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Part One

January 4

Why A Happy New Year

I shall have a happy New Year,
For I've had a happy day;
'Twas the day that Jesus saved me—
Washed my ev'ry sin away.

Now my heart is new and cheery;
Jesus made it new when He
Entered it, to be my Saviour,
And from sin to make me free.

Now my New Year shall be truly
Not a day, but every one
In the year, for my dear Saviour
Has my happy year begun.—Sel.

Mary's Bible

"What is your name?" asked a stranger of a little girl.

"My name is Mary," was the answer.

"I want to give you a Bible. Will you promise me that you will read it?" said the stranger. "This book tells you about Jesus, and if you will do what it says, you'll go to heaven."

"Oh, yes, I'll read it," Mary said as she reached for the Bible. She was very happy to have a Bible of her own. She ran into the house and

showed it to her mother. She looked through it and for days she would try to read it. She started in the first part of the book and tried to read; but she couldn't understand it. She laid it upon the shelf and would take it down at different times and try to read it, but she couldn't understand it.

One day the stranger came along again, and he asked her if she had the Bible he had given her. She said, "Yes." He asked her if she had read it, and she told him that she had tried but she couldn't understand it. He told her to go get it and bring it to him and he would show her where to read and mark the places. She ran quickly and brought the Bible to him. They sat down together and he marked different places in the Bible. First he marked in Exodus 20:12, which reads, "Honour thy father and mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." He told her if she would always obey her father and mother she would have long life. This made a deep impression upon Mary. And even after the stranger was gone, many times she would take up her Bible and read the places he had

marked. She would always read this verse and then she would watch and try with all her heart to obey Mother and Father. Sometimes when Mother told her to wash the dishes or do some work for her that she just didn't want to, she would think of that verse, "Honor thy father and mother that thy days may be long upon the earth." Then she would say, "I am going to obey the Bible so I can live long and go to heaven." And she would happily go about her work.

One day Mary had a very severe test. Her mother combed her hair in a different way, and oh, she didn't like it. She asked her Mother to not comb it that way because the children at school would make fun of her, but her Mother didn't change it. She went on to school and on the way she thought she would take it down and fix it another way, but she knew she couldn't fix it, and she knew her mother would find it out. She was so troubled and felt bad about it. Then she thought of that verse that was in her Bible, "Honor thy father and mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." So she thought to herself that she didn't care if the children did make fun of her, she was going to obey her Mother and leave her hair up. She went to school and they did make fun of her, but she had a joy in her heart that she had obeyed the Bible.

Mary always tried to mind her mother and father as long as she was at home. Finally she grew up and married and she had some little girls. She told her little girls about how she had been given this Bible and about this verse that was marked, and then she told them how she had always tried to obey it even if she did not want to at first.

One day Mary became very sick,

and it seemed she would die. Everyone had given her up and her little girls were told about it. They came to her around her bed and told her that she would not die because she had obeyed her mother and had obeyed the Bible and that now God would keep his promise to her because she had done what God had said. And the Lord did spare her and raised her up because she was still not very old and had not lived a long time.

Oh, I trust that this true story that was told to me will be a blessing to each one that reads it; and that you, too, will, from this day, not forget that if you obey the Bible God will keep his promise to you. And your life will be full of blessings.

—M. M.

God's Promises

One time a lady told her little girl that she would take her to the shoe store on Saturday and buy her a pair of shoes. On Friday the little girl's father was supposed to receive a check and they could not buy the shoes until it came. But there was some delay and the check did not arrive on Friday, and besides that the little girl stepped on a board which had a nail in it and the nail went through her old shoe and into her foot and made the foot swollen and sore so she could not try on shoes. The little girl had been looking forward to getting the new shoes, so when Saturday came and she could not get them she was very much troubled about it.

The mother meant well, and would have kept her promise if she could, but sometimes things happen until mothers and fathers here cannot keep their promises. But we have a heavenly Father who has given us many, many good promises, and he is able and willing to fulfill every one of

them. Sometimes He promises to do things for us if we will do things for Him and obey Him. So when He makes a promise like that, we must do our part or He will not do His.

It is good to learn God's promises so we can claim them for our own. Perhaps you will think more about God and His promises after you read the story about Mary and her Bible in this paper. Watch for more promises in other papers. —G. R.

Search Question

Name four fishermen that Jesus called to follow him.

Answer to Last Week's Question

Dagon. 1 Sam. 5:3.

A LETTER

Calif.—Dear Aunt Marie,—I enjoy reading your "Beautiful Way" paper every week. I think it is a very good paper for learning things.

I just got saved during camp meeting, and I want you to pray for me that I will keep saved. Also I want you to pray for my mother and daddy that they will get saved. I like to figure out the puzzles, and reading letters. I would like to hear some letters from other boys and girls. —Derryl Forbes.

THE CLOVER BLOSSOM

Once I saw a clover blossom
through a glass,
'Twas so large that for a lily
it would pass.
There is so much beauty in
the little things to see,
I know the great Creator would surely
think of me.
I saw the rainbow, too,
with its colors bright,
And with the clover it made
a gorgeous sight.

—Rita Ann Reese, age 10.

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Dear boys and girls:

I'm so glad that the Lord is permitting us to write to you again at the beginning of a new year. We thank the Lord that he has made it possible to continue to send you the little paper. By your subscriptions and many offerings the good work will go on. Many have written of what a blessing the paper has been. We do truly thank God for that. We thank God for making different ones feel impressed to write for the little paper. Surely God will bless all, as I know he has blessed me greatly for anything He has helped me do.

Our Sunday School lesson has impressed me much. Jesus was teaching the people of how important it was to have the heart right. He did not mean the physical organ that beats to give life to the body, but he meant the inner being of man. When God made man, he breathed into him the "breath of life." That made them different than the animals. We have a soul that will live on and on. And when that soul or inner being is full of sin, they cannot do good and are not in touch with God, but by Jesus' blood we can be changed, have a new life and a heart made pure. Don't try to be good in your own strength. Ask Jesus to forgive your sins and give you a new heart, and you will just be good. —Aunt Marie.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 1, January 4, 1953

LIVING FROM THE HEART

Matthew 15:1-11; 18-20.

In our lesson today some men came to Jesus. These men were scribes and Pharisees. They did not like Jesus because he told them he was the Son of God, the Saviour of the world. And because many believed on him, these men wanted to get rid of him. They watched Him all the time to find something that they could bring against him before their church court and then have him put to death. These Pharisees and scribes had many things that they said God wanted them to do. One of the things they did was to have a special ceremony of washing their hands before and after they ate. It was not just for cleanliness, but they said that a person committed an awful sin if he did not do this. So they came to Jesus, after watching the disciples eat without doing this special ceremony, and said, "Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread." The elders here referred to meant a body of 72 men who told the people what they thought God wanted them to do, and if they told the people that their left hand was their right hand they were to believe it. Now I am sure the disciples were clean and washed the dirt off their hands. That is not what they meant, but it was because they did not keep the religious ceremony.

Jesus asked them a question. He said, "Why do you not keep the fifth commandment?" Do you remember the fifth commandment? "Honor thy father and mother." Then God commanded that if any cursed father or mother or were disobedient, that they were to be stoned to death. This may have seemed very hard, but God had to have obedient children to their parents, and then he

knew they would obey Him. If you don't obey your parents, you won't obey God. (See Exodus 21:17; Lev. 20:9; Prov. 20:20). Jesus told them that now this body of 72 men did not make the children take care of their parents. If their parents were in need and they had some money to take care of them with, they could give it to the treasury at the temple and then they would be free from caring for their parents. Jesus told them that these elders by their traditions disobeyed the commandments of God. And for children not to care for their aged parents when they cannot care for themselves is a sin, but to eat without going thru the ceremony of washing hands is nothing. Jesus went on to call them hypocrites. He told them that Isaiah foretold of them, when he said, "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me." People can go through a form of just getting down on their knees and saying a few words or many words, and if they do not mean what they say, God does not hear them. And it is a life full of lies. We must mean what we say and worship God from the heart. Jesus calls this vain or empty worthless worship. Jesus said that it wasn't what we ate that made us do wrong, but it is what comes out of an evil heart. From an evil heart will come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. But that seat of affections, that center of the soul representing one's disposition must be changed by the blood of Jesus.

Central Thought—When the unclean thing is taken out of the heart, the life will be clean.

Memory Verse—Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Prov. 4:23.

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Part Two

January 11

There's A Friend For Little Children

There's a friend for little children,
Above the bright blue sky,
A friend who never changeth,
Whose love can never die;
Unlike our friends by nature,
Who change with changing years,
This friend is always worthy
The precious name he bears.

There's a home for little children,
Above the bright blue sky,
Where Jesus reigns in glory,
A home of peace and joy:
No home on earth is like it,
Nor can with it compare;
For everyone is happy,
Nor could be happier there.

There's a crown for little children
Above the bright blue sky,
And all who live for Jesus
Shall wear it by and by.
A crown of brightest glory,
Which he will then bestow
On all who found his favor
And loved his name below.

There's a robe for little children,
Above the bright blue sky,
And a harp of sweetest music,
And a palm of victory.
All, all above is treasured
And found in Christ alone;
Oh, come, dear little children,
That all may be your own.—Sel.

“Take My Hand, Blessed Lord, Lead Me Home”

One time there was a little girl whom we shall call Bessie. Her mother had taught her about God, and to pray.

One day she wandered away from home, and not realizing where she was going, lost her way. Remembering what her mother had taught her, she began to pray and ask God to help her. She said, “Lord, you know where I live. Will you take my hand and lead me home?” God answered her prayer. Of course her mother was very much concerned about her little girl, too, and was praying. God heard her prayer and answered. God took Bessie's hand and led her to the door, and her mother heard her say, “Thank you, God, you can let go of

my hand now." When she was in the house she told her mother that she prayed and told God that He knew where she lived and asked him to take her hand and lead her home.

When we are lost sinners, we must do as Bessie did. We must come to Jesus and ask him to forgive us of our sins and to take our hand and lead us Home. He will hear and answer our prayer, too, if we are in earnest. If He is holding our hand, we need not be afraid but that He will lead us in the right way which leads Home to heaven.

Dear children, when you feel you are lost and away from God, pray for him to come into your heart and take your hand and lead you in the right way.

—Retold by F. A.

Bible Story

Moses kept the flocks of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flocks to the back side of the desert and came to Mt. Horeb. As he walked by a bush he noticed that it was on fire. He saw that it did not burn up. So he stopped to see such a great sight, and wondered at it. And as he came closer to it, the Lord called out of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses." And he said, "Here am I." Then the Lord said, "Come no closer, but put off your shoes, for you are standing on holy ground." Just think! where the presence of the Lord is, it is a holy place. We should show honor in the presence of the Lord, should we not? Moses was asked to take off his shoes, and he heard the Lord say, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." He became afraid and hid his face, for he was afraid to look on God. Did you ever think that the Lord has promised to be in the midst of where two or three of his saints are gathered together? And if he has prom-

ised to be there, then it is a holy place. Should we not show honor and reverence in that place? Let us stop and think how we act in the meeting house where meeting is going on and the presence of the Lord is felt. We should show honor and be quiet and reverence the Lord. Moses did. He took off his shoes and bowed before the Lord.

The Lord continued to talk to Moses and told him that he had seen the heavy burdens of the Israelites and had come down to deliver them. He had heard their prayers to him and knew of their sorrows.—M. M.

Do Not Twist God's Word

Dear children,

Does God appreciate people twisting the Word of God to suit themselves? No, I'm afraid not, because God's Word is forever settled in heaven and is written for us to live by regardless of whom it might hurt. But God's Word will not hurt us if we live up to it's teachings, will it?

Let me tell you about a little girl who wanted her way and tried to quote Scriptures to get it.

This child wanted a pair of skates, and for some reason or another, her mother had not seen best to get them for her. After pleading her case to Mother over a period of time, she decided that if she used the Bible to back her desires, she would surely get what she wanted. So she told her mother that the Lord wanted her to have a pair of skates. Her astonished mother assured the child that if she could find anything in the Bible about the skates she would be very glad to purchase her a pair.

Being too young to do much reading, she pondered this in her little mind and suddenly thought of the verses in the ten commandments say-

ing, "Thou shalt—," and applying them to herself, she hastened to her mother and said, "Mamma, the Bible says, 'Thou shalt wear roller skates.'"

Mother, being well acquainted with the Bible, informed her little girl there was no such Scripture, therefore the skates were not supplied.

Now children, the thought we wish to impress upon your hearts is this: If you want skates or anything, you must ask God to supply Mother and Daddy with money to buy it, if it pleases God; and if not, you must be willing to let God have his way, and not try to twist the Bible to suit your wants.

"God's way is best, so lead me onward,
My all I give to thy control.
Thy loving hand will truly guide me,
And safe to glory bring my soul."
—Aunt Polly

Search Question

What did a slothful servant do with his Lord's money?

Answer To Last Week's Question

Peter, Andrew, James, John.
Matt. 4:18, 21

Suffer little children to come unto me,
And forbid them not,
And forbid them not, my beloved, my
dove, my spouse,
Always make them welcome dear,
And in no wise cast them out.

Suffer little children to come unto me,
And forbid them not,
Love them, cherish them, hold them to
your heart,
Always bless them, my dear, and
Never cast them out.

Johnnie M. Matthews

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Dear boys and girls:

I surely love Jesus, don't you? He is so good to us. He gives us food to eat, clothes to wear, homes, good beds to sleep in, and so many good things. All good things come from God. And if we would write a list, it would be long, indeed. It is the devil that speaks to us and tells us that everything is all wrong and nothing is good. When thoughts like that come, you just start thinking of all the good things you have, and you will be surprised how happy you will begin to feel. There will always be some things around us that we would like to be different, but as long as they are as they are; God has permitted it. So we want to continue to praise God for everything.

This is a wonderful world that God has made for us to live in. We just need to look out the window and see the snow on the ground, in some places where you live, and know that surely only a great God could make it so lovely. We want to be careful how we throw the snow around that we make into balls. Remember, God sent it down and he would not want us to make hard balls out of it and hurt anyone, would He? I am sure you are careful if you love Jesus.—Aunt Marie

Doing the will of God from the
HEART. Eph. 6:6

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 2, January 11, 1953

JESUS, THE SON OF GOD

Matthew 16:13-25.

Christ's ministry of twenty-two months was coming down to its final end. After having repeatedly toured the country, with multitudes around him almost continually, Jesus then went into the borders of the northern country. On the way, a blind man was brought to Jesus to be healed. He took the blind man by the hand and tenderly led him out of the crowded city of Bethsaida. I am sure he was a wonderful guide and the blind man felt safe to let him lead him. The blind man could not see Jesus, just as we can not see Jesus with our natural eyes, but he could feel Him. So we can feel his love in our hearts blessing us when we do good. Some one told the blind man about Jesus, and he believed Him to be the Jesus that had power to heal. So we today cannot see Jesus, but when we are told of his great power to heal and to forgive us of our sins, we believe it and receive great blessings from Jesus as the blind man did. We want Jesus to lead us just as he led the blind man, but we must be willing to be led, as he was. When Jesus led him outside the city, he spit on his hands and put them on the blind man's eyes and asked him if he could see. He said, "I see men as trees, walking." Then Jesus put his hands on his eyes again and made him look up and the man could see clearly. Wasn't that wonderful! He could see then.

Jesus left Bethsaida and traveled on. He had some time to talk to his disciples. He asked them a question: "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?"

The disciples said, "Some think you are John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

(Ask the class to tell something about each person mentioned).

Jesus wasn't so interested in what the people thought, but he wanted to bring the disciples up to a personal confession of what they thought about him. So he said, "WHOM SAY YE THAT I AM?" Today, right now, Jesus is asking each of you, "Whom do you say I am?" He wants your answer to come from the heart. Just what does Jesus mean to you? What has he done for you? or what do you feel he will do for you? We find that Peter answered for all the disciples. He said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Christ means Messiah, the anointed one. What a wonderful confession! If we believe that we have faith for the living God to forgive us our sins as we accept Jesus as our Saviour. Do you believe Jesus to be the only one to forgive you of your sins? Do you believe he does forgive you when you ask?

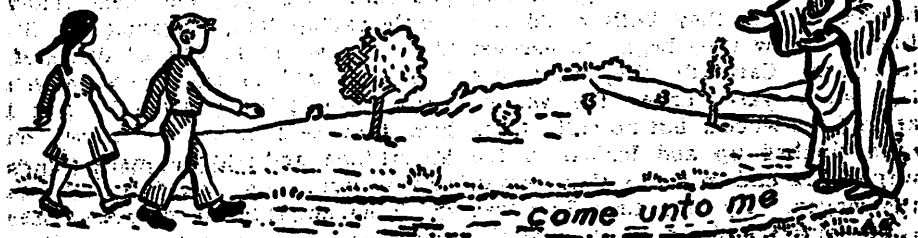
Then we can hear Jesus telling you as he told Peter. "Blessed art thou. For no man told you this, but my Father in heaven made you know this."

Later Jesus told the disciples that he MUST go to Jerusalem and suffer many things of the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and arise again the third day. First Jesus was sure that the disciples believed him to be the Son of God, then he told them what he came here to the earth for, to die for the sins of the world. But Peter did not want his beloved Master to suffer, and he said, "This shall not be unto thee." But Jesus rebuked Satan for causing Peter to speak words that might cause him not to be willing to die.

Central Thought—We confess Jesus to be our Savior though we see Him not.

Memory Verse—"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Matt. 16:16b.

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Part Three

January 18

A Child In Prayer

Fold thy hands in pray'r,
By thy list'ning mother's knee;
Now, while thy sunny face is fair,
Sweet-shining thru thine auburn hair,
Thine eyes are frank and free:
And loving thots, like garlands, bind
To thy dear home thy trusting mind.

Thy young heart, as a summer bird
All day warbles in its nest;
Nor evil thought, nor unkind word,
Life's chilling wintry winds, have
stirred

The beauty of thy rest;
But snow-time hastens, and decay
Will waste thy home, and numb thy
lay.

Now thy fond mother's arm is spread
Neath thy peaceful head at night,
And pausing feet creep round thy bed
And o'er thy quiet face is shed

The taper's darken'd light;
But that lov'd arm will pass away,
By thee no more those feet will stay,
Then pray, Child, pray! — Sel.

The Lost Ball

Nora and Lou lived on a farm out in Texas. They did not have a great many playthings, but they enjoyed playing with a good rubber ball. Balls made of rags tied with string did not bounce very well; besides, they came apart every little while. There is not much fun in tossing a bunch of rags about. So the girls did not often play ball.

Then one day Daddy came back from the far-off town, and what do you think he brought his little girls? A new bouncy ball. My! how it would hop about the floor and around the yard. When the girls threw it back and forth it was so nice and light. When bounced against the barn door it seemed to fly right back to them. They were so thankful for the new ball and never tired of playing with it.

One way they liked to play was to bounce the ball on the hard smooth ground, then as it rose up, hit it with a tap of their hand and thus chase it about the yard. But they had to be careful, for if it once got out of the yard and into the tall grass, they might never find it.

One sunny morning they chased the ball down to the wagon yard. Suddenly they both hit it at the same time, then it was gone. At first they looked about carelessly, laughing and telling each other how high it had bounced. But they both could not find it. Now they began in earnest to search. Carefully, they went over the whole yard, under the wagon, around the wheels, but no ball. Nora even climbed up and looked in the wagon box and in a box that was in the wagon. By this time Lou was ready to cry. She did not want the nice ball to be lost. Nora felt tears coming, but she was the oldest and ought to be braver. But where had that nice ball gone? How could they find it?

Suddenly she knew what she would do; she would pray and ask God to show her where to look, so she might find it. She went a little way off to herself and then prayed that she might know where to look to find their ball. She came back to her sister and they stood tearfully by the big wagon. All at once she said to her sister, "I'm going to look again in that box in the wagon." She climbed into the wagon and carefully one by one she took out everything in the big deep box. Surely enough, down in one corner was the lost ball.

That little happening often helped Nora in after years to take her problems to the Lord. God says, "Call upon me and I will answer."

—Georgia C. Elliott

Believe Moses' Writings

"Mother, the teacher said that Adam and Eve were not the first man and woman."

"I guess your teacher doesn't believe the Bible, because the Bible says they were the first man and woman,"

mother told Carl as she continued putting dinner on the table.

"I told her that the Bible said they were."

"Your teacher should not have told you that. But you will hear many people saying things against the Bible. The world is full of disbelief. One man said to me, 'How do you know the Old Bible is true?' I told him that God talked to Moses on Mount Sinai and told him many things and he wrote the first five books in the Bible, and it is true because Moses wrote even the evil things as well as the good about each one. And even Jesus spoke about the writings of Moses, and he lived many years after Moses had died."

"Did Moses see Jesus?" asked Carl.

"No, not on earth," answered mother, "they lived at different times, but let me get my Bible and read to you the scriptures out of the Bible that I read to that man. I told him if he did not believe the writings of Moses he didn't believe Jesus' words. Here in John 5:47 we read, 'But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?' This is Jesus speaking of Moses' writings. You can read the verse above this verse. 'For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.' verse 46. So you see, if we do not believe Moses' writings, we do not believe even in Jesus. Now, Carl, I do want you to remember this. For as you go through life you will hear so many people, and even teachers and people that you think should know what they are saying, say things to make you doubt the Bible, but those people do not have faith in God and will be lost, and you do not want to listen to them. Just think of the words of Jesus and what he said about people that do not believe the writings of Moses. Now repeat this verse af-

ter me: 'But, if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?'"

"But if ye believe not Moses' writings, how shall ye believe my words?"

"That is all right to say it that way. For when Jesus said, 'But if ye believe not his writings,' he meant Moses. So let us remember, if we do not believe what Moses wrote about how we—man—were made and that Adam and Eve were the first man and woman and that God made them, we do not believe in Jesus. And if we do not believe in Jesus, we shall not go to heaven, will we?"

"No, because Jesus is the one that died on the cross for us," answered Carl.—M. Miles.

Children, here is another verse to the song, "There is not a friend like Jesus" which we wrote about last summer and asked all who would to add a verse. Only two have written verses. It still is not too late if you want to write one to be printed.

—G. Ray

No Friend Like Jesus

I want to be a friend of Jesus

Because He first loved me;

If you will be a friend of Jesus,

He will give you victory.

— Chorus —

There is not a friend like Jesus

Patient, tender, kind, and true;

If you'll be a friend of Jesus

He will be a friend to you.

By Lina Levinja Brewer, Joplin, Mo.

Search Question

In what city was a fast proclaimed for both man and animal?

Answer To Last Week's Question

Hid it in the earth. Matt. 25:25.

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Dear boys and girls:

Time is passing quickly. Today is passing fast. Each moment brings you nearer to the time when you will leave this world. We only stay here a short time. You are young and have not lived many years and may feel you have a long time to live, but really it is a short time. And in comparison with how long you will live after death, it is nothing. One place the Bible says our life is like a "vapor which appeareth a little while and is gone." You know a vapor is the steam that rises from a boiling pot or a teakettle. You see it and then it is gone. So boys and girls, since we are only to stay here in this world such a short time, we should think seriously of how we live here. We should first think about our souls, shouldn't we? Where will my soul live after death? The Bible teaches us that there are just two places where our souls will live throughout eternity—heaven or eternal damnation (torment). We must be wise and see to it that our souls go to heaven. It is in your power to decide. Jesus does not make anyone go to heaven; but if you do not choose heaven, then there is no place left for you to go but to eternal damnation or torment. Choose heaven today before it is too late, is my prayer and hope for you.

—Aunt Marie.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 3, January 18, 1953

GOD'S BELOVED SON

Matthew 17:1-18.

"Come with me," we hear Jesus saying to James, Peter and John, "up into this high mountain." Many times Jesus asked his disciples to go up into a mountain or away to pray. The three did not know that at this time something wonderful would happen. Something that would stay with them all their lives.

After they had prayed they looked at their master. Something wonderful was taking place. They rubbed their eyes and looked again. There stood their blessed Lord with a glorious light shining from his face and body. His clothes were white as light and his face shone with a great light, dazzling like bright sun on fresh fallen snow. It was not a light shining on him, but was coming from Him. Then as they continued to look, they saw Moses and Elias (Elijah) appear, and were talking to Him. You remember that Moses died and the Lord buried him. (Deut. 34:5-6). No one knew much about it only through the word of the Lord. Moses stood for the law that was given (Tell more about Moses) And Elijah was taken up to heaven in a whirlwind (2 Kings 2). Elijah stood for the prophets. (Tell more about Elijah). Luke 9:31 tells us that Moses, Elijah, and Jesus talked of Jesus' coming death.

Peter was overwhelmed with joy and blessedness. Surely he had seen a wonderful thing. They just must do something about this wonderful place where this blessed scene took place. He said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias." He did not think it necessary to put up great palaces or lay streets of gold, but crude tabernacles would do, because the re-

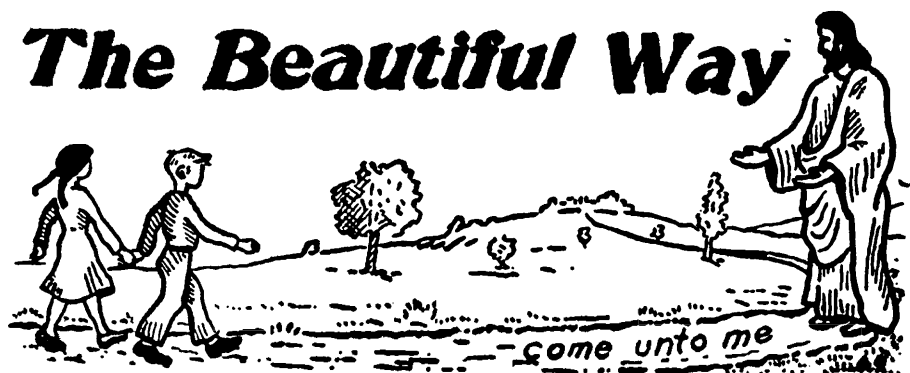
membrance of God's glory there would be enough. But while he was saying this to the Savior of the world, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice out of the white cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him." God came down on the scene. He spoke directly to them. He wanted them to know that it was not Moses or Elijah they were to hear, but Jesus, and Him only. At the end of Peter's life he remembered this scene again. See 2 Pet. 1:14-18. And when they heard this, they fell on their faces and were afraid. There is something about the great power of God when it is unveiled that is too great for man. But the loving Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and be not afraid." The fear was gone by the touch of the Son of man. And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no man save Jesus only. He today is the only one we want to see and know. (Jesus touched John on the Isle of Patmos again years later. Read Rev. 1:12-19.)

As Jesus, Peter, James, and John came down from the glorious scene on the mountain, they met with a pitiful need of a son who needed a touch from Jesus. The father came to Jesus kneeling down before him and asked him to have mercy on his son who had spells and would often fall into the fire and into the water. The father went on to tell Jesus that he had taken him to the nine disciples and they could not help him. Yet we find the father was doubtful about his healing and the disciples were in low spiritual power at that time. (Mark 9:20-29). Jesus rebuked the devil and the child was well from that very hour. He told his disciples that this kind comes out only by prayer and fasting.

Central Thought—There is more glory in Jesus than natural eye can see.

Memory Verse—This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. Matt. 17:5.

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Part Four

January 25

Learning to Pray

Dedicated to John Hyrum Ray

Come, bend your knees, my baby dear,
And bow your little head,
For babies, too, can come to God
Just like the Saviour said.

You cannot speak your thots to Him
Nor tell Him how you feel,
But He will bless you, baby dear,
If you will learn to kneel.

And when in years you older grow
May you remember still
To bend your knees and bow your head
Unto the Father's will.

—Geneva Ray

They Prayed for Daddy

Ann and Grace's daddy earned his living at a saloon. Their mother was a Christian, and taught them to be. But one day their mother died, and their daddy had to bring the girls up. The girls tried to keep house, but it was hard when their daddy was often away late in the evening. One night when he returned the girls did not hear him, so he stopped in the doorway and listened to them.

The girls were on their knees. Grace prayed, "Please, Jesus, make my daddy a good man."

Jesus touched his heart, and he knelt beside his daughters and prayed that God would make him a Christian then and there. After that he stopped going to work in the saloon, and found another way to earn a living for Ann and Grace. God had answered the girls' prayer. —H. J.

Children

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord; . . . and the glory of children are their fathers. . . . A son honour-eth his father, . . . As is the mother, so is her daughter. . . . For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother . . . obey your parents in all things; for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. . . . The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice; and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him. Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice."

These are parts of verses taken from the Bible about children.—M. M.



A little over a year ago a little baby was born into this world. He did not come into a happy home. His big blue eyes saw almost everything around him. He would look this way and that way, but he could see nothing that would make him learn anything about God. All he could see was people smoking, drinking, and doing evil things. His ears heard lots of swearing and evil talk, but he didn't hear anybody pray or sing praises to the Lord.

The Lord was not pleased for this sweet little baby to grow up seeing and hearing such things, so He worked it about for the baby to have a new home, a new mother and father, and even a new name. His new name is John Hyrum Ray. His new mother helps to print the "Beautiful Way" paper. Sometimes John Hyrum sits on her lap and watches her operate the big machine that sets the type.

The best part about it is that now the baby hears people pray and sing

praises to the Lord, and his new parents do not drink or smoke or do other evil things. John Hyrum can not talk much, but he likes to help his mother sing, and he is learning to pray in his baby way.

Children, pray for John Hyrum.

When we think of how John Hyrum was taken out of his evil home and adopted into a good home, it reminds us of people when they get saved. First they are in the devil's family where they see and do evil things, then they get saved and God adopts them into His family where they see and do good things. I hope you have been adopted into God's good family.

—G. Ray

Bible Story

Exodus 3

God knows all about us. He knows when we are not treated right by others. He knows all about the aches in our hearts. He sees our tears. And in our story today we want to tell about God seeing the Israelites, his people, being mistreated. They had to work hard, and the taskmasters that were over them would beat them if they did not please their unjust demands. The Israelites cried unto the Lord and he heard them. And that is the reason that Moses heard the Lord call him out of the burning bush as he was caring for his flocks of sheep. God told him that He wanted him to go down to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of the land of Egypt to the land of Canaan, up into the land that He had promised to Abraham and his lineage, into the land that flowed with milk and honey, a good land, and into a large place, the land that God wanted to give them. Moses listened and then he said, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"

"I will surely go with you; and when

you bring them to this mountain to serve me; you will certainly know that I have been with you," answered the voice of God from the burning bush.

Moses feared that his people would not believe that God had sent him to be their deliverer. He said, "When I go to the Israelites and tell them you have sent me, it may be they will have forgotten you. If they ask, 'Who is this God?' what shall I say?"

And God said, "Tell them that my name is I AM, the One who is always living. And tell them that I AM has sent you to help them. Do not be afraid, for they will believe you."

Moses knew the promises that God had made to Abraham; Isaac, and Jacob. He, too, at one time wanted to help his people, but did not go about it right. Now he knew that the Lord would be with him and that it was God's time. Surely he felt happy for his people.—M. M.

Search Question

Over whose head did God cause a gourd vine to grow?

Answer To Last Week's Question
Nineveh. Jonah 3:7.

Matching Names

The lists below contain the names of husbands and wives. Can you match them?

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| 1. Mary | — | A. Eve |
| 2. Annais | — | B. Rebecca |
| 3. Isaac | — | C. Boaz |
| 4. Elizabeth | — | D. Priscilla |
| 5. Sarah | — | E. Zachrias |
| 6. Aquilla | — | F. Saphria |
| 7. Jacob | — | G. Abraham |
| 8. Adam | — | H. Rachael |
| 9. David | — | I. Joseph |
| 10. Ruth | — | J. Michal |

Answers: 1—I, 2—F, 3—B, 4—E,
5—G, 6—D, 7—H, 8—A, 9—J, 10—C.

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Dear boys and girls:

I think our Sunday school lesson is so interesting today. Surely God up in heaven and Jesus loves all the children and older boys and girls. If you are able to read this, you have ceased to be a little child and now God expects you to choose Him for your leader. A little child, one and two years old cannot know right from wrong in the sense that God does not want them to do wrong. They have to be taught right from wrong. And so long as they do not know, they are not held responsible and the blood of Jesus atones for them till they come to the time they know. The Bible says, "He that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin." If you know it is wrong to steal and lie and you lie and steal, then that becomes sin in the sight of God, to you. You no longer are like little children whom Jesus refers to that are in the kingdom of God. May the Lord just bless you and keep you close to Him. He is so merciful and just. He does not require too much of us. He will give us grace to tell the truth and be good if we will just ask Him to help us continually. We can't just ask Him once in the morning and then forget about it and go on and do wrong, but we must be watchful and keep a prayer in our heart to him all the time. May the Lord bless you.

—Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 4. January 25, 1953

JESUS AND THE CHILDREN

Matt. 18:1-4; 2 Kings 1:19;

Matt. 19:13-15.

One day the disciples came to Jesus and asked him, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Now maybe they thought Jesus would pick one of them, and surely each one hoped in his heart that he would be the one. But Jesus turned from them, and seeing a little child, he called it to him and set it in the midst of them and said, "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." How surprised the disciples were. Then Jesus went on to tell them that whoever "shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Jesus wanted big people to understand that they could not go on and sin and get to heaven. They could not do as they pleased, but must do as God wants them to. And he told them how they **MUST** live to get to heaven. Just like the little baby looks to its mother for food, for love, for care, for comfort, and for help, so God wants all big people to become just like little children and look to God for everything.

There comes a time in every little child's life that he must come to Jesus and choose him to be his Jesus. A time comes when you are not little children any longer, but you know right from wrong. And when you do wrong and you feel bad down in your heart, that is the Spirit of God making you know you have done wrong and you must then ask God to forgive you for that wrong, and then you are clear again.

There was a little maid that had been taken as a captive out of her home land and taken to a far away land. But her mother had taught her about the true

and only God. And even if she was far away from her mother, she still loved and served God. And she was kind and forgiving to the ones who took her away. She waited on Naaman's wife—did all the little things she could to help and she loved them. She felt bad because Naaman, her master was sick with leprosy. One day she said to her mistress, "Oh, I do wish that my master was with the prophet that is back home. He would heal him of his leprosy." She felt so sad because he was so sick and might die. See how humble she was and how she had forgiven them for taking her away from her mother? Jesus wants us to be that kind of boys and girls. Just trust God to care for us anywhere, even if we are in a strange place, we still can love Jesus and know he is with us. So someone went to Naaman and told him what the maid had said. Later we find that Naaman went down to the home land of the little maid and there God healed him because he did what the prophet told him to. (Tell more details).

There are many more children of the Bible. Samuel was one who was humble and obedient. (1 Sam. 3). David was a humble shepherd boy and God chose him to be king of Israel (1 Sam. 16). Miriam was a good girl who loved her little brother Moses and obeyed her mother and watched him. What if she had wandered away and had not been there when the princess came down to the water and found Moses? Her mother would not have known what became of him (Exodus 2:4-10). Jesus was obedient to his parents even though he felt God's call to work for him (Luke 2). Then there was the boy who unselfishly gave up his loaves and fishes to feed the multitude. (John 6:5-14).

Memory Verse—Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Matt. 18:3.

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Part Five

February 1

Little Man

So you're six years old at last,

Little man!

And you mean to grow as fast

As you can.

Tall as papa soon you'll grow,

And to business daily go

And a lot of lessons know,

Little man!

Wish to be contented first,

Little man!

Then the world may do the worst

That it can.

Pray, my boy, you may be then

Loved by all your fellow-men,

Honored, loved, and trusted when

You're a man!

With the blessings of the poor

And the old,

That is better far, be sure,

Than much gold.

Then your manhood will be blest

With the happiness that's best;

You can leave to heaven the rest.

Little man!

—Sel.

"And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments." Joshua 1:7.

The Organ Grinder

Children, have you ever heard of an old man walking along the streets with an old hand organ hanging from his shoulders, winding it to make it play some kind of tune? I am going to tell you a story about an old organ grinder.

Uncle Dan was an old man, a favorite of the children because he carried an old fashioned organ across his shoulders and walked the streets, playing a tune now and then to get a few pennies with which to pay his rent and buy food to eat. The children would follow along beside him and he would talk to them as he played the old familiar tune of "Home Sweet Home."

Uncle Dan enjoyed the laughter and pleasant conversation of these jolly youngsters and appreciated the pennies they oftentimes begged from their parents to give to the organ grinder.

Unlike your nice warm home and mine, poor Uncle Dan lived in an old barn-shaped lodging house, in the attic, on a dreary back street of a smoky busy mining town. It was a dark and dismal place to call home with its

creaking old winding staircase, and dust covered walls, inviting almost any kind of atmosphere except happiness.

Let us follow this poor old lonesome man to his attic room and see why he carries such a deep sad countenance on his aged face. At the top of the stairway we find an old door that opens into a small room. This uninviting room is dark, having the windows broken and replaced with cardboard, affording very little light and fresh air, making the room very stuffy and undesirable. In the corner, on the floor lay a straw bed and some badly soiled covers, which provided uncle Dan a bed. In the middle of the room was a very small table, but little on it to eat. The old cracked stove minus one of its legs, was propped up on bricks in another corner, serving the purpose of heating and cooking combined.

The owners of this old boarding house were a cross harsh old couple in their middle sixties. Across their faces they wore an awful frown that showed to the world that there was nothing Christlike nor pleasant about their dispositions. Their wretched personalities gained but few friends, but for some reason unknown, they allowed Uncle Dan to occupy the attic for the past few years for only a few cents a week.

Continued next week

Bible Story

Exodus 3-4

God told Moses from the burning bush to go to Egypt and gather the elders of Israel together, or the leaders and tell them, "The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, 'I have seen how you are ill treated and I will bring you up out of Egypt to the land

I have promised you.' The elders will listen to you and then you take them with you to Pharaoh, the king, and say, 'The Lord God of the Hebrews has met with us; and now let us go, we beseech you, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.' At first the king will refuse to let you go; but after I have shown my power in Egypt he will send you out of the land," God told Moses.

Moses still was fearful that the people would not listen to him or believe that the Lord had appeared to him, so he asked God to give him a sign. God said to him, "What is that in your hand?"

"It is a rod," answered Moses.

God told him to throw it on the ground. He did, and the rod turned into a snake. When Moses saw the snake, he ran from it. Then God spoke to Moses and told him to take it by the tail, and he obeyed and it turned into a rod again.

Then God told him to put his hand into his bosom. He obeyed, and when he took it out, his hand was white as snow, a leper. God told him, "Put your hand into your bosom again." Moses put his hand into his bosom, and when he took it out again, it was healed and was just like the other hand. God told him to use this sign as a second proof that God had sent him. But God said, "If they do not believe these two signs, I will give you a third sign to show before them. Take some water out of the river and pour it upon the dry ground, and that water you pour on the ground shall turn to blood.

Moses was still fearful about going. He said, "I am a man of slow speech. I cannot speak well. O my Lord, send, I pray thee, someone else." But God was displeased with Moses, and He said, "Who has made man's mouth? have not I, the Lord God? and I will be with you and teach you what to say. I will send your brother Aaron with you and he will speak the words you tell him to speak.

Even now he is coming into the wilderness to meet you."

At last Moses was willing to go.—M.

A Shadow

Harold was playing in the living room while his mother was house-cleaning. Suddenly he spied a shadow at the top of the wall made by the Venetian blind. "Mother," he asked, "what's that?" She told him, and he was quite contented to continue his play.

Later he came back into the room, and the shadow was half way down the wall. "Look, Mama," he exclaimed, "it's coming down."

"Yes," replied his mother, who thought no more about it then.

After a very short period of time, his mother was undressing him for his afternoon nap. Harold again looked for the shadow, but this time it was not to be seen anywhere. "Oh, Mama, it's all gone!" said he.

"Yes," replied his mother again, but this time she was thinking of something deeper than the shadow on the wall. She was thinking of the Scripture in the 102 Psalm, which reads, "My days are like a shadow that declineth, and I am withered like grass."

Harold's mother had never realized before how quickly shadows disappear, but this incident stamped it in her mind.

Dear children, although we are young in years, remember our lives will pass away like a shadow. Let us be sure we are ready to go.—O. D.

Search Question

Who carried the gates of a city to the top of a hill?

Answer To Last Week's Question
Jonah's. Jonah 4:6.

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Dear boys and girls:

We would like for more of you to write to the little paper. We love to hear from you and hear of how Jesus saves you and keeps you and also how he heals you or keeps you from sickness or accident. When I am well, I thank God for that just as quickly as I would ask him to heal me when I am sick. Don't you think we ought to do that? Jesus is so precious to us and loves us so much. We don't want to forget to pray to him and thank Him for his goodness which he shows to us every day.

Then let us pray for little children who are in the lands where the war is, that they will be cared for and not have to suffer. Also right in our own land some little children do not have good mothers and fathers to care for them. They do not love their children and it makes us sad to see this. Let us pray God to comfort their little hearts. Also ask Him to provide food, clothes and covers for them at night. May God bless and keep all of you that are saved from evil and all of you who are not saved and feel a hurt in your heart because of sin that you will come to Jesus, who loves you, and get saved. —Aunt Marie

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

Sunday School Lesson

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A POOR RICH MAN

Matthew 19:16-26.

Jesus helped all who came to him while here on earth. Many, many people came to him for help. Some wanted to be healed, others wanted their loved ones healed. Some came to find fault with him, while others came with a heart really wanting to know the right way to live so they could go to heaven. In our lesson today we find a man so anxious to get to Jesus to ask him a question that he came running and kneeled down before him (Mark 10:17). He asked, "Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" This man knew that he did not have eternal life. He felt in his heart a longing, a hurting down deep that he was not ready to go to heaven. And he surely wanted to go there. We all want to go to heaven, don't we? But we do not want to think that all we have to do is just to do a good deed once in a while, be real kind to brother or sister this morning and then in the afternoon act bad toward them. But we want to know that we must be saved, born again, have a change of heart. Then we will do good because Jesus is helping us. It isn't some good thing that we do that makes us ready for heaven. It is Jesus making us good and ready for heaven. We must give Jesus our hearts and lives and all we have.

Jesus answered the rich man, "Why do you call me good?" He may have thought if he flattered Jesus he might give him a good answer, or not be hard on him. Then Jesus said, "There is none good but God: but if you will enter into heaven, keep the commandments." The

man said to Jesus, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "Thou shalt do no murder, not commit adultery, not steal, not lie or bear false witness, honor thy father and thy mother; and love thy neighbor as thyself." Then the young man said, "All these I have kept from my youth up; what lack I yet?" This young man thought, why those commandments are old to me, I have always kept them. Maybe the devil tries to make you think, Why I know all the Bible; I've gone to Sunday school all my life, and I don't steal or lie, and I obey my mother and father when I'm around them. I am all right. But then, why is there a hurt in your heart and why do you feel bad when an altar call is given and a message comes forth on eternal torment? This man thought he kept all the commandments, yet he felt a need and a sense of unrest in his heart.

Jesus said to him, "If you will be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and FOLLOW ME." Jesus loved him for his honesty in acknowledging his need, and he told him what to do so he could be saved. But that was the test. Was he willing to obey the command of the "Good Master" that is of God? Would he obey God or not? Would he sell what he had and follow Jesus? Would he give it to the poor? Oh, how sad, as we read what he did about it! The Bible says he went away sorrowful when he heard the words of Jesus, for he was very rich. He failed in both points, faith and works.

Central Thought—When we have Jesus we are rich.

Memory Verse—Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. Luke 12:15.

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Part Six

February 8

LOVE

Just as the motherly bird
Hovers her birdies three,
That's the way that dear Jesus
Hovers o'er you and me.

Just as sunshine doth bring out
The beauty in a rose,
So our lives are beautified
When love from Jesus flows.

The Organ Grinder

Uncle Dan was thin and worn looking with faded eyes and bewhiskered face with lines of hardship drawn upon it. His clothes were none too clean, and very ragged, his coat had been worn for many years. His shoes had been given to him and were somewhat too large for his small thin feet, but he always appreciated any act of kindness shown to him. He was so lonely in this cold dark old world without a living relative, and no education. His only friends and hopes were in this old organ. No one had ever told him about Jesus and what a friend He is to the poor and needy. His mother had died when he was very small, and he had just gone thru

life the best way he could, realizing the friendship and bread this organ had gained for him, made him particularly fond of this old-fashioned instrument.

Wouldn't you love to have met this poor old man and placed a few pennies in the cup fastened to the side of his organ? or given him a nice clean coat or warm clothes to make him happy and comfortable? or possibly you would want to give him some tracts to read to try to help him realize that there is a Saviour who died for such people as he.

Uncle Dan was a good moral character, but with all his trying to be good and pleasant, he found it quite a task to be kind when the cross old landlady would scold him for not having his money to pay the rent just when it was due. She would threaten to throw him and his organ out into the streets if he could not pay on time. Ofttimes he would walk the streets until dark to get money for this purpose, frequently getting nothing but a harsh rebuke for the noise of his old organ, and someone would sharply ask him to get going and not to disturb a quiet and peaceable neighborhood.

Jesus loves a cheerful giver, doesn't he, children? And God knows the needs of us all and He cares for us.

Poor old Dan little thought that anyone knew about his poverty or even cared, but God knew all about him and had spared his life thru all those years. He was interested in his heartaches and the battles of that lonely life in the dark attic of the old lodging house. God saw the poor beggar who lay at the rich man's gate and saved him and took him to heaven when he died (Luke 16), didn't He? And He saw old Dan, too.

Each morning after the boarders had gone to work one could hear nothing except the whispering of the old broom as the landlady would sweep the crumbs and dust from the big long dining room and main entrance. The weather was cold and dismal, which required a large fireplace to be filled to the brim with burning wood. Altho the floors were worn and rough, the walls smoked and dirty, the blazing fire from the hearth made the place an open invitation to anyone on the outside.

A forlorn and ragged little boy of about thirteen saw the blazing fire place from the street, and being an open boarding house, ventured inside to warm. He was so cold and thinly shod. He crept in very quietly and through the large old hall way toward the heated dining room. Suddenly the old lady with her broom in hand came near him trying to locate the sound of the footsteps she had heard. When asked what his business was there, he softly replied, "I have no mamma and no home and I'm so cold. Would you allow me to help with the work and do your evening chores for a warm place to stay?" This little boy had such a tender sweet look on his little face that even this hard-

hearted woman was touched with his pathetic plea, and allowed him to stay near the fire. Little Bob was very grateful for the kindness shown him and returned the favor by being useful about the house.

Continued next week

Bible Story

After God finished talking to Moses from the burning bush and Moses became willing to go to Egypt to bring the children of Israel out to the land of Canaan, Moses picked up his rod that God had told him to take with him, and led his flock of sheep back to Jethro, his father-in-law, and said, "Let me return to Egypt to see if my people are still alive." And Jethro said, "Go in peace."

God spoke again to Moses in the land of Midian, and told him that those who had sought his life in Egypt were now dead. Then Moses took his wife and sons and started toward the land of Goshen, carrying in his hand the rod through which God had performed a miracle.

God then spoke again to Moses and told him that when he first would speak to the king about letting the people go that he would refuse, even after he had shown him all the miracles that he had told him to show him. And then God said that Moses should tell king Pharaoh that if he did not let the people go that His oldest son would be slain. We shall find out later how God finally had to work before Pharaoh would let them go.

Now God spoke to Aaron, the oldest brother of Moses. He said, "Go into the wilderness to meet Moses." And we find that Aaron was obedient. He went and what a happy meeting it was between Moses and Aaron. It had been forty years since they had met. They kissed each other, and then Moses and Aaron had a long talk about what God had shown Moses. Moses told him about

the burning bush, the words of the Lord God to him, and about the three signs that he was to use to convince Pharaoh to let the people go. Aaron believed Moses, and together they hastened to Egypt. There they gathered together all the elders of the Israelites. There Aaron told them about what the Lord had spoken to Moses and then Moses showed them the signs God had shown him. And the people believed. When they heard that the Lord had visited the children of Israel and had looked upon their troubles, they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord God of Israel.

Search Question

What happened to the idol Dagon?

Answer To Last Week's Question
Samson. Judges 16:3.

Satan's Pin Cushion

"Come, come," said Daddy to little sister who was playing near the window, but she continued her playing. "Come, come," he called again, this time setting a beautiful red pin cushion near him to attract her attention. Soon she began to crawl hastily toward him with her eyes fixed on the pin cushion. When she was in hand reach, Daddy moved the cushion and picked her up.

"Come, come," calls Satan to some one who has started up the Christian highway. "No, no," they say. Then Satan begins to tempt them as he did Jesus, by showing them all kinds of pretty things and promising them pleasure and enjoyment. If we yield, there will be disappointment and we will never obtain the joys that he promises so faithfully; but if we resist him in Jesus' name, he will flee and in the end we'll receive a crown of life.

—O. A. D.

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Dear boys and girls:

Do you know what you will do if you have a sinful heart? It will cause your eyes to look at sinful things, cause your lips to speak sinful things, things that aren't true and they quarrel, say sinful words. A sinful heart will cause your ears to listen to sinful things people are talking about, listen to bad words. Sinful heart will cause your hands to take things that belong to other people, they slap other boys and girls. A sinful heart will cause your feet to do sinful things. They disobey and run out of doors when Mother tells them to stay inside, keep on going when Mother calls. A sinful heart is terrible, don't you think? I don't want to have a sinful heart, do you? What does Jesus think about a sinful heart? He says that it needs a good cleaning up. It is all wrong. So he came down here into this old world and died on the cross and arose the third day so we could have our old sinful hearts made clean and good and then our eyes, lips, ears, hands, and feet would be doing all the good things and right things, because that sinful heart is gone.

—Aunt Marie.

"For with God nothing shall be impossible."

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 6. February 8.

OUR PLACE IN GOD'S PLAN

Matthew 20:1-15.

After Jesus talked to the rich young man in last Sunday's lesson, then Jesus told the disciples how hard it is for rich people to get to heaven because they are not willing to let God tell them how to use their riches to help the poor. Peter asked the question: "What shall we have? We have left all and followed you." Jesus told him, "Every one who gives up houses, lands, and all their relatives for my sake shall receive a hundred fold and then life everlasting in heaven." So it is when we come to Jesus and give him ourselves and all we have, then he will in turn give us what we need and everlasting life.

Jesus spoke a parable to them. He said the kingdom of God was like a man that is a householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers to work in his vineyard. He told them if they worked for him for a day he would give them a penny (that amounts to four cents in our money, and was a good wage in that day). They agreed to work for him and he sent them out into the vineyard. Then the man went out into the market place about nine o'clock and he saw others standing idle. So he told them if they would go out into his vineyard he would pay them what was right. They were willing to trust him to pay them right and they answered his call and went out. And again he went out into the market place about noon and some were standing idle. He gave the call for workers and those that answered went into his vineyard and went to work, trusting the man to pay them right. Again at three o'clock in the afternoon he went out and called for workers, and he sent all out that answered his call to

work. Then at five o'clock he went out and found some standing idle. He said, "Why stand ye all day idle?" They said, "Because no man has hired us." He told them to go into the vineyard: and whatsoever was right he would pay. When the quitting time came for the day and all were to be paid, The man told the steward to call them in for their pay and give them each a penny, beginning with the last ones hired. The pay was a surprise to every man. The last man to go to work was delighted to get a day's pay for only an hour's work, and the first ones hired were surprised and not happy because the ones hired last got the same as they. They complained and said, "These last workers just worked an hour and you have made them equal with us, which have borne the burden and the heat of the day." But he answered them and said, "Friend, I do you no wrong: you agreed with me to work a whole day for a penny. Is it not lawful for me to do what I please with my own money? Is not your eye evil because I am good?"

The call has gone out for all to be saved, for all to come and work for the Master. We can not buy our way into heaven by doing good works, but it is only God's mercy that takes us there. If we answer the call and go forth, we will receive life eternal, and so will those that answer the call later than we did. It is dangerous for us to wait and not answer the call early to be saved, because we might die or get killed in an accident and then we will be lost. But if some take the risk and wait, we should be glad that God had mercy on them and brought them in. After all, it is only the mercy of God that any of us are saved from torment. Notice the memory verse.

Memory Verse—By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8.

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Part Seven

February 15

Sleep

While children sleep
They never dream that others work
That they may have their daily bread.
When morning comes they rise and eat
And never ask how they are fed.

While children sleep
They do not see the shining sun—
They do not see the gracious dew,
In daily miracle of love,
Is ever making all things new.—Sel.

The Organ Grinder

One night when all had settled to a quietness in the old boarding house little Bob was gazing thru the window at the clouds drifting by in the bright moon light. His thoughts wandered back to the poverty stricken home that used to shelter him and his darling mother from the cold and winds. Oh, what sad thoughts ran through his young mind and he realized again the loss of Mother. His thoughts had recalled how his mother had told him the last night she was with him that she would not be with him long, but she wanted him to be good and meet

her in heaven. She had not been saved long and therefore had not had time nor knowledge to teach him much about heaven and home, but had placed a vivid picture in his young mind that there was a better place to go after death. The last song he remembered hearing her sing was that old familiar song of "Home Sweet Home." (Children, it must have been a sad sight to behold that poor boy sitting by the bedside of a dying mother, knowing not where to go when she was gone. We surely must be good to our mother and daddy while we have them with us.)

While little Bob was thinking over his past life, he heard a strain of music floating thru the air, and raising his head to listen, he caught the tune of "Home Sweet Home" coming from the winding stairway. Exploring a little thru the darkness of the old house, he discovered the music was coming from an old organ in the attic. The moon light being his guide, he crept to the top of the old stairs and with tear dimmed eyes he crouched near the closed doorway. The cold draft ascending the steps made it uncomfortably cold, but the cold was

soon forgotten when he heard the sounds of that beautiful song his dear Mother had last sung before her death.

He silently listened with eagerness until the last note was played and then heard the organ being placed on the wall near the doorway. Being sure the beautiful music was over, he cautiously descended the squeaky stairs and felt his way to his bed, which consisted of one soiled quilt on the floor. Little Bob was tired and worn and soon fell into a deep restful sleep. He dreamed of seeing his mother and the angels and Jesus. He seemed to hear her sing the old familiar song, "Home Sweet Home," and in his dreams she was so happy that it made him happy and want to go to heaven too.

The cold night passed and the bright rays of the early sun light shone in little Bob's face to warn him to clear the floor of his pallet so the workers could get about the room. He sat up on his pallet quickly and with a startled look upon his face, pondered his dream and wished it could have been true, that he had seen his mother face to face again, and Jesus. His dream made him long to know more about this kind loving Jesus that had taken his mother out of this world of trouble and awful sufferings and had given her such a beautiful home in heaven. His thoughts were soon harassed by the pounding of men's feet and a sharp call for him to vacate the floor. Oh! how little Bob's heart ached. How he wished he'd never awakened, but he did! Such a wretched life in this cold world of sin!

Children, do you ever stop and thank God for giving you a nice home and a good mamma and daddy? If your mother and daddy do not pray with you, tell them that Jesus taught the disciples how to pray and he will teach them how to pray too if they will let him. Then you learn to pray

and ask God for the things you need. He has promised to supply your every need if you have faith in him when you pray. This is what poor little Bob so earnestly wanted to do. Jesus had given him one precious lesson on trusting him in this dream, didn't He. He realized he was not saved, but he desired to be saved, so God knew that and was helping him to understand more and more about heaven and Jesus.

Continued next week

Never Hunger, Never Thirst

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

Stop now and think awhile. What do you think of when you read this promise? Never HUNGER! Never THIRST! Does that mean that we will never want anything to eat or drink if we come to Jesus and believe on Him? No; Jesus does give us a promise that if we will seek Him first in our lives that He will supply the food and clothes and other things that we need; but here He is talking about something different from the food that we take into our mouths and the water that we drink. There are two parts to us. There is in each boy and girl another boy and girl that we cannot see on the outside. That inside boy or girl is called the "soul." The outside boy or girl gets hungry and thirsty and we give them bread to eat and water to drink. The inside boy or girl becomes hungry and thirsty, too; and to keep it alive, we must feed it the Bread of Life that Jesus is talking about. He is the Bread of Life that feeds the soul. If we do not come to Jesus, we are starving our souls, and that inside person is miserable. Some people are

miserable, but do not know why. They try to drown out that misery in different ways. Sometimes they work hard and try to get a lot of money. They work, and work, and work and spend their lives. They get money, but it does not satisfy. The inside person is still miserable. Some people seek pleasure, honors, and rewards. They go to shows, dances, amusement parks, and many places like that, but the soul is still miserable. The soul is hungry and thirsty. Some people start drinking and smoking, but that starves the soul more and more. Some people even get so miserable because their souls are so hungry and thirsty that they take their own lives. We call that "committing suicide. Their poor souls were starved and they did not know how to feed them. Suicide is an awful thing, because then the soul can never live, but is lost in torment.

We often sing songs about Jesus. One song about Jesus and His salvation says, "It satisfies my soul." So the promise in John 6:35 means that if we will come to Jesus and believe in Him as the great atoning sacrifice, our souls will be satisfied and our minds will not be miserable. We will have rest in our souls and be happy, and our souls will live on with Him in heaven.

—G. R.

Search Question

What prophet did the ravens feed by the brook?

Answer To Last Week's Question

When the ark of God was placed by it, it fell over. 1 Sam. 5:3, 4.

Jesus came into the world to change our hearts and make us new people, make us kind instead of unkind, helpful instead of selfish.

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Dear boys and girls:

In our lesson we see Jesus telling a story to the people, trying to get them to see how wrong they are and how they need to change. Sometimes when people are brought to the place where they are asked to help others, they can see where they need to do better. They could see how wickedly the keeper of the vineyard rebelled against the owner and ruler of the land and felt he needed to be punished. And Jesus made them know that they were the men whom God had chosen to take care of his precious truths, and he wanted them to be careful, but they would not. They did wrong time and again. He sent men to warn them and they would not turn and even when his own Son came, they killed him and cast him out. So God turned to the Gentiles.

Are you working for the Lord? If you have this little paper sent to your friends and cousins, that will be working for the Lord. Oh, we want all the boys and girls everywhere to love Jesus. He is so wonderful, isn't He?

—Aunt Marie.

Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you. Matthew 5:44.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 7, February 15, 1953

OUR PLACE IN GOD'S PLAN

Matt. 21:33-43 or 21:1-16.

In our lesson today we have another parable that Jesus told to teach the people some truths and answer some questions as to what authority Jesus had to teach the people. This lesson comes after Jesus rode triumphantly into Jerusalem upon an ass. The people were praising Jesus everywhere, and the Pharisees and scribes did not like it. They wanted Jesus to stop it, but he said that if they did not praise him the rocks and mountains would cry out and do so. But Jesus looked at the Jews and leaders of them, and he wept because they did not accept him as the Saviour of the world and their Saviour. He wept because the judgment of God would come upon them and they would be lost.

Jesus spoke a parable to them. A householder, or the head of a family, planted a vineyard and hedged it in, built a tower and a winepress. Then he let it out to another man to work in it and care for it, and he went into a far country. When the time came for harvest, he sent his servants to the man that they might receive the fruits from the vineyard. But the man took the servants and beat one and killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and he did unto them the same way. Then last of all he sent to them his son, saying, "They will reverence my son." But when the man saw the son, he said to the other men who were with him: "This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance." And they caught him and cast him out of the vineyard and slew him. Then Jesus asked the scribes and Pharisees, who were trying to catch Jesus in something so

they could kill him, "When the Lord (or householder) comes, what will he do to those men?" They said to him, "He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and let out his vineyard to another man who will give to him the fruits in their seasons." Then Jesus said to them, "Don't you ever read the Scriptures? The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing and is marvelous in our eyes." Then he told them since they did not seem to understand he was talking about them, that God would take away the kingdom of God and give it to a nation bringing forth fruits.

The householder is God; the vineyard is a symbol of the field of service and duty to God; the hedge was to keep out intruders; winepress and a tower serve as a station for watching and guarding the vineyard. God had given the Jews, the children of Israel, a land and a system of law and had dwelt in their midst to establish his name upon the earth, and their fruits were to be to God's glory.

God sent his prophets to remind them time and again that they were God's chosen people and he wanted them to bear good fruits, but they killed, stoned, and cast out the prophets (Heb. 11:37). You remember they stoned Jeremiah, and it is reported they sawed Isaiah asunder. Then God sent other prophets to the Jewish nation, but they killed them also. Remember how they killed John the Baptist and others. Then God sent his own precious Son. What did they do to him? You answer. So Jesus told them that the kingdom of God would be taken from them and given to another nation, and it was.

Central Thought—If we fail to fill our place, we fall under sin and judgment.

Memory Verse—Fear not little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Luke 12:32.

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Part Eight

February 22

The Little Children

He took them up within his arms,
And put his hands upon them,
And blessed them, so the Bible says—
And promised he would save them.

Oh, how he loves the children dear,
Those little lambs so precious;
Oh, may they love and serve him here,
In heaven lay their treasures.

Dear children, give your hearts to Him
His life for you was given;
He will forgive your every sin,
Then take you home to heaven.
—Bessie Metcalf.

The Little Sisters

"You were not here yesterday," said
a kind school teacher to Mary.

"No, ma'am, I was not here, but
my sister Nellie was."

"I remember that Nellie came in
yesterday, but I did not know that
she was your sister. But why did
you not come? You seem to like to
study very much."

"It was not because I didn't want
to," then the girl blushed and contin-
ued, "but one of us stays home with
Mother and helps her. We are going

to take turns. I'm going to school
one day and then teach my sister all
I learn and then she will come the next
day. It's the only way we can go
to school and take care of mother,
because she works very hard to take
care of us."

The teacher did not question her
farther, as it seemed to embarrass
the girl so much. "You had better
go out and play some now with the
other children."

"I had rather not—I might tear my
dress. I will watch the rest from
the window."

The teacher looked at her dress. It
was a cheap dress but neatly made
and had never been washed. The
teacher remembered that she had never
seen her wear but the one dress.

The next morning Mary was absent,
but her sister Nellie occupied her seat.
Nellie also studied hard and would not
go out at recess to play. When asked
why, she replied that she was afraid
she might tear her dress. Now Nellie
was younger than Mary and the teach-
er looked at her dress and she saw
it was too big for her and decided
that it was the same dress that Mary
had worn. Then she began to know

why the girls could not come to school together. They had only one dress.

The poor teacher went to town and found some material just like their dress and found the residence and had the material sent out by the merchant so that no one would know who had sent it. She was happy to do it, even if she had to do without.

Very happy looked Mary as she came to school on Friday. She came forward and told the teacher that after this week Nellie, her sister, would come to school every day, "And I'm so glad."

"That is good news," replied the teacher kindly, Nellie is fond of her books. But can your mother spare her?"

"Something happened that she did not expect, and she is as glad to have us come as we are." Then out of the fulness of her heart she told her story of how their father was dead and their mother was not well and how they had saved all summer to buy a dress to go to school, but Nellie had been sick and her money had to be used, so she did not have a dress to wear. I could not stand to go and Nellie feeling so badly, so I told her we would take turns. But last night somebody sent her a dress just like mine, and now she can come, too. Oh, if I knew who it was that sent it I would get down on my knees and thank them. But we don't know. We did all we know to do for them. We've prayed for them. But, oh, I'm so happy for Nellie, aren't you?"

"Indeed, I am," was the answer.

On the following Monday little Nellie came in her new dress and was very happy. The teacher felt as she had never before that it is more blessed to give than to receive, even though it was a great sacrifice to her. Rewritten by M. M.

The Organ Grinder

Every night Bob would creep to the top of the stairs to listen to the song he cherished so fondly, played on the old hand organ by Uncle Dan. One night while listening to the chorus of the old song, Bob suddenly heard an awful thud, then sudden silence filled the air. He waited a moment for more noises, but hearing none, he quietly opened the attic door to find poor old Dan had fallen to the floor. The organ was close beside him. Bob spoke to him softly and raised his head. Soon the old man realized someone was helping and asked who he was and where he had come from. Bob placed the little old man on his bed of straw and soon Uncle Dan was resting peacefully. When Bob was sure that all was well, he curled up beside his old master and was soon asleep, too.

Bob's love and kindness shown to the old man won a warm place in Uncle Dan's heart, and they learned to be bosom friends. They both knew that they were alone and friendless in this world. Bob ran errands for him and helped to comfort in every possible manner.

The time soon came when Uncle Dan became too feeble to go on the streets and play his organ any longer and the food was becoming exhausted in the attic room. Bob, willing to do what he could, offered to take the organ out and try to earn a few pennies to buy bread. At first old Dan hesitated to allow this, but realizing his time on earth was short and food was getting scarce, he gave his consent, and Bob took the organ out and played on the streets from day to day to earn money for food and rent.

One bright spring day, the birds were singing cheerfully as little Bob walked along near a beautiful home

where the flowers were fragrantly filling the air. His thoughts were deeply engaged in his music and his mother and heaven, when suddenly there dashed from behind the lovely flowers two youngsters full of glee and happiness. Bob remarked to them about the beautiful flowers. They told him their mother was a great lover of flowers and cared for them tenderly, for they were some of God's marvelous ways to make us appreciate living.

Each day as little Bob passed this home, these kind children would greet him and give him money to help buy food for Dan. Bob told them about Dan and his sickness, and the children were so touched with sympathy for Bob and Dan and their troubles.

These children had been taught to love God and to do good to all mankind. They hastened to the house to unload their burden upon their kind and thoughtful mother and asked her advice and help. She assured them she would try to visit the old man and help them to understand more about heaven and salvation. Billy and Betty were delighted with the idea, and waited anxiously for the evening to come for them to go see the poor feeble old man. Each day as Bob passed, they gave him a bouquet of posies for his sick master. This greatly pleased little Bob, and Uncle Dan would look at the flowers in admiration and surprise to think that someone was so very kind and thoughtful of him in his last and dying hours.

Continued next week.

Search Question

What king died of diseased feet trusting in physicians instead of the Lord?

Answer To Last Week's Question

Elijah. 1 Kings 17:1-6.

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If your daddy had to go away for awhile and would write you a letter, wouldn't you be anxious to read it? Maybe you have received a letter from grandma or from a little friend? Did you just let it lay around and not read it? I'm sure you would open it and read it or ask Mother or someone to read it for you. Do you know that Jesus, our best friend, has written some words to us? These words are in the Bible. They are wonderful words. They tell us about his great love to us and about the great things he will do for us. Then He promises us great gifts and tells us about all the things he is going to do for us. The wonderful heaven that He is going to take us to. Maybe daddy tells you in his letter that he will bring you something wonderful or take you with him the next time he goes if you will be good and do just what mother tells you to while he is gone. Even so, in the letter Jesus writes to you, he tells you that he has gone away but will come back some day and take you with him to that beautiful home in heaven if you do what he tells you to do. The Bible is the most wonderful letter I have ever read, and I want to do what it tells me to so Jesus will take me to heaven, don't you? Be sure and read it. —Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 8, February 22, 1953

LOVE, OUR FIRST DUTY

Matthew 22:15-22, 34-40.

The scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees all hated Jesus and they wanted to kill him and get rid of him. How terrible for them to feel that way about our precious Lord. But they had a certain way they thought God wanted them to worship, and they did not want to change, and since Jesus came to bring a better way than the old law and they saw the people following Jesus and leaving them, they wanted to kill him. So we see these groups of men gathering together to find a way to kill Jesus, our precious Saviour. They decided if they could entangle him in his talk and they could catch him some way and get him to disobey the law or talk against the rulers, they would put him to death. So they sent some men to Jesus, who said, "Master, we know that you are true and a teacher of the way of truth." See how they started out, flattering him and agreeing with what he had taught. "We know that you do not look at any man's person. Now tell us, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not?" Caesar was the emperor of the Roman government and the Romans were ruling the country of the Jews at that time, and he made them pay money to him which was called "tribute." Of course, the Jews wanted to be freed from his rule, so they thought they could catch Jesus. If he said it was not lawful to pay tribute, he would be called upon by the Roman government as rebelling against them. Then if he said they should, he would bring the displeasure of all the Jewish nation upon him, as being unfaithful to its cause for freedom. So Jesus was on the spot, they thought. He was in trouble

if he answered yes or no. But Jesus had great wisdom and no one could catch him. He said, "Show me the tribute money." They brought him a penny, the money that they all used. Then he asked, "Whose picture and name is on this penny?" They told him it was Caesar's. Then he told them to give to Caesar the things that are his and give to God the things that are His. When they heard his answer they were amazed at his wisdom and went their way. Jesus, in other words, told them that they were using Caesar's coins, his customs, and by their answers they acknowledged him to be their ruler, so why not pay him tribute?

Then another group decided they would try to trap Jesus in his talk. They got a lawyer to be their spokesman—the smartest they could find. He said, "Master, what is the greatest commandment of the law?" Jesus answered and said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'" Then while they were all there, Jesus asked them a question. Read it in Matt. 22:14-46. Jesus surely stopped their mouths. Surely love is our first duty to God. We must love him with our whole heart, soul, and mind. God wants our all, and if we love God that way, we will love all of God's creatures. We will love everybody because God loves them. He loved the world, which is all the people in it, so much that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Central Thought—If we love God, we will love everybody.

Memory Verse—Never man spake like this man. John 7:46.

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Part Nine

March 1

A Child's Prayer

Father, now on bended knee,
I, thy love confessing,
Come in humble faith to thee,
Pleading for a blessing.
Do thou strengthen me today,
Keep from sin and sorrow;
Help me watch the words I say
And no trouble borrow,
Bless the ones I love the best;
Parents—sisters—brothers;
Help each living for the rest
Blessings be to others.
Bless our enemies and all.
Let no harm come near them;
Let no evil them befall,
Comfort, bless, and cheer them.
Amen —L. M.

The Organ Grinder

One pleasant evening just as the sun was sinking in the west, Billy and Betty accompanied by their mother ascended the squeaking stairway to the dismal home of Bob and Uncle Dan. Each child was carrying a mixed bouquet of gorgeous flowers, and their mother a well worn Bible. Bob met them at the door and gave

them a most hearty welcome. After introducing the visitors to his master, they readily engaged themselves in conversation about heaven and God. Mrs. Gray asked Dan if he had ever been saved. He replied that he knew nothing about it or heaven. She asked him if he had any objection to their having prayer before they left. With tear filled eyes and trembling hands he assured them that he would love to hear someone pray for the first time in his life. The children both prayed earnestly for Uncle Dan and little Bob, followed by the effectual prayer from their mother for God's blessings and protection to rest upon that home and supply the needs for them in both soul and body. They bade them good bye and started homeward feeling good to know they had done what they could.

Do you ever go out of your way to do some kind deed or drop some cheery thought to some struggling soul? Maybe some blind person is trying desperately to get across the street, and how good you feel after lending them a helping hand. Or maybe mother is tired, and by helping her do the dishes you can enable

her to get a little rest. God is well pleased with these deeds of kindness and will reward us if we prove faithful. We must not get weary with well doing.

Mrs. Gray and her children were often found visiting this poverty stricken home and praying for Dan and Bob. She explained to them the Word of God and salvation, and one happy evening Dan grasped the words of eternal life and accepted Jesus as his personal Saviour. All heaven seemed to fill the room and tears of great joy surmounted each face. Uncle Dan, with weak and quivering voice, told them of a love for God that passes all understanding. How glorious to know that this poor wretched man had tasted of the real beauties of salvation and home, a home in heaven, a home sweet home! Oh! how he wished he had known about God while he was younger and able to help some poor wayward soul to know God. His heart ached to know he had wasted so much of his life in sin instead of serving Him.

As the weeks swiftly sped on, poor old Dan became weaker and weaker. He became too weak and helpless to raise himself from his bed. Life was fast ebbing away from his thin body, and Bob watched over his sick master with greatest of care.

Every chance that time permitted little Bob read his little Bible that Mrs. Gray and her children had given him or went to the little meeting to hear more about Jesus. The minister took note of this ragged child who always sat on the front seat, and never failed to speak to him, inviting him back to the next service. Bob would try to remember everything he could and then carry the good sermons home to Uncle Dan, who enjoyed hearing them quite as well as the boy did.

One night as the wind blew coldly

around the corners of the old attic, Uncle Dan whispered faintly to Bob, asking him to play the old familiar song, "Home Sweet Home," to him. Without asking why this had to be in the still late hours of the night, he readily obeyed his old master, and started to play the well-known tune. As he watched the strange look upon the old man's face, he noticed Uncle Dan was trying to say something. He stopped playing just in time to catch his last and dying words: "Bob, I'm going now to that Home sweet Home, to be with Jesus. Good bye, Bob. You'll meet me there, won't you?" Bob answered quickly with a fervent yes, and with one big smile of approval Uncle Dan went to be with the angels and God.

Continued next week.

Bible Story

The time now had come when Moses and Aaron were to go to see King Pharaoh. Since Moses had been reared in the king's palace, he knew just what should be done. Of course, this was another Pharaoh ruling than when he lived there.

I'm sure the Pharaoh was very much surprised when a messenger told him that two Israelites wanted to see him. He no doubt thought that they came to complain about the treatment that their people were receiving, and yet he felt they were very bold. He probably decided right then that he would make their work harder. But God was with Moses and Aaron, and they spoke bravely when they appeared before the king.

They said, "The God of the Israelites has said, 'Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.'"

But Pharaoh answered, "Who is the

Lord, that I should obey his voice?" Because he was ruler of the great land of Egypt, Pharaoh was too proud to believe there was a higher power who could give orders for him to obey. "I do not know the Lord," he said, "and I shall not let Israel go out of my country to worship him."

Then Moses and Aaron said to Pharaoh, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us and unless you let us go three days' journey into the wilderness to sacrifice to Him, terrible diseases will come upon you and kill your people."

Pharaoh was getting angry with them so he said, "The people must be idle or they would not be wanting to go away to sacrifice to their God. Return now to your tasks and let the people alone."

That very day Pharaoh called the taskmasters and commanded that they should make the Israelites work harder than they had ever worked before. At this time they were making bricks and building houses for the rulers of Egypt. In mixing the clay for the bricks, they were using straw to hold it together. Now Pharaoh commanded that no straw be brought to them but that they go out into the fields to get it, and still make the same amount of bricks.

Search Question

God opened my mother's eyes and she saw a well of water in the wilderness. Who am I?

Answer To Last Week's Question

Asa. 2 Chron 16:12.

A GOOD-NIGHT PRAYER

Father, now I thank and praise Thee
For Thy kindness through the day;
Watch and keep me while I'm sleeping,
From my side go not away.
In the morning, should You spare me,
"Thank You, Father," I will say.

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Dear boys and girls:

Jesus wants us to follow Him, doesn't he? Didn't he say he was our example? In this world we do not know which way to go only as we follow Jesus. There are so many false prophets who say, "This is the way, this is the way." So we want to get our Bible and take all of it and follow the way Jesus tells us to go, don't we?

One time a missionary was following a guide through a deep forest and jungle to another mission. All of a sudden it seemed to him they were going wrong. Things looked so dense and strange. So with excitement he said to his guide, "I have lost the way." The native guide looked back and smiled and explained to the missionary, "There is no way but me. I am the way. Stick to me." That is just what we want to do, stick to Jesus. He knows the way. We do not want to stick to anyone else but Jesus. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." I am sure you are going to follow Jesus, aren't you? Then we never need fear what the devil may say or do to us. May God bless you.

—Aunt Marie

Praise ye the Lord!

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 9, March 1, 1953

TAKING THE WAY JESUS SHOWS

Matt. 23:1-12; 37-39; Luke 18:9-14

Jesus came to this world to a humble, common mother and Joseph. He was born in a stable and lived a lowly, common, humble life. He went about helping the poor and suffering people. Many rich people came to him for help in finding their way to heaven, but he did not try to be classed as one of them nor to receive honor and fame in the world. Jesus was our example to follow on our way to heaven.

In our lesson today we read of how Jesus spoke to the multitudes, and his disciples. He told them that the scribes and Pharisees read the law to them but did not live up to the reading themselves. They would tell others to do some hard thing that the law did not require. Jesus said they did their works to be seen of men, not from the heart. They made broad phylacteries. Phylacteries were strips of parchment (their paper) on which were written a part of the law. They were worn fastened either to the forehead or inside the left arm. Some of them wanted to enlarge these bands, thus attracting attention and giving the impression that the wearer was a strict observer of the law. Then Jesus said they enlarged the borders of their garments. They were supposed to wear blue and white fringes or tassels on the bottoms of their garments to remind them of the commandments of God. But some made big borders so others would think they were very righteous. Jesus said they liked the chief seats in the synagogues (or their churches). And they liked big greetings in the market place and liked to be called, Rabbi, Rabbi. Rabbi was an honorary title of the Jewish doctor of the law. There were three degrees: Rab, great or master;

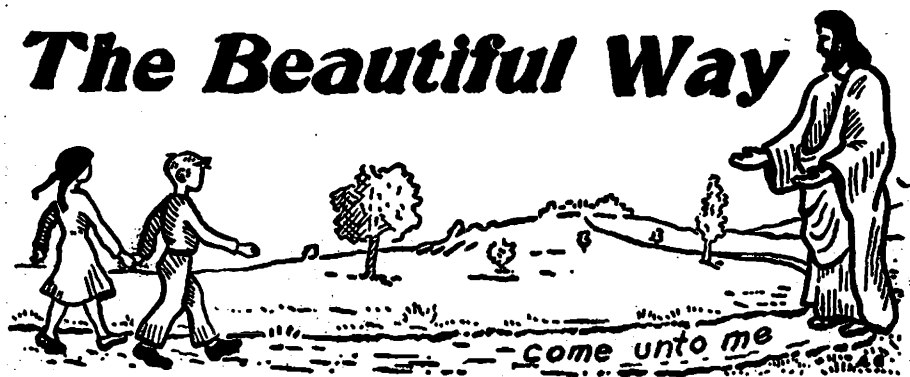
Rabbi, my master; and the third was Rabboni, my great master. But Jesus taught them not to be called Rabbi, "for one is your Master, even Christ: and all ye are brethren." The title of Rabbi had become to be a symbol of vanity and self exaltation. Jesus told them, "He that is greatest among you is your servant." To be great is to be doing good to everyone, and that is serving others. Then you are great in God's sight. Do you want to be great? How did Jesus say you could be great?

Jesus loved these people that did not love him. He loved the scribes and Pharisees and all who tried to do him wrong. He looked at them and wept over them. He said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye WOULD NOT!" He told them their house would be left desolate, meaning that the presence of God would withdraw from the temple and they could not come to him till they were willing to accept Jesus as their Savior.

If there are children in the class who can read, perhaps they would like to read Luke 18:10-14, one reading the part of the Pharisee, another the publican. Then read the memory verse. Surely God loves those who are humble. Do not feel that you can do anything within yourself, but look to God to help you in everything like a babe in its mother's arms is so dependent on her for food, clothing, care, and its very life. It would die if she did not care for it. The mother loves to care for her babe, but how much more God loves us than our mothers, and He cares for us. Ask God to help us to be more humble.

Memory Verse—Whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased: and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted. Matt. 23:12.

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Resolution

(Written by Fanny Crosby at 8 years.)

"Oh, what a happy soul am I

Although I cannot see.

I am resolved that in this world

Contented I will be.

How many blessings I enjoy

That other people don't—

To weep and sigh because I'm blind,

I cannot and I won't!"

The Organ Grinder

Now, poor little Bob was forlorn and very sad. He smoothed Dan's hair and rubbed his face, but realized that it was useless now. He had done all he could for his loving master and now that he was gone he had no regrets for the long and tiresome care he had given him. He sat and stared at the empty lamp-dimmed room and pondered what might be the outcome of him, now that his master was gone. God and a home in heaven was his only consolation. He knelt down by the side of his dear master's cold form and prayed to God asking him to help him to know better how to get saved and live for the Lord. Feeling more

sure that God was with him, he arose from prayer and laid down beside his master and shortly was sound asleep. A soft knock at the attic door awakened him quickly, and with a startled look upon his pale and worried face he opened the door to find, to his surprise, the cross old landlady.

The workers had heard the old organ playing in the night the tune of "Home Sweet Home," and had heard how abruptly the music ended, and knowing the old man was unusually ill, had insisted on knowing just what it had all meant. This brought the landlady to the attic door. She never went out of her way to be thoughtful of the old man and the lad.

She turned the case over to the county and the county buried Uncle Dan in a pauper's grave without a funeral or even any flowers, but Bob alone followed his good friend to his final resting place and there wished for some of Mrs. Gray's beautiful flowers to place on his grave.

With sad and aching heart he started back to his lonely room, walking slowly and with head bent low. As he turned the corner he noticed a funeral procession coming toward

him, and with startled sad surprise he saw, close behind the hearse, the two little children and husband of Mrs. Gray, weeping bitterly. Mrs. Gray had passed away about the same hour that Uncle Dan had.

Feeling so heart broken, Bob didn't go on the streets for a few days, but realizing that his money was about gone and food was scarce, he picked up courage to take Uncle Dan's organ out to try to earn his living.

He stood in front of the beautiful house of Mrs. Gray, hoping to see the children he had learned to love, but to his surprise, a sharp-toned woman answered the door instead. She informed him that Mr. Gray had taken the children and had sailed across the waters to live. This sort of news had made Bob very sad and lonesome. The days to him were dull and friendless. It wasn't long after this until the landlady told Bob to vacate the attic as she wanted to rent it out for higher rent. This only added more sorrow to this grief stricken lad. Bob wondered just what to do—no home, no money, no friends. He went upstairs and knelt by his bed and asked God to help him. While still on his knees, he heard a gentle rap at the door. To his surprise, he found the minister from the little church waiting there with a letter in his hand.

Bob invited the minister in, and offered the best box to sit on, and expressed to this kind person how happy he was to have him visit him in his great hour of trouble. He related to the minister how he had to soon be moving and no place to go. The man listened with greatest sympathy, and then opening the letter, he began to read:

Dear Bro. West,

With heavy heart I will try to write you, and see if you will be so kind as to help me fulfill a duty in life that

through my sorrow and loss of my dear wife, I realize I have terribly neglected.

This was one of my wife's greatest aims in life, next to her immediate family, was to care for and educate Bob and give him a chance to work for the Lord and among the people for the salvation of lost souls. Enclosed is \$1,000 to deposit in the bank for the needs of this child, and the balance is to use for yourself, for your trouble.

Hoping this is not asking too much of you, I remain, very truly yours,

Mr. Gray and the Children,
Billy and Betty.

Bob sat staring at Bro. West with tears streaming down his pale thin face, too choked to speak. Mr. West asked Bob if he would like to live and work for the Lord, to which he answered that he would, and there they both knelt in prayer and prayed until God saved him fully and Bob arose with a beaming face, full of joy and happiness. Bro. West soon kissed him on the cheek and was on his way home, planning the future of this motherless child.

This lad grew to be a fine young man, full of devotion and love for God and all humanity. He worked faithfully for his Savior and frequently visited many homes of the poor, and always found time to share the troubles of others and to pray for them. He moved to a more desirable home, but enjoyed living among the poorer class of people, since most of his work for the Lord was done among the poor.

He quite often visited the cross old landlady of his attic home. She became seriously ill, and through his prayers, she accepted the Lord as her personal Savior, and it changed her life from one of a cross and hateful nature to a pleasant and sweet dispo-

sition. She was so different now and patient in her sufferings.

Bob found a good companion to help him with his mission in life, so he married her, and she proved very kind in helping him. Together they visited the sick, prayed and cared for the needy.

One beautiful sunny afternoon while Bob and his wife were visiting the old landlady, the door bell rang. Bob went to the door, and to his surprise recognized a fine young lady as the little girl (Betty) who used to come with her mother to visit him and old Uncle Dan years ago. Time had changed lots of things, but to him she still had that heavenly kind expression on her face, like her mother.

She had married, and her husband, being a minister, had desired to move back to her home town and try to continue the good works her mother had been so faithful in doing while she was alive. Bob and Betty rejoiced greatly in the Lord to know how good the dear Lord was to both of them to keep them in health and give them both good companions that were willing to help them in serving God.

What a mighty God we serve!

—Selected by Aunt Polly

Search Question

Which of Jesus' disciples did not want his feet washed?

Answer To Last Week's Question
Ishmael. Gen. 21:19.

A PERSONAL MATTER

"The life of Christianity," says Luther, "consists of personal pronouns. It is one thing to say, 'Christ is a Savior.' It is quite another to say, 'He is my Savior.' The devil can say the first. Only the true Christian can say the second."

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Dear boys and girls:

I'm sure I need not tell you that you are living in a world where there are many wicked things done. The devil causes people to do these wicked things. If they all belonged to God, there would not be any wicked things done. But, sad to say, very few people in the world really and truly love God with all their hearts, therefore much wickedness is done. You may say, "I'm never going to smoke, drink, or curse." But do you ever stop to think just what you would do if the boy or girl who lives close to you and you have always played together and one whom you think a lot of, should ask you to take a smoke? "Just try it once," they say. That is the kind of trap the devil would like to get you into. But please, boys and girls, I beg you in Jesus' name, don't do it. That is the beginning of the cord of habit that the devil wants to bind you with to take you to hell. And one doctor said, "There is a dryness in the mouth of every smoker that can't seem to be quenched only by drinking beer or liquors." So you see, smoking leads to drinking and on and on into sin. While you are young, seek God to give you grace to take a stand against sin of every kind.—Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 10. March 8, 1953

GETTING READY

Matthew 25:1-13

Our lesson today is about the ten virgins that went forth to meet the bridegroom. The bridegroom is Jesus our Lord. The ten virgins are professing Christians. In the end we will know how many of them were Christians who "endured to the end" or stayed saved. Their lamps were a symbol of what they said they were. Their external profession. Five of them were wise and five were foolish. The five foolish virgins took lamps, but no oil with them. The five wise virgins took extra oil. It is said in the olden days it was the custom to bring the bride from the house of her father to that of her husband in the night time; and there were about ten staffs. Upon the top of each was a brazen dish containing rags, oil, and pitch, and this kindled formed blazing torches which were carried before the bride.

The five foolish and the five wise virgins all had lamps which were given to them, but the five foolish were careless and did not take extra oil to carry them to the end of their trip. We must not be like the foolish virgins. We are all going to meet the bridegroom, Jesus Christ. He is coming through the clouds with "a shout, and with the voice of the archangel." We can't afford to be careless about our soul's welfare, can we? Our souls will live on and on somewhere. We want to live on and on with Jesus in heaven, don't we?

The five foolish and five wise slept and waited for the bridegroom. At midnight a cry was made, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him." All the virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. Then the five foolish said to the wise, "Give us of your oil; for our

lamps are gone out." But the wise answered, "Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves."

"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised." 1 Cor. 15:52. "The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear." Matt. 13:41-43.

The "cry" was at "midnight," and "Go ye out to meet him" stands for what will happen at the end of the world. Some of us may be living on the earth and see Jesus burst through the clouds, but if we die before he comes, we will be just the same as when we died. If we were saved, we will go to heaven; if we were not saved when death took us, we will not go to heaven. We will be like the five foolish virgins who lived careless, thoughtless, foolish lives and did not make any room in their lives for the Holy Spirit. We cannot share the Holy Spirit. We must each ask God for our selves.

While the five foolish ones went to buy oil, the Bridegroom shut the door. Soon they came in sorrow and anguish and cried, "Lord, Lord, open unto us." But He said to them, "I know you not." They were sorry, but too late. So will it be with all who are not ready at the coming of Jesus. They cannot get saved then. Jesus will not be a Saviour then, but their Judge. Jesus said, "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

Memory Verse—Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. 1 Cor. 16:13.

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March 15

Always Giving

Giving, giving, always giving,
Is my Lord to me;
Giving of His grace and blessing,
Little though I be.

And shall I withhold from giving
While He gives to me?
Cling to earth and earthly treasures,
Though the need I see?

No, I'll give to spread the Message,
Give to Him I love,
Give to herald wide the coming
Of my blessed Lord;

Give as I have been forgiven,
Give to send His Word
To poor souls who sit in darkness,
Knowing not the Lord. —Sel.

God Reveals Sin

Tommy and Bobby were two little boys who loved to play together when Tommy visited Grandma during the summer vacation.

Grandma was a good cook and Tommy loved her ginger cookies. One day Grandma called the boys and told them she had to go to the store, but

would not be gone long. The boys went into the house. When Tommy saw the cookies Grandma had made, he was tempted to take some and wanted Bobby to take some, too; but he said, "No."

Tommy took some anyway and went out to play, but he did not feel just right about it. He asked Bobby why he would not take any. Bobby told him that he was a Christian and must not steal. This made Tommy feel still worse.

When Grandma came, she called out to the boys. "Thomas," she called. When she called him by his real name he knew there was trouble. She asked if he had taken some cookies. He said no. Then she asked Bobby, and he said no. Then Grandma asked Tommy again and still he said no.

Grandma said she would have to pray and ask God to show her who took the cookies.

Tommy did not enjoy playing the rest of the evening and was glad when bed time came, but, to his disappointment, he could not sleep, for he felt so bad for stealing Grandma's cookies. Finally he thought if he had a drink of water, maybe he could go

to sleep. Grandma heard him and went to his room. She asked him if he was sick for she had heard him get a drink. He said he was not sick, but was glad to confess that he had taken the cookies and asked her forgiveness. They knelt by his bed and asked God to forgive him. He could go to sleep then, for he had confessed his sin and God had forgiven him.

You see, children, the devil gets us to do wrong, but it takes God to help us out of trouble. The devil never gets us out of sin, but only gets us in deeper. We see, too, how God told Grandma who stole her cookies.

Many times God tells our parents or grandparents our wrong doings when we do wrong. One time a mother was away from home in the afternoon and left her two children with their father who was not saved. They went to the moving picture show. God told that mother. In the morning the mother found it was just as God told her. One of them asked who told her, and she told them how God revealed it to her. So, children, love the Lord and the Lord will keep you out of lots of trouble. And you who have Christian parents should be very thankful, for they can teach you how to be saved and live for God. —F. A.

Who Can Forgive Sins?

While holding a meeting at Bobels, North Dakota, after a few days three families quit coming and I went out to the farm to see them. When I arrived at the first farm the other two families were there visiting. After conversing a while, I asked them why they had not been out to the services of late. Finally the man who was head of the house, said, "We did not like it when you said the preacher could not forgive sins." I answered, "If you have wronged the preacher,

and ask him his forgiveness, he can forgive you, but there are some sins that even the Lord cannot forgive. For instance, if you owe ten dollars to your neighbor over the hill, and you are not willing to pay him, you can keep on praying as long as you live, and the Lord couldn't forgive you if you were not willing to settle it with him. Of course, if you didn't know where he was and couldn't find him, the Lord would forgive you all right."

The man answered, "We will come to the services." They did, and some of them got saved. Unknown to me, he had owed his neighbor ten dollars for four years and was unwilling to pay, but after he became willing, he got saved and paid his debt. —S.

Bible Story

Exodus 5-6

After the command that no straw should be given to the Israelites to make brick and yet they had to gather it and still make the same amount of bricks, great sorrow and more trouble came to them. The taskmasters beat them because they did not make the same number, and they began to cry unto the Lord; and, of course, they began to blame Moses. They met Moses and said, "The Lord look upon you and judge; because you not only caused us more sorrow and trouble, but you also promised to bring us out of Egypt."

Moses was grieved at this saying. He loved his people and pitied them. He went to the Lord and cried unto Him, "Why have you sent me to Pharaoh? He won't let the people go and he is only making them work harder and their troubles are greater."

God spoke to Moses and told him that with a strong hand he would bring the people out of Egypt and that the time would come when Pharaoh would drive

them out. He reminded Moses of the promise that he had made to Abraham, Isaac, and to Jacob, that He would give their people the land of Canaan. He told Moses that he had heard the groanings of the people and he had not forgotten his promises to them and that he would be a God to them and they would be his people. What a wonderful union.

Moses went back and spoke to the people the words of the Lord, but they were so deep in sorrow and trouble that they would not listen to Moses.

Then God told Moses to go again and speak to Pharaoh to let his people go. He said that he would make Moses a god to Pharaoh and Aaron as his prophet, that he would listen to his words, but he would not let the people go because God wanted to show many mighty signs and wonders before the people of Egypt so they would fear God. —M. M.

Search Question

I will guide thee with mine - - -

Answer To Last Week's Question

Peter. John 13:18.

TWELVE EARS OF CORN

One man got saved in a meeting in South Dakota, and the Lord reminded him of twelve ears of corn which he had taken from his neighbor's field to feed his own oxen. As he went by on his way home, he said, "Yes, I'll attend to that tonight." So after dark he filled a bushel basket with corn and took it over and emptied it into the man's hog pen, feeling good that he had done his duty. The next morning after worship the Lord spoke to him and said, "I suppose today you will go over and settle for the twelve ears of corn." So he went over and confessed to the man. We can see by this it was not the corn the Lord was so interested in as his humble confession. —S.

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Dear boys and girls:

It is just the nature of a child of God to do good. They do not think much about it, but just do it. Jesus makes us happy to do good to others, and we are so glad we can do it. I heard of some little boys who did not have enough warm clothes. It was cold weather and I was glad to buy some material to make some warm shirts and then asked my neighbors to let me have some clothes that their boys had outgrown to take to them. Then I heard of another family with two boys who did not have enough cover, and I was happy to piece a quilt top and some of the other sisters in the church helped to tack it. We were all very happy to know those boys would be warm. Then I heard of a little girl who did not have a warm coat for winter, and since I could not find one for her, I got a lady's coat that was nice and made her one. It reminded me of the time when I was a little girl and my mother had a coat made for me out of her old coat. I was glad for it. But doing this for these boys and girls made me so happy because I felt I was doing it for Jesus. —Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 11, March 15, 1953

SOME WAYS TO SERVE GOD

Matthew 25:31-46

In our lesson today Jesus tells us about the Judgment Day. We do not know all the details of the coming judgment, but Jesus lets us know that that great day is surely coming. It is a day when every boy and girl, every man and woman will stand before God and give an account of their lives, whether good or bad. Aren't you glad that Jesus let us know about that great day so we could be ready to meet Jesus on that day with a clear record? Jesus tried to make it as plain as he could to us. He says, "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered ALL NATIONS; and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats." Isn't that very plain? See how Jesus calls himself the "Son of Man" and then tells how he will be the king of all, sitting upon the throne of his glory. His first coming was here to the earth as a little babe, in humility and in subjection to men; as he allowed them to take his life so he could be our Saviour and then come again in the clouds and then sit upon his throne of glory, there to judge the very ones that killed him, and 'all nations—that means everybody.

Jesus tries to make it plain by calling himself a shepherd and the saints (saved people) sheep and the sinners (unsaved) people goats. Just so the shepherd can tell the difference between a goat and a sheep, just so Jesus—and even you—can tell the difference between a saint and a sinner. The sheep is helpless, mild, patient, and useful. The goat is loud,

jumping here and there and getting into things, and they have a bad smell, which reminds us of the awfulness of sin. Now Jesus says that he "shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left." The right hand means a hand of favor, and the left hand means rejection.

On that great day of judgment, all shall be separated and Jesus shall say to those on his right hand, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD." They fed God's hungry children, they gave drink to the thirsty, they took in strangers, they clothed the naked, they visited the sick, they ministered to prisoners. This is what they had done, but Jesus didn't tell them in this way. He said, "For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty: and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me." Then the righteous answered him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and we did good to you? And he said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (The parable of the Good Samaritan helps children to understand what he meant. Luke 10:29-37). Then he turned to the ones on his left hand and said, "Depart from me, ye cursed into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Torment was not prepared for man, but for the devil and the angels, but sinners cannot get into heaven, so there is no other place for them to go. (Tell rest of the lesson).

Central Thought—A Christian is one who does all things as unto Christ.

Memory Verse—Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matt. 25:40.

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March 22

Cleaning-Up Time

There is much to do today,
For my mother dear's away;
I must clean up well, you see,
For we're having company.

Mother's coming home tonight
With my Auntie Emma Bright,
And you don't suppose or guess
We'd want things all in a mess.

But I want much more to be
Clean and pure inside of me,
When the Saviour comes to claim
Those who bear His lovely Name.

The Little Sin

"Mamma," said Lucy, "What is a little sin?"

"My child, no sin could be little, though some may be greater than others. But what makes you ask that question?"

"Mamma, I was playing after school today with June and Ellen, and Robert Hamilton. The master walked across the yard and pulled out his pocket handkerchief, and a pencil came out and rolled away, but he did not observe it. When he was gone, Robert

ran after it, saying, 'O what a capital pencil! just the very thing I was in want of!' I said, 'Robert, it is the master's, not yours; you must not keep it; that would be a great sin.' 'O,' he replied, 'the master can get plenty more, and it is only a penny pencil: it will be but a little sin.' Mamma, was Robert right?"

"Lucy, what reason have we to hope that God will pardon any of our sins?"

"Because Jesus died."

"Is there any sin too great to be forgiven for Jesus' sake?"

"No, mamma."

"But may we not ask God to pardon our small sins in some other way?"

Lucy thought for a minute and answered, "No, I do not think there is any other."

"Certainly not. Well, my love, can we think any sin a little thing, if Christ must have died that it might be forgiven?"

"But now I shall tell you a story. Some years ago, before you were born, papa and I lived in an old house quite near the sea. There was a low wall at the foot of the garden, where we used often to sit and admire the

waves coming in below, and the pretty vessels sailing past. One lovely summer we were sitting there; all was calm,—the clear water reflected the red sunset clouds of the sky, and the white sails of the ships. Just then we saw a man and a boy preparing to set out in a fishing-boat, from a little pier, at a short distance from our garden. The air was still, we could hear them speak. The boy looked down in the boat, and said, 'Father, the water is coming in.' 'O,' said the man, 'there is a small leak; but never mind, it will do us no harm; it would not be good in a storm, but (looking at the sky) there is no fear tonight; so come along.' So they hoisted the sail, and we heard them singing merrily as they moved slowly out to sea.

The sun had quite set, and the darkness was coming on, before we went into the house. In a short time we felt that there was a change in the weather. The wind began to rise, and whistled through the passages, making the doors and windows shake, and soon we heard the waves dashing up against the garden wall. We were quite safe and comfortable, but our thoughts turned anxiously to the many ships and boats we had seen so lately on the quiet waters. Then we thought we heard cries from the sea, and, between the large waves, the sound of a bell, as if someone were in great distress. We could not rest at home, and we went down to the shore. The people of the village were running about, the women sobbing and screaming, the men came for the life-boat. We could see, in the darkness, a feeble light glimmering out at sea, and again the bell rang violently. Then the light disappeared, and we did not hear the bell again, but cries for help seemed to come on the wind. By this time the life-boat was ready, and four

strong men jumped into it and made for the place where the light had last been seen. Oh, how eagerly we looked, and listened, and watched for their return! God was very merciful, and they were not too late. They found the man and boy we watched in the evening still clinging to a raft; but their boat had gone down. And what had sunk the boat? Just the small leak. Do you think it appeared small to them then, that dreary night, when the winds and waves were rising round them, and the water getting deeper and deeper at their feet?

"Learn, my dear child, never to call any sin a little thing. Remember how great it will look in a sick or dying bed, and how much greater when we stand before the judgment-seat of Christ. Remember how the apostle says: 'Abstain from all appearance of evil;' and pray for the new heart and tender conscience which will shrink from the first beginnings of temptation."—Selected.

Bible Story

Exodus 6

God told Moses to go to Pharaoh the second time and talk to him and ask him to let the people go into the wilderness to sacrifice to the Lord. And when Pharaoh should ask him to show him a sign for him to cast his rod before him and it would become a serpent.

When Moses and Aaron appeared before Pharaoh the second time, he said, "Show me a miracle." Aaron immediately cast down his rod before Pharaoh and it became a fiery serpent and began to crawl around. But Pharaoh was not afraid. He called his wise men (called sorcerers or magicians) and they came and cast down their rods and they became snakes. Pharaoh was very much pleased, but as he watched, he saw Aaron's snake eat up the snakes of the

wise men, and when Aaron picked it up by the tail it became a rod in his hand.

Even if Moses and Aaron worked a greater miracle through the power of God than did the magicians of Pharaoh's, he still would not let the people go.

On the next morning God sent Moses and Aaron to speak to Pharaoh again. This time they met him on the bank of the River Nile. That is where God had told them he would be. He probably was not very glad to see them, but they went right up to him and said, "The Lord God of the Hebrews has sent me unto you, saying, 'Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness; and behold, since you have not heard me; this I will do so you may know that I am the Lord; behold, I will smite with the rod that is in my hand upon the waters which are in the rivers, and they shall be turned to blood. And the fish that is in the river shall die and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall not want to drink the water. All the streams, ponds, and pools of water shall become blood, and the water that is in all the vessels in your homes shall be blood also.'"

God spoke to Moses and told him to tell Aaron to stretch out his hand upon all the water in Egypt. Aaron did so and all became blood as God had said. The fish died, the river stank and the Egyptians could not drink of it. The water in their homes became blood also. What a terrible thing to happen, yet they refused to obey the Lord and let the people go. —M. M.

Search Question

I slew a thousand men with the jawbone of an ass. My name is - - - - -

Answer To Last Week's Question

Eye. Psa. 32:8.

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Matt. 19:19.

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Dear boys and girls:

Don't you love Jesus so much? He surely is precious and good to us. Just think! He was willing to "lay down his life" for us. It should break our hearts in love to Him. No one in this world loves us as much as Jesus does. The most expensive alabaster box of precious perfume in the whole world is not even a beginning of what Jesus deserves. Oh, He has done so much for us. And all he asks of us is to give ourselves to Him and let Him use us in this world to help others. He does not want us to live for ourselves, but for others. And we will do this if we have given ourselves to Him, won't we? It should not be so hard for us to do the work around the house for mother and father when we know we are doing it for Jesus, should it? And we are. Jesus has done so much for us. If we worked every minute of the day trying to repay Jesus for saving our souls from torment and making a way for us to go to heaven, we would not even begin to repay him. By giving ourselves to Jesus and then Jesus tells us to live for others and do for others, in that way we are breaking the alabaster box and pouring it upon His precious head. —Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 12, March 22, 1953

Matthew 26:6-13; 26-30

IN THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS

In our lesson today we are going to talk about two suppers. The first supper we will discuss took place six days before Jesus was crucified (John 12:1-8; Mark 14:3-9). The second supper with his disciples took place the evening before Jesus was crucified. Surely our lesson today should make us love our precious Jesus more and more for His great love to us.

A supper was made for Jesus when he arrived in Bethany. In Bethany Jesus was well known because there Lazarus had been raised from the dead. The house of Simon probably had the largest guest room. Martha, the sister of Lazarus, served. Lazarus sat at the table with Jesus. And many others came just to look on. In those days when people held a big supper, it was all right for others to come just to sit around to talk to those invited; but they did not eat at the table. And it seems there were quite a few extra people because they wanted to see Lazarus, who had been raised from the dead.

As they all sat at the table eating, Mary, the sister of Lazarus, came in. She was the one who had sat at Jesus' feet when he had visited in their home one time, and she forgot about eating or that her sister Martha was needing her to help prepare a meal for Jesus. She loved Jesus so much, and loved to listen to him tell of the wonderful way to heaven. Mary went right on over to where Jesus was sitting, and she opened an alabaster box of very precious ointment (perfume) and poured it on his head. This perfume cost very much money. It had a wonderful odor, and Mary felt that Jesus deserved the best,

and at this occasion the best should be given. But, sad to say, others did not share her feelings about the matter. Some complained greatly. St. John tells us that Judas, the one who carried the bag and betrayed Jesus later, was the biggest complainer. They said that this was a great waste, "For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor." I wonder what were the thoughts of Mary as she listened to them criticize the precious gift she had given to Jesus? Her act of love toward the One she had faith in as her Saviour and Redeemer. But Jesus understood. He knew why she did it, and He said to them, "Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me. For the poor ye have with you always; but me ye have not always. For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her." And now after two thousand years we do not think that one drop of Mary's oil was too much was it?

Read the account to the class of the Lord's Supper (Matt. 26:26-30). Jesus offered Himself (Heb. 7:27) on the cross for us. Jesus foresaw the action of others in connection with his offering Himself, but they were not forced to do it.

The bread that is used in our Lord's Supper is the wheat kernel crushed, then made into bread. The grape must be pressed into pulp so that the juice can be extracted. So the body of Jesus and his blood had to be given so we could be saved. Let us ask the Lord to help us to love Jesus more for his great and wonderful love to us.

Memory Verse--I lay down my life that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. John 10:17, 18

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Part Thirteen

March 29

A Good Boy

I woke before the morning,
I was happy all the day,
I never said an ugly word,
But smiled and kept at play.

And now at last the sun
Is going down behind the wood,
And I am very happy
For I know that I've been good.

My bed is waiting cool and fresh,
With linen smooth and fair,
And I must off to slumber land,
And not forget my prayer.

Then sleep will hold me tightly
Till I waken at the dawn,
And hear the robins singing
In the lilacs round the lawn.
—Sel.

A Lot Of Difference

"Come play with us," begged Rosa of Karen, who held in her hand a tin dinner pail.

"I can't," said Karen, "Father is working night shift at the shops, and that means he is never home for sup-

per. Lately Mother's been fixing him something hot to eat—then I take it down to him."

"But Karen," Rosa argued, "you can't miss the game. Why don't you go afterward. I'll go with you then. Your father can wait."

Karen turned and watched the boys and girls begin to choose sides for a game she liked to play. Rosa took her by the arm and begged her to hurry. "Wait!" Karen begged, "Oh, Rosa, I can't go. Mother asked me to go while his supper is hot, and I said I would. I couldn't go back on my word—let alone disobey." "Don't be silly!" Rosa went on. "What's the difference?" "A lot of difference. I am a Christian, and Christians don't do things that way."

"All right, then," Rosa said, turning quickly, "But you're a wet blanket—that is what you are. We need you to make the sides even." Karen bit her lip. These trips to the shops did spoil a lot of fun for her. She never could settle down to really play. Karen watched the group of children then turned toward the shops.

In the bright light flooding them, the shops were hot and stifling. Karen knew where her father worked.

Straight down the long room she picked her steps, being careful to keep out of reach of each worker's way. At last she caught sight of Mr. Giles high on an engine, his clothes greasy, his face streaming with perspiration.

"Papa," she called when she was close enough to make herself heard above the roar. "Papa—here's your supper." Mr. Giles turned—caught sight of Karen and grinned. Wearily he brushed his sleeve across his forehead, leaving a black smudge. "Hot in here, isn't it, I'll be right down."

Karen watched him find his way down from the big engine. In spite of her disappointment over the game, she smiled brightly. "It's stew tonight," she said holding out her pail, "and Mother put in some hot gingerbread with—"

Karen stopped, her mouth open. "Papa, look!" she gasped, grabbing his sleeve and pointing above the engine. There hung a giant crane, a great piece of steel grasped in its jaws. But something was wrong. It was not moving down the room as it always did.

"Karen," cried Mr. Giles, dragging her quickly backward. Even as he cried the great jaws quivered, opened slightly and the steel dropped. The noise it made as it dropped on the engine drowned out even the roar of the shops. Then it toppled and fell to the floor. After one look at the engine, Mr. Giles covered his face with his hands. Then took Karen into his arms. "Oh, Karen!" he said, when he could speak again, "do you see what you did for your father?" Karen looked where he was pointing. On the very spot where he had been working the great engine was twisted and broken. "I'd have been there when it fell," the father went on,—"if you had not brought my supper and called me down."

"You lucky man!" one of the workmen muttered. "Lucky nothing," Mr. Giles replied, "I have a God who is caring for me."

"Looks like He has a helper," the workman smiled at Karen. Suddenly Karen remembered the game on the lot. What if she had put off obeying? What would have happened then? Her face turned white at the very thought.

"What are you thinking about, Karen?" Mr. Giles asked. "I was thinking," Karen said slowly, "that it makes a lot of difference—when we obey."

So you see, boys and girls, how it paid Karen to obey, even if she had to miss playing with her friends. Don't you think she was really glad she obeyed right at the time her mother wanted her to? The Bible says we should honor our father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise). Now here is the promise: "That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long upon the earth."

Children, we should be very thankful that we have good Christian parents and the best way that we can show that we are glad is to obey them. That is the best "thank you" we can show.—Selected by Neva Buchanan.

Fishing

Mother was telling Grandma about a fishing trip that she and the children had just taken. She had fixed lines and poles for all the children and went fishing. Little five-year-old Jerry had his own pole and line with a hook on the end of the line. He sat on the bank feeling quite big. He had heard the others talking about hoping they caught a fish, and he said he hoped he caught a fish, too. So as he sat waiting and watching, he began not to feel so big. He began

to get tired of sitting so still just in one place. He wished one could still catch fish and run around too. After awhile he decided that it wasn't any fun at all to fish. He didn't think his pole, line, and hook were very nice any more. He got up and decided he would just do something else. He was tired of fishing. The fish would not pay any attention to his hook, so he just threw the pole, line, and all into the water.

"Oh, Jerry, why did you throw your pole into the water?" And with these words Mother and the other children started fishing for Jerry's pole. Jerry stood watching, and was he surprised when they got his pole out and on the end of the line and on the hook was a little fish! Jerry had given up too soon.

Grandma was thinking about this after her daughter had gone and she got a great blessing out of it. Sometimes when we pray for something the devil will try to get us tired of asking God for it because it doesn't come right away, and the devil will try to get us to just get tired and quit asking or holding on for an answer to our prayers, just like Jerry got tired fishing. Jerry quit too soon, he quit and threw in his pole just as the fish got hold of his hook. So it is with us. We may quit just as God is ready to answer our prayer. So let us not get tired praying to God for what we need. If it does not come when we ask the first time, just keep asking and believing and it will come.

—F. A.

Search Question

How many times did Elijah's servant go look for a sign of rain?

Answer To Last Week's Question

Samson. Judges 15:16.

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Dear boys and girls:

We want to love the cross of Jesus because it was the greatest thing that brought us to God. One day a child was admiring her mother in detail. "Mother," she said, "I love your hair; your eyes and ears; your face and neck; I love all of you except your hands." Then the mother explained that farther back than the child could remember the little one had been caught in a flame of fire which would have killed her but for the mother's heroic fight with her bare hands. "In saving you," said the mother, "I ruined my hands." "Then," said the child, "I love your hands more than any other part of you."

Oh, boys and girls, let us love the cross, for if it had not been for the cross that Jesus died on, we would not have a home in heaven. We would not have peace in our souls as we come to Jesus, accepting him as our Saviour. Jesus had to die, and he willingly died for you and for me.

—Aunt Marie

"Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am; and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven."

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 13, March 29, 1953

BECAUSE HE LOVED

Matthew 27:32-44; 54.

While in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus wrestled in prayer, and sweat, as it were, great drops of blood. Then followed, possibly early Friday morning, the appearance of Judas Iscariot with a crowd from the chief priest's office. Jesus was betrayed by a kiss from Judas, and the Jews took him. They took him before Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin where he was condemned to die, and he was mocked. Then he was taken before Pilate. Then sent to Herod, but Herod returned him to Pilate. Pilate tried to release Jesus. It was the custom to release a prisoner every year, but they wanted Barabbas released, who was a robber and one whom the people feared, rather than Jesus. Jesus was crowned with thorns and mocked. It was about this time that Judas went and hanged himself.

A crowd of curious people followed the soldiers through the gate to the hillside where Jesus was crucified. Some were enemies, some were friends who longed to help, but could not. As they went, Jesus sank beneath the weight of the heavy cross he bore. The cruel soldiers called a stranger, Simon, from the crowd and placed the cross upon his shoulder, for Jesus was too weak to carry it any farther. Finally they arrived at the hillside of Calvary. There the soldiers began to strip the prisoners of their clothing. Two thieves were to be crucified with Jesus, as if he were a thief. They fastened their hands and feet to the crosses. Then they raised the crosses high in the air and planted them securely in the ground, leaving the prisoners to hang there till death should relieve them

of their misery. Jesus prayed when they were crucifying him, and said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

A writing was placed over the cross of Jesus written in three languages, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." The Jews did not like this writing and wanted Pilate to change it, but he refused.

While Jesus hung on the cross he saw a group of sorrowing friends standing at the edge of the crowd, and among them was his own mother. John, the disciple who loved him so much, was there also. Jesus asked John to take care of his mother from that time.

The many enemies of Jesus, standing around the cross, were making fun of him and telling him to come down if he were the Son of God. Even the chief priests and the scribes were there, and they said, "He said he could save others, but he cannot save himself! If he is the King of Israel, let him come down, and we will believe in him, too." I am sure they would not have believed.

About noon the sky suddenly grew dark. For three hours the great darkness lasted, then Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, "It is finished!" and soon he died. Oh, the plan of salvation had been finished. Jesus had given his life for you and for me. It makes the tears flow as we think of his great love, does it not?

The Roman captain who stood near the cross, and the soldiers who were with him, saw the rocks torn apart by a terrible earth quake that came, and they were frightened. And the captain said to his soldiers, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

Central Thought—It was love for us that caused Jesus to give his life.

Memory Verse—God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8.

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Part One

April 5

Our Jesus

Jesus died upon the cross

That we might live forever;
And if we do as He wants us to,
He will leave us never.

They put him in a sort of grave,
But there he didn't stay;
For He came back to life again
On the Resurrection day.

—Mary Westpheling

"It Is the Lord"

One afternoon two men were walking down the road to a village. They were talking about the strange things that had happened within the past few days. While they were talking a stranger came up to them and said, "May I know what it is that you are talking about so earnestly? You seem to be very sad."

"We are talking about Jesus. Surely, if you are only a stranger here, and have lodged in Jerusalem but one night, you must have heard something of him, for everyone is talking about him."

"Tell me something about him,"

said the strange man.

"Jesus of Nazareth was a wonderful prophet and worked many miracles. No one ever spoke as he did, and his teachings were not like those of the Scribes and Pharisees. Many people believed in him, but the chief Priests and our rulers hated him. They condemned him to death, and last Friday he was crucified. We are very sad at this, because we hoped that he was the promised Saviour; but now we are afraid that he is not. It is three days ago since he was put to death. Some women, whom we know, went to his grave this morning and said that they could not find his body. They told us, too, that they had seen two angels who said that he was alive! Peter and John, two of his disciples, went to the grave, too, and they did not see Jesus. The tomb was empty. All these things puzzle us very much; we do not know what to believe."

The stranger said, "Think over what your old prophets have written hundreds of years ago about Christ. Did they tell you that he would come as a great king? No, they said that he would be meek and lowly, that men would not own him and would think

evil of him. They said he would be a man of sorrows and know well what it was to grieve. They told you, too, that the Christ must suffer and die, for he came to be the Savior, not of the Jews alone, but of all the world. He was to save it by dying for it."

Many, many other things the stranger told the two men about Jesus of how it was necessary that he should suffer all these things to save the world before he entered into glory.

The two men listened very earnestly to the stranger, and they began to understand the old sacred writings in a new way. Finally they came to the village of Emmaus. The road did not seem long. The stranger seemed as if he were going on, and they said, "Oh, do not leave us; stay with us, for the day is nearly gone."

When they sat to eat some food, the stranger took up a piece of bread. He asked a blessing, and then gave the bread to the two men. All at once they knew the Lord. Jesus was the stranger who talked to them, yet no longer a stranger. "It is the Lord," they cried. Then they looked where he sat and he was not there. The risen Lord had gone out of their sight.

They said to one another, "Did not his words make our hearts very warm and glad, while he explained the Scriptures to us as we walked along the road? It is true that the Lord has risen from the dead."—M. M. (Luke 24:13:32).

Easter

On Christmas the people commemorate the birth of Christ, on Easter they commemorate the resurrection of Christ. We do not have the word Christmas in the Bible, and we have the word Easter but once (and it does not mean Easter as we know it now.) We are told that in some of the coun-

tries across the sea, the first person you meet on Easter morning will say, "The Lord is risen." You are to answer, "He is indeed." This is supposed to mean that He is risen in the heart.

No one can keep Christmas in the right spirit who does not have Christ born in their own soul and life. No one can keep Easter in the right spirit who has not been risen with Christ. The great display of fine dress, the feasting and the sports we often see on this day are evidences that Christ is not risen in these lives. Children, let us remember why we have a day called Easter. Let us talk about its true meaning. If you want to color eggs and hide them in the grass and hunt them, do not connect such play with the commemoration of Christ's resurrection day. —P. O. L.

A Covered Sin

Joyce Marie just loved pretty things. In fact, whenever she saw beautiful ribbons or handkerchiefs or anything of that kind, she desired them so much until sometimes she would take them even though she knew she shouldn't.

One day Joyce was sent on an errand over to her neighbor's, and while there she noticed some very beautiful ribbon in her dresser drawer. She could hardly resist the temptation. She knew it was wrong to steal, and yet she knew her mother had taught her against begging for everything she saw. It seemed so easy just to slip some under her coat, so when the lady left the room, she weakened and stole some.

Soon she went home, but what was she to do with the ribbon. If her mother saw it, she knew that she'd have to tell the truth, so she decided she would bury it in the flower yard.

That eased her conscience some, but not for very long, for one day her father decided to plow up the yard, and of course he plowed up the ribbon too. Naturally, he was curious about seeing nice new ribbon in the flower garden, so he asked her mother about it. Joyce's mother took the ribbon and placed it on the piano so it's owner could see it.

That evening as Joyce walked in from school she spied the ribbon, and, oh, how her countenance fell! Now she had to confess the whole truth.

Her mother and father had reared her in the way she should go, and without their help and advice she confessed to the lady.

After that Joyce remembered that even though you try to cover your sins; they will be uncovered some day and more people than you will know about it. —O. A. D.

Mo.—Dear aunt Marie,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I am thankful that I am still saved and trusting the Lord. I am thankful for the "Beautiful Way" paper. I surely do like to read it.

I would like to tell what the Lord has done for me. Thursday at the Hammond Louisiana Assembly meeting I took a cold and a real bad sore throat. We came home Friday and I could hardly eat or drink anything. Saturday morning I got up and it was better, but was not completely well. We went to meeting last night any way, and this morning when I got up it was all well, for which I truly thank the Lord. Pray for me that I will live like the Lord wants me to. A sister in Christ, Cynthia Miller.

Search Question

What did God send down out of heaven to feed the Israelites?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Seven. 1 Kings 18:44

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Dear boys and girls:

Easter brings great joy to us, doesn't it? We surely do love to hear the story again and again about how the angel came down from heaven and rolled away the stone from the grave and told the women who told the disciples and the disciples told us that Jesus arose from the grave. Jesus is alive. He is not dead, but is alive! They were so happy to know it, and so are we. Why? you ask. Because if He had not risen we would not have salvation. He conquered death and arose and ascended to the Father and that brought us back into favor with God. He forgives us our sins, and then God can look upon us with favor. Sin had separated man from God. Jesus came to die for our sins so we could have favor with God. Praise the dear Lord! Oh, Jesus loved us so much, didn't he? We should never cease praising him for his great love to us.

Jesus told the disciples to "Go" and tell others about his rising, and that means for us to tell it also. May God bless each one of you, and help you.

—Aunt Marie

"Jesus is risen, no more, sad heart,
Bear thy great burden alone;
Joy for mourning he will impart,
Till thy sorrow has flown."

Sunday School Lesson

LESSON 1, April 5, 1953

(Easter)

THE LIVING LORD

Matt. 28:1-20 (Mark 16:1-10)

It was a sad day to the disciples of Jesus and the women that loved Him when he died. They could not understand it all. They had buried their beloved Jesus and Master. The disciples also were afraid of the people, and they hid themselves away. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome arose early on Sunday morning and started walking to the grave, or sepulchre, where the body of Jesus had been laid. They wanted to anoint his body with some sweet spices as was the custom in those days. They did not talk much this morning as their hearts were heavy, but as they neared, one asked, "Who shall roll away the stone from the door of the sepulchre for us?" They did not know that their question had already been answered, and not by man, but by an angel. God had sent an earthquake and an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and rolled back the stone from the door and sat upon it. He was a beautiful angel. His face just shone like lightning and his clothes were white and glistened like the snow. And the soldiers that had been placed around the tomb to keep, as they said, the disciples from stealing the body of Jesus, fell down as dead men. They could not stand before the mighty power of God shaking the earth nor before the brightness of the glory of the angel. Finally they came to, a little, so they could move, and they fled from the place and went into the city and told what had taken place.

About this time the women approached the sepulchre. (A sepulchre was a little room hewed out of stone. It had

a bigger stone to be rolled over the door of the little room. That is where they had put the body of Jesus). They were glad when they saw that the stone had been already rolled away, and as they entered the sepulchre they were afraid, because there they saw the angel. But the angel quickly spoke some wonderful words to them—words that today as we hear them bring great joy to our hearts. He said, "Be not afraid. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here; behold the place where they laid him. Go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead: and behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you." What great joy! What happiness flooded their hearts! Jesus is alive forevermore! Today, let us rejoice because our Lord lives. He is sitting on the right hand of God, his Father, and there he asks the Father to give help to us. We are not serving a dead Christ, but one who is alive and able to help us.

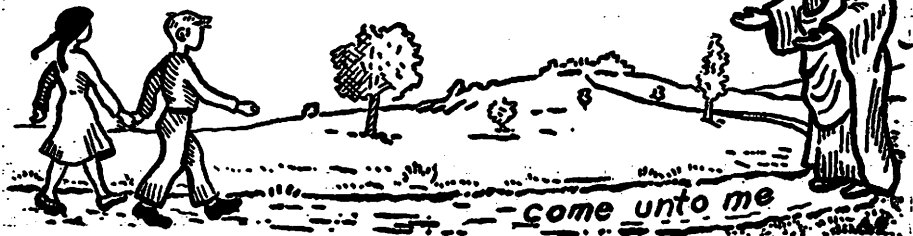
The women hurried away and told the disciples, but as they went, they met Jesus and he spoke to them and they fell at his feet and worshiped him. How happy they were to see Jesus! He then told them to tell "my brethren" that he would see them in Galilee.

As the eleven anxiously waited in Galilee, Jesus appeared unto them, and they worshiped him. Jesus spoke to them and told them to "Go into all the world and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Central Thought: Jesus conquered the grave and gives us salvation.

Memory Verse—I am the resurrection, and the life. John 11:25a.

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Part Two

April 12

The Lamb

Little lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee,
Gave thee life and bade thee feed
By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing, wooly, bright,
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice?

Little lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?

Little lamb, I'll tell thee;
Little lamb, I'll tell thee.
He is called by thy name,
For He calls Himself a Lamb.
He is meek, and He is mild;
He became a little child.
I a child, and thou a lamb,
We are called by his name.

Little lamb, God bless thee!
Little lamb, God bless thee!

—William Blake

A Little Girl's Sacrifice

High in the Swiss Alps lived a little girl who had for years crossed over a natural bridge formed by a huge rock; it had fallen down from the

mountain and lodged in a deep ravine near her home.

Her mother was an earnest Christian and often told her daughter about the blessed Saviour, who died in the stead of sinners, that He might bear the punishment they deserved for their sins. She also told her how all who do not come to Jesus and trust in Him are lost forever.

At first the little girl did not care much for these things, but at last the mother's prayers were answered; her little one felt herself a lost sinner and believed that Jesus had died to save her and shed His life blood to cleanse her sins. She could now have the peace and assurance that if she died she would go to be with her Lord Jesus in heaven.

The mother noticed one day that the melting frost had loosened the big rock in the ravine, and it seemed about to fall. She warned her little one that if she crossed it again, she might be dashed on the rocks below.

The next day the little girl heard her father say he was going across the bridge. He was unsaved, and when she said the bridge was not safe, he only laughed. When the dear

little thing saw he was going over anyway, she asked if she might go with him.

As they walked along she, looking up into his face, said, "Father, if I should die, will you promise me to love Jesus and meet me in heaven?"

"What put such a wild thought into your head?" he said. "You are only a wee thing and will live for many years."

"Yes, but if I should die, will you promise to love Jesus as I do, and meet me in heaven?"

"But you are not going to die; don't speak of it," he said.

"But if I do die, do promise, Father, you will come up and live with Jesus and me in heaven."

"Yes, yes," he said at last.

When they came near the bridge she said, "Father, please stand here a minute." She loved him dearly and was willing to die for him. Running quickly she jumped on the rock. It dropped with a thunderous roar and the little girl was crushed on the rocky crags. The trembling parent crept to the edge and with tear-dimmed eyes gazed on the horrible sight.

He then thought of all the little girl had told him about how Jesus had died to save us. He had never loved her so much, but he began to see the truth of what God has told us, that He gave His only Son, in His love for lost perishing sinners, so that they might have eternal life.

Children, does it not touch your heart to see that the Saviour came to bear all the punishment for the sins of those who accept Him as their blest Substitute on the cross? Will you come now, just as you are, to the Lamb of God, His gift?

"The Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Gal. 2:20.

Jesus loved people he corrected.

Bible Story

Exodus 8

Just think, what if you started to get a drink out of the faucet or the bucket and it was blood! What an awful thing! Yet that is what happened in Egypt because Pharaoh would not obey God and let the people of Israel go and worship God. The people began to dig new wells, hoping they could find some good water, as none could drink of the rivers. After seven days the water became clear again.

Pharaoh called his magicians to see if they could turn water into blood. When they changed water into blood Pharaoh turned back to his palace and refused to let the people go.

Again we find Moses and Aaron standing before Pharaoh asking him to let the people go. And again Pharaoh said no, so God told Aaron to stretch out the rod over the rivers, streams, and ponds, and frogs came forth in hordes. Frogs were everywhere. They hopped into the beds, they hopped into the buckets of water, into the bread as the women were kneading it. They hopped into the cooking vessels—frogs everywhere. Pharaoh called his magicians and asked if they could bring up frogs out of the water, and they did.

Pharaoh was too stubborn to let any one know how much he disliked the water being turned into blood, but now these frogs were just more than he could bear. He sent for Moses and Aaron and asked them to ask God to take away the frogs. He promised that he would let the people go if only he could get rid of all those slimy jumping frogs that were under his feet, in his food, and in his bed. Moses asked him when he wanted the frogs to leave and Pharaoh said, "Tomorrow." Moses said, "Be it according to thy word, so you may know that there is none like unto the Lord our God."

Moses left him and prayed unto the

Lord to cause the frogs to depart from the land. God heard Moses' plea and the frogs died. The people gathered them up out of the houses and the land and put them in great heaps. And the land stank because of them.

Now since the frogs were gone and all was as usual again Pharaoh would not let the people go. His heart became hard again. —M. M.

MATCHING QUESTIONS

The lists below consist of men and their occupations. Match them.

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|----------------|---------------------|
| 1. Joseph — | A. Hunter |
| 2. Abel — | B. Tentmaker |
| 3. Naaman — | C. Fisherman |
| 4. Demetrius — | D. King |
| 5. Nimrod — | E. Captain |
| 6. Ishmael — | F. An archer |
| 7. Aquilla — | G. Silversmith |
| 8. Andrew — | H. Farmer |
| 9. Ahab — | I. Carpenter |
| 10. Cain — | J. Keeper of sheep. |

Answers: 1-I, 2-J, 3-E, 4-G, 5-A, 6-F, 7-B, 8-C, 9-D, 10-H.

A LETTER

Mo.—Dear aunt Marie,—I enjoy Daddy reading the "Beautiful Way" paper to us. I go to school and I want to be good in school. The Lord is good to me in many ways. He has helped me in my body. I got saved at the Monark Springs Campmeeting this summer, and I was baptized. I am still saved and living for Him. I love to live for Him. I want to help someone else to find the Lord. Pray for me.

Thomas Ray McMillian

Search Question

What came out of a rock that Moses hit?

Answer to Last Week's Question
Manna and quails Exodus 16:13-15

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Wasn't it wonderful in your Sunday school class to talk about how Paul quit doing wrong things and started doing the right when Jesus spoke to him about how wrong he had been? He had thought he was pleasing God to harm people who started following Jesus. He did not believe Jesus to be the Son of God. When Jesus spoke to him and made him know that he was the Son of God and that he was doing wrong to him when he did wrong to the Christians, he was sorry and was willing to do as Jesus told him to do. Ananias helped him to know what to do, and we find that he turned to Jesus with all his soul. Many times he was beaten by other Jews who believed as he once did. He loved Jesus more than his own life. He became a new and different man. And today we love to read the precious things he wrote to the Christian people of how we are to live to make it into heaven. God used Paul in a wonderful way because he gave his whole life and love to Him. Won't you love Jesus more than your own life, like Paul? If you will, you will be made a great blessing to all around you. Jesus will work through you to bring others to him like he did Paul. May God bless each one of you, is my prayer.—Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 2, April 12, 1953

PAUL, A FOLLOWER OF JESUS

Acts 22:3-16.

We are going to have some lessons each Sunday for awhile on the life of Paul. He was a wonderful follower of Jesus.

We find Paul in Jerusalem for the last time. Here a mob had been stirred up against him and the chief captain had come and had Paul bound with chains and taken away from the mob. As they neared the castle the soldiers carried him up the stairs because of the violence of the mob. As they reached the top, Paul asked if he could speak to the mob. When they gave him the privilege, he stood on the stairs and beckoned with his hand to the people and a great silence fell over the mob. Then Paul began to speak in the Hebrew language to them, saying, "I am a man which am a Jew, I was born in the city of Tarsus, a city in Cilicia. I went to school and my teacher was Gamaliel. [Gamaliel was one of their very best teachers and all the Jews knew him.] I was taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and I was very zealous (explain) toward God as ye all are this day. And I persecuted people who were Christians, unto death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women. The high priest and all the elders know how I received letters from them to go to Damascus and bring the brethren there bound to Jerusalem to be punished."

We read about the stoning of Stephen, a man full of the Holy Ghost, where the ones that stoned him laid down their garments at the feet of "a young man named Saul." This is the first time the Bible makes mention of Paul, whose name was Saul. Saul also later became a member of the Sanhedrin, a group of seventy men who decided the answers to the questions about the law. Paul spoke of

casting his vote against the Christians. He was against the Christians with heart and soul, but when he became converted he put his heart, soul, and strength into bringing every person possible to become a Christian. That is what salvation will do for a person.

"And it came to pass that as I made my journey and was close to Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me. And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said to me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest. And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me. And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said to me, Arise, and go to Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do. And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus. And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt there, came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked upon him. And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen you, that you shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and hear the voice of his mouth. For you shall be a witness to all men of what you have seen and heard. And now, why do you tarry. Arise and be baptized."

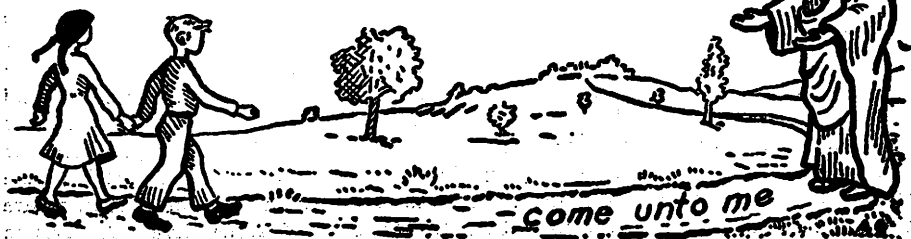
The people would not accept what Paul said and the mob again wanted to harm him so he was taken into the castle.

Central Thought: Jesus wants people to turn from their way and take his way.

Memory Verse: I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord. Phil: 3:8a.

Isaiah 55:1-2

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Part Three

April 19

Spelling Love

When love is spelt with letters,
It is not hard to spell,
But let us try to write it
In loving deeds as well.
When called to do an errand,
Be sure you don't demur;
For when you mind your mother,
You are spelling love to her.

If kind to all your classmates,
Obedient to the rule,
If studious and thoughtful,
You're spelling love at school.
When teacher says, "Be quiet,"
Be sure you do not stir;
For when you please your teacher,
You are spelling love to her.

Each small deed of kindness
Which we may strive to do,
Is spelling love for others,
And love for Jesus, too.
I hope if holy angels
Look on us from above,
In bright and shining letters
They will find us spelling l-o-v-e.
Selected by Mary Whipple

The Boy Who Did Not Spell Love

Dear children,

I want to write you a story of a small boy who did not know how to spell l-o-v-e. Oh, yes, so far as using the letters to spell the word no doubt he did, but when it came to doing deeds of kindness to others and being sweet and minding mother, he just had not learned to spell love.

This little boy's mother was sick—not well enough to be up and care for him as she would have loved to do. One morning he came to her bed and was telling her how very much he loved her, but just a few minutes later some of his friends came by his home and called to him, asking him to go skating with them. He asked his mother if he may go. She told him no, he must not go as the ice was not very good yet for skating, she would be worried about him as he may fall in the water and get hurt some way.

But he begged and begged her to let him go. Do you know of any children who will continue begging their parents to let them do certain

things after they have said no? This is not spelling l-o-v-e to mother, is it? And it does not please Jesus.

Well this same little boy who only a short time before this had told his mother how much he loved her, became angry and said to her, "I don't love you now, Mother," and went out slamming the door and was very rude. This boy's disobedience, rudeness, and those last words he said to her, and no doubt her worrying about him, caused her to become suddenly worse and brought on a terrible headache and quite a spell of coughing. She only lived a few hours.

The news came that the ice had broken and this boy had fallen into the water and in some way had gotten hurt. They brought him in and carried him upstairs to his room. He did not know until the next morning that his mother had left him to be with Jesus. He went downstairs and began to cry, "Mother, I do love you now!" but it was too late, for his dear mother was not there to hear those words.

After he grew to manhood he said he never forgot those last cruel words, "I don't love you now, Mother." This cast a shadow over his life. This was sad, wasn't it? that this boy never learned to spell love in kindness, obedience, and thoughtfulness. Let us obey the Lord who tells us to honor our father and mother.—M. Whipple

Bible Story

Exodus 8

Now since Pharaoh would not let the people go after the frogs died God told Moses to hit the dust with his rod and it would become lice throughout all the land of Egypt. And there was lice on man and on beast. The magicians hit the dust but they could not cause it to

become lice upon man. They plainly told Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh would not listen to them. How hard Pharaoh's heart was growing. He would not admit that God's power was greater than his magicians'.

One morning Moses and Aaron met the king walking along the river bank. They had a message for him from God. They said, "Let the people of Israel go and worship their God or else God will send great swarms of flies upon you and your servants. They will come into all the land except in the land of Goshen where the children of Israel live. A division will be put between you and them so you may know that there is a God in Israel." But Pharaoh would not listen to them, and the land was filled with swarms of flies. The people could not sleep or eat without fighting flies. Pharaoh was greatly displeased because of the flies. He could not rest. So he sent for Moses and Aaron. And he said, "Go and sacrifice to your God in your own land." But Moses said, "We can not do that, for your people the Egyptians would stone us." The reason Moses said this is because the Egyptians believed the animals to be holy and sacred. They felt that their relatives who died returned in the form of an animal. Therefore if they saw the Israelites killing animals to offer as sacrifices they would be greatly disturbed and would stone them. So Moses told Pharaoh they must go three days journey. Finally Pharaoh offered to let the Israelites worship if they would not go very far and if they would ask God to take away the flies.

Moses said that they must go three days' journey and that Pharaoh must not break his promise to God, for He is a terrible God when once He is angry and would surely punish him for his wickedness. But just as soon as God removed the swarms of flies in answer to Moses' cry, Pharaoh hardened his heart and would not let the people go.

How Charles Got Saved

Charles was only a young boy, but God had begun to talk to his heart. Charles desired to get saved, but being a bashful timid boy, he did not tell anyone of his desire. No doubt Mother and Daddy would have gladly prayed with him had he asked them to, but instead he went into a grove by himself to pray. The first time Charles prayed, he did not feel any change, but he remembered that sometimes grown up folks prayed for something more than once, so he went again and again. Finally one day God made Charles to know that he heard his prayer and that he forgave his sins. Charles was happy then.

He wanted Mother to know, but he felt so timid. Then when worship time came he prayed, perhaps thanking God for saving him and asking him to make him a worker. Then Mother knew what the Lord had done for Charles and asked him if he really wanted to be a worker for the Lord.

"Yes, Mother," answered Charles. The Lord heard Charles' prayer and Charles became a real worker for the Lord.

—Fern Stubblefield

Mo.—Dear Aunt Marie,—I am writing you a letter to put in the "Beautiful Way." I am in the second grade. I love the Lord and I go to Sunday school about every Sunday.

There are not very many people saved. I want all the children to pray for me, that I will be a shining light at school and help other people to get saved.

Wilbur D. Allen (age 8).

Search Question

What does love do to its neighbor?

Answer To Last Weeks Question
Water. Exodus 17:2-7.

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Dear boys and girls:

When some one walks up to you and begins to tell you how good you are, do you begin to feel that being good is something you have done yourself? Or do you give God the praise and feel that it is God who makes you good and if it wasn't for Him you could not be good? The devil would like to make you think that you can be good without God's help, but you can't. If we are good, it is because Jesus helps us to be good so He should get all the praise and honor, shouldn't He? Paul was a good example of that. The people wanted to do sacrifice to him and worship him as God, but he would not let them. He did not want the honor for the cripple man being healed. He too well knew who did it. He knew Jesus had healed. Paul had not done it. And he wanted Jesus to get the praise and honor. And then when they turned later and stoned him, Jesus was still right there helping him and healed him. Jesus will bear our troubles and burdens for us. They come on Him too, if we are His children. So let us let Jesus receive any honor and also receive any troubles that come our way, and just live for the Lord. When trouble comes, just go and tell Jesus all about it and leave it with him. He will work it all out. —Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 3, April 19, 1953

PAUL BECOMES A MISSIONARY

Acts 11:25-26; 14:8-20

Paul was chosen of God to do a great work for him. The saints were glad and rejoiced. They knew he was no longer their enemy.

Barnabas was a help to Paul, and when Barnabas had been at Antioch for awhile he saw there a great work for Paul, so he hunted him up and brought him to Antioch. Here at Antioch was the first place that the followers of Jesus were called Christians. And many were getting saved and the church there was growing. It was a good place for Paul to work for the Lord. He was there for a whole year assembling with the church and he taught many, many people.

The time came when Paul and Barnabas felt the call of the Lord to go to other parts and tell others about Jesus and his mighty power to save and to heal. The church fasted and prayed and sent them away, after laying hands upon them, just as the Holy Spirit had made them feel to do.

Now we find Paul preaching the gospel in Lystra. And in the group listening, a crippled man was sitting. This man had never walked from the time he was born. And as he sat there listening to the words of Paul of how Jesus came to save us from our sins and not only to save us but also to heal our bodies, his faith took hold and in his heart he believed that Jesus could save and heal him also. And as he began to believe, it began to show upon his face as he looked straight at Paul. Paul saw it and said with a loud voice, "Stand upright on thy feet." And the man obeyed and stood upright and began to walk and leap. The crowd around them had never seen such a thing before, but they could not doubt it, for it happened right before their eyes

and they began to look upon Paul and Barnabas as some extra ordinary men. They did not understand that Jesus had done this healing, working through Paul, but they thought Paul must be some god. They began to shout and say, "The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men." Surely Barnabas must be Jupiter and Paul must be Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker. These were gods that they worshiped. They called for the priest of Jupiter to come, and he brought oxen and garlands and would have done sacrifice with the people to them, but Paul and Barnabas did not want them to do that. They wanted God to receive the glory. They tore their clothes and tried to stop them, telling them that they were just men like them and that they wanted them to turn away from worshiping idols and planets and worship the God who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all things that are therein. They finally got them to stop.

Later some trouble makers came to Lystra from other cities. They were against Paul, and they began to talk among the people and caused them to feel that Paul was a very bad person and only caused trouble everywhere he went. Finally the people of the city became stirred against him and began to stone Paul until they thought he was dead. They dragged him out of the city and left him there to be devoured by wild beasts. But the disciples stood around him and the Lord brought him back to life. He arose and came into the city, and the next day he walked twenty miles with Barnabas to Derbe. Paul taught the people that were saved that they must be willing to suffer persecution for Jesus' sake.

(For older classes, use a map.)

Memory Verse: We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 2 Cor. 5:20.

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Part Four

April 26

Not A Heathen

I used to think him heathen

Just because—well, don't you see,

He didn't speak good English,

And he didn't look like me;

He had a burnt complexion,

Which is heathen, everyone knows;

He ate a heathen's rations,

And he wore a heathen's clothes.

Yes, you'd know him for a heathen

If you judged him by his hide;

But, bless you, he's my brother,

For he's just like me inside. —Sel.

“Too Late Now, Father”

During a series of gospel meetings held in the schoolhouse of a small village a little girl became very concerned about the salvation of her soul.

She and her father lived next door to the school. He was an unbeliever, and hated everything that had to do with Christ, and strictly forbade his little daughter to attend any of the meetings.

The poor child was very distressed, and did not know what to do. She obeyed her father until the next meeting was more than half-way through;

and then, slipping out without his knowledge, she got through a hole in the back-yard fence and ran into the meeting.

It was some time before her father missed her, but when he discovered she had gone, he hurriedly went to the meeting, where he found his little girl on her knees with others, for whom the people of God were praying. So enraged was he that he pushed his way forward and lifted her up to take her from the place. As he raised her in his arms she looked up with a smile and said, “It's too late now, Father; I have given my heart to the Saviour.”

This was too much for the hardened man. He, too, sank on his knees while God's children united in prayer, and very soon he found the Saviour whom he had tried so hard to shut out of his own heart and that of his little child.

—Selected

I WANT TO BE A WORKER

I want to be a worker,

For there is much to do;

And so I'll serve the Master,—

He was a worker, too!

—A. E. Brown.

***“Pray that ye enter not
into temptation.”***

Jesus said, “Pray that ye enter not into temptation.” Children need to pray as well as grown-ups, for the devil starts tempting them when they are very young. There will never come a time in our lives when the devil will leave us and never tempt us to do wrong. He tempts in different ways. Many times he tempts children when they want more than their parents are able or willing to give them. It is not good for us to have everything we want. We will be happier if we will obey the Lord. He tells us to “Be content with such things as we have.”

Sometimes boys and girls at school try to get you to do things which you feel are not right. It may be something that you have never been told is wrong; but if you feel like it might be wrong, then you should be strong enough to say no. Your parents may not know about all the wicked things which you will face each day, so they may fail to warn you about some things that are wrong. But God has given each one of you something down on the inside of you that speaks and tells you when a thing is wrong. This little voice is just like a soldier. It stands on guard and will keep you out of much trouble if you will listen to it. But if you will not listen when it tells you that a thing is wrong, then you are killing the little soldier that God has given you. One little girl often played with her cousin. Her parents thought the cousin was a nice little boy so they did not think that there was a need to warn her against naughty actions with him. The cousin usually was a nice boy, but one day he wanted to be naughty and he tried to get the little girl to do something

bad. She had never been told not to do this, but the little soldier inside her told her it was wrong, so she said no. That little girl grew up, and she has often thanked God for putting that little soldier inside her to keep her from doing wrong.

If there are a number of children with you who want you to join them in doing something that is not right, it may be hard to say no, but you should remember that it makes far more difference what God thinks of us than what other people think. We should do what God wants rather than what our best friend wants.

Many children in these days are tempted to begin to smoke cigarettes or to drink beer or other drinks that contain alcohol. Others may even make fun of you if you say no, but say it anyway. There are some bad children in schools who will offer you candy and cigarettes with dope in them. They tell you it will make you feel good and give you a thrill. But do not take such things. The devil is trying to get you in his trap. This dope will take away your mind and cause you to do almost anything wicked that the devil wants you to do.

One little boy, just last winter, was missing from school. People searched for him and found him lying in a ditch almost frozen. He had been with some bad boys who had got him to take some dope, and it made him go out of his mind and he didn't know what he was doing. He probably thought he was lying on a nice bed at home; but in a little while he would have frozen to death, or died of exposure.

Bad habits will wreck your body, mind, and soul. I am sure that you know of many bad things that I have not mentioned; but if the devil tempts you with any of them, look to the Lord for help to say no.

Sometimes older boys may tell you that they will kill you or beat you up if you do not do some bad thing that they want you to do, but do not be afraid of them. It is better to die for the right than to let Satan have control of you. Jesus can protect you, but if He lets them kill you, He will take you to heaven if you will be true to Him and do what is right.—R.

Mo.—Dear Aunt Marie,—I have been reading the "Beautiful Way" paper for about two or three years now, or Daddy reads it to us. I like it fine. I like to go to Sunday School. I like to learn to do good. I got saved at Monark Springs Campmeeting last summer. I am still saved and living for God. I want to live for him the rest of my life. I am eight years old. I am in the third grade.

Pray for me that I will live faithful.

Your sister, Carol Jean McMillian

Search Question

What man's heart turned to stone?

Answer To Last Weeks Question

Love worketh no ill to his neighbor.

Romans 13:10.

GOLIATH

Goliath was a famous giant of Gath who, morning and evening for forty days, defied the armies of Israel. 1 Sam. 17 (B. C. 1063). He was a descendent, probably, of the giants of the Ammonites that the ten spies saw whom Moses sent into the Canaan land to spy it out before they fought them. Some of them probably took refuge with the Philistines after the battle with the Israelites (Deut. 2: 20, 21; 2 Sam. 21:22). Goliath was 10½ feet tall.

In 1 Sam. 17:49-50 we read of how David slew the giant with a sling shot because God was with him. —M. M.

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Dear boys and girls:

Paul surely did suffer a lot for Jesus, didn't he? It makes us a little ashamed that we feel badly when someone just doesn't speak to us or maybe tells a lie on us. That isn't any suffering in comparison to what Paul suffered, is it? I believe Jesus wants us to be willing to suffer great things for his sake, don't you? Are we better than Jesus? He suffered, didn't he? One place it said, "If we suffer with him, we shall also reign with him." That means if we are willing for others to shun us because we love Jesus, treat us rudely or speak evil of us that we are suffering with Jesus. Jesus was willing to suffer. But some day we shall be taken out of this world to forever live with Jesus in that blessed home up in the skies—no more sorrow there, no more tears, no devil there to get us into trouble. All will be happiness, joy, and bliss forever and forever. "The sufferings of this present world are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us." The glory that we receive so out weighs the sufferings that we say, "Yes, Lord, I'm willing to suffer for your sake." It is easy to suffer when we become willing. May the Lord help you to feel you are truly suffering for Jesus the next time you are mistreated.

—Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 4, April 26, 1953

PAUL AT WORK IN CORINTH

Acts 18:1-16.

Last Sunday we talked about some things that happened on Paul's first missionary trip. This Sunday we find that Paul has left Antioch on a second missionary trip. Our lesson begins by telling us that he left Athens and came to Corinth. If you have a map it would be good to trace his journeys.

At Corinth Paul met Aquilla and his wife Priscilla. They were Christian people and Paul lived with them. They were tent makers, and since Paul also knew that trade he worked with them, supporting himself while he preached the gospel every sabbath in the synagogue. There he taught them that a Saviour was to come. He pointed out in the old Bible all the places where He was spoken of and just what would happen to Him and just how he was to die for our sins. He was gentle with them and careful and felt his great need of the Lord helping him to lead them to God. He later in 1 Cor. 2:1-5 tells of how he came to them in much weakness and not with enticing words of men's wisdom but with the wisdom of God.

Later Timotheus and Silas came from Macedonia to Corinth to see Paul. He had last been with them in Berea. God had blessed their labors there and they stayed and Paul had gone on with a few of the Bereans to Athens and then on to Corinth. The coming of these good brethren caused Paul to be more bold. He felt the time had now come when those who had been teaching should take their stand that truly Jesus was the Christ and that Jesus had fulfilled all the Prophecies made in the old Bible concerning Him. So through the Holy Spirit working through Paul one day he

boldly declared to them that, Jesus was Christ. But they refused to accept Jesus as the Christ. And they became angry with Paul and spoke blasphemous against Jesus. Paul was through with them then. He had done his best to bring them to Jesus, but they would not. Just like when Jesus was here he wept over Jerusalem and would have gathered them under his wing as a hen gathered her chicks, but they would not. Jesus had to let them go on in their own way. Paul did the same. He shook off his garment and said, "Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean; from henceforth I will go to the Gentiles." Paul had cleared his soul and now they were responsible.

Many of the Corinthians believed the gospel and were baptized.

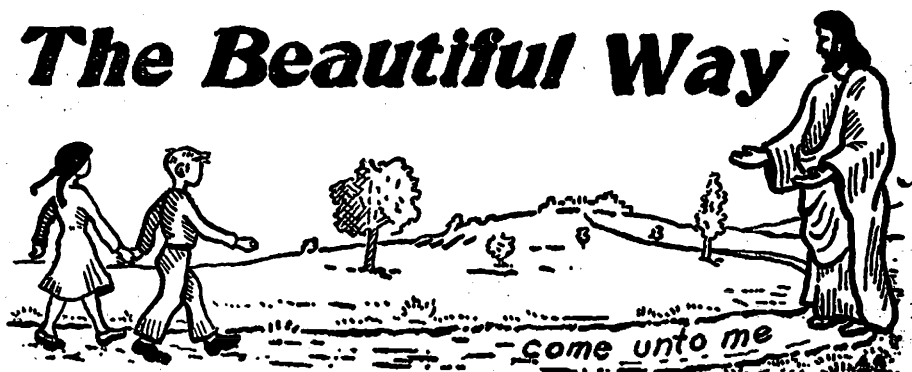
I'm sure Paul felt bad because of some who would not receive Jesus, but he was encouraged by a vision. The Lord spoke to him in the night and said, "Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: for I am with thee, and no man shall sit on thee to hurt thee; for I have much people in this city." How that helped Paul! And with renewed strength and courage he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them. The Lord knows when we need to be lifted up in our hearts.

Some Jews later tried to cause trouble for Paul and brought him up before Gallio the deputy, saying, "This fellow persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law." But Gallio told the Jews that he would hear them if this man had done wickedness, but he found none and he drove them from the judgment seat. God worked for Paul.

Central thought: It takes courage to be a witness for Jesus.

Memory Verse: We suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ. 1 Cor. 9:12.

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Part Five

May 3

What I Know

Let me tell you what I know,
And tell you how I know it.
I know that Jesus died for me;
He shed His blood on Calvary;
And through that blood from sin I'm free,
And that is how I know it.

I'll tell you something more I know,
And tell you how I know it.
My Saviour loves me, this I know;
He makes my heart white as the snow;
My blessed Bible tells me so,
And that is how I know it.

I have not told you all I know
Nor told you how I know it.
If I will walk the narrow way,
I know I'll dwell with Christ some day;
This I've heard my Bible say,
And that is how I know it.

Now there is something more I know,
I'll tell you how I know it.
If you my Lord will not obey,
From heaven you'll be turned away,
In that last and awful day;
This also doth my Bible say,
And that is how I know it. —Sel.

Coals of Fire

The moment Frank looked into the cave, he burst into a loud cry. There was the beautiful boat his cousin had given him, with its mast broken, its sails all torn to pieces and a large hole in it.

Frank stood for a moment motionless with grief and surprise. Then in anger he cried, "I know who did it! It was Will Brown, but I'll pay him for his trick—"

Hurrying down the road a little way, he fastened a cord across the footpath and hid among the bushes. He expected to see Will Brown, but it was his cousin, Herbert.

"What will you do, Frank?"

"Why, you see, Will carries a basket of eggs to market mornings, and I mean to trip him up with this cord and smash the whole basketful."

Herbert said, "Well, I think Will does deserve punishment; how would you like to put a few coals of fire on his head?"

Frank said, "That's just the thing. Tell me how to do it—quick!"

"If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in

so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.'

"Try it once. I have known such coals to burn up malice, envy, ill-feeling and other rubbish, and make the cold hearts warm."

Frank drew a long sigh. "Well, tell me a good coal to put on Will's head," he said.

"You know," said Herbert, "that Will is too poor to buy books, although he is very fond of reading; but you have quite a library. Just think over the matter, and find your own coals. But be sure to kindle them with love, for no other fire burns like that."

Before Frank had time to think what to do, he saw Will coming down the road carrying a basket of eggs and a pail of milk.

Will looked very uneasy when he saw Frank; but Frank smiled pleasantly and said, "Will, have you much time to read nowadays?"

"Sometimes. The trouble is, I have read every book I can get hold of."

"How would you like to read my new book of travels?"

"Oh, may I?" he cried.

"Yes," answered Frank; "I have some others you might like to read. And, Will, I would ask you to come with me to sail my new boat this afternoon, but someone has broken the mast, and torn the sails, and stove a great hole in it. Who do you imagine did it?"

Will's head dropped, and he said, "O Frank, I did it; but I can't tell you how sorry I am."

When the boys met in the afternoon they found Will trying to mend the boat; and with part of his egg money he had bought a beautiful flag for the mast.

I should be glad to have all of you boys and girls engage in this branch of the coal business. You'll find it easier to win them to Christ. —Sel.

Bible Story

Exodus 9

Again we find Moses and Aaron standing before Pharaoh. We hear them telling him that if he refused to let the people go that God would send a great plague upon all the cattle, horses, asses, camels, sheep, and the oxen. This plague was a disease upon the animals and they would die in great numbers. The animals were considered sacred. This is the first time the horse has been mentioned in the Bible. It is said that because of its swiftness, it was especially dedicated to the sun-god. But now the Egyptians found that the God of the Israelites could send a disease upon their sacred animals and their gods could not stop it. You would think that would be the end of their animal worship. Moses made it plain, saying, "Tomorrow the Lord will do this thing in the land." He did not want them to think it just happened, but that it was sent.

And the next day when the cattle became sick and began to die in Pharaoh's herds and in the herds of his servants, he sent a messenger down to the land of Goshen to see if their herds were sick and dying. When the messenger returned with the news that they were all well, he still was stubborn and would not let the people go.

Then the sixth plague came upon the people of Egypt. God kept telling Moses what to do next. He told him to sprinkle a handful of dust in the air before Pharaoh. Boils then broke out upon the people of Egypt. Dreadful boils they were, and oh, so painful! Not only on the people but they were upon the beasts that were left also. When the magicians were called they could not stand before Pharaoh because of the boils upon them. But there were no boils on the people of God in the land of Goshen. What a mighty God we have! I surely want to please Him and do as He tells me! I

would not want His displeasure against me like it was against the Pharaoh of Egypt and the people. And it was because they would not let God's people go and worship Him.

Pharaoh still would not let the people go. How hard his heart had become.—M

Search Question

How many times are we to pray in a day?

Answer To Last Weeks Question

Nabal's. 1 Sam. 25:37.

Okla.—Dear Aunt Marie,—One morning I had an earache and in answer to prayer the Lord healed me. I got up and played and helped Daddy.

I am six years old and I love the Lord. Pray for me. —Anna June Stubblefield

WHO AM I?

1. Samuel -E-
2. Samson—
3. David—
4. Saul —
5. Jacob —
6. Moses —
7. Jonah —
8. Daniel —
9. Lot —
10. Gideon —

- A. I wrestled with an angel.
- B. My wife turned to a pillar of salt.
- C. I tried to run from God.
- D. Jethro was my father-in-law.
- E. God told me he was going to punish Eli and his sons.
- F. I fought the Midianites with 300 men.
- G. I caught 300 foxes and tied their tails together, two and two.
- H. I refused King Saul's Armor.
- I. I was the first King of Israel.
- J. I was put in the lions' den.

Answers: 1. E; 2. G; 3. H; 4. I; 5. A; 6. D; 7. C; 8. J; 9. B; 10. F.

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Dear boys and girls:

One time there was a little boy who was very sorry for his sins. He asked his mother to pray for him. Mother prayed and then the little boy prayed. Jesus saw how sorry he was and forgave him his sins. Now he felt very happy because they were all gone. Oh, he loved Jesus so much! He would speak of Jesus and of the joy he had in his heart. The boy thought much about Jesus and would pray often to Jesus and thank him for saving him. But pretty soon things came up that troubled him and he did not pray as often to Jesus as he had at first. Instead of asking Jesus to help him to not quarrel, he just quarrelled a little and then a little more. Then when he went to pray he felt bad but did not ask Jesus to forgive him and help him to do better. He went right on. Pretty soon he began to not love Jesus as much as he did at first. After a while he left his first love. He did not have the joy that he did at first because he was not careful to watch and pray. Oh, boys and girls, let us be careful to keep that first love and joy in our hearts. You can lose it if you do not watch and pray. The devil does not care how long it takes him to get our love just so he gets it.

—Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 5, May 3, 1953

THE GOSPEL IN EPHESUS

Acts 19:1-12; Acts 20:17-27.

Paul went about teaching the people about Jesus, and many believed. In many cities he raised up congregations of people who loved the Lord. In the eighteenth chapter we find where Paul had come to Ephesus and reasoned with the Jews but did not stay long, although they had begged him to. He told them he would come again if the Lord willed.

Now in our lesson we find Paul returning to Ephesus. And there he found twelve disciples whom he asked if they had received the Holy Ghost since they had believed. They said they had not even so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. They only knew about John the Baptist teachings and believed as far as he had taught. So Paul preached Jesus to them and told how John had taught them that they should believe on Jesus who was to come after him. And they received it gladly and were baptized in the name of the Lord. They also received the Holy Spirit when they heard about him. Then Paul went with them into the synagogue and spake about Jesus boldly for nearly three months. But they would not receive Jesus although he persuaded and taught them of how the old Bible taught about Jesus coming and that he came just that way. Finally he separated himself from them and the true disciples of Jesus went with him. They met at another place called the school of Tyrannus and Paul continued to teach them for two years. And the Lord raised up a mighty church at Ephesus. (Discuss Acts 19:12). And it was a light in that part of Asia, and many believed on Jesus. They were one of the twelve churches of Asia that Revela-

tion speaks about, but in that account of them, years later, they had left their first love. It is a warning that we keep the first love we receive when we are saved, for it is possible to lose it.

Paul left Ephesus and went to other places, but on his way to Jerusalem he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to meet him at Miletus. He wanted to give them a farewell talk. He began by saying, "You know how from the first day I came into Asia how I have acted before you. I have been serving the Lord before you with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the Jews lying in wait." Paul could say these words to them because anyone who had been in the battle for the Lord as he had and bore the marks of suffering could be an example and model for all.

Paul went on to tell the elders of Ephesus that he had taught the whole Word of God to both Jews and Greeks. He taught that people must be sorry for their sins and repent, and then they must have faith in Jesus to forgive their sins.

Paul told them that he now went bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that would befall him there, only the Holy Spirit made him know that bonds and afflictions awaited him in every city. But he said, "NONE OF THESE THINGS MOVE ME, neither count I my life dear to myself, so that I might finish my course with joy." Read the rest. He said they would see him no more but he felt clear for he had taught them the whole counsel of God. They knelt and prayed. They wept much, fell on his neck and kissed him, then went with him to the ship.

Central Thought: Christ has used anointed shepherds to plant his churches.

Memory Verse: Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 3:11.

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Part Six

May 10

Nobody Knows, But Mother

"Nobody knows of the work it makes
To keep the home together;
Nobody knows of the steps it takes,
Nobody knows—but mother.

"Nobody listens to childish woes
Which kisses only mother;
Nobody's pained by naughty blows,
Nobody—only mother.

"Nobody knows of the anxious fears
Lest darlings may not weather
The storms of life in after years.
Nobody knows—but mother.

"Nobody knows of the sleepless care
Bestowed on baby brother;
Nobody knows of the tender pray'r,
Nobody—only mother.

"Nobody knows of the lessons taught
Of loving one another;
Nobody knows of the patience sought,
Nobody—only mother.

"Nobody kneels at the throne above
To thank the Heavenly Father
For that sweetest gift—a mother's love,
Nobody can—but mother." —Sel.

Don't Act A Lie

When I was quite young I once acted a lie, and my heart is sad whenever I think of it. One day, when my mother had company, she took the china sugar-bowl to the kitchen to fill it. I stood beside her while she was cutting up the large pieces. For a moment she left her work. I knew I ought not to do it, but I thought I would try to cut a little; but as I brought down the knife to strike, I hit the handle of the sugar-bowl, and down it fell; and in a moment I put the handle in its place, and shoved it against the wall, so that it need not fall off. I had hardly done so when my mother came back and went on with her work; but soon a heavy blow jarred the bowl, and down fell the handle. If mother had looked into my face, she would not have said, 'Why, can it be that such a jar should break the handle? but I was careless in setting it against the wall.'

"I was on the point of saying, 'No, mother, it was I that was careless, I did it;' but something said, 'Don't tell at all now; it can't be helped:' so I kept still, and acted a lie. I did not

say I did not do it; but I meant a lie, and it is the thoughts we have in our heart that God looks at.

"Not many months after that, my mother was taken sick. I was sent away from home to stay most of the time, and she died before I could tell her. Oh, what bitter tears I shed as I looked upon that sweet cold face and remembered how I had deceived her.

"Many years have passed since then; but my sin still comes up before me. I never think of it but my heart is heavy. I hope God has forgiven me, tho I cannot forgive myself. And when I see a child trying to deceive, even in sport, only making believe, I always want to beg him never to deceive nor make believe a lie." —Sel.

His Mistake

He had climbed the ladder of earthly success until he was well-fixed, but he was blind to the most important things of life. While his mother was living, he had not been mean to her, he had provided for her financial needs, but after she was gone, he saw how he had not appreciated her as he should. He had been annoyed because his mother was so old-fashioned. Why couldn't she have gone in for style like other mothers did? He looked on her as being a queer old woman, and actually felt ashamed of her. After she was gone, he remembered the years of struggle she had gone through to feed, clothe, and educate him, for she was left a widow when he was a small lad. He looked in her Bibles, and noticed that she had read the oldest one through nine times, and the newest one, his mother was reading the thirtieth time when death came. He remembered her sweet spirit, and began to understand that his mother had been living for things of eternal worth. Her treas-

ures were in heaven. Too late, he began to appreciate his mother.

Now he is trying to do nice things for some who are yet living. He is also reaching out for the things of Eternal worth. Many a boy or girl has made a similar mistake. How strange that too often we fail to be thankful and grateful to those who have helped us until they are gone from us. —Sel.

Bible Story

Exodus 9

The Lord said to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh, and say to him, Thus says the Lord God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. For I will at this time send all my plagues upon you, your servants, and thy people; that you may know that there is none like me in all the earth. For I will stretch out my hand, that I may smite you and your people with pestilence. By your refusing to let my people go, I will send plagues upon you so that my name will be declared before all in the whole earth. And yet you stand against me and will not let my people go. Behold, tomorrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as has not been since the foundation of the world. Send now and gather your cattle, and all you have that is in the field. Tell every man, woman, and child to come into their houses or they will be killed by the hail."

Moses stood before Pharaoh and said the words of the Lord. Then at the Lord's command Moses stretched forth his rod toward the sky and the Lord sent thunder and hail. Fire ran along the ground and the Lord rained hail upon the land of Egypt. There had never been anything like it in Egypt before, and all that believed the word of the Lord and came into the house were not harmed but all that remained outside were killed.

Also every herb was hit and every tree was broken. Only in the land of Goshen where the children of Israel lived was there no hail.

Pharaoh and his household were very much afraid. Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron to come. When they stood before him Pharaoh was seemingly very sorry. He said, "I have sinned this time. The Lord is righteous, and I and my people are wicked. Please ask God to stop this awful hail, and you and your people may go, but do not stay long."

Moses said, "As soon as I am gone out of the city I will spread my hands unto the Lord. The thunder will cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that you may know that the earth is the Lord's."

As Moses passed by the fields he saw how the flax and barley were hit, for the barley was in the ear, and the flax was balled. The wheat and rye were not hit for they were grown up. Then Moses lifted up his arms to God and the hail stopped. —M. M.

It Is Better To Obey

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right."

There was a little girl under school age who loved flowers very much. One day she wanted to pick some roses from the bush in the yard. Her mother knew that it would soon be shattered and gone so she told her to pick up one from the ground that had fallen. The mother went on about her duties.

That night when the little girl went to bed she could not sleep well and was restless. Finally she said, "I'm glad Mama didn't know I picked the rose."

The Lord knew, which was the **important thing**; and then her mother knew, too, even though a lie had been told to deceive and cover up the wrong and disobedience.—C. Lawson

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As we look around us and see the flowers, the trees with their green leaves, the grass so pretty and green, it makes us know that we have a wonderful God who causes this to be. In the winter the leaves fall off and the grass turns brown, but when spring comes the leaves come out again, the grass turns green and the flowers begin to grow and then bloom. The garden grows and we again have fresh vegetables. Every year it happens over and over. Man could not do this, could he? But God can make things grow and be beautiful. Surely He is a great and mighty God. A big God. We should not be afraid to trust him with anything. He is able to do great things for us, if we will let Him. Be quick to come to him with your troubles. It doesn't make any difference if they are big or small. The Lord always takes note. He can work it all out. May the Lord help you to tell Jesus all about your heartaches and troubles. Tell Jesus and he won't tell anyone, but will help you.

—Aunt Marie

Search Question

In what country was a plague of frogs sent?

Answer To Last Weeks Question

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thess. 5:17.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 6, May 10, 1953

PAUL IN PRISON

Acts 28:14-31

After leaving the Ephesian brethren at Miletus, Paul went to Jerusalem. While there he was arrested and imprisoned for two years, but he never ceased to witness for Christ. He preached to Felix, Festus, and King Agrippa. All were touched by the Spirit of God, but refused to yield. After King Agrippa heard Paul he said that he should be set at liberty but could not because he had wanted his case to be brought before Caesar of Rome. He then was put on a ship and they started on their way to Rome with two hundred seventy-five fellow shipmen. On the way God wonderfully saved his life and the lives of all who were with him. When the storm raged, God spoke to Paul and said, "Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar; and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee." (Acts 27:24). Even though later the ship was dashed to pieces, all swam to shore and were saved. And there on that little island the barbarous people showed much kindness to them. God wonderfully healed Paul of a snake bite and the people more than ever listened as he told them of Jesus who came to save them from their sins. Also this was a fulfillment of what Jesus told the disciples in Mark 16:18: "If they take up serpents, it shall not hurt them." Of course, it does not mean for us to tempt God by handling snakes that are poisonous, but like Paul, if it is an accident, God will heal us.

When they left the island of Melita they were laden with the necessary things for their journey and they came to Rome. This is where our today's lesson starts.

The brethren at Rome came down to meet Paul when they heard he was at

the Three Taverns. This place was about thirty miles from Rome. When Paul saw them, he took courage and gave thanks to God. He had written to them about three years before of his great desire to see them and now he had arrived. Also to see another child of God always gives courage to one.

The centurion delivered Paul to the captain of the guard in Rome and Paul was allowed to live in a house by himself and a soldier for two years. After three days Paul called the chief of the Jews together and said, "Men and brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans. Who, when they had examined me, would have let me go, because there was no cause of death in me. But when the Jews spake against it, I was constrained to appeal to Caesar; not that I had ought to accuse my nation of. For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see you, and to speak with you: because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain." They said they had not heard anything against Paul but they desired to hear more about Christianity, for they had heard much against it and Jesus.

A day was appointed and many came to his lodging and he preached and testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses and prophets from morning till evening. This was the "hope of Israel." Some believed and some did not and Paul spent two years teaching all who came to him.

Central Thought: It is better to be a prisoner with Jesus than to be free without him.

Memory Verse: We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Rom. 8:28.

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Part Seven

May 17

Holy Bible

"Holy Bible, Book divine,
Precious treasure, Thou art mine.
Mine to tell me whence I came,
Mine to teach me what I am,
Mine to chide me when I rove,
Mine to show a Savior's love,
Mine to feed a loving faith,
Mine to triumph over death.
Oh, Thou precious Book divine,
Precious treasure, thou art mine."

Ye Shall Reap What You Sow

David took some seeds off the shelf to plant in his spring garden. He was a member of the 4-H Club, and they were holding a contest. Each member was to plant a variety of seeds in his garden and the vegetables were to be judged at the time of maturity.

So David eagerly set about preparing for the contest. He decided to plant some radishes and onions for the display. All along he kept thinking of how attractive he could make the onions and little red radishes appear in bunches when they were large enough.

Each day after school he would run

out to his little garden to see if anything was coming up. Finally, after what seemed to him a long period of waiting, the little plants began to push their heads above the ground.

Tenderly he watered and cared for them until they were nearly large enough for the display.

One evening he decided to make a trial bunch of his vegetables just to see how they would look when displayed. So he set about to choose some of the nicest ones he had.

He cut the roots off his onions, cut the tops evenly, washed them and tied them in a nice little bunch. Oh, how he beamed with pride. Surely he would win first prize.

Then he began to prepare for a nice bunch of red radishes. He could almost see them, too, with a blue ribbon attached to them. He looked carefully over the rows to pick out the best of them. The first one he pulled up was white. After examining it closely he found it to be a turnip. He pulled another one, and it, too, was a turnip. The more he pulled, the more white turnips he had. Poor David! Tears filled his eyes, and he wondered how it all hap-

pened when he was so sure he had planted radishes.

Then he remembered that his mother had been planting garden the same day he had and that he had taken seeds out of the first sack he saw open instead of reading the label.

After he had wiped the tears from his eyes he went to the seed house to look; and surely enough, there was a little dust-covered package of radish seeds still unopened.

He was so disappointed, but now it was too late. He would have to display the turnips, and of course to David they didn't make nearly so pretty bunches as he thought his red radishes would have.

Later he remembered a verse he had repeated in Sunday School, which said, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." How true it was in his case. From then on he was very careful to read the labels on the sacks from which he planted his seeds. (Parable).

Do you know, boys and girls, that all of us are sowing seeds of some kind? They may be seeds of love, kindness, and mercy to those about us, or they may be seeds of hate, jealousy, and malice. Remember, whatever the seeds are, we will reap the same.

—O. A. D.

God Sees Everything

It is wonderful to know that the Lord is watching over us as a Shepherd watches over his sheep, and that He will protect us and help us; but many people would like to forget the fact that the eye of God sees the evil things they do. The Bible tells us that He will bring every work into judgment whether it be good or evil. Many times people think they have covered up their evil deeds and no one will ever know about it, but God knows

about it and will often show it up even before we come to judgment.

A father of two sons, whom we shall call John and Jack, told them not to go to the sawmill and play one day. He was afraid they would get hurt or would bother some of the machinery even though the mill was not running. John and Jack loved to play in the sawdust, so when they thought their father had forgotten about them, they listened to the "tempter" and slipped off to the sawmill. They played awhile, then were careful to put everything back as they had found it so their father would not discover their disobedience.

When they saw their father again that evening, they told him that they had been playing in the woods that afternoon.

That night both boys pulled off their shoes in the living room and some sawdust fell to the floor. They did not notice it, but father did, and asked them for an explanation. Their faces were very red, for their sin had found them out. They both received a very hard whipping for their disobedience.

—G. R.

The Precious Bible

My dear precious children! I surely wish I had the words at my command to tell you how precious, how wonderful is the Book of all books, the Bible. Its pages are full of precious words that mean life to your soul—everlasting life. Each one of you has a soul, an inner boy or inner girl that will leave your body and go somewhere out yonder in the great beyond to live somewhere. And you have the choice of where it will live. You can decide.

But God did not give you a soul and leave you to choose the place for it to live without telling you how you can choose for that soul to live in a

wonderful, beautiful, glorious place called "HEAVEN." And you can find how to choose the right place by reading in the Bible. On its pages God tells about how He loved you so much that He sent His precious, only Son down here to leave us an example of how we are to live in this world. Then Jesus died on the cross, arose the third day, ascended into heaven, and now he is sitting on the right hand of God interceding for us. We should pray to him often. If we have sinned, we must ask him to forgive us and he will blot out our sins by his precious blood. Then we want to do all that the precious Bible tells us to do. Don't ever doubt God's Word. Believe it, love it, live it, read it, and the Bible will take you to heaven if you obey its words.—M. M.

Search Question

Who asked king Saul if he had come after a flea or a dead dog?

Answer To Last Weeks Question

Egypt. Exodus 8:6.

Truthfulness

"I have chosen the way of truth." Psalm 119:30.

"I hate every false way" Psalm 119:104.

"My mouth shall speak truth" Pro. 8:7.

"Buy the truth, and sell it not" Proverbs 23:23.

"Let them hear, and say, It is truth" Isa. 43:9.

"These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbor." Zechariah 8:16.

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life." Jno. 14:

We should be humble and helpful and be kind to others.

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Dear boys and girls:

Many people have asked me, "What will heaven be like?" All I can tell is that it will be perfect and greater than our minds can understand. If you can tell me what perfect means to you, then that is what heaven will be, only greater than you think. It is so wonderful that there isn't enough words in the English language to describe it. When we get saved and the Lord fills our hearts with love, joy, peace, and happiness, we then receive just a little, little, tiny taste of what it will mean to be in heaven. The glory and grandeur of heaven is beyond expression. In Luke 16 we read of the rich man and the beggar who died. Jesus tells us a little about each place they had gone after death. Lazarus was in glory and was comforted. The rich man who did not live for Jesus here on this earth was tormented in the flames, begging for a drop of water to cool his tongue. Boys and girls, we need not go to that terrible place. Choose this day whom you will serve. Serve the Lord and he will take you to heaven. Won't you just now decide to give your heart to Jesus? You are sorry you have disobeyed the Lord, aren't you? Won't you tell him so, and ask Him to forgive you? He loves you and wants you for His child. Don't put it off. We know not what hour Jesus will call for us.

—Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 7, May 17, 1953

CHRIST'S COMING

1 Thess. 1:1; 5:1; Acts 17:1-10.

Our lesson today is part of a letter that Paul wrote to the Thessalonians. First, let us talk a little about what happened when Paul first came to Thessalonica. Over in Acts it tells us that Paul went into the synagogue as was his custom to do when entering a new place, and there he spent three sabbaths and reasoned with them out of the scriptures. He pointed out to them in the old Bible that Moses, David, Isaiah, and many others said that Christ was to come and suffer, then rise again from the dead, for our salvation. Then he boldly told them that Jesus, "the one whom I preach, is the Christ." Some of the Jews believed it and received it. And many of the Gentiles also believed. And here was the beginning of the Thessalonian church. But later we find that some of the wicked Jews stirred up a mob against Paul and others so Paul went away and later came to Corinth. While Paul was at Corinth, Silas and Timotheus came and they brought word to Paul about the church there. They brought good tidings (1 Thess. 3:6) of their faith and charity and their sufferings for Jesus sake. So Paul wrote a letter to the church at Thessalonica.

We today are glad to read this letter, as it helps us to know more how God wants us to live. As Paul wrote it by the Holy Spirit making him know just what to write, therefore it is directly to us from God.

In the last of the fourth chapter, Paul told them just what was going to happen at the last days. The heavens are going to burst open and Jesus will appear. Every eye shall see him. You will, and I will. Jesus will descend with a shout and with the great voice of the arch

angel. A great trumpet will give a loud sound. A sound so great that the dead people will hear it. And all the people who are dead and were saved when they died shall come out of their graves first and rise up into the air to meet the Lord, then everyone that is saved that is alive and living on the earth shall be caught up together with the ones who had risen out of the graves to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall all the saved forever be with the Lord. We have no record in the Bible where Jesus will ever set foot on this earth. We shall all be caught up together with Him in the air.

Paul tells us that we "know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night." Jesus told us that "in the hour ye think not, the Son of man cometh." And when many shall be saying, "Peace and Safety," then Jesus will come, and those who are not saved will be caught not ready and will be cast into outer darkness where there is gnashing of teeth. (Matt. 25:30, 41). Paul writes that we should be sober and watch and be ready, for God does not want any to be lost, but to be saved. Jesus died on the cross for us that we should live with him in the heaven above whether we are dead or alive at his coming. He tells us to do good to all men, not returning evil for evil, but be patient to all men and to comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, warn the unruly. He told us to "pray without ceasing, rejoice forevermore, in everything give thanks, hold fast to that which is good." If the Lord has saved us, let us hold fast to it so we will be ready when he comes bursting through the clouds. Paul tells us that he has prayed to God that our "whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Memory Verse: For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thess. 5:9.

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Part Eight

May 24

Out of Doors Arithmetic

Add bright buds, and sun, and flowers,
New green leaves and fitful showers
To a bare world, and the sum
Of the whole to "Spring" will come.

Multiply these leaves by more
And the flowers by a score;
The result—if found aright—
Will be "Summer" long and bright.

Then divide the flowers and sun
By gray clouds and storms begun,
And the quotient found will be
"Autumn" over land and sea.

From this then subtract the red
Of the leaves up overhead—
Also every flower in sight,
And you've "Winter" cold and white.
—Selected.

Jesus Wants You

"Why, Harold, aren't you ready to go to Sunday School?" asked Mother.

"No," answered Harold, dropping his head.

"You know you could have been ready but now it's too late to get

ready. The lady is already here to take us. You know that some time Jesus will come for us and it will be too late to get ready after he comes, and so it is very necessary that we be ready when he comes. I am so sorry that you did not get ready to go to Sunday School."

Harold had been playing around, and really he wanted to stay at home and play instead of going to Sunday School. Yet he loved Jesus and he had awful feelings at the thought that he may not be ready when Jesus would come for him and he would have to go to that awful place of torment. As he thought about it, he thought, "I know what I'll do." I'll give some of the money that I made yesterday by selling bottles to Mother to put in the Sunday School box for me." And with that thought in mind he ran into his room and took out eight of his precious pennies. He ran and just in time to catch Mother before she left, he said, "Here put this in the Sunday School box for me."

Mother took them and told Harold, "That is good to give some of your pennies to Jesus, but most of all, Jesus wants you. He wants you to go

to Sunday School and learn about Him." Mother kissed her son good-bye with a prayer in her heart that he would grow to be a man of God, and that he would always love Jesus and be ready when Jesus comes for him. —M. M.

Dear children,

May God bless you each and every one, is my prayer. I have thought for a long time I would write in your little paper, telling of the love of Jesus to one of my little girls who was six years old at the time this happened and is now fourteen.

The other day I was thinking of the good things of the Lord—how He loves us all—and thought of so many wonderful things he has done for me and my girls. I have four, and Jesus has healed them all many times. My oldest girl is now thirty. She now has a little girl two years old of her own and she also is trusting Jesus to heal her little girl when she gets sick. Isn't it wonderful to have mothers and fathers who live for Jesus so when you are sick they can go to Jesus for you? and not only sick, but if you have any need, they can go to Him, and He will answer their prayers. Children, always love mother and father and be sure to obey them in every thing. That is what Jesus wants every child to do. And then it is easier to love Jesus because you are obeying him because he tells the children to obey their mothers and fathers. I am praying for you.

Now I'll tell about the time the Lord did such a wonderful thing for my little girl. One summer morning Margaret came to me crying and saying her feet and legs were hurting her so badly. I told her to let me see, and as she came to me crying I could see she was suffering much. Her little feet and legs were red and swollen

badly with big welts as large as my hand from her hips down. She was very sick and her fever was high. I said, "Margaret, what can this be?" I fell on my knees and called upon Jesus to help, but still she was almost wild with pain and swelling more. I saw one of the ladies outside who lived near us and asked her what she thought it could be.

She said, "Why, I don't know, but it is bad and you had better do something for her and that soon." Of course, she meant for me to call the doctor. When she said that to me, I said in my heart, I know what I'll do. So I left her and again fell on my knees and called upon God. But first I said to Margaret, "If Jesus will heal you, will you tell this lady all about it?" When she told me she would, I knew Jesus was going to heal her. As I prayed, I knew Jesus was answering my prayers. And, dear children, in less than five minutes all the pain, swelling, fever, and the big welts were gone. Oh, it was wonderful and Margaret was very happy. We went and told the lady what we did about it, and that was to pray, and she could see how the Lord had healed so soon. It was so great that the lady could not say any thing but she just looked. Also one of Margaret's little playmates was at our house when this happened and she saw it. The next Sunday after that she came to me and said, "I have something like Margaret had." She knew Jesus had healed Margaret and it caused her to want prayer for herself.

Dear little boys and girls, let us always live for Jesus so when we suffer and trust the Lord for our suffering others may see how we just pray and that we don't call for the doctors. And if we live good every day and do our best to please mother and father, and above all to please

Jesus. we can always depend upon Jesus to hear us when we call upon Him in our trouble. If you do not know the song, "'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus," have your mother to teach it to you, because I am sure she will know it. As you sing, think upon the words and keep them deep in your little hearts. — G. S.

Search Question

Where in the Bible does it say, "Depart from evil and do good"?

Answer To Last Weeks Question

David. 1 Samuel 24:14.

A MOTHER BIRD'S CURE

As a young man, I was traveling by canoe down one of the inland rivers near the head of a rather high water-fall. The water was beginning to flow quite swiftly at this point, when I noticed a small young bird clinging to the branch of a tree which was floating down the river near the shore.

The young bird's mother was fluttering around trying to get the young one to fly ashore, but it would not move from the branch which was now rapidly nearing the water-fall. After trying in vain for some time, the mother suddenly pushed the young one off the branch, so that it was forced to fly ashore to avoid falling into the water. The mother bird, by what seemed a harsh act, had saved the young one from going over the falls.

How often the Lord works this way too! Sometimes you may wonder why you have trouble or sorrow. The mother bird's act seemed unkind, but it was really for the good of the little one. So if trial and sorrow leads you to the Lord to find salvation in Him, it will be for your good, too.

—A tract.

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Dear boys and girls:

We want to hear from you and to know how you are getting along. Your letters are so sweet and we are so glad you love the Lord. Let us and others know what God is doing for you. That is working for Jesus. When others read of your love for Jesus, and your living for Him, it helps them to want to live for Him. Jesus is so good to us, isn't He? Oh, I surely do love Him and want to do just a little something for Him. He has done so much for me that I never could repay Him for it all.

It is getting time to reorder your papers for the next quarter. Do your cousins still get the little paper? Maybe their subscription has run out. And if you could have several sent to you to give to your neighbors, that would be working for Jesus. We want all the boys and girls to love Jesus. So many parents do not teach their children about Jesus and how awful it is for them not to know and be lost.

Keep praying and living for Jesus. Just keep on working. You won't know all the good you have done while you live here, but some day you will know when you get to heaven.

—Aunt Marie

The Apostle Paul said he had learned to be content in all things (Phil. 4:11, 12). That was because the Lord Jesus lived in his heart.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 8, May 24, 1953

HOW WE SHOULD LIVE

1 Cor. 8:7-13; 6:18-20.

Paul taught the word of God and preached Jesus at Corinth, and the people there believed on Jesus, and a great many were saved. The ones that were saved met together and they made up the church of God at Corinth. Paul wanted them to grow in the Lord and know more about what God wanted them to do, and how to live. So he wrote to them in letters and today we will talk about something that he wrote to them. These are the two verses we will discuss: "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? For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

Do you know that your body is just a clay house for your soul to live in? And that your house should be taken care of? Your body is wonderfully made—just think of it! You can tell your legs to move and they move. You can tell your lips to start moving and your voice to make certain sounds and you find yourself talking. You tell your head to turn around and it turns around. I can tell my hand to reach out and touch you and it does it. We have a wonderful body. Wasn't God good to us to give us such a wonderful house in which to live? Paul tells us that it is the "temple of the Holy Ghost," that is when we let the Holy Ghost come into our house and abide in us. That is just what Jesus died on the cross for. He wanted to live in our bodies. He could not live in our bodies when there was sin in our hearts, so he died so we could be forgiven and he could live in us by the Holy Spirit. That should make us so happy to have the

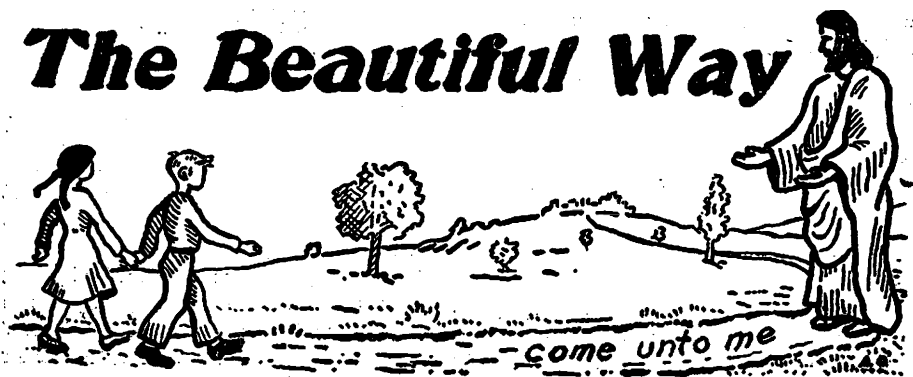
Spirit of the Lord living in our clay house with us. When you walk, Jesus walks with you; when you go to bed, Jesus goes with you; when you sit at the table to eat, Jesus sits with you. And when you go to school, Jesus goes with you. Isn't that wonderful? Now let us talk about how we should take care of this clay house. First, let us remember that we are living for Jesus and we have confessed our sins and Jesus is living within our clay house. We are "bought with a price" Paul tells us. We would not want to take our bodies to a place that Jesus would not go, would we? Would Jesus go into places where wicked people are, and do like they do? Why, no! Jesus only goes to nice places and does right and good things. Jesus wants us to care for our bodies. We should eat things that are good for us that will make our bodies be strong and healthy. Don't eat a lot of sweets. Drink milk and plenty of water, but no strong drink, like whiskey, beer, and wine that harm our bodies. It is so sad to see some people drink such things and when they try to walk they just wobble around and fall. They can't think straight, and sometimes do wicked things. Jesus is so displeased and little children are afraid. It is a sin to drink those things and harm our bodies. It is wrong to use tobacco because it has a poison in it.

God wants us to dress our bodies and keep them covered. God made Adam and Eve clothes to wear when he drove them out of the garden. It is a sin for us to go without clothes, or partly dressed.

Central Thought: We should be careful to take care of our bodies, the temples of God.

Memory Verse: For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. 1 Cor. 6:20.

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Part Nine

May 31

It Just Suits Me

Mountain, hill, and valley
Full of love and cheer
Showing forth the power
Of our Father dear—
Praise the great Creator,
Praise Him joyfully—
This is such a good world,
And it just suits me.

It just suits me!

It just suits me!

In every stream and rivlet

His love I see.

It just suits me!

It just suits me!

Our Heavenly Father made it
And it just suits me! —Sel.

Carry, the Slave Girl

Carry is not now a slave girl. She was a slave in her childhood. She is now an old lady. She came to our home a few days ago with a nice little gift to the work of the Lord. She is always busy doing something for her Master. We thought we might get a little story from her for our readers, so without letting her know our purpose we asked her something

about her girlhood days. We asked her if she had any thoughts of God when she was a slave girl. She then told us something about herself and of those days.

This is her story. "I can remember how I wanted to be good, to serve the Lord, and to pray. I did not know how to pray. I could see the older slaves praying, but I did not know what to say to the Lord. My master and mistress would whip their slaves if they caught them praying. My sister, who was older than I, would have me watch in the yard to see when her owner was coming, while she would go in the house and pray. Sometimes I would slip to the door to see what my sister did when she prayed. I would see her in the corner of the room and her lips moving. I thought it must be a wonderful thing to pray, and oh, how I longed to know how!

I can remember my mistress giving my sister a daily task. She had so many skeins of yarn to spin each day, and if she did not spin that number she would get a whipping. Sometimes she would fail to spin the required number and would be given a severe whipping. One thing I noticed she

would take time to pray even if she did get a whipping. Then I would think again that it must be a wonderful thing to pray." Such was her story. How many of us, children, would pray if we would get a whipping for every time we prayed?

—P. O. L.

AN ANSWER TO PRAYER

One evening when their dad got home from work we took the two children down to the beach to fish until dark, which we did some of the time. After we had fished awhile it began to get dark and cold, as the fog had come in quite thick. So we got our fishing poles ready and hurried to the car. But when we reached the car Daddy learned that he had lost his keys while fishing, so we went back along the sand and looked good but could not find them. The car was locked, but Mother's purse was in the car with her keys in it, so we decided we would have to break a car window to get in. We didn't like to do that. Daddy said, "Wait a minute, I'll go look again." It seemed like looking for a needle in a hay stack, but Mother asked the Lord to help us find them. Mother and the children were getting very cold by this time. In just a few minutes here came Daddy running and said, "I've found them!" The waves had washed the keys up, so we knew it was an answer to prayers. We were fishing on the rocks and along the sand, and to try to find keys along there was almost an impossibility to even think of. Daddy said the waves had just washed them up, so if he hadn't got them before another wave came up they would have washed back out into the ocean, as they were wet from washing up on the sand. So this was indeed an answer to prayer.

—E. R. L.

Bible Story

Exodus 10

After the hail, lightning, and thunder ceased, Pharaoh sinned yet more and would not let the people go. How terrible for Pharaoh to break his promise! But greater plagues are yet to come upon him and his people.

Moses may have grown tired of going to Pharaoh, but the Lord spoke to him and told him that he was to tell his sons' sons, and they in turn were to tell their sons' sons so that all that heard of these great signs would know that "I am the Lord."

Again God sent Moses and Aaron to Pharaoh. They said, Thus saith the Lord, "How long will you refuse to humble yourself before me? Let my people go that they may serve me. If you still refuse to let my people go, tomorrow will God bring hordes of locusts into your coasts and will eat up every green thing that remaineth from the hail. They will fill all your houses." After he finished saying this, he turned himself and went out from Pharaoh's presence. The servants of Pharaoh were getting tired of these plagues and they told Pharaoh to let the men go, that if he did not Egypt would be destroyed. They wondered just how long Pharaoh would let these men trouble their country.

So Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron to be brought before him again. He told them to go serve their God. But he asked who was going with them.

Moses replied, "We will go with our young, our old, our sons and our daughters. We will take our flocks and herds, for we must hold a feast unto the Lord."

But Pharaoh said, "Go now, ye that are men and serve the Lord." And he drove them from his presence. But Moses knew that God would still have to send more plagues before Pharaoh would let them all go. —M. M.

Come, Lord Jesus

In the life of John Falk, the German founder of the "Society of Friends in Need," he relates an incident that happened in the orphan school connected with that society. "It was the time of the evening meal, and when one of the boys had said the pious grace, 'Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and bless what thou hast provided.' One little fellow looked up and said, 'Do tell me why the Lord never comes. We ask Him every day to sit with us, and He never comes.' 'Dear child, only believe, only believe and you may be sure He will come: for He does not despise our invitation.' 'I shall set Him a seat,' said the little fellow; and just then there was a knock at the door. A poor frozen man entered, begging a night's lodging. He was made welcome; the chair stood empty for him. Every child wanted him to have his plate; and one was lamenting that his bed was too small for the stranger, who was quite touched by such uncommon attentions.

The little fellow was thinking hard all the time. "Jesus could not come, and so He sent this poor man in his place, is that it?" "Yes, dear child, —that is just it. Every piece of bread and every drink of water that we give to the poor, or the sick, or the prisoners, for Jesus' sake, we give to Him."

—M. M.

Search Question

Whose crown and braclet was taken off a dead king and brought to David?

Answer To Last Weeks Question

Psalm 34:14

We all have a call to a place in the Lord's vineyard. Start early.

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Dear boys and girls:

I believe after you have studied your Sunday school lesson you will feel in your heart a great desire to have more love. That is the way I feel just now since I have finished studying it, praying, and asking God to help me to write it so you could understand it. Divine love is something we can't have too much of. Divine love includes human love also. Divine love goes beyond, or is greater than, human love. Where human love leaves off divine love takes hold and makes love blossom and bloom into greater beauties. We can't make divine love. We have to ask God to give it to us. It is a gift from God to us. Paul wrote to the Thessalonians and said, "Ye are taught of God to love one another; but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more." (4:10-11). Paul wanted them to increase in love. Oh, and we want to increase in it, don't we? And God is just longing to give you more love, but he is waiting for you to ask him and to know just how badly you want more of it.

We want to see more love between brother and sister, sister and sister, brother and brother, friend and friend, neighbor and neighbor, schoolmate and schoolmate, boys and their enemies, girls and their enemies.

—Aunt Marie.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 9, May 31, 1953

WHERE LOVE IS, GOD IS

1 Cor. 13:1-13

This chapter in the Bible is called the "love chapter." The love it tells us about is divine love, or the love that God puts in our hearts. That love will cause us to love our enemies, love those that hate us. Human love does not cause us to love our enemies. We like to see love, don't we? I can see love in the plant. You put a little plant by the window and you will see it in a few days with its leaves turned toward the window, because it LOVES light. You can see the mother hen. She will risk her life for her little chicks, and covers them with her feathers. Then we see mother and father love. Many and many fathers and mothers have died in the flames of a burning house trying to rescue their children. Because mothers and fathers love their children, many children have been able to lead their wicked parents to the Lord. But far above all this natural love there is a greater love. We do not have it by nature. It comes to the heart when we are "born again," or are saved and become a Christian. That is the love that the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians is talking about. It is truly a wonderful LOVE. Won't you ask God to give you a greater increase of His DIVINE LOVE? Charity means divine love. We must have divine love or we can not enter heaven. We must have it to be God's children. Our lesson tells us that even if we were able to speak great words, even words just like the angels, and have not charity, or divine love, we are just sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal. People just might as well not preach or speak if that is the way they sound, don't you think?

The next verse says that though you would be willing to give and give until

you gave all you owned to the poor, and have not CHARITY it would be of no profit to you nor help you to get to heaven. If you get divine love first and then give, it will profit you, but if you give without divine love, it won't profit you anything.

You could give your body to be burned but if you have not charity it would not profit you. We know how in the heathen lands in times past that people would give their children to be burned on the altar before the idols. It did not profit them anything.

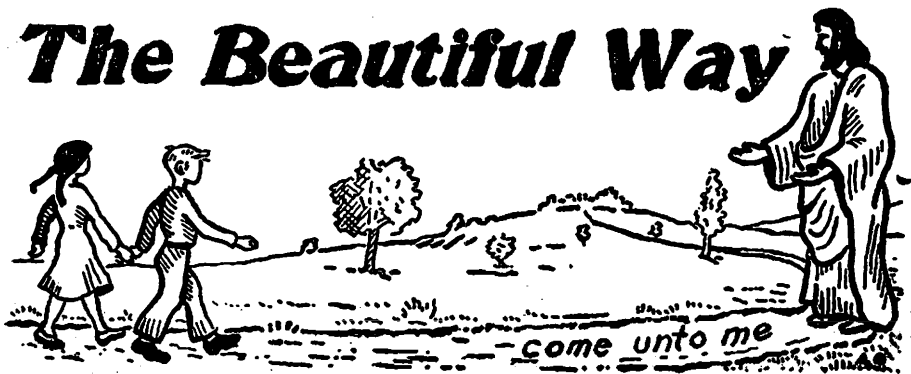
If you have this divine love, it will cause you to be long suffering. Peter once asked Jesus, "Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?" And Jesus said, "Until seven times? Until seventy times seven." That would be four hundred and ninety times, wouldn't it? Don't you think you would have to have something besides human love to be able to do that? Yes, you would have to have divine love or charity that comes from God. Charity is kind, the Bible tells us. To be kind when others do wrong to you is divine love. Charity does not envy. Envy is a desire brought into a purpose to have what some one else has. Charity does not want to bring honor to ourselves. Charity makes us see that honor goes to others. Charity will not cause us to act wrong or behave in a hateful manner. You can't make a person with divine love "mad," as the world calls it. They love you anyway, and will do good to you when you do them wrong.

Divine love will cause you to be grieved and hurt when you see evil. But you will love the soul of the one doing the evil. "Charity endureth all things."

Central Thought: God is love, and we should want to be like Him.

Memory Verse: And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. 1 Cor. 13:13.

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The Boy With A Laughing Face

Without a care or burden
Or sin or sorrow's trace,
To the earth a boon, a blessing—
A boy with a laughing face.

He romps in the field with Rover,
In the dear old country place,
Pure as the morning dewdrops—
The boy with a laughing face.

Sturdy and strong and rosy,
On his cheek the sunbeam's trace;
Bright hopes for thy future we cherish
Thou boy with a laughing face.

Oh, the world is full of Thy goodness,
Thou bountiful Giver of grace,
But a blessing indeed of blessings
Is a boy with a laughing face.

—M. J. Helpingstine.

Charley and Grandfather

Charley Rogers went to Sunday School every Sunday, and always said his lessons perfectly, so that he seemed to be one of the best boys in the class. I say he seemed, for you know that we cannot always judge by the

outside. Though Charley was good and obedient to his parents, attentive and industrious in his class, still all the while there was no real love of God in his heart; he had not yet found out that he was a miserable sinner and needed a loving Saviour.

He thought that because he was so good, and went to church every Sunday, and tried to behave well at home, he should be sure to go to heaven when he died. His grandfather, too, with whom he always prepared his lessons for Sunday School, was proud of his honesty and goodness, and boasted that he had been to church every Sunday for many years. Like the Pharisees in the Bible, he thought that by repeating prayers with his lips he was pleasing God and going to heaven.

But one day when Charley came home from Sunday School, his grandfather noticed that he looked very grave and thoughtful, and wondered what was the reason. Soon Charley told him and his family that his teacher had been speaking that afternoon of the wickedness of the heart, and had shown his pupils that all the good deeds we may do are worth nothing in the sight of God unless our hearts

be changed and we do them from love to Him. He showed them how impossible it was for them to keep one of God's commandments without His help, and that if they break one of them they deserve to go to hell forever. But for all their sins there was forgiveness if they would ask for it; that though they had broken God's holy law over and over again, yet He would forgive them because Jesus Christ had borne the punishment instead of them.

This was a new idea to Charley. The Holy Spirit was working in his heart. But it made his family very angry. To them it seemed no glad news. Sometimes he felt very sad when they scolded him for thinking he knew better than they did, but then he would read over again the chapter from which he had first learned his own sinfulness, and the remembrance of that lesson soon comforted him, for he was now trusting in Jesus for forgiveness of sins and salvation.

Charley longed to lead his grandfather to Jesus, for he was getting very old, and how dreadful it would be if he should die before he knew the Saviour. Often he prayed for his grandfather and those around him and pleaded with him to trust in Jesus alone for salvation.

Months passed away and Charley became very sick. He could not live long. All his friends could see that he was sinking fast and bitterly wept for him. But his old grandfather felt it the keenest. Now that his little teacher was leaving him, he began to feel that the words which he had heard from his lips must be true, and, as the child lay quite insensible on the bed, he begged him most piteously to speak to him once more and tell him what he must do to get rid of his sins.

At last Charley opened his eyes and

seemed to know his parents once more, and then his grandfather sobbed out: "O Charley, Charley! how can I get rid of my sins? I must be worse than you, but I can't feel them. Oh, Charley, I have hardened my heart, and now I can't soften it! Oh, Charley, pray for your poor old grandfather! Tell me how you got to feel your sins."

How glad Charley was. He gave the paper on which he had copied his much prized Bible lesson to his grandfather, and told him to go to his teacher and ask him to explain it.

"But that is not enough, grandfather, you must go alone and pray to God to show you how your heart is bad, as the Bible says, and how dreadfully you need forgiveness thru the Saviour's blood."

These were nearly the last words Charley said. Very soon bright angels came to carry him to the Father's house in heaven. His work on earth was done and he entered into the joy of his Lord.

God answered Charley's prayer for his grandfather and He also answered his grandfather's prayer. He repented of his sins and found peace with God by faith in Jesus Christ alone, the Savior who died for his sins. —Sel.

God Keeps Us

How it pays to ask God to keep us through the night. One night Mother felt burdened to pray for all of us a good nights rest, free from harm and danger, and all went to bed and were asleep. In about three hours we heard an awful crash and a bang. Mother and Dad jumped up and went in to the boys' room to see what had happened. There on the boy's bed was the teen-agers big board with deer horns and his two guns which had fallen down from the wall onto their bed and just missed the two boys who

were sleeping. The big board with the deer horns on it fell between the boys and a gun over each of their heads, which just missed them both. If the guns had hit them, they probably would have been killed, or the deer horns could have put an eye out or done other damage. But Mother was thankful she had asked the Lord to keep us all through the night and went back to bed thanking and praising the Lord for protecting the boys, who are 4 and 16 years old. —E. R. L.

Grandfather's Clock

Grandfather Smith always wanted to know what time it was when he awakened through the night, so he bought a clock whose face could be seen in the dark. No matter how dark the room was he could always see the time.

His smaller grandchildren thought it was wonderful and whenever they came to visit him at night they wanted to see the clock. "I have something else that can also be seen in the dark," he said.

"What is it?" they all chorused.

"You smaller ones may not understand, but I think you larger ones will," he replied. "You see, at the place I work there are lots of wicked men who know very little about the Lord, so my Christian light shines brightly as I live a clean life before them and teach them when they are willing to listen of God's goodness to me and all that serve him. In that way I shine in the dark just like my big clock."

—O. A. D.

Search Question

For whom did an angel open an iron gate?

Answer To Last Weeks Question

Saul's. 2 Sam. 1:10-12.

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Dear boys and girls:

I suppose that you have reordered the papers and your teacher has also. It is time for another quarter to be sent and they will want to know at the office how many to print. Of course, they always try to print plenty, so be free to send in any time for the papers. If you have a place to use some back numbers, I believe they have some they could send you to give out. Let us be workers together for the Lord.

If your parents have not subscribed for the "Faith and Victory" paper, remind them to do so. It is a paper for big folks. If you have some relatives who do not get to go much because of illness or old age, it would be good to send the paper to them. If you know some one that is not saved, or is saved, it is good for them also. So many tell of the help they get to their souls through reading it. It is only twenty-five cents for one whole year. So you see it is made so cheap that no one need be without it. So ask Mother and Father to send it to several people.

—Aunt Marie

Take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? . . . For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 10, June 7, 1953

GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

Matt. 12:41-44; 2 Cor. 8:1-15.

One day Jesus was in the temple teaching the people of how wrong it was for some people who would make long prayers to God, but yet they would take widows' houses falsely because their husbands had died and were not there to protect them.

After he had finished teaching, he went over close to the big treasure box that they had in the temple where everyone passed by and cast in their money that they were giving to the Lord. As he sat there with his disciples around him, he watched the people pass by and put in their money. He saw the rich man come by, take out his big bag, and take out some of his money and put it in. He was sure he still had a lot left for himself. Then Jesus saw a widow come by. She was poor and her husband had died, and she had no one to take care of her. Maybe she had children, but it does not say. She reached into her pocket and took out all she had, which was two mites. That was less than a penny. She put all she had in the box. Then Jesus turned to his disciples and said, "This poor widow hath cast in more than all they which have cast into the treasury." Can you explain what Jesus meant? Jesus told the disciples what he meant. He said, "For all they did cast in of their abundance (great lot) but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living." The rich man had something to live on after he gave, and had his needs well supplied in other ways. But the widow needed so many things, yet she gave all her money and did not have any more. But let me ask you a question. Do you think she went hungry? No indeed. Jesus was right there, and he saw it all, and I am sure Jesus saw to it that

she had plenty. Just so today, when we give, Jesus is looking on. He sees and knows just what we give and how much we need. Do you think a loving and tender Jesus would let us go hungry if we gave our all to him and his work? I don't. So let us give more to God's work. When you put your pennies, dimes, nickels, and quarters into the offering box, God will see to it that we do not lack.

There were some poor saints in Jerusalem in Bible times. Paul taught the other saints in other places to give to them to help them out. He wrote to the Corinthians and thanked them for giving at another time. He said that he had told the saints down at Macedonia and Achaia how the Corinthians had given, and it caused them to want to give also. He now was writing to them that he was sending Titus and the brethren to go before him and they could get together all the money and things that they wanted to be sent with him down to the poor saints and they would be ready for him to take.

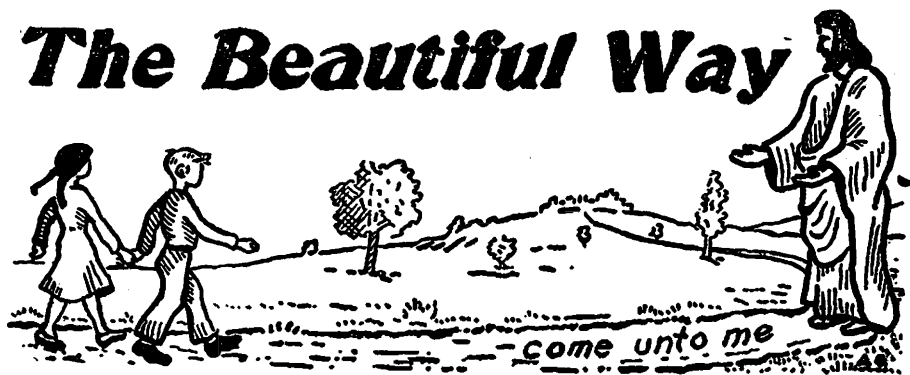
Paul told them to each decide in their hearts what they would give and then to give it cheerfully, not because they felt they had to, but that "God loveth a cheerful giver." He told them if they gave a lot they would receive back a lot from God, but if they gave a little they would only receive a little from God. He compared it with planting seed. You plant a lot of seed and you would receive a lot of fruit, but a few seed only brings forth a few fruit.

If we covet, it is a lack of faith, and we know a miser does not have any faith in God. We do not have money come to us to be saved, but to give to others and then it will return.

Central Thought: We should be unselfish and share what we have.

Memory Verse: Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. 9:7

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June 14

Building My New Home

Did you know I'm building a home?

I am working on it each day.

The One who is Overseer

Helps me to build it the right way.

The foundation is my Jesus

The frame will be His blessed Word;

The roof, His many promises,

The best that mankind ever heard.

It takes my lifetime to build it

But it is worth all it will cost

For I then will not be numbered

Among the many that are lost.

I will move in when He calls me

In my mansion up in the sky;

I'll not move by train or auto,

But by angels' wings from on high.

—J. Studebaker

A Penny's Worth of Honesty

"What a bright Saturday morning," said Mark. "I know what I'll do. I'll gather up these paper bags and take them to Mr. Jones." He looked in the drawer where his mother always kept them and found nine. He needed only

one more. Mark looked everywhere, even in the feed house to see if a sack was nearly empty, but he could not find one anywhere. Suddenly he remembered that his mother had thrown one away because it had a tiny hole in it. "Surely this little hole won't matter," said Mark as he picked the sack up out of the trash can. "Mr. Jones won't even notice it," he thought as he placed it on the very bottom.

Away to the store he went, handing them to Mr. Jones, who inspected the first five and finding them perfect failed to inspect the others, and that was just as he had hoped.

With his dime, he purchased a toy gun and returned home thinking that he was quite a trader.

Right away his happiness began to decrease, for his mother knew she had not saved enough sacks for him to purchase a gun. Of course, he had to tell her the truth.

She went into the feed house, emptied a sack, and told Mark to go and tell Mr. Jones that he had taken him a sack with a hole in it and was giving him a good one to replace it.

Poor Mark! "Why did I do it?" he thought, "just for a penny." He

wished so many things would happen, just anything to keep from facing Mr. Jones again. But his mother said go, and he knew she meant it.

Slowly down the road he went. He peeped in the window and saw some customers. He waited until all but one had gone, and this one had come to buy some feed.

It so happened that Mr. Jones picked up the bag that Mark brought him with a hole in it to pour the feed in. The hole grew larger as more feed was poured into it, and when the customer picked it up, the sack bursted and the feed wasted on the floor. Mark knew he was responsible for it all. He walked right up to Mr. Jones, handed him the good sack, and confessed to him his wrong doing. He promised Mr. Jones he would never do it again. He even wanted to pay him for the spilled feed, but Mr. Jones knew he had learned his lesson well so he gave him a fatherly pat on the shoulder and told him to be thankful that he had a good Christian mother that would take the time to teach him honesty.

—Retold by O. A. D.

Jesus, The Light of The World

Jesus did wonderful miracles before his disciples and little by little they began to have more faith in him. Finally they were able to say from the hearts that Jesus was the Son of the Living God. And after he arose Thomas saw the scars in Jesus' hands and in his side and he said, "My Lord and my God." He fully believed that Jesus died and rose again.

This reminds me of a story I read about a man that was born blind. Some skillful doctors decided to experiment and see if they could restore his sight. After many months in the

hospital, the time came when they began to let him try out his eyes. They began by showing him a candle in the night. The first time he saw it, he felt such a thrill of delight that he asked the question, "Is that the sun?" Later they allowed him to look upon an oil lamp lighted. This was much more grand, and he repeated his question. After gradual improvement in his experience, they showed him the moon. He repeated his question. When he became normal, they brought him from a dark room one beautiful morning and let him see the sun rising. He did not ask the question, but rather he shouted with joy. "That is the sun!" Just so, as God little by little let the disciples know who Jesus was, when they were ready He made them know that Jesus was the Saviour, and their Saviour, and they were very happy.—M. M.

Bible Story

Exodus 10

As Moses was driven from Pharaoh's presence he went out and the Lord told him to stretch out his rod over the land of Egypt that the locusts may come. And as he did so the Lord brought an east wind upon the land all that day and all that night and in the morning the wind brought in hordes of locusts. They covered everything. There were so many that they covered the whole ground. At times even to this day there will be great hordes of locusts come upon the country there. I read of where they will at times come in such hordes that they darken the sun and will light on a field and form a bed six or seven inches thick. The noise they make while eating the plants and trees can be heard at a distance. Fire could not eat or destroy any faster. Then they fly to the plains in May and lay their eggs. These hatch in June and the young brood, while in their cater-

pillar or worm-like stage, form themselves into a compact body of more than a furlong square, and marching directly forward, climb over trees, walls, houses, devouring every plant in their way. The people have tried to stop them by digging ditches and trenches around their fields and gardens, but they soon fill up the trenches and crawl on over onto the fields. Within a month's time they become locusts and fly to other parts to do more damage ("Shaw's Travels").

But God had told Moses that the locusts that were to come upon Egypt at this time would be worse than ever had been before in the history of man and than would ever be. So we know that it was terrible. They ate every green herb of the land and every green leaf. There remained no green in all the land of Egypt. Pharaoh's heart became softened by this terrible plague. He called for Moses and Aaron to come to him again.—M. M.

Search Question

What mother loaned her son to the Lord?

Answer To Last Weeks Question
Peter Acts 12:10.

THE GREATEST THOUGHT

It is said that someone asked Daniel Webster, the one who wrote our dictionary, "What is the greatest thought you ever had?" He quickly replied, "My responsibility to the Almighty God." Mr. Webster was a smart man, almost a Solomon in his day, yet he knew that he, too, would have to some day stand before God at the Judgment Day and give an account of how he lived here in this world. From the greatest to the smallest, from the youngest to the oldest, the greatest thought should be in our minds, "Am I ready to meet my God?" —M. M.

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Dear boys and girls:

I suppose some of you are thinking about campmeeting and hoping that the Lord will work it out so you can go. I do trust that all of you will get to go. There will be the children's meetings for all of you, and some of you older children will enjoy the young people's meetings also. You should listen and be quiet in your meetings, unless you are asked to speak. You can even now think of the good things that the Lord has done for you so you can tell the other children about it. They love Jesus and like to hear what he does for you. I was in a few of the children's meetings last summer, and I surely enjoyed hearing how Jesus had healed you and your brothers, sisters, mothers, and fathers; also how Jesus had answered prayer.

Last summer we were so glad for all the children that got saved. Jesus loves all the little children. Even when some big people thought that the little children were bothering Jesus He told them to let the little children come to Him and "forbid them not." Just so, today Jesus loves for you to come to him and talk to him when you pray.

—Aunt Marie.

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If you once form a bad habit, it will bind you tighter and tighter.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 11, June 14, 1953

PUTTING THE WAY OF JESUS FIRST

Gal. 1:11-24; 2:1-10.

While Paul was a prisoner in Rome, he wrote to the Galatians, who were saints of God. The Galatians lived in the northern part of Asia Minor. And a large number of them had taken up with the law of Moses and loved the many things the law required them to do as a form and ritual. And when Jesus was preached among them it was hard for them to give up the ritual of the law. But many did and endeared themselves to Paul as they gave to him and treated him with great care and kindness.

Paul tells them in the letter he wrote of how the gospel he preached to them was given to him directly from Jesus Christ. He also reminded them of how he had told them about his treating the saints of God so wickedly, bringing many and putting them in prison because they believed on Jesus, and by his doing this he had gained a fame and honor among the Jews above many that were older in years than he was. But he was glad that Jesus had caused him to see how wrong it was to sin against him and he turned to him with all his heart and began to live a new life. He was called to preach to the Gentiles directly by Jesus. He did not go up to Jerusalem and ask them if he could preach, but went right out telling others about Jesus and his mighty power to save. Three years later he went up to Jerusalem to see Peter and stayed with him fifteen days. Not many of the churches of Judaea ever met Paul. They only heard of him that the one who used to persecute the Christians "now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed."

Then Paul goes on to say that fourteen years later he went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas and Titus. He wanted the apostles and elders at Jerusalem to know about his work among the Gentiles and to see if the saints there were still backing him in his labors for the Lord. Some false teachers tried to work in their false doctrine, but Paul and the others did not let them. But all the saints and ministers there felt that Peter was called of God to preach to the Jews and Paul to the Gentiles. But they did ask Paul to remember the poor saints at Jerusalem. And we have studied how they did give to the poor saints there.

Paul was a good man, and even though he was in prison he did not sit there and weep and mourn, but he wrote letters to saints everywhere and they were so wonderful that we are still reading them today. They are a part of our Bible and teach us many things of what God wants us to do to get to heaven.

Don't you want to be like Paul and help a lot of people? The secret of Paul's being able to help others was that he gave himself to Jesus. That is what Jesus wants us to do today. Let Jesus be our example. Jesus was kind, and we want to be kind. Jesus was good to everyone. He did not hit back when he was hit. He did not speak evil of anyone. He was full of love for everybody. But we can't be like Jesus unless we let Him come into our hearts. Won't you open your heart like Paul did, quit doing wrong to people and let Jesus make you good, kind, and loving to everybody?

Central Thought: Jesus wants to give us his love so we like Paul can help others.

Memory Verse: Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

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June 21

When I Listen

They say God does not speak today
As in the long ago,
But sometimes, when I stop my play,
I hear His voice, I know.
For raindrops surely talk to me;
When rustling leaves are stirred
I know that something sings to me,
I know what Samuel heard.
He calls in winds that touch my cheek,
In bird notes, high and clear.
I'm very sure God speaks to us
If we take time to hear.

Clean Heart Makes Clean Lives

"Father! Father! Come here. This water is too dirty for us to drink," David called as he stood beside the stream that flowed from a spring in the hill above. He had a bucket in his hand.

Father said, as he looked at the cloudy water, "We will have to try to clear the water some way."

A local farmer came by as father and his son were trying to clear the water, with a measure of success from the colorings of clay, so they could

use it. He stopped and watched them for a minute and then said, "I think I have a better way. Walk with me up the hill a piece."

They went with him up the hill to the spring, which was a natural hole in the side of the hill. In the spring, they found a hog wallowing.

"Drive the hog out of the spring, and the water will clear itself," said the farmer.

This is what they did, and the water coming from the spring soon cleared away all the mud the hog had stirred up, and they were able to drink it.

The father then told his son that when we have sin in our hearts, it will cause our lives to be full of wrong deeds, but when we call on Jesus and ask him to take the sin out and forgive us and then ask him to send the Holy Spirit into our hearts to make us clean and pure within, then the things that come out of our hearts and our lives will be full of goodness and love. Our heart is the spring, and our deeds and lives, the stream. Get the sin out of the spring and the stream will be clean just like getting the hog out of the spring made the stream clear and beautiful again.—M.

Helping

Children, when mother and father ask you to run errands for them, help with the dishes, sweep the floor and dust, or keep the trash out of the yard, be sure to do it willingly. Remember what the Bible says: "Obey your parents in the Lord."

When I was a little girl, I took my baby brother for a ride in his buggy when I returned from school. I loved my brother and enjoyed taking him for a ride, and it pleased my mother very much for she was tired many times and could not take him out for rides. I also weeded a large patch of garden truck and my father did the hoeing. I sold onions by the bunch, which we raised, for five cents a bunch. Mother always added an extra onion for good measure. I was always on the job for that, and always ready and glad to help Mother.

We had a cow. The grass in our back yard was nice and thick, so after school hours I would hold Bossy by a long rope until she had her fill of the nice green grass. Later we had several cows and I would drive them to pasture, a rented pasture. It was quite a distance, and I would take them there before school and bring them back in the evening. It saved my tired father much walking. He worked hard all day, doing carpenter work to provide for Mother and us children.

Another job which I enjoyed was to clean up the house. After I returned from school I would sweep and mop the floors and get the house in good order while Mother was out visiting. I was glad she could get away now and then in the afternoons. It would rest her. And I would be happy to have the house nice and clean when she returned.

Children, I am telling you these experiences so you can profit by them. Ask Jesus to help you to like to work. Do not frown and try to run off and play instead. I soon got tired of playing with children when I saw so much to do, and my parents working hard, I felt sorry for them. I am glad now that I helped them, for they have gone to be with Jesus, and I don't have to regret that I was not willing to help them.

Look this scripture up in your Bible right now, Ephesians 6:2, 3, and ask Jesus to help you practice it each day. Be kind, good, and obedient to your mother and father and always be willing to help them any way you can. Surprise them some time by doing some kind deed.

You boys should learn house work, too—sweep, dust, mop, wash dishes, and cook. That is more fun than running the streets and reading funny papers that never teach you anything good.

Write a letter for the "Beautiful Way" paper and tell us all about how you are pleasing Jesus in helping your parents, etc. Be kind to your sisters and brothers and do not fuss and quarrel. Write and let us know if you have learned the above scripture by memory. Here it is: "Honor thy father and mother which is the first commandment with promise, that it may be well with thee and thou mayest live long on the earth." —A. S.

Bible Story

Man can never fight against God and get by with it. Pharaoh surely tried to have his own way. He did not want to lose those slaves that worked for him in building great buildings. He knew if they took all their people and herds that they could easily escape. He was selfish and was wanting greater riches.

He was stubborn and self-willed. But God continued to work with him. He began to realize that riches did not mean so much to him when he saw that he and his people might starve to death because of the great hordes of locusts taking their food away from them right before their eyes, and they could do nothing about it. They were helpless. He sent in haste for Moses and Aaron. When they appeared before him, he was a different Pharaoh. He was greatly troubled, and said, "I have sinned against the Lord your God, and against you. Now forgive me this time, and pray that God will take these locusts away, or I and my people shall die." And Moses prayed again. The Lord sent a strong west wind which carried the locusts away and drowned them in the Red Sea.

You see, God used an east wind to bring them and a west wind to carry them away. And there remained not one locust in the coasts of Egypt.

Surely this time Pharaoh would let the people go, but after all was quiet again he began to think of such a great loss to his country it would be to have all those slaves gone. No one would be there to build the houses that he had planned. Such a wicked man he was! And such a hard heart! But God let him go on in his own way while he brought plague after plague upon the people and him. Not only did it put the fear of God in the hearts of the children of Israel who watched God working, but also of a surety the people of Egypt began to look with wonder upon the children of Israel and greatly feared their God.—M.

Search Question

What foods did the Children of Israel remember they had eaten in Egypt?

Answer To Last Weeks Question

Hannah. 1 Sam. 1:27, 28.

Blessed are the pure in heart:

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Dear boys and girls:

I do hope you will draw the two trees that you have in your Sunday school lesson. Space is too limited for us to give you all the good things that is in your lessons and we trust that your teachers will finish them. I'm sure they do. It is wonderful for you to have teachers that know God and know about His wonderful ways and are teaching the truth of the Bible to you. Some children have wrong things taught to them in Sunday school by false teachers. But your teacher spends time in prayer, seeking God to help them to understand the Word of God by His Spirit so they can give you the truth and not error. You should thank God for your Sunday school teacher. They pray for each one of you and they want all of you to be saved and live for God and make it into heaven. You can show your teacher that you do appreciate her (or him) by giving your attention to her and listening. You only spend less than an hour in Sunday school studying the Bible once a week, and surely you can let the things you want to talk about to the one next to you wait till after church service, can't you? I'm sure you are going to do better. I just feel that way about you. God will bless you and you will be a blessing. —Aunt Marie.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 12, June 21, 1953

BEAR GOOD FRUIT

Gal. 5:13-26; 6:1-5.

Draw two trees either on a blackboard or a large piece of paper.

On one tree we want to put good fruit, and on the other tree, bad fruit. Then draw a line at the base of the trunk and run the roots down into the source of each fruit. Put under the bad tree the word "devil"; and under the good tree for the roots to run into, the word "God." You see, all trees have roots and these roots draw from the ground that something that it takes to make the fruit. Some roots go away down to some underground stream of water and that causes it to live and bear fruit. In Rev. 22:1 it tells us about the "river of life" clear as crystal, flowing out from the throne of God. That is a wonderful river and from it I am sure this good tree that we are talking about gets all the water it needs to make that good tree just be full of GOOD fruit, because that river comes right from the throne of God. In Psa. 1:1-3 we are told about the good man who delights in the law of the Lord. He thinks about the Bible (Word of God) day and night. It says he shall be like a "tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; and his leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." Now we have our good tree just where it is in good condition to bring forth good fruit. It has plenty of water and that comes from the throne of God. Now 1 John 4:8 tells us "GOD IS LOVE." So we cannot have anything on our good tree but love in everything. You are not forgetting that this good tree stands for a man or woman, boy or girl that has been born again, or saved, and has been taken out of the kingdom of the devil

and transplanted into the kingdom of His dear Son Jesus, are you? (Col. 1:13). We don't bear bad fruit any more, but good fruit, because only GOOD FRUIT can be borne because we are in God. We do not bear good fruit because someone holds a whip over us and makes us, but because we love to do good, we gladly do it, because it is in our hearts.

Now our actions are the fruit we bear and show out what is in the heart. Now let us read Gal. 5:22 and see what the FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT is. First it says "love." Let us write love on our tree. If God is love and the roots of our tree draws its strength to grow from the "River of Life," then love comes right from the "Throne of God," up through the tree trunk and out into the branches and make a fruit so everyone can see it. Then we will be showing love to everybody because it is in our hearts. Our hearts are just full of love. Tell some example of showing that we have love in our hearts. The next one is "joy." It also comes from the throne of God, doesn't it? Give an example of showing that we have joy in our hearts. Next one is "peace." We'll have peace in our hearts and that will make us peaceable. Give an example. Write them on your tree. Then "longsuffering." Jesus told Peter to forgive seventy times seven. That would be longsuffering. That flows from the "Throne of God" down through the "River of Life" right up through the roots and out into the branches and makes a beautiful fruit. The heavenly sunshine shines upon the fruit and the "Dew of Heaven" rains upon it at night and causes it to be wonderful. Discuss each fruit. Then the bad tree has ugly fruit. It doesn't have a river of life to draw from—just the devil, and he is bad. Write the works of the flesh and discuss.

Memory Verse: This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. Gal. 5:16.

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The Planted Seed

"These are my children, Lord; I bring them now.

Here is a virgin soil for me to plow.
And in the garden of each heart, dear Lord,

I stoop and plant the seeds of thy dear Word.

O, let no burrowing thing destroy these roots;

No wild thing choke the little tender shoots;

No evil worm lay eggs within the core
Of the good fruit; but, dear Lord, more and more

Increase the harvest until, full and free,
They bring their lives' rich offering to thee."—Sel.

How It Was Blotted Out

One evening Willie was undressing for bed and his mother was telling his father how naughty he had been that day. His father reprimanded him quite strongly for it. All was quiet for a little while and then Willie broke out with a loud crying and sobbing. His parents were surprised. His father asked him what was the matter.

"I don't want it there, Father; I don't want it there," said the child.

"What, my child, what is it?"

"Why, Father, I don't want the angels to write down in God's book all the bad things I have done today. I don't want it there; I wish it could be wiped out. And his distress increased. "Well, you need not cry; you can have it all wiped out in a minute if you want." "How, Father, how?"

"Why, get down on your knees, and ask God, for Christ's sake, to wipe it out, and he will do it."

Willie jumped out of bed, saying, "Father, won't you come and help me?" Father prayed and asked God to wipe away his sins. They then arose and Willie got back in bed again. In a few moments more he said, "Father, are you sure it is all wiped out?"

"Why, yes, my son; the Bible says that if from your heart you ask God for Christ's sake to do it, and if you are really sorry for what you have done, it shall be blotted out."

"What did the angel blot it out with? with a sponge?"

"No, but with the precious blood of Christ. The blood of Christ cleanseth

from all sin."

My dear children, as you read this, if there has been anything wrong that you have done and you feel a hurt down deep in your heart, won't you come to Jesus and let him blot it out with his precious blood? Jesus wants you to be happy, and you can't be happy with sin in your heart. Just now ask Jesus to forgive you and blot it out with his precious blood. Tell him how sorry you are that you did wrong, and he will blot it out just like he blotted it out of God's book for Willie. —M. M.

Grandpa's Team

Gene and grandpa hitched the horses to the wagon to go for a load of feed. The wagon was empty, so the horses trotted gayly up and down the hills. Gene, who lived in the city and was spending his summer vacation with his grandparents, enjoyed driving the team.

On their return trip to the barn with a load of feed, Gene noticed that Duke always seemed to lag behind while Dan did most of the pulling. "What's wrong with Duke?" he asked, "Is the load too heavy for him?"

"Oh, no," replied grandpa, "he always has to be coaxed to carry his share of the load." It wasn't long before Gene found out what he meant, for they had reached a hill. Grandpa tried hard to make the team pull. Dan started forward, but Duke only stood still. He then got out and tried to lead the team, but still Duke would not move. It was only after Duke had received several hard blows that he climbed to the top of the hill. The same method had to be used each time they came to a hill. Gene thought surely Duke would soon know that he was going to be whipped and would climb the hill without being coaxed,

but it didn't happen.

Grandpa told him that some folks reminded him of Duke. Even though they are told a number of times, or for that matter punished lots of times, about the same thing they still fail to learn their lesson well.

Let none of us be like Duke, for if the Lord continues to warn us of our wrong doings he may suddenly destroy us as his word says. —O. A. D.

I want you to draw a picture of a heart. Then draw a picture of a Bible and a dove inside of the heart. Now get your Bible and find Psalm 119:11. It says, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." We want to hide the word of God in our hearts. If our hearts have all the good things that Jesus has taught us in them, good things will come out. If we have the love, peace, joy, gentleness, goodness, faith, longsuffering, kindness, and tenderness in our hearts, then our actions and words will be all that is good. So let us hide the Word of God in our hearts.

Now turn to Ephesians 5:18b. The last part of that verse says, "Be filled with the Spirit." That is what the dove stands for—the Spirit of God. Do you remember that when Jesus was Baptized the Bible says the Spirit descended upon him in the form of a dove? So we want the Holy Spirit in our hearts also. (This would be a good lesson to be done in class)—M.M.

Bible Story

Exodus 10

Pharaoh would not let the people go and serve the Lord after God had sent eight plagues upon him and his people. So God told Moses to stretch out his rod over the land and darkness came upon the land of the Egyptians—such an aw-

ful darkness that it could be felt. But in the land of the Israelites it was light. God had still kept that line of division between the Egyptians and his people that none of these plagues touched them.

It seems that this darkness that came upon them was so terrible that even light from their lamps could not go through it to give light. The Bible says, "They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days." No doubt fear gripped their hearts. And it seemed to them that they were encased in the tomb of death. What a terrible darkness! No stars in the sky, no moonlight to be seen.

For the last time, Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron, and said the people could go but not their flocks and herds.

Moses boldly said, "Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not a hoof be left behind; for we must serve the Lord our God."

Now Pharaoh was angry, and he said, "Get out of my sight. And if I ever see your face again I shall kill you."

Moses bravely answered, "It is just as you say; for you shall never see my face again. But God will send one more terrible plague upon you. Then you will be willing for the people of Israel to go and will be glad to have them leave." And so saying he walked out of the presence of Pharaoh, never to stand before him again.

Let us learn a lesson and never try to fight against God. We will go down in defeat. God will have all to bow before him in this life or they will bow before him at the Judgment Day. God has said, "Every knee shall bow before me and every tongue shall confess."—M.

Search Question

How old was Abraham when his son Isaac was born?

Answer To Last Weeks Question
Cucumbers, melons, garlic. Num. 11:5.

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Dear boys and girls:

This is the last lesson for this quarter. I trust that you have reordered for the next Sunday. We would love to hear from you or from your teacher, Mother, or Father about what the Lord has done for you. We want the paper to have in it stories that will help you to know more about Jesus and what he will do for you, and what he wants you to do. Sometimes when you read how the Lord has helped someone else, it helps you to understand what God wants you to do or how he will help you.

We pray God to bless each one of you that is saved and keep you saved. I do trust you will not forget that Jesus is more than a friend to you. He can help you. A friend may want to help you, but can't because of lack of money, power, or ability. But God has all this. He can even change the hearts of those that may want to do you harm and cause them to do you good. He can do anything. God is a great, big God. Never think of him as small, but as great and mighty. And he tells us to "Boldly come to the throne of grace to obtain mercy and help in time of need."

—Aunt Marie

People are foolish who do not prepare to meet the Lord.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 13, June 28, 1953

A SPIRITUAL FATHER

Philippians 1:12-27

Today we want to talk about the letter that Paul wrote to the Philippians. You remember over in Acts 16:12-40 it tells about Paul going to Philippi and teaching the Word of God to some people who went down by the river to have prayer. And in the group, some women opened their hearts and were saved and baptized. Paul and Silas continued to teach people about Jesus. A woman who told fortunes followed them and bothered them. Paul commanded the evil spirit to come out of her, and she was delivered. But now because she was delivered, her masters could not get money by her telling fortunes as she was delivered from that evil spirit, so they were stirred up against Paul and brought him up before the rulers and said that they were troubling the city. The multitude rose up against them. The rulers had Paul and Silas beaten and put in prison. While they were in prison they sang praises to God and prayed and God sent an earthquake and shook the prison and all the doors flew open and everyone's feet and hands were loosed from the stocks. The keeper awakened and drew his sword and started to kill himself, but Paul called to him to do himself no harm that they were all there. And immediately the jailer fell down and wanted to know what he must do to be saved. Paul said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." He did believe and washed Paul's and Silas' wounds and took them to his house. The next day Paul and Silas were released by the rulers when they knew what had happened. Before Paul left Philippi he went to the Christians there and comforted them. So this is how the church at Philippi was started.

After Paul was taken to Rome as prisoner, he wrote to the Philippians. He thanked them for the things they sent to him to help him (4:14-19). He said they were an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God. He told them that he had not forgotten how they had often remembered him.

In the beginning of our Scripture lesson, Paul told them that he wrote to the Philippians that he wanted them to know that the things that had happened to him were for the furtherance of the gospel. He meant the arrest and his being sent to Rome and there being kept in bonds was all to God's glory. Many heard of Paul being kept with a soldier with him in a hired house and they came to him, and he told them about Jesus. Rome was then the greatest city in the world. It is said that at that time "all roads lead to Rome." If all lead to it, they all lead out and therefore those that came took the gospel out to all parts of the world. And he said that even in the palace they heard of Christ through him. They had soldiers who guarded Paul, probably three hour shifts, and they could not help hearing the gospel. Even some of the household of Caesar received the gospel. So even in his bonds he was able to rejoice because of the gospel being preached and received. He also said that his being true to God in bonds caused the brethren to wax bolder in declaring the gospel.

Then he went on to tell them that he had a desire to depart and be with Christ and yet he knew it was more needful for him to remain to help others. At the end of his life he still was willing to be beheaded rather than give up Jesus or the gospel.

Central Thought: God helps his children when they suffer.

Memory Verse: The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:7.