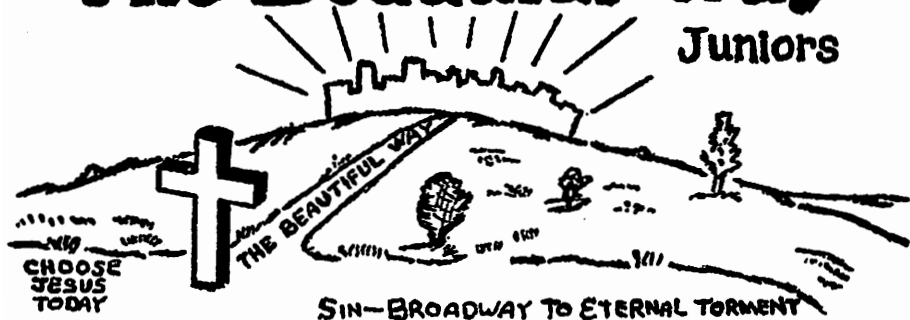


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Part One

July 7

Olive's Story

(Chapter 23)

"Is there no one here to meet me?" I asked.

"No, miss," he said, "I believe not. I don't see any one waiting. Who did you expect, miss?"

"I hardly know," I said. "I am going to school in Clinton, and have missed the quick train."

A lady who was standing by, overheard what I was saying to the porter. She was such a kind lady, with a face something like mother's. Her man-servant, the one I had seen on the platform, was getting her luggage, and she was standing by waiting till all was collected.

"What is the matter, my dear?" she said, coming up to me. "Tell me about it."

So I told her just how it was, and she said she would help me as much as she could. I am sure God put it into her heart to do so.

She called her man-servant, and told him to find my boxes, and choose a cab for me, and then she saw me safely into it, and told the man to drive to Marl-

borough Place, which was Miss Maynard's address.

I had not driven far, when I passed an illuminated clock, and I saw that it was nearly twelve o'clock. And then a fresh fear crossed my mind.

I was very much afraid that when I arrived at Marlborough Place, everyone would be in bed. I wondered what I should do if I could not wake them. I knew no one in Clinton, and I should be very frightened if I had to go to a hotel alone.

It was a very long drive. We drove down street after street, and it seemed to me as if I should never get there. How could I tell if the cabman was taking me in the right direction? I had never been in Clinton before, and it looked very dreadful to me that night when I was driving through it alone. Some of the streets were empty and deserted, but others were very noisy and crowded, although it was so late. Every now and then I passed some drunken people, or heard a sound of quarrelling and screaming from some dark court in one of the back streets. Oh, how lonely and unprotected I felt at first! But in a moment I remembered that underneath me were the everlasting arms. I must be safe in those strong arms; no one could hurt me there. I prayed very earn-

estly to be held safely to my journey's end, and to be kept from harm and danger.

Presently, to my great joy, we left the noisy back streets behind, and came upon a wide, open road. There was a very steep hill here, and the cabman got down and walked, and we went so very slowly, that I thought we should never come to the end of it.

At last we reached the top of the hill, and soon after, the cabman drew up at Marlborough Place, and rang the bell.

Oh! how thankful I was when the door was opened almost immediately. Miss Maynard had not expected me that night, but she had been obliged to sit up to finish some accounts, and she came to the door to meet me.

"Poor, tired child!" she said kindly: "what would you like to eat?"

But I felt too sick and miserable to eat, and asked if I might go at once to bed. So she led the way upstairs, and took me past two landings to the top of the house.

"This will be your bedroom, Olive," she said. "There are three beds in it, and as you will be the eldest in the room, I shall make you responsible for what goes on in it. Maria Laurie has arrived. Poor child!" she said, as she bent over her bed, and looked at her as she lay asleep, "she has been crying, I see; she is young yet to leave home. Alice Carter, who is to sleep in this other bed, will not be here till tomorrow.

"Poor child, you are feeling lonely too," said Miss Maynard, as she saw tears in my eyes; "but you will soon make friends here, and one Friend is always near to comfort us. Do you know that Friend, Olive?"

I told her I did, and she gave me a kiss, and said how glad she was. I loved her so much that night, and I have loved her ever since.

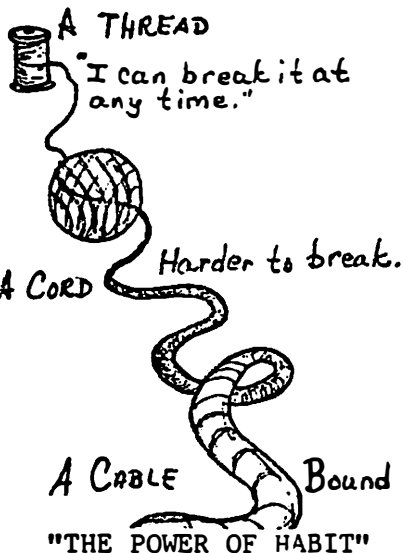
Then Miss Maynard went away, saying I must get quickly to bed. I was very glad to do as she told me, but I crept for

a moment to Maria's bed, and peeped at her as she lay asleep. She is a rosy, healthy-looking girl, nearly twelve years old, and generally looks very happy and bright, but that night her eyes were red and swollen with crying. I wondered very much if she had said good-bye to her mother that day. Then I got into bed, and soon fell asleep.

(To be continued)

Daddy works hard, and he is tired when he comes home. Can you be a little more help to him? Maybe you can tell him that you wish he didn't have to work so hard. He might tell you that he has to work hard to keep you a home to live in, but he still will be glad you are thinking about him working hard.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Be nice to your animals. They have feelings like you. When you pinch them, it hurts them just like it hurts you to be pinched.

Dear Boys and Girls:

We are going to study the book of Daniel. I am sure the first thing you think of when you think of Daniel is when God delivered him from the lions. Today we want to study something that happened when Daniel was first taken to Babylon as a captive from Judea. Judah had sinned against God, worshipped idols, and had done other sinful things. God let them be punished. Nebuchadnezzar came with an army, destroyed their city, and carried away many of the people as captives. How sad that was. What if that would happen to us? If we think of it that way, we can know just how Daniel and his three companions felt.

In our lesson the king wanted some of the captives, who were smart, as we would call it, brought to his house and taught the language of the Chaldeans and given special training and schooling. I am sure this was a great task for Ashpenaz, the master of the eunuchs. Probably he gave some of them tests, talked to them about various subjects, and finally chose four of them. Their Jewish names were changed, and today we know three of them by their new names. We refer to the four as Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego.

The king commanded that these men be given rich foods right from his table. He wanted them to be fed the best according to his standards. Wine was one of those things mentioned. Daniel had been brought up to obey God's laws. There were some things in the law of Moses that he could not eat. So we know that Daniel gave much thought to what he should do. No doubt he prayed much about it. He also knew that he was a captive and if he crossed the king's master, he might just be put to

death. This was a serious thing to think about. But should he obey the king or God? Well, we read that "Daniel purposed (or decided) in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank." Boys and girls, I trust you will "Dare to be a Daniel, Dare to stand alone. Dare to have a purpose true. Dare to make that purpose known." Today you are faced with such decisions. Never touch drugs, nor strong drink or do other evil, sinful things. Be a Daniel. The master of Daniel tried to change his mind. The master told Daniel that even his own life would be in danger if the four men did not look well when they came before the king. Daniel begged him to test them for 10 days by just giving them pulse to eat, which probably was just beans, and water to drink and then to see if they were not doing just fine. So he consented; and within ten days, they were fatter and looked fine. So he consented to let them eat their own food instead of the king's food. At the end of the given time, when they stood before the king, in all matters of wisdom, they were ten times better than all the other wise men of the king's court. God had given them favor and much wisdom. It pays to do right, and God will bless us in the end.

— Aunt Marie

Lesson 1, July 7, 1974

DARE TO BE A DANIEL

**Dan. 1:3-5, 7, 8, 12-15, 17, 20;
1 Cor. 3:16, 17; 1 Cor. 6:19**

Dan. 1:3 And the king (Nebuchadnezzar) spake unto Ash-pe-naz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes;
4 Children in whom was no blemish,

but well-favoured, and skilfull in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.

7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel the name of Bel-te-shaz-zar; and to Hana-ni-ah, of Shadrach; and to Mi-sha-el, of Me-shach; and to Az-ari-ah, of A-bed-ne-go.

8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: Therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink.

13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants.

14 So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days.

15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.

17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

20 And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king enquired of them he found them ten times better than

all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.

1 Cor. 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

1 Cor. 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

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

Questions:

1 What did the king Nebuchadnezzar ask Ash-pe-naz the master of eunuchs to do?

2 What kind of children were chosen?

3 What were they given to eat and drink?

4 What did Daniel purpose in his heart?

5 Why didn't Daniel want to eat the king's meat or to drink his wine?

6 Do you think you should eat or drink anything that would defile (dishonor, or corrupt) you?

7 Did Daniel have courage to refuse to eat the king's meat?

8 Does it take courage to refuse to do what is wrong when everyone else is doing it?

9 How did God show his approval of Daniel and the other Hebrew children?

10 What is the temple of God?

11 What is the warning God gives us if we defile the temple of God?

12 Do you think drugs, or wine, or strong drink, or tobacco will defile your body?

13 Do you believe God will bless you if you do what is right today?

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July 14

Olive's Story

(Chapter 24)

I was waked the next morning by the sound of a bell. Threetimes the bell rang, first close to my door, then on the landing below, and then on the landing below that, so that every girl might hear it distinctly.

Maria Laurie sat up in her bed, and burst into tears.

"Oh, it's that old bell!" she said. "I was dreaming I was at home!"

I felt very sorry for her. "Have you never been from home before?" I asked.

"Oh, yes," she answered. "I was here last half year. It is very nice for a school, but home is nicer still, isn't it?"

"Yes," I said, "I should think it was."

Then we made haste to get dressed, but though we were not quite half an hour getting ready to go down-stairs, Maria had told me in that time where she lived, and all about her home, and her relations, and the names of the different masters and governesses, and the name and age and character of every girl in the school.

I soon saw that Maria was a great chatterbox, and that her trouble had quick-

ly passed away, for she seemed quite happy and merry when we had been talking together for a few minutes.

At seven o'clock another bell rang, and Maria took me down-stairs to the schoolroom. It is a very larger room, with four windows in it, and a smaller school-room opens out of it. This little room is full of shelves, and here we keep our books and slates and copy-books, and all we need for our school-work.

I felt very strange that first morning, for I knew no one there; but I sat next to Maria, and she told me what to do, and some of the girls came to speak to me, and were very kind and pleasant.

After breakfast, Miss Maynard asked me a great many questions, and gave me a small examination in history and arithmetic and geography, and she seemed pleased with my answers, for she said I should go into the first class.

It is a very small class; there are only three other girls in it. There is Mary Conder; she is very clever indeed. She is always the first in the class, and yet she is the most idle. Sometimes she never looks at her lessons until a few minutes before we have to say them, and yet she always knows them better than I do, when I have worked hard for more

than an hour. None of the girls like Mary very much; she does not seem to have any friends, they all think her very disagreeable and conceited.

Then there is Flora Morton; everyone likes her. She has very pleasant manners, and is always in a good temper. I sometimes wish she was not quite so selfish; she always manages to get her own way in everything, and all the girls let her do whatever she likes, which I think is not good for her. They feel it rather trying sometimes to give up the piano to her whenever she wants to practice, and always to let her have the seat nearest the fire, and to be ready to fetch her everything she wants; and yet, somehow or other, they always do it, and never like to refuse her anything.

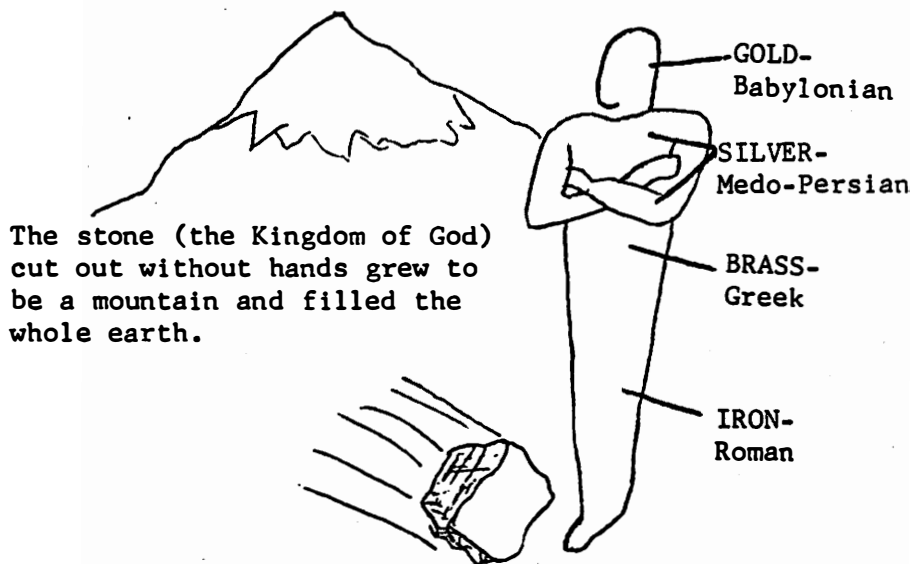
Alice Marshall, the other girl in our class, is so different. Nobody waits on her, but she is always pleased to do a

kind thing for any of us. She is not at all good-looking, and yet no one could help liking her face. She is not at all clever; it takes her twice as long to learn her lessons as it takes me, and sometimes she has very bad headaches, and cannot learn anything. So Alice is always at the bottom of the class, but she is never cross about it, and works just as hard as if she hoped to get a prize. Mother told me before I went to school, that I should find school just like a little world. She said that I should find there girls of all sorts of characters and tempers and ideas, and she told me I should need God's grace to keep me right quite as much in the little world of school, as I should need it when I am grown up, and leave lessons behind, and, as people say, go out into the world.

And I am sure mother was right.

(To be continued)

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



THE STONE BROKE THE IMAGE

Mother thinks about you all the time. When you were a baby and were crawling around in the other room, your mother knew just where you were all the time. She would check in to see about you. Today she is still checking to see about you. She wants you to be safe and happy. Love her a lot for doing this. This proves her love to you. No one cares for you like your mother.

Dear Boys and Girls:

King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream, but he forgot his dream. Did you ever do that? This dream that he forgot was an important dream, so the Lord made the king greatly troubled over his forgetting it. The king became so upset that he called in the wise men of his court. He told them that if they didn't make known to him the dream, he would have them cut to pieces. The king wanted to know what the dream was and what it meant. Well, these wise men couldn't tell him. They begged him to just tell them the dream, and then they could tell him what it meant. They said that there is not a man on the earth that could do as their king had asked of them. This made the king angry, so he decreed that all the wise men of Babylon be killed. Now this meant that Daniel and his fellows would be slain. So Daniel asked the king's guard why the king had been so hasty. Daniel went unto the king and desired that he give him some time. Then he would tell him the dream and give him the meaning of it. The king agreed to give him time. So Daniel and his companions prayed. God made known to Daniel the dream and its meaning. The dream is in our lesson and the meaning of it.

This big image stood for different nations who would rule the world. This was important because "in the days of these kings", the kingdom of God would be set up. Isn't that wonderful that so many years before Jesus came and set

up the kingdom of God, it was foretold in a dream to King Nebuchadnezzar, and Daniel told him the meaning? Now boys and girls, I want you to never forget these six words. Its very important that you remember these words. They tell us when Jesus came and set up His kingdom. Some false teachers today want us to think that the kingdom of God will be set up in some future date, but our lesson makes us know that it was in the time when the Romans were ruling. When you get older and study ancient history you will study about the different nations that ruled the world. King Nebuchadnezzar ruled the Babylon country which included the whole then-known world. Then in Daniel 5:31, we read about the Medo-Persians taking it from him. Now the image's "head of gold" stood for the Babylonian government. The breast of silver and the arms stood for the Medo-Persians. The Greeks ruled next, and the belly and thighs stood for them. Then the fourth kingdom to rule was the Romans. In our lesson, the New Testament tells us that Jesus was born during the rule of the Romans and preached, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the gospel." Isn't that wonderful for the Bible to tell us when the kingdom of God was set up? If we are saved we are in the kingdom of God today. Jesus is the king and is ruling over the hearts and lives of all who will be in His kingdom. — Aunt Marie

Lesson 2, July 14, 1974

IN THE DAYS OF THESE KINGS

Dan. 2:31-34, 35b, 36, 39, 40a, 44, 45;
Luke 2:1, 4, 5, 7; Mark 1:14, 15

Dan. 2:31 (Daniel told Nebuchadnezzar) Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great

image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.

32 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,

33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

35b and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

36 This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.

39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

40a And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron:

44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

Luke 2:1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, (Roman Empire), that all the world should be taxed.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea,

unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

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.

Mark 1:14 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Memory Verse: For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Romans 14:17

Questions:

1 What did the king see in his dream?

2 Can you describe the image?

3 What happened to the image?

4 What happened to the stone that smote the image?

5 How strong was the fourth kingdom to be?

6 Who set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed?

7 What was God showing Nebuchadnezzar by the dream?

8 Who made a decree (law) that all the world should be taxed?

9 Where did Joseph and Mary have to go to be taxed?

10 Who was born at Bethlehem?

11 What was the message Jesus preached in Galilee?

12 Of what three things are the kingdom of God?

13 Does Jesus reign in your heart?

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July 21

Olive's Story

(Chapter 25)

The very first day that I came to school, I hung over my bed the beautiful card that mother gave me, and oh, how many times I have looked at it since. It has helped me very often indeed to know what was right, and has kept me many times from doing what I ought not to do. I think mother would like to know that I kept the promise I made her that last night, so I will try in my little journal to write an account of some of the times when I was helped by thinking of the question on the card: "WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?"

I think the first time was the Sunday after I arrived and when I had only been two days at school. Sunday used to be such a happy day at home. And I am sure Miss Maynard tries to make it a happy day at school, and when she is with us, everything is so nice and quiet, and all goes on well; but as soon as she goes down-stairs the girls begin to chatter and laugh, and to make so much noise, that to read or to think seems impossible.

Mother had begged me, before she went away, to speak kind words, and not to take part in foolish talk or shady jokes. We must think of Jesus and speak of Him.

But when I went down-stairs this Sunday, I found it would not be very easy to do so. The girls were all sitting in a circle round the fire with the French governess.

"No French today, Olive," said Flora Morton, as I came into the room. "Come here, and get warm. We may talk English all day long."

Oh, how fast their tongues went, and how much they laughed. I felt very uncomfortable; I did not join in the conversation more than I could help, but it was very difficult not to do so, for they thought I was shy, and kept speaking to me to make me talk.

After a little time, Mademoiselle said: "Now we will all give our recollections of the holidays; we will tell each our story in the turn. Flora, you are the first on that side of the fire; you will begin. You will tell us how you have passed your holidays, what sort of parties you have had, what you have seen; all that sort of thing that is amusing. Come, Flora, you will begin."

So Flora began with a description of a ball that had taken place in Christmas

week, and then she went on to tell of some private theatricals she had acted in, and all the rest asked her questions, and laughed, and seemed very much interested and amused at the shady jokes she told.

I felt miserable. It was Sunday, and I was spending it like this!

I thought of my motto: "What would Jesus do?"

"Oh, I know what Jesus would do," I said to myself. "He would do what He felt was right, and not mind a bit what anybody said, or thought about Him. When He was on earth, He was often laughed at, and had many unpleasant remarks made about Him, but He was never afraid of anything but sin." I asked Jesus in my heart to help me to follow in His steps.

"Now Miss Olive Stewart, will you please to commence?"

I felt it very difficult to refuse. Mademoiselle is quite young, only four years older than I am; but still, she is our teacher, and mother told me she hoped I should always be very obedient and respectful to all those who took the trouble to teach me. I asked God to help me to say the right words.

"I don't think I have anything very interesting to tell, Mademoiselle," I said; "we had quite different pleasures at home from those you are talking about. We were very happy, and yet we never went to dances or theatres, or that sort of thing. I do not think you would care to hear about my holidays, and I was taught to not tell shady jokes.

The girls began to laugh.

"Stuff and nonsense!" said Flora. "I never heard anything so ridiculous in my life."

"I see," said Mademoiselle. She thinks herself very good, this Miss Olive! Well, we shall see—we shall see; perhaps it will not last so long, this goodness of hers!"

"I would not sit too near her, Flora, if I were you," said Mary Conder; "you will disturb her in her devotions!"

"She had better go into the next room, if she is going to be disagreeable," said Flora.

"Yes; go, if you please," said Mademoiselle.

I picked a Bible and obeyed, only too glad to do so. There was no fire in the smaller room, but I chose a place where the sun was streaming in at the window, and opened the Bible to read.

I was turning over the leaves, when these words caught my eye, "And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said unto him: Dost thou believe on the Son of God?"

I read the whole story of the blind man, and how they turned him out because he spoke a word for Jesus, who had done so much for him. "And Jesus found him." I wondered if He would find me in the cold schoolroom.

I thought He would.

(To be continued)

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



"The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it." Prov. 30:17

Dear Boys and Girls:

I trust that you are reading the book of Daniel along with our lessons. We can't print all of the verses, but you could understand it better if you read the ones unprinted.

Nebuchadnezzar made this image about 100 ft. high. He overlaid it with gold and called together all of the princes, governors of his states, captains, judges and all the great people of his kingdom. He was the ruler of all of the then-known world. Of course Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were also compelled to go. They might have known beforehand what they were expected to do. I am sure that they did a lot of praying and had already made their decision as to what they would do. This was a great test for them. When the different kinds of musical instruments played, they were all to bow down before this big image. (Did you notice that we have some of the same kind of musical instruments today as they did then?) Well, the three Hebrew children did not bow down. They stood up tall among those people. There were some looking at them, and they were glad to run to the king to be tattle-tales. They told the king that there were certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the provinces" (or states) "that have not obeyed you nor will they worship the golden image that you have set up." This made the king angry, and he called them to him. In his anger he forgot how faithful these men had been in the past. Shadrach and the others said that they would not bow down, that their God would deliver

them; and even if He didn't, they were willing to suffer. So he commanded them to be bound hand and foot and to be thrown into the fiery furnace. But God delivered them even though the furnace had been heated seven times hotter than before. It was so hot that the men who threw them in fell down dead.

Boys and girls, there are gods of this world. The god of fashion wants you to bow to it. The god of bad habits and many other gods want you to bow to them. But are you going to stand up tall and be counted for God? God will bless you even if you have to suffer some. It's better to choose to obey God here in this world even if the body is hurt. If we disobey God, our soul will be cast into the fiery hell to be tormented forever, unless we repent before we die. It pays to obey God rather than men.— Aunt Marie

Lesson 3, July 21, 1974

A FIERY FURNACE OR A FIERY HELL

Dan. 3:1, 6, 14-19a, 20, 24-28

Dan. 3:1 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was three-score cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

6 And (he said) whoso falleth not down and worshippeth (the image when the music plays), shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

14 Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

15 Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute,

harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?	gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.
16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.	28 Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.
17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us	Memory Verse: And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Matt. 10:28
18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.	
19a Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury,	Questions:
20 And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach; Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.	1 Who made a great image of gold?
24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.	2 Who came to the dedication of the image?
25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.	3 What was the command given to the people when they heard the music?
26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire.	4 Did everyone bow down as the king commanded?
27 And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being	5 Why didn't Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego bow down to this image?
	6 Did they fear God more than they feared the king?
	7 Did they believe God could deliver them from the fiery furnace?
	8 Why were they willing to die if God didn't deliver them from the furnace?
	9 Did God deliver the three Hebrew children?
	10 Who do you think was in the furnace with them?
	11 Had the fire hurt the Hebrew children at all?
	12 Who does our Memory Verse tell us to fear? Why?

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(Chapter 26)

After this I had a good deal to bear from one or two of the girls, especially from those of my own age. They made unpleasant remarks about me, and tried in many ways to vex me.

Sometimes I am afraid I felt angry, and showed them that I was vexed and annoyed. But at other times I remembered my card, and asked myself, "What would Jesus do?" And at those times I never answered them again, but tried to be kind to them instead.

Mother told me one day that God could make people like us, and could give us favor in their sight if we asked Him, just as He gave Joseph favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison, and Esther in the sight of the cruel King Ahasuerus.

So I asked God every morning when I said my prayers to give me favor, if He saw it was good for me, and I am sure He heard my prayer, for after a few weeks the girls left off teasing me, and were so friendly and kind to me that I began to be very happy and contented in my school life.

As for Miss Maynard, I always loved her; no one could help doing that. And to get a smile from her made me happy for a whole day.

But I want in this little journal to write chiefly of those times when mother's question helped me; and I think the next time was when I had that great trouble. The trouble is all over now, but still it seems very great to me, as I look back to it.

I enjoyed doing my lessons very much, though I was never the first in the class. Mary Conder was so very clever, that I could never get as many marks as she could. But Miss Maynard told us that she meant to give two prizes in our class, and I was very anxious, if possible, to get the second prize. I thought mother would be so pleased.

So I worked very hard indeed, and hardly wasted a minute; but Flora Morton also wanted to get this prize, and at first she and I almost always had exactly the same number of marks. Sometimes she was a little before me, and at other times I was the first; it seemed very doubtful which of us would win the prize.

Our English lessons we always do with Miss Maynard, and our French lessons with Mademoiselle, but there are several masters who come to the school

to give us lectures on special subjects. We have an arithmetic master, a drawing master, a music master, a singing master, and a science master. I enjoy the science master's lectures very much indeed; we have three every week, one on zoology, another on botany, and another on geology. It is so very wonderful to learn all about the animals, and plants, and shells, and fishes, and about the curious way in which the soil of the earth was made. We have nothing to learn for Herr Liebsstein. He gives us a lecture, and as he speaks, we make our own notes of it, and then the next time he comes he questions us on his last lecture, and gives us marks according to our answers. At the beginning of the term, Flora and I almost always got the same number of marks from Herr Liebsstein.

But one Tuesday morning, we had a rather difficult examination on zoology, and Flora had not prepared for it so well as usual, and when Herr Liebsstein gave us marks for it, he gave me eight more than he did her.

Oh, how vexed Flora looked, and how fretful she was all that day! It made me very unhappy. I almost felt as if I had done something wrong, although of course it could not be wrong just to do my best, and answer as well as I could.

"Don't be vexed about it, Flora," I said that night, as we were going upstairs to bed; "I could not help it!"

"I'm not vexed about it, Olive!" she said. "How could you think so? I am only tired."

But I could not help feeling sure that she was thinking of it when she looked so cross.

However, the next morning she seemed to have forgotten it, and all went on just as usual till the following Tuesday, when once more I had more marks than Flora. This time she did not seem annoyed, but laughed about it when we spoke of it afterwards. I felt very glad of this, and hoped that my trouble was over.

But it was not over; it was only just beginning.

(To be continued)

A Happy Home

Draw a ring around the numbers of the things which help to make a home happy.

1. The children play together.
2. The children love each other.
3. The children let Mother do ALL the work.
4. Everybody loves and serves Jesus.
5. The children quarrel.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Nebuchadnezzar ate grass
with oxen.

Dear Boys and Girls:

It's important that you read verses 10-17. They are the dream that Nebuchad-

nezzar had. In our lesson, Daniel makes known the meaning to the king. Daniel was troubled when he knew the dream's meaning. He hesitated to tell the king when he insisted. The tree that had grown so big meant the king. King Nebuchadnezzar was ruler of the world at that time. He had become great and strong. The watcher (holy one) said for the tree (the king) to be cut down. The stump was to be left until seven years passed over it. The king would be driven out, through the loss of his mind, into the field. He would eat grass with the oxen. His fingernails would grow like claws. After seven years, he would be restored to his kingship. He would then know that God ruleth the world and not the king in his pride.

Boys and girls, God is your ruler. You might say that when I grow up, I am going to do as I please; but you will still have to give an account to God. Even if you say that you do not care what God thinks about you, that still doesn't alter the fact that you will meet God. You will never get away from that fact. It's such a blessing to have God on our side and to live according to His laws. Your mind is at peace, and your life is happy. Trouble might be around you, but in your heart you need not have trouble, if you are loving God. Don't rebel against God. It doesn't pay. Let God have your heart and life. You will then be truly happy. Poor Nebuchadnezzar forgot God. Daniel warned him, but he was lifted up in his pride. Babylon was a great city that he had rebuilt. It had beautiful streets and a hundred brazen gates in the city. The hanging gardens were beautiful. The two royal palaces were the finest of the buildings. He had made many beautiful things. One day he walked in the palace and said, "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty?" Proudly, he was glory-

ing in the creation of his hands. He forgot that God gave him the strength and wisdom to do this. He forgot the dream and the warning from Daniel. He forgot the poor that he had mistreated and their cries. He forgot everything, but his own works. He was a proud, haughty king. Suddenly a voice from heaven spoke. "The kingdom is departed from you . . . until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will!" Soon he was eating grass with the beasts of the field. Boys and girls, take warning. Don't forget God. Judgments will fall upon you if you do.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 4, July 28, 1974

GOD'S MERCY AND JUDGMENT

Daniel 4:24-37

Dan. 4:24 (Daniel speaking to Nebuchadnezzar) This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the most High, which is come upon my lord the king:

25 That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

26 And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule.

27 Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if

it may be a lengthening of thy tranquility.

28 All this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar.

29 At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon.

30 The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?

31 While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.

32 And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

33 The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.

34 And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth forever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:

35 And all the inhabitants of the earth: are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

36 At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me.

37 Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

Memory Verse: But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud but giveth grace unto the humble. James 4:6

Questions:

1 Who interpreted the king's dream?

2 What did God send the dream to the king for?

3 Did the king change his ways after God sent the dream?

4 What happened to King Nebuchadnezzar?

5 Did the king have any reason to be proud of what he had done?

6 Doesn't God give each of us any ability we might have?

7 Do you think the king felt so proud after he had lived as a beast of the field for seven years?

8 Would it not have been better if the king had taken Daniel's advice and had shown mercy to the poor?

9 God was very just to warn the king. Do you know God warns every soul in His Word?

10 If the king had been humble, wouldn't God have blessed the king?

11 Do you know that being proud is a sin?

12 Did king Nebuchadnezzar honor God after his reason returned?

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Part Five

Aug. 4

Olive's Story

(Chapter 27)

The next Monday evening, after supper, we went into the schoolroom, as usual, to learn our lessons. I took my books from the cupboard, and went to the table, and sat down between Flora and Mary. I learnt my English lessons first, and then I wrote my French exercise. When these were done, I looked for my zoology notes, that I might prepare for Herr Liebstein's lecture, but, to my dismay, I could not find them.

We always write our notes on a loose piece of paper, and I generally slip it inside one of the lesson-books which I shall use on Monday evening. I took up my books one by one, and shook them, and turned over the leaves, but no paper was to be seen. I still hoped it might be there, so I went through them again, looking carefully between all the pages, but the lost notes did not appear.

I could do nothing more till the hour for learning our lessons was over, for we were not allowed to speak, or to move from our places, till the clock showed it was half-past seven. But as soon as the

silence hour was at an end, I told the girls of my loss, and Flora and Mary helped me to look through my books again, and to turn out the cupboard and shelf where they were kept; but the notes were nowhere to be found. There was no help for it; I was obliged to do without them.

We were not allowed to borrow each other's notes, so the only thing I could do was to try, as I lay in bed at night, to remember as much as I could of last Tuesday's lecture. But there were many things which I could not possibly recollect, lists of names and Latin words, which Herr Liebstein had told us to write down and to learn, and many other particulars about the different classes of animals, which we had copied from his dictation, and which he wished us to learn by heart.

Morning came, and I felt very troubled as I went into Herr Liebstein's class, and this I think made me nervous, and I could hardly answer a single question.

Herr Liebstein seemed surprised, but he said nothing. Flora answered better than usual; all her lists were perfect, all her numbers were correct. At the end of the lesson Herr Liebstein gave her twelve marks, and gave me only four.

Of course I was very much disappointed that I had done so badly, but I

do not think I should have felt it so much if Miss Maynard, who had been sitting in the room whilst we were at work, had not said to me as we rose from our seats:

"Are you not well, Olive?"

"Yes, ma'am," I said, "I am quite well."

"Then why have you answered so badly today?" she said.

"Please, ma'am, because I lost my notes of the lecture!"

"Careless child!" said Miss Maynard, "then you deserve to have so few marks!"

It was the first time she had found fault with me, and I felt it very much, for I loved Miss Maynard dearly.

(To be continued)

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



God's Scales

THINGS TO REMEMBER

1 When you rise in the morning, remember who kept you from danger during the night. Remember who watched

over you while you slept, and whose sun shines around you, and gives you the sweet light of day.

2. Let God have the thanks of your heart, for his kindness and his care; and pray for his protection during the wakeful hours of day.

3. Remember that God made all creatures to be happy, and will do nothing that may prevent their being so, without good reason for it.

4. When you are at the table, do not eat in a greedy manner, like a pig, Eat quietly, and do not reach forth your hand for the food, but ask some one to help you.

5. Do not become peevish and pout, because you do not get a part of everything. Be satisfied with what is given you.

6. Avoid a pouting face, angry looks, and angry words. Do not slam the doors. Go quietly up and down stairs; and never make a loud noise about the house.

7. Be kind and gentle in your manners; not like the howling winter storm, but like the bright summer morning.

8. Do always as your parents bid you. Obey them with a ready mind, and with a pleasant face.

9. Never do anything that you would be afraid or ashamed that your parents should know. Remember, if no one else sees you, God does, from whom you can not hide even your most secret thought.

10. At night, before you go to sleep, think whether you have done anything that was wrong during the day, and pray to God to forgive you. If any one has done you wrong, forgive him in your heart.

11. If you have not learned something useful, or been in some way useful, during the past day, think that it is a day lost, and be very sorry for it.

12. Trust in the Lord, and He will guide you in the way of good men. The path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

13. We must do all the good we can to all men, for this is well pleasing in the sight of God. He delights to see his children walk in love, and do good one to another.

—Selected

Dear Boys and Girls:

I trust that you have looked at the "Lesson Illustration." These are old fashioned scales. You do not see many today like this one. But they gave a true weight. Today we are weighed by God's laws. Each day, we are thinking, acting, doing, feeling; and all of these things are kept on record. They are being weighed against God's Word. We are to have good thoughts such as love, kindness, peace, forgiveness, etc. If your thoughts are always good, your actions will be good. But sometimes the devil will bring bad thoughts to your mind. Remember, boys and girls, your mind is the sorting room of your body. You are to resist or cast out all bad thoughts as soon as they come. If you will always do that, your actions will be right. If someone hits you, the devil will bring a thought such as, "hit him back." Now if you do what the devil says and hit him back, then he will hit you; and on it will go. What comes from all of this hitting? Hatred, hurts, and many other bad things. So why not resist that thought and just smile, saying something nice, or maybe, just going on and ignoring it. God will help you to do this. Weigh your actions by God's Word. Even if you do not, God is weighing them. We are not good in our own strength. We all had sinned. That's the reason we need to come to Jesus and ask him to forgive us of our sins. Then God will help us to obey His laws. When we come to the judgment day, and the final weighing is done, we will be weighed by Jesus' goodness or righteousness in us. How sad it will be to be weighed in that last great

day and be found wanting. We will be cast into eternal damnation.

Belshazzar (Bel-shar-ehzer) was a grandson of Nebuchadnezzar. In the Bible grandsons and even great grandsons are sometimes called sons. Belshazzar forgot about what God had done to his grandfather for being lifted up in pride. You remember, do you not? Belshazzar had a big feast and brought in the vessels that had been stolen from the temple of God in Jerusalem. Instead of worshipping the God of heaven and earth they worshipped the gods of silver and gold. God was displeased with this drunken big party. A big hand appeared. It wrote with a finger and made words on the wall. The king was frightened. His knees beat together, and he cried for the magicians of his court to tell him what it said and what it meant. It was written in the Hebrew language, we are told. The magicians could not read the words. The Queen told Belshazzar about Daniel. Daniel was called. He did not care for the gifts of scarlet clothing, a chain of gold, nor to be third ruler; but he did tell the king what the writing meant.

That night, the Medes and Persians dug a canal. The water was drained from the river, that went under the wall of the city. The soldiers went into the city, when the water was up to their waist. They took the city by surprise. While the Babylonians were drinking, dancing, and reveling; judgment fell upon them.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 5, August 4, 1974

WEIGHED IN GOD'S SCALES

Dan. 5:1-6, 8, 13a, 17, 22-28

Dan. 5:1 Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords,

and drank wine before the thousand.

2 Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein.

3 Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them.

4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

5 In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

6 Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another.

8 Then came in all the king's wise men; but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof.

13a Then was Daniel brought in before the king.

17 Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation.

22 And thou his son, (of Nebuchadnezzar) O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this; (that happened to Nebuchadnezzar).

23 But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of this house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy

concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:

24 Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written.

25 And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

26 This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.

27 TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.

28 PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

Memory Verse: All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the Lord weigheth the spirits. Prov. 16:2

Questions:

1 What kind of feast did Belshazzar give?

2 What did the king want to drink wine in?

3 What gods did they praise?

4 What happened while they were doing these things?

5 Was the king frightened?

6 Could the king read the writing?

7 Who did the king send for to read the writing?

8 Did Daniel read to the king for a reward?

9 What did Daniel tell the king?

10 This is what Daniel said. "Thou hast-----up thyself against the-----of heaven."

11 What did the writing say?

12 What does it mean to be weighed in the balance and found wanting?

13 Who is weighing our words and actions everyday?

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Olive's Story

(Chapter 28)

I made up my mind to be very careful of the notes I had just taken. So I put them inside my dictionary and put the dictionary in a safe place in my cupboard. I felt sure that it would not happen again, and I thought no more of it till the next Monday evening, when I went to collect the books for the silence hour.

Then I found to my great astonishment that my notes were again missing!

Yes, my notes were lost; I hunted everywhere for them, but I could not find them. I turned over every leaf in my dictionary in vain; I asked every girl in the school if she had seen them, but no one could help me.

My heart was beating very fast as I went into Herr Liebstein's class, knowing that once more I should be in disgrace, and that Miss Maynard would be grieved with me and disappointed in me.

Of course I could not answer half the questions that were asked me, and Herr Liebstein said at the end of the lecture that he was very sorry that Miss Olive Stewart had become so inattentive, for he

had quite expected that she would win the second prize.

"What is the matter with you, Olive?" asked Miss Maynard.

"Please, ma'am, it is the notes," I said, bursting into tears. "I could not help it; they are lost again."

"When will you learn to be careful, Olive? Surely this will be a lesson to you!"

"If you please, ma'am," I said, through my tears, "I put them so very carefully away in my dictionary, and I have not opened it since."

"Oh, nonsense, Olive. If you really had put them there, you would have found them there; they cannot have run away! You must really be more thoughtful, and less careless, and above all, do not, my dear child, get into the habit of making excuses for a fault. It is a dangerous thing to make excuses, for we are often led to say what is not strictly true!"

Oh, how miserable I felt when she said this. My dear Miss Maynard evidently thought that I had not only been careless, but also that what I had told her was not true. I cried so much about it that it gave me a very bad headache; I could say none of my lessons correctly, and I was in disgrace all the day.

"What shall I do? What shall I do?" I kept saying over and over to myself. "How shall I show Miss Maynard that I have not been careless and untruthful?"

I went upstairs perplexed and troubled, and asking myself once more, What shall I do?

I went into the bedroom, and my eyes fell on my motto. "WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?"

There it stood out before me, in the midst of the wreath of blue forget-me-nots. What would Jesus do in my place? What as our Example did Jesus do when He was on earth?

I took up my Bible before I went to bed, and in the chapter which came in order for my evening reading, was the account of a great multitude coming to Jesus, and wanting to take Him by force, to make Him a King, and about His having to send them away. And then about the evening of that day of difficulties, and how He told His disciples to cross the lake

without Him, and then how He Himself went up the lonely mountain, and continued all night in prayer to God.

I felt sure that if Jesus had been in my place He would have told God His Father all about it, and would have turned His trouble into prayer.

I thought I would try to do it. So I knelt down and said:

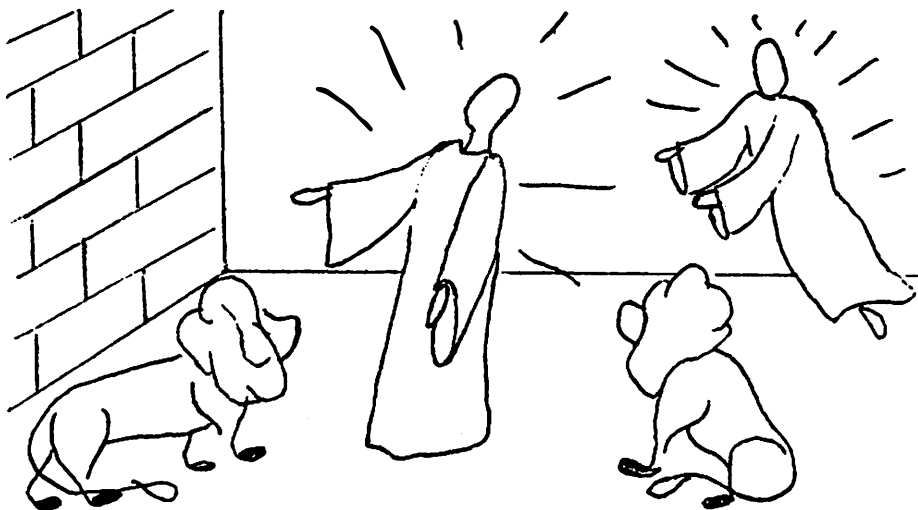
"O Lord, I do want Thy help very much. Please show Miss Maynard that I have not been careless and untruthful, and oh, do Thou help me always to come to Thee in every time of trouble, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen."

I felt happier when I had said this, and went to bed, and tried to feel that all would be right.

But all that week Miss Maynard was very grave and silent, and I felt in disgrace.

The girls were very kind to me, especially Alice Marshall, who told me that she was as much disappointed as I

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Angel shut Lions' mouths.

was, for she had always wanted me to get the prize. Her indignation was very great when the following Monday evening my notes were again missing!

(To be continued)

When you do something about three times, it almost becomes a habit. Form good habits.

Dear Boys and Girls:

We studied about the big image that Nebuchadnezzar saw, which had the head of gold and the arms and breast of silver. We studied that the head of gold was the Babylonian kingdom, and the breast and arms of silver were the Medes and Persians. In our last Sunday's lesson, we learned that the Medes and Persians came in under the wall of the city of Babylon and took the kingdom. Now the Medes and Persians were ruling. The new king's name was Darius. He valued Daniel's wisdom; and when he divided up his kingdom into 120 provinces (states), he put a prince over each one. He then put three presidents over the 120 princes. Daniel was the chief of the three presidents. The 120 princes reported to Daniel and the other two presidents. Now we know that Daniel was a Jew, a captive, a foreigner, and a man of a different religion than the others. This caused them to be jealous of Daniel. They tried to find fault with him. Our lesson tells about how careful he was to please the king and keep order. So the only way they could trap him was to have the king make a decree which was in direct disobedience to the God of Daniel. They knew that Daniel was careful to obey the laws of the God of the universe. Our lesson tells about the plan and how the king fell for it. No doubt the king was flattered. He never thought about how it would affect Daniel. So Daniel was put on the spot. Did he quit praying? No, not Daniel. Daniel prayed three times

a day. He continued to pray. His enemies found him praying and hurried to tell the king. The king was surprised. Now he knew why the princes and presidents wanted the decree. But they held him to his decree, although he tried to get out of it. Daniel was put in the lion's den. The king could not sleep. He did not call for music to help him; but, no doubt, walked the floor. Early the next morning, he went to the lion's den and called for Daniel. God had sent an angel and closed the mouth of the lions, and he was alive. Daniel was brought out. The men who had put him in were thrown into the lion's den. Before they could hit the bottom, the lions broke their bones. The king made another decree. He said that men should tremble before the God of Daniel, and that God's kingdom was never to be destroyed. Boys and girls, it pays to serve the Lord. God will take care of you as he took care of Daniel in the lion's den. We must pray and serve Him. We must have faith in Him. He will help us in times of need.

- Aunt Marie

Lesson 6, August 11, 1974

FAITHFUL DANIEL DELIVERED

Dan. 6:3-5, 7, 9, 10, 14, 16, 19,
20-23, 26

Dan. 6:3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

4 Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.

5 Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel,

except we find it against him concerning the law of his God.

7 (They said to the king) All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.

9 Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree.

10 Now then Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

14 Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him.

16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.

20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

21 Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.

22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him in-

nocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

23 Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

26 (King made a new decree) I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end.

Memory verse: We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. 1 John 5:18

Questions:

1 Why was Daniel preferred above the other presidents and princes?

2 Were the others jealous of Daniel?

3 Could they find anything wrong with Daniel?

4 What did they decide to do?

5 What was the law the king signed?

6 Did Daniel stop praying because it was against the king's law?

7 Did Daniel sneak around to pray?

8 Did the king want Daniel to be thrown to the lions?

9 Did the king try to deliver Daniel from the lions?

10 What did the king tell Daniel, when Daniel was thrown to the lions?

11 Could the king rest that night?

12 Where did the king go early in the morning?

13 How did God protect Daniel from the lions?

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Part Seven

Aug. 18

Olive's Story

(Chapter 29)

Alice could hardly keep silent during the silent hour, so anxious was she to speak to me, when she saw the trouble I was in.

When we rose from our seats she drew me to the other side of the room and whispered:

"Olive, someone must have taken your notes away; I am sure of it!"

I really could not help being afraid that she was right, for I had put them away so carefully that it was impossible that I could have lost them. But who could have done such a cruel thing? I could not imagine.

Flora was very anxious to help me to find my notes that night, which I thought was very kind of her, as she was so anxious to get the prize herself. She and I turned out all the things in the closet, but it was of no use, for the notes were not there.

I dreaded the next day very much, for I was afraid Miss Maynard would be angry with me. But, to my surprise, she said nothing about it while the lecture was going on, though she looked very grave the whole

time. When it was over, she told us to dress for a walk. It happened to be the last in the schoolroom, for I waited behind the others to put my notes once more safely away.

Miss Maynard came up to me as I was kneeling down by the cupboard, and laid her hand on my shoulder.

"Is that where you put your notes last week, Olive," she said.

"Yes, Miss Maynard," I said. "I put them just in that place."

"And were they lost again, Olive?"

"Yes, ma'am," I said, sorrowfully; "we could not find them anywhere. Flora helped me to look, but they were not here." Miss Maynard said no more, but went out of the room.

I felt very unhappy when we were walking out, for I did not know what to do, or how to find out what had become of my notes. I had lost all hope of winning the prize, but I did not mind that now, though it had been a great trouble to me at first. What made me most unhappy was that Miss Maynard was displeased with me, and thought me disobedient and careless.

There are some beautiful downs about half a mile from Marlborough Place, and we generally walk there in fine weather

when the grass is dry. The air is very fresh and sweet, and the pretty green hills, covered with hawthorn bushes, look bright and pretty at any time of the year, but I think they are most lovely in spring, when the bushes are as white as snow with May blossoms, and the larks are singing in the blue sky overhead. We always walk "two and two" through the town, but when we get to the downs, Mademoiselle lets us wander about amongst the bushes as we like.

On the day of which I am writing, I left the other girls gathering large bunches of blue hyacinths, and went wandering on by myself. I did not feel disposed to talk, for I was in very low spirits. It almost seemed as if I was to get no answer to my prayer.

I found myself, after a few minutes, wandering on the side of the downs near the river, and I looked down over the rocks to the stream below.

I thought I was quite alone as I stood there looking and thinking, but to my surprise I heard voices close beside me.

And on the other side of the rock on which I was leaning, I saw, sitting on the grass, a lady and a little girl.

The little girl was sitting on a stone with her lap full of hawthorn, wild hyacinths and wood anemones, which she was making into a bunch to carry home with her. The lady was sitting beside her, reading a letter.

The little girl was very pretty. She had long fair hair hanging over her shoulders, and beautiful dark blue eyes. I could see the child's face quite well, but the lady had her back turned to me.

(To be continued)

"Honor thy father and mother."

"Children obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right." Eph. 6:1.

Busy, Busy Ants

God says some very important things about ants. But there are only two places in the Bible where we read about ants.

Here they are: "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest" (Proverbs 6:6-8).

And: "The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer" (Proverbs 30:25).

Boys and girls do not have to wait for summertime to prepare their hearts to receive Jesus. As soon as they hear Him say, "Come unto Me," they can come to Jesus.

Ask Him right now to come into your heart and forgive your sins. He will do this and make you God's child.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Burn bad books.

"Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul." Prov. 29:17

Dear Boys and Girls:

You will notice that your letters are being signed by "Aunt Thelma." She is Sister Thelma Sprague. She is helping me write some of the lessons, for which I am thankful. I have been really busy and needed some help. This is the first time in almost twenty-five years that I have had someone else write the letters to you. I am sure you will enjoy Sister Thelma Sprague's writings. She has children and grandchildren, so she knows about your problems. I still love you and want you to always love Jesus.

We also appreciate Sharon Beisly drawing the lesson illustrations for us, and others who get it printed and sent out.

— Aunt Marie (Sister A. Marie Miles)

Dear Boys and Girls:

We are living at a time when we are being presented with many evils that God's Word warns us against. The Bible tells us not to believe every spirit because many false prophets (preachers) have gone out into the world. There are so many different kinds of religions filling the world. We want to be careful to obey God's Word and take heed to what it tells us; otherwise, we might be taken in by these false spirits.

I am thinking especially about the devil-worship, the fortune-telling, and the witchcraft, that is going on. Do you know that there are witches-**REAL ONES**? Not the halloween kind—these real witches can often be attractive young men and women.

We hear a lot about astrology. Do you know what that is? It is the foretelling of future events based on the supposed influence of the stars on human conduct.

You've heard about horoscopes, haven't you? So many read their horoscopes everyday to see if they're going to have good luck or bad. Some are so superstitious that they are afraid to do the things they are warned against in their horoscope.

We know God put the stars and the moon in the sky for times and seasons, and for giving light. Stars have helped sailors keep their direction upon the vast seas long before compasses and other instruments were made. The stars cannot influence our lives, but the devil can! Or God can! We have to choose whom we are going to follow and what we are going to do—bad or good. The stars have nothing to do with sin or righteousness. God doesn't want us to worship them.

God's Word condemns fortune-telling, charmers (anyone who casts a spell over you), mediums (who supposedly talk for the dead), observers of times (astrologers), enchanters (magicians or hypnotists), and witches. A necromancer is one who brings up the spirits of the dead for the purpose of revealing future events. The Bible says those things are an abomination (a detestable thing) to the Lord. God isn't pleased when people do these things. We are liable to lay ourselves open to the devil, so he can deceive us and take possession of us and cause our souls to be forever lost, if we do these things.

Sometimes at parties, they use the "ouiga board", thinking it is only a game. Boys and girls, stay away from such things and have nothing to do with them. They might be the means of the devil entering into your body, and you would be like the man in our lesson who had the evil spirit. It is a terrible thing to be possessed of evil spirits. There are lots of people in insane asylums because they are possessed by devils.

God can guide you in your life and help you to do the right things. He will

bring good to you if you will trust in Him and pray and ask Him to help you. It is safe to trust in God. — Aunt Thelma

Lesson 7, August 18, 1974

BOOKS OF MAGIC BURNED

Acts 19:11-20; Deut. 18:10-12

Acts 19:11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.

15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

17 And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds.

19 Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

20 So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

Deut. 18:10 There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch,

11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

12 For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

Memory verse: Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 1 John 4:1

Questions:

1 What were some of the miracles Paul did?

2 Do you know what an exorcist is?

3 What did the evil spirit say when the exorcists tried to cast them out?

4 Then what happened to the men?

5 Did people hear about this happening?

6 Did it cause the fear of the Lord in the hearts of the people?

7 What did those that believed do?

8 Those who used curious arts brought their———together and —— them.

9 How many thousands of pieces of silver were the books worth?

10 What do you think that verse 20 means?

11 Can you tell the meaning of these words; "observer of times", "wizard", "necromancer?"

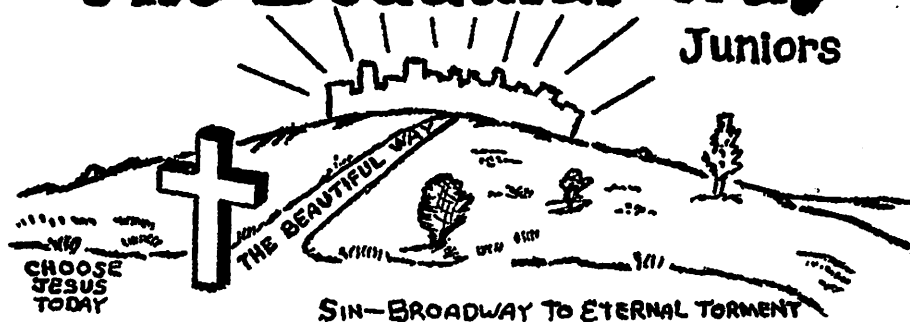
12 What is an abomination to God?

13 What does our memory verse warn us about?

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Olive's Story

(Chapter 30)

Presently she began to read aloud. I was going to turn away, for mother has often told me it is very wrong to listen to any conversation that we are not intended to hear; but before I could move, I heard that she was reading a verse of a hymn, so I thought there could be no harm in my hearing that before I left the place. The first two lines caught my attention. I thought God must have brought me there to hear them.

He will not always tell thee how

He means to grant thy prayer,

He whispers, "Leave it all to Me,
Roll upon Me thy care";

Lord, I obey, and calmly rest

Till Thou shalt order as is best.

"What a nice verse, mother!" said the little girl. "Is that in father's letter?"

"Yes, darling," said the lady.

I was moving away, when the lady, hearing my steps, turned round, and, for the first time, I saw her face.

Then I stood still for a minute, for I felt sure that I had seen her before, and I felt sure too that she knew me. Where had I seen that kind face, and heard that pleasant voice? I had only to consider for a moment, and then all at once it came into my mind. It was the lady I had seen at the railway station when I arrived at Clinton, and who had been so very kind to me when I was feeling lonely and desolate. I think she remembered where she had seen me at the very same time, for she said as she got up to speak to me:

"We have met before, I think; have we not?"

I told her I could never thank her enough for her kindness to me that night. She was very anxious to hear how I got on after I left her; and I told her that Miss Maynard was not in bed when I arrived. She was so pleased, and said she had thought of me, and had wished afterwards that she had gone with me herself, and that she had asked God to take care of me and help me.

I thanked her again, and was going away, when she called me back and asked me if we were ever allowed to spend the day with any friends we might have in Clinton. I told her that the last Saturday in every month was a whole holiday, and

that then we might go out, if we were invited to do so.

"I wonder if Miss Maynard would allow you to come to me some Saturday," she said. "If you will give me her address I will call on her."

She wrote Miss Maynard's address on the back of the letter, and then I told her I must go to Mademoiselle, as she would be expecting me.

But I went away from the rock much happier than I had come there. I felt sure now that God would hear my prayer, and would show Miss Maynard that I had not been untruthful or careless.

When we got back to the house we went upstairs at once to prepare for dinner. I met Miss Maynard on one of the landings, and she looked so white and ill, that I was quite frightened, and I even once thought of stopping her, and asking her what was the matter. But somehow I could not get the words out, and she passed quickly by me.

"Did you see Miss Maynard, Maria?" I said, as we brushing our hair.

"Yes," said Maria, "she looked very bad. What can be the matter with her? Some one must be dead, I think."

A few minutes afterwards the dinner bell rang, and we all went down-stairs. Miss Maynard was not at the table, but she sent a message by the servant to Mademoiselle, asking her to take her place. Flora was also absent, but she had a very bad cold, and had not been out with us; so we were not much surprised that her dinner was sent upstairs to her.

We were all very quiet that day at dinner, no one was inclined to speak; we all felt something must have happened, and none of us had the least idea what it was.

We had our drawing lesson that afternoon. Mr. Curtis the drawing master came as usual, but Miss Maynard never appeared in the schoolroom. We missed her very much, for she generally sits beside

us with her work, and every now and then she comes round to see how we are getting on, and to give us kind encouraging words when she thinks we are improving.

It seemed a long afternoon, and we were very glad when it was over.

"Is anything the matter, Mademoiselle?" said Alice Marshall, as we sat round the fire. "Is Miss Maynard ill?"

"That is impossible for me to say, my dear!" said Mademoiselle, mysteriously. "It seems something has happened, but Miss Maynard does not tell me what it is. Well, well! We shall see! We shall see!"

That evening, when the others were learning their lessons, Miss Maynard called me into her sitting-room.

Oh, how fast my heart beat! What could be the matter? It was evidently something in which I was specially interested. A dreadful, terrible thought came into my mind. Could mother be dead? Had Miss Maynard received a telegram whilst we were out to ask her to tell me this?

The more I thought of it, the more I felt sure that this must be what was wrong. "Miss Maynard has dreaded telling me, I said to myself, as I followed her down-stairs, "and that has made her look so ill. Oh, mother! mother! mother!"

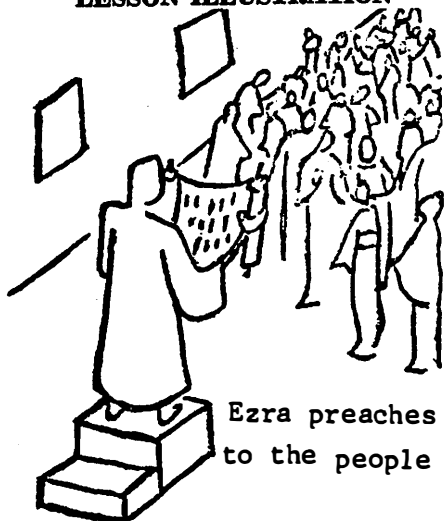
It may seem very strange, but still it is quite true, that, in the few moments which passed between my leaving the school room and reaching Miss Maynard's room, all these thoughts passed through my mind, and I felt what a sad and desolate world this would be to me without mother's love. I even remembered a day when we were staying at Ravenscliffe, and when I had spoken crossly to mother, and she had said to me so sadly, yet so gently, "Oh, Olive! Olive!" And now I thought I should never be able to forgive myself for having ever said or done anything that mother did not like.

Miss Maynard waited for me at the door, and took hold of my hand to lead me

into the room. The more kind she was to me, the more miserable it made me feel, for it made me feel still more sure that she had bad news to give me.

(To be continued)

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Ezra preaches
to the people

Dear Boys and Girls:

Our lesson is about some people who wanted to hear God's Law. Oh, they were so eager and hungry to hear it, for they had not had God's law read for many years. If our Bibles were taken from us, don't you believe we would want to read them very much? God's Word tells us about Jesus and how he died to save us, and it tells us what we must do to go to heaven. There is no other book in the world like it. It is the best book there is. It is the MOST IMPORTANT book there is! We couldn't know how to be saved without it. If we will read it, and obey it, we can be happy people, and God will be with us to help us, day and night. It is important to have God on our side, isn't it? For without God to help us, the devil will destroy all the good out of our lives.

In verse 3, it tells that the people listened with good attention. They wanted to HEAR what the book said.

I like the 5th verse because, when the book was opened, all the people stood up. That shows respect and honor.

In the 6th verse, the people bowed and worshipped God. Oh, they were so happy to be able to hear God's Law again.

Notice verse 8. Ezra read distinctly, so all could hear. And gave the sense. That means that he explained it so the people could understand.

Then something strange happened. All the people began to weep. They cried because they had not been keeping God's Law. Ezra and Nehemiah urged the people to rejoice and be glad because they had God's book again. Then the people were glad. For a long time, they had been captives. Now, they were free to obey God's Law. We should be glad we live in a free country where we can obey the Bible, too.

I like the thought especially in our part of the lesson found in 2 Tim. 3:15. Timothy had learned scripture when he was a child. It is easy to memorize when you are young; and if you do, God's Word will be with you to help you when you need it.

The Holy Scriptures are able to make thee wise unto salvation. Nothing else can show you how to be saved. Learn to love the Word of God and find comfort in its pages. It will guide you right.

— Aunt Thelma

Lesson 8, August 25, 1974

EZRA READS AND EXPLAINS THE LAW

Neh. 8:1-4a, 5, 6, 8-12; 2 Tim. 3:15, 16

Nehemiah 8:1 And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into

the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded to Israel.

2 And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month.

3 And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law.

4a And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose;

5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up:

6 And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

8 So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.

9 And Nehemiah, which is the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto the Lord your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law.

10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and

send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

11 So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day is holy; neither be ye grieved.

12 And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.

2 Timothy 3:15 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.

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

Memory verse: Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Psalms 119:11

Questions:

- 1 What book did the people want to hear?
- 2 Who brought the book?
- 3 How long did Ezra read in the book?
- 4 Did the people listen?
- 5 What did Ezra stand upon?
- 6 What did the people do when Ezra opened the book?
- 7 What did the people say when Ezra blessed God?
- 8 What else did they do?
- 9 Did the people understand the reading?
- 10 What did the people do when they heard the words of the law?
- 11 Why were they told not to weep?
- 12 What can make us wise unto salvation (teach us now to be saved)?
- 13 What did God give the scriptures for?

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Sept. 1

Olive's Story

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"I have found your notes, Olive!" said Miss Maynard, when she had closed the door.

The relief was so great that I burst into tears. "Oh, Miss Maynard," I said, "I thought mother must be dead!"

"Poor child!" she said. "I had no idea that such a thought would come into your mind. What made you think so?"

"You looked so troubled, Miss Maynard," I answered; "and then you called for me."

"And you thought I must have bad news to give you. I see," she said. "No, dear; it is no bad news—at least not for you. Look here!"

She took from her pocket a piece of paper and laid it before me. Yes, it was indeed my missing notes! The paper was crushed and crumpled and one corner of it was burnt.

"Where did you find it, please Miss Maynard?" I said, as soon as I could speak.

"I caught it out of the fire, just as it was being burnt," she said sadly. "Can you guess the rest, Olive?"

"No, ma'am," I answered, looking up in her face, for I was very much surprised indeed.

She looked more sorrowful and full of trouble than I had ever seen her look before.

"Cannot you guess who put your notes in the fire?"

I did not like to speak the thought which flashed into my mind at that moment.

So she answered for me: "Olive, it was Flora Morton. I came into the room just as she was doing it. She did not hear my step, and I was able to get behind her, and to snatch the paper out of the fire. Oh, Olive, is it not sad?" said Miss Maynard.

I did not speak, so she went on: "It seems Flora has been very anxious indeed to win a prize this term. Her father has promised her that if she takes home a prize at Mid-summer, he will reward her by taking her abroad, for a tour on the Continent. She quite hoped to be able to win the second science prize, but when you had more marks than she had for two weeks she thought her chance of the prize was gone, and a dreadful temptation came over her to destroy your notes, and thus to make sure of being before you again. Poor Flora, she does not love prayer, and she never asked for God's help to withstand this wicked temptation, and so she fell."

I felt very angry indeed with Flora Morton. What a bad, mean, wicked thing she had done! I thought I could never forgive her!

I did not speak, but I think Miss Maynard guessed my thoughts, for she went on to say:

"I do not wonder that you feel it, Olive, dear. You have been very badly treated, and much wronged. I can make no excuse for Flora; she has been guilty of a great sin both against God and against you. The discovery of it has been a terrible trouble to me, Olive. I feel very deeply grieved. I could never have thought Flora would have been guilty of such a disgraceful action. And yet, Olive," Miss Maynard went on, "badly as she has behaved to you, my dear child, you must pray for grace to forgive her. I was very much struck by the beautiful motto you have pinned over your bed: 'What would Jesus do?' Ask yourself that question, dear, and I am sure you will feel more grieved for poor Flora's sin against God, than angry with her for her behavior to yourself. 'Father, forgive them!' Do you remember that prayer, Olive and how they had treated Him then?"

"Yes, Miss Maynard," I said, "I will try to 'follow His steps;' mother said I was always to do that."

"And following His steps you cannot go wrong, dear child," she said, kissing me. "But now about Flora. I shall be obliged to send her away."

"Send her away, ma'am!" I repeated.

"Yes," said Miss Maynard. "I must not pass over such a dreadful thing as this. I must tell her tomorrow, before the whole school, that she must leave immediately."

"Oh, how dreadful for her," I exclaimed.

"Yes; but it is only right and just that she should be punished for her fault, and it would be very wrong for me to give any small punishment for such a grave offence as this."

As Miss Maynard spoke, a wicked thought came into my mind. I thought what a good thing it was Flora was going away, for now I should be able to win several prizes, and it would be so nice to take them home with me at Midsummer. But I was ashamed of that thought the next moment.

"Oh, Miss Maynard," I said, "don't send Flora away. Please try her again. I am sure she will never forget it, and will be very careful not to do anything like it again."

"I do not know what to do, Olive," said Miss Maynard, in a very troubled voice. "I want to do what is right, and I feel that Flora deserves to be expelled, and yet I am very unwilling to send her home. She has no mother, poor girl, and her father is a very worldly man, and her remaining here seems her only chance of being led to think of her soul and of eternity. I do not know what to do; I hope God will give me wisdom to decide rightly!" (To be continued)

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Children have
guarding angel.

"I love you, mother." little Eva said as she hugged mother really big.

"Mother loves you too, my darling."

"What can I do for you?" she asked.

"You can pick up your toys now, and put them in the toy box. Daddy will soon be home and we want the house to look nice."

Little Eva got down off of her Mother's lap and picked up all of her toys. When she finished, her mother gave her a piece of an apple.

"You not only tell mother you love her, but you prove it by doing as I ask you."

— M. Miles

Dear Boys and Girls:

Our lesson is about angels. Daniel saw an angel after he had been fasting and praying for three weeks. Daniel was burdened and concerned about what would happen to his people in time to come. The angel came to show him what would happen in the latter days. God sent angels at different times to reveal future events that would befall the children of God.

The angel who stood before Daniel was so glorious that Daniel was struck dumb, and could not speak until another angel came and touched his lips. The angel strengthened Daniel. I believe God's angel strengthens us to do what is right many times. I think it is so wonderful that Daniel was called 'a man greatly beloved', and told that his prayer had been heard from the very beginning. If we truly live for God, God will always hear our prayers, too.

The Bible teaches us that each child has a guardian angel. Have you ever seen the picture of the little boy and girl crossing the old rickety bridge, over a very deep chasm? Behind them is their guardian angel, with its wings out-stretched,

and its hands held out to protect the little boy and girl from falling into the deep chasm. Of course, that is just a picture someone drew; but it expresses the thought that God's angels watch over his little ones. Perhaps you and I have been kept safe from danger many times when we did not even know God's angel was guarding us. As long as we are trying to do right, I am sure God's angel will protect us. Is it not comforting to know someone watches over us day and night? Many times when we pray before going to sleep, we have asked God to set his angel at our doors to protect us. When you pray, you could thank God for your guardian angel. Ask God to help you to be obedient and to do right, so his angel will stay with you. Isn't it comforting to know that we have someone to guard us?

Most of us will never see an angel in this life; but if we live for God, when we die, the angels will carry us to Jesus, as they carried the beggar when he died. Be faithful to pray every day and ask God to help you to want to live right. There is so much sin all around us that we need God's help at all times. — Aunt Thelma

Lesson 9, September 1, 1974

THE HEAVENLY MESSENGERS

Dan. 10:4-6, 12, 14-19; Heb. 1:7, 14; Zech. 3:1, 2; Matt. 18:10; Lk. 16:22a

Dan. 10:4 And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel;

5 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz:

6 His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of light-

ning; and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.

15 And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb.

16 And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength.

17 For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me.

18 Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me,

19 And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.

Heb. 1:7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Zech. 3:1 And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel

of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

2 And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

Matt. 18:10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

Luke 16:22a And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom:

Memory Verse: The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. Psal. 34:7

Questions:

1 What did Daniel see when he was by the river Hiddekel?

2 Can you describe this angel?

3 Why did the angel come? (verse 12)

4 Did the angel tell Daniel not to be afraid?

5 What happened to Daniel in verse 15?

6 Could he speak?

7 Who touched Daniel's lips?

8 Who strengthened Daniel?

9 Wouldn't it be wonderful to be called 'a man greatly beloved' by an angel?

10 Fill in the words. Heb. 1:7. Who maketh his angels -----, and his ministers a flame of -----.

11 Who are the angels sent to minister for? (ver. 14)

12 Whose angels are in heaven beholding the face of God? (Matt. 18:10)

13 Who carried the beggar to Abraham's bosom?

14 What does our Memory Verse tell us? Do you fear (honor) God?

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Sept. 8

Olive's Story

(Chapter 32)

"Oh, do let her stay, please, Miss Maynard," I pleaded. "Please do let her stay."

Miss Maynard was silent for some minutes, and sat looking into the fire deep in thought.

At last she said, "Olive, if I let Flora stay it must be for your sake, and because you have asked me. She has sinned against you, and you have suffered a great deal in consequence of her cruel conduct. You have been unjustly blamed, and reprov'd, besides having the disappointment of losing your place in the class. As a favor to you, if you like to ask it, perhaps I might be able to let Flora have an opportunity of earning for herself a good character."

"I do ask it, Miss Maynard," I said. "I shall be so very grateful if you will let her stay!"

"Very well, dear," she said, kissing me several times, "you have indeed acted out your motto. Now, you may go upstairs, and tell Flora what I have determined; she is already packing her clothes, and expects to leave Clinton tomorrow. I wish

you particularly to tell her, Olive," she added, as I was leaving the room, "that I have changed my mind simply because you have asked me to do so."

I went upstairs, and found Flora sitting on the floor of her room, before a half-packed box, her eyes swollen with crying, and a look of utter wretchedness on her face. She turned away when she saw me, and began to cry again. I went up to her, and put my arms round her neck.

But Flora drew herself away. "Oh, Olive, you don't know about it," she said; "you would not kiss me if you did. I thought Miss Maynard would have told you."

"Yes, she has told me, Flora," I answered, "and she has sent me to tell you that you need not pack any more, for you are not going away."

She turned round, and looked at me in astonishment.

"Not going away. Oh, Olive, can it be true?"

"Yes, it is quite true," I said, "and Miss Maynard wished me to tell you that she had forgiven you, because I asked her to do so."

"Oh, Olive, how could you?" said Flora. "If I had been you I could never have done such a thing. Oh, Olive, how good of you."

I have not time to write all she said, but I know that she was very grateful. And like a different girl. She was very much humbled and ashamed when she came amongst the girls again, and they have never waited on her or spoilt her since. I do not think she would have let them do so. And I also know that I have not a warmer friend in the whole school, or one who is more ready to do anything and everything she can to please me, than Flora Morton.

Mrs. D'Aubrey, the kind lady whom I had seen on the downs, did not forget her promise to call on Miss Maynard. After she had gone, Miss Maynard told me that, although she had never seen Mrs. D'Aubrey before, she had often heard of her, and knew her to be a real Christian, and one who was always ready to help in any good work. Miss Maynard said she had given leave for me to spend the next monthly holiday at Mrs. D'Aubrey's house, for she felt sure it was just the place at which mother would like me to visit.

Oh, how much I looked forward to that Saturday! It would be so pleasant, I thought, to be away from school for a whole day, and to take a walk without having to walk in line, or to speak French.

At last the day came! It was a bright, sunny morning at the end of May. I woke as soon as it was light, and lay awake, listening to the blackbirds and thrushes singing in the trees close to the house, and wondering where Mrs. D'Aubrey lived, and how we should spend the day. I was very glad when the bell rang for us to get up, and still more glad when breakfast was over, and Miss Maynard told me to go upstairs and get ready to go out.

Whilst I was putting on my hat, Alice Marshall came to tell me to be quick, for Mrs. D'Aubrey had come for me.

As I passed the schoolroom door, on my way down-stairs, I heard Mademoiselle's voice, "Olive Stewart, are you going out today? Oh, you are. Will you

have the goodness to drop this letter in the postoffice for me?"

I told her I should be very glad to do so, and put the letter in my pocket. Then I went downstairs, and Mrs. D'Aubrey and I set out together.

Oh, what a happy day that was! We went first through the town, on our way to Mrs. D'Aubrey's house. She had some shopping to do, and she took me into a bookseller's shop to see a beautiful picture which was being exhibited there.

Then we came to her house. It is such a pretty place. It stands some way from the road, in a small park, and all round the house are different colored rhododendrons, crimson, pink, lilac, and cream-colored. These were all in full bloom, and looked very lovely.

Mrs. D'Aubrey's little girl is just seven years old; her name is Christabel. She is the only child, and Mr. D'Aubrey is away now for some time; he has gone to Egypt and Palestine.

I had biscuit and a glass of milk when I arrived, and then little Christabel took me all round the garden and the park: and we paid a visit to her favorite pony, and to the cows and calves, and chickens, and ducks, and turkeys and geese, and guinea-pigs.

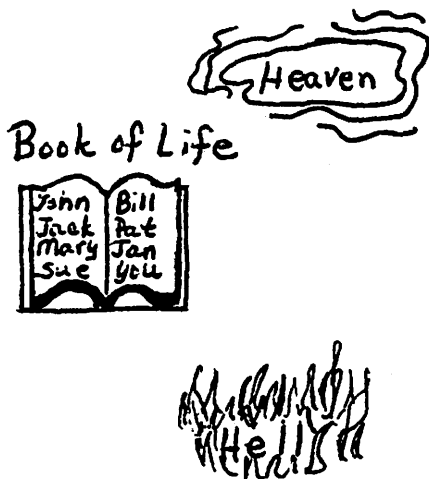
Then we had dinner, and after dinner the pony-carriage came to the door, and Mrs. D'Aubrey took me on a most beautiful drive on the other side of the river, through woods blue with wild hyacinths, and lanes, the hedges of which were full of hawthorn and wild roses.

We came back for supper, and then I went into Mrs. D'Aubrey's room and sat on a low stool beside her, and she put her arm round me just as mother used to do, and talked to me just as mother used to talk, and before I left, she knelt down with me, and prayed that I might day by day become more like Jesus, and more fit to dwell with Him in His beautiful home above.

(To be continued)

Do something as soon as you finish reading this for your mother. If you can't do it right now, please do it soon. She is your best friend. She loves you.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

Moses had been up on the mountain a long time with God. There he had received commandments written upon tablets of stone. As he came down, he heard the noise of a celebration. When he drew near, he saw the golden calf and the people dancing before it. Oh! How could the people forget God so quickly and began to worship an idol? Moses was so angry that he dropped the tablets of stone and broke them into pieces. Then he took the golden calf, ground it into powder, strewed it upon the water, and made the people drink it. What a great sin they had committed!

The next day, Moses went before the Lord and prayed for the people. He asked

God to forgive them and said if he would not—blot his name out of God's book, also. God answered and said, "Whosoever hath sinned against me; him will I blot out of my book." That makes us to know that SIN will blot our name out of the Book of Life.

God revealed to Daniel some things that would happen in the end of time. He spoke of the resurrection and how souls would be raised up, some to everlasting life, (those whose names are written in the Book of Life), and the rest to everlasting shame and disgrace.

Our scripture in Revelation tells us about the great judgement, how we shall all be judged by the books (the Bible), and how if our name is not found written in the Book of Life, we will be cast into the lake of fire!

All little boys and girls are saved until they realize they have sinned. Then they must come to Jesus and ask him to please save them and to help them to live for him. If they really want to be saved with all their hearts, He will save them. Then their names are written in the Book of Life. As long as they serve and obey God, and do not sin, their names will remain in the Book of Life. All who sin, and do not repent of that sin, have their names blotted out of the Book of Life. I hope that you will want to love and serve God. It is good to be a Christian, (a follower of Christ.) — Aunt Thelma

Lesson 10, September 8, 1974

BOOK OF LIFE

Ex. 32:19, 20, 30-33; Dan. 12:1-3;
Rev. 20:11-13, 15

Exod. 32:19 And it came to pass, as soon as he (Moses) came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dan-

cing: and Moses' anger waxed hot and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.

20 And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strawed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it.

30 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the Lord; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin.

31 And Moses returned unto the Lord, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold.

32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.

33 And the Lord said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.

Dan. 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

Rev. 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great,

stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Memory Verse: Rejoice, because your names are written in heaven. Luke 10:20b

Questions:

1 What did Moses see when he came down off the Mount?

2 Was Moses angry?

3 What did he do with the tables of stone?

4 Who did God say he would blot out of His book (the Book of Life)?

5 Who did Daniel say would be delivered and raised to everlasting life?

6 What will we all be judged by in the last day? (Rev. 20:12)

7 Do you need to read your Bible so that you can know what God wants you to do?

8 Who was cast into the lake of fire? (Rev. 20:15)

9 Is it important to have our names written in the Book of Life?

10 Who can save you and write your name in God's Book of Life?

11 When must little boys and girls get saved?

12 Will Jesus save you if you come to Him and ask Him?

13 Do you want your name written in God's Book of Life?

14 What must you do to get it there?

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Sept. 15

Olive's Story

(Chapter 33)

Then it was time to go back to school, and, as I went into Christabel's room to get my hat, I remembered for the first time that I had not posted Mademoiselle's letter. I had been so pleased and excited when I set out with Mrs. D'Aubrey, that I had forgotten all about it. What would Mademoiselle say? What should I do?

"Shall we pass a post-office on our way back, Mrs. D'Aubrey?" I asked.

"Oh yes, several, dear," she said; "but I am afraid it is not of much use posting a letter now: the mail has gone."

"Oh dear, I am so sorry," I said. "I ought to have posted this letter this morning, and I quite forgot it."

"Well, perhaps we had better put it in the post now," said Mrs. D'Aubrey; "it is possible that there may be an early morning mail, and that it may get off then."

So the letter was posted, but I felt very uncomfortable about it. I was afraid Mademoiselle would be very much vexed and annoyed that I had forgotten it. I tried to comfort myself with the hope that the letter was of no great importance, and

that one post would not make so very much difference.

It was nine o'clock when I reached Marlborough Place, and the bread and butter and milk for our supper was on the table.

Mademoiselle and the girls were chatting together of the events of the day when I went in, and they asked me how I had enjoyed myself, and where I had been, and what I had seen. Mademoiselle did not mention the letter, and, though my conscience told me that I ought to confess to her that I had forgotten it in the morning, I said nothing. I was afraid of what she might say, and could not bring myself to do it.

However, as we were lighting our candles to go upstairs, she suddenly remembered it, and turning round, she said quickly.

"I hope you posted my letter, Olive Stewart?"

"Yes, Mademoiselle," I said, the color coming into my face, for I felt that it was only half the truth. And mother has often told me that half the truth is a lie. But again I was afraid.

"Because it is very important," Mademoiselle went on, "very important indeed! That is why I ask you."

I was going to speak; I meant to tell her the truth, but I waited a moment to think what I should say, and in that moment she was gone. She went downstairs to Miss Maynard's room, and I knew she would not come up again.

I felt very miserable. But I tried to argue with myself that the words I had said were true, quite true. I had posted the letter, I said to myself, and it would not have been true if I said that I had not posted it, and if only Mademoiselle had waited a minute, I would have told her all. Yet though I tried to persuade myself that there was no great harm in what I had said, I felt very uneasy and uncomfortable about it.

Then I went upstairs, and the first thing I saw as I opened my bedroom door was my motto, staring me in the face,—
“WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?”

“What would Jesus do?” What a re-proof the words were to me that night! Oh, how unlike Him I had been! His words were always true; He always spoke the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, for was He not the Truth itself? I had indeed lost sight of my Lord's footsteps, and had gone astray from the right path. How should I find my way back again? It is so easy to go wrong, and so hard to find our way back into the straight road.

I got into bed, but I could not sleep. I tossed about on my pillow, and my head was hot and aching. I had not been so unhappy for many months as I was that night. The other girls fell asleep directly. I listened to their quiet breathing, and oh, how I wished that I was like them, and had nothing on my mind to keep me awake. I felt that I had sinned against God, and grieved my best Friend. I could not expect Him to help me or to bless me now, while this sin was unconfessed and unforgiven.

At last I could bear it no longer. I jumped out of bed, and knelt down, and told God all about it, and asked Him to forgive

me. I thought of that text, “The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.” I prayed very earnestly that He would cleanse me in His precious blood, and take away the sin which was so much troubling me.

Then I rose from my knees, and waited for Mademoiselle to come upstairs. I felt that I could not go to sleep till I had confessed to her about the letter.

The clock had struck ten, so I thought she would come upstairs soon, to go to bed. She sleeps in a room on our landing, so I should be able to speak to her as she passed my door. I opened it a little way that I might hear her coming up, and then I sat down on my bed to wait and listen.

Oh, what a long time it seemed to me before she came. I heard the clock on the landing ticking in a very solemn voice, but that was the only sound to be heard in the house.

Then the clock struck half-past ten, and a few minutes afterwards, I heard the dining room door shut, and then there was a step on the stairs.

I knew it was Mademoiselle. I had been longing for her to come, and yet, now that she was so near, I trembled all over, and felt very much tempted to get into bed, and not to tell her of the letter until the next morning.

But again my motto helped me.

The Lord Jesus always did what was right, whatever the consequences might be.

With a prayer to Him for help I stole in my nightgown to the bedroom door.

I do not think Mademoiselle would have seen me if I had not spoken. She was going quickly across the landing to her own room, when I called to her.

“Mademoiselle, Mademoiselle, please stop!” I said.

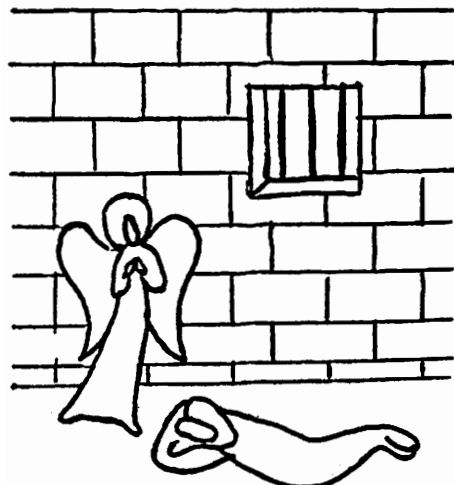
She started and turned round. “Who is it calls me? You, Olive Stewart? Why are you not asleep? Are you ill? What is the matter? What do you want with me?”

"Please, Mademoiselle," I began, and then I stopped, I felt so frightened.

"Well, be quick!" she said, impatiently. What is it? You will get your death of the cold, child, out on this landing. What do you want with me?"

"Please, Mademoiselle," I said, bursting into tears, "it is about your letter." (To be continued)

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Wake up, Peter!

Dear Boys and Girls:

A time of persecution had come to the church. James had been killed, then Herod the king had put Peter in prison, intending to kill him, too, as soon as possible. To make sure that Peter wouldn't escape, (you remember that an angel had delivered John and Peter from prison once before); the king ordered him kept chained between two soldiers, night and day, so he would have no chance to escape.

The night before Peter was to be killed, he was sleeping peacefully be-

tween the soldiers when an angel appeared and caused a light to shine in the prison. The angel awoke Peter and told him to rise up quickly, and the chains fell off his hands. The angel told Peter to put on his sandals and garment and follow him. Peter thought he was dreaming.

They passed through the other wards in the prison and came to the iron gate, which was shut, that led to the city. The gate opened for them, and they passed through. After they passed through one street, the angel left Peter. Then Peter knew the Lord had delivered him from Herod!

The church had been praying without stopping that God would spare Peter's life. Now, when he stood at the door of the house where they were gathered to pray, and knocked; the girl who answered didn't open the door with gladness, but ran and told the others Peter was there. They too, didn't believe it could be Peter, but thought it was his angel. At last they opened the door, and Peter told how the angel had delivered him.

Boys and girls, God is able to do anything! Iron bars and chains cannot stop Him. We are serving that same God today. Doesn't it make you happy to know we have such a mighty God? If we love God and keep his commandments, as our Memory verse tells us, God will deliver us from many evils that the devil would put upon us. If we are on God's side, we are on the right side.

— Aunt Thelma

Lesson 11, September 15, 1974

GOD DELIVERS PETER

Acts 12:5-19

Acts 12:5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

6 And when Herod would have brought

him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.

7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

8 And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.

9 And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.

10 When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

11 And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

12 And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.

13 And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda.

14 And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told now Peter stood before the gate.

15 And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his

angel.

16 But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened the door, and saw him, they were astonished.

17 But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go shew these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place.

18 Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter.

19 And when Herod had sought for him, and found him not, he examined the keepers, and commanded that they should be put to death. And he went down from Judea to Caesarea, and there abode.

Memory Verse: If ye love me, keep my commandments. John 14:15

Questions:

1 Why was Peter kept in prison?

2 How was he kept?

3 Was Peter lying awake worrying?

4 Who came and lifted Peter up?

5 What happened to the chains?

6 Did Peter realize what was happening?

7 Did the gates of the prison stop the angel and Peter?

8 When did Peter realize that he was not dreaming?

9 What had the church been doing?

10 Who answered the door at John Mark's house?

11 Did she open the door for Peter?

12 Did the church believe it was Peter at the door?

13 What did Peter do after he had told them how the angel had delivered him?

14 Did Herod try to find Peter?

15 What happened to the poor soldiers who had been keeping Peter?

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"My letter," she repeated in an angry voice, "and what about it, I should like to know? You never posted it I suppose. Well, I will never trust you any more! I will not. I am surprised you should be so careless, and then to tell me yourself you had posted it! I am altogether ashamed of you, Olive Stewart. Well, give me the letter; I will post it myself, in the morning."

"I have not got it, Mademoiselle," I said.

"You have lost it!" she exclaimed, before I could say any more. "Child, do not tell me you have lost it!"

"Oh no, Mademoiselle," I said, quickly, "it is quite safe; I forgot it this morning, but I posted it as I came home. Oh, Mademoiselle, I am so sorry."

"Well, well," she said, "it cannot be helped. I am glad it is not lost. But why did you keep awake to tell me, child?"

"Because I could not rest, Mademoiselle," I said, "I was so unhappy. I felt I had not told you what was true, and I could not have gone to sleep till I had confessed it to you."

"Well," she said, kindly, "we will say no more about it; you will be more careful next time. Get into bed now, and go to sleep."

I obeyed her with a very thankful heart. How wonderfully God had helped me! I knelt down, and thanked him before I got into bed, and then I fell asleep with a light heart.

I remember that it was the morning after that monthly holiday, that I got a nice long letter from Melville. He told me all about his school, and his schoolfriends, and the grand games they had, and about the examination which was getting near, and how he hoped not only to get a prize, but to get his removal into a higher form.

"I know mother will be pleased if I do," said Melville, "and she would be pleased if she knew that I often think of her motto, 'What would Jesus do?' And it has made me change my mind, lots of times, when I have been going to do something wrong. There was one of our fellows who wanted me to do something for him the other day. He is a jolly sort of fellow, and it was awfully hard work to tell him I couldn't do it. But I knew it would be wrong, and I told him so, and the motto made me stick to it. Don't you think mother would be glad of that?"

And then Melville told me that they have a motto text every year for the school. This motto card is hung up in every dormitory, and in all the classrooms, and the boys' studies, and in the masters' private rooms, too.

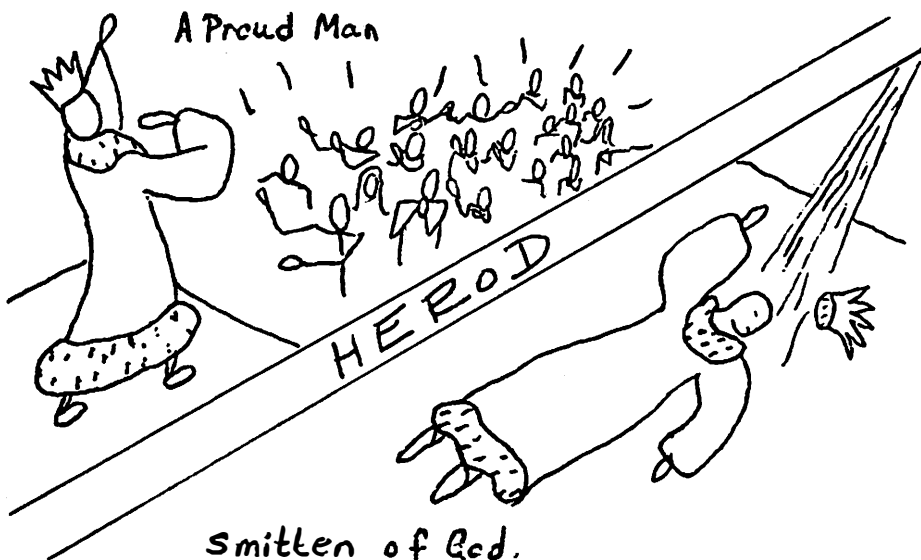
How anxiously we all looked forward to the examination, at the end of the term. Most of us worked so hard the last week, that we were seldom to be seen without a book in our hands; we allowed ourselves no time at all for amusement, and every night we carefully counted the days which must pass before the examination began.

And at last the day arrived, and a very exciting day it was. There were very few of us who could eat any breakfast that morning, and I felt cold and sick as I went into the schoolroom, to take my place at the table, and to wait for Miss Maynard's entrance with the examination papers. But I thought of a little rhyme mother had sent me in her last letter, because I had told her how much I feared I should not be first in anything.

"Do your best. Leave the rest," mother had said. And she told me that the Lord just requires His children to make every effort they can, to do their work well in His sight, and that then they must leave the result trustfully in His hands.

The examination lasted a whole week, and we were all very tired when it was over. No one talked of anything else the whole time. Little groups of girls used to be seen in the schoolroom in the evening, telling each other what questions they had answered wrong, and discussing who would be first in the various subjects, and in the different classes. There seemed no doubt in anyone's mind that Mary Conder would carry off nearly all the prizes in our class, and everyone said it seemed a great shame, for she never worked a bit and even this examination week, when we had all been so busy, she had found time to read a new story-book, and to amuse herself in several ways.

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We were not to hear the result of the examination till the Wednesday in the following week; there was to be a gathering then, in honor of the occasion. Miss Maynard invited all her friends, and she

allowed the girls to invite any of their friends who could come, to see the prizes given away. Miss Maynard allowed me to invite Mrs. D'Aubrey as my friend, and to my great joy she accepted the invitation.

We had no lessons at all on the Monday and Tuesday of that week, but spent both days in preparing for the grand entertainment. We decorated the two schoolrooms most beautifully with blue, and pink, and black, and silver, and gold paper, cut into different devices, and with wreaths of flowers, basketfuls of which we gathered in the woods across the river. There was a raised platform put up, at one end of the room, covered with crimson cloth, and here there were placed seats for all the visitors, and a small table, on which the prizes were to stand.

We were all very full of spirits when Wednesday morning came—all of us except poor Mary Conder. She had been caught in a very heavy shower the day before, as she was gathering flowers in the wood, and had come home wet through. Miss Maynard made her change her clothes at once, and hoped that she would be no worse for it; but in the middle of the night Mary was seized with a dreadful pain in her chest and side, she could not move at all, and could scarcely breathe. One of the girls in her room fetched Miss Maynard. Mary had to stay in bed for several days, and indeed, she could not have gotten up, for the pain caught her very violently whenever she moved.

Poor girl, it was very trying for her, for she heard us all running up and downstairs, and bustling about to get everything ready for the evening, and she had to lie still, and could not join in any of the fun.

It made her very cross and unhappy, and she would hardly speak to any of the girls who went into her room.

(To be continued)

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Hebrews 13:2.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Pride is one of the things that comes out of the hearts of men, and God's Word tells us that it defiles those that have it in their hearts. Our lesson tells us about a proud king, and what happened to him because he was so proud.

Herod was displeased with the cities of Tyre and Sidon. But these cities wished to make peace with king Herod. Tyre and Sidon were cities that were seaports, and they needed to trade with Herod's country. At last, Herod agreed to see the people, and he set a day when he would speak to them.

On the set day, Herod dressed in his royal robes and sat upon his throne. Oh, how proud he was! Then he gave a long, elaborate speech. He was so formal and dignified!

When Herod finished his speech, the people who wanted to make peace gave a great shout. Whether they really were impressed by Herod's manner, or whether they were just flattering him; we don't know. They wanted to win his favor. They gave such praise to him, saying, "It is the voice of a god, and not a man."

Herod swelled with pride and failed to give God any glory. Though he could speak well and had a good voice, God had given him those gifts. He should not have thought he was worthy of such praise.

The angel of the Lord smote Herod for his great wickedness, and he was eaten with worms and died. Wasn't that a horrible way to die? And all because he was so proud.

James tells us that the conflicts or hostile attitudes people have towards others come from the desires that pride brings. Did you ever have someone dislike you because you received something they didn't? That is what pride does.

All of us have had some of that pride that means conceit or haughty behavior. When God saves and sanctifies us, we are cleansed of this wrong kind of pride.

— Aunt Thelma

3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

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

8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

Memory Verse: That no flesh should glory in his presence. 1 Cor. 1:29

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GOD HATES PRIDE

Acts 12:20-23; James 4:1-3, 6-8, 10

Acts 12:20 And Herod was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Sidon: but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, desired peace; because their country was nourished by the king's country.

21 And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them.

22 And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man.

23 And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

James 4:1 From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?

2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

Questions:

1 What cities wanted to make peace with king Herod?

2 What did Herod do?

3 How was he dressed?

4 What kind of a speech did he make?

5 What did the people do after they heard the speech?

6 Did Herod like the praise they gave him?

7 Did it please God for Herod to be so proud?

8 Then what happened to Herod?

9 James tells us wars and fightings come from where? (James 4:1)

10 Read verse 3 and tell what you think it means.

11 Who does God resist? (ver. 6)

12 Who does God give more grace to? (same verse)

13 Do you know that grace means "unmerited favor"?

14 Do you want to have favor with God?

15 How can we not have this pride that God hates?

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Olive's Story

(Chapter 35)

As I was dressing, before going downstairs to await the arrival of the company, I thought a great deal about poor Mary, and how sad and desolate it would be for her to be in bed alone, all that long evening, and to hear the singing, and the clapping, and the laughing downstairs, and not to be able to join in it. I felt as if I ought to ask to stay with her, and try to make the time pass a little more pleasantly for her. And yet—and yet—oh, dear, it would be such a disappointment to me to be away from all the excitements of that pleasant evening; for after the prizes were given away, we were to spend the rest of the day in playing games, and in amusements of various kinds.

"Oh, no, I could not miss all that," I said to myself. "I had been looking forward to it for so long. And, after all Mary Conder was so disagreeable, that perhaps she would hardly thank me if I denied myself to stay with her. I did not think I was obliged to disappoint myself so much for her sake, for she had never been kind or obliging to me, or to anyone else."

But as I turned round to take my dress off the bed, my eye fell on the motto, What would Jesus do? and I thought Melville's school motto answered the question for me: Even Christ pleased not Himself. I had a hard struggle with myself, and then I determined to ask Miss Maynard to allow me to stay with Mary. She did not seem willing to consent at first, for she said she wanted me so much to enjoy myself that evening, because (she was kind enough to say) I had worked hard, and well deserved a treat. But when I told her I could not be happy if I remembered poor Mary lying in such pain in bed, she gave me leave to go upstairs to her as soon as the prizes were given away, and to stay with her for the rest of the evening. I thought I would go into Mary's room to tell her this as I went downstairs.

"What do you want?" she said, crossly, as I opened the door. "Why do you girls keep coming in and out? Can't you let me be quiet?"

"Mary," I said, "I thought you would be so lonely tonight, and I wanted to stop with you all the time; but Miss Maynard says I must be there when the prizes are given away, so I am coming upstairs directly after, and we will have such a nice time together."

"Oh, no, you must not do that, Olive," she said, in quite a different voice.

"Why not?" I asked.

"Oh, it is too good of you; I could not hear of it." But I gave her a kiss, and told her to look out for me at half-past seven. And then I went downstairs, and, to my great delight, my dear Mrs. D'Aubrey had arrived, and I had a pleasant little talk with her whilst the other visitors were assembling.

I felt so happy and light-hearted, because I had conquered myself, and tried to follow my Lord's footsteps. And if ever a selfish thought came into my mind, as the girls talked of the games and fun with which the evening's entertainment was to end, I said to myself my motto: What would Jesus do?

Mother will be very pleased when she receives a letter telling her of my good grades and the books that I have been given as awards for my achievements. Mary Conder received several awards. Flora only received one. She was so humble and quiet. I felt sorry for her. I could not help going up to her and giving her a kiss. "Thank you, Olive, darling," she said; "if it had not been for you, I should not be here today."

I ran up to see Mary since she was alone in her room. I thought of the motto over my bed.

"Oh, have you really come?" said Mary when I went in. "It is good of you, Olive." I read her a story. It was a very interesting story, and the time passed very quickly as we read it. We were quite surprised when we heard them going down to supper, and knew that it must be ten o'clock.

Miss Maynard sent us our supper upstairs, and I spread it on a little table by Mary's bed, and I ran down to the schoolroom for some flowers to put round the plates, and Mary said it was "the prettiest little setout she had ever seen!" as we were eating our supper, Mary asked: "What makes you so different from other people, Olive?"

"Oh, Mary," I said, laughing, "what do you mean? I am not different from other people."

"Yes, you are," she said. "No one but you would ever have thought of stopping with me tonight, and I have often noticed, Olive, that you have done things I never could do—right things, I mean. And sometimes, I wish I was like you. What makes you so different?"

"Oh, Mary, I am not different," I answered. "I am often tempted to be selfish. But mother gave me a question to hang up in my room: 'What would Jesus do?' and if ever I do anything right, I think it is because I ask myself that question, and try to act out the answer."

"I suppose it is," said Mary, thoughtfully. "I think I must illuminate a card like that, and hang it up in my room. But no, that would not do!" she went on. "There must be something more than that, Olive. I am afraid my just asking myself that question would never make me do the

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Shook snake
off—felt no harm.

right thing; it might tell me what I ought to do, but then, very likely, I should not be able to make up my mind to do it."

"Yes," I said, "I see what you mean. I do not think the motto would help you much, unless you really wanted to follow Christ's footsteps. Don't you think we must learn to love Him first, before we shall want to follow Him? Mother says Jesus has given us two commands: 'Come unto Me, and 'Follow Me,' and that it is no use trying to keep the second, till we have obeyed the first. It is of no use trying to follow His steps, till we have come to Him as our Saviour."

"I see," said Mary. "Please Olive, will—"

(To be continued)

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

Dear Boys and Girls:

Paul was being taken by ship to Rome as a prisoner. The ship was wrecked. The soldiers who were guarding the prisoners wanted to kill them all. They thought some of the prisoners might escape. The captain wanted Paul's life to be saved, so he told all the prisoners who could, to swim to shore. The others were to float to shore on boards. Everyone landed safely. God was taking care of Paul and all who were with him.

The people on the island were barbarians, but they treated Paul and the others kindly. They built a fire to warm the prisoners and dry their clothes. Paul helped by putting sticks on the fire. A viper (a poisonous snake) came out of the sticks and fastened itself on Paul's arm. Paul shook the snake off into the fire.

When the barbarians saw the viper bite Paul, they thought that Paul was a murderer and God was taking vengeance on him. Wasn't that a cruel thing to think?

When a person has trouble, it doesn't mean that person is a sinner.

The people watched to see Paul swell up and fall down dead. The bite didn't hurt Paul, because God protected him. Then the people thought Paul must be a god. They didn't know about the true God.

Paul and those with him stayed with the chief of the island. The chief's father was very sick. Paul prayed for God to heal him, and God did. All the other sick people on the island came to be healed.

The people were so thankful, that they honored Paul and all the rest, and gave them the things they needed when they were ready to leave.

Boys and girls, Paul was a prisoner because he was a Christian. Paul loved

God more than his own life. He was willing to die in defense of the gospel. God was with Paul, and caused the captain to love Paul so the soldiers would not get to kill him or those with him. God answered the prayers of Paul and healed the sick on the island. No doubt, many of them got saved. God used Paul to take the gospel to them.

Let us love God as much as Paul did, for then God will bless our lives and take care of us, too.

— Aunt Thelma

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PAUL, THE PRISONER

Acts 27:40-44; Acts 28:1-10

Acts 27:40 And when they had taken up the anchors, they committed themselves unto the sea, and loosed the rudder bands, and hoisted up the mainsail to the wind, and made toward shore.

41 And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and

the forepart stuck fast, and remained unmoveable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves.

42 And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out and escape.

43 But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land:

44 And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.

Acts 28:1 And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita.

2 And the barbarous people shewed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.

3 And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

4 And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.

5 And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.

6 Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: But after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

7 In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously.

8 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

9 So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:

10 Who also honoured us with many honours; and when we departed, they laded us with such things as were necessary.

Memory Verse: But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy. Acts 20:24

Questions:

1 What happened in the first two verses of our lesson?

2 What did the soldiers want to do to the prisoners?

3 Why didn't the centurion let the soldiers kill the prisoners?

4 How did he tell the prisoners to get to land?

5 Did they all land safely?

6 What was the name of the island where they landed?

7 How did the barbarians treat them?

8 What happened to Paul when he put a bundle of sticks on the fire?

9 Then what did the barbarians think about Paul?

10 What changed their minds?

11 Who gave them lodging for 3 days?

12 Who was sick of a fever and a bloody flux?

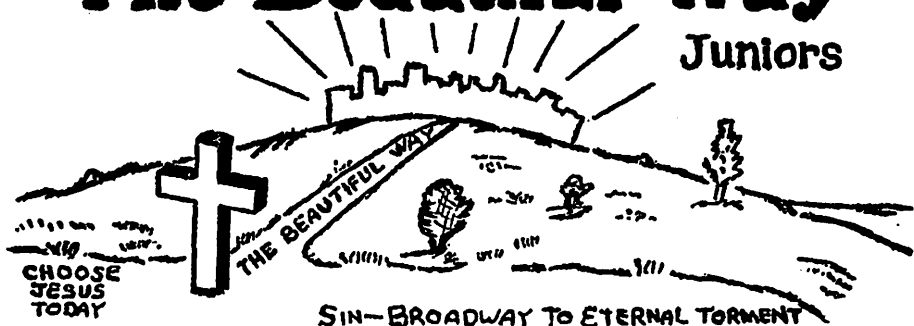
13 Did he get healed? How?

14 Were others healed also?

15 What did the people of this island do for Paul and the others when they left the island?

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Part One

Oct. 6

Olive's Story in Conclusion

I was turning out my drawers and closets last night as I was preparing to pack, when I came across this poor old book, stowed away in a corner, and covered with dust. It is the book mother gave me before she left home, in which I was to write my little school journal. I find I have not written a single word since the Midsummer holidays of my first year at school. The two years of which I wrote on the first page of my journal, and which I thought would never pass away, are now gone, and they seem to have passed away as quickly as a dream, just as mother told me they would do. Now I am packing up to go out to India, to father and mother, and I am nearly wild with joy at the thought of seeing them again.

How good God has been to me all the time I have been at school! That first half year, of which I wrote in this book, was my hardest time, but He helped me out of all my troubles, and, from that time, my school life was very bright and happy; everyone was so good to me, and they all

seemed to be determined to spoil me with kindness.

I see that my journal leaves off in the middle of a sentence, and what Mary asked me to do that night I cannot remember. Only I know that, from that time, we had many a long talk together about my school motto, and I had good reason to believe that, before very long, Mary Conder had obeyed both our Lord's commands; that she had come to Him to be saved from her sin, and that she was earnestly endeavoring to follow His steps.

And now my school days are done, and I am to begin quite a new stage of my life.

Oh, that I may never forget all the lessons God has been teaching me! Oh, that, by His grace, I may go out to India, determined to be a comfort to my father and mother, and to glorify God, and to serve Him with all my heart and with all my mind.

I have just finished my packing, and have wrapped my row of prizes carefully in paper, that mother may see them in all their beauty. But there is nothing I possess that I have packed more carefully nor with greater thankfulness and love, than my school motto, "WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?"

(The End)

A Deception

My mother related an incident to me while I was a child. This story made a deep impression upon my young heart. In Carroll County, Ohio, not far from where she was raised, there lived two families by the name of Long. The fathers were brothers. Two boys of the two families used to trap for mink and other fur-bearing animals during the winter season. As the fur of the mink at that time brought a good price, the boys were more anxious to catch mink than any other animal. One of the boys once found a mink in his cousin's trap. When he told his mother what he had seen, she said, "Go back, take the mink out of your cousin's trap, set the trap just as it was before, put the mink into your own trap, and tell your cousin that you have caught a mink; he will never know the difference."

The boy did as his mother advised, and the cousin never learned of the deception until many years later. The boy who had stolen the mink went from bad to worse until, during the outbreak of the Mormons, I think, he was implicated in the murder of Colonel Davenport of Iowa. While on the scaffold, he confessed that his first step downward was in taking the mink out of his cousin's trap and telling a falsehood about it. God's Word was verified. "For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind." Hosea 8:7.

—Mary Cole

FINGER FUN

Little games with your fingers are fun to play. Here is one that I am sure you have never heard before. Under

each line of the poem there are directions to tell you what to do each time. Keep trying until you can remember.

AUTUMN LEAVES

On autumn nights when I'm
asleep,

(Head resting on folded hands
in sleep pose.)

God dresses all the trees.

(Dressing motions, with hands
starting at shoulders and
down sides.)

He paints them orange, yellow,
and red—

(For each color make painting
motions in air.)

And sends a little breeze.

(Blow slightly while saying
line.)

Then in the morning, when I
wake,

(Assume sleep pose and wake
up.)

The leaves come dancing
down,

(Hands flutter down as
leaves.)

Spilling orange, yellow, red,
(Paint colors again.)

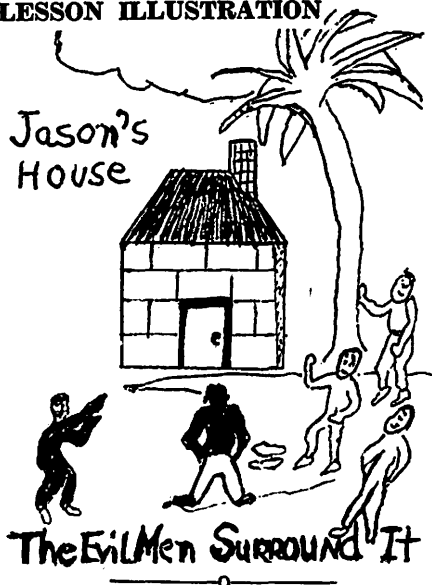
All over farms and town.

(One outflung hand for farms
and the other for town.)

—Thea Cannon.

If you love your parents, you will want to please them.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Did you show others that you were doing what Jesus has taught you to do as you went to school last week? That is the most important thing to do. You don't have to say a lot; but by your kind deeds, your honesty and fairness, you make others know that you love Jesus and are doing what He tells you to do. Oh, how he does bless us when we do what He tells us to do. When we go to bed at night, we can ask him to take care of us; and we feel good to know that He hears us. We know he hears us because we are obeying Him. If Jesus should come while we sleep, we would be ready to go to heaven. Isn't that wonderful? Oh, I love Jesus so much, don't you?

Our lessons this quarter will be in the books of Thessalonians and the background in Acts. We also will have some lessons in other books, as well as the account of Jesus being born.

Today, our lesson tells about Paul arriving in Thessalonica. Paul always went

to the synagogue of the Jews when he first came to a town, if there was one in that city. This was a place where the Jews taught only Moses' law. They did not teach about Jesus, as the Jews did not accept Him. But Paul wanted them to accept Jesus so he would always try to tell them about Jesus and to prove to them out of the Old Bible that he truly was the promised Saviour. Some of them did believe that Jesus was the Saviour, including a lot of the devout Greeks that lived in that city. This caused a great division among them. This caused the Jews to be very angry because so many believed on Jesus and went with Paul to hear more about Him. The Jews gathered together a lot of wicked men (called "the baser sort") and got them stirred up. These men were ready for a riot just as many people like to get into an uproar or stir up trouble today. You know about the riots they have today at times. The Jews and these wicked men came up to Jason's house. Jason loved Jesus. Jason and the brethren would not come out of their house. The riot got so bad that the rulers and police had to move in and protect Jason, Paul, Silas, and others. They had to leave the city. They went to Brea. The wicked men followed them to Brea and caused trouble. Paul and Silas had to leave, but Timothy stayed and was a blessing to those at Brea and Thessalonica. So this was Paul's first visit to Thessalonica.

— Aunt Marie

Lesson 1, October 6, 1974

PAUL'S FIRST VISIT TO THESSALONICA

Acts 17:1-14

Acts 17:1 Now when they had passed through Am-phi-po-lis and Ap-o-l-lo-ni-a,

they came to Thess-a-lo-ni-ca, where was a synagogue of the Jews:

2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scripture,

3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

4 And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.

5 But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

6 And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

7 Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying, that there is another king, one Jesus.

8 And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.

9 And when they had taken security of Jason, and of the other, they let them go.

10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Be-re-a: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews.

11 These were more noble than those in

Thess-a-lo-ni-ca, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

12 Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.

13 But when the Jews of Thess-a-lo-ni-a had knowledge that the word of God was preached of Paul at Be-re-a, they came thither also, and stirred up the people.

14 And then immediately the brethren sent away Paul to go as it were to the sea: but Silas and Timotheus abode there still.

Memory Verse: But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound. Romans 5:20b

QUESTIONS:

- 1 Where did Paul go on the sabbath day?
- 2 What does "reasoned with them out of the scripture" mean to you?
- 3 What did Paul preach? (verse 3)
- 4 Did many people believe?
- 5 What did those who believed not do?
- 6 What does "set all the city on an uproar," mean?
- 7 Who did they draw to the rulers?
- 8 What did the people accuse Paul of doing?
- 9 Were the people of the city troubled when they heard these things?
- 10 What happened to Paul and Silas?
- 11 Where did they go?
- 12 What kind of people were at Berea? (verse 11)
- 13 Did many people believe the preaching of Paul at Berea?
- 14 Why did Paul have to leave Berea?
- 15 Do you know what the memory verse means?

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Part Two

Oct. 13

Saul of Tarsus

In the days of long ago, there lived in the busy city of Tarsus a boy named Saul. When Saul was a very little boy he loved to hear his father and mother tell of their old home in the land of Canaan. In the evening when the day's work was done Saul would draw a low stool close to the feet of his father and mother and say, "Please tell me another story of Jerusalem and the Temple of God."

When Saul was about six years old he went with his father one day to the synagogue or church school. A number of boys were sitting on the floor or on stools at the feet of their teachers. They were learning the queer letters which spelled the words of the stories and rules which they had to learn. Saul wanted to learn more of God; so he listened very carefully to the words of his teachers. He learned to read quickly and was very proud when he could read from the Book of the Law and repeat from memory many verses from this book.

One day Saul said to his father, "I should like to be a teacher for God."

This made his father and mother very happy, for they wanted their son to grow to be a good and helpful man and a worker for God. That night they talked of plans for sending him to school and college.

"He must go to the best school in Tarsus," said the father. "When he is ready we will send him to the college at Jerusalem to study with the great teachers there. They will teach him of God and the work he should do for God."

When Saul heard this plan he was delighted and began to study harder than ever. Soon he was ready to go to Jerusalem. There were many great teachers called Rabbis in the college of Jerusalem. They told him of God's laws and explained them to him. Saul tried to keep these laws. He kept them so well that his teachers could find no fault with him. Yet strange to say Saul was not happy. He kept wishing that there was something else that he could do to show his love for God.

One day Saul returned to Jerusalem from a journey and he found the city in a tumult. The High Priest and the teachers told him that some strange men had come into the city who were saying that to please God one must love Jesus and try to be like him. This made the priests

and teachers very angry, for they wanted the people to obey the laws which they had made.

When Saul saw how angry his teachers were he thought that these strange men must be very wicked, and that they must be stopped in their work. With great joy he said to himself, "Now, I have found what I can do to show my love for God. That is to make people obey the laws of the High Priest and Rabbis. I will go to the people who love Jesus and punish them until they promise to do only as the High Priest and Rabbis say."

Saul went into the houses where the people lived who loved Jesus. Some he put in prison and others he punished in other ways. But no matter what Saul did to these people, they would not give up Jesus or stop telling others about him.

One day Saul started to go on a journey to a great city called Damascus. He had heard that many Christians who loved Jesus lived there. He intended to find these Christians and take them back to Jerusalem that they might be put in prison and be punished for not obeying the Rabbis.

As Saul was traveling along the highway he came near the city about midday. Suddenly there shone about him a bright light. It was brighter than the sun. Saul fell on his face to the ground. He heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" Saul said, "Who art thou, Lord?"

"I am Jesus of Nazareth," answered the voice, for it was Jesus speaking to Saul.

"What shall I do, Lord?" asked Saul.

"Arise, enter into the city," answered Jesus, "and it shall be told thee what thou must do."

Saul rose to go into the city, but when he opened his eyes he was blind. The men who were with him took his hand and led him as if he were a little child.

One day a friend of Jesus named Ananias came to the house where Saul was staying and said, "Brother Saul, Jesus, who spoke to you on the way, has sent me here that you may receive your sight and be made strong to become one of his disciples."

Ananias taught Saul about Jesus and soon Saul's sight was restored and he became a friend of Jesus.

Now it came to pass, that when Saul went into the synagogue, he did not trouble the Christians, but he began to preach about Jesus. The people who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this Saul who persecuted the Christians and all those who loved Jesus?"

Some of the people tried to kill Saul because he had become a Christian, but he was not afraid. He was happier working with Jesus than he had been before. He went first to one place and then to another telling the wonderful story of how he became a friend of Jesus. Many people learned to love Jesus because of what Saul said and did.

Later Saul's name was changed to Paul. —Sel.

Who Showed Them?

Who showed the little ant the way
Her narrow hole to bore,
And spend each pleasant summer day
Laying up her store?

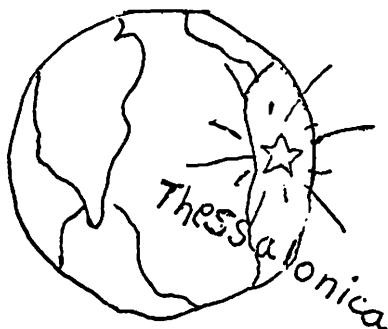
The sparrow builds her clever nest
Of wool and hay and moss;
Who taught her how to weave it best,
And lay the twigs across?

Who taught the busy bee to fly
Among the sweetest flowers,
And lay a feast of honey by
To eat in winter hours?

'Twas God who showed them all the way,

And gave their little skill;
He'll teach us Juniors, if we pray,
To do His holy will.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



The Word AND
Faith in God
Sounded out from
Saints in
THESSALONICA

Dear Boys and Girls:

When you played games this last week with others, did you always want to be first or to be "it"? What do you think about someone like that? I am sure that you think they are not very fair, or that they are not very nice. Sometimes a boy or girl will say that they won't play if they can't be first, or they might say that they will go home. I am sure that Jesus looks down upon that kind of boy and girl and feels very grieved. Jesus wants us to fair and to play fair. Jesus wants us to think about others and not to think about ourselves. It would be better for you to

wait and let someone say, "Let Mary or John be first this time." That would make you feel much better than for you to insist on being first. You would enjoy the game very much. Why don't you be the one to name someone to be first instead of saying that you want to be first. How about that?

Last week we studied about how Paul went to Thessalonica. After trying to get the Jews to love Jesus and accept him, they wouldn't; and there was a big riot. Paul and Silas had to leave the city. The brethren feared for their very lives. In our lesson today, we will study the first chapter of the book in our New Testament that the Apostle Paul wrote to the church of God in Thessalonica. This is the first letter written by Paul in the New Testament. Notice how he starts his letter. Isn't it a wonderful way to start a letter? How do you start letters? Paul wanted God's mercy (grace) and God's peace to be unto them. Isn't peace a wonderful thing? We all love peace, or do we? Sometimes when you fuss, we wonder if you love peace. But I know that you are trying to be more peaceful, aren't you? Notice how Paul told them that he thanked God for them in his prayers. He remembered their work of faith and their labors of love. Do you do nice things or "labors of love" for others? Do things that others will remember you by. Never forget that others are watching you; and most of all, God is watching all that you do. We surely want God to see our "labors of love." Name some "labors of love" we can do. We want to be elected of God. God has elected us to be holy, kind, and loving. That was the way Paul was, and he wanted them to follow him as he followed God.

Paul told them that he knew that their being true in all of their troubles was an example to others in other places. You remember how the Jews hated them and caused so much trouble for them. Some of it still was going on. But they stood firm for Jesus and others knew about it.

They accepted the gospel of Jesus, and their faith was known at other places. They had much joy, even if they had sorrow in the troubles they had to face. Isn't it wonderful for Jesus to help us bear our sorrows and to make us happy to do so?

— Aunt Marie

Lesson 2, October 13, 1974

PAUL WRITES TO THE THESSALONIANS

1 Thess. 1:1-10

1 Thessalonians 1:1 Paul and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thess-a-lo-ni-ans which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;

3 Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

4 Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.

5 For our Gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:

7 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Mac-e-do-ni-a and A-chai-a.

8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Mac-e-do-ni-a

and A-chai-a, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak anything.

9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;

10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

Memory Verse: For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. Romans 1:16

QUESTIONS:

1 To whom was Paul writing this letter?

2 Was Paul thankful for the church at Thessalonica? (verse 2)

3 Why did he give thanks for them? (verse 3)

4 He called them brethren ————. Do you know what this means?

5 Can you name four ways the Word of God came to the Thessalonians? (verse 5)

6 Paul said, "ye became ——— of us, and of the ———".

7 How had they received the word? "In much ———, with ———."

8 Do you know what the word affliction means?

9 Did the Thessalonians spread the Word of God? (verse 8)

10 What had the Thessalonians turned from to serve the living and true God?

11 Who were they waiting for?

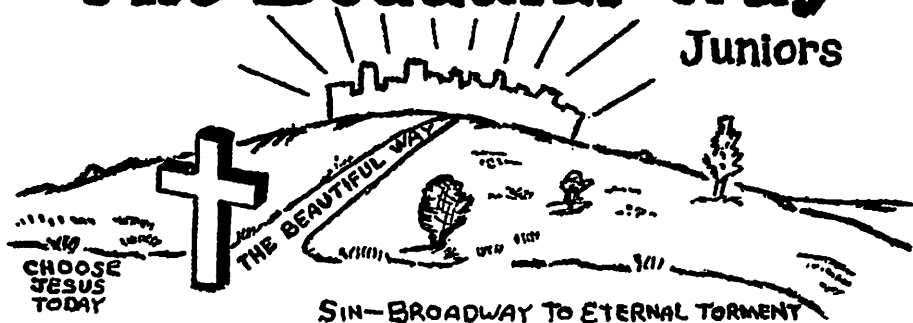
12 Who has delivered us from the wrath to come?

13 Do you know what that means? Ask your teacher to tell you.

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Oct. 20

Ramona's Story Book

"Come, my daughter," Mother said to Ramona, "to-day we will go to the market."

Ramona could hardly make her feet walk, she was so excited as she ran to get her shawl. She always loved to go shopping with her mother. The crowds were so interesting, and there were so many fine things to be examined. Her mother always took plenty of time and stopped to chat with everybody. To-day, too, Ramona believed from something in her mother's tone that they would look for the promised book. So she kept a sharp lookout as they made their way down the long covered passageway with the many little doors opening from it.

Past the ill-smelling meat market past the bakery they went, stopping once at a shop where there was a great bargain in calico, stopping again at the fruit stall for fruit.

At last! Here they were at the second-hand book store. Ramona began poking eagerly around the crowded little booth, examining carefully every single book in

every pile. Sure enough! There at the bottom of a pile Ramona saw the thick black volume for which she was looking. She pulled it out quickly and opened it. She would recognize it anywhere. "Here it is, Mother," she said joyfully. "This is the very book."

Her mother stepped to her side and looked down at the book. Then a look of fear came over her face. She grew pale and glanced quickly over her shoulder to see if any one was watching her. Ramona looked at her in great surprise.

"Why, Mother," she said, "it is the same book. I am sure. That is the very story my teacher told us one day about the Baby Moses. Why should you be afraid of teacher's story-book?"

"I will tell you about it, my child, when we get home. But now I will buy the book as I promised. I will not be afraid."

Ramona watched anxiously while the bargain was made and she kept very quiet, as they hurried home with the book carefully hidden in a bundle her mother was carrying. At home once more Ramona's mother told her about the book—how it was the great book of God's word—a holy book called the Bible; how all her life Ramona's mother had been taught by

the priests that it was wicked for ordinary people to read the book; how all their neighbors would abuse them if it became known that the Bible was in their house. Ramona must never breathe a word of it.

"But, my child," said her mother at last, "I do not believe there is harm. I think it is right to learn those beautiful stories. So you shall keep your book, though secretly, and some day perhaps even our neighbors will know better."

"And I can tell the stories to the boys and girls around here, can't I, Mother?" said Ramona.

"Yes," came the answer. "I think that can do no harm. They have not all the chance you have of going to an American school. Tell them the stories, but never show the book."

So that is how it happened that Ramona held almost every day after that a story-telling hour in her own street where she told over and over the stories of the great storybook to the littlest ones about her. They would all run to gather about her when she came home from school. "Ramona," they would shout, "tell us about the man who was put in the lions' den." Ramona would smile and sit down among them. "Just one story to-day," she would say, and then nearly always she would yield to the teasing and tell "one more, only more." —Sel.

God wants you to prepare now to work for Him in a greater way when you grow older.

WHY JOHNNY FAILED

Johnny had a little mind;

It was his very own,
And nothing could be put in it
Except by him alone.

It wasn't very big it's true,
But there was room inside
For lots of things, chosen out
As Johnny should decide.

Father and mother gave to him

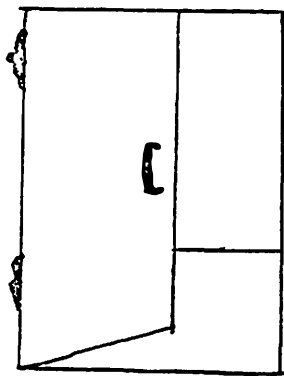
All sort of good advice;
But Johnny never put it in
Or thought about it twice;
But all the ugly things the boys
Upon the corners said,
Why, Johnny picked them up at once
And put them in his head.

At school the teacher tried her best
To give him facts and rules
Of every useful sort—but no,
For Johnny hated schools.
He picked up brag and vulgar slang,
Dime novels, too, ten deep.
And filled his mind till it was like
A tainted rubbish heap.

So when the day of manhood came,
And Johnny searched his mind
For skill and power, it played him false,
And nothing could he find
But worthless trash and ugly thoughts,
And so he failed, alas!
Is any other boy who reads
Coming to Johnny's pass?

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Paul Preaches at
TROAS



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"Lend A Pie"

Let me tell you about a little boy who wanted a pie to lend to the Lord. How can we lend a pie to the Lord? This little boy went to his mother and said, "Mother, haven't you a pie to lend to the Lord?" The mother asked, "Why, my dear boy, what do you mean?" Don't you remember that you said that the Bible says, that if we give to the poor it is lending to the Lord? I don't believe that old aunt Betsy has had a pie in six months, and I thought that you might want to send one of your pies over to her and thus lend a pie to the Lord." Have you children anything to lend the Lord today?

Dear Boys and Girls:

Did you ever start to take something that didn't belong to you, and something just made you draw back? Did you ever start to go into a movie-theater or somewhere you knew was a wrong place to go, and something checked you? Or did you ever start to go into a friend's house, and something made you know that it is time now for you to go home as it is almost meal time? I am sure that all of you have had these feelings. When we belong to Jesus and we are pleasing Him, He will help us to know to do the right. We must be careful to stop and think: "What would Jesus do?" Then obey Jesus' word.

In our lesson, Paul and Silas were traveling in Asia. They had gone to different places, but were forbidden of the Holy Spirit to preach there. They obeyed. They came to Mysia and were going on to another town, but felt a check in going there. Again they were careful to obey the leadings of the Holy Spirit. They wanted to please the Lord. So they

traveled on. I wonder how they felt about then? Finally they came to Troas. (If you have a map, you can check their route out on it.) There they had a vision. God spoke to them real plain. Isn't that wonderful? If we obey Jesus, He will make us know just what He wants us to do. God didn't want them to doubt where he wanted them to go. God knew they were to meet some hard things there, and He wanted them to know they were in His order and at the right place. That is such a comfort.

After seeing a man who asked them to come to Macedonia in a vision, they went right away. Our lesson tells us what they found there. Isn't it wonderful how Lydia had a heart that was open to the Word of God? She listened carefully to all that the Apostle Paul told her about Jesus. Just think how you would feel to hear for the first time about Jesus. Wouldn't it be wonderful to know how he came here to this world, grew up to be a man, and did so many wonderful things? He loved you and me and everyone in the world so much that he was willing to take our punishment for sin. That is so wonderful, and we love him dearly for doing that. We want to please him so much, don't we?

But trouble awaited Paul and Silas. The devil tried to hinder them. But God delivered a poor girl from the devil and his men who used her. Wasn't that wonderful? How would you like to be like that poor girl? God loves everyone, and will help everyone who will desire help.

— Aunt Marie

Lesson 3, October 20, 1974

PAUL AND SILAS OBEY GOD

Acts 16:6-20

Acts 16:6 Now when they (Paul and Silas) had gone throughout Phrygia and the re-

gion of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

7 After they were come to Mys-i-a, they assayed to go into Bi-thyn-ia: but the Spirit suffered them not.

8 And they passing by Mys-i-a came down to Tro-as.

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Mac-e-do-ni-a and prayed him, saying, Come over into Mac-e-do-ni-a, and help us.

10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Mac-e-do-ni-a, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

11 Therefore loosing from Tro-as, we came with a straight course to Sam-o-thra-ci-a, and the next day to Ne-a-po-lis;

12 And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Mac-e-do-ni-a, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days.

13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thy-a-ti-ra which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

17 The same followed Paul and us, and

cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

19 And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers,

20 And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city,

Memory Verse: And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. Mark 1:17

QUESTIONS:

1 Where were Paul and Silas forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word? (ver. 6)

2 Where did they try to go next? (ver. 7)

3 What happened to Paul at Troas?

4 Tell about the vision Paul saw.

5 What did they do after Paul saw the vision?

6 To what city did they come and stay for awhile?

7 Where did Paul and Silas go on the sabbath day?

8 Who did they speak to there?

9 Who was a "seller of purple"?

10 Tell about Lydia.

11 Do you know why she was baptized?

12 Who else did they meet while they were going to prayer? (verse 16)

13 Ask your teacher to tell you what 'a spirit of divination' is.

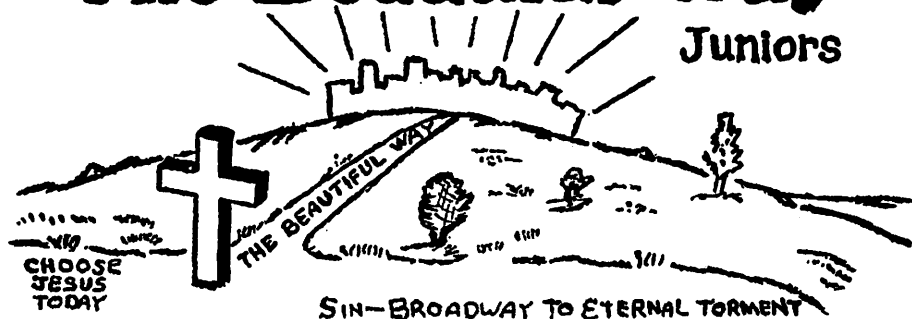
14 Tell what Paul did that made the damsel's masters angry.

15 What happened to Paul and Silas then?

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Part Four

Oct. 27

What Will the Harvest Be?

Sunday school was almost over. Billy Strom sat in the back row, and listened to Miss Lindley. "So, remember it always works out that way. You may not realize it now," she was saying, "but some day you'll know how true this memory verse is. 'Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.' "(Galatians 6:7.)

As Billy walked home after Sunday school, he thought about the memory verse. It sounded nice, but it didn't always work out that way. "Take the time I planted that garden," he thought. "I worked hard on it—but that dry spell kept the garden from growing." He wasn't quite sure that Miss Lindley was right.

The next morning, Billy started for school. He'd got down to the end of the block when he noticed old Mrs. Brown out in her front yard, trying to push a lawn mower over her grass. "Hi, Mrs. Brown," Billy called. "That's too big a job for you, isn't it?"

Mrs. Brown looked up. "Oh—why—I guess not, Billy. You know, we've got

no youngsters in our family to do this."

Billy thought about the old lady, working out there in the hot sun. And then he looked down at his tanned arms—and decided to do something to help.

"Look, Mrs. Brown—how about waiting on that lawn-mowing until after school?"

Mrs. Brown looked up, startled. "Laws-a-mercy, son, why?"

"Why, I'd like to do it for you—if it's all right with you," Billy said. And, waving, he went on down the street.

In school that day, Billy smiled as he thought of the old lady, and her startled look. "It sure makes a guy feel good to be able to do things for people like that," he thought.

That afternoon, after Billy finished mowing Mrs. Brown's lawn, she invited him inside for a plate of cookies and some ice-cold chocolate milk, saying: "Billy, I imagine you're an awfully happy young man, aren't you?"

That surprised Billy. He thought a minute and then said, "Yes, ma'am. Why?"

"Well, Billy, I just felt that you were. You know, I'm reminded of an old favorite Bible quotation of mine. It says, '...for whatsoever a man soweth that shall

he also reap.' "

Billy was amazed. That was his Sunday-school memory verse!

Mrs. Brown continued. "And I thought that a young man who does as much as you do for other people would certainly reap a great deal of happiness in return."

While Mrs. Brown was talking, Billy's mind was clicking along rapidly. "So that was it! Sure! The Bible verse didn't mean really sowing. It meant what Mrs. Brown just said: If you do good for other people, you'll be happy."

He said to Mrs. Brown. "Yes, ma'am. I guess I just have fun helping people. 'Cause it makes me feel good, too."

As he walked home that evening, he kept saying the verse over to himself. And grinning. It was really true. "for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Today in Sunday school, you are like Billy. Sitting in a classroom, it is perhaps hard for you to understand exactly what is meant by the memory verse.

But, if you take the memory verse with you, after you leave Sunday school, if you try to make it work (as did Billy), you'll have the same surprising results.

Jesus taught this many times. Today, we'll hear two of the stories he told to emphasize the fact that in life we reap what we sow. One of the stories, as told in Mark 4: 20, is about farming.

Perhaps it's a little hard to understand exactly what Jesus meant when he told the story of the sower and the seed. But if you once get the "key" it's very simple. You see, Jesus was comparing various kinds of people to the kinds of soil mentioned in the story, meaning that the "seed," or message of God's truth, could fall on different types of "soil," or people who heard it.

The first kind of soil was that found by the wayside—hard soil trampled by many feet. Jesus was probably comparing this soil to the kind of people who are

hard and unyielding, giving little welcome to ideas of kindness, gentleness, and self-sacrifice.

The fowls of the air might easily represent the "flighty" thoughts and worthless deeds that take up such people's time and fill their minds so that they have no time or thoughts left for learning about Jesus and for doing as he wishes them to do.

The second kind of soil was stoney, with perhaps a very thin layer of good soil on top. This soil might represent those people, but who soon lose interest and give up, because they are what we call "shallow" people—that is, they are too lazy or too impatient to study and work hard at a job that requires concentrated effort.

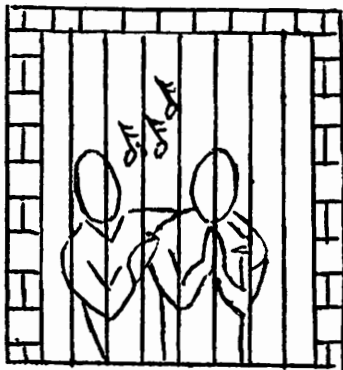
The third kind of soil which Jesus mentioned was soil in which a lot of thorns were growing. Jesus was probably referring here to people who spend their time among acquaintances who encourage them to waste their time and talents, and thus prevent the hearers of God's word from making good use of it. Habits of worry and lack of courage could also be represented by the thorns that choke out good growth.

Finally, however, Jesus came to the kind of soil in which the seed not only took root, but increased many times, bearing excellent fruit, or harvest. Here, we believe, Jesus referred to the kind of person who heard his message about God's kingdom and then went forth to live as a true Christian. Jesus knew that such a person would be kind to others and become a useful member of society, thus carrying the goodness of God's way to additional persons (increasing the yield of the seed many times.) —Sel.

There were only eight people that went into the ark before God sent the flood to destroy the wicked people.

The Lord desires for you to live for Him in such a way that He will be pleased with you.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Paul and Silas
Suffered in Jail but
Sang and prayed

Dear Boys and Girls:

I am sure that you feel badly when you are mistreated just because you want to please Jesus. But boys and girls, do not look at the person through whom it comes. Know that the devil caused them to do that. If you are called "chicken" because you won't throw rocks at widow Jones' house and maybe "goodie, goodie", let Jesus make you feel good in your heart because you are doing the right. Don't let any hurt feelings stay in your mind or heart. Now if the devil is doing this, then the Bible tells us what to do to fight the devil. We are to resist the devil with all of his hurt feelings that he tries to bring to us. And as for the ones who called

you "chicken" or "goodie, goodie", you are to pray for them and love them. That is what Jesus has told us to do in Matt. 5:44,45. It sure pays to do the right. Sometimes boys and girls are caught throwing rocks at houses. You will be glad that you didn't do it when you see them brought in to the police station, or know about it. But most of all, Jesus will bless you. That is the most important thing in this life—to please Jesus.

Paul and Silas were caught in a mob. The men, who lost their money through the poor girl who was possessed with the devil and told fortunes, got a lot of wicked people to stand with them against Paul and Silas. They even got the policemen and rulers to be against Paul and Silas. They cried out that they were teaching things that were against their laws. The rulers wanted to stay in good with the people, so they had Paul and Silas beaten with many stripes. How sad! These were God's ministers, and they were workers for Jesus. I am sure this hurt them deeply, and they felt the severe pain from those deep cuts from the lashes of the whip. Did they blame God? Did they weep and mourn? No, we hear them in prison singing. Oh yes, they were happy because they were counted worthy to suffer with Jesus Christ. Jesus suffered that they might be saved from their sins. Now they were suffering with Him. They did not blame the people. They loved the jailer who had put them in there and who was watching to see that they did not escape. They were doing as Jesus had said, "Love your enemies, pray for them that" do you wrong. Now what happened? Oh yes, it does pay to do the right. The jailer and his house got saved. How wonderful! After they washed Paul and Silas' wounds, Paul baptised them. The jailer fed them. They rejoiced together. Later Paul and Silas were sent from the city in peace. It pays to suffer for Jesus.

— Aunt Marie

Lesson 4, October 27, 1974

**SHAMEFULLY MISTREATED AT
PHILIPPI**

Acts 16:21-34

Acts 16:21 And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans.

22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them.

23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:

24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bands were loosed.

27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

Memory Verse: Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. Matt. 10:26

QUESTIONS:

1 What were Paul and Silas accused of? (verse 21)

2 What does "and the multitude rose up together against them" mean? (ver. 22)

3 Do you know what "rent off their clothes" means?

4 What does "laid many stripes on them" mean?

5 Paul and Silas were thrust into the ————prison and their feet put in the ————.

6 What did Paul and Silas do at midnight?

7 Then what happened?

8 Who caused the great earthquake?

9 Did God see all that was being done to Paul and Silas?

10 What did the keeper of the prison intend to do, when he saw the doors of the prison open?

11 Who kept the jailor from taking his own life?

12 What was the question the jailor asked Paul?

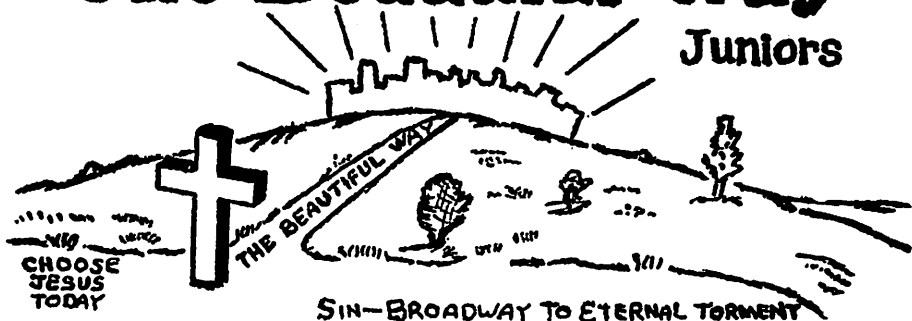
13 What must we do to be saved? (ver. 31)

14 Was God watching over Paul and Silas?

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Nov. 3

Mother Has Faith

Snow had fallen all day, and it was bitterly cold. Yet the fitful flame of a single candle supplied most of the heat (and all of the light) for the Hoffmann home—one of the few left whole in a bomb-shattered town of western Germany.

Frau Hoffmann sat close to the flickering light trying to mend a stocking long past repair. "I don't know how we'll ever mend these stockings again," she said, looking up at her daughter, Anna. "They're mostly darning cotton now." She laughed a little at the thought.

"Like everything else we own," Anna grumbled, laying her share of the mending aside. She was 16, and there were so many things she wanted.

"We mustn't complain, dear," her mother replied. "Your father and your brother are discouraged, too. They have to work so hard—and the little food we get isn't really enough to keep them going. But we do have each other. Think of the other families on our street—nearly all of them lost someone in the war."

"If we'd only won—" Anna began, but her mother broke in.

"If we had," she said, "there would have been even more bloodshed and brutality—and we'd be hated by even more of the world's people than we are now."

Anna walked over to the window and stood peering out at the snow. "How long has it been, Mother, since you wrote to your friend in America—Johann Hartmann, wasn't that his name? The letter should have reached him months ago."

"Maybe the address was wrong, dear. We'll try again soon."

"It's no use..." Anna's voice broke a little. "No one over there cares anything about us—they hate us."

"Oh, there are many people who do care deeply. It just takes time. Our food supplies will last a while longer," Frau Hoffmann tried to make her words convincing. Starvation already was taking its toll in their town.

Anna thought, Mother is still the same, she hasn't changed during all these years I was away at the Nazi youth camps and Father and Mark were in service. It's the rest of us who have changed... grown bitter, unhappy. Turning away from the window she asked, "What do you find to be so optimistic about, Mother? I can't understand it. In these times—"

"Optimistic?" Frau Hoffmann smiled at her daughter. "If I seem optimistic,

it's because always when I have wanted something very, very much—something I knew it was not wrong to ask for—that 'something' has come to me."

"What do you mean, 'to ask for'?"

"I mean prayer, Anna. I know that faith in God was not very popular while the Nazis were in power. Most people were afraid even to talk about religion. But you must never forget the things Pastor Schumann told you when you were little—about how God does take care of us."

"It doesn't seem that God cares very much what happens to Germans now."

"That isn't true, Anna. But there are many people in Germany who won't let God help them."

Anna didn't know what to believe. All the time she had been in Nazi youth camps, they had told her that religion was for weaklings. Of course, a lot they taught she hadn't quite believed.

Anna turned back to the window. Far down the darkened street she saw a lone figure hobbling toward their house. As the figure came nearer, Anna saw that it was old Hans Dettweiler, the postman. Could it be? Yes, he was turning in their walk—and in his hand was something white. Anna ran to the door and flung it wide. "Hans! Have you a letter for us? Is that what you've brought?"

Puffing and panting, the old fellow labored up the steps and handed Anna an envelope. "Here it is, Fraulein. I thought—you'd want it—right—away." He stopped to catch his breath.

Anna grasped the letter excitedly, pausing only to ask the postman in. Then she hurried over to the light. Was—yes! It was postmarked "America!"

Her mother took the letter, opened it and began to read sketchily:

"Dear Mrs. Hoffmann. . . your letter finally reached me. . . street was right . . . number wasn't. . . post office held it up. . . immediately mailed two boxes of

basic foods through CARDE. . . should be there in a week or two. . . My wife and daughter are packing several boxes of warm clothing for you. . .

"I'll never forget your kindness, your faith in God. . . that, and the way you believed in me, was what gave me the courage to try my hand in America. . . God has been good to me. Maybe this will help show my gratitude to him, and to you. . . give our love to the children. . . John Hartmann."

There were tears in Frau Hoffmann's eyes, but she was smiling. "Perhaps you can believe now, Anna, that God—and some of his children, too—do care what happens to us. Please bring me the Bible. I want to read something to you."

It was a strange verse her mother selected, but Anna thought she knew why it had been chosen. And old Hans nodded his approval, hearing Frau Hoffmann read: "Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things you have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached."

Frau Hoffmann looked up at Anna. "That's what Jesus said long ago to a good man who had been treated so badly that he, too, had nearly lost his faith. Just as long as there are Christians in the world, Anna, you will have friends. That's the reason why the sick, crippled, hungry people of Germany will receive help, even from those we fought against."

—Sel.

MISTAKES

If you see others make mistakes then be sure you don't make the same mistakes. If you saw a boy or girl jump off a cliff and break his arm I am sure you would not jump off that cliff even if it doesn't look so deep. So if you see other boys and

girls be sassy, disobedient, unthankful and the trouble they get into, then don't you follow their ways.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Paul Writes to Thessalonians



Dear Boys and Girls:

Let me give you a little parable. What if you went to someone's house, and they asked you if you loved your mother and daddy. You said that you did. They tried to get you not to tell them about how much you loved them. They would whip you and try to get you to say that you did not love them. You would leave that house and go to another home. They asked you if you loved your mother and daddy, and you would again boldly declare that you loved them. Why not say so? Your mother and daddy didn't do anything hurtful to you to cause you not to love them. So you still love them. Even if they didn't like for you to say it at this place, you would still tell them that you loved your mother and

daddy. They are your best friends besides Jesus here in this world, and you love them.

Now let us think about our lesson. Last Sunday we studied about how Paul and Silas were mistreated at Philippi. They were beaten and put in jail because they told the people that they loved Jesus. They proved to the people, that to love Jesus would give them power over the devil. A girl was delivered from the power of the devil because Paul and Silas loved Jesus. Even if they were beaten and mistreated, they still loved Jesus. They did not have any reason to quit loving Jesus. He was their best Friend. In our lesson today, Paul wrote a letter to the Thessalonians. Paul referred to how he was shamefully mistreated at Philippi because they were bold to say they loved God. Paul writes the Thessalonians that

he did not speak of God through any deceit nor uncleanness. He did not try to please men. If he had tried to please men, he might have tried to make those people think they were living alright, but he boldly told them that they needed to repent. He preached the gospel. God had trusted him with that "good news" that Jesus will save everyone who will repent. He knew that God was trying his heart. ("trieth our hearts") That means that God knew all about what they said and if they told the truth. Paul didn't preach the gospel with "flattering words." He did not try to get glory from men. He did not preach just for money. He was "gentle. . . as a nurse." (How gentle is a nurse with little children) Paul loved them. He loved them so much that he was willing to suffer for them. He spoke of how he labored night and day for them. He comforted them as a father does his children. (How does a father comfort a child?) He wanted them to be holy, kind, good, and obedient to Jesus; so they would be worthy of the kingdom of God. — Aunt Marie

Lesson 5, November 3, 1974

PAUL WRITES ABOUT PHILIPPI

1 Thess. 2:1-13

1 Thessalonians 2:1 For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain:

2 But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention.

3 For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:

4 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

5 For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloak of covetousness; God is witness.

6 Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.

7 But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:

8 So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.

9 For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.

10 Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:

11 As ye know how we exhorted and com-

forted and charged everyone of you, as a father doth his children,

12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

Memory Verse: And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! Romans 10:15

QUESTIONS:

1 Did Paul quit preaching the gospel because he was shamefully treated at Philippi?

2 Who did Paul try to please, men, or God?

3 Who put Paul in trust with the gospel?

4 Did Paul seek glory of men?

5 Was Paul harsh to the people at Thessalonica? (verse 7)

6 Was Paul willing to give the gospel to the Thessalonians?

7 What else did he say he would have given them? (verse 8)

8 Why would he have done all this for them?

9 Did Paul have hardships as he preached to them? (verse 9)

10 What is a witness?

11 What did Paul want the Thessalonians to do? Walk ————— of God.

12 How can we walk worthy of God?

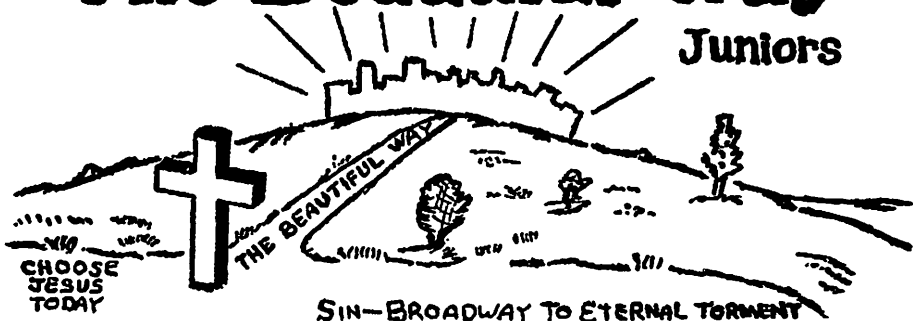
13 How was Paul's preaching received?

14 Whose feet are beautiful?

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Part Six

Nov. 10

What Consecration Means

The world's a pleasant place, isn't it? This is Sunday morning, and you're in Sunday school. You can look around the classroom and see your friends. You can go home and find persons who love you.

But have you thought about what might be happening around the corner? Have you?

While you're sitting in Sunday school, right at this very moment, here's what is happening somewhere not too far from you:

A beggar is standing on a sidewalk, holding out his hand, asking for help.

. . . A man with a good job, and with money in his pockets, is walking hurriedly past two ragged children. He is looking the other way, because he doesn't want to be reminded that some people are poorly clothed and unhappy.

. . . A thief is robbing a store. He is poor. And he is alone. And no one has ever taught him how to live honestly and unselfishly.

. . . Men and women and children are living in hovels, without hope, without faith in the world or in themselves.

That's what is happening right now. This minute. While you're reading this.

That kind of thing and much worse, happens every day.

So when you think of all the nice things in your world, think also of the things which need to be improved. Remember when you eat that someone else is not able to buy food. When you are warm, someone else is cold and ill-clothed. When you receive kindness, someone else is receiving hatred.

But don't think those are things which have happened only recently. Jesus saw the same kind of things happening in Galilee as he grew to manhood.

Here are some things he saw:

(1) Men like Lazarus (described in Luke 16: 19-31) who were hungry, sick, and outcast. He saw them at the gateways of palatial homes, but he saw few persons stopping to help them.

(2) People like the Samaritans who were scorned without regard for their individual worth. These Samaritans, were hated by the Jews. (They were in much the same position as that of the Jews in Germany under the Nazis.)

(3) He saw travelers, lying beside the roads, exhausted, perhaps sick. But he noticed that few persons stopped to

help them. (Remember the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10: 29-37?)

(4) And he noticed many other things: lepers who were mistreated, tax collectors cheating poor Jewish families, Roman soldiers cruelly imposing their emperor's laws, Pharisees standing in the market place praying to be seen of men, while all around them were sick and unfortunate people.

These things must have disturbed Jesus, as he lived in Nazareth. Do you not think he wondered whether the Jewish religion, as it was then practiced, might not be lacking in some respects?

He must have thought and prayed over these things in order to reach the right conclusion. You've probably had the same type of thing happen to you. You've seen things which were wrong; and yet, you've had to think long and seriously in order to decide what to do about them.

As Jesus grew from boyhood into manhood and assumed adult responsibilities, he considered all these problems.

And then, one day, pilgrims from the south returned to Nazareth. They came into the city telling the story of a wonderful preacher who was down on the Jordan River, near Jericho. This was exciting news.

His name was John; and he was dressed in strange garb, wearing camel's hair clothing, with a leather girdle. Jesus must have asked these pilgrims about John. Here's what he was told:

Unlike the spokesman of the Zealots, John did not call on the Jews to rise against Rome. Instead, he asked them to repent of their sins, to change their way of living. "John says that the kingdom of heaven is at hand," these pilgrims reported.

At last, Jesus saw that the time for action had come. He decided to travel southward toward the Jordan River, to hear for himself what John was saying.

But John knew that Jesus had no sin to confess, that he had lived a truly sinless life. He saw in him God's promised Messiah.

That's why John commented: "I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?"

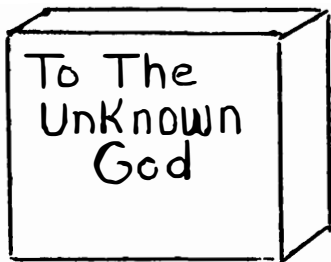
But Jesus was baptized. And, at that time, he consecrated himself to the task of bettering and saving the world in which he lived. He approved the message which John had given the people:

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," (Matt. 3: 2.)

(continued in next lesson)

Learn to pray and talk to the Lord. He wants you to come and tell Him about everything. He talks to you through the Bible.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



He is known to
Christians

Let others be first, and you will feel good. Those who want to be first, God says will be last.

Dear Boys and Girls:

One day the Apostle Paul went into the city of Athens. His spirit was stirred within him. Everywhere he looked, he saw idols. The city was "wholly given over to idolatry." The city was stuffed full of idols. We are told that Athens had more idols than all the land of Greece. There were idols on the corners, on the houses, along the streets, on the hills, and everywhere you looked, there were idols. There were huge markets selling idols; and men walking the streets, selling idols. They made idols to modesty, to energy, to love, to pity, and to everything you could think of. Idols, idols, and more idols were seen everywhere. What a city! Now this was very grievous to Paul. He knew that there was only one God. We are to worship him only. God had declared that no one was to worship an idol.

In this city were men of different beliefs. Today there are buildings called churches for different beliefs. As you go down some streets, for blocks there will be a church on most every corner. This also is grievous; as there is only one church, and that is God's church, which is made up of all those who love God and worship him in spirit and in truth. Only those are in the church of God who are "born again" and believe and obey all that the Bible teaches. But Paul was not afraid of these men or their ideas, or evil idol worship. God had delivered him from a mob and prison in Philippi. He would do the same here in Athens if it was needful. So he boldly declared that Jesus was the Saviour of the world. He said that there was only one God. These men heard about him. One day Paul walked

up on Mars' hill. A group of men were gathered there. They spent their time in "nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing." (Do you know of anyone like that today?) When they saw Paul, they said, "What does this blabber say?" Some said, "He seems to be a "setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection" But we read how Paul bravely stood in the midst of them on Mars' Hill. He mentioned to them that as he passed among their idols, he saw an idol that was "To The Unknown God." He told them that they worshipped him ignorantly. You can read the sermon he preached to them in our lesson. (verses 22-30) What a wonderful sermon! Our God is great and mighty. He doesn't dwell in temples made with men's hands. He dwells in our hearts. He isn't worshipped with men's hands. God is a spirit and we must worship him from our hearts. He is great, wonderful, mighty, and precious to all who will love Him.

— Aunt Marie

Lesson 6, November 10, 1974

PAUL PREACHES AT ATHENS

Acts 17:16-30

Acts 17:16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.

17 Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.

18 Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babber say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and

the resurrection.

13 And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is?

20 For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean.

21 (For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.)

22 Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.

23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation.

27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that

the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent.

Memory Verse: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. Acts 17:31.

QUESTIONS:

1 Why was Paul troubled in spirit while in Athens?

2 What did the philosophers say about Paul?

3 How did the Athenians and strangers spend their time?

4 Paul found an altar with what inscribed on it?

5 Who did Paul tell them about?

6 Can we worship God with earthly things?

7 Who is the giver of life, breath and all good things?

8 If we seek after God, will He be hard to find?

9 We live, move, and have our being in whom?

10 Since we are the offspring of God—explain how we know that God is not like gold, silver, or stone.

11 Do you remember the verse that says, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth?"

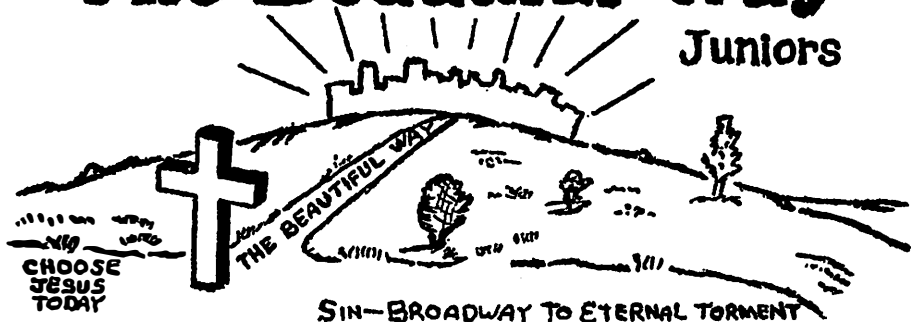
12 Does God expect people now to understand the plan of salvation?

13 Does God still "wink" at people that refuse to worship Him in spirit and truth?

14 Who did God raise from the dead to live in our hearts?

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Overcoming Evil With Good

You want to know the most important moment in my career?" The Governor chuckled, and leaned back in his chair to answer the reporter's question. "Well," said the Governor, "You'll be surprised when I tell you. It was years ago. . . When I was fourteen years old.

"I was a pretty cocky youngster in those days. Big for my age. Must have weighed 140 pounds. In fact—I was what you'd probably call a 'juvenile delinquent.' Always starting fights.

"And, what's worse, I'd usually start the fights with some youngster who was about half my size.

"Finally, things got so bad that none of the lads around would even play with me. I got meaner and meaner.

"It was too bad. It was bad mainly because I was 'the loneliest, saddest young fellow you could find anywhere. I might have turned into a public enemy, if it hadn't been for Tommy Burns."

"I can still remember that day. Tommy came walking down the road, and we caught sight of each other about the same time. Tom was only about a 90-pounder

then; and he had a fishin' pole over his shoulders. I thought I'd just appropriate that pole, but before I had a chance to grab it, Tommy said—"Why, hi, Dwight! Whatcha doin' this afternoon?"

"That sort of put me on my guard. I answered him. 'Nothin', you little pipsqueak.'

"Tommy looked up at me, and with cool self-confidence (though he might have known I was going to whip him), he suggested, "Whyn't you come fishin' with me?"

"To tell you the truth, I was taken aback. It'd been so long since any of the fellows had anything to do with me that I'd forgotten what it was like.

" 'Well—okay,' I said. And we went fishing that afternoon. I suppose if Tommy had acted afraid of me, I'd have whipped him just on principle. But he didn't. He was as self-confident as if he'd weighed 200 pounds.

We had a good time that afternoon. And, before I knew it, Tommy and I were goin' fishing together often.

"One day, I said to Tom. 'Why, you know, Tom, I was figurin' to beat you up that day we first went fishin'.

"And he answered. 'I know it, Dwight. But I got to thinkin' about you. And I sure

couldn't see how you'd have any fun bein' that kind of guy. So I decided to try an experiment. I'd heard a saying, 'Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.' So I tried it. And now I think you're as swell a fellow as there is in the whole country.'

"To tell you the truth, I was mighty pleased when I heard Tommy say that. And I got to thinking about what Tommy had said. 'Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.' I checked up on that quotation, and found it came from the Bible—Romans 12: 21. And I decided to test it out.

"I tried being a good neighbor with the rest of the boys in the county. It worked. And then I put that principle into effect. Suddenly I found that the whole complexion of things had changed. I did good for people; and, funny enough, they wanted to do good for me.

"So I started getting elected to public office. In fact, today I'm being mentioned for the United States Senate.

"But I owe it all to a 90-pound fourteen-year-old who taught me this very important lesson: 'Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.'"—Sel.

What Consecration Means

(continued from previous lesson)

So we, too, have jobs to do. Just as in Jesus' day, there are problems to face. We can't dodge them—because the problems are already here.

For instance, how many of you have seen other girls and boys at school shunned because they weren't "like the rest of the gang"? Do you think there might be a way for you to help those boys and girls to understand each other better?

Or how many of you have been asked at home to do chores—and have decided it was too much trouble? Even in

little things like that—by doing our share—we can make this a happier world.

Do any of you take time out every day to do something nice for another person? That's an easy way to make a lot of people including ourselves happier.

At the Jordan River, Jesus dedicated himself to the task of helping others. By doing that, he gave hope and faith to the entire world.

Today, you can do the same thing in your small way, if you want to. Do you?

Mary Learns a Lesson

One of my earliest recollections is of committing these lines to memory:

"In His pure eyes it is a sin
To steal a penny or a pin."

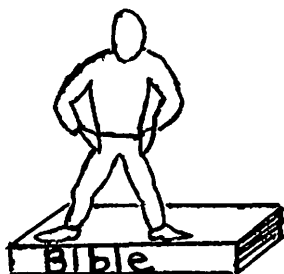
Not long after this, when I was about four years old, I think, I went with my oldest sister to one of our neighbors on an errand. My sister, who could weave, wanted me to go to the home of another neighbor near by to borrow a part for the old-fashioned loom she was using. While at the house I saw a piece of pink calico about an inch square that attracted my childish fancy. I thought how nice it would be for the little quilt I had begun to piece. As I had no pocket, I put the piece of calico into the bosom of my dress and went back to my sister holding it as if I feared it would get away.

Noticing what I was doing, she said, "Mary, what is the matter?" "Nothing," I answered. "What have you there?" "Nothing," I replied again. Right there I told two falsehoods, the first of which I had ever been guilty. They were like black spots on a white robe. My sister said, "I know you have something," and drew out my hand still grasping the scrap

of calico. "Where did you get it?" I told the truth then, and she said that I must go back and tell the woman I had stolen it. She took me back; but she had to do all the talking.

(continued in next lesson)

I shall not be moved



Those who
stand on the
Word are not
moved by evil or
suffering

Dear Boys and Girls:

On the Highlands of Scotland, a storm will cause great destruction. Most of the time, the land lies in the sunshine and is a calm, quiet place. But when the storm hits it, the highlands are suddenly engulfed in great sheets of water which fall upon it. Huge gullies are cut on the hill-sides by the torrents of water. With the rushing of the water down the hillside, the loosely-rooted shrubs and small trees are uprooted and carried away with the flood.

The Apostle Paul was in Athens. Timotheus (Timothy) was with him. But he was thinking about the Thessalonians. He thought about the severe persecutions

that they were going through because they had declared that they believed on Jesus Christ. He was afraid that the storms of trials, troubles, and persecutions would uproot some of them, just like the storm on the Highlands of Scotland uprooted small shrubs and small trees. So he was willing to stay alone in Athens, that city of idolatry, and send Timothy to the Thessalonians. Notice in the first verse that Paul said, "Wherefore when we could no longer forbear. . . we sent Timothy to . . . you." When he could not longer wait to hear from them, he sent Timothy to see about them. He loved them and wanted to know that they were still clinging to Jesus even if others tried so hard to get them to give up Jesus. He did not want them to be "moved by these afflictions for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto." Boys and girls, you will have to suffer some for Jesus. Love Him so much that you will be willing. Don't let the sneers of others that try to get you to do wrong (or laugh at you because you are different from them) trouble you. Just be glad that your name is written in the book of life.

Paul was willing to stay in that city of Athens alone, and Timothy went to the Thessalonians. When Timothy returned from the Thessalonians, he brought good tidings. The tempter (the devil) had not overcome them. Their faith and love (charity) was wonderful. When Timothy told Paul that the saints at Thessalonica wanted to see him, he mentioned in verse six that he longed to see them also. The things that Paul had gone through were hard on him, and he was comforted by the report of the Thessalonians of their faith in Jesus. They had not been uprooted by the storm of persecutions, but were clinging to Jesus. Paul wrote to them that "night and day" he was "praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith." He wanted them to abound and

increase in love to each other. Today, God wants us to hold firm to him and to increase in our faith and love for Jesus and for each other.

— Aunt Marie

Lesson 7, November 17, 1974

TIMOTHEUS BROUGHT GOOD NEWS

1 Thess. 3:1-13

1 Thessalonians 3:1 Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone;

2 And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:

3 That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto.

4 For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know.

5 For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.

6 But now when Timotheus came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also to see you:

7 Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith:

8 For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.

9 For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy where-

with we joy for your sakes before our God;

10 Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

11 Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you.

12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:

13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

Memory Verse: If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: 11 Timothy 2:12.

QUESTIONS:

1 Who did Paul send to the Thessalonians?

2 Why did he send him? (verse 2)

3 Did Paul say we are appointed to suffer afflictions?

4 Did Paul suffer tribulation? (verse 4)

5 Timotheus brought good tidings of their — and —.

6 Did these tidings comfort Paul?

7 Paul wanted them to — in the Lord. (verse 8)

8 Did Paul have joy because of the Thessalonians?

9 Did Paul pray to see the Thessalonians again?

10 Who did Paul want to direct his way?

11 What are we to increase and abound in? (verse 12)

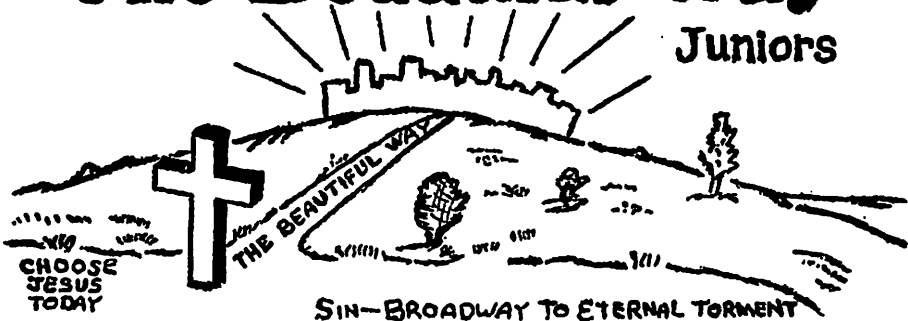
12 We are to be unblameable in — before God.

13 What is the promise given in our memory verse?

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Nov. 24

It Takes More Than Blueprints

What a blueprint it was! Harry sat on the front porch steps and looked at his plans, drawn on two pieces of notebook paper. He'd drawn them up in his free time at school. It would be the biggest tree-house in the neighborhood.

He had one problem. The planks and crossbeams would be a little large for one fourteen-year-old boy to handle up in the tree. But once he had the thing built, he'd be able to sit up there and survey the entire block.

The tree was ideal—a big, spreading one, with the branches forming a good support. There'd be two rooms and a special porch. And, then, there'd be a catwalk and a ladder up to a lookout post (made from an old barrel).

His outline was perfect.

But late that day, after he'd struggled for hours, he realized that things weren't going so well. The biggest planks and beams were too much for him to handle. He just couldn't make it. So he sat down, disconsolately trying to figure out why he hadn't made any more progress. The blueprints were perfect but it was too big a job.

Just then, an idea struck him. A tree house like that wasn't any good for just one fellow. Even if he could build it, it wouldn't be fun to sit up there alone. He needed a gang of fellows so they could really enjoy the house.

The idea was so simple, and so true, he was surprised he hadn't thought of it before. Within an hour, he'd gathered an entire crew of "construction men." Working together, they'd hoisted all of the beams and set them in place before nightfall.

When the job was done, Harry sat up in the lookout post, thinking. He realized that the job was much better than he could have done alone. In fact, it could never have been done at all, if he hadn't been helped by the others.

"I guess that's always the way," Harry mused. "You just can't do things by yourself. If you have a big job—and if you want to do it well—you have to make it a co-operative venture."

And Harry was right. Almost every accomplishment of mankind has come from a co-operation among a group of people. Nothing is accomplished alone. See if you can make a list of things done by just one person. Then see how much longer is the list of things which have

been done by groups of people, striving for things together.

Jesus knew that. He realized that he would have to teach his fellow men—so that those persons could spread the message of Christianity throughout the world. One person couldn't do it alone.

He was especially convinced of this when spreading his news of a religion of love and unselfishness, for he was opposed bitterly by certain powerful Jewish classes. The Pharisees and scribes were irritated that Jesus should break some of the minor rules they had added to the old Jewish religion. Also, the great masses of the people were slow to understand and accept Jesus. They had lived too long under the domination of the Pharisees and the scribes. —Sel.

Mary Learns a Lesson

(continued from previous lesson)

The old lady wanted to excuse me, and said, "Oh, let her have it; it doesn't amount to anything"; but my sister said, "No, she shall not have it, for she did not ask for it." Oh, how awful I felt! It was about a mile to our house, and I cried nearly the whole way home. On the way I said, "Ella, don't tell Mother" and she promised that she would not. I had experienced now what Paul meant when he said, "Sin revived and I died." It was the first time in my life I had ever known what guilt was. Reproof given at the first offense has saved me many temptations in later life. Only twice afterward do I remember of having had a like temptation. —Mary Cole

Keeping Peace

Once a boy named Kenny had a hard time keeping peace with his playmates. This was because Kenny was a want-my-

own-way boy. He wanted the other children to play the games he liked. He wanted them to go to the places he wanted to go. He wanted them to do the things he told them to do. Of course the other children didn't like this, and Kenny was always in a quarrel. One day his mother said, "Kenny, stop telling the children what you want to do. Ask them what they want to do. See how many times you can remember to say, 'What would you like to do?'"

Kenny thought that was queer—very queer. But he decided to try it. After all, it wasn't much fun to quarrel.

He ran out to play with the other neighborhood children. He started to shout, "I want. . .," but he remembered just in time. He said, "What would you like to do?" to the other children. One of the girls said, "Let's play tag." "All right," answered Kenny. They all played and had a good time, even though Kenny would have chosen hide-and-seek if he had had his way.

That afternoon Mrs. Jackson came to call, bringing her little boy with her. Kenny's mother said, "You boys may play in the sand pile or go to the park on the corner and swing, whichever you like." Kenny started to say, "I want. . .," but then he said—well, what do you think he said? (From this point on, you supply the words, "What would you like to do?" where they are needed.) The other boy said, "I'd like to play in the sand pile." So they played in the sand pile and Kenny had a good time, though he would rather have gone to the park.

The next morning Kenny's mother said, "Daddy won't be home today, because he is too busy at the office. We can go somewhere and spend the day. I wonder where it would be nicest to go?" Kenny started to say, "I want. . .," but instead, he said, ———. Mother answered, "I think it would be fun if we

went to the zoo and looked at the animals. We can have lunch at the restaurant next door to the zoo." How glad Kenny was that he had given his mother first choice. He never would have thought of anything as nice as that!

After that, Kenny tried hard to remember not to say so many "I-want-to's," but to say, ——— oftener. And first thing you know the other children caught the habit and they all started saying, ———. They almost never had quarrels.

At the age of seven, Joash became king. His uncle, the high priest, guided him and taught him many things about the duties of a ruler. His uncle loved God and helped Joash to see the difference between right and wrong.

Joash started out as a good king. After his uncle died, Joash forgot to obey God. He listened to those who worshiped idols. It is important to begin right and finish right. It was too bad for Joash and his people that they didn't listen to God all their lives.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

We are thinking about Thanksgiving. We remember about the Pilgrims that came to this United States years ago when there were very few people here. Mostly Indians roamed the land. The first winter, the Pilgrims nearly starved, but the next year they planted seed. When harvest came, they were so thankful that they had food to eat through the coming winter. They came together and gave thanks giving to the Lord for all that He had done for them. Today we have the day of Thanksgiving as a day to thank the Lord for His blessings through the last year. Of course, we want to thank the Lord every day; but it is good to set aside a day to look back and thank Him again. We can not thank the Lord enough for all He has done for us. There are so many things that we just take for granted. We use the many things we have and never think much about it. We drink the water and breathe the air and eat our food and are thankful, but we would be more thankful if it were taken away from us for awhile.

Last year, I was very sick; and for a long time I could not walk around very well because I was so weak. I prayed and prayed for strength to go and do the things I needed to do. The Lord healed me, and I am so thankful to be able to get around well. I believe I am more thankful for that than I was before I was so sick.

Our lesson is a Psalm of Thanksgiving. We are called to praise the Lord for all the many things that he has given to us. The Psalmist calls for nature and man to praise the Lord. Let us turn it around and praise the Lord for the sun, angels, heavens, moon, and sun. We are even thankful for the stars. Recently I heard some one say that the stars are like pin holes in the sky—letting the light of God shine through. We do love to see the stars twinkle. They are up there

because God has put them up there for us. We thank him for it.

We thank God for the cattle that God has given us for food. And we love to see the birds fly and to hear them sing. Did you ever wake up before dawn in the morning and hear a few birds singing and soon, more and more birds join them, until there is a chorus of songs from the birds? It is just wonderful. God has been so good to us. We are thankful to God for so many things. Name the things that you are thankful for. But the greatest person we are to be thankful for is Jesus Christ. He is so wonderful and loves us so much. He died on the cross for our salvation. Oh, we are so thankful to the Lord for all the many things that He does for us.

— Aunt Marie

Lesson 8, November 24, 1974

PSALM OF THANKSGIVING

Psa. 148:1-14

Psalm 148:1 Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

2 Praise ye him all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

3 Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:

8 Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word:

9 Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:

10 Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl;

11 Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:

12 Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

14 He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; even of the children of Israel; a people near unto him. Praise ye the Lord.

Memory Verse: Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord. Psalm 150:6.

QUESTIONS:

1 Who does the Psalmist tell us to praise?

2 In verse 2, who is told to praise the Lord?

3 Does God's creation, (the sun, moon, stars, etc.) praise him?

4 When we give thanks, is that one way to praise God?

5 What are some things to be thankful for?

6 Name 4 things that fulfill God's word. (verse 8)

7 Did you know that all of God's creatures praise him?

8 Who else is told to praise God in verse 12?

9 How can YOU praise the Lord?

10 Do you think that God is pleased when you are thankful to Him?

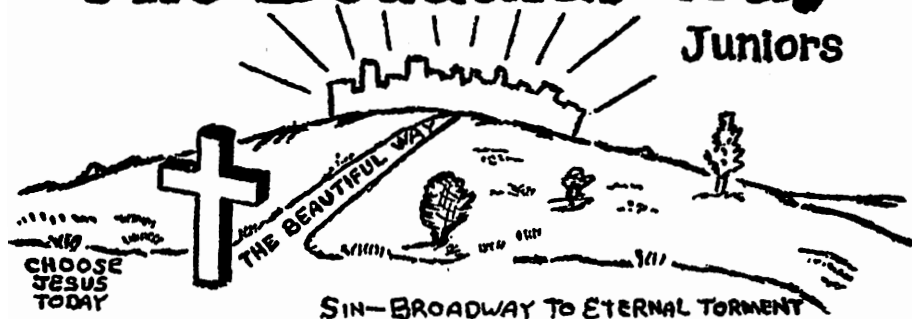
11 The memory verse says Let every-
12 It also tells who else to praise the Lord?

13 Can you remember the Memory verse?

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Dec. 1

Which Course Will You Choose?

Robert Wolters sat in the newspaper office just after press time. He was an office boy sixteen years old—and he was dreaming:

"Someday, I'll be editor of a great newspaper. . . a giant paper, like the New York Times or the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. I'll be famous and rich and live in a great mansion. . ."

As Robert sat thinking, the editor came in and sat down in his chair.

"Well, Robert," drawled the kindly editor, "what are you pondering so seriously this afternoon?"

"I was thinking about being a great editor someday. I was thinking that sometime I'll be editor maybe of the New York Times—and be rich, and famous."

"That's fine, Robert. Mighty fine." Mr. Caruthers paused a moment. "But, you know, you don't do things like that just by sitting and dreaming."

Robert nodded his head.

"And there are many things in the world more vital for a young journalist

than making money—and becoming famous," Mr. Caruthers continued.

"Thirty years ago I thought I'd like to be rich—maybe to be a great and famous newspaperman in Washington.

"But, I found that just making money wasn't enough. To be happy, you have to try to help others—and that doesn't always make a man famous—or wealthy.

"My advice to you, Bob, is to be a good, moral, honest newspaperman, helping others with your writing. If you do that, you'll have hundreds of friends, you'll be respected and you'll be much happier than if you set out only to be famous and to make money."

The next day, after thinking over his editor's remarks, Robert approached him. "Mr. Caruthers, I guess you're probably right about it—but how can I ever do anything by myself? I haven't enough money to go to school. . . and if I don't spend my time trying to make money and get ahead in the world—then I'll never be successful."

Mr. Caruthers smiled at him. "Bob," he said, "have you ever read this Bible verse: 'Every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened?'"

Bob remembered the verse.

"Well, Bob," continued Mr. Caruthers, "that Bible verse means something. . . something very definite. It means that if you approach your problems in the right way, with kindness and unselfishness in you heart, and with a truly Christian attitude, you'll receive help in overcoming those problems."

Bob frowned slightly. "I don't quite see what you mean, Mr. Caruthers."

"I'll tell you, Bob, let's make it very practical and down-to-earth. You've come to me for advice and help. . . because you've got a problem. I want to help you. But not because I think someday you'll be rich and famous. Instead, I want to help you be a man who can give help to other people."

"So here's what I'll do. I'll advance you the money to go through journalism school. And I'll help teach you the 'tricks of the trade'. . ."

Bob's eyes lit up. The whole thing sounded wonderful, and unbelievable.

"But there's one thing I want you to remember, Bob. When you become an older man, you've got the same kind of debt to pay. You'll have people ask you for assistance. When they do, give them the same kind of help you're going to receive from me. Just mark the verse down in you memory book. It's Luke 11:10. 'Every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.'"

Mr. Caruthers, in the story you've just read, was acting as a kindly counselor. Without thinking of himself, despite any need he might have, he offered immediate assistance to Robert.

Long ago Jesus gave us the supreme example. He acted as a guide for his disciples, and in turn became an example of love and unselfishness for the entire world. Would you like to hear of these examples? Here is one: Mark 6: 30-32.

You can imagine what a splendid experience that was for the disciples, to live

so intimately with Jesus—to have him with them every day, where they could learn by following his example.

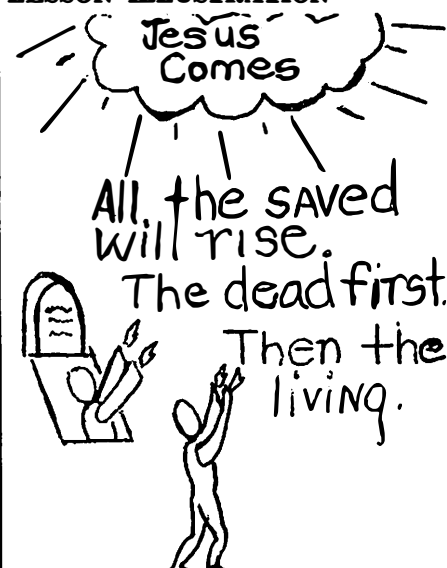
But, when Jesus and his disciples tried to escape by sea for a few hours from the crowds, to go apart to rest from their labor of ministering to the multitudes, they were followed by throngs of people, along the shore.

Jesus could have taken the easy way out. He could have put out to sea again, in search of a place of quiet. But, instead, he landed the boat and soon was teaching the great multitude. Jesus, the compassionate teacher, didn't think of his own needs, but of the needs of the people.

Another example of the way Jesus paused in his daily life to heed the requests of his disciples and his followers is given in Luke. One day, some of the disciples noticed that Jesus was alone, praying. These disciples wanted to follow his example and get the help from

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prayer that he did. But they didn't know how to do it until he taught them, as we see in Luke 11:1-4.

But Jesus did more than give the disciples the Lord's Prayer. He also explained to them the power of true prayer. (Luke 11:9-13.)

Jesus meant that God is like a father, and that we are all like the son who might ask for bread. If we ask for "bread," or for help in making our lives more Christian, do you think God will allow us to go unsatisfied? Not if we are sincere in our requests.

By applying yourself to the tasks which Jesus laid out for you, you can make yourself and others happier than you had ever believed possible. — Sel.

Dear Boys and Girls:

I am sure that you have many thoughts about Jesus' coming in the clouds and the end of the world. You probably wonder about death when you know someone and they die. You do not see them again. But the Bible tells us all about it. So it is important that we study about this. I like the thought, which is true, that the Apostle Paul told us about himself. He should know; because at one time, he was, as he said, "caught up into the third heaven." There he saw things that were too wonderful for him to explain to us. (2 Cor. 12:1-4) So he wrote to us that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. (2 Cor. 5:8,9) So just as soon as a person dies who has loved and obeyed Jesus, he is present with the Lord. Now where Jesus is, is so wonderful that we need not worry one bit what it will be like to be in heaven. Heaven is too wonderful to describe.

Boys and girls, each of you has a soul that lives in your body. Your soul is you. Your soul will never die. This body dies and goes back to dust when it is laid in the

grave. That is the reason we put it in the ground. Even if it is put in a cement vault, it still will go back to dust as time goes on. But their soul (the person) goes to a waiting place until the judgment. There you will remember all about your life while here on earth. The righteous, those who belong to the Lord and have obeyed him, go to be with the Lord in paradise. Jesus told us about Lazarus and the rich man in Luke 16:19-31. The waiting place for Lazarus was called, "Abraham's bosom." It will be a place of rest until the judgment. The wicked will be in a place of torment while waiting for the judgment. Jude tells us about some who are wicked and are waiting for the judgment. They are "reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day." Jude 1:6.

Paul wrote a letter to the Thessalonians. He told them to be comforted concerning those who are asleep; that is, their bodies are asleep in the grave and their souls are in paradise (the waiting place with the Lord) until the judgment. You are to have a hope of seeing them. Jesus will bring them with him in that great last day. Those who are saved from sin and are yet alive on this earth will arise to meet Jesus in the air. There will be a great resurrection. All in the graves will come forth, and all will be given a new body. All will then stand before God on the judgment day to be judged according to the deeds done in the body. Jesus talks about the judgment day as that great separation day. He compares it to putting the sheep (the righteous) on His right hand, and the goats (the wicked) on the left hand. The goats will be cast in the lake of fire, but the sheep will be taken to heaven to live forever. It is such a wonderful, blissful place that it can't be described. I want to be a sheep, don't you? Let us live daily to please Jesus, and he will take us to heaven.

— Aunt Marie

God keeps a record of all you do.

Lesson 9, December 1, 1974

THE LORD'S COMING

2 Thess. 1:7-11; 1 Thess. 4:13-18

11 Thessalonians 1:7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:

12 That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Memory Verse: Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. 1 Thessalonians 5:6.

QUESTIONS:

1 Do you like to think of the Lord's coming?

2 Why or why not?

3 Who is going to be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels?

4 Who will God take vengeance on? (verse 8)

5 What are the two 'nots' in that verse? K----- not, and ----- not.

6 What kind of destruction is "everlasting destruction"?

7 Who will the Lord be glorified in?

8 Are we to sorrow for Christians who have died and gone to be with the Lord?

9 Why not? The answer is in verse 14.

10 What will happen when the trump of God sounds?

11 Where will the Christians go when Jesus comes?

12 Where will they meet the Lord? (verse 17)

13 Have you ever thought about how awful it would be to be where there was no part of God?

14 What does our memory verse tell us to do?

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Dec. 8

What Is a Foreigner?

Outside in the schoolyard, all the youngsters taunted the little stranger. Laughing, they pointed to his funny clothes and to the peculiar stick he carried in his hand.

One little girl squealed: "Go back where you came from, funny-looking boy. We don't want to play with 'foreigners'."

And all the group laughed, as the strange youngster's face became woe-begone. It was easily apparent that he wanted to be friendly. Certainly, he wasn't responsible for his strange clothes, so unlike those worn by the other children. But he was an outcast—because he was "different."

Only one other youngster seemed to understand the feelings of the stranger. Despite the ridicule of his friends, this boy walked over to the newcomer, and asked him about the long stick held in his tightly-clenched fist. Pointing to the stick, he asked:

"What's that?"

The strange youngster brightened. "It's a baseball bat. And here's a ball."

"What do you do with it?"

"Play games. Want to learn how?"

"Yes—later. But, what are you doing in this country?"

The little stranger laughed—for the first time. "My father has a job here."

"Where did you live before?"

"I'm an American," said the stranger, "I lived in the United States."

The friendly youngster's eyes lit up. "An American! So is my teacher, Mrs. McDonald, over at the Mission School!"

"Are you a Christian?"

"Yes—that's why I didn't like to have people taunt you, and call you a foreigner," said the friendly youngster. "Mrs. McDonald says there's really no such thing as a foreigner. She says we should remember a Bible verse that goes like this: 'God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.'"

The little American nodded. "Sure. None of us are really foreigners. If you'd come to the United States, some people might call you a foreigner, just like some people here in China call me a foreigner. But really, we're all alike, aren't we?"

Jesus knew that differences among nations are not really important. All peo-

ple are very much alike, even though we have different customs and languages.

Would you like to hear a story about how Jesus treated persons who were called "foreigners" in his day?

Jesus was reared in Nazareth, but, late in life, he traveled throughout Palestine, and once went beyond it into Phoenicia. He met some persons who were considered "foreigners" by the Jews. But Jesus drew no line of distinction in his ministry. He helped all people.

On one occasion, Jesus traveled near the borders of Tyre and Sidon, two cities located to the north of the Holy Land. Most Jews then felt quite certain that they were the only race which would receive the blessings of the Messiah. But while on his journey, Jesus met a grief-stricken woman of another race. Read Mark 7: 24-30.

Now that you've read what the Syro-phenician woman said, and now that you have seen what Jesus' remark was, it's very apparent that Jesus wanted to help all men. He showed this by his action in curing the Syrophenician's daughter.

Do you understand exactly what Jesus meant when he was talking to the Syro-phenician woman? Perhaps not, for the two spoke almost in picture language, using what are called "figures of speech." Jesus was probably trying to test the faith of the Syrophenician woman. When he said, "Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs," he actually was testing the Greek woman, to see what she would say. Jesus, when he said "children," actually meant "the Jews"; and when he referred to "dogs," he actually meant the so-called "foreigners." He wanted to see what the woman's reaction would be. Go back yourself, and read her keen, but humble reply.

And, of course, Jesus was touched by her reply and by her faith. He believed that all men are deserving of the good things

of the earth. Actually, there are no foreigners and no strangers in Christianity; we are all one world-wide family.

But that is only one of the instances in which Jesus extended his mercy to members of other races. Once again, while he was traveling, Jesus met and helped another so-called foreigner. (Mark 7: 31-37.)

Since Jesus showed us so many years ago that all men are equal, it seems certain that the entire world should believe in this idea today. Yet, hundreds of times each year you are faced with decisions which place you either for or against the ideas Jesus expressed.

Let's see if you can name a few:

How about the times when you see people being ridiculed because they dress differently or act differently?

How about the times when you see people being treated unfairly solely because they are of a different color or nationality from that which we are?

And what about the times when you find groups at school banding together, not willing to play with youngsters of a different race?

What do you think your attitude should be in order to imitate Jesus?

There's a very easy way to test yourself on this score. Whenever you see strangers being treated unkindly, ask yourself this: "If Jesus were standing here beside me, what would he do—and how would he act toward this person?" Usually, if you try to find the answer to this question, you'll discover that you are being helpful and friendly toward all persons.

Remember, it's easy to stand aloof and to criticize other people for acting in the wrong way. But sometimes it takes more courage to be broadminded and unselfish yourself. If you're really a brave, thoughtful, and Christian person, you'll go out of your way to show all people that there's really no such thing as a "foreigner."

—Sel.

God is always with us. His presence gives us:

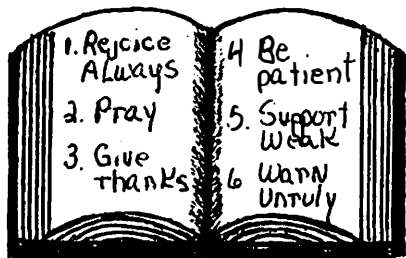
Rest: "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest" (Ex. 33:14).

Courage: "When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, . . . be not afraid of them: for the Lord thy God is with thee" (Deut. 20:1).

Comfort: "I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me" (Psa. 23:4).

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

God's Word



Love causes
us to obey

Dear Boys and Girls:

Today we are going to talk about some things that we are to do. Did you say that you have too many rules to go by already? Well, it is very important to have rules. You put yourself in your mother and daddy's place for awhile. How

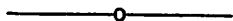
could they make the home run smoothly if they did not have some rules? Rules are important. A business has rules. The town has rules. There are rules to go by when you are driving on the highway. Think what a terrible thing it would be to be in your car when there were no rules. Cars would be on both sides on the road. They would be turning the corner and hitting other cars. People would be killed. Rules are really important.

There is a highway of holiness that leads to heaven. The Bible tells us about that highway. There are rules on this highway. We have to live by them to stay on that holy highway. Only these who obey the rules are there.

Today we are going to talk about some of these rules. But first, we want you to notice that we do not have to do them in our own strength or wisdom. Notice first verses 23, 24. If we obey the Lord, repent of our sins, and live up to the rules; then we can ask the Lord to send the Holy Spirit to sanctify us wholly or completely. That would mean that we are given power to keep God's rules. Notice verse 24. "Faithful is he that calleth you, who will do it." Isn't it wonderful to know that the Lord will keep us blameless unto His coming and will give us power to keep his rules if we will only pray and watch everyday?

The first thing we are to do is to not do wrong when someone wants us to. We should warn them that they should not do wrong. "Warn the unruly." Then we are to "comfort the feebleminded." Boys and girls, never make fun of anyone who can't think to say or do the right things. We are to comfort the weak. Help them. Older people need your help so much. I am glad that each of you are so nice to older people. And we are to be patient with all men, women, boys, and girls. Be sure that you do not return evil for evil, but do what is good and right. We are to be happy and to "pray without

ceasing." While you walk to school and are at school, you can pray in your mind: "Lord, help me to do right." or "Thank you, Lord, for helping me." We are to be thankful for all things and to obey the Lord when he talks to us. We are to "despise not prophesyings." Boys and girls, never talk against the truth that you hear preached or the ministers. Never be guilty of this. They are God's ministers and are giving you the truths in the Bible. Now remember to hold fast to that which is good and to stay away from anything that appears to be or is evil. God bless you, dear boys and girls, that you will understand what Jesus wants you to do to be ready to go to heaven. — Aunt Marie



Lesson 10, December 8, 1974

LIVING FOR GOD

1 Thess. 5:14-28

1 Thessalonians 5:14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

16 Rejoice evermore.

17 Pray without ceasing.

18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

19 Quench not the Spirit.

20 Despise not prophesyings.

21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

23 And the very God of peace sanctify

you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

25 Brethren, pray for us.

26 Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.

27 I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.

28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Memory Verse: Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. 1 Thess. 5:21

QUESTIONS:

1 What does living for God mean?

2 Name the four things verse 14 tells us to do.

3 Are we to return evil for evil? (verse 15)

4 Do you know what rejoice evermore means?

5 How can we pray without ceasing?

6 Do you think there is always something to thank God for?

7 Are you doing God's will by being thankful to Him?

8 Do you know what the word quench means?

9 How can you despise prophesyings?

10 What are we to hold fast to?

11 We are to——— from all appearance of ——.

12 Tell in your own words what this means.

13 Who can sanctify you wholly?

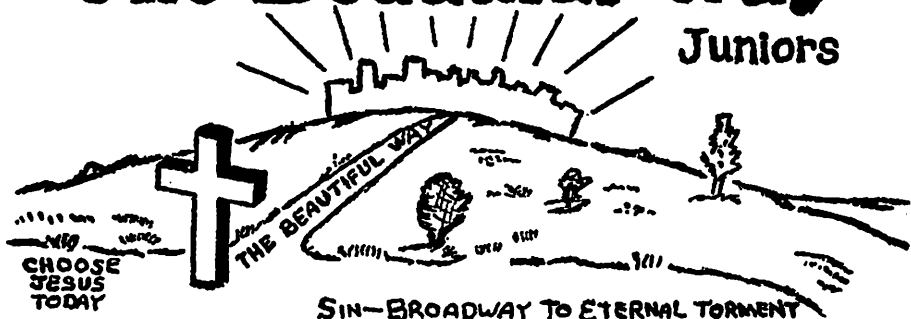
14 We need to be sanctified wholly so our whole spirit and soul and body can be p—— b—— until Jesus comes.

15 Who is faithful?

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Today We are Happy!

This is the story of a Scotch boy who explored the wildest regions of Africa, made friends of fierce old native chiefs, defied cruel slave traders, and rescued hundreds of African children from slavery and death.

Dan Crawford, the Scotch boy, was born in Gourrock, a little village along the coast of Scotland. His father was the master of a schooner that sailed up and down the seacoast, carrying supplies from one town to another.

As a very small boy Dan stood on the wharf and watched the little boat go sailing out to sea.

"Some day," he told himself, "I'll go, too. And some day I'll be the master of a schooner all my own."

Then Dan began to hear stories about some other Scotch boys who had grown up to be great men—Robert Moffat and David Livingston. They had gone to Africa to teach the people about God. He heard too, how much the people in that faraway country needed help.

So, although he was only nineteen

years old, he signed up to go to Africa. It took him thirty-eight days by boat; but after he got to the continent, he had to travel on foot for months to reach the part of the country that was to be his home.

At last—over a year from the time he left his home in Scotland—Dan Crawford reached the part of Africa that was ruled by King Mushidi.

Now Mushidi was a cruel old chief who sold his people just as he sold his ivory. He put hundreds of people to death whenever the idea struck him. But from the very first, old King Mushidi took a liking to Dan. Often when the old chief was about to sell some of his people, or punish them by some terrible means, Dan would talk him out of it.

It wasn't all as easy as that, however, for Mushidi liked the gold that came to him from the slave trade.

After Mushidi's death, a new king ruled the kingdom; and this king, Mwenda, became a Christian. He looked at his people and saw that they were sick, afraid, unhappy. "Tell them the story of Jesus," he used to say to Dan. So for thirty-six years Dan Crawford traveled all up and down the interior of Africa, telling the people about Jesus, the Son

of God. He helped them build clean, sturdy homes; he taught them how to take care of the sick, and he told them that God wanted them to live together in peace.

"The years before you told us about Jesus," the people said, "were sad years. Today we are happy; we are strong."

Dan Crawford smiled. That's why he had come to Africa—to tell them about Jesus Christ who would change their lives.

— N. Tyndale

Little Problems in Peace

One of the good things God wants you to learn is how to help keep peace in the world. That will be a part of your work for him when you grow up. But you can't help keep peace when you are grown unless you learn to keep peace with your friends now.

I want to give you some little problems and see if you can solve them. They are problems in how to keep peace.

Suppose that a man who owned an empty lot in your neighborhood told you that he would let you and your friends play ball there every afternoon. But one afternoon when you get there with your team, some other boys are playing. They won't get out, even when you tell them that you have permission to play there., can you think of a way to keep peace between your team and the other team?

Imagine that you and three other children are taking turns swinging in a big swing in your back yard. All the children except one little girl are glad to take turns, but this one girl wants to swing more than her share of the time. Of course, the other girls do not like that., how can you keep peace?

Suppose a boy who is your friend gets angry at you about something that was not your fault. He tries to make the other boys angry at you, too. Some of them take his part and some of them take your part. It spoils all your games., what would you do?

Suppose that you and your brother and sister all like to sit in the same chair under the same reading lamp to read your storybooks. One night you get the chair first. Then you go away for a moment and leave your book on the chair. When you come back, your brother has moved your book and is sitting in the chair himself. When you tell him you had the chair first, he only laughs., what will be the best thing to do?

The problem is not solved if anyone is left with hurt feelings.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Love Truth



Speaketh the
truth in his heart"
Psalms 15:2

WHAT VOICE TO LISTEN TO

When Samuel was a little boy he heard someone calling him in the night. After Eli told him that maybe the Lord was calling him the next time he said, "Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth." The Lord then told him some things that were going to come to pass. Boys and Girls, when a thought comes to you that is good, then you also can know its the Lord talking to you and you should listen, but if its a bad thought, its the devil talking to you, so you should just listen to the good.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Some of the saints who lived in Thessalonica thought that Jesus was coming very soon. Some quit their work and were waiting for him to come. In our lesson today, we read about Paul writing them that there were some things that would come to pass before Jesus came. He did not want them to take anything wrongly that he had written.

The Apostle Paul wrote some very important things (that God had let him know were to come to pass,) to the Thessalonians. It was truly a great thing for this to be known many, many years before it came to pass. God also revealed it to the Apostle John, and he tells us about it in Revelation.

Paul said that there would first come the "man of sin." He would be the "son of perdition". He would set himself up to be worshipped and would try to take the place of God. Paul told them that things were going on among them at this time that later would result in the "man of sin" making himself known. He said that the "mystery of iniquity doeth already work." Now we are living in a day when this prophecy has already come to pass. We can look back and know that the words

of the Apostle Paul and the Apostle John were true because they came to pass after they had died. The Apostle John told us more about the "man of sin". Now, boys and girls, we can't tell you all about the symbols in Revelation, but we want you to know that the symbol for the "beast" in Revelations is to represent Catholicism. The reason Catholicism is mentioned is because they ruled nations and made people be Catholics during a long period of time. (This is recorded in history.) So the "beast" in this verse in Revelations is Catholicism. We read, "the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is six-hundred threescore and six." (666, Rev. 13:18) Now the Pope of Rome wears in jeweled letters upon his miter the following blasphemous inscription. "Vicarious Filii Deli" When this is translated into English, it reads: "Vicar of the Son of God." Taking out of this name all the letters which the Latins used as numerals, we have the total number of six-hundred and sixty-six. U and V were formerly used to mean five. You have had Roman numbers in school, haven't you? So here are the following Roman numerals and the meaning of each. V-5, I-1, C-100, A-0, R-0, I-1 U-5, S-0, F-0, I-1, L-50, I-1, I-1, D-500, E-0, I-1. These numbers make a total number of 666. (One-score is twenty. Three-score is 60.)

In the last verses, the Apostle Paul warns the Thessalonians and us to be careful. Those who went off into a great deception and worshipped a man were not honest in their hearts before God. (Catholics confess to the priest instead of Christ.) They wouldn't be careful to obey God's Word, yet they wanted to be called Christians by others. We must live carefully before God. We must have a love for truth.

— Aunt Marie

Lesson 11, December 15, 1974

LOVE THE TRUTH

2 Thess. 2:1-7, 10-17

2 Thessalonians 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through

sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,

17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

Memory Verse: And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.
John 8:32

QUESTIONS:

1 Do you think the truth is important?

2 Why?

3 Do you know what an honest heart is?

4 Why should we be honest with God?

5 Is there a danger of being deceived?

6 Notice verse 10. Do you see it takes a love for the truth to be saved?

7 Verse 11 reads, for this cause --- shall send them ---, that they should believe a ---.

8 Who will be damned? (verse 12)

9 Is it a dangerous thing to not believe the truth?

10 What traditions are we to hold?

11 Who will comfort our hearts?

12 Will God establish us in every good work?

13 We would have to love the truth to be established, wouldn't we?

14 What is the promise given in our memory verse?

15 Do you know we have to continue (or abide) in God's word to know the truth? (St. John 8:31)

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Destination—Nazareth

The motors growl, then open up in a throaty roar as the Time Ship leaves the earth's surface. It hovers about 50 feet off the ground and, looking through the thick glass of the "time-scope," you are amazed to find the surface of the earth has changed in appearance. Where a moment ago there were paved streets, now there is only tumbled undergrowth.

Then, suddenly, you see the Atlantic coast line. A tiny ship is hugging the shore. The pilot adjusts the time-scope focus to pick up an almost illegible name painted on the vessel's prow—The Mayflower! You look at the time-meter; it reads 1620. "Why those are the Pilgrims landing at Plymouth Rock!" you shout. The pilot nods, smilingly. "They brought Christianity to the New World," he says "and now we're going to see the Old World from which it came."

The ship accelerates, the time-meter flashes dates which you recall having learned in school were important ones in the history of Christianity—1524 A.D., 1095 A.D., 476 A.D., 330 A.D. . . .

You try to remember the events that go with those dates—the Fall of Rome,

the Reformation, the Crusades, Constantine, the Great. . . then the pilot speaks again: "Now we're going up about 100 miles above the earth for a second or so. I want you to see the entire country we are to visit."

The ship shoots skyward, then hovers again while you glue your eyes to the time-scope. As you watch, the pilot speaks: "See that wide sea below? That's the Mediterranean. It was given that name, it lies between Africa—down here—Europe, which you can see up ahead, and Asia, off to the right. Those were the only lands known to those who gave the Mediterranean its name."

"Everywhere we go in this time zone," the pilot points out, "we'll see people from Rome. You see, by this time in history the Romans have conquered practically all the known world."

"Now, if you'll look carefully as we move down to the eastern end of the Mediterranean," the pilot goes on, "you'll see a tiny strip of mountainous land, about 150 miles long and about 50 miles wide, lying between the Mediterranean and the vast Arabian Desert."

"I know; that's Palestine," you say.

"Right," the pilot smiles, pushing a lever so that the Time Ship begins to lose

altitude as you approach Palestine. To the north a high mountain looms into the sky. "That's the tallest mountain in this region," the pilot points out.

"I already know the name of the small sea south of the mountain. It's the Sea of Galilee, and the stream which runs out its southern end is the Jordan River. It flows into the Dead Sea down here to the south."

Moving slowly toward the Sea of Galilee, the pilot "lets down" till the ship hovers over a small village, slightly west of the sea's southern shore.

"We're over Nazareth now," says the pilot, as you check the time-meter. It reads 14 A.D. and you ask: "Jesus is living now, isn't he?"

The pilot nods. "Yes, down in that little village, in one of those mud and thatch houses, Jesus is probably working right now at the carpenter's trade. He hasn't begun his great work of teaching. But he's learning much—and growing up."

The pilot adjusts the time-scope to pick up a spot near a well where a man is speaking excitedly to a group of people.

"That man's a Zealot," the pilot tells you, "maybe I can pick up what he's saying on the supersonic." Adjusting ear phones and twirling precisely dated dials, he listens for a moment. "He's telling the people at the well that the Romans will be driven out of the land. He says that a Messiah will soon come—one who will lead the Jews to great military victories."

You are surprised, of course. "Jesus didn't lead any military conquests."

Your pilot nods in agreement. "You're right, the Zealot is wrong. But that's what most of the Jews believed. Now take a look at that tall man, over toward the left." Your pilot points to a man dressed in a flowing white robe.

"That man's a Sadducee. He's a member of a Jewish party which largely controls the priesthood and the Temple.

I suppose one would say that he's a priest," the pilot continues, "but the Sadducees are politicians, too. They are opposed by a group of people called Pharisees, who think the Sadducees don't observe certain Jewish religious laws."

"There's one of the Pharisees now," he adds, pointing out a man walking along some distance behind the Sadducee. "He's also a scribe, which means he has spent his life memorizing and teaching the hundreds of Jewish religious laws. He teaches in a place called a synagogue."

"A synagogue is sort of a church, isn't it?" you ask.

"Yes," says your pilot, "it is not only church, but the school as well. It was in the synagogue here at Nazareth that Jesus learned his daily lessons."

"Now let's get back to the very beginning," your pilot says, as he twists the time-meter dial until the needle stands at "O". Checking the time-scope, you suddenly see a long line of people making their way out of Nazareth south-eastward toward the Jordan. Some are riding on donkeys, but most of them are walking. And not one of them seems very happy. "Where is everyone going, and what's wrong?" you ask, all in one breath.

"Those people are going back to the cities that were the original headquarters of their tribes," the pilot explains. "You see, that trip marks the beginning of a new system of Roman taxation in Palestine. It explains, too, why Jesus was born in Bethlehem instead of Nazareth, where he grew up. Bethlehem was headquarters for the tribe of Judah, to which Mary and Joseph belong."

"But you can read about all that in the second chapter of Luke," the pilot continues, as he hands you his pocket Testament. "You see it's getting late and I'll have to hurry if I get us back to 1974 in time for dinner."

You lean back and start reading as the Time Ship begins the flight home. As you

read, the story grows more and more interesting. Not until your pilot shouts "We're back in 1974" do you take another look at the time-scope. Sure enough, there below is your chapel and your home. And somehow both seem to mean far more to you than ever before. Quietly you resolve to learn much more about how our homes and churches came to be Christian.

Jesus heals today just like He healed when He lived here on the earth.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

I know that you have been so excited about Christmas. You have looked forward to receiving some gifts; and of course, you have enjoyed buying some little gift for someone else. I am sure that most of you do not have much money to buy things with, but everyone loves to be remembered with even just a little gift. One time my son gave me a card with a candy bar in it when he was a little boy. I was so thankful that he thought about me that it made tears come to my eyes. It wasn't much, but I knew he had used some of his nickels to make

me know that he thought about me. Now you can't buy things for everyone, but please do remember your mother and daddy with just a little something. They have done so much for you.

Gifts always remind us of Christmas. Why? Because when we think of Christmas, we think of the greatest Gift that has ever been given to this world. Who is He? Of course you knew it was our precious Jesus. All of us love Him so much, don't we? The Apostle John in the Bible tells us about that gift. I am sure that most of you can quote John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth on him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. Notice the words: "for God so loved the world that he gave." Oh, how God loved us, even when we were deep in sin. We could not get out of the devil's clutches. The devil was too great for us, but not for God. God is bigger than the devil. So God gave us the Gift of His only Son; so that if we believe in Him, we shall not perish with the devil and miss heaven, but will live with God in heaven forever. What a wonderful Gift Jesus is to us! Jesus came to this world and took our punishment and died on the cross. But he did not stay in the grave. He arose; and today, if we believe on Him, we can be saved from sin and the devil's clutches. Praise God for His wonderful and great love! Aren't we happy that God loved us so much and gave us such a wonderful Gift as Jesus Christ?

We do not only rejoice today about the Gift God gave to the world; but when Jesus was born, the angels rejoiced. Heaven was so happy that it just burst open with joy, and the angels came tumbling out of heaven with the glorious news. The shepherds were awake that night, and they were the first to know about this wonderful Gift. The angels shouted, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Oh, how happy we are that

we too can join in the praises with the angels for Jesus, the best gift to mankind.
— Aunt Marie

Lesson 12, December 22, 1974

A SAVIOUR IS BORN

Matt. 2:1-14

Matt. 2:1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet.

6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east went before them, till it came

and stood over where the young child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

13 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

Memory Verse: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:14.

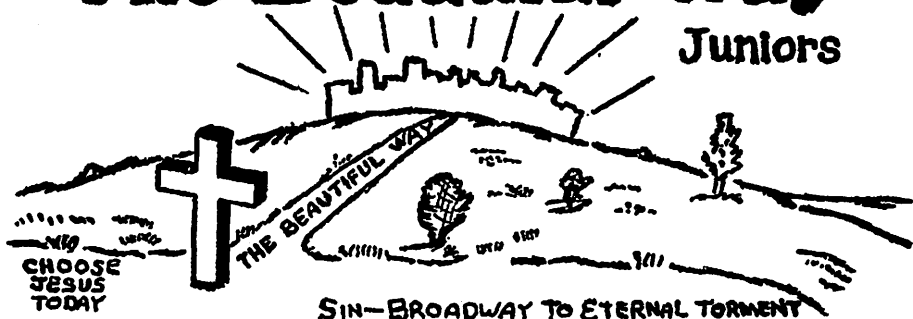
QUESTIONS:

- 1 Where was Jesus born?
- 2 Who came to Jerusalem from the east?
- 3 Who were they searching for?
- 4 When Herod the king heard who they were searching for, was he glad?
- 5 What did the king do?
- 6 Did the scribes and priests tell Herod where Christ was to be born?
- 7 What did Herod ask the wisemen?
- 8 What did he tell the wise men to do?
- 9 Did he really want to worship Jesus?
- 10 Where did the star lead the wise men?
- 11 Were they glad to see the star again?
- 12 Who did the wisemen give gifts to?
- 13 What did God tell them in a dream?
- 14 Who else had a dream?
- 15 Tell about it.

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Time For Decision

It was cold that night, but beads of perspiration covered the young sergeant's face as he told his story:

"Yes, sir, the enemy had us trapped on the hill over there. It was dark—pitch black—and we were under constant artillery and mortar fire. I used my compress bandage on someone else. . . So, when I was hit myself, there was nothing with which to treat my own wound. That must have been around 5 o'clock in the morning; soon after that I passed out. . . When I regained consciousness—around 9 o'clock—an infantry outfit was trying to break through with medical supplies. But the enemy had so many snipers at work that it was impossible even to get litter bearers to us. We were told that any of the wounded who could should start back toward our first-aid station. But I couldn't move. . .

"Then our entire outfit was ordered to fall back. There was nothing I could do—except wave 'so long' to the fellows as they got ready to make a dash for it.

"Just then I saw a buddy of mine, a grizzled old Army sergeant. He was

lying behind a boulder, looking over at me. I could almost read his mind. 'Hey, sarge,' I yelled, 'go on back. . . Go on. I'll make out all right.' I knew that if he left, I'd be lost. But he couldn't hope to get us both back safely.

"But suddenly there was the sergeant running toward me. He picked me up in his arms. . . almost like I was a baby. He lumbered along, and I could hear enemy bullets splatting all around us.

"We were almost to that eight-foot embankment, which would have taken us out of the enemy's line of fire, when it happened. A shot rang out and sarge dropped. I fell on top of him. . ."

The young sergeant paused, and looked off into space. When he continued, his words came slowly, as if they were forced out.

"I believe a little of me died, too. The worst of it was I couldn't help him. He just lay there, a smile on his face. . ."

The chaplain who had listened quietly to this story, leaned over the young soldier and brushed the perspiration from his forehead.

"Son, your buddy is all right," the chaplain said. "We know that. And there is something you can do—something you've got to do. You have the rest of

your life to prove that you're worthy of what he did. In a sense, that's true of all of us, though we don't realize it. You see, what your friend did, someone else had already done for you—for all of us—a long time ago—someone we call Jesus. . ."

This is a true story—the characters were real people, soldiers of World War II. And the story has a point.

Each of us will be tempted many times to do things for ourselves instead of for others. The choice may sometimes be as difficult as that which the old Army sergeant had to make. It might be well, therefore, for all of us to heed the chaplain's advice—to remember afriend who made even more difficult decisions because of his incomparable love for us.

Here's that story:

Decisions Jesus Made

After his baptism, Jesus went out into the wilderness to the west of the Jordan River valley. Out among those barren and treeless hills, cut through with deep rocky ravines, he spent forty days and nights thinking things through. The Bible tells us about that experience in Luke 4: 1-13.

Now let's take your own case, for a moment. Do you have temptations? Of course, you do. You make choices between right and wrong every day. And many times it's much easier to make the wrong decision. But always, greatest real

happiness comes from making the kind of choices Jesus made.

What are some of the temptations you face? Make a list of them, then see whether you can make a decision about each one that's based on Jesus' example. Before you decide anything, think to yourself: "Is my decision really unselfish? Am I deciding for myself alone, or because I know my choice will be beneficial to others?" —Sel.

A Parable

Once there was a wide, smooth road. It ran down-hill. People could travel on it very fast. It looked like a good road to be on. Most people took that road. When they looked at it, they could see no danger. They saw others going down it who were laughing and having a good time, so it looked like the right way to go.

Away from the smooth, wide road, there was a strait and narrow path that led up over a steep hill. It looked like a hard road to travel. A sign read, "This is the safe road to travel. You will live forever if you take this road."

Everyone saw this sign and looked at the narrow road, and then at the wide one. Most of them said, "Ha-ha. That sign does not tell the truth. We can see which road is best." So they went down the smooth road.

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Sin has many disguises, and temptation—the voice of sin—talks of fun, the spice of danger, thrills.

There were some other signs. They were not large signs, but they were plain to read. One said, "Take the narrow road. There is great danger ahead."

"Ha-ha," said the people. "Do you think we are fools to believe that silly sign?" Some people did stop and think awhile. Most of them went on. Only a few turned back to the narrow road.

Ahead on the wide road was a sharp turn. The slope inclined till people went around this turn almost too fast to stop. There was no way to turn back now. What was beyond the turn? A deep precipice. Many on the road did not see it at all. But they went tumbling over the precipice. Others did see at the last moment, and cried out in horror. But they could not stop. Oh, there was indeed a terrible danger on that wide, smooth road! The signs had told the truth. — T. Sprague

Mother's Day

I wear a flower sweet to say
To my own mother on this day,
"I love you; and I thank you, too,
For all the loving things you do."

Dear Boys and Girls:

You saw a dime lying on the table. You wanted to buy some candy. This thought came to you: "I can take that dime and get me some candy." Then another thought came into your mind, "No, I had better not, because it doesn't belong to me. It would be stealing if I took it." Then another thought came to you, "No one would know who took it." Then maybe another thought would come, saying, "What if I was found out?" Then this thought would come: "No one would ever know." Then another thought would come: "Yes, but God would know." Now boys and girls, where do all of these thoughts come from that come to your

mind? Remember that your mind is the sorting room for your thoughts. You are to sort out the good and bad thoughts. Be very careful in doing this. You can know what is good of the thoughts that you let stay in your mind by checking them by the Bible. Then all of the thoughts of those that come to you that are not right and good thoughts are from the devil. Those are the thoughts we must not let stay in our hearts. Do remember this, and read the Bible so you can know what kind of thoughts to let stay in your mind. It will mean your salvation and will decide whether you will go to heaven or not. So if it is that important to watch your thoughts, it would pay you to be very careful what you let stay in your mind and what you think.

If you let wrong thoughts stay, you will be doing wrong. If someone hits you really hard for no reason, and you let the thought that they are mean and you don't like them stay in your mind; it will not be long until you will be doing something wrong to them. You will soon be hating them or saying bad things about them. But the Bible says for us to forgive those who do us wrong. So forgive them right away, and never let bad thoughts about them stay in your mind.

We are not treated differently from Jesus. The devil hated Jesus. He wanted him to do wrong. The devil did not want him to be our Saviour or to be without sin or to be innocent so he could die on the cross and take our punishment for sin. So today, we read in our lesson about how the devil worked hard on Jesus. He tried to get him to sin. Jesus was about to start on His ministry. If Jesus would jump off the temple and the angels would save him from hurting himself, then the people would think he was someone great; and he would get a big following. The devil tried to get him to do this so that Jesus would glorify himself. But Jesus would not do this. He didn't want glory to himself.

He wanted everyone to love God, His Father.

The devil works through the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. We read about this in John 2:15-17. Let us be careful to please and love Jesus and to watch our thoughts, and then our actions will be right.

— Aunt Marie

Lesson 13, December 29, 1974

YIELD NOT TO SIN

Luke 4:1-13

Luke 4:1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

2 Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

3 And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.

4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

9 And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and

said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:

10 For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee:

11 And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

12 And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

13 And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

Memory Verse: For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15.

QUESTIONS:

1 Who led Jesus into the wilderness?

2 How long was Jesus tempted of the devil?

3 What was the first temptation?

4 Could Jesus have made bread out of the stones?

5 What did Jesus say man should live by?

6 What did the devil want Jesus to do in the second temptation? (verse 7)

7 Who are we to worship?

8 What did the devil tell Jesus to do next?

9 Who did the devil say would take care of Jesus?

10 Would it have been right for Jesus to have jumped off the temple?

11 How did Jesus answer the devil?

12 Is it right to tempt God by doing foolish and dangerous things?

13 When did the devil leave Jesus?

14 Do you know why Jesus had to suffer temptation? Read memory verse.

15 Did Jesus ever sin?

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