the seventh day of the week. Jesus knew what it stood for and He knew why God had given it. The Apostle John wrote about it and he plainly tells us in our lesson that Jesus broke the Sabbath. When he healed the crippled man at the pool of Bethesda. The Jews wanted to kill Him.

Jesus arose from the grave on the first day of the week, which is Sunday. Later He appeared to His disciples on the first day of the week where they had met together on Sunday. Years later (so our lesson tells us) the Apostle Paul preached to the people on Sunday. From the day of Christ's resurrection, the saints met together on Sunday to worship the Lord. The Sabbath was done away with in Christ. It was a ceremonial law given just to the Israelites, but when Jesus came there was no need of keeping the type because we have the real soul-rest in our hearts today and every day.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 3, July 20, 1969

SOUL REST AND WORSHIP

**Gen. 2:1-3; Heb. 4:4, 10; John 5:7-11, 18;
Mark 16:2, 6b; Acts 20:7a**

Gen. 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

Heb. 4:4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

John 5:7 The impotent man answered him, Sir. I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

8 Jesus saith unto Him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

10 The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.

11 He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.

18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

Mark 16:2 And very early in the morning of the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

6b He is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

Acts 20:7a Upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread.

Memory Verse: Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matt. 11:28.

Central Thought: We worship the Lord on the first day of the week in memory of Christ's resurrection from the grave on that day.

QUESTIONS:

1. What day did God finish His creative work?

2. Did He start working again on Sunday or Monday?

3. The resting from work is a type of what?

4. If we have soul-rest do we cease doing those things that please us and do the works of God?

5. What was the "impotent" or crippled man waiting for at the pool of Bethesda?

6. What did Jesus tell him to do on that Sabbath day?

7. Why was the law of Moses forbidding the people to work on the Sabbath or Saturday given?

8. Someone read Col. 2:14-17. Was the Sabbath done away with when Christ died on the cross?

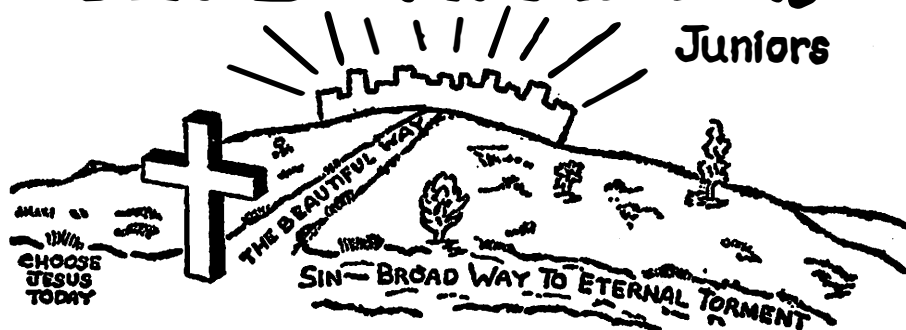
9. What day did Jesus arise from the grave?

10. From that day, did the saints meet together to worship the Lord on Sunday, the first day of the week, instead of Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath?

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Part Four

July 27

Bessie Learns About The Divine Life

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Bessie became much worried; for many eyes were turned upon her, and some of the pupils were laughing. She wanted to hide, but could not, and kept wondering why a little mud should cause so much amusement. One girl, Anna, tried secretly to pass her a wet handkerchief, but this Nora quickly caught from her and hid. Poor Bessie was now ready to cry, and again asked permission to wash her face; but her teacher answered, "No, you must go to writing."

Bessie naturally had a high temper and was inclined to be stubborn when she felt that she was being imposed upon; but she had always held her temper in subjection, as she knew it to be wrong to give way to anger. On this occasion, however, it seemed impossible to control herself. When the teacher said, "Go to writing," Bessie obeyed; but she was so angry that she hardly knew what she was doing. Suddenly she thought, "If I

daub a lot of ink on my face, perhaps she will let me wash"; and she rubbed some on with her finger. But alas! this did not work as she had expected. The teacher saw her put it on and concluded that she had put the other on also; so she said, "Bessie, you may go and sit in my chair." As she said this, all the stubbornness in Bessie's nature arose. She did not move; and when the teacher said sternly, "Are you going to obey?" she shook her head and caught hold of the seat. At that moment Nora whispered, "If that were me, she'd make me go." The teacher heard the words and looked first at Nora and then at Bessie. She hesitated for a moment, then walked over to Bessie, took her by the shoulders and jerked her from the seat, and then dragged her up to the chair and set her down, telling her to study. "I have no book," retorted Bessie. The teacher ordered one brought, and, leaving her, went to her other duties.

What a moment for Bessie! Too angry to study, she sat there thinking of the dreadful scene she had

created. Her heart burned with shame. Oh! what could she do?

Anna, the girl who had tried to hand her the wet handkerchief, had noticed all of Nora's actions and had determined to help Bessie, if possible. On pretext of looking up a word in the dictionary, Anna went forward, laid a wet rag where Bessie could reach it, and returned to her seat. Bessie eagerly took the rag and rubbed her face. She was surprised to see the different colors of ink appear upon it. How they came to be there she did not know; but she did not think about them long, for something far worse began to trouble her. She knew that she had lost the grace of God out of her heart. Oh, how wretched she felt! Would God forgive her again? Yes; she knew He would; for she had read that, "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit." This thought was a great comfort to her. But, oh! what about her teacher? How could her teacher ever love and respect her again? She would ask her pardon as soon as possible, but would she forgive her?

It was not long until the teacher went to her desk for something, but she took no notice of Bessie. Reaching out very timidly, Bessie touched her and said, "O Miss Harrington, won't you please forgive me?" But the teacher pretended not to hear her, and turned quickly away. The next thought was, "What will Mama think and say? Oh, if only she did not have to know about it!" With these thoughts coursing through her mind, Bessie was unable to study; and by the time school closed, she was in great distress.

After closing the school, the teacher paid no attention to Bessie for some time; but when she had finished her evening duties and all the pupils except Nora, Anna, and Bessie had left the building, she turned to Bessie, fell upon her knees, and threw both arms around her. Bessie sobbed, "Oh, please forgive me! please forgive me!" For some time the teacher made no reply, and Nora muttered, "Catch me asking her forgiveness!" At last the teacher, looking up through tearful eyes, said, "Bessie dear, it is you who must forgive me." Then two sad hearts were lifted to God in humble, earnest prayer that He would forgive them for Jesus' sake. God heard their prayers, gave back the sweet peace that they had lost out of their souls, and bound their hearts together in Christian love and fellowship.

Nora went her way, provoked with her seatmate and angry because her joke had not worked quite as she had expected. Anna, slipping her arm through Bessie's, walked home with her and told her all that Nora had done. Bessie was surprised. She understood why things had taken the course they had; but, knowing it was really Satan, who had been trying to overthrow her own soul, she did not censure her seatmate.

Her only thought now was of how sad her mother would feel. Bessie decided that the occurrence was too dreadful to tell her about and that she would keep it a secret. This was her decision until she saw her mother coming down the walk to meet her. Having always told her mother everything, Bessie did not know how it would seem to keep a secret from her; so when they met, she forgot all about

her decision and began at once to tell her mother all that had happened.

Mrs. Worthington listened very carefully to Bessie's story and then said: "Bessie, I am so glad you have told me all this yourself, and have held nothing back nor blamed Nora. God will take care of the matter, and I believe that your lesson is a lasting one. And now, my child; you can see your great need for sanctification. Had that ugliness and stubbornness been taken out of your heart, you would have been spared much suffering. I trust that you will earnestly seek and obtain this grace."

(Continued next week.)

"Son, how can you go to heaven when there is sin in your life?"

"Daddy, Jesus can save me!"

He can save you, too. Won't you come to Him today?

"Is it enough to be sorry for my sins? I'll try to do better."

"No, you must believe that Jesus died and covered your sins with His blood."

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Write the word GOD and underneath it write "marriage." Then write the word MAN and underneath it write "divorce." Then write the memory verse under all. The question is, "Are men doing what God told them not to do?"

Dear Boys and Girls:

Do you like to go to weddings? The bride and bridegroom always seem so happy, don't they? This is God's plan for young people when they get into their twenties. God did not plan for juniors to marry as you are too young to take upon yourselves the responsibilities of marriage. It is best that you

just be friends to everyone and not try to choose a certain one to like better than the others. It is nice to have boy friends and girl friends, treating all alike. I know that sometimes you feel that you like a certain person very much, but at your age that is not the kind of love you will want when you are older and are seriously thinking of marriage. You see, at your age you are having problems with your emotions. All juniors go through that stage, but as you grow older you will become settled in your emotions. It is good to have high ideals of what you expect to be some day. If you are a girl you should plan to grow up and be a wife some day. You should desire to be the best wife and mother that a woman can be. Girlhood will slip away quickly, so establish good ideals of what you intend to be and work at them now. Keep yourself pure and clean now so you will be a pure, clean wife. And you boys should desire to be the best husband and father that God can make. Have high and noble thoughts about your intentions. You boys should also keep yourselves pure and clean.

Boys and girls, your junior years are happy days for you. They are carefree, so enjoy them. Christ is our pattern and only those who follow His instructions will have future happiness.

Our lesson today is about some of the things you need to learn for your pattern in the future. Don't be in a hurry to take on the responsibilities of marriage, but get a good understanding of what the Bible teaches so you can make it your guide. It is a proven fact that about half of the teenage marriages end in divorce within five years. Wait until you are in your twenties before you think seriously about marriage.

God performed the first marriage. He presented Eve to Adam and told them that they were one flesh. Then we read

about Jesus going to a wedding. They needed some more of the drink they were serving the guests. I am sure it was not a strong drink that would make a person drunk as the Bible teaches against such and Jesus would not do wrong. We notice that Jesus performed His first miracle that day. Marriage should be blessed of God and performed by God's ministers. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 4, July 27, 1969

TWO WEDDINGS

Gen. 2:21-24; Mark 10:9; 1 Cor. 7:39;
John 2:1-5, 7, 10

Gen. 2:21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof:

22 And the rib which the Lord God had taken from man made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman because she was taken out of man.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Mark 10:9 What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

1 Cor. 7:39 The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord.

John 2:1 And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:

2 And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.

3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.

4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? Mine hour is not yet come.

5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

Memory Verse: What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. Mark 10:9.

Central Thought: God's plan for mankind is perfect and should be followed.

QUESTIONS:

1. What did God do while Adam was asleep?

2. What did Adam say when he looked at the beautiful woman that God made?

3. Is a man to continue to live with his parents when he gets married?

4. Did God say for a boy or a man to leave his parents?

5. Is man to separate what God joins together?

6. About how old should a person be before considering marriage?

7. How long should a couple stay married?

8. Did Jesus go to a wedding?

9. What did Jesus do at the wedding?

10. Do you think Jesus would make something that would cause people to get drunk?

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Bessie Learns About The Divine Life

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It was well that Bessie told her mother everything, for Nora did all in her power to circulate the story and to make it as bad as possible. Nora's mother, thinking it best to tell Mrs. Worthington about Bessie's misbehaviour, made a special call at the Worthington home for that purpose. Bessie's mother listened to what her neighbor's story was and then smilingly replied, "Yes, I know all about it; Bessie told me before she reached home. I am so glad that I have the confidence of my child. We are companions; I love her company, and she loves mine." These words sounded strange to the visitor. She could not answer. She could not understand. "It seems strange," said she, "that Bessie loves to stay at home and to be with you so much. Doesn't she ever get lonesome? Nora is restless and tried when she has to stay at home, and says I am too old for her."

Ah! here was the secret of the difference between the two girls. One mother had allowed her daughter to choose her own company and had not inquired into their plays and talks; whereas the other knew the secrets of her child's heart and could advise and instruct her in any matter. Between Bessie and her mother there was a tie of which Nora and her mother knew nothing. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

Bessie Learns About Answers to Prayer

During the summer Bessie's cousin John and a boy friend came to visit her. They spent many pleasant hours on the lake. One day while they were about two miles from home a fierce storm arose. They noticed the sky growing dark and tried very hard to reach home; but, when still some distance from the shore, they could see that instead of making any headway

they were drifting before the wind.

It was a serious moment. As the great waves dashed up over them, each adding to the amount of water in the boat, Bessie looked first at her cousin toiling away at the oars, the great drops of perspiration coursing down his face, then at their friend nearly wild with terror, and then at the western sky. "John," said she to her cousin, "I believe that is rain coming toward us." Until then the boy, who was a little older than Bessie, had been brave; but as he turned to look, his face blanched with terror, and he said, "Bessie, if that is rain, it will certainly sink our boat; for, see, it is nearly half full of water now."

The situation was certainly critical, but Bessie felt that it was not the time to despair. She remembered that in olden times Jesus had calmed the sea. Believing that He could still do the same, she prayed for help from heaven. Then, encouraging her cousin to do his best, she, assisted by their friend, began to bail out the water as rapidly as they could. In a few moments the great drops of rain were dashing down upon them. Without speaking, all kept at their work for what seemed to them an hour, but which was really but a short time. Suddenly it ceased raining; and, looking about them, they saw that the lake was perfectly quiet—not a ripple could be seen. With trembling voice Bessie said, "John, God must have sent the rain to quiet the water, for I asked Him to help us." It was a very wet but thankful crowd that reached home that night.

In the spring that Bessie was fourteen years old, her father sold the beautiful home where she had spent

so many happy days, and bought a tract of land in a dense wood farther up the lake. On account of the dense forest, the place appeared very dismal. As the purchaser of their old home wanted possession as soon as possible, Mr. Worthington had time to build only a barn before removing his family. In this building they lived during the first summer. Though these circumstances were discouraging, the Worthingtons tried hard to be brave. By fall a house was ready for them.

Many good things were lacking in this new forest home; but God knew this, and He put it into the hearts of friends and neighbors to supply the family with fruit and vegetables and also chickens. So generously were these supplied that there was no lack.

During the winter following, much wood was cut, hauled, and piled out along the roadside in front of the house; but still there was standing timber nearly everywhere one might look, and to the south and west it extended for many miles.

The next summer Bessie learned how dangerous an enemy a large forest could become. There was so little rain during the hot months that things became dry and brittle. One day she heard the cry, "Fire! Fire!" Looking away to the southwest she beheld a sight that made her feel faint with fear. The woods were ablaze, and the fire was coming directly toward her home.

Her father came to her, explained their danger, told her to warn her mother and then to do all she could to put out any sparks that might fall around the woodpiles, house or barn. This said, he hastened to join the men in their desperate battle with

the fire. When Bessie entered the house, she saw her mother weeping over her little baby, who had been born during the winter months and who had known nothing but sickness and suffering. When Mrs. Worthington heard the news, she continued to weep, and said, "Well, dear, do all you can to put out the sparks; for I think your little brother is dying and I cannot leave him."

(To be continued)

Do you know that your sins are all forgiven? Jesus died to forgive them so come to him with faith and ask him to wash them away in His innocent blood.

Christ died on the cross so you and I could go to heaven.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Write the word SATAN and then describe him by using a word beginning with each letter in his name.

Dear Boys and Girls:

There are two spirits working in the world today. One is the Spirit of God, and the other is the spirit of Satan, or the devil. God is a good spirit and the devil is an evil spirit. You need to understand this so you will be wise and know how to resist the wrong spirit. Your soul, or heart, is the battlefield where right and wrong oppose each other. We know that generals study the battle of big armies in the past who have conquered so they can learn how to win their battles. We need to study about how Satan works so we can overcome him and win the battle for God. We know what will be the end of all who do wrong and obey the devil.

Our lesson tells us about the first lie ever told. Adam and Eve were happy in the garden, but the devil came to talk to them through the serpent. Satan used an animal to possess so he could talk through it. No doubt Eve was looking at the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God had told them not to eat of that fruit. The devil started the conversation by asking if they could eat the fruit from all the trees. He knew the commandment of God just as he does today when he tells you that you can't have any fun if you are good. He tells lies. Eve told Satan that if they ate of the fruit of that tree they would die. The devil, or Satan, was bold enough to deny that. He defied God and said, "Ye shall not surely die." He is just what Jesus said he was—"a liar and the father of lies." How terrible for anyone to listen to a liar! Jesus connects lying with murder. One sin leads to another.

Now Ananias and Sapphira did not have to lie. The property they sold was their own and they had a right to tell Peter they were just giving part of the price they had received when they sold it. They must have wanted to appear as very righteous before him and the other Christians. Peter was informed of their deceit by God. He plainly told them they had lied to the Holy Spirit. Boys and girls, when you tell a lie you tell it before God. Your mother might punish you, but unless you, with godly sorrow ask God to forgive you of that lie, it will meet you at the judgment. It is a serious thing to tell a lie. It is better to be punished severely here than to tell a lie. Some tell lies to keep from getting punished. The punishment won't be nearly as bad as being cast into hell with the devil and the evil spirits. You can overcome the devil through the power of Jesus. You do not need to do wrong. Jesus will help you. —Aunt Marie

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SATAN, OUR OPPOSER

Gen. 3:1-5; John 8:44; Acts 5:1-4, 10;
Matthew 25:41

Gen. 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Acts 5:1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,

2 And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet.

3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

4 Whiles it remained, was it not thine own: and after it was sold, was it not in

thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

10 Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.

Matt. 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Memory Verse: For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 1 John 3:8b.

Central Thought: The devil is bold in denying God's Word, and he is deceitful, too.

QUESTIONS:

1. How many spirits are working in the world today?

2. Where is the battlefield of the struggle against right and wrong?

3. How did the devil come to Eve to talk to her?

4. How did he start the conversation?

5. What particular tree did they discuss?

6. What was the first lie told?

7. What did Ananias and Sapphira do that was wrong?

8. How did Peter know they had told a lie?

9. When we tell a lie, do we lie to God, also?

10. What happened to Ananias and Sapphira?

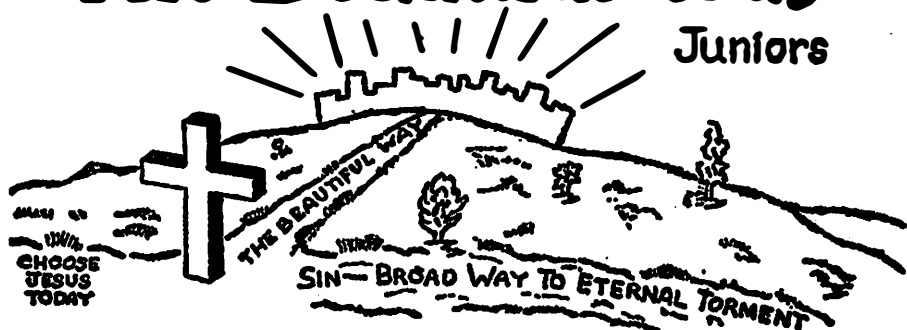
11. What is the final doom of Satan and those who follow him?

12. Who will help us to do right and give us power over the devil?

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Part Six

Aug. 19

Will You Be One?

There are many little children
Who have heard the Saviour's
name,
Who have often heard the story
How for sinners once He came.

But how many, oh, how many
Will this blessed One receive?
Dear little friend, will you be one
Who will now on Him believe?

Bessie Learns About Answers to Prayer

(Continued from last week)

By much hard work, the fire was held in check until evening. Bessie made her rounds with a pail of water and a dipper until her eyes became so painful on account of the smoke and heat that she was forced to lie down on the ground until they quit hurting. As soon as possible, however, she returned to her task, informing her mother frequently of the progress of the fire.

At last word came that nothing more could be done; that the house could not be saved. Seeing that further effort was useless and that each moment increased the danger of their own lives, the men left off fighting the fire, in order to save themselves and to help, if possible, the Worthington family. They soon reached the house. The next question was, where to go. The lake seemed to be the nearest place of safety. Confusion was everywhere, but through it all Mrs. Worthington sat quietly holding her dying baby.

"Oh, Mama," said Bessie, "aren't you going with the rest?"

"No," answered her mother positively; "I shall remain right here with my dying child. I cannot move him now and add to his suffering. I know that God can take care of me here as well as anywhere else. Why, Bessie, where is your faith? God can yet send rain and put out the fire."

"Oh! but if God doesn't send rain, you will burn up; for the fire is almost here," cried Bessie. "Do come

as far from the house as you can, won't you?"

"No, Bessie, I told you, no. I shall sit just where I am," answered Mrs. Worthington; and Bessie knew that it would be useless to press the matter further.

With throbbing heart Bessie ran to her room, which was already getting hot from the fire: she fell upon her knees by the window where she could see the flames leaping from tree to tree, and began to call mightily upon God. "O God!" she prayed, "do send rain or change the wind." After repeating this prayer several times she noticed some large drops of water upon the window pane. She knew what it meant: once before God had sent rain to help her in time of danger. Hastening downstairs, she said, "Mama, it's raining!" "Thank God!" said Mrs. Worthington. "I knew He wouldn't let baby and me burn up."

By that time the rain was pouring down; the wind had ceased; and the danger was over. The rain did not put out the fire, but so checked it that, by hard work, it could be kept under control until it died out.

Little Clement lived only a short time after the fire; but just before he died, he looked into his weeping mother's face and smiled three times. As he had never smiled before, Mrs. Worthington always thought that God took that way to encourage her heart.

Love One Another

Eva should have been a very happy girl. Tomorrow would be her birthday, and Mother had promised she might invite some of her playmates to come to her house on her birthday.

But Eva was not happy because she was angry with her best friend, Mary.

"No," she said to herself, "I won't invite her to play with me. Of course, she'll feel bad, but after all, it was mean of her to push me into the puddle and get my white shoes all muddy. It will be good enough for her."

"Hurry and get ready for Sunday School," called Eva's mother. "It's late."

A little while later Eva was walking down the street to the church as usual on Sunday morning, only otherwise she always walked with Mary, but now she had not stopped for her. In class she sat just as far from Mary as she could, instead of beside her. When Mary looked at her she just turned her head the other way.

Miss Grey, their teacher, was as pleasant as always, but Eva did not even hear what she was saying, because she was not thinking about the lesson, but about her birthday and about Mary. When Miss Grey asked her a question about the story she could not answer, and it made her face turn red. That woke Eva up and she listened carefully then.

"Let us say the memory verse together," said Miss Grey.

Eva rose with the other children and repeated, "'Love one another.'" Then the teacher told them how much Jesus loves us, and if we love Him we should show it by being kind and good and forgiving toward others.

"Shall we ask God to help us always to love one another?" she asked.

There were tears in Eva's eyes then. She did love the Lord Jesus, and now she saw how wrong it was to try to pay Mary back for her unkindness.

After Sunday School she went right to Mary, "I wanted to tell you how sorry I am that I pushed you into the puddle," Mary said.

"Oh, that's all right," said Eva. "Guess you didn't really mean it. Can you come to my house on my birthday tomorrow?"

Happy again, the two little girls walked home together. Eva had won a big victory over herself.

If you are living for God, can you see God and the angels? I can't see them with my natural eyes, but I know they are here because God said: "I'll never leave thee nor forsake thee."

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a tree with fruit on it. Underneath the tree write, "Thou shalt not eat of this fruit." Draw a toothpick woman standing looking at the tree.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Did you know that it is important to look only at good things? One time a man had a dog whom he had taught to obey. This man wanted to prove to a visitor that the dog was obedient. He put a piece of meat before the dog and then told him not to touch it. Do you know what that dog did? He laid down by the meat but turned his head away from it so he could not see it. He was shunning temptation.

Now if Eve had acted as wisely as the dog she would not have got into trouble. She looked at the tree. She desired to eat of it. She let Satan talk to her about the tree after God had told them not to eat of the fruit. She should have turned quickly away from

the tree to keep from being tempted. But she did not. She kept looking and then she desired it. She thought about how wise she would be if she ate some of it. The devil sometimes talks to boys and girls and tells them it is real smart to smoke or drink. He will make them think it is real smart to disobey their parents. Isn't it sad to think that some boys and girls believe the devil and obey him? Oh, the trouble they get into! How sorry they are later that they disobeyed! One man who was being tried for murder said the first thing he did wrong was to steal a car because someone had left the keys in it. He was just a boy when this happened. He should not have kept looking at the keys in the car. He became possessed with an overpowering desire to drive the car. When he decided to, and drove it off, sin was completed because he had broken the laws of the land and the law of God. He had become a thief. When sin is finished it brings spiritual death. On and on he went, adding more sins all the time, until he committed murder. How sad!

When God called to Adam and Eve in the garden, after Eve had eaten the forbidden fruit and given to Adam, they ran and hid. But a forest of trees could not hide them from God. God can see everywhere. They had been in the habit of talking to God when He came down in the cool of the day, but now they had sin in their hearts and they did not want to talk to God any more. Sin separates one from God. Sin makes you feel guilty. Sin will keep you awake at night. Sin is terrible. It becomes like a big weight upon your back. Sin makes you afraid of being caught.

Adam and Eve died a spiritual death. They lost the "image of God" out of their souls, which is holiness and purity. They knew to do good and right, but they had

done wrong. They died just as God told them they would. This did not mean physical death, but spiritual death. They were walking around, but were dead in sins. Jesus came to bring us back to purity when we confess and forsake our sins and ask Him to forgive us.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 6, August 10, 1969

SIN BRINGS SPIRITUAL DEATH

Gen. 3:6, 9-12; 1 John 2:15, 16; James 1:12-15; 4:17; 1 Tim. 5:6; James 4:7

Gen. 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

9 And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive a crown of life. which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

James 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

1 Tim. 5:6 But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Memory Verse: Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. James 4:8a.

Central Thought: The devil works through our five senses of seeing, hearing, feeling, speaking, and smelling to get us to sin.

QUESTIONS:

1. How did Satan tempt Eve to sin?
2. Does the Apostle John tell us about three senses that will cause us to sin? Name them.
3. How did Adam and Eve try to hide from God?
4. Did they lose their purity?
5. Fill in the following blanks. "But she that _____ in _____ is _____ while she _____."
6. What does it mean to be dead and yet living?
7. Tell the process the Apostle James says sin follows to bring spiritual death.
8. Fill in the following, "Submit _____ to _____. Resist the _____ and he will _____ from _____."
9. Whom should we let be the master of our souls?
10. If we sin, how can we get back in favor with God?

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Aug. 17

THE SEED

A breeze in passing dropped a seed
Outside my fence one day;
And now a row of lovely blooms
Makes all the roadside gay.

I wonder if some simple word
That I may chance to say
Will bloom into some lovely deed
When I have gone my way!

Lost in the Woods

As Leroy was too young to drive the cows home in the evening, Bessie enjoyed many a long walk in search of them. One evening she had some difficulty in finding them. It was one of those evenings when everything is quiet and sound travels a long distance. After listening carefully for the tinkling of the cow-bells, Bessie was bewildered, for she could seemingly hear them in every direction. At last, thinking she had located the sound, she set out in that direction. When she had walked about two miles,

she stopped to listen again. The bells were still tinkling, but they seemed to be just as far away. She knew, though, that the cows sometimes went a long distance. She had been following the road, but thinking the sound came from the woods, she started off in that direction. She saw that the sun was just going down behind the trees; that she was on an unfamiliar path, and was getting farther and farther from home. But she must get the cows, and on she went, stopping now and then to locate the sound of the bells.

She suddenly found herself standing upon a point of land where a deep, wide ravine extended on either side. The distance across the ravine she could not see because of the shadow and the trees. What should she do? A few minutes previously she had thought about its being late, but had hoped to find the cows and to make them guide her home. This hope failing, she did not know what to do. The bells were still tinkling ahead of her; but she did not dare to try to cross the ravine in the darkness now

fast gathering around her, and how could she return through those dense woods? She thought of calling for help, but as quickly realized how useless the effort would be, since there were no houses near.

As she stood wondering what to do, these words from a Psalm she had committed to memory a short time before, came to her mind: "If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to thee." Two more precious promises came to her mind: "I will guide thee with mine eye" and "He leadeth me beside still waters." Oh, what encouragement those words were to Bessie! Surely God would guide her home. With a thankful heart Bessie started to return. As she had passed through several clearings in her search for the cows, she had no little difficulty in finding her way; but the moon rose early and gave her considerable light, and as she neared home, she began to recognize some familiar objects.

But, in the meantime, how were her parents feeling? The cows returned early and were milked. Mrs. Worthington wondered why Bessie did not come with them, but thought she might have been delayed and would come soon. She prepared supper; but when she got it ready, Bessie was still absent.

"What can be keeping Bessie tonight?" Mrs. Worthington said with anxiety to her husband. "She should have come home an hour ago."

"I suppose she has stopped some where to play," said Mr. Worthington carelessly.

"No, I don't think so," replied his wife. "Bessie always tries to be prompt, and I'm afraid something has happened. If she doesn't come soon, you had better go to look for her."

"Well, wait until dark," said Mr. Worthington; "and, if she isn't here then, I'll get some men and we'll search in different directions. Did you notice which way she went?"

"No," answered his wife, "but I think she went east."

At dark Mr. Worthington started out with the searching party. Mrs. Worthington tried not to worry; but when nine o'clock passed and half-past nine came, she felt a great anxiety creeping into her heart. Many times she offered an earnest prayer for Bessie's protection. After putting Leroy to bed she stationed herself in front of the house to watch.

About ten o'clock someone returned to say that he could find no trace of Bessie.

With straining eyes, Mrs. Worthington looked in the direction in which Bessie had gone, and at last thought that she could see someone approaching. As the figure drew nearer, she could see that it was her child, and with a glad cry ran to meet her.

"Oh, Bessie!" cried the mother, "what has happened to detain you? Your father and a company of men are out searching the woods for you. Dear child, where have you been?"

Bessie was very tired and hungry; but she related all that had happened and said, "I'm sorry I couldn't go farther; for I believe the cows were just a short distance beyond the point where I turned back. But I did not dare to cross the swampy place and go into the woods on the other side."

(To be continued)

"How much would you take for your son?"

"I wouldn't part with him for any amount you could give me."

This is real love. God loves us even more than this. Do you love Him?

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw two toothpick men. (Toothpick men are just straight lines with circles for the head, hands, and feet.) On the first man draw an arrow sticking out of his head. On the arrow write Christ. Name this man Satan. Name the second man Christian. On the arrow sticking out of his heel, write "Satan." Underneath all these write, "Christ shall bruise Satan's head and Satan will bruise the Christian's heel through trials and suffering."

Dear Boys and Girls:

Poor Adam and Eve had sinned. God was displeased. God did not ask Satan, who caused them to sin, any questions. There are no confessions nor repentance for Satan to make. He is evil. But God had mercy upon Adam and Eve. He gave them a promise of a Saviour. He promised that Christ would come who was born of a virgin. This came to pass over 2000 years after the promise. This is all a mystery. Paul calls it the "mystery of godliness." Jesus is "God manifested in the flesh." This is truly a glorious thing! How glad we are that God did not leave mankind in sin. He made a way whereby we could be forgiven of our sins through Jesus Christ, who came here, conquered the devil, lived a victorious life, and then permitted wicked men to put Him on the cross where He died for our sins. But, thank God, He did not stay in the grave. He arose again with victory. Today He is sitting on the right hand of God inter-

ceding for you and me. Jesus came to "destroy the works of the devil" right out of the heart of those who will repent of their sins and call upon Him with godly sorrow.

Boys and girls, Jesus bruised the head of Satan. How does a cat or dog act when its head is bruised? Can the dog run at you and bite you with his head and eyes bruised and broken? The word bruise means to "inflict, wound, break, or tread upon." Satan is still around, but his power over those who will turn to Christ is broken. Through Christ we can have power over Satan, just as you can have power over a dog whose head is broken or bruised.

There is a battle going on. It is a battle of right against wrong, Christ against Satan, truth against error. God said in His promise to Adam and Eve that He would put enmity between Satan and Christ (who was born of a woman). He meant they would oppose each other or be in a warfare against each other. Now the battlefield is in your soul. Right in your heart and mind you will have to decide to do right or do wrong. Christ wants you to do right. Satan tells you to do wrong. Only through Christ's help and power can you overcome the devil and do right. You do not have any power within yourself. Christ bruised Satan's head and he lost his hold or power over people who repent and turn to Christ. But Satan will bruise the Christian's heel. He can't touch the heart nor get any higher than the heel. Bruising the heel means that those who turn to Christ will suffer persecutions or trials in this world. Jesus said the world hated Him and they would hate those who love Him. But we rejoice because some day we will go where Jesus is in heaven—and never be tempted nor tried any more. I want to go there. don't you?

—Aunt Marie

THE PROMISE OF A SAVIOUR

Gen. 3:14, 15; Luke 7:35; Matt. 1:21b;
1 Tim. 3:16; 1 John 3:8, 9; John 17:14,
15; Rom. 8:17

Gen. 3:14 And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Matt. 1:21b Thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins.

1 Tim. 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

1 John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil: for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

John 17:14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them,

because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

Rom. 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ, if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

Memory Verse: 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. John 3:16.

Central Thought: Jesus came to take the punishment for all who will believe in Him that they might have everlasting life.

QUESTIONS:

1. Did God ask Satan why he tempted Adam and Eve?

2. What does enmity mean?

3. The enmity is between whom? Who spoke through the serpent?

4. Was the angel in Luke 1:35 speaking to Mary, the mother of Jesus?

5. According to this verse, who is the father of Jesus?

6. What is the "mystery of godliness"?

7. John tells us that the Son of God was manifested, or came, for what purpose?

8. How did Christ bruise Satan's head?

9. Did Satan lose his power over those who repent of their sins and turn to God?

10. Would it be "bruising" the heels of all Christians for the world to hate them as it hated Christ?

11. If we suffer for Christ in this world, what is our reward?

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When My Sister Reads to Me

When my sister reads to me,
Sometimes I can hardly see.
Guess it's 'cause I'm sleepy, though,
For my eyes are good, you know.

But when Jesus' Name is said,
Then I lift my sleepy head;
Just to hear His Name is sweet,
And to me it is a treat.

Many people like to hear
Stories of their friends so dear;
But the dearest One to me
Is my Saviour, don't you see?

Leroy's Healing

Bessie's little brother, Leroy, now past five years of age, was far from being rugged. Though he had a full, round face and a large head, his body was emaciated and did not develop properly. He could go only a few steps without falling. He had fainting spells, which gradually increased in frequency and duration.

Many times as Mrs. Worthington looked at her poor little boy, she lifted her heart to God in earnest prayer to know His will concerning the child. Many friends remarked that she would never be able to bring him up; but she knew that, if for the best, God could heal the child and give him right development.

At last his illness became very serious. One night his head was burning with fever, while his body was cold and clammy. It seemed but a question of time until he would pass away.

As Mrs. Worthington looked at her child, she remembered the words, "Man's extremity is God's opportunity," and "The prayer of faith shall save the sick." She wondered why God had brought them to her mind. She began to ask herself: "Do I believe that God can heal that child? If it is God's will to take him, can I submit?" To the first question she answered, "Yes, God made him," and to the second, "Thy will be done, O God." Then she breathed an earnest prayer for his healing. The sweet as-

surance came that her prayer was answered; that the child would grow well and strong. She felt that she could lie down by his side and trust him in the hands of the One who had given him.

She placed a wet cloth on his head, lay down by his side, and knew no more until the next morning. Both slept soundly. When she awoke, she saw that the child was breathing normally and that the fever was entirely gone. Then she fully realized that God had healed him. With a grateful heart she thanked the Lord for His tender love.

It was indeed true that Leroy was well. About ten o'clock his mother carried him to the lake, and having Bessie to row the boat, gave him a pleasant boat-ride. The fever never returned; his head stopped growing; and he became a strong, healthy boy. The friends who had thought that he would surely die said they could not understand the change that had taken place, but Mrs. Worthington understood, and gave God all the praise.

Ask and Receive

In a miserable cottage at the bottom of a hill, two children hovered over a smoldering fire. A tempest raged without, a tempest against which man and beast were alike powerless.

A poor old miser, much poorer than these shivering children, though he had heaps of money at home, drew his ragged cloak around him as he crouched down at the threshold of the miserable door. He dared not enter for fear they would ask pay for shelter, and he could not move for the storm.

"I am hungry, Nettie."

"So am I, I've hunted for a potato paring, but can't find any."

"What an awful storm!"

"Yes, the old tree has blown down. I guess God took care that it didn't fall on the house. See, it certainly would have killed us."

"If He could do that, couldn't He send us some bread?"

"I guess so; let's pray, 'Our Father', and when we come to that part, stop till we get some bread."

So they began and the miser, crouched down at the threshold of the miserable door. He dared not enter, but then a human feeling stole over his heart; God sent some good angel to soften it. He bought a loaf at the village, thinking it would last him a great many days, but the silence of the two children spoke louder to him than the voice of many waters. He opened the door softly, threw in the loaf, then listened to the wild, eager cry of delight that came from the half-famished little ones.

"It dropped right from heaven, didn't it?" questioned the younger.

"Yes; I mean to love God, for giving us bread because we asked Him."

"We'll ask Him every day, won't we? Why, I never thought God was so good, did you?"

"Yes, I always thought so, but I never quite knew it before."

"Let us ask Him to give Father work to do all the time, so we need never be hungry again. He'll do it—I'm sure."

The storm passed—the miser went home. A little flower had sprung up in his heart; it was no longer barren.

In a few weeks he died, but not before he had given the cottage, which was his, to the poor laboring man.

Lost in the Woods

(Continued from last week)

"Why, the cows have been home a long, long time, Bessie; and that is what had made your delay seem so strange," said her mother. "But were you not afraid, dear, when you found that you were so far from home?"

Bessie explained how she had felt and how the Lord had encouraged her and helped her to be brave.

"What time was that?" asked her mother; and when she learned, she said, "Bessie, that was when I was so earnestly praying for you. Surely our God is a mighty God and One who is ever faithful."

When the searching party returned they were all glad to know that Bessie was safe at home.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw the flames of a fire. Write in the flames the kinds of people who are in hell, such as murderers, thieves, unbelievers, liars, filthy talkers, etc. Underneath write, "They shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone." Rev. 21:8.

Dear Boys and Girls:

The lessons we have been having in Genesis should help you understand just how important it is to obey God. It should help you understand how awful sin is. Not long ago a grandmother said to me, "I never had thought of it before, but Adam and Eve only had one commandment from God and they broke it. God did not let them get by with dis-

obeying Him just one time." She said it helped her to realize more than ever that we can't be careless and think God will let us get by. Boys and girls, that is very true. Sin is a terrible thing and we should never forget that. The devil will try to make you think you can tell little lies and get by, but you can't. A lie is a lie and will be punished.

Adam and Eve were punished because they had sinned. The woman would have sorrow and many troubles. The ground brought forth weeds and thorns and made it hard for man to raise good things to eat. He had to work hard for his food. All of this was because of sin.

God put Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden. How terrible it was to have to leave their beautiful garden home. God did not want them to eat of the Tree of Life and live forever in a sinful state. God put cherubims to guard the gate. He put a flaming sword which turned every way to keep them away from the Tree of Life.

The Bible tells us that we should not be deceived because we are going to reap what we sow. If we sow good seeds or obey the Spirit of God we will reap eternal life and heaven in the end. But if we sow bad seeds and just live to please the flesh like Adam and Eve did, we will reap eternal death, which is separation from God in hell.

God caused changes to come in the bodies of Adam and Eve. They were made out of dust and they began to go back to dust. Diseases took hold of their bodies and they began to die. God said, "Dust thou art and unto the dust shalt thou return."

Death is spoken of in three different ways in the Bible. When a person is a sinner he is dead in sins. Then there is the physical death which means the dying of the body. Then there is the

second death, or eternal death of those who die in their sins. They are separated from God forever in hell. Boys and Girls, through Christ we can have everlasting life.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 8, August 24, 1969

THE RESULTS OF SIN

Genesis 3:16-19, 22-24; Gal. 6:7, 8

Revelation 21:8

Gen. 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast harkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat of the herb of the field;

19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

22 And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

23 Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden

Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Gal. 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Rev. 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Memory Verse: Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Gal. 6:7.

Central Thought: We can't do wrong and get by.

QUESTIONS:

1. Did God punish the woman with a little sorrow in life, or was it to be greatly multiplied?

2. Who will rule over the woman?

3. Why did God punish Adam?

4. Are we excused if we are persuaded by others to do wrong?

5. What happened to the ground because of the sin of Adam and Eve?

6. What does the Bible mean by saying, "Dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return"?

7. Why did God put man out of the garden?

8. How was the tree of life guarded?

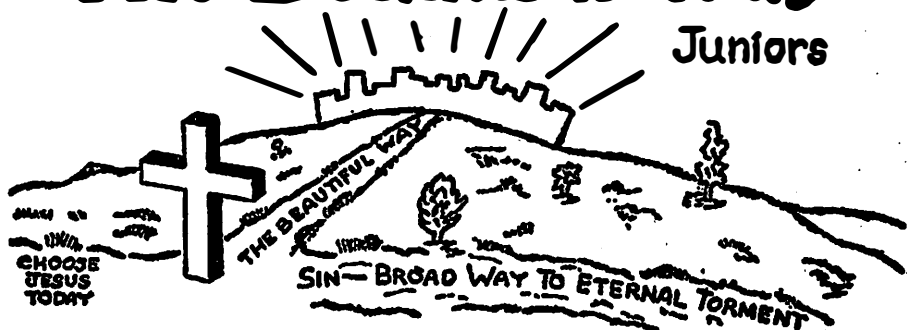
9. How will we reap what we sow?

10. Who will have their part in the lake of fire?

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Aug. 31

At Sleepy Time

The crane must sleep on one slim leg
Out in the water cold;
The duck tucks his head away out of
sight,
And is rocked by the breezes bold.

The woodpecker uses his tail as a
prop,
And clings to the bark of a tree;
And boys and girls are tucked into
beds,
As cozy and warm as can be.

It matters not just how we sleep,
Or why, or when, or where;
But this we know, both bird and child
Are safe in God's loving care.

LETICIA

Leticia, whose mother worked, had the daily care of her little brothers and sisters. Her father drank and was gone most of the time. Leticia and her charges lived in one room close to the mission house in Rosarito

and attended services there. They regularly took part in the children's services.

The mission-house was a large concrete block house with two bedrooms, kitchen area, and chapel (living room). It was not modern, but adequately furnished. Sister Carrie Sheppard and I were living and working there together at that time. When we had the opportunity of seeing the one room where Leticia lived, we could realize why she asked on one visit, "Do just you two ladies live in this big beautiful house?"

One day while Sister Carrie was gone home for vacation, Leticia came to the door with two or three of the children. I could tell she was alarmed and soon realized the cause. One little boy had tears in his eyes. Leticia soon showed me his back where an older sister had spilled hot beans. There were several large burns. He said: "Sister, I know Jesus will heal it." We went right to prayer and God honored that little boy's faith. After prayer he said: "Mi espalda no me duele más." (My back doesn't

hurt anymore.) Praise the dear Lord!

Before they left the house, Leticia told me about the family and how they all needed prayer. I'll tell you, too, so you will pray for them.

Leticia said: "My mother is in jail. Her baby was born dead and she stole a baby out of the hospital nursery. She will be in jail for six years. She wants to come to church when she gets out of jail. We are living with my older sister. She doesn't love us so we can't stay long. What shall we do? Please pray for all of us."

That spring Leticia gave her heart to the Lord in the campmeeting at La Mision.

This is just one of the many who need our prayers and help in Mexico.

"But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." 1 John 3:17, 18.

—Sister Opal Kelly

GOD OPENED HIS EYES

"And when the servant of the man of God was risen and gone forth, behold, a host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha." 2 Kings 6:17.

Boys and girls, God will take care of His people. We cannot see them but there are angels all around those who love God and obey Him. It pays to serve the Lord.

"Grandma"

One Sunday morning in meeting at El Alamo we saw that one dear little old lady was in much pain by the expression on her face. We immediately had prayer for her and she received temporary relief. This lady had always felt a responsibility for her grandchildren's behavior in Sunday school class so she had always gone with them to class. As I was teaching the children at that time I was facing her in class as I had been in the general service. Again her face showed much pain. All went to prayer in her behalf and soon she received another touch from God. After the morning preaching service we felt impressed to anoint her and pray for her. Ruby Marken and I were working together at that time. (These people don't know God's instructions to His people to "call for the elders," etc. as they have not had Bibles and many of them cannot read.) We asked the driver to take her home first then return for the rest of the people, which he did.

Each Sunday our driver left El Alamo at 6:00 a. m., returning about 10:00 for service. It was necessary to make an eighty-mile round in order to pick up all, then this round was repeated after services and he usually returned about 4:00 p. m. How many of us would sacrifice our entire Sunday to be in service two hours? God knows our hearts and can read our innermost thoughts.

Later in the afternoon we drove out to see "abuelita" (little grandma), then went back Monday afternoon. She hardly recognized us Monday, she was in so much pain (she had cancer). When we returned Tuesday she was up and out in the yard. Her daughters said that after prayer was offered Monday afternoon she had not had any more pain and had slept all night. Praise the Lord! To our knowledge she never did have any more pain. She lived seven weeks after that. Her body was wearing away and the cancer kept growing, but **without** pain.

We were out to see her almost every day until she passed away and each time she would point heavenward and say that she was going there. Even after she had not strength enough to speak and it seemed she hardly knew anything, she would point up and try to mumble. She never did show anything but a sweet spirit to anyone and I believe we shall see her in heaven if we are faithful.

What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? Psalm. 8:4.

He will bless them that fear the Lord both small and great. Psalm 115:13.

—Sister Opal Kelly

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw an apron and a dress. Underneath write: Adam and Eve made aprons, but God made them coats of skin to cover their bodies.

Dear Boys and Girls:

We have a great and wonderful God who loves us. He has made some wonderful things which we see all around us. He also has given each of us a wonderful body. Just think what a mir-

acle human flesh is. When you feel the skin on your hands, it makes you marvel that we are so wonderfully made.

God made our bodies pure and clean. Every part is for a purpose. Every organ is wonderful and useful. Sometimes boys and girls will laugh and make dirty jokes about parts of their bodies. This is very sad and it grieves God for this to be done. God did not make any part of your body impure.

Your body will begin to make certain changes when you enter your teens. It takes nature from six to ten years to do this special work. If Nature is not hindered, you will have a perfect, healthy body to fulfill the life-work that God has meant for you.

Our lesson teaches us that God was not pleased with the aprons that Adam and Eve made for themselves. God knew that sin would abound in the world and that boys and girls needed some protection. He made clothes for them to wear. Today many are disobeying God's plan and there are many troubles caused by it. The lesson today teaches that we should dress in modest apparel. Modest means decent. Immodest means indecent, unchaste, shameless, bold. God clothed Adam and Eve with skins. The word clothe means "to cover." Our bodies are to be covered.

When our hearts are right with God and we have purity, holiness, and right desires, we will want to dress right. We will want to wear enough clothing to cover our bodies. Did you know that wicked, evil men have set the fashions of today? The ungodly short dresses and shorts we see people wearing today are causing much wickedness. God is grieved and His commandments are broken. We are not to follow the fashions of the world but to dress like the Bible teaches.

Our lesson teaches us that we are different from the world. They do not love

God, nor do they seek to please Him. The world is full of pride and those who follow it are going to destruction. We do not want to follow the crowd. God will bless you and keep you from the evil in this present world if you will love Him and obey Him. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 9, August 31, 1969

GOD CLOTHED THEM

Gen. 3:7, 21; 1 Tim. 2:9, 10; 1 Pet. 3:4; James 1:27; Gal. 1:4; Proverbs 16:18; Matthew 5:28

Gen. 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

1 Tim. 2:9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

1 Pet. 3:4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Gal. 1:4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

Prov. 16:18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

Matt. 5:28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Memory Verse: I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. John 17:14.

Central Thought: We are to adorn the soul, the inward man, with holiness and righteousness and the outward man will reflect these same virtues.

QUESTIONS:

1. What did Adam and Eve see when their eyes were opened after eating of the forbidden fruit?

2. What did they do about their nakedness?

3. Did God approve of their aprons of leaves?

4. What did God make for them?

5. What does the word "clothe" mean?

6. What does it mean to dress in "modest apparel, with shamefacedness"?

7. What kind of adorning of the heart is pleasing to God? How will this inward adorning affect the outward adorning?

8. What does it mean to keep unspotted from the world?

9. Who will keep us from the wickedness of this "present world"?

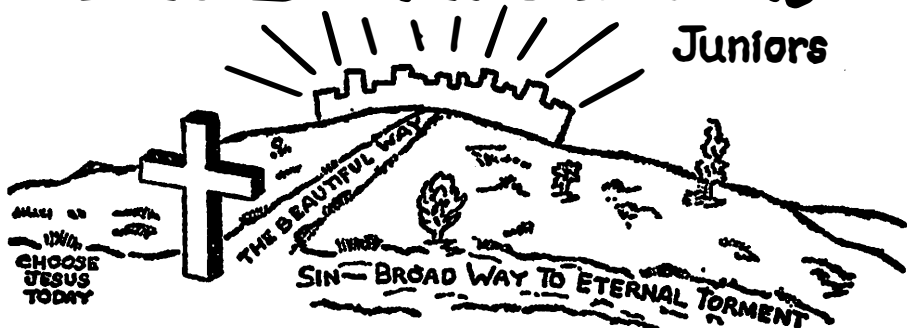
10. What goes before a fall and destruction?

11. Why should a girl or woman dress so others will have good thoughts about her?

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Part Ten

Sept. 7

Our Trials

Our trials may be of the kind
That make us fret and cry;
But we should never stubborn be,
Nor ask the reason why.

God lets them come to us to make
Us lovely, pure and kind,
And if we thank Him for them all,
Sweet joy in Him we'll find.

Our trials are to make us pray,
And ask our Father dear
To help us bear them patiently,
The little while we're here.

Grandma's Burial

We had been out to see Grandma in the afternoon and could see that without a touch from God, she would soon go to be with Him. Sure enough, about 5:30 p. m., one of the daughters and a son-in-law came to the house asking if we would take one of them to Ensenada (about sixty-five miles) for a death certificate. We went im-

mediately, arriving in Ensenada after all doctors who were still in town, could not be contacted. We hunted until we found a motel (the only one with a vacancy) and retired for the night. This was a single cabin with one bed for the daughter, her little girl, Ruby, and me. I well remember we paid twenty pesos (\$1.60) for it. Though it surely was not the latest nor the cleanest, it was an accommodation for which we were grateful.

During the time that we were getting the death certificate, Henry (Enrique), the son-in-law, was making the casket out of some lumber, bought some weeks before. It had been bought to make chapel benches, but Ruby had made the remark at the time that she wondered if we were not bringing home casket material as dear Grandma was very ill then. The lumber mill was about eighty miles distant so it had been an all-day trip.

The next morning after our stay in the motel, we began hunting early for a doctor who would sign a death certificate and certify that Grandma had died from natural causes. One doctor

wanted \$20.00 for cab fare to El Alamo and back, but we later found one to whom Grandma had gone two or three years previously, and he was able to verify that she had cancer, so he signed the certificate for us. The Lord was good to us to help us locate this man, also to help him to remember the case.

On the return trip to their home we stopped several times and gathered a lot of wild flowers (there was one other bouquet of flowers at the house brought there by Luis (pronounced Louise) Mesa from town. These were all the flowers there were at the funeral.

The girls had expressed their desires for a Christian funeral.

On our return there was quite a bit to do yet, so altogether we had everything ready to go to the cemetery by about 4:30 p. m. Grandma's body was still lying on a bed when we arrived. Henry had the casket finished except for covering it with material. We made flour paste, and you would be surprised how pretty the casket looked after a piece of large yellow and coral plaid material was pasted over it. We placed her body in it and Henry nailed down the cover (also covered with material). Using the jeep pickup for a hearse for the second time that week we started for the cemetery. Ruby's jeep and Henry's pickup started the procession and as we met Luis Mesa on the way, he fell in behind Henry. When we arrived at the cemetery, there were a couple of cars of young boys who had helped Henry dig the grave and were to help fill it back up.

The casket was lowered into the grave by means of ropes, then Sister Rosa Marquis read the fourteenth chapter of John, after which we sang,

"What A Friend," and "Rock of Ages." Ruby made a few remarks, prayer was offered, then the boys and Luis Mesa began taking turns at the shovels and worked until all was completed. The girls then placed a large jar of wild flowers on either side at the head of the grave.

The following Sunday we went out to the girls' house, took some paper flower wreaths we had made, picked up the family and the wooden cross marker, took them all to the cemetery, returned the family to their home and returned to ours.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." Eccl. 9:10.

—Sister Opal Kelly

Billy's Garden

Billy claimed a corner of the garden for his own; and in his garden he had all sorts of useful things growing. Once he gathered some nice yellow carrots for dinner; and at the table Mother said we should thank God for His good gifts of food.

"But God didn't give us those carrots," said Billy. "I raised those carrots myself in my own garden."

"Oh, did you?" said Mother. "I wonder where you got the seed?"

"Bought them out of a store," answered Billy, "and paid for them."

"But they grew on a plant," said Mother, "and no storekeeper in the world could make a carrot seed. Then they grew in the good rich soil of the garden," Mother went on, "and all the earth belongs to God. Then God sent the rain and the sunshine. Your plants wouldn't have done much with-

out those two helpers, even though you did work hard and faithfully in your garden."

Billy looked very thoughtful, and then after a while he said, "Why, Mother, it is really God's garden and I just help Him with things."

"That is the way it is," said Mother, "and if you want to be happy in this world you will find yourself very happy in helping God take care of things, and helping to make His good gifts more useful. I like our garden and I am helping Him to make the useful and pretty things grow more beautifully in it." Selected

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Write a headline which says, "The blood cries to God for—" Underneath on one side write "Justice—the blood of Abel." On the other side write "Mercy—The Blood of Jesus."

Dear Boys and Girls:

I read of a boy who had been naughty and selfish and told a falsehood about a certain thing that had arisen. Later this same boy cried, "Mother won't take my book!" He was holding in his hand a beautiful little book with gold edges. It had been purchased with his pocket-money that he had saved for weeks for his mother's birthday. But his mother had accepted the needle-book and little purse that his sister had given to her. You ask, Why did his mother refuse the present from her son? He had been naughty and had not repented nor seemed sorry of his misdeeds. When he gave her his gift, she said, "No, Charlie," as she gently put it aside. Charlie was

sullen and muttered that he did not care, but feelings of a bad nature arose against his sister. Later, when he was alone, he began to see how awful he had acted toward his mother and he did not blame her for not accepting his gift. He went in and threw his arms around her neck and confessed his sins and found favor with her. She forgave him. Then she told him gently that he could bring his gift to her.

This is the way God talked to Cain. We see that Cain did not see his wrong. He had brought a thanksgiving offering which was the fruit of the ground. (Lev. 2:1) But he did not bring a sin offering, as Abel did. The firstling of his flock that Abel killed and offered was a type of Jesus, the Lamb of God that had come to take away the sin of the world. We can come to God only through Christ. Abel offered the "more excellent sacrifice." Abel is dead, but the Apostle Paul tells us that he still speaks to us. Abel did the right thing and God blessed him. Cain did wrong and did not repent of his wrong when God talked to him about it. He hardened his heart and let jealous feelings come in. His envy and jealousy led to hatred. His hatred grew and grew until he lost his better judgment and sound mind. Hate took possession of him. He did not think of the heart ache this would bring to his dear parents. He did not think of the punishment he was sure to receive. He only thought of getting revenge. Oh, how terrible it is to nurse bad feelings toward anyone! Boys and girls, never let feelings like this stay in your heart and mind. Resist them. God's ways are right. God has told us to forgive and also to acknowledge it when we have done wrong and correct it. God's ways are the only ways that will bring you peace and happiness. When Cain was punished, he said, "My punishment is

greater than I can bear." It pays to do right and is better to obey God than to go the evil way. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 10, September 7, 1969

THE MORE EXCELLENT SACRIFICE

Gen. 4:2-10; Heb. 12:24; 11:4

Gen. 4:2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord.

4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

6 And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

9 And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

Heb. 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of

sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

Heb. 11:4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

Memory Verse: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God. Hebrews 10:12.

Central Thought: Abel's sacrifice preached the gospel, and foreshadowed the cross because it was offered in the right spirit.

QUESTIONS:

1. What were the names of the first boys born to Adam and Eve?

2. What kind of work did Abel and Cain each do?

3. When Cain came to worship God what did he bring?

4. What did Abel bring?

5. Why did God have respect to Abel's offering?

6. Who saw Cain's anger? What did He say to him?

7. Fill in the following blanks: "If thou _____ well, shalt thou not be _____?"

8. What is wrong if you don't do right?

9. What kind of feelings did Cain let come into his heart against his brother? What did these lead to?

10. What does Abel's blood cry from the ground? What does Jesus' blood cry out?

11. Explain the last verse of our lesson.

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A True Guide

One day a man started out through a forest so thickly covered with trees that he could not see the sun or sky. After traveling for a long time he knew it was getting nighttime, so he started for what he thought was home. He was so certain that his direction was right that he did not look at his compass. But when he did look at it, he was surprised to find that he was going west when he thought he was going east. He was so sure he was right that he started to throw his compass away. Then he thought, "It has never told me an untruth, and I'll trust it now." He followed the compass and came out right.

We, too, have a compass that will never tell us an untruth. It is God's Word—the Bible. If we always follow it, we will be safe. Even though we think we are right, if it tells us something different, then let us follow what it says, for that is the only safe thing.

Leaving a Trail

It was early morning. I walked down the street before very many other people were astir. Suddenly I noticed some strange "tracks." No, they were not the kind you find in the mud where some animals had walked, for there was no mud on the street. And besides, there should be no animals except dogs, or possibly some cats, to make tracks in the town. What do you suppose they were?

Now when I describe them perhaps you will not think they were tracks at all. And possibly they should be called trails instead. Anyway, they were nothing but slimy looking lines that wound in and out, all sorts of directions, sometimes they were crossed and crossed again until it seemed they were only a network.

There were only a number of small worms, snails and insects that leave such trails behind them. And most of them travel in the dark hours. Often they are most plentiful after a rainy night, or at least a damp season. They

all belong to the snail family and some leave a wider trail than others according to the size of their body. So one can tell where these creatures have been.

There really isn't anything so interesting in that after all, but it gave me a wonderful lesson. The question came to my mind, "Can people tell where we have been? Do we leave a trail behind us?" And I began to think of kinds of trails that people leave.

One of the first I thought of was the trail of sunshine that the little cripple girl down the street leaves where she goes. She can't get around like most boys and girls, but she never complains. She seems so happy just to be able to get about at all, and so she smiles and is thankful for her crutches on which she can hobble around. She thanks God that she has good crutches and can walk on them. That is really a beautiful trail after all.

Then there is the kindness trail that little Tommy leaves. He carries the town newspaper and every night after school he is right there at the printing office to get his bundle of papers. Business men going from work make it a point to pass by Tommy to get their paper from him. There are other boys who sell papers, too, but their trail is not so pleasant and people do not care so much to buy from them. Tommy does more than sell papers. He throws in a big extra, "Isn't this a fine day to be alive!" or "hope the baby is better tonight, Mr. Smith," or maybe it is, "Oh, Miss Casey, I passed highest in my arithmetic class today." Who wouldn't go out of his way to gather up a bit of the happy spirit of a

boy like Tommy! That is the trail that he leaves behind him.

Then there is Grandma Evans who knows everybody up and down all the nearby streets who are ever in trouble and need a friend. She says she can't do much, but no home has ever been visited by sickness and sorrow or disappointment but Grandma Evans drops in to say kind words and pray with the members of the household. No night is ever too dark or cold for her to go out to sit up with the sick child. And everyone all around knows and loves her. She leaves a broad trail of kind deeds and kind words.

Perhaps you may not think of all these nice people and the kind things they do in comparison to the slimy trail that the snail left. But I told you that was just what reminded me of all these things and set my mind to thinking. Have you been wondering about the trail you leave? Suppose you stop right now and figure out what kind it is.



Dear Boys and Girls:

We trust that you will think seriously about our lesson today. We studied about Adam and Eve sinning. They were created in holiness and moral purity and in the image and likeness of God. They chose to sin and disobey God. Because they did this they lost the purity and image of God. They were morally corrupt. Now when their son was born he took this likeness of corruptness and the evil moral image of Adam.

We notice that God said for each thing to bring forth after its kind. (Read Gen. 1:11.) So Adam's son was born with a sinful nature in him. Our Scriptures teach us that babies are born with this evil in their nature (or inherited sin

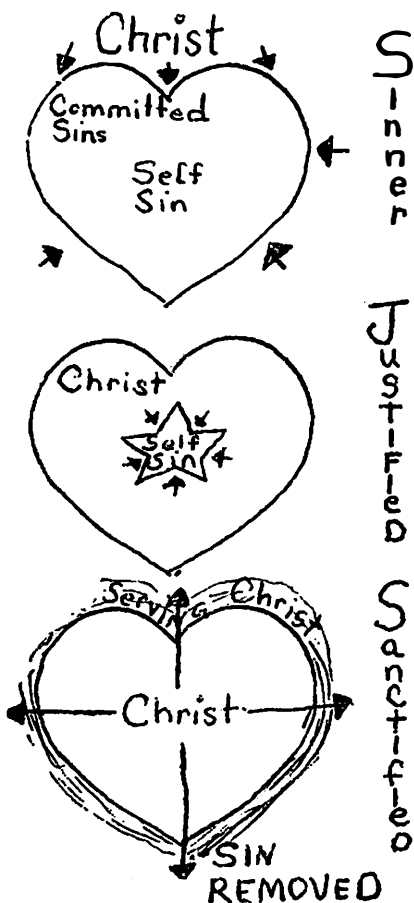
principle we call it). Did you ever see a baby or young child show rebellion, selfishness, anger, stubbornness? The reason they do this is because they have this nature within them. Our lesson tells us that children are evil from their youth. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. They will do by nature the things that are evil.

Now the question is asked, Will babies or small children be lost and not go to heaven? Boys and girls, when they do not know any better, God does not hold them accountable for their deeds. The blood of Jesus atones for them because they do not have the law of understanding. Our lesson tells us that "sin is not imputed (or held against them) where there is no law." Do you remember when you first knew it was wrong to tell a lie and that you had disobeyed God when you did? Well then, you were held accountable to do something about that. You then needed to seek God to forgive you through Christ who died for your sins. The lie is the volitional sin or wilful sin but you can't ask God to forgive you for the inherited sin or for having the corrupted nature. Your nature is cleansed by the coming into your heart of the Holy Spirit. Next Sunday we will talk about the second work of grace in the heart.

Colossians 3:8 tells us some of the things we are to put off concerning the "old man and his deeds." The deeds are the results of having the sinful nature or native depravity within us. We put on the "new man" which is Bible salvation and we again are brought back to the "image of him that created" Adam and Eve. It is by the grace of God that we can be restored to that image. This is done by Jesus dying on the cross for our forgiveness of sins and for the cleansing work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

—Aunt Marie

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Lesson 11, September 14, 1969

INHERITED SIN

Gen. 5:3; Psa. 51:5; Psa. 58:3; Gen. 8:21;
Romans 5:12-14; Eph. 2:3; Romans 7:9;
Colossians 3:9, 10

Gen. 5:3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

Psa. 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Psa. 58:3 The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

Gen. 8:21 And the Lord smelled a sweet savor; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

Rom. 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.)

Eph. 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Rom. 7:9 For I was alive without the law once; but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.

Col. 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

Memory Verse: And have put on the new man which is renewed in knowl-

edge after the image of him that created him. Col. 3:10.

Central Thought: The moral depravity is the nature of original sin which gives man a tendency to sin. All children are born with a depraved nature. They are begotten by their kind morally.

QUESTIONS:

1. When Adam sinned, did he lose the image and likeness of God which was holiness?

2. Is it correct that Adam became morally corrupt or bent toward evil in his nature?

3. What kind of nature did Seth receive from Adam?

4. When babies are born do they "go astray" or have that inherited sin within them?

5. How does this inherited sin principle express itself in small children?

6. Fill in the following blanks: "The _____ of man's _____ is _____ from his _____."

7. Does it refer to Adam when the Scripture says, "by one man sin entered into the world and so death (bend toward spiritual death) passed on all men"?

8. Does it mean that all babies that are born into the world are not held accountable for the inherited sin when it says, "sin is not imputed when there is no law" or understanding of what is right and what is wrong?

9. What does it mean when it says that we are "by nature the children of wrath"?

10. What is meant by the "old man"? What are his deeds?

11. Explain the last verse in the lesson.

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Sept. 21

Little Acts of Kindness

Think of something kind to do,
Never mind if it is small;
Little things are lost to view,
But God sees and blesses all.

Violets, wee, are modest flowers,
Hiding in their beds of green,
But their perfume fills the bowers,
Though they scarcely can be seen.

So do little acts, we find
Which at first we may not see,
Leave the fragrance pure behind,
Of abiding charity.

God Heals in Mexico

"Blessed is that man that maketh
the Lord his trust." Ps. 40:4.

In Mexico lived a little girl we will
call Carmen. She lived with her
father, mother, and her grandpa.
Their Rancho was on the road to El
Valle de la Trinidad. She was very
happy and contented in her home.
The goats played in the fields. Some-

times she helped her brothers and
sisters keep the goats out of the corn
and the rest of the garden. They were
all happy. Grandpa loved God and
served Him, and God blessed them
in many ways. Grandpa often read
to them from his Bible.

There was a shadow over their
home. Little Carmen could not talk
and visit as did the other children.
Carmen could hear and understand,
but she could not speak. All of the
family grieved over this and longed
to hear Carmen speak.

One day Grandpa heard that there
were missionaries in the mission
house at Santa Catarina. It was being
said that God healed people in answer
to their prayers. Grandpa was sit-
ting under the ramada (arbor) read-
ing his Bible. He began to pray that
God would send the missionaries to
pray for his little Carmen.

God heard Grandpa's prayer, and
as the missionaries were on the way
to El Valle de La Trinidad, God
spoke to them and said, "Turn down
this little road and go to the little
farm over by the hill." The mission-

aries obeyed the voice of God. How happy they were to meet Carmen's Grandpa, Benjamin! They all had such a happy time praying and singing and reading God's Word. Then they all prayed for little Carmen, laying on hands as God's Word commands. God blessed in such a sweet way and it wasn't until later that the missionaries learned that God had wonderfully blessed and healed little Carmen. Later she was a member of Sister Geneva Hite's Sunday-school class in Ensenada. Sister Geneva reported that Carmen was the most talkative girl in the class.

It pays to trust in God and obey Him! —Sister Virginia Wittenborn

A Divided Heart

Jack and Jim had gone for a trip to the country with their father. Mother had packed a big basket of lunch for them, and as they sat down on the bank of a river to eat it, they talked about which way the water was flowing. One thought it ran one way, and the other felt sure that it was flowing in another direction. Suddenly Jim said, "I guess it is running both ways." "Oh, no, that is impossible," said their father, "a river cannot flow in opposite directions; neither can the tide move toward the shore and toward the sea at the same time."

It is the same with our hearts. We cannot live for God and be against Him. The Bible says we "cannot serve God and mammon." We cannot serve two masters. Anyone who tries to do this is sure to make a failure of his life. The only way to be sure of making a success of life is to yield it entirely to God; then He makes all things that come into

our life work together for good. Always remember this when Satan tries to draw you away from God and be untrue to Him. God alone can make your life a sure and true success.

"Oh, I do wish Billy had his knife back," thought Willie. "I think I will slip it in his dresser drawer and he will think it was there all the time." Just as Willie opened the drawer and dropped it in, his mother came into the room. He burst into tears and confessed all that he had done. Mother prayed with him and he asked Jesus and Billy to forgive him.

Bessie Learns About The Church

When Bessie was in her twelfth year, she said: "Mama, why don't we go to the meetings that are being held at the schoolhouse on Sunday? The girls have asked me several times and I have told them I don't know. They have a minister from a distance, and he has taken the names of all who want to join the church."

"That is a deep subject, my child," said Mrs. Worthington. "I have often wished to explain to you my reasons for not attending the public services held in our neighborhood by the different denominations, but have feared you were still too young to understand, for the matter seems hard even for older people to comprehend. But I will tell you and trust that the Lord will make it plain.

"My parents taught me that it was my duty to attend religious services at least once a week. This I did, and professed to be a Christian until I was a young woman. I knew that I loved the Lord and wanted to do right,

but found that I could not always do right in my own strength. I was daily doing things that displeased the Lord. I became so troubled about my condition that one day I went to the minister, and, telling him how I felt, requested him to pray for me and to help me to get a real Bible experience. In answer to my request, he only smiled and said, 'You are too particular. You might as well try to split a hair as to try to live a holy life in this world.' "

"As I returned home that day, I was very sad indeed. Oh, how much I longed to be like Jesus, whom God had given me as an example! I knew the Bible taught that if we expect to enter heaven we must live a pure and holy life. I was determined to do this—but how was I to do it? To whom could I go for help? Most of the church-members were so worldly-minded that they thought of little else than a good time, and the few spiritual ones were afraid to tell how they felt, for fear of their minister's displeasure.

"At last I decided to seek from God and His Word what my soul was longing for. As I sought, I began to see I had been deceived. I found that as God looked upon mankind, He could see only two classes of people—the righteous and sinners; and I saw that I was a sinner.

(To be continued)

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Refer to the picture of the three hearts in lesson 11.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Last Sunday we studied about the inherited sin that all possessed. This

came about because Adam sinned and all who were born inherited a sinful nature. Just as a seed, when it is planted, will grow into the kind of plant the first seed came from, just so all of Adam's children were born in his likeness with a sinful nature. In the beginning God created Adam and Eve pure and holy, but when they disobeyed God they became sinful. God promised them a Saviour who would die for sin so that all who believe in Him will be brought back to that purity and holiness that God created in them in the beginning.

They lost their purity by committing sin. To get back that purity we must have two works upon the soul. First of all the sins that we have committed must be forgiven. When we confess them to God and forsake them, He will forgive us and the blood of Jesus will wash our sins away. But we can't ask forgiveness for the inherited sin because it is something we could not help having. It was born within us. We can ask God to send His Holy Spirit into our hearts and make us clean and wash away that sinful nature. This is the work of the Holy Spirit.

In our lesson we study about the tabernacle that God told Moses to build. God wanted to teach the people about the two works of grace upon the heart that Jesus would do when He came. There were two rooms in the tabernacle. In the Scripture just before our lesson starts, we are told what was in the first room. There was the candlestick and the table with the bread on it and before the door was an altar. There was another altar before the door of the second room, which room was the Holy of Holiest. Within the second room was the ark of the covenant with the cherubims over it. The sacrificial lamb was slain and put on the first altar and

then blood was sprinkled on the second altar. This is a type of Jesus' blood which was spilled for our sins. The first tabernacle did not make those who lived in that day perfect, but Jesus, who is the Lamb of God, came and brought perfect cleansing for us. We need the blood to cleanse us from our sins that we have done and we need the second application of the blood to cleanse us from the inherited sin principle that came to us from the fall of Adam. How wonderful it is to have our hearts made clean and pure! We can then be ready to meet Jesus when He comes for all who are holy.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 12, September 21, 1969

SANCTIFIED BY THE HOLY GHOST

1 Thess. 4:3a; Heb. 9:2, 3, 9, 11, 13, 14; Heb. 10:10; Eph. 4:22-24; Rom. 15:16b

1 Thess. 4:3a For this is the will of God, even your sanctification.

Heb. 9:2 For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary.

3 And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;

9 Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that would not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;

11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprink-

ling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Heb. 10:10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Eph. 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Rom. 15:16b Being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

Memory Verse: Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it. Eph. 5:25b, 26a.

Central Thought: The two rooms in the tabernacle built by Moses are a type of the two works or two steps we have to take to get back to where Adam was in the beginning.

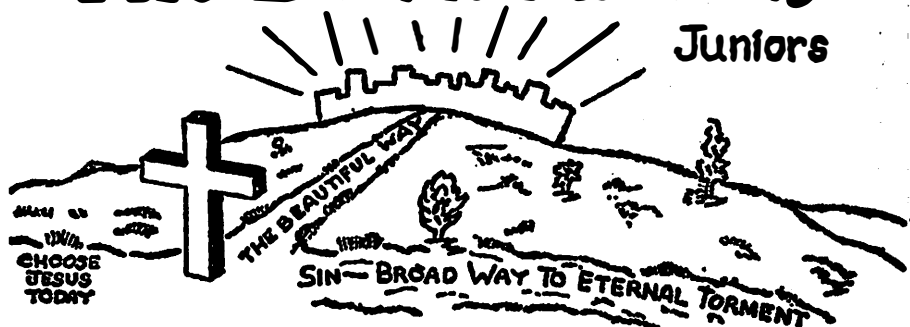
QUESTIONS:

1. What is the will of God for us?
2. Did Moses make the tabernacle like God told him to?
3. How many rooms did the tabernacle have in it?
4. What are the names of the two rooms?
5. Was there an altar before the door of each room?

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Part Thirteen

Sept. 28

When I Quarrel

It seems I cannot stand to have
A quarrel with my brother;
It makes me sad and sorrowful
And pains my dearest mother.

But when I do I always go
And make up with him quickly;
For I'm ashamed I fought with him,
When he's so small and sickly.

Bessie Learns About The Church

(Continued from last week)

"By reading the twelfth chapter of First Corinthians, I learned that Christ's body is the church; that to become a member of the church my name must be written in heaven; that every Christian in the world is my brother or sister in Christ; the Lamb's book of life is the only class-book in which our names need to be recorded; and that our names are removed only because of our turning away to sin.

To me these thoughts were both new and marvelous. I saw that every saved person in the different denominations is a Christian and a member of God's true church, but I knew that such persons were unable to worship God aright for fear of displeasing their ministers or of breaking some of the church rules. And when I read in 2 Cor. 6:14 that we are not to be unequally yoked together with unbelievers, I felt that I must come out and stand alone. This I promised God to do at any cost, and asked Him to give me a Bible experience. He answered my prayer; and I was so happy that I walked the floor for a long time, clapping my hands and praising God.

"I have had some dreams that have greatly encouraged me. The first was given while I was wondering why I could not find anyone who believed the whole Bible. I seemed to be standing in a meeting-house; the service was ended and nearly everyone had gone home. I noticed a woman in great distress. Going to her, I found that she had a very sore hand

and that she was alone, with no one to help her home through the darkness. With her consent I quickly picked her up in my arms and carried her safely through a long, dark, narrow passage. As we passed along, I spoke words of encouragement to her. Suddenly we came into a large open field carpeted with flowers, and there I laid her down, saying, 'How nicely we have gotten along alone.' Then I awoke.

"For some time I could not see the meaning of the dream. At last I understood that the afflicted woman was I myself and that the Saviour wanted to carry me through the dark and dangerous way of life alone.

"At another time I dreamed I was riding on a locomotive. Again I was alone. The seat that I was sitting on was so small I had to be very careful lest I be injured by the machinery around me. I didn't think of danger while the train was in movement; but as it drew up at a certain station, I began to consider my position. The thought came, 'What will people think of me? They will certainly say I came stealing a ride.' I remembered my ticket, and, placing my hand upon it, I felt satisfied. At the next station I could see inside the passenger coaches. I had a good view of the passengers in one of the coaches, and recognized the prominent members of the denomination I had lately left. As they sat in their cushioned seats, carelessly talking to one another, they all seemed happy and contented. My own condition then arose before me, and I felt lonely indeed and thought, 'I will step down from my little seat and enter the coach with the rest.' I was just about to do this—even had my hand upon the

door knob—when I realized that I had left my dress in the little seat, and again I awoke.

"The dream seemed very plain in every way. My ticket was my experience and title to heaven, and the dress left up in the tiny seat was the robe of Christ's righteousness. While alone and contented, I was all right, but to return to the denomination would mean to leave both robe and title behind.

"Still, God has given me some devoted Christian friends, who are willing to live as the Bible directs, and with these I worship as you know, dear, in our little weekly prayer meeting. I trust that some day your father will see and will understand me better, and that we can worship God together. But I will be faithful even though I should have to walk alone.

"Now, dear, I trust you can see that the true church is Christ's body and that every soul is a member as long as he continues to live a pure and holy life. Whether he is a member of some sect or not, sin will cut him off; and if he continues to profess as I did, he is a hypocrite in God's sight. 'Come out from among them and be ye separate' is a command that every Christian should obey."

SAY "THANK YOU"

The battle at Dunkerque (dunkirk) was one of the times in World War II when the English were close to complete defeat. But people prayed, and God sent a heavy fog which covered the retreat of the trapped soldiers.

A minister in England saw a boy come into the church one weekday.

The boy knelt and prayed. He stayed so long on his knees that the minister wondered about him. As the boy got up, the man said, "Do you often come here to pray?"

"Four times in the last five days," was the answer.

"Have you someone fighting at Dunkerque?" the minister asked.

"Yes—my daddy. But he got home today. So I came in to thank God," was the boy's reply.

Sometimes we forget to thank God. A very big part of praying is the returning to give thanks to God. Perhaps the Lord would bless us even more if we gave thanks for what He gives us.

Always take time to do good. Some day you will need help from others.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a toothpick woman with a long dress on. Underneath write, "The church or bride of Christ is pure in heart without spot upon her."

Dear Boys and Girls:

Have you ever been to a wedding? We all appreciate the beautiful bride in her spotless white wedding dress, don't we?

Adam had a bride. God took a rib from Adam's side while he was asleep and made a bride for him. I am sure that Adam was happy when he looked at his bride. He loved her and said that she was bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh.

Jesus also has a bride. He came from heaven to this world to seek for those who would become pure and holy in His blood and put on the wedding gar-

ment of salvation. While Jesus slept the sleep of death they pierced His side. Out flowed blood and water to purchase and cleanse His bride, which is also called the church of God. Through His death and His innocent blood our sins can be forgiven. We can also be cleansed from the inherited sin and become pure and holy without spots upon our souls. As Jesus looks at us He loves us and we love Him. We must keep ourselves pure and holy for Him if we want to be ready and waiting for the Bridegroom to come.

Did you ever hear of anyone dying for his friend? I read of a brother who went into the service of his country and faced death to let his older brother stay at home to help care for the family. That was a kind deed. Did you ever hear of anyone dying for their enemies? That is something that no man can do without God in his heart. I know of Someone who died for His enemies. That was Christ. We were enemies of His when we did not give Him our hearts. But He loved us just the same and died on the cross for us. How we do love Him for His great love for us!

The Apostle Paul compares Christ and the church to a husband and wife. He says that we are to be subject to Christ even as wives should be subject to their husbands. Then as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it, just so husbands should love their wives enough to be willing to lay down their lives for them. He said that even as husband and wife are one, just so Christ and His bride are one. They have the same spirit and desire to please each other. Paul says it is all a mystery, but that is the way the church, the bride of Christ, is to Him.

Jesus is coming back for His bride one of these days. Only those who have

on the spotless wedding garment will be taken to be with Him in eternity. He does not want us to be flirting with the world, but He wants us all for His very own.
—Aunt Marie

Lesson 13, September 28, 1969

THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

Gen. 2:22, 23; John 19:34; Acts 20:28b;
Eph. 1:22, 23; Eph. 5:25-27, 29, 30, 32;
Revelation 21:9b; 19:8

Gen. 2:22 And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

John 19:34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his [Jesus'] side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

Acts 20:28b The church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Eph. 1:22 And hath put all things under his feet [Jesus'] and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

23 Which is his body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all.

Eph. 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Rev. 21:9b Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

Rev. 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

Memory Verse: Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. Rev. 19:7.

Central Thought: We must get ready and keep ready, waiting for Jesus to come for us.

QUESTIONS:

1. How did God give Adam a wife?
2. What happened when they pierced Jesus' side?
3. What does the blood of Jesus do for sinners?
4. What is the Body of Christ in the earth today?
5. What did Jesus purchase on the cross?
6. How much are husbands to love their wives?
7. How much are wives to love their husbands? How should they act toward them?
8. What is meant by saying that the church or bride is without spot or wrinkle?
9. How much does Jesus love us?
10. Who is Jesus coming back for?

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Part One

Oct. 5

CHARLIE COULSON The Drummer Boy

During the Civil War I was a surgeon in the army, and after the battle of Gettysburg there were many hundred wounded soldiers in my hospital, among whom were twenty-eight who had been wounded so severely that they required my services at once—some whose legs had to be amputated, some their arms and others both their arm and leg. One of the latter was a boy who had been but three months in the service, and being too young for a soldier, had enlisted as a drummer. When my assistant surgeon and one of my stewards wished to administer chloroform previous to the amputation he turned his head aside and positively refused to receive it. When the steward told him it was the doctor's orders, he said, "Send the doctor to me." When I came to his bedside, I said, "Young man, why do you refuse chloroform? When I found you on the battlefield you were so far

gone that I thought it hardly worth while to pick you up, but when you opened those large blue eyes I thought you had a mother somewhere who might at that moment be thinking of her boy. I did not want you to die on the field, so I ordered you to be brought here; but you have lost so much blood that you are too weak to endure an operation without chloroform, therefore, you had better let me give you some." He laid his hand in mine, and looking me in the face, said:

"Doctor, one Sunday afternoon, in the Sunday school when I was nine and a half years old, I gave my heart to Christ. I learned to trust Him then, I have been trusting Him ever since and I can trust Him now. He is my strength and my stimulant. He will support me while you amputate my arm and leg."

I then asked him if he would allow me to give him a little brandy, but this he also refused.

Again he looked me in the face, saying, "Doctor, when I was about five years old my mother knelt by

my side, with her arms around my neck, and said, 'Charles, I am now praying to Jesus that you may never know the taste of strong drink. Your papa died a drunkard, and went down to a drunkard's grave, and I promised God, if it was His will that you should grow up, that you should warn young men against the bitter cup.' I am now seventeen years old, but I have never tasted anything stronger than tea or coffee; and as I am in all probability, about to go into the presence of my God, would you send me there with brandy on my stomach?"

The look that boy gave me I shall never forget. At that time I hated Jesus, but I respected that boy's loyalty to his Saviour, and when I saw how he loved and trusted Him to the last, there was something that touched my heart, and I did for that boy what I had never done for any other soldier—I asked him if he wished to see his chaplain.

"Oh, yes, sir!" was the answer.

When Chaplain R—— came he at once knew the boy from having often met him at the tent prayer meeting, and taking his hand, said:

"Well, Charlie, I am sorry to see you in this sad condition."

"Oh, I am all right, sir," he answered. "The doctor offered me chloroform, but I declined it; then he wished to give me brandy, which I also declined; and now, if my Saviour calls me, I can go to Him in my right mind."

"You may not die, Charlie," said the chaplain; "but if the Lord should call you away, is there anything I can do for you after you are gone?"

"Chaplain, please put your hand under my pillow and take my little Bible. In it you will find my mother's

address. Please send it to her and write a letter, and tell her that since the day I left home I never let a day pass without reading a portion of God's Word, and daily praying that God would bless my dear mother—no matter whether on the march, on the battlefield, or in the hospital."

"Is there anything else that I can do for you?" asked the chaplain.

"Yes; please write a letter to the superintendent of the Sands Street Sunday school, Brooklyn, N. Y., and tell him that the kind words, many prayers, and good advice he gave me I have never forgotten; they have followed me through all the dangers of battle and now in my dying hour, I ask my Saviour to bless my dear old superintendent. That is all."

Turning toward me, he said, "Now, Doctor, I am ready, and I promise I will not even groan while you take off my arm and leg, if you will not offer me chloroform."

I promised, but I had not the courage to take the knife in my hand to perform the operation without first going into the next room and taking a little stimulant to nerve myself to perform my duty.

While cutting through the flesh, Charlie Coulson never groaned, but when I took the saw to separate the bone, the lad took the corner of his pillow in his mouth, and all that I could hear him utter was, "Oh, Jesus, blessed Jesus, stand by me now!" He kept his promise and never groaned.

That night I could not sleep, for whichever way I turned I saw those soft blue eyes, and when I closed mine, the words, "Blessed Jesus, stand by me now!" kept ringing in my ears. Between twelve and one o'clock I left my bed and visited the

hospital, a thing I had never done before unless specially called, but such was my desire to see that boy.

(To be continued)

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Write the different expressions that are used in the lesson that show how short life is.

Dear Boys and Girls:

I am sure that you meet many in school who do not love the Lord, nor care to do what is right. Most of the girls are thinking only of making themselves pretty. They want to look like all the others who wear their dresses so short. They like to wear jewelry and other things to make themselves "pretty," so they think. If they only knew that this body will die and go back to dust and their soul will live on and on somewhere, they would want to make their inner life beautiful. We must be neat and clean and keep our hair combed, but we must not dress to draw attention to our bodies. Some boys wear untidy shorts and let their shirt tails hang out with the shirt unbuttoned so they will look like the hippies. They wear their hair long and try to draw attention to themselves. Girls do the same. Oh, how sad! We have the Bible to tell us to dress in modest apparel and to be clean. We must dress so Christ will be pleased.

Our lesson tells us of the brevity of life. Notice the many different ways our lesson teaches how short life is. God wants us to be sure and get this fact settled in our minds so we will do something about it. Don't wish your life away. Many boys and girls wish to be teen-agers, or wish to be old enough

to get married. But when they get married, they often start wishing for the time when they have made enough money to pay off their home and car, etc. Then after that, they look forward to the time when they can retire. Be sure and live every day as God would want you to live. The life that is lived for God will bring happiness. If you do good for others it will bring a joy that you cannot find anywhere else. That is pleasing to God.

In the beginning, people lived to a great age. But as time went on, their lives became shorter. Methuselah lived to be 969 years old. He was the oldest man that ever lived. Noah was 950 years old when he died, but his son, Shem, was 600. Then we notice that Eber was 464, and Terah, Abraham's Father, was only 205. Abraham was 175 when he died, and his son Jacob was 147. Then in our lesson the Bible says that the span of life would be 70 years old. Today those who keep records of such, tell us that the average span of life is 72 years old here in the United States. But when we take in the many thousands who die in accidents at all ages, we are made to know that death is on the trail of everyone of us. You do not have any promise of tomorrow. We need to say, "If the Lord wills, we will do this or that or go here or there." We never know what tomorrow will bring.

Boys and girls, be sure that you are ready to meet God at any time. That is being wise.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 1, October 5, 1969

THE BREVITY OF PHYSICAL LIFE

Gen. 5:23, 24; Heb. 11:5; Gen. 5:27; 25:7; Psa. 90:4, 5, 8-12; James 4:13-15

Gen. 5:23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:

24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

Heb. 11:5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

Gen. 5:27 And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years and he died.

Gen. 25:7 And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years. [175 years old.]

Psa. 90:4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

9 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.

10 The days of our years are threescore years and ten; [70 years] and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

11 Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.

12 So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

James 4:13 Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:

14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow, For what is your life: It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

15 For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

Memory Verse: So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Psa. 90:12.

Central Thought: We should not live carelessly, but seriously, thinking only of the shortness of life and the unending eternity which we must prepare to enter.

QUESTIONS:

1. How old was Enoch when he died? How does this compare with the number of days in a year?

2. What kind of life did Enoch live?

3. What is the name and the age of the oldest man who ever lived?

4. Name some men in between Methuselah and Abraham and tell how many years each lived.

5. What does our lesson tell us is the "days of our years"?

6. What is the average lifespan in the United States today?

7. Before whom are our iniquities set and our secret sins be brought to light?

8. How can we number our days and apply our hearts unto wisdom?

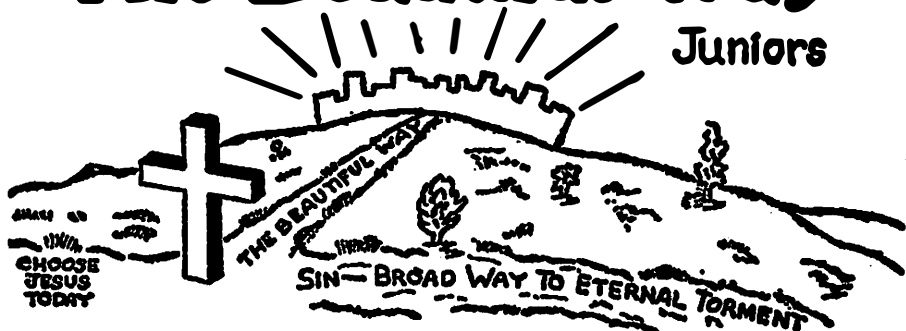
9. Explain why we should say, "If the Lord wills we will do this or that."

10. How can you be sure you are ready to meet God when death comes?

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Oct. 12

CHARLIE COULSON The Drummer Boy

(Continued from last week)

Upon my arrival I was informed by the night steward that sixteen of the hopeless cases had died and had been carried to the deadhouse.

"How is Charlie Coulson? Is he among the dead?" I asked.

"No, sir," answered the steward, "he is sleeping as sweetly as a babe."

When I came up to the bed where he lay, one of the nurses informed me that about nine o'clock two Christians came through the hospital to read and sing a hymn. They were accompanied by Chaplain R——, who knelt by Charlie Coulson's bed and offered up a fervent and soul-stirring prayer, after which they sang, while still upon their knees, the sweetest of all hymns, "Jesus, Lover of my soul," in which Charlie joined. I could not understand how that boy, who had undergone such excruciating pain, could sing.

Five days after I had amputated that dear boy's arm and leg he sent for me, it was from him on that day that I heard the first gospel sermon.

"Doctor," he said, "my time has come; I do not expect to see another sunrise, but, thank God, I am ready to go, and before I die I desire to thank you with all my heart for your kindness to me. Doctor, you are a Jew, you do not believe in Jesus; will you please stand here and see me die trusting my Saviour to the last moment of my life?"

I tried to stay, but I could not, for I had not the courage to stand by and see a Christian boy die rejoicing in the love of that Jesus whom I had been taught to hate, so I hurriedly left the room.

About twenty minutes later a steward who found me sitting in my private office covering my face with my hand, said, Doctor, Charlie Coulson wishes to see you."

"I have just seen him and I cannot go to him again," I answered.

"But, doctor, he says he must see you once more before he dies."

I now made up my mind to see him, say an endearing word and let him die; but I was determined that no word of his should influence me in the least, so far as his Jesus was concerned.

When I entered the hospital I saw he was sinking fast, so I sat down by his bed. Asking me to take his hand, he said:

"Doctor, I love you because you are a Jew; the best friend I have found in this world was a Jew."

I asked him who that was.

He answered, "Jesus Christ, to whom I want to introduce you before I die, and will you promise me, doctor, that what I am about to say you will never forget?"

I promised, and he said, "Five days ago, when you amputated my arm and leg, I prayed to the Lord Jesus Christ to convert your soul."

These words went deep into my heart. I could not understand how, when I was causing him the most intense pain he could forget all about himself and think of nothing but his Saviour and my unconverted soul. All I could say to him was, "Well, my dear boy, you will soon be all right." With these words I left him, and twelve minutes later he fell asleep "safe in the arms of Jesus."

Hundreds of soldiers died in my hospital during the war, but I followed only one to the grave, and that was Charlie Coulson, the drummer-boy, and I rode three miles to see him buried. I had him dressed in a new uniform, and placed in an officer's coffin, with a United States flag over it.

That dear boy's dying words made a deep impression upon me. I was rich at that time, so far as money

was concerned, but I would have given every penny I possessed if I could have felt toward Christ as Charlie did; but that feeling cannot be bought with money. Alas! I soon forgot all about my Christian soldier's little sermon, but I could not forget the boy himself. I now know that at that time I was under deep conviction of sin, but I fought against Christ with all the hatred of an orthodox Jew for nearly ten years, until, finally, the dear boy's prayer was answered, and God converted my soul.

(To be continued)

"I TOLD THAT LIE"

Soon after my father moved into the country one of us children told a lie. My mother could not find out who it was. "Well," said she, "you may escape now, but I will know some day which of you has told a lie."

One night a tremendous wind arose and blew off the entire roof of the house. My mother ran up and cried, "Children, are you all there?"

"Yes, Mother," piped a small and terrified voice, "we are all here, and if the day of judgment has come, it was I who told that lie."

It is better to confess our sins and have them cleansed away by Jesus' blood, than to wait till the day of judgment. It will be too late then.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a big cup. On the outside of it write, "cup of sin." Underneath write "Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers (sins)" Explain that when the world is filled with wickedness and violence God will destroy it by fire as He did the world in Noah's day by flood.

Dear Boys and Girls:

It is real important that you watch and keep your faith firm in God. The devil will do everything he can to take your faith away from you. You might think that nothing could ever make you believe there isn't one great big God who created the world and all living creation, and that He loves and cares for all, but the devil will work in many ways to take that faith from you. It is important now that you become aware of his tricks and never let one thought of doubt ever linger in your mind.

About 2000 years had passed from the time of Adam up to our lesson. There were thousands of people on the earth. They had forgotten God and lived in sin and wickedness. God's Spirit dealt with them just as God deals with folks today, but they resisted Him. Boys and girls, we must remember that God's Spirit is tender and very, very long-suffering, but there comes a time when He lets folks go on in their own sinful ways to destruction if they continually resist Him. Oh, how sad that is! There are some people in the world today who feel that they have crossed the line where the Spirit no longer deals with them. They have told the Spirit to leave them alone so often that finally through their own choice, they have sealed their doom. Be sure to keep the fear of God upon your heart. Regardless of who they are, everyone will have to stand before God some day and give an account of how they have lived. We must never, never forget that.

God looked down upon the people in Noah's day. He said that wickedness and violence filled the earth. Jesus has told us that as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man. What kind of wickedness do you see about you today? Name

some of the terrible sins being committed. On your list will be rioting, wars and rumors of wars, murdering, and young people resisting authority, causing so much trouble, not only to the young people, but to the whole nation as well. Now this all went on in Noah's day, too. We are surely living in the last days.

God was grieved at the picture He saw, so He said He would destroy the people. Jesus has told us that people would "fill . . . up . . . the measure of . . . their fathers." The measure of sin is full when the cup is full to the top. The cup of sin is getting about full today. In Gen. 15:16 God told Abraham that his family would live in Egypt for 400 years before God would give them the land of Canaan, because the Amorites' cup of sin was not yet full. He was going to give them more time to repent or change, but we read where they were destroyed because they did not repent. This world is full of sin and God is going to completely destroy it with fire one of these days. Let us be ready to meet Him when He comes.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 2, October 12, 1969

VIOLENCE FILLED THE EARTH

Gen. 6:1-7, 11, 12; Matt. 24:37-39; 23:32
2 Peter 3:7

Gen. 6:1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

3 And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he

also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bear children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6 And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

7 And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping things, and the fowls of air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

Matt. 24:37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark.

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Matt. 23:32 Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers.

2 Pet. 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire

against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

Memory Verse: Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? Luke 18:8b.

Central Thought: We should not live carelessly but seriously, thinking only of the shortness of life and the unending eternity for which we must prepare to enter.

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QUESTIONS:

1. How many years had passed since Adam was created up to the time of our lesson?

2. Is it true that God's Spirit will not always strive with man? How do you know?

3. How many years did God say His Spirit would strive with man in Noah's day before He destroyed them?

4. What did God see when He looked down upon the people in that day?

5. How can a person keep from having evil thoughts continually?

6. What did God say He was going to do to those wicked people and all the beasts and every creeping thing?

7. Can you name some of the wicked things that happened in Noah's day?

8. What did Jesus say in comparing the end of time to Noah's day? What sins are being committed today?

9. Did the people believe the preaching of Noah?

10. Explain about the cup of sin that the people filled in Noah's day and the cup of sin being filled today.

11. What will happen when that cup of sin is full today?

12. What should we do to be ready?

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Part Three

Oct. 19

A Little Light

God make my life a little light
Within the world to glow,
A little flame that burns so bright
Wherever I may go.
God make my life a little flower
That gives much joy to all,
Content to bloom in native bower
Although the place be small.

—Selected

CHARLIE COULSON The Drummer Boy

(Continued from last week)

AFTER THE WAR

At the close of the war I was detailed as inspecting surgeon, and to take charge of the military hospital at Galveston, Texas. Returning one day from an inspection tour, and on my way to Washington, I stopped to rest for a few hours in New York. After dinner, I stepped into a barber's shop and upon entering the room I was surprised to see hung round it

beautifully framed Scripture texts in different colors. No sooner did the barber put the brush to my face than he began talking to me about Jesus. He spoke in such an attractive and loving manner that my prejudices were disarmed, and I listened with growing attention to what he said. All the while he was talking, Charlie Coulson, the drummer-boy, came swelling up in my mind, although he had been dead several years. I was so well pleased with the words and deportment of the barber that as soon as he had finished shaving me I told him to cut my hair, although when I entered the room I had no such thought or intention. All the while he was cutting my hair he kept steadily on with his sermon, preaching Christ to me and telling me that, although not a Jew himself, he was at one time as far from Christ as I was then. I listened attentively, my interest increasing with every word he said to such an extent that, when he had finished cutting my hair, I said, "You may give me a shampoo." In fact, I allowed him to do all that

one in his profession could do for a gentleman in one sitting. I paid my bill, thanked him for his remarks, and said, "I must catch the next train." He, however, was not yet satisfied.

It was a bitter cold February day and the ice on the ground made it somewhat dangerous to walk. It was only two minutes' walk to the station from the hotel, and the kind barber at once offered to walk to the station with me. I accepted his offer gladly, and no sooner had we reached the street than he put his arm in mine to keep me from falling. He said but little as we walked along the street, until we arrived at the station, then he broke the silence by saying:

"Stranger, perhaps you do not understand why I chose to talk to you upon a subject so dear to me. When you entered my shop I saw by your face that you were a Jew."

He still continued to talk to me about his "dear Saviour," and said he felt it his duty whenever he came in contact with a Jew to try and introduce him to one whom he felt was his best friend, both in this world and the world to come. On looking a second time into his face, I saw tears trickling down his cheeks and he was evidently under great emotion. I could not understand how it was that this man, a total stranger to me, should take such deep interest in my welfare, and also shed tears while talking to me.

I reached out my hand to bid him goodbye. He took it in both of his and gently pressed it, the tears still continuing down his face, and said, "Stranger, if it is any satisfaction for you to know it, if you will give me your card or name, I promise you, on the honor of a Christian man, that

during the next three months I will not retire to rest at night without making mention of you by name in my prayers. And now may my Christ follow you, trouble you, and give you no rest until you find Him what I have found Him to be—a precious Saviour, and the Messiah you are looking for."

I thanked him for his attention and his consideration, and, after handing him my card, I said, rather sneeringly, I fear, "There is not much danger of my ever becoming a Christian."

He then handed me his card, saying as he did so, "Will you please drop me a note or a letter if God should answer my prayer in your behalf?"

I smiled incredulously, and said, "Certainly, I will," but never dreaming that within the next forty-eight hours, God, in His mercy, would answer that barber's prayer. I shook his hand heartily and said goodbye; but in spite of my outward appearance of unconcern, I felt he had made a deep impression upon my mind, as the sequel will show.

(To be continued)

DO NOT SCOLD

The Korean children are not allowed to scold each other, but must scold out their quarrels to the corner of the room.

An equally interesting custom prevails among the Eskimos. This people have no words for scolding. How do you think they settle their differences? It is said that anyone who has a difference, or quarrel, composes a song about it, and sends word to the one with whom he has the quarrel

that he will sing to him about it at a certain time. —Selected

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw an ark and write the size of Noah's ark in length, width, and height. Write inside the ark "CHRIST."

Dear Boys and girls:

Do you like to ride in a boat? I do enjoy riding in a boat, but I am not fond of being on the water. We realize, of course, the many dangers in riding in a boat, yet we also know that there is danger all around us in riding in almost any kind of vehicle. I have gone fishing in a little motor boat and also a boat with just oars. Then one time I rode a steamer from California to the Catalina Islands. That was real interesting. Some have crossed the ocean in steamers and braved the many dangers of storms. We know that the largest steamers on the ocean down to the smallest size boat will sink. A person never knows if he will make it to the shore alive or not.

Today we are thinking about a ship that will never sink. It is the ship that God has ordered built. God commanded Noah to build an ark. He did that. That ark is a type of Christ. Christ is our ark of salvation from the flood of sin all around us. We get into this ark by coming to the door, which is Christ, and He lets us in. As long as we stay in the ark (Christ) He will take us over the Sea of Life right into the portals of heaven. Those who are in the flood of sin will go down to destruction. Can you imagine anyone getting off the old Ship called "Mt. Zion"? Can you imagine them jumping right back into the sea of sin and fighting around until

they sink in despair and destruction? That is what people in sin are doing. Only those who are in Christ and on the ship Mt. Zion are at rest and completely happy in their souls. Oh, yes, many in the sea of sin think they are having a good time, but they are risking their eternal future! If they don't get in Christ they will sink down to hell in despair.

The people became so wicked that God told Noah to build an ark. His three sons helped him and when the time came all the animals of every kind, also the birds, came into the ark. There were seven pairs of the clean animals. When all was ready, God told Noah and his wife, his three sons and their wives to go into the ark. We notice that God shut the door. Oh, how hard it was for those who had made fun of Noah and would not believe God! They were shut out forever. No doubt they pounded on the door, but it was too late. Perhaps they ran for the mountains, but soon the water rose above the mountains. Today people are not believing God, and the door of mercy is slowly closing. God will destroy the world with fire next time. We must be sure to be in the ark, which is Christ.

A cubit is 21 inches. So the ark was 547 feet in length, 91 feet, 2 inches in breadth, and 54½ inches high. The ark would have been almost two blocks long.

Boys and girls, be sure to be ready when Jesus comes. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 3, October 19, 1969

CHRIST IS THE ARK

Gen. 6:9, 13, 14, 17; Gen. 7:1, 13, 15-17;
1 Peter 3:18-22

Gen. 6:9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect.

in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.

Gen. 7:1 And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

13 In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark;

15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.

16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the Lord shut him in.

17 And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.

1 Pet. 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;

20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

2 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

Memory Verse: For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Central Thought: Through faith in God's Word, Noah and his family were saved.

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QUESTIONS:

1. What kind of man was Noah?
2. Why did God decide to destroy all the people?
3. What was the ark made of? How was it finished inside?
4. How big was the ark?
5. What were Noah's sons' names?
6. What kind and how many animals went into the ark?
7. Who shut the door?
8. The ark is a type of whom?
9. How do we get into Christ?
10. How did Christ preach to the people in Noah's day?
11. What does it mean when we obey Christ and are baptized?
12. Which saves us from sin, Christ or being baptized?

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Oct. 26

CHARLIE COULSON The Drummer Boy

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On my arrival at Washington, I purchased a morning newspaper, and one of the first things which caught my attention was the announcement of a revival service in a church building. No sooner had I seen that announcement than an inward monitor seemed to say to me, "Go to that service!" I had never been inside a Christian church before during divine services, and at any other time I should have scouted such a thought as from the devil. It was my father's intention when I was a boy that I should become a rabbi, and I promised him I would never enter a place where "Jesus, the Imposter," was worshipped as a God, and that I would never attempt to read a book containing that name, and I faithfully kept my word up to that moment.

I was charmed with the beautiful singing; but the speaker had not been speaking more than five minutes be-

fore I came to the conclusion that someone must have been informing him who I was. He kept watching me, and every now and then appeared to be shaking his fist at me. In spite of all this, however, I felt deeply interested in what he said. But this was not all, for still ringing in my ears were the words of two former preachers—the Christian barber of New York, and the drummer-boy of Gettysburg, emphasizing the utterances of the evangelist. Growing more and more interested in the words of the preacher, I felt tears trickling down my face. This startled me, and I began to feel ashamed that I, an orthodox Jew, should be childish enough to shed tears in a Christian Church, the first I had ever shed in such a place.

I omitted to say that, during the service, and whilst the preacher was watching me, the thought occurred to me that he might be pointing his finger at some person behind me, and I turned around in my seat to discover who the individual was, when to my astonishment, there was a large con-

gregation there of persons of all grades of society who seemed to be looking at me. I came to the conclusion that I was the only Jew in the place, and heartily wished myself out of the building, for I felt I had got into bad company. Being well known in Washington, both by Jew and Gentile, the thought flashed across my mind, how will it read in a Washington paper that "Dr. Rossvally, a Jew, was present at the revival services, not five minutes' walk from the synagogue he usually attends, and was seen to shed tears during the sermon."

After a while the preacher finished and I was surprised to hear him announce an after meeting, and invite all who could do so to remain. I did not accept the invitation, being only too glad of the opportunity to leave. With that intention I got up and had reached the door, when I felt that someone held me by the skirt of my coat. Turning around, I saw an elderly lady, who proved to be Mrs. Young of Washington, a well known Christian worker.

She said, "Pardon me, stranger; I see you are an officer in the army. I have been watching you all this evening, and I beg of you not to leave this house, for I think you are under conviction of sin. I believe you came here to seek the Saviour, and you have not found him yet. Do come back; I would like to talk to you, and if you will permit me, will pray for you."

"Madam," I answered, "I am a Jew."

She replied, "I do not care if you are a Jew; Jesus Christ died for Jew as well as for Gentile."

The persuasive manner in which she said these words was not without its effect. I followed her back to the very spot from whence I had just so abruptly left, and she said: "If you will kneel I will pray for you."

"Madam, that is something I have never done, and never will do."

Mrs. Young looked me calmly in the face and said: "Dear stranger, I have found such a dear, loving and forgiving Saviour in my Jesus that I firmly believe in my heart He can convert a Jew standing on his feet, and I will go on my knees and pray for that."

(Continued next week)

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw an altar with a lamb upon it. Draw a cross with a circle at the bottom, which is to represent the shed blood. Write in the circle "The blood of Jesus." Underneath all write "The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin."

Dear Boys and Girls:

A story was once printed saying that the ark Noah had built was found to be in existence still on a mountaintop over in Russia. The story said the ark had been seen from airplanes, but this has not been proved. We do know that the ark was a wonderful vessel.

The flood waters rose 20 feet above the tops of the mountains, and it seems to have stayed that way for 150 days. Then God caused a wind to pass over the earth and dried up the waters. Noah sent out a dove and a raven. The raven went to and fro until the waters dried up, but the dove returned. Later Noah sent it out again and she returned with

an olive leaf in her beak. Then seven days later he sent the dove out again and she did not return.

God told Noah that he and his family and all the animals could leave the ark. The first thing Noah did after he left the ark was to build an altar and offer a sacrifice to God for himself and his family. How thankful he was for all the goodness of God to him! He had heard God speak to him and tell him of the flood. He was faithful to preach to the people, but they rejected the warnings. He and his family knew that it did not pay to disobey God. Now they had a big new world. How strange it must have seemed to be the only people in the world! God told them that He would never destroy the people again with a flood as He knew that they were evil from their hearts from their youth. He said that as long as time lasts there will be spring, summer, fall, and winter. He would not destroy all people again with a flood. He put a rainbow in the sky to remind us of that promise.

God was pleased with the offering Noah made. It was a sweet smelling savor to Him. He told Noah and his children to be fruitful and multiply upon the earth. God put a fear of mankind upon the beasts. If the horse knew his strength, he would destroy that person who whips or beats him, but that fear of man is within him. Most wild beasts will stay away from mankind. Generally, a wild beast will attack a man only if he is real hungry, or in self defense.

God gave the animals to man for meat. But He said for them not to eat the blood. There are meat juices which are not the life's blood. When an animal is butchered, the blood is drained out at that time. The blood is the life. Doctors and those who study human anatomy have proved the same teachings

that the Bible has taught us, that the blood actually does possess a living principle and the life of the whole body is derived from it.

The Bible teaches that the blood was to be an atonement for man's sins. A lamb without blemish was to be killed and offered for a sacrifice, which was a type of Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God who died on the cross and spilled His blood for our salvation. When God looks down upon Jesus' blood covering our souls, we are accepted of Him.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 4, October 26, 1969

THE BLOOD IS THE LIFE

Gen. 8:4, 15, 16, 17a, 20-22; Gen. 9:2-4; Lev. 17:11; 1 Pet. 1:18a-21; Gen. 9:16

Gen. 8:4 And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

15 And God spake unto Noah, saying,
16 Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee.

17a Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh,

20 And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

21 And the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every living thing, as I have done.

22 While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Gen. 9:2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

4 But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.

Lev. 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

1 Pet. 1:18a Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things,

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.

21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

Gen. 9:16 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.

Memory Verse: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1:7.

Central Thought: We need the blood of Jesus as a covering for our souls. When God sees Jesus' blood, it means everlasting life for us.

QUESTIONS:

1. How long were the waters over the earth? (Gen. 7:24.)

2. How did God cause the waters to be dried up?

3. What mountain did the ark rest upon?

4. What birds did Noah send out to see if the waters were dried up?

5. What did Noah do first after leaving the ark?

6. "And the Lord _____ a _____ savour; and the Lord said in his heart, I _____ again _____ the _____ anymore for _____ sake; for the _____ of man's _____ heart is _____ from his _____."

7. How is it that man has power over animals enough to train them?

8. "Every _____ thing that _____ shall be _____ for you."

9. "But the _____ with the _____ thereof which is the _____ thereof, shall ye _____ eat."

10. What does it mean when it says that the blood is to make an atonement for the soul?

11. Are we redeemed with corruptible things? What then?

12. Who redeems our souls?

13. What do we see yet today that reminds us of the promise God made to Noah that He would not again destroy the earth with a flood?

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Part Five

Nov. 2

CHARLIE COULSON The Drummer Boy

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She suited the action to her words, and fell on her knees and began to pray, talking to her Saviour in such a simple, child-like manner as completely unnerved me. I felt ashamed of myself to see that dear old lady kneeling near me while I was standing, and praying so fervently in my behalf. My whole past life floated so vividly before my mind that I heartily wished the floor would open, and that I might sink out of sight.

When she arose from her knees she extended her hand, and, with motherly sympathy, said: "Will you pray to Jesus before you sleep tonight?"

"Madam," I replied, "I will pray to my God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, but not to Jesus."

"Bless your soul," she said, "your God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is my Christ and your Messiah."

"Good night, madam, and thank you for your kindness," I said as I left the church.

When I arrived home I went at once to my study, locked the door and began to pray, standing with my face toward the east, as I always had done. The more I prayed, the worse I felt. I could not account for the feeling that had come over me. I was in great perplexity as to the meaning of many prophecies in the Old Testament which deeply interested me. My prayer gave me no satisfaction and then it occurred to me that Christians kneel when they pray. Was there anything in that? Having been brought up a strict orthodox Jew and taught never to kneel in prayer, a fear came over me that if I should kneel I might be deceived in thus bowing to that Jesus whom I had been taught to believe in childhood to be an imposter.

Although the night was bitterly cold and there was no fire in my study (it was not thought that I should use the room that night), yet I never

perspired so much in my life as I did then.

My first prayer to Jesus I shall never forget. It was as follows:—"O Lord Jesus Christ, if Thou art the Son of God; if Thou art the Saviour of the world; if Thou art the Jews' Messiah, for whom we Jews are still looking; and if Thou canst convert sinners as Christians say, Thou canst convert me, for I am a sinner and I will promise to serve Thee all the days of my life."

This prayer of mine went no higher than my head. The reason was not far to seek. I had tried to make a bargain with Jesus, that if He would do what I asked Him, I on my part, would do what I then promised Him. I remained on my knees for about half an hour, and whilst so engaged, drops of sweat came running down my face, I arose and paced to and fro in my room, and then the thought came to me that I had gone too far already, and I vowed I would never get on my knees again. I began to reason with myself, but the more I reasoned the worse I felt, and became increasingly perplexed. I changed my posture time after time, alternately kneeling and then walking about the room, from a quarter to ten until five minutes to two in the morning. At that time light began to dawn on my mind, and I began to feel and believe in my soul that Jesus Christ was really the true Messiah. No sooner had I realized this, than, for the last time that night, I fell on my knees; but this time my doubts were gone, and I began to praise God, for a joy and happiness had penetrated my soul such as I had never known before. I knew that I was

converted, and that God, for Christ's sake had pardoned my sin.

With unspeakable joy I arose from my knees, and in my new found happiness thought that my dear wife would at once share my joy when I told her of the great change which had come over me. With that thought uppermost in my mind, I rushed out of my study into the bedroom, and said: "Wife, I have found the Messiah."

She looked annoyed, and pushing me from her, coldly asked, "From whom?"

"Jesus Christ my Messiah and Saviour," was my ready reply.

She spoke not another word, but in less than five minutes was dressed and had left the house, and went across the street to the house of her parents, who lived immediately opposite.

On the following morning my poor wife was told by her parents that, if she ever called me husband again she would be disinherited, excommunicated from the synagogue and accursed. At the same time my two children were sent for by their grandparents and told that they must never call me father again; that I, in worshipping Jesus, the "Imposter," was fully as bad and as mean as He was.

(To be continued)

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw three squares. Write the names of Noah's sons, one in each square. Then make a big square and write the name of Jesus in it. Draw a line from each of the other three squares to the square that has the name of Jesus in it. Underneath write these words, "All who are

saved out of every nation are one in Christ Jesus."

Dear Boys and Girls:

When I was a child in Sunday school we sang a song entitled, "Touch Not the Cup." I never forgot it. When we decided to make a book of songs for our juniors I wanted that song put in the book. I hope you have learned it and won't forget it. It made a big impression upon my mind. I know it to be true, and you do, too, that if a person never touches a strong drink, he will never be a drunkard. Oh, how sad it is to see boys and girls, men and women, taking into their bodies those things that they know will warp their minds! Many think glue sniffing, dope taking, cigarette smoking, and strong drink make them "grown up." How sad it is that the devil tells boys and girls such lies, and they believe him!

Noah had been a builder, but after the flood he was a planter. He planted a vineyard. We do not know if he became careless and drank too much or not, but we do know that he was drunk and had become in an immodest state. He probably did not know the awful power of wine and the effects it had. He was innocent in his intentions, yet he did wrong. Today we understand that it is wrong. We feel that it was a mistake, and he repented for it. Noah gave a great prophecy to us about his three sons, which came true as the years rolled by.

Ham was cursed, and down through the years his descendants became servants at different times to other countries. His family inhabited the land of Canaan and other countries there, and also Africa. Ham had made fun of his

father, but Japheth and Shem covered him. It is wrong to make fun of the sins of other people and publish them.

Japheth became the father of the Gentiles. His inhabitants were the Greeks, European people, and the Americans.

Shem was blessed by Noah. He became the father of those in Asia Minor, and through his family Jesus came to the world. His descendants were Abraham and David, who were of the family from which Jesus was born.

Jesus came to bring salvation to all the world. He came to break down the division between the peoples of the world. Through Christ we are all made one and become the sons of God. Those of all nations who accept Jesus as their Saviour are the ones who make up the Bride of Christ. One of these days He is coming back for His Bride. There is no respecter of persons with God in His Church. Those who are saved are just one big family. We are to love everyone and treat everyone with love.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 5, November 2, 1969

PROPHECY CONCERNING NOAH'S DESCENDANTS

Gen. 9:20, 21; Prov. 20:1; Gen. 9:22-28;
10:2a, 5, 19, 20; Gen. 11:10a, 27;
Matt. 1:1; Eph. 2:14, 15

Gen. 9:20 And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard:

21 And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.

Prov 20:1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Gen. 9:22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without.

23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.

24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.

25 And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.

26 And he said, Blessed be the Lord God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.

27 God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.

28 And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years.

Gen. 10:2a The sons of Japheth:

5 By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

19 And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as thou comest to Gerar, unto Gaza; as thou goest, unto Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, even unto Lasha.

20 These are the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their countries, and in their nations.

Gen. 11:10a These are the generations of Shem:

27 Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot.

Matt. 1:1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Eph. 2:14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken

down the middle wall of partition between us;

15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

Memory Verse: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were afar off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. Ephesians 2:13.

Central Thought: Through Christ the blessing to Shem availed for Ham and Japheth, making all one who are "born again."

QUESTIONS:

1. What are the names of Noah's sons?

2. What was Noah's occupation before the flood? After the flood?

3. Did he make a mistake and drink too much wine?

4. Tell about the harmful effects of strong drink, glue sniffing, etc. upon the body.

5. Which of Noah's sons made fun of his nakedness?

6. What did the other sons do?

7. How was Ham punished?

8. Who are the descendants of Ham and Japheth?

9. Who are the descendants of Shem? Who came to the world through his family?

10. How did Jesus break down the middle wall of partition between the different people of the world?

1. Are we to allow prejudice in our hearts, or are we to love all people?

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Part Six

Nov. 9

Be A Bit of Sunshine

Work a little, sing a little
Whistle and be gay;
Read a little, play a little,
Busy every day;
Talk a little, laugh a little,
Don't forget to pray;
Be a bit of merry sunshine
All the blessed way.

—Selected

CHARLIE COULSON The Drummer Boy

(Continued from last week)

Five days after my conversion I received orders from the Surgeon General at Washington to proceed west on government business. I tried all the means in my power to communicate personally with my wife and to bid her good-bye, but she would neither see me nor write to me. She, however, sent me a message by a neighbor to the effect that so long as I called Jesus Christ my

Saviour I should not call her my wife for she would not live with me. I did not expect to receive such a message from my wife, for I loved her and my children dearly, and it was with a sad heart, therefore, that I left home that morning to travel 1,300 miles to my sphere of duty without being able to see either my wife or children.

For fifty-four days my wife would not answer any of my letters, although I wrote her one daily, and with every letter sent I prayed that God would incline her heart to read at least one of them.

My daughter was the youngest of our two children and generally considered her father's pet, and after my conversion to Christ a sense of duty to her mother on one hand and her love to her father on the other kept her mind in continual agitation. On the fifty-third night she dreamed she saw her father die, and a fear came over her, and she made up her mind that come what would she would not destroy the next letter in her father's handwriting. As the post-

man handed the letters to her she took her father's and quickly ran up stairs into her room, locked the door and opened the letter.

She read it three times before she laid it down. When she went down stairs her mother saw that she had been crying, and asked her the cause.

"Mother, if I tell you, you will be offended, but if you promise me not to be grieved, I will tell you all about it."

"What is it, my child?" asked her mother.

Taking out my letter, she told her mother her dream of the night previous and added, "I have opened my papa's letter this morning, and now I cannot and will not believe what my grandpa and grandma or anybody else says about my papa being a bad man, for a bad man could not write such a letter as this to his wife and children."

My wife took the letter, and that afternoon she locked herself in her room and read my letter through five times before she finally laid it down.

After the last reading my wife returned it to the desk and went back to the room she had just left. Her eyes were full of tears, and now it was my daughter's turn to ask, "Mother, why are you crying?"

"Child, my heart aches," was the reply. "I wish to lie down." She did so. After a while my wife's mother came across the street to our house. Thinking my wife to be very ill, she sent for Dr. D——. He came at once, but his medicine failed to remove the heartache of which my wife complained.

My mother-in-law stayed that night attending to my wife until a quarter past eleven o'clock. I heard my wife

say afterward that the desire of her heart was that her mother should leave the room, for she had fully made up her mind to go on her knees as I had previously done, as soon as her mother had gone. No sooner, therefore, had she left our house than my wife locked the door and fell on her knees by the side of the bed and in less than two minutes Christ, the Great Physician, met her, healed her, and converted her.

On the following morning I received a telegram worded as follows:

"Dear Husband:—Come home at once. I thought you were in the wrong and I was in the right, but I have found that you were in the right and I was in the wrong. Your Christ is my Messiah, your Jesus, my Saviour. Last night, at nineteen minutes past eleven, whilst on my knees for the first time in my life, the Lord Jesus converted my soul."

After reading that telegram I felt for a moment as if I did not care one cent for the government under which I served. I left my business unfinished, took the first express train and started for Washington.

When I got to the front of my house I saw my wife standing at the open door expecting me.

Her face beamed with joy.

She ran to meet me, as I stepped out of my carriage, threw her arms around my neck and kissed me. Her father and mother were also standing at their open door across the street, and when they saw us in each other's arms, they cursed both me and my wife.

My dear wife and I could now, however, more fully sympathize with each other in our new religious life, for, as stated before, her parents had

already cursed me to her face for believing in Christ.

It was not all in sadness, however, for never before did the Psalmist's words seem so full of meaning and encouragement both to my wife and myself, "When my father and mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up."

(To be continued)

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a cup. Write the word "water" inside the cup. Ask the question, "Who is to receive honor here when you give a cup of water to someone?" (Read the Memory Verse.)

Underneath write, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:40.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Some have wondered why God would let people go to the moon when He would not let the people build the Tower of Babel, whose top they wanted to reach to the heavens. Let us look into our lesson and see if that is just the reason God stopped the building. Notice what verse 6 says. God saw that the people all spoke one language and were all bent on one project. He also knew their purpose in doing it. They did not want to be scattered over the face of the earth. That was not God's plan. He wanted them to scatter abroad and subdue the earth. Then we notice the people were wanting to make a name for themselves so they could bring honor to themselves. Just think of the wickedness they would imagine if they all stayed together with such pride and evil imaginations! So God caused them to

each speak a different language. This brought confusion. They could not understand each other. Can you imagine how it would be? The maker of the brick could not understand the brick layer. The man who put on the mortar could not understand the brick layer, so they had to quit their building. Soon, I am sure, those who spoke the same language moved off to themselves and therefore they scattered abroad.

We notice that Nimrod was a mighty man and a great hunter. The beasts that came out of the ark were multiplying and they needed someone to kill some of them or there would be too many. No doubt, Nimrod was a protector of the people from the wild beasts.

We read that the beginning of Nimrod's kingdom was Babel. Nimrod was the grandson of Ham. It seems he was the leader in the building of the Tower of Babel. He later built the cities of Erech, Accad, and Calneh in the land of Shinar close to Babel. This was the beginning of a ruler of a kingdom. Babylon was known as the "Land of Nimrod." Historians tell us that he later built Nineveh.

Boys and girls, God wants us to do all we do to His glory. If you are desiring to do something that will bring honor to your name, it is not a good desire. You must resist that desire. If you do a good deed with the purpose in mind of wanting to be praised, God does not want that. He wants you to do the good deed simply to be a help to someone and to please the Lord. Do it and look to God for the reward. You are doing it because you love Jesus. Jesus has told us if we give a cup of water in his name we will receive a reward. We love to please Jesus because He has done so much for us.

—Aunt Marie

THE CONFUSION OF TONGUES

Gen. 10:6, 8-10; 11:1-9; Heb. 6:10

Gen. 10:6 And the sons of Ham;

Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan.

8 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

9 He was a mighty hunter before the Lord: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord.

10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

Gen. 11:1 And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

2 And it came to pass, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

5 And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

6 And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do; and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

8 So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

Memory Verse: For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. Heb. 6:10

Central Thought: God is not pleased with those who seek to bring honour and glory to themselves.

QUESTIONS:

1. In what two ways was Nimrod "mighty"?

2. Who was Nimrod's grandfather?

3. What was the beginning of his kingdom?

4. How many languages did the people speak before they built the Tower of Babel?

5. What plain did they dwell in?

6. How did they make brick?

7. Why did they want to make a tower that would reach to heaven?

8. Was God pleased with their purposes in building the Tower?

9. What did He say about it? (read verse 6)

10. Were the people sinful?

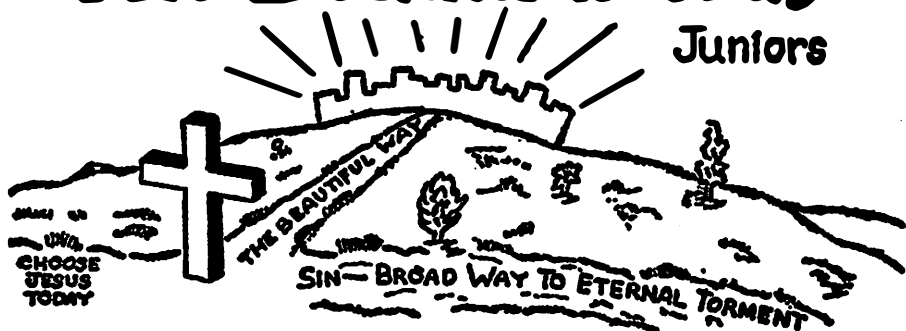
11. What did God do to cause them to carry out His plan to scatter abroad throughout the earth?

12. Does God want us to do things to bring honor to ourselves?

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Nov. 16

A Child's Thanksgiving

I thank Thee, Father in the skies,
For this dear home so warm and
bright;

I thank Thee for the sunny day,
And for the sleepy, starry night.

I thank Thee for my father's arms,
So big and strong to hold me near;

I thank Thee for my mother's face;
I thank Thee for my dolly dear.

I thank Thee for the little birds
That eat my crumbs upon the sill;

I thank Thee for the pretty snow
That's coming down so soft and
still.

O Father, up there in the skies,
Hear me on this Thanksgiving Day,
And please read in my little heart
The "Thank You's" I forget to say.

—Selected

"Well Pleased"

When Jesus was baptized, the
Spirit of God descended like a dove

and lighted upon Him, and a voice
came from Heaven saying, "This is
my beloved Son in whom I am well
pleased." The thought is that God
was "well pleased" with Jesus. Before
Jesus went back to Heaven, He told
the disciples, "Go . . . preach . . . He
that believeth and is baptized . . ." To be baptized is one of Jesus' commandments.

Dear children, young people, or
anyone, don't think you must be baptized because the preacher says so, or because others are, but when Jesus has come into your hearts you love Him and want to do everything He wants you to do. When you are baptized, Jesus and the Heavenly Father both will be well pleased because they want you to be baptized.

That will make you happy and you will be showing everyone you have been converted which means you have been saved from your old life of sin. You are changed and are living a life for (or with) Jesus.

—Sister Vera Forbes

CHARLIE COULSON The Drummer Boy

(Continued from last week)

About eighteen months after my conversion I attended a prayer meeting one evening in the city of Brooklyn. It was one of those meetings where Christians testify to the loving kindness of their Saviour. After several of them had spoken, an elderly lady arose and said: "Dear friends, this may be the last time it is my privilege to testify for Christ. My family physician told me that my right lung is very nearly gone, and my left lung is very much affected, so at the best I have but a short time to be with you, but what is left of me belongs to Jesus. Oh! it is a great joy to know that I shall meet my boy with Jesus in Heaven.

My son was not only a soldier for his country, but for Christ; he was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg, and fell into the hands of a Jewish doctor, who amputated his arm and leg, but he died five days after the operation. The Chaplain of the regiment wrote me a letter and sent my boy's Bible. In that letter I was informed that my Charlie in his dying hour, sent for that Jewish doctor, and said to him, 'Doctor, before I die, I wish to tell you that five days ago, while you amputated my arm and leg, I prayed to the Lord Jesus Christ to convert your soul.' "

When I heard this lady's testimony, I could sit still no longer, I left my seat, crossed the room, and, taking her by the hand, said: "Your boy's prayer has been heard and answered. I am the Jewish doctor for whom your Charlie prayed, and his Saviour is now my Saviour." —Dr. M. Rossbally

God Sends the Rain

There had been a drought in Santa Catarina, Mexico. That means that there had not been any rain for quite a long time. The crops of corn and tomatoes and beans that the Indians had so hopefully planted were drying up. Everyone was wishing for rain. Bro. Gonzales had come from Sonora to hold a meeting in Santa Catarina. One day in services there was a prayer request that God might send rain. Bro. Gonzales read many of God's promises from the Bible. Many prayers went up to God. After prayer someone began to sing, "Manda la Luvia" which means "send the rain." God seemed very near as the song rang out and was repeated over and over, louder and louder. As the congregation stopped singing there could be heard a pitter-patter on the roof. The rain came down harder and harder. Oh, such rejoicing and praising of God was heard! It rained real well all night and the next day.

Visitors came in from San Miguel and El Alamo. They were very surprised to see the ground all wet with puddles of water standing here and there. They said, "Why did it rain here and not a drop in San Miguel and El Alamo?" The Indians happily answered, "God answered prayer!"

—V. Wittenborn

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LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Make two columns. Write at the top of one column the word, "received." At the top of the other write the words, "Given out." Above both columns write "Blessings." Fill in each column.

Dear Boys and Girls:

How blessed is the boy or girl who has learned to obey his or her parents! It is a wonderful privilege to have someone to guide you whom you can trust. One girl who was ten years old loved her parents so much that she did not mind telling her friends who wanted her to do things displeasing to God that her parents would not permit her to do that. They sneered at her, but she felt calm about it all. She knew that her parents knew best in following God and she desired to obey them. She was glad that they would not let her do as she pleased. They were a shield to her. She knew she was not facing evil alone, but her parents were facing it with her. She also had Jesus, the Saviour of the world, and God, the Father and Creator of all things, and the Holy Spirit to help her and give her power to be calm and face the scorns of the world. She did not stand alone. Can you not imagine seeing her standing there being sneered at by a couple of girls, and then see all those invisible ones behind her? Boys and girls, do not feel that you are standing alone when you boldly stand for right, or when you obey your parents. You should feel real blessed because all heaven is standing right there with you. How happy it makes me feel when I hear of a boy or girl refusing to do wrong. They rise high in my esteem.

In the land where Abraham lived the people worshipped idols. Historians tell us that Abraham told the people there about the true God. When God called him to leave his family, friends, and even his country, he obeyed. He went to a strange country. On the way his father died and he had to go and leave his burial place. God was pleased with faithful Abraham. He blessed him and

talked to him. He told him that he would bless him and make him a blessing. And through his family all the families of the earth were to be blessed. Through Abraham's family Jesus was born. Abraham was the father of the Israelites and the Jews as we know them today. But when Jesus came He came as a Saviour for all the people of the world. Through Christ we are of Abraham's family.

By obeying, Abraham became a blessing to others. God blesses us so we can bless others. He puts kindness in our hearts so we can be kind to others. He puts forgiveness in our hearts so we can forgive others. Can you name more things He puts in our hearts that make us a blessing in this world? Don't keep all the blessings God gives you, but give them out to others. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 7, November 16, 1969

DIVINE BLESSINGS UPON THE HUMAN RACE

**Gen. 12:1-7; Heb. 11:8, 15, 16;
Galatians 3:8, 9, 14, 28, 29**

Gen. 12:1 Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

4 So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and

five years old when he departed out of Haran.

5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.

6 And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land.

7 And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him.

Heb. 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

Gal. 3:8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Memory Verse: And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Gal 3:29.

Central Thought: Abraham obeyed the call and became a blessing, through Christ, to all the families of the earth.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who called Abraham to leave his country?

2. Whom did Abraham take with him?

3. What nation did God make of Abraham's seed?

4. Did God bless Abraham just for his own comfort?

5. How were all the nations of the earth blessed through Abraham?

6. How old was Abraham when he left the land of Ur?

7. Into what land did he go?

8. To whom did he build an altar and whom did he worship?

9. Name some of the blessings that God gives you that you are to give to others.

10. "By _____ Abraham _____ obeyed and he _____ out, not _____ whither he went."

11. "The _____ of Abraham might _____ on the _____ [which means us] through _____."

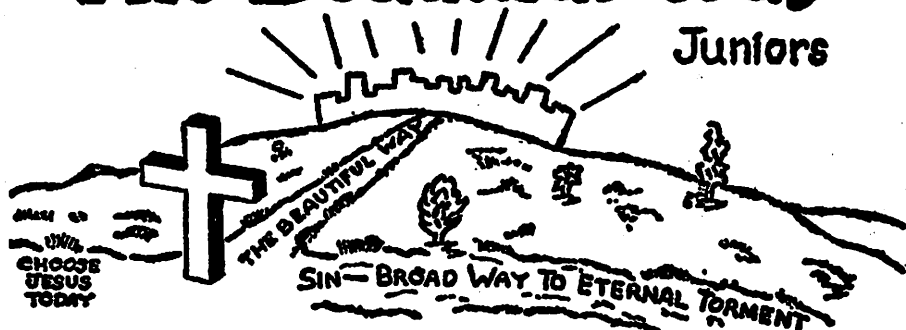
12. Explain our verse in Gal. 3:28.

13. Are we heirs through Christ to the promise given to Abraham?

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Nov. 23

The Thanksgiving of Deliverance

Deliverance sat on the settee in the chimney corner with her cat in her lap. The wind wailed around the little log house and the snow lay in little drifts beneath the cracks in the mud-chinked walls.

It was the last week in November, and, if it had been in these times, it would have been the day before Thanksgiving. But Deliverance lived more than 200 years ago when there was no president to proclaim a yearly Thanksgiving Day. Yet she felt that she was one of the most thankful little girls in the world as she sat there in the firelight. Can you guess why? It was because she could hold a cat in her lap. In those days very few families were so fortunate as to own cats. They had to be brought in ships clear across the great ocean. Deliverance had had hers only two days.

"What will you name her?" her big brother had asked.

"I don't know," answered Deliverance. "I can't think of any name good enough for her."

"Come, Deliverance, it is time for bed," said Dame Thompson, holding out a candle to her little daughter.

Deliverance went at once, as an obedient little girl should. But she did something that she thought was very naughty. She hid the kitty under her gown and carried it up to bed with her.

"Mother never even noticed," she thought as she snuggled up beside the warm furry body that was so comfortable to cuddle in the cold bed in the cold loft. But she did not sleep well. Her conscience troubled her.

"It was very wrong for you to deceive your mother so and carry the cat up with you," said the accusing conscience over and over. At last Deliverance could bear it no longer. "I'll take the kitty downstairs," she said to herself, and up she got in the cold and dark.

Oh, how very cold it was, and how ghostlike everything seemed in the unlighted loft! There were no win-

dows there. Glass was hard to get and there was no need of an opening for fresh air when the wind whistled through everywhere. But now the wind had died away and the clouds rolled over. It was dreadfully still and awesome. Deliverance stood hesitating beside the trap door that led to the living room below. She thought she could not go down those dark stairs. But then, through a crack just level with her head, she caught a glimpse of something in the bright moonlight that made her forget all her former fears in a new and more dreadful one.

It was the figure of an Indian with gun in hand, stealthily creeping up to the house. Beyond, in the thicket, she thought she could see others. She knew what that meant. That was the way the Indians carried on their wars. They came in the night and burned the settlers' cabins and massacred the people, taken by surprise, unprepared. But they did not take this cabin by surprise. Deliverance ran down the narrow stairs screaming and roused the house. Lights flashed, guns were taken down and everything was speedily made ready for defense against attack.

But the attack never came. The Indians did not want an open fight. They meant to swoop down upon the little settlement unprepared. Now that they were discovered they stole back into the woods and the attack was never made. The village had been saved by Deliverance's alarm. The pastor appointed a special Thanksgiving Day to give thanks to God for their preservation.

"It was the cat that saved us," said Deliverance, hugging her kitty with thankful heart.

"Was it really the cat, or was it the little girl who made up her mind to do right even if it was dark and cold?" said her mother, smiling lovingly.

"I think it was God's mercy," answered Deliverance, for she was a well-taught Puritan child. "But I know what I am going to name my kitty now. I shall call her 'Thanksgiving.' " And by that name this good Puritan cat was called as long as she lived. —Selected

I Know A Boy

I know a boy who has a watch
But never thinks to wind it,
And when he ought to be on time
He's always just behind it.

And when he has a task to do,
He says, "Wait till tomorrow,"
And when he cannot find his things,
He simply says, "I'll borrow."

That boy may make a businessman,
I know he wants to do it,
But he must mend his careless ways
Or he will live to rue it.

That boy must do his work today,
And plan work for tomorrow.
Good habits, everybody knows,
Are something boys can't borrow.
—Selected

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw two columns. At the top of one write "Our Wisdom," and at the top of the other write, "God's Wisdom." You might put "lies" under Our Wisdom, and "Truth" under God's Wisdom to start with. Add more to each

list. Underneath all write, "God's ways are best."

Dear Boys and Girls:

It would be well to stop and count your many blessings. I was reading about the hunger, poverty, and disease that abound in some countries in our world. Then I thought about the many blessings that God has given to us. We are no better than the dear people in other countries. We are just some of God's creation and it is only through His great mercy that we have so many good things. We do not know when it might all be taken from us. We should be very thankful and not think that we deserve it and accept it without being thankful to God. After I read some of these accounts the tears flowed. I just thanked my Lord for His goodness to us. We are so unworthy of all His love. Then I asked the Lord to help me to really know how to thank Him more.

When the Pilgrims first came to this country they went through many hardships, but they thanked God for the good harvest He had given them. That year they held their first Thanksgiving feast. Not only should we be thankful on Thanksgiving Day, but on every day, also. Don't ever be guilty of murmuring and complaining because you don't have what you want. Be thankful for what you have.

In studying our lesson, there is one thing that you should keep in mind. Egypt was a country through which the Nile River flowed and when it would flood it would leave rich soil deposits and the people could grow much grain there. When there was a famine in another country, the people would go down to Egypt for food. All through the Bible Egypt is used as a type of sin

and the world with all its enjoyments. Remember this as you read this lesson.

Abraham used his own wisdom when he faced the famine, and went down to Egypt for help. He knew trouble awaited him there, as we find that he immediately began to fear that his beautiful wife would be taken from him. Any time we get on the devil's territory we face trouble and evil. I am sure he prayed to God when he saw his wife being led away from him to the house of Pharaoh. God heard his cry and helped him out. Sarai was Abraham's half-sister, but yet, he didn't tell the truth. In his heart he meant to deceive Pharaoh. It is wrong to tell a lie. We do need to remember that Abraham did not have a Bible as we do, nor the knowledge we have. God, in His mercy, helped him out, but he was led out of the country with a great rebuke. If you lack wisdom, look to God for it.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 8, November 23, 1969

ABRAHAM'S WISDOM BRINGS TROUBLE

Gen. 12:9-20; Isa. 30:1-3; Prov. 2:13;
2 Timothy 3:14, 15

Gen. 12:9 And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south.

10 And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land.

11 And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon:

12 Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive.

13 Say, I pray thee, thou art my sister: that it may be well with me for thy sake; and my soul shall live because of thee.

14 And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very fair.

15 The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.

16 And he entreated Abram well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he asses, and menservants, and maidservants, and she asses, and camels.

17 And the Lord plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife.

18 And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, What is this that thou hast done unto me? why didst thou not tell me she was thy wife?

19 Why saidst thou, She is my sister? so I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore behold thy wife, take her, and go thy way.

20 And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him: and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had.

Isa. 30:1 Woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin:

2 That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt!

3 Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion.

Prov. 2:13 Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;

2 Tim. 3:14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and has been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Memory Verse: If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. Jas. 1:5.

Central Thought: Sometimes through painful, weary paths, God often brings souls to their inheritance.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Abraham go down to Egypt?

2. What is Egypt often used as a type for in the Bible?

4. What was the name of the land that God promised to Abraham, which he left to go to Egypt?

5. Was Sarai Abram's sister?

6. Was Abram's purpose in his heart to deceive?

7. Who took Sarai to Pharaoh?

8. Why was Abram treated so well in the land of Egypt after Sarai was taken?

9. Did God help Abram out? How?

10. What did Pharaoh say to Abram after he found out Sarai was his wife?

11. How was Abram taken out of the country?

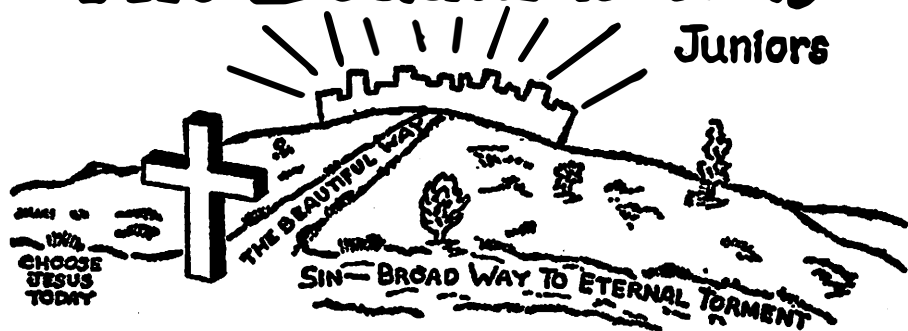
12. What path is best to follow?

13. If you lack wisdom, where can you get it?

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Part Nine

Nov. 30

DISHONESTY

Let us examine our hearts and see if we are truly honest in every way. Are you willing to have every little business transaction known to your friends, to the public, to the people of God, or to the Lord Himself? Have you not done mean little things that you are ashamed of yourself, and you try to forget them, and to make yourself believe that you are all right, and if you were to die tonight you would go to heaven, when you surely know that if your heart condemns you, God does, also? Is this acting honestly with Him, or with yourself? Are you disposed to deceive or cheat in the smallest matters? If so, then you are dishonest. How many of you never tell an untruth, never act one, and never wish to? A falsehood is always uttered to deceive or betray, and generally for our own advantage.

Now I have seen in my life, more people—men, women, and children—who were naturally untruthful and deceiving than were truly honest; or

few who were not Christians, that could be depended upon at all times for the truth. So I believe it is an evil fruit from the root of pride; because we see there is generally much pride mixed with it, for one lies and deceives in order to attain some object that he desires, because of pride of heart. "Lying lips are abomination to the Lord!" and, "All liars have their part in the lake of fire," unless they repent and obtain the grace of God that removes the evil nature that brings forth such evil fruit.

There are many ways that we may practice deceit, and hardly observe it unless the Spirit is showing us ourselves by the Word of God. Many boys and girls, to be polite to company and to appear well, say very many things they do not believe or mean, oftentimes acting as though they esteemed someone very highly, when their society can hardly be endured. Again, they will affect to despise others when they are really anxious to have them court their favor, and are just waiting to be

gracious to them. How sad it is to the children of God to see so much deception practiced among those who surely know better! All hypocrisy is dishonesty, and when one is deceitful with men, he is with God; and so very many lose an eternity of glory because of it, which is saddest of all things to consider in regard to our subject.

There was a little girl who had a very untruthful and deceptive nature, whose older brother was very honest and sincere. If there were any troubles at school or in play, their father would ask the little girl first to give her story, and then turn to the brother and ask, "Is that the truth, my son?" for he knew he could be depended upon every time. As they grew older, the little girl hated this ugly disposition very much, and strove to overcome it. When she got into trouble and saw she would be apt to say what was untrue, she would begin to pray and ask God to help her tell the truth; but almost always when the trial came, she would forget her good intentions and yield to her nature and try to shield herself from censure by a falsehood; and sometimes it took more than one, and sometimes the truth was found out and she had to be punished for it. But, oh, how many times she went off by herself and had a good cry because she could not "be good like brother!" When she became grown, she thought that was her besetting sin, and would often, for many months, strive against her deceptive nature in many of its forms; but the more she strove against it the more she beheld how it did govern and control her, until she knew she was a slave to it, as it conquered her more

than she did it. But when she received the instruction that brought her to the feet of Jesus for salvation, she received the grace of God in her heart, that gave her such a victory that she had no desire to be untruthful again; and when she saw what the Lord had done for her, she praised Him with joyful lips, and wanted all girls to know what the Lord was able to do for them; for He is no respecter of persons.

Now, I expect this same battle is going on among our boys and girls, and I do believe some will be glad to know there is a Saviour that can save us from our sins, so they shall not have victory over us. You can have a pure, godlike disposition, through the grace of God.

Yes, indeed, it means much to be truly honest with ourselves, with others, and with God. Oftimes when people think they are strictly honest and are rejoicing in their good disposition, there is (as a sister said) "just a little streak of honesty in their souls," which would show them their true condition if it were not overbalanced by dishonesty that tries to keep them satisfied in themselves. If we are truly honest with God, we will be willing for Him to teach us His will, that we may be able by His grace and strength to do it.

—Jennie C. Rutty

Dishonest Lord? Oh, can it be,
That I should grieve, dishonor Thee,
My Maker, Savior, Lord, and King,
By living thus, since thou didst bring
By cruel death—in love to me—
The grace that saves and makes men
free

That hides in all we try to do,

That seemeth right, and yet is
fraught

With pride, dishonesty, that's not
Of God, but springs from inbred sin
That reigns and rules our hearts with-
in. —Jennie C. Rutty

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Write the following on the blackboard:
Which will you choose—The pleasure of
sin and hell in eternity; or, Suffering
with Christ, peace in your soul, and
eternity in heaven?

Dear Boys and Girls:

What do you think of the boy or
girl who always chooses the biggest
and best of everything? Maybe they
will always want to sit by the window
in the car, or want to be "it" in every
game. I am afraid that boy or girl
won't have too many friends. Selfish-
ness and covetousness are things that
cause others to dislike being with the
boy or girl who yields to them.

Covetousness is to crave or long for
something, especially if it belongs to
someone else. If two boys are climb-
ing up in the tree to look for a nice
big ripe apple and one boy is deter-
mined to get it even if he has to shove
the other boy out of the tree, that would
be giving in to a craving or desire that
is wrong.

Perhaps Sally got a doll for Christ-
mas and Betty thought Sally's doll was
prettier than hers. If she were covetous
she would so desire to have Sally's doll
that she could no longer enjoy her own
doll. Betty would have enjoyed her
doll if Sally had not received one that
was prettier. Covetousness is a ter-
rible thing. Desiring to have things

better than everyone else will lead into
trouble.

Abraham and Lot were very rich.
They both had so many herds and flocks
that it was hard for their servants to
find pasture for them. They were dis-
puting over the pastures. This grieved
Abram. He was a man of peace. So
he told Lot to choose which land he
wanted. Abram told him he would go
the opposite direction from which Lot
chose. Lot did not think of Abram who
had taken care of him after his father
had died, nor his kindness to him. He
thought only of himself. He saw the
best land that had plenty of water, and
he desired it. He did not take into con-
sideration that the people of the city
beyond the well-watered land were ex-
ceedingly wicked. So he chose what he
thought was the best land. Abram went
the other way. God blessed Abram and
gave him many good promises. But Lot
journeyed toward Sodom.

Jesus tells us to "beware of covetous-
ness." Riches will not bring happiness.
When we were born we brought nothing
into the world, and when we die we will
not take anything with us. Boys and
girls, be contented with what you have,
and lay up treasures in heaven.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 9, November 30, 1969

"BEWARE OF COVETOUSNESS"

Genesis 13:5-15; Luke 12:15;
1 Timothy 6:7, 8, 10

Gen. 13:5 And Lot also, which went
with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and
tents.

6 And the land was not able to bear
them, that they might dwell together:
for their substance was great, so that
they could not dwell together.

7 And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.

8 And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren.

9 Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar.

11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.

12 Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom.

13 But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly.

14 And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up not thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

Luke 12:15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness:

for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

1 Tim. 6:7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Memory Verse: But godliness with contentment is great gain. 1 Tim. 6:6.

Central Thought: Coveting the treasures of this earth will not satisfy the soul. Remember all that glitters is not gold.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Lot and Abram have to separate?

2. What does strife mean?

3. How was Abram a peacemaker?

4. Did Abram have to give Lot a choice of where to go?

5. What would have been the nice thing for Lot to do when Abram told him to choose where he wanted to go?

6. Why did Lot choose the land he did?

7. What kind of people lived in the city of Sodom?

8. What blessing did God give to Abram?

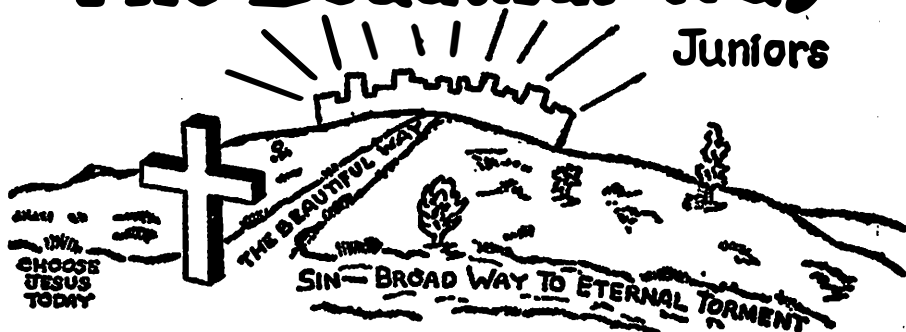
9. Jesus said, "Take —, and — of — for a — life consisteth — in the — of the — which he possesseth."

10. How much can we take with us when we die?

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Part Ten

Dec. 7

Tommy's Prayer

In a dark and dismal alley, where
the sunshine never came,
Dwelt a little lad named Tommy,
sickly, delicate, and lame;

He had never yet been healthy,
but had lain since he was born

Dragging out his weak existence,
hopeless and forlorn.

He was six years old little Tommy,
'twas just five years ago,

Since his drunken Mother dropped
him, and the babe was crippled so.

He had never known the comfort of
a Mother's tender care,

But her cruel blows and curses
made his pain still worse to bear.

There he lay within the cellar,
from morning til night,

Cursed, neglected, starved, ill-
treated, no one to make his dull life
bright.

Not a single friend to love him,
not a single thing to love,

For he knew not of the Savior or
of Heaven up above.

'Twas a quiet summer evening, and
the alley, too, was still.

Tommy's little heart was sinking,
and he felt so lonely, 'til,

Up the quiet alley, coming inward
from the street,

Came the sound of some one sing-
ing, sounding, Oh! so clear and sweet.

Eagerly did Tommy listen as the
singing nearer came,

Oh, how he wished he could see
the singer!

How he wished he wasn't lame.

Then he called and shouted loudly
'til the singer heard the sound.

'Twas a maiden rough and rugged,
hair unkept and naked feet,

All her garments torn and ragged,
her appearance far from neat.

"So you called me," said the maid-
en, "Wonder what you want of me,

"Most folks call me 'Singing Jessie,'
What may your name chance to be?"

"My name's Tommy. I'm a cripple,
and I want to hear you sing.

For it makes me feel so happy, sing
me something, anything."

And then Jessie answered, smiling, "I can't stay here very long, "But I'll sing a Hymn to please you, One I call the Glory Song."

So she sang to him of Heaven,
pearly gates, and streets of gold,
Where the happy angel children are
not starved or nipped with cold,
But where happiness and gladness
never can decrease nor end,
But where Jesus reigns eternally,
where time will never end.

Oh! how Tommy's eyes did glisten,
as he took in every word,
As it fell from singing Jessie, was
it true what he had heard?
And, so anxiously he asked her,
"Is there really such a place?"
And a tear began to trickle down
his pale little face.

"Tommy, it's up above the sky,
And if you will love your Saviour,
you will go there when you die."
Then said Tommy, "Tell me, Jes-
sie, how can I the Savior love
When I'm down in this here cellar,
and He's up in Heaven above?"

The little ragged maiden, who had
heard at Sunday school,
All about the way to Heaven, and
Christian's golden rule,
Taught the little cripple Tommy
how to love and how to pray,
Then she sang a song of Jesus,
kissed his cheek, and went away.

—Selected

LITTLE SINS

A little banyan seed said to a palm tree, "I am weary of being tossed about by the wind; let me stay a while among your leaves."

"Oh, yes," said the palm tree; "stay as long as you like," and by and by forgot the little seed was there. But the seed was not idle. It sent out little fibers and tiny roots, and they crept around the trunk and under the bark and into the heart of the tree itself. Then the tree cried out, "What is this?"

The banyan said, "It is only the little seed you allowed to rest among your leaves."

"Leave me now," said the palm tree. "You have grown too large and strong."

"I cannot leave you now; we have grown together. I will kill you if I tear myself away."

The palm tree bowed its head and tried to shake off the banyan, but could not, and little by little the palm tree withered, and the trunk shriveled, and only the banyan could be found.

Beware of little sins. By and by they will become habits that ruin your life.

—Selected

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

On the blackboard, make a list of ways to "overcome evil with good" using the example in our lesson for the first one.

Dear Boys and Girls:

There are some boys and girls who have trouble forgiving others who have done them wrong. They hold grudges and plan to get revenge as soon as they get a chance. When these boys and girls see the one who has done them wrong, they are unfriendly to that one, or they are glad when they hear of some trouble coming to that person.

Boys and girls, this is an awful feeling to carry with you through life. I know some people who have never forgiven nor forgotten a wrong done to them when they were children. There is a sting with every remembrance of that wrong. This is a miserable feeling that boys and girls carry, and Jesus wants to help you get rid of it. Now, Jesus' ways are the ways to make one happy in this life and to gain eternal bliss in the end. We must go His ways to be happy and live with Him. He tells us to "overcome evil with good." If you do something nice to the person who has done you a wrong it will make you feel better toward them. If you ask the Lord to help you to forgive them and help you to forget it and to take away the sting of the hurt, Jesus will do that for you.

In our lesson last Sunday we talked about Lot choosing the best fertile land and pitching his tent toward Sodom, the city that was full of wicked people. His choice was made on a wrong motive as we know he should have let Abram make the first choice and he take what was left, but he was greedy. He took the best and let Abram have the worst land, but God blessed Abram. He did not lose by his choice, but in our lesson today we see that Lot lost. He didn't have God's blessings upon him.

Some kings made war against the kings of Canaan and this included the town of Sodom. They took Lot and his family and all his goods, along with all the other people of the town. Someone told Abram about it. He forgot how Lot had treated him as he had forgiven him. He had a great heart of forgiveness. He was a great man. He did not hold grudges. Abram took his servants, and with the help of others, rescued Lot and his family and all the

people that these kings had taken. He brought them back to the king of Sodom. This is the first war recorded in the Bible, and God helped Abram because this was a big army. Notice he said he divided himself against them. Perhaps the enemy did not know how many were in Abram's army as they came from different directions, hoping they could take them by surprise.

Abram would not take any of the spoils, but he gave to the priest of God tithes, which means a tenth of all he had received. We do not know anything about this high priest of God, but he was spoken of by Paul as being like the Son of God (Jesus). (verse 3)

Boys and girls, it pays to forgive and "lift up our hand" and bless our God because His ways are right.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 10, December 7, 1969

ABRAM RESCUES LOT FROM CAPTIVITY

Genesis 14:2a, 11-24; Heb. 7:1-3

Gen. 14:2a That these made war . . .

11 And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way.

12 And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.

13 And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eschol, and brother of Aner: and these were confederate with Abram.

14 And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan.

15 And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and

smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus.

16 And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also and the people.

17 And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale.

18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.

19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

20 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

21 And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself.

22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the Lord, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth.

23 That I will not take from a thread even to a shoe-latchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich:

24 Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.

Heb. 7:1 For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings. and blessed him;

2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

3 Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.

Memory Verse: And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the Lord, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth. Gen. 14:22.

Central Thought: The grace of God enables one to forget offenses and repay evil with good.

QUESTIONS:

1. What kind of people lived in Sodom and Gomorrah with whom the kings made war?

2. What was taken from these cities?

3. How did Abram know about Lot being taken captive with all his goods?

4. Where did Abram live?

5. Did Abram hold a grudge against Lot for choosing the best land?

6. What did he do when he heard about Lot's troubles?

7. How was the first war recorded in the Bible carried on?

8. What was the result of this first war?

9. What two kings went out to meet Abram when he returned? What did they say to him?

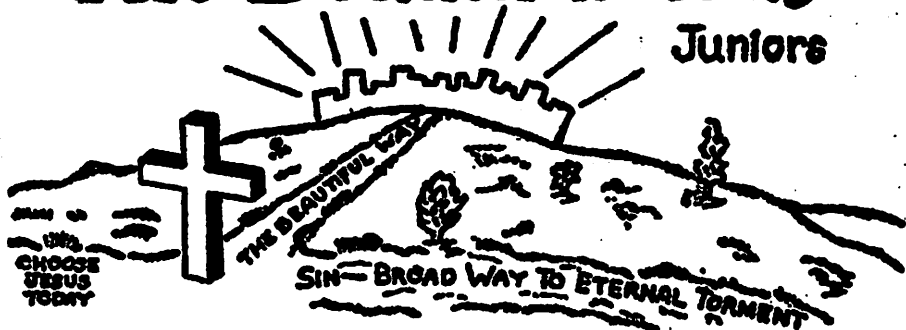
10. Why would Abram not take any of the spoils from the war?

11. To whom does Paul liken Melchizedek in our lesson?

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Lost in the Woods

Springtime had come and things were beautiful again after the long winter. It was early Saturday morning before the sun came up.

"Doris, Mildred, Sue, hurry and get dressed if you want to go to Grandma's and Aunt Becky's house." It was Daddy's voice coming from downstairs. The boys were all ready and were putting the toys in the car.

"Hurry," said Mother as she put pancakes on the plates, "Let's be going so the sun won't be in our eyes before we get there. Let's pray and ask the Lord to give us a safe trip."

Soon all was ready and off went a happy family—Mother, Daddy, Henry, Doris, Kenneth, Mildred, and Sue.

"This is going to be fun," said Doris.

Grandma was glad to see them. Aunt Becky was making bread and all were busy. The children helped their cousins with the work so they could all go and play together. Henry was about twelve years of age, Doris was eleven, and so was the oldest

cousin. Kenneth was about nine. The older ones helped carry water from the well to the house and wood for the cook stove. Mildred, Sue and the two younger cousins took turns helping churn the butter. Grandma and Aunt Becky were busy making cakes and pies for dinner.

Soon the work was all done. Henry, Doris, Kenneth, and the cousins wanted to go to their Uncle George's house. There was a short cut through the woods and they all wanted to go that way. They started out laughing and talking and having fun. They soon found they had walked a long time but had not come to the house. One of the cousins said, "I think we are lost." She knew more about the woods than the rest did. The children didn't know how to look at the sun in order to get their bearings, so they followed the cousin. After a while Henry said, "I am not going with you anymore," so he went off to the right. The one who had been leading the children thought she could hear a car and knew the road must be close by. Henry didn't believe her,

so he went on alone. The three others soon found the road and could see where they were. They climbed over the same fence as they did at first and were soon back at Grandma's.

Time passed and Henry didn't come back. "Let's pray," said Aunt Becky. So all the children prayed for the Lord to help Henry to come back. About four hours later a farmer, who lived about four miles away, drove up on a tractor and Henry jumped off and ran to his mother. "Oh, Mother," he said, "I prayed and prayed for the Lord to help me find my way. I was on my knees praying when I heard the tractor." Mother thanked the man and all went into the house and thanked the Lord for helping Henry find his way home.

After dinner all went to Uncle George's in the car. They had fun playing in his big farm yard until it was time to start home.

—Doris Brown

"BE QUIET"

"That was such a sweet testimony your little boy gave last night in prayer meeting," one sister said to another.

"Yes," said the boy's mother. "He said the devil told him that he could not get up and testify but he told the devil to just be quiet," said the boy's mother.

"Well, that is a good way to get rid of the devil."

The devil would want every boy and girl to be quiet and not talk about Jesus, but we should let him know that he is the one who should be quiet and not talk to us. It never pays to listen to the devil. —M Miles

A Puzzle in Rhyme

In this rhymed puzzle you will find important names in the story told in the first part of 2 Chron. 34. Change the scrambled letters around until you have them in the right order to spell these names. Then write them in the blank spaces provided below the rhymes.

1. Of giants he was not afraid—
This very famous monarch VAIDD.
2. This tribe King Rehoboam had
When some rebelled—its name,
UJHAD.
3. A wicked king was named for me.
I'm Jacob's grandson, SAMANSHE
4. Another grandson's tribe am I;
My name misspelled is HARPEMI.
5. Of Israel's tribes my own is one.
I'm Jacob's son; I'm IMESON.
6. I'm Jacob's son, too—THALIPAN;
Correct my spelling, if you can.
7. A young boy king, my name you
know;
I chose right ways; I'm HASIJO.

1. _____ 4. _____
2. _____ 5. _____
3. _____ 6. _____
7. _____

Answers

David, Judah, Manasseh, Ephraim,
Naphtali, Josiah.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a big shield and a crown. Write "God" in the shield and underneath write "Faith." In the crown write the word, "Reward."

Dear Boys and Girls:

In olden Bible days the warriors wore a big shield to battle. The shield was made of metal, or wood covered with leather or metal. This was held in front of the warrior to cover him as he faced the arrows or darts from the enemy. It was a very necessary piece of defense.

Our lesson begins with God speaking to Abram after he had helped Lot in his troubles and had met the priest of God and received his blessing. God said to Abram these wonderful words—words that He is still speaking today to all those who belong to Him and have been born again and have salvation—"Fear not, Abram, I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward." Abram was in a country that had been at war. God had told him He would give this country to Abram's children and his children's children. God assured Abram that He would protect him and reward him for his obedience and great love for Him.

Today we will talk about the way in which God is our shield and reward. We all need protection in our struggle in life. The needs of the animals are all met in nature. But man is different and has a soul and he needs more than he finds in nature to protect him. He needs God as His shield. We have an adversary, Satan, who wants to be our master and to take us to hell. Within ourselves we cannot fight successfully against him. He is wiser and more cunning than we are. He has been at the business of deceiving people and getting them to do wrong for thousands of years. But it is wonderful that we can have God as our shield in this life. We have faith in God to help us hold up that shield of faith and the devil can not cause us to do wrong.

Self is also our enemy. Do you have any trouble with self wanting to do things that the Bible teaches are wrong? Does self ever want its own way, or feel that you ought to be treated better than you have been? Well, as we die out to self, determined to obey God and live humbly, God will be our shield against self. We are much happier when self is conquered.

Death is coming to all of us, regardless of our age, whether old or young. When you see people taken by death it would grieve you very much to think that you are going to die, too, if you did not have God as a shield between you and death. Only the body goes to the grave. Our faith in God assures us that He will take care of our souls and we will be safe in Him.

Calamities such as storms, accidents, etc., are ever around us. It would be a great grief and we would be very fearful if we did not know God would take care of us. If we die we will go to heaven where our great reward is waiting over there.

Remember, God will reward us in our prayers here in this life and then give us a home in heaven. —Aunt Marie



Lesson 11, December 14, 1969

OUR SHIELD AND REWARDER

Gen. 15:1; Eph. 6:16; Gal. 2:20; 2 Cor. 5:1, 2, 6; Psa. 5:12; Psa. 57:1; Psa. 47:9; Psa. 107:8, 9; Heb. 11:6; Matt. 5:12; Psalm 58:11

Gen. 15:1 After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield and thy exceeding great reward.

Eph. 6:16 (Shield against Satan) Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Gal. 2:20 (Shield against ourselves) I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

2 Cor. 5:1 (Shield against death) For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

Psa. 5:12 For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

Psa. 57:1 (Shield against nature, calamities) Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

Psa. 47:9 The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth belong unto God: he is greatly exalted.

Psa. 107:8 (Hungry soul rewarded) Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

9 For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

Heb. 11:6 (Reward in prayer) But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Matt. 5:12a Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven:

Psa. 58:11 So that a man shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

Memory Verse: For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. **Psalm 84:11.**

Central Thought: God is our protection in this life and rewards us for our faith in that shield.

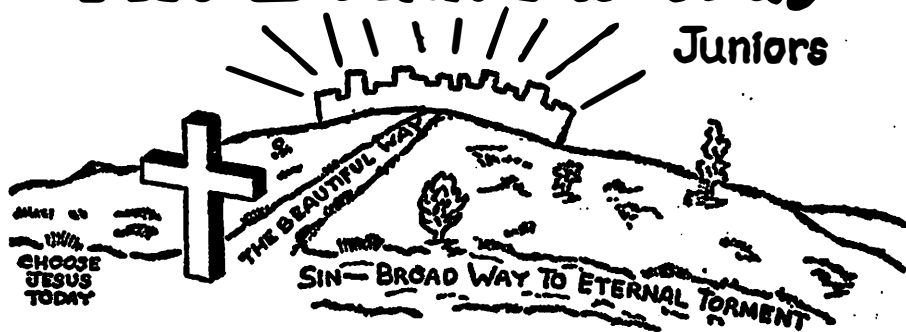
QUESTIONS:

1. What did God tell Abram after he had helped Lot in his trouble?
2. What does a shield do for a warrior?
3. How is God our shield against the devil?
4. How is God our shield against self?
5. How is God our shield against death?
6. How is God our shield against calamities?
7. How does God reward us in our prayers?
8. How does God reward us in the desires that we have in our souls for Him?
9. What is our final reward?
10. How does it pay to serve God?

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Hilda's Christmas

Standing apart from the childish throng,
Little Hilda was silent and sad;
She could not join in the happy song,
She could not echo the voices glad.

"What can I do on Christmas Day?
I am so little and we are so poor,"
She said to herself in a dreary way:
"I wish there never was a Christmas
more.

"Mother is sick, and father can't know
How children talk of their gifts and
joy,
Or he'd surely try, he loves me so,
To get me just one single toy."

"But Christmas is not for what you get,"
She heard a small, sweet, tender voice,
"It's for what you give," said wee Janet,
And the words made Hilda's heart re-
joice.

"It isn't our birthday," went on the mite,
"It is Christ's you know; and I think
He'd say

If He were to talk to us tonight,
That He'd wish us to keep it His own
way."

A plan came into Hilda's head;
It seemed to her she could hardly wait,
"I can't give nice things," she bravely
said,
"But I'll do what I can to celebrate.

"I can give the baby a day of fun;
I can take my plant to the poor lame
boy;
I can do mother's errands—every one;
And my old kite I can mend for Roy.

"I can read to father and save his eyes;
I can feed the birds in the locust
grove;
I can give the squirrels a fine surprise,
And grandma shall have a letter of
love." —Selected.

Dear Children:

As I sit here writing I remember that
it is only six weeks until Christmas. Let
us think much of our Heavenly Father's
gift to this world—His own Son, Jesus
our Savior.

The Psalmist said, "I will be glad in the Lord." (Psa. 104:34). Dear children, let us be glad in the Lord during this Christmas season, forgetting ourselves, let us try to make others happy as Hilda of the above poem did.

One time a little girl became very ill some time before Christmas. She seemed very anxious to live until Christmas, as she often asked her mama how long it was until then. But Christmas morning did not find little Laura handling a new toy or eating cookies and candy. Jesus came for her before Christmas. Those who were left behind, who loved her, were made happy to believe that their darling had a glad Christmas with Jesus.

Those of us who can say from the bottom of our hearts that we love Jesus will be glad in Him for we will do those things that please Him for which we will receive His smile and be glad.

I fear unforgiven sins or the sinful nature will spoil this glad season for some dear children. Jesus wants to save you now so that you can be glad in Him on Christmas Day.

Lovingly yours, —Rosella Slifer
(F. & V., 1926)

NEEDED—A GUIDE

In Switzerland there are some very high mountains called the Alps. Travelers are very fond of going there because the views are grand. It is very dangerous, however, to climb those high mountains. There are deep holes where people might slip in. At times people get buried in the snow, or are dashed to pieces over steep precipices (cliffs). As there are so very many dangers, it is necessary to have a guide. That is the way it is in life. There are ever so many dangers that

we do not know anything about. But there is One who does. That is the Lord Jesus. The Bible tells us that He will guide us every step of the way—that is, He will if we let Him. No matter how many dangers there are, He will bring us through them all. And we shall reach home safely at last. But if we choose to go our own way, refusing to let Him guide us, we will be lost forever. —Sel.

JOHNNY JUMPS THE FENCE

When Johnny found out that he was not supposed to be on the other side of the fence, he jumped over the fence almost as quick as a wink. That is how quickly we should get away from the places where Satan is doing his wicked work. We should not want to be where Satan's people are, unless we want to tell them about the Lord Jesus, and help them.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Write on the board the following:
3,000 stars seen by naked eye.
20 million stars seen by one telescope.
Approximately 2 million of Abram's relatives came out of Egypt.
1,570,460 valiant men, not counting old men, women, and children, were counted about 500 years later.

All told, Abraham's descendants would reach into the billions, including all who have salvation and are children of the promise.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Did you ever look up at the sky and try to count the stars? We are told that one can see only about 3,000 stars with the naked eye. Why don't you try to count them sometime?

Our lesson tells us that God told Abraham to look up into the sky. Then he told him that he would have more descendants than the stars in the heavens. Even though Abraham was old and did not have even one child, he believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Later God gave Abraham and Sarah, in their old age (which was a miracle) a son whom they named Isaac. Isaac had two sons, Jacob and Esau. Jacob had twelve sons, and they, with all their families, went down into Egypt during the famine. There they lived 430 years. When Moses brought them out, because they had been mistreated and God delivered them, there were 600,000 men, besides women and children. There were others along with them. Clarke, the commentator said that in all there probably were 2 million people. Now that would be a big family, descendants of Abraham, that came out of Egypt. Then, about 500 years after their coming out of Egypt into Canaan land, the valiant men were counted and the number ran up into the millions, besides old men, women and children. What God had promised Abraham that starry night became a reality.

Now, spiritually speaking, all of those who are born again and have accepted Jesus are Abraham's children. So the number swells into billions, I am sure. Astronomers tell us they can see more than 20 million stars through one telescope, but there are more than that number beyond those seen.

It is wonderful how the prophecies of the Bible come to pass. Isaiah spoke of Jesus being born in the lineage of Abraham, through David, 713 years before He came.

What a glorious night that was when the shepherds were watching their sheep

and the glory of the Lord shone around about them. I wish I could have been there, don't you? It must have been a glorious sight. One of these days when Jesus comes bursting through the clouds with ten thousands of His angels to get all who are saved to take them to be with Him in eternity we will get to see a greater sight than the shepherds saw that night.

The angels brought a wonderful message, "Peace on earth and good will toward men." How glorious is that peace we have when we accept Jesus as our Saviour! Just as Abraham believed God and it came to pass, we, too, can believe God and know that as we confess and forsake our sins Jesus will forgive us and we can be at peace with God and men. Has Jesus come into your heart? If not, do let Him do so today.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 12, December 21, 1969

ABRAM BELIEVED GOD

Gen. 15:5, 6; Ex. 32:13a; Ex. 12:37; 1 Chron. 21:5, 6; Isaiah 11:1; Isa. 9:6; Luke 2:7, 9-14; Gal. 3:29

Gen. 15:5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

6 And he believed in the Lord and he counted it to him for righteousness.

Ex. 32:13a Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven. . . .

Ex. 12:37 And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth,

about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children.

1 Chron. 21:5 And Joab gave the sum of the number of the people unto David, And all they of Israel were a thousand thousand and an hundred thousand men that drew sword: and Judah was four hundred threescore and ten thousand men that drew sword.

6 But Levi and Benjamin counted he not among them.

Isa. 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, [David's father] and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

Isa. 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Luke 2:7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, [shepherds] and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Gal. 3:29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Memory Verse: And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness. Gen. 15:6.

Central Thought: Both literally and spiritually, Abraham's seed have been as the stars of the heavens through faith in God, the Father of Jesus Christ, the promised Saviour of all who will believe upon Him.

QUESTIONS:

1. On a starry night, how many stars can be seen by the naked eye?

2. Through one telescope how many stars can be seen?

3. Did Abraham believe God would give him that many relatives even though he did not have a child?

4. Can you have faith like that for the things you need just by reading God's promises in the Bible?

5. Who did Isaiah prophesy would come through the lineage of Abraham?

6. Tell some of the wonderful things Jesus was to be called as spoken by Isaiah.

7. Tell part of what happened that night on the hills where the shepherds were watching their sheep.

8. Where was Jesus born? What was He wrapped in?

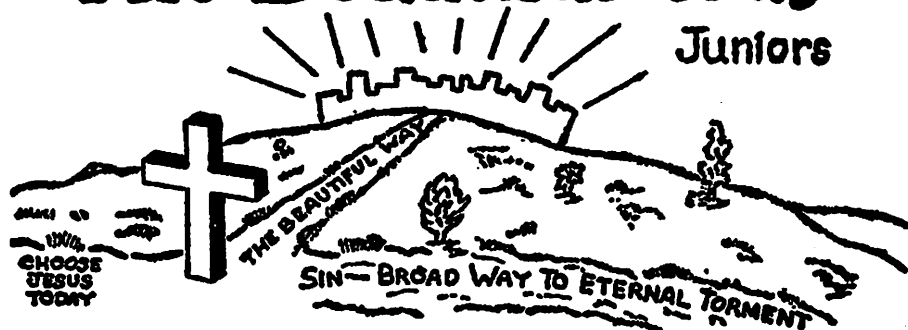
9. What message did the angels bring that night?

10. Can you believe Jesus will save you, just as Abram believed God would give him a son and many descendants?

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TEMPTATIONS

After Jesus was baptized He was led of the Spirit to go into the wilderness, and was tempted of the devil. This lasted for forty days and forty nights. If Jesus was tempted, we will be, too. The devil wanted Jesus to obey Him and to worship him. Each time the devil tempted Him He remembered verses in the Bible to answer the devil's temptations. He would not obey the devil! He was a real hero. The devil had to go away and leave Him. God sent angels to minister unto Jesus.

We can't go out into a wilderness as Jesus did, perhaps. That showed that Jesus was separated from the worldly people. When you get saved and are baptized, you, too, will be separated from the ones who do not love Jesus. The devil will get your old friends to laugh at you, tease you, shame you and treat you real mean because you have quit telling lies, saying bad words, and because you quit wearing immodest clothes, etc. Now you are obeying your parents

and doing right at school and wherever you are. The devil and some of your old friends will tempt you and get you to go back to your old ways of sin. You will need to find a place—a little secret place—where you can be alone with God. Jesus is with you, remember, and He wants you to come a part with Him. There you tell Jesus all about your troubles with your old friends and the temptations you have. Ask Him to give you the strength and courage to be sweet and kind to all your old friends. Ask Jesus to help you so you will not go back to their bad ways. Then Jesus will bless you and you will be happy. The angels will be with you because the Bible says, "The angel of the Lord encampeth about them that feareth him and delivereth them." Psalm 34:7.

Dear children, you must pray to God to send the Holy Spirit into your hearts to give you power and heavenly strength to live a real Christ-like life and to tell your friends and everyone that you are happy living for Jesus.

Ask your friends to come and serve Jesus, too. Some day when Jesus calls, you will be ready to go to Heaven. —Sister Vera Forbes

Embroidery

One afternoon two missionary sisters and I decided to go visiting in El Alamo. In our round of visiting there was a family who had five girls. They ranged in age from ten through seventeen. The limit of schooling to be had in that part of Mexico is third grade. The four oldest of these girls were using their time in doing embroidery work. While we were at their house they seemed pleased that we wanted to see it and brought out all they had done. No mention was made of the cloth on which the work was done. It was all they had. We complimented them on their accomplishments.

I had only been in Mexico a few months. I had never gone anywhere to visit alone as I didn't feel I had enough command of the language, as yet. Remembering the embroidery work, and needing a couple of gifts for other workers, I asked the Lord to help me. I set out for Piccini's house. I took my Spanish-English dictionary with me. I didn't even know that "bordado" meant embroidery. I learned the word as I walked. After a short visit in which I referred to my dictionary a few times, I asked about the "bordado." I explained that I would not be any where to buy gifts for Christmas and had need of two. Again all their work was brought out and selection was made of two pieces. I paid them the amount needed and began to mention leaving.

All at once one of the girls brought another piece of embroidery and laid it on my lap. As I had already seen it, I looked at her wonderingly. She said, "I want you to have this for Christmas." This girl's pattern was followed by each of the other three. I went home loaded with six pieces of embroidery—four to be mine for Christmas.

Some might think that because the work was done on shabby material it would lessen the value of the gift. No, quite the contrary. When I look at them, I am reminded of the real love that was shown by those in poverty because they wanted to have something to give. This was the work of their own hands, which re-doubled the value to me.

"She hath done what she could."
Mark 14:8. —Opal Kelly

RULES FOR STUDY

1. Be interested.
2. Ask questions.
3. See clearly before trying to reach a conclusion.
4. Resort to the best books obtainable.
5. Use the dictionary.
6. Distinguish between facts, opinions, and conclusions.
7. Distinguish between reading and studying and understanding.
8. Discover fundamental ideas.
9. Apply what you learn.
10. Do not give up through discouragement.
11. Do not confuse reading a newspaper, etc., for studying.
12. Never leave a point when studying until it is clear.

Never be afraid of work. It is good for the mind, muscles, and will mean success in life.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw three squares, one above the other. In the bottom square write, "mind, soul, and body." In the middle square write "Jesus" and in the top square write "God." Underneath write, "We give ourselves as a sacrifice. God gave Jesus. The Holy Spirit assures us that God has accepted our sacrifice."

Dear Boys and Girls:

A covenant is an agreement or promise made between two parties, with many times another person as a witness. In ancient days it was a serious thing to break a covenant or agreement. If anyone broke their covenant they were punished severely.

God talked to Abraham and said that he had brought him out of the land of Chaldea and that he would give him all the land of Canaan. Now, there were people living in Canaan at that time, but they did not love God. They were very wicked. There were some people who were not so wicked that God was willing to destroy them yet, so he gave them time to change their ways. He gives everyone plenty of time to repent. Mercy is held out before punishment is given. That is why God told Abraham that his children were to go down into Egypt and stay for over 400 years. Then they were to come back and fight against the people of Canaan and take the land that God had promised to them. He said that the "iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full." Our own country, the United States, is becoming more wicked all the time and the time will come when it will be ripe for punishment.

Abraham wanted to know how he could be sure that the land of Canaan would be given to his people. So God told him to kill the animals and birds and lay them out before Him as a sacrifice and He would cause a burning lamp to pass between the pieces. Thus Abraham would know that God had sealed His covenant with him if he would serve God faithfully.

The fowls of prey came to eat the animals that Abraham had put out, but he drove them away. He protected and guarded his sacrifice. We need to guard our promises that we have made to the Lord. We must guard our salvation or the devil will take it away from us.

God accepted Abraham's sacrifice, and as the sun went down, a burning lamp passed between the pieces. The covenant had been made between Abram and God. Today we are saved through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross and we enter into a covenant with God when we accept Jesus as our Saviour and sacrifice. We give ourselves and God has given Jesus. Let us always love God and keep our promise to Him.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 13, December 28, 1969

THE BLESSINGS OF ABRAHAM'S COVENANT WITH GOD

Gen. 15:7-17; Gal. 3:14; Heb. 10:29

Gen. 15:7 And he said unto him, I am the Lord that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

8 And he said, Lord God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

9 And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.

10 And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another, but the birds divided he not.

11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcases, Abram drove them away.

12 And when the sun was going down a deep sleep fell upon Abram: and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.

13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not their's, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

15 And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

16 But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.

17 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.

Gal. 3:14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Heb. 10:29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

Memory Verse: By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Hebrews 10:10.

Central Thought: We give ourselves to God and God gave His Son. We both enter into a covenant by faith. By this covenant man is bound to God and God through His great mercy binds Himself to man. We should guard the sacrifices made.

QUESTIONS:

1. To whom did God promise the land of Canaan?
2. What question did Abram ask of God?
3. What did God ask Abram to give as a sacrifice?
4. Who tried to take away his sacrifice?
5. What was the meaning of the horror of great darkness that fell upon him?
6. Where did God tell Abram his families would go in later years?
7. How long were they to stay there? Who would judge that nation?
8. Explain how Abram would go to his fathers when he died and yet be buried.
9. Does this mean God was waiting before He punished the Amorites because he was giving them space to repent?
10. What happened at the going down of the sun?
11. When we are saved, do we make a sacrifice? What is God's sacrifice?
12. Will the devil try to cause us to break our promises made to God?

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