

# The Beautiful Way



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Part One

July 7

## Let's Help Our Mother

When Mother asks us, boys and girls,  
To care for little brother,  
Shouldn't we feel really honored  
To have the trust of Mother?

Mothers have so much to do—  
Her tasks seem never over.  
Isn't it good that we are big  
And thus can help our Mother?

God loves a boy or girl who does  
His part in helping others.  
There's much to do, tho' it may be  
Just helping out our Mother.

—D. & A. Harmon.

## Big Sister

"Mother is going to town and I want you to look after the children." Mother told Maude. "All of you play out of doors so you won't awaken the baby."

Maude felt very responsible as she cared for her baby brother and the other brothers and sisters. She also thought about her little baby neice who was asleep in the house. She was to look after her too. She loved the

little darling and would not have minded if she had awakened so she could rock her.

Maude had taken the children a short distance from the house, as her mother had instructed, and they were playing quietly and peacefully. Suddenly one of the neighbor girls said, "Look, Maude, your house is on fire." Maude was terror stricken, but the girls ran toward the house. Maude thought of her little baby neice asleep in her buggy in the house. Oh, she must get her out! Into the smoke-filled house she ran, right through where the fire had started. She grabbed the baby and hurried outside with it. Maude also tried to calm the fears of the other children, feeling her responsibility since her mother was gone, yet wishing she would come.

When Mother saw that the fire was in the direction of her home, they hurried home, but by that time the house was burned almost to the ground. Mother was very glad that Maude took care of the children and had the presence of mind to get the baby out of the house or it would have burned to death. Their loss was great

but that night Mother and Daddy knelt before they went to bed in a neighbor's home and thanked the Lord for sparing the children to them at least, even though all their earthly possessions were burned.

Boys and girls, it is important that you carefully care for your little brothers and sisters when they are left in your care. It is a wonderful thing for Mother to trust her precious children to your care, and you should never betray that trust. —M. Miles

## Helpers

"Come on in, Ruthie," said Mother, as it was time for the service to start in the chapel.

"I want to get some more people in," said little three-year-old Ruthie as she turned and walked out the door.

I know not just what was in the mind of little Ruthie, but I thought about how good it was to have a desire to get others to come to meeting where they can hear the good news that Jesus saves from sin. Ruthie did tell her big sister that it was time for meeting. She was a helper, was she not? All the boys and girls can be helpers in God's work. The preacher has a good message to give, but he must have someone to listen to it before it can help anyone. So that is our work, isn't it? We want to get "more people in" to listen to God's Word. How wonderful it would be if you asked someone to come to hear the gospel and they get saved. —M.M.

## Work Now

"Billie, you had better get up and weed your garden before the day grows hot," called Mother.

"Oh my, it's so nice and cool, just the time for a fellow to really rest,

but if I don't crawl out now and work I'll have some other excuse later on, so here I come."

Billie was wise. He got right up and began his day's work, but so many of us won't do that. We begin to make excuses and think how much more we can do later on. But what does the Scripture say? Doesn't it say something about working while it is day lest night come and then we can't work? I think so. Now let us think real hard and see how much we have done.

Maybe we can't go visit the sick every day or comfort the feeble, but we can work by praying earnestly for the lost, being kind to our neighbors, obeying our teachers in the right. There are so many ways to work for Jesus. Let us begin to WORK NOW. —O. A. D.

## Wee-Folk Counsel

There is an important lesson that all young Christians should learn at a very early age, and that is to give to the work of the Lord.

I am sure that all children with Christian parents know the joy of being given money to put into the Lord's Treasury; and their little hearts beat with pleasure when they go forward to make the deposit in the box.

However, that is not the kind of giving I wish to talk about. It is good, very good so far as the giving of the parent is concerned—let's have more of it. But in such cases are the little Christians really giving? Are not the parents due much of the credit when children give like that? Let us see; isn't there some way little boys and girls can give and be due all the credit for their gifts to Jesus and his good work? Suppose each one would

take something from his or her own little bank for the Sunday School collection or the camp meeting table. Wouldn't that make giving to the Lord seem more real and more precious?

It might mean sometimes to do without the candy, cookies, oranges, salted peanuts, and ice cream cones so as to have something in the "little bank" for the work of the Lord.

Try it, wee people, and the Lord will surely bless. —Little Mother M.

Mo.—Dear Brother Pruitt,—I love the Lord. I love to serve Him. We have been giving out tracts at school. Some of the children want more. Could you send me some more? Thank you for the song books you gave to Daddy.

Pray for me. Love, Westley Weir

Tulsa, Okla.—Dear Aunt Marie,—I am writing "A Swarm of Bees" for Ruth Esther Hawkins, also a letter.

I am five years old. Since I was born on January 1, 1952, I am not in school this year. I like to go to Sunday school and Bible class. Sister E. Wess and Sister Sam Barton are my teachers.

1. Be saved.
2. Be of the same mind one toward another. Romans 12:16.
3. Believe.
4. Be not wise in your own conceits Romans 1:16.
5. (But if thou do that which is evil) Be afraid.
6. Be strong.
7. Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth. Job 5:17.
8. Beware of forgetting.
9. Be careful.
10. Be not forgetful hearers.
11. Be as Mount Zion (Psa. 125:1).
12. Be thankful.
13. Be quiet.

—V. M. H.

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## Search Question

What three fruits did the spies bring back from Canaan land?

Answer To Last Week's Question  
Fir tree, Psa. 104:17

Dear Boys and Girls,

When I read our lesson today I thot about how wonderful it was that Miriam could be trusted. I am sure she had proved to her mother many times, when she had left her two brothers in her care, that she was trustworthy. I am sure she was careful to watch them and to keep them from danger, just as her mother would do. Aaron and Moses, no doubt, loved Miriam very much for her love she had for them. I was a big sister in my family and many times Mother left my twin brother and sister and another little sister in my care. Even though Mother was at home, many times they would run to me when they would get hurt, for me to pet or to wrap up their little cuts. They knew I loved them. Are you a good big brother or sister? Do you love your little brothers and sisters and care for them when Mother asks you to, just as Miriam did? I am glad you obey Mother and love them.

I am glad that today we do not live under the fear of our little boy babies

being killed as Moses' loved ones did. Times had changed since Joseph had died and the king of Egypt hated the relatives of Joseph that lived in the land of Goshen. They had become very strong and mighty. The king thought they might fight against Egypt with another country that might come against them. The king made them work hard and build treasure cities for him, but that made them stronger than ever. So he made a decree that all the boy babies were to be killed. How awful that was! Today mothers are so happy about their babies, they have their pictures taken and want to show them to everyone; but Moses' mother could not do that. She had to hide him and not let anyone know about him. But as he grew older his cries were louder and she was afraid someone would hear him. How troubled she must have been, also Miriam, Aaron, and Moses' father! I am sure they prayed to God about it, for they loved the Lord. God heard their prayers and made them know just what to do.

Our lesson tells us how they fixed the little ark and put it in the flags by the river's bank. Oh, I am sure Miriam watched carefully and did not get very far away from the precious little darling lying in the basket at the water's edge. Another great big eye was watching also from above. Our lesson tells how God worked it all out so the little baby Moses could be cared for and how God gave Miriam wisdom to know just what to do and to say.

## Lesson 1, July 7, 1957

### A Sister Who Helped

#### Exodus 2:1-10

1 And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi.

2 And the woman conceived, and bare a son; and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months.

3 And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink.

4 And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him.

5 And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it.

6 And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him and said, This is one of the Hebrew children.

7 Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?

8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother.

9 And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it.

10 And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

Central Thought: Boys and girls today can be helpers, just as Miriam helped when her brother was in danger.

Memory Verse: A woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Pro. 31:30.



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Part Two

July 14

## Advice

When wise advice, my lad, is given,  
Accept it, dear, as words from heaven.  
Who knows but what our Lord may be  
Protecting, with their words to thee?

Wise counsel, lass, when idly taken,  
Is quickly lost and soon forsaken.  
Oh, listen, dear, give heed, I pray—  
Advice taken now may save you some  
day.

All thru God's Word, dear lad and lass,  
Wise men have guided well our paths  
And if we heed His Word today,  
Our road will grow better all the way.

D. & A. Harmon

## Seek Advice

When I was six weeks old my parents moved from Iowa to South Dak. where they filed on a homestead. It was a prairie country where they could go out and cut all the hay they wanted without sowing seed for it. My father had two large hay stacks in the barn.

We did not have gas like people do now, but had to burn coal and cobs,

and sometimes straw in what we called a straw burner on the stove. It would make the stove messy and it would have to be cleaned often. When we would kill one of our turkeys, Mother would keep the wings to sweep off the stove.

Now my oldest brother, who was about eight, saw the turkeys fly and decided that if turkeys could fly, he could too if only he had a pair of wings. One day he slipped a pair of Mother's turkey wings. He decided he would get up on one hay stack and fly across to the other. When he reached the top of the one he raised his wings to fly. You can guess what happened. He was not killed nor even crippled, but I don't believe he ever tried that again.

He had not sought advice. He had slipped the wings without telling his mother. If he had asked her for them, she could have warned him against the foolish play which resulted in his fall. Children are very likely to fail in their adventures when they do not get permission. Some have thought it would be fun to see the world and have slipped down the highway with-

out telling Mother or Father, only to be brought back home in fright and tears. Now Mother and Father have had many experiences and are older and wiser than you who are just beginning your life's journey. Seek their advice. They will keep you from many dangers. They, if godly parents, will also warn you of the many evils which are lurking at every cross road. Learn also to receive advice from the very best source, the Holy Bible. David said, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

—M. F.

## Listen To Advice

"Everyone take hold of hands and let us play drop the handkerchief," cried Bill.

"I am going to be first to drop the handkerchief," yelled Harold as the children began to take each other's hands to make a circle.

"No, I want to be first," Mary said.

"I said I wanted to be first before you did," Harold said.

"I'm not going to play then," said Mary.

"I'm not either," Betty said, who was Mary's best friend.

"Oh, come on, now," said Bill, "why can't we all play together. Harold said he wanted to be 'it' before you did, Mary."

"Oh, you keep still, Bill. You are always trying to tell someone what to do. I'm just as smart as you are. I know what I want to do," said Mary as she tossed her head in the air and started off toward the house with some of the girls following her.

"Come on, Mary, you can be first," said Harold.

Harold's willingness to let Mary have her way made her feel very guilty and she thought up another ex-

cuse and said, "I am too tired to play anyway." So the boys began to toss the handkerchief up in the air to see who could catch it first, and left the girls to themselves. Soon all had gone home and Mary was sitting alone on her porch feeling unhappy. She did not know why she felt that way. She began to think over what had been done and again that guilty feeling crept up over her as she thought how ugly she had acted. She said, as she got up to go inside the house, "Bill always does things to make me feel bad." Then she thought about how nice Harold was to offer to let her be "it." Again she felt guilty, but soon she was busy doing other things and didn't think of it for awhile.

Before she got into bed she knelt to pray as her Mother had always taught her to do. She was praying along, and said, "I thank you, dear Jesus, for helping me to be good—" and then her voice failed her. She knew she had not been good. How ugly she felt all inside. She began to cry and Jesus whispered to her about how she should be sorry for what she had done. She said, "O Jesus, I am sorry. Please, please, forgive me. I won't act that way any more. Please forgive me. I'll tell all of them tomorrow when they come to play how sorry I am. I'll ask them to come over and play. Please, forgive me, Jesus." Mary began to feel good inside. She knew Jesus had forgiven her. She dried all of her tears. She had now learned her lesson. Next time she would listen to the advice of others because she realized if she had done what Bill had wanted her to she would not have felt unhappy and they could have had a good time together. The next day Mary made everything right.

—M. Miles.

## Wee-Folk Counsel

Over thirty-five years ago a little four-page paper entitled, "Food for Lambs", was published at Carthage, Mo. Here are two very beautiful little letters written by the young readers of that day:

Alderson, Okla.—Dear little readers of "Food for Lambs": I am a reader of the little paper, and I love it very much. I like to read the little letters that other children write. I am not saved, but would like to be. I am eleven years old. Pray for me.

Blanche Howard

Clovis, N. Mex.—Dear readers of the little paper:—I am a little girl eleven years old and I have faith in God. I love him and when I am sick he heals me. I love to read the little letters in the paper. I love to go to Sunday School and learn more about Jesus. I want all of you to pray for me that I may be a worker for Jesus and love him better.

Your little friend, Maud Miles.

Weren't those wonderful letters? And can't we have more such letters in this day to help fill the pages of the "Beautiful Way" paper? We'll be looking for your letters next quarter, the Lord willing.—Little Mother M.

## Search Question

How many days were the Israelite spies searching the Canaan land?

Answer To Last Week's Question

Grapes, pomegranates, figs, Num. 13:23.

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Ps. 90:12.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

When Moses ran away from his home in Egypt to the land of Midian he was entertained by the priest of Midian who had seven daughters. The daughters told their father about him when he helped them water their flock. Jethro gave Moses one of his daughters in marriage and they had two sons. He lived with Jethro and cared for his flock. While leading the flock to the backside of the desert God spoke to him from the burning bush. He told him he wanted to go back to Egypt and lead the children of Israel out of the hands of their taskmasters. (Ex. 2:15, 25; 3:1, 10).

Moses obeyed the Lord. He took Zipporah, his wife and two sons (Ex. 4:20) to the land of Egypt for a short time but it seems during that time they had returned to their home.

In the beginning of our lesson we find a family reunion taking place. What time of the year do relatives try to get together? Sometimes it is Christmas and Thanksgiving. Then sometimes they get together when one relative comes from a distance to visit.

Moses was happy to see his family and his father-in-law. He kissed him and made him feel welcomed. Moses told him how the Lord had blessed him since he had last seen him and had brought the children of Israel out of the land of

Egypt. I am sure he told him about crossing the Red Sea and how God caused the waters to part, and after the last one crossed, the waters came together on their enemies. They had a wonderful visit together and Jethro rejoiced greatly for all the goodness which the Lord had done to Israel.

The next morning, quite early many people started coming to Moses with their troubles. After Jethro saw him sit there from morning till evening listening to them and judging them (giving them the laws of God) he was troubled, and knew that Moses would soon wear out. He spoke to Moses about it and told him he needed some help. He told him that he should choose out able men that feared God and were full of truth and place them over the people to be rulers over the thousands, the hundreds, the fifties, and rulers over ten; and for him to take care of the matters that these rulers could not take care of. Moses was glad for this advice and obeyed his father-in-law, Jethro.

All of us can profit from wise advice. Boys and girls can learn from their parents and others how to do things that need to be done and do them the best way. All of you can and should be helpers of your parents. Suggest some ways you can help.

—Aunt Marie.

Lesson 2, July 14, 1957

### Jethro's Wise Advice

Exodus 18:5-9, 13-14, 21-24

5 And Jethro, Moses' father in law, came with his sons and his wife unto Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped at the mount of God:

6 And he said unto Moses, I thy father in law, Jethro am come unto thee, and thy wife, and her two sons with her.

7 And Moses went out to meet his father in law, and did obeisance, and kissed him; and they asked each other of

their welfare; and they came into the tent.

8 And Moses told his father in law all that the Lord had done unto Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, and all the travail that had come upon them by the way, and how the Lord delivered them.

9 And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the Lord had done to Israel, whom he had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.

13 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening.

14 And when Moses' father in law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou thyself alone, and all the people stand by thee from morning unto even?

21 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

22 And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge; so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee.

23 If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.

24 So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father in law, and did all that he had said.

Memory Verse: Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the Lord had done. Exodus 18:9.

Central Thought: Giving heed to wise counsel may save one much time and trouble.

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Part Three

July 21

## Giants

We must trust God to help us thru  
The dangers we must meet each day.  
It may be trials, doubts, or fears,  
Hard things to bear along the way.

Tho they seem giants, still our God  
Can help us conquer, overcome.  
Old Caleb did not fear, but went  
And bravely fought 'til he had won.

The victory is ours if we but trust  
And, faithful, press the battle on.  
Big giants can't stop us, if on we go,  
For with God's help the battle's  
won. —D. & A. Harmon

## Opportunity

In the year of 1908 I was standing on the street corner in Denver. It was a bright sunny morning. A heavily loaded wagon drawn by two large horses for some reason stopped as it was turning the corner. The horses pulled with all their might but could not get it started.

Having had the experience, I knew by taking hold of the spokes on the rear wheel, and turning it, one could help a lot. Not many people were on

the street, so I went over to the wagon, took hold of the wheel and turned with all my strength, and the wagon started.

You see what a little it takes sometimes, to help some one with a great load. It is a blessed thing to always be ready to lend a helping hand when there is opportunity. What regret there would be if you failed to see the need of your hand to carry the other handle of your grandmother's shopping bag and she, having to carry it by herself got a pain in her back. Just your little help would have amounted to so much. Would not it be better to keep our eyes open for opportunities to help someone? Do not let one slip by. —M. J. F.

## Is God Bigger Than Giants?

"Whew! Goliath was big. He could not even walk in this room without stooping over, could he?" Ned said, looking up at the ceiling.

"No, he would have to stoop over quite a lot. I guess this room is about 8½ feet high and Goliath was about nine feet and nine inches tall," said Mother.

Little Jane moved a little closer to Mother as Ned asked, "Doesn't the Bible tell about another giant being real big?"

"Yes, that was the king of Bashan. His name was Og. You find that in Deut. 2:11. It says his bedstead was over thirteen feet long."

Ned ran to the closet and got the yard stick. He began to measure the divan and then ended up by saying, "Why his bed was more than twice as long as the divan. He surely was big! I don't think I would like to meet a giant like that, especially in the dark."

By this time Janie was up in Mother's arms and Mother noticed that she seemed a little frightened. Her eyes got big as Ned was talking about the giants, so Mother said, "We need not fear giants because God will take care of us."

"Is God bigger than giants?" asked Jane.

"Why, yes, God is bigger than giants. In the Bible it tells us how big our loving heavenly Father is," Mother said as she turned to the 40th chapter of Isaiah. "Down in the 10th verse it tells us about His strong arm, and that he gathers up the little lambs with his arm and carries them. Isn't that wonderful to be carried in the arms of Jesus? He won't let one thing hurt us."

"I'm one of his little lambs and he wouldn't let a giant hurt me, would he?" said Jane.

"Why, no, because he is bigger than a giant. The 12th verse tells us that God's hand is so big he can measure all the water on the earth in the hollow of his hand. Do you not remember when we visited Aunt Nettie in California and went down to the ocean, and as far as you could see there was

water? Just think how big God is," said Mother.

"Yes, and that isn't the only ocean either. There is the Atlantic Ocean, Arctic Ocean, the Indian Ocean; and, oh! just lots of water on the earth. We studied about that in school not so long ago. I think the teacher said that seventy-five per cent of the world was water," said Ned.

"Yes, that is right; and God is so big and his hand is so big that he measures all that in the hollow of his hand, so we do not need to be afraid of giants, do we?" said Mother as Janie began to smile and feel safe again.

—Marie Miles

## A Sharp Tongue

"Where is my knife?" demanded Phil Withers, as he got up to go home after an hour's play with the Weeden boys.

"You must have it—it isn't here," Joe said, while Arthur hunted through the things they had used in making kites.

Phil was sure his knife was there. Joe insisted it wasn't and hot words began to fly. Finally Mrs. Weeden called them in.

"Maybe the knife will turn up," she said. "Can't you come over after supper with your father and mother and hear Miss Helen sing?"

Phil nodded crossly and took his departure, while Arthur went off with the paste pot, and Joe gathered up paper and string.

And there, tucked away under a sticky sheet, was Phil's knife! Joe flushed. He hated to own he had been mistaken, and, slipping the knife into his pocket, he determined to find a way of returning it to Phil "unknown."

After supper his mother sent him to turn on the lights in the parlor. A neighbor, just back from study abroad,

was coming in to sing for them. Joe opened the piano and ran his hands over the keys. Suddenly he smiled, lifted the lid off the "grand," and slid Phil's knife gentle across the strings.

"I'll hide it here until I can slip it back to him," he decided, and ran off to watch for the company.

Presently the parlor was full of neighbors, and the young singer took her seat, struck her chord and began to sing.

But stop! What a queer, discordant sound that was from the piano! She paused, looked puzzled, and then leaned forward and lifted the lid.

"Somebody's chosen a queer place to hide a knife!" she laughed, with a look at the boys, "but it's sharp little tongue has spoken and betrayed the hiding place!"

"That's my knife!" cried Phil, "I knew it was over here, but I don't see how it ever got into the piano!"

Joe turned hot and then cold, but he had to tell the truth, and he came out with it manfully.

"I was 'shamed when I found it, 'cause I'd said so hard it wasn't there, and I meant to slip it back to Phil when he wasn't looking.

The older people laughed and thought it was a good joke on Joe, but at bedtime Arthur asked him a question:

"Say, Joe, what do you reckon made that knife do so funny in the piano?"

"Don't know," answered the little brother, unless it was to show me I musn't hide people's things any more. That's the last time I'm going to let a knife tell on me!"—Sel.

## Search Question

What happened to the ten spies that brot up an evil report of Canaan land?

### Answer To Last Week's Question

Forty days, Numbers 13:25

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Dear Boys and Girls,

Do you know what a spy is? It is a person who goes into the land of the enemy to see what is going on or watches others to see what they are doing. Today we are going to talk about some spies and giants.

Moses sent twelve men out in the land of Canaan to see what the land was like so they would know how to enter and take the land the Lord had promised to them. They went in all parts of the land and when they returned they brought a branch with one cluster of grapes on it. The cluster of grapes was so large they had to carry it on a pole between two men. They also brought figs and pomegranates. It was a wonderful land. They said it was flowing with milk and honey. Surely God had planned to give them a good land, but they had to go in and possess it and drive out the people that were there.

They also told the people that there were walled cities and giants in Canaan. When the people heard about the giants they became afraid. Some began to cry, others took up the cry and they were sore afraid. Caleb told the people that they could take the land—he had faith in God. He knew the God who had caused the waters of the Red Sea to part and let them go through could help them kill the giants. How quickly the people had

forgotten all the Lord had done for them when they were in the wilderness. They were so afraid they had forgotten how God had fed them manna from heaven and quail, how He had caused water to come out of the rock to give them drink, and the many other things God had done for them. They began to weep, and wept all night.

Joshua and Caleb were the only two out of the twelve spies that had faith that God could give them the land. The other ten spoke of the giants and said they could not take the land. They brought an evil report. Because the people did not have faith in God, they had to turn back to the wilderness for forty years until they all died and their children grew up. God said they could not go in because of their unbelief.

In the last part of our lesson, which is forty years later, Caleb asks for the task of driving out the giants and taking that part of the land. He reminded Joshua that Moses said he could have that part of the land. Joshua said he could have it. Usually when men reach the age of eighty-five they are ready to retire, but Caleb was ready to take the land that made the Israelites to mourn over forty years before. Caleb was a man of faith. Won't you be like Caleb?

—Aunt Marie

### **Lesson 3, July 21, 1957**

#### **Caleb Trusts God**

#### **Numbers 13:25-31; Joshua 14:6-9**

Num. 13:26 And they returned from searching of the land after forty days.

26 And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land.

27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest

us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it.

28 Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.

29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.

30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.

Josh. 14:6 Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the Lord said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadesh-barnea.

7 Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh-barnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in mine heart.

8 Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the Lord my God.

9 And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the Lord my God.

Memory Verse: Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. Isaiah 40:30-31.

Central Thought: A knowledge that we are doing God's will should give us faith and courage in facing difficult situations.

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## Little Soldiers

A little soldier I shall be,  
A brave one, too, for Jesus.  
We'll soundly conquer Satan's host,  
Rule over him who hates us.

Tho but a child, still I can fight,  
And with His blessed favor  
I'll bravely overcome for Him—  
No, I shall never waver.

God is with me, yes, I know,  
And with His power to conquer,  
We'll fight each battle to the end  
Until the way grows brighter.  
—A. Harmon.

## Otto Made Things Right

Quite a number of years ago, a young man named Otto homesteaded in northwestern New Mexico. There wasn't enough work to earn an adequate living. Exposure to cold and improper food caused him to take lung trouble. Because of this condition he became troubled about his soul, and told his father (who was there with him at that time) that he was going to California where the

saints were. At first his father did not want to go but when Otto said, "I want you to go with me, but if you will not go, I am going by myself," his father decided to go. They did not have a car or any money to buy one, but a man from Texas traded a Ford roadster for some horses that they had. A while after they were in California Otto told his brother that he wished he was good like he was. The good he wanted was the Christ shining from his brother's life. The brother told him he could be, so when prayer was offered, and forgiveness asked, Jesus saved him. Right away he asked his father's forgiveness for some things he had said to him, and he had his brother send some things back that he had taken from a camp.

There was another thing he had to make right. There was a rich man who had a pony ranch in New Mexico and Otto had helped someone get away with one of them. So he wrote to the man and told about getting away with the pony and that he had gotten saved and wanted to pay for it when he got back there. But the

man wrote him a letter and told him he was glad he had gotten saved and that he did not owe him for the pony, and more than that he had the best pony on the place picked out for him when he returned. Otto never got to go back, but died in about a month. It was well that every thing had been made right.

Otto was a young man, but he had to make the things right that he had done when he was younger. He had been taught right, but had been influenced to do wrong. It would be best to live right when young. Even a child that takes a penny wrongfully will have to confess it and make it right if he is going to be saved and go to heaven. —M. J. F.

## One Boy's Influence

A fine boy entered the army. The first night when he went to bed in the barracks, he faced a real test. At home, he had the habit of placing his Bible on his bed and kneeling down to read a chapter and pray before retiring. In the barracks, he was surrounded by rough fellows. Many of them were cursing and joking loudly. He thought that it might be wise to go to bed and then read his Bible where nobody would notice him. Then he boldly decided, "I am a Christian! I ought to be a witness for Jesus to these fellows. I won't pull down my colors. I will do here like I always did at home." The courageous lad spread his Bible on his cot. Then he knelt down and started to read. In two minutes the barracks got as quiet as a church service. After awhile, the talk began again, but it was more subdued. No one said anything about his unusual behaviour. But the next night, when he again opened his Bible, and knelt

down to pray, *eight other boys* dug out their Bibles and did the same thing! Within a month, every man in that barracks would have fought for that boy. They brought to him their questions and their troubles. He influenced more men in that barracks than a half dozen chaplains could have done in a year of Sundays! Sel.

## CAN YOU GIVE A BIBLE ANSWER TO THESE QUESTIONS?

Ques.—What time should one be afraid?

Ans.—Rom. 13:4, But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid.

Ques.—How will one not be afraid?

Ans.—Rom. 13:3, Do that which is good and thou shall have praise of the same.

—Sister Vera M. Hawkins

## Pray for A Gentle Spirit

Boys and girls, do you remember reading in your History books about men who have taken cities by their power and skill? Great monuments have been erected in their honor.

Let us read Prov. 16:32, "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city." Do you see how the Word of God counts us better than the man that is mighty and takes a city? If we are able to rule our spirit we are greater in God's sight than the mighty men of earth. Have you seen people that show ugly signs on their faces when things do not suit them? Let us pray God to help us to be gentle and have a meek spirit.

We do not want to be advertising agents for the devil. You remember traveling along the highway and seeing signs advertising places to eat, sleep, etc. If we are hungry, we can read one of those signs and it will tell

us where we can go to eat. People can read signs on our faces, too, and tell what kind of spirit we have on the inside. Boys and girls, let us pray God to give us a gentle spirit, one that is easy to rule, then we will be better than he that taketh a city.

—Annie B. Allen

## ANTS

God made all of the insects as well as the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and fish of the sea. He made the ant. Solomon, the wise man, tells us to go to the ant and be wise. Though they be little on the earth, they are exceedingly wise.

Two species of the ants that are found in America, Europe, and also in Palestine show proof of their skill. Ants build wonderful houses. Sometimes they are several stories high. And it has been found that they are built five hundred times the height of the builders, with rooms, corridors or halls, and roofs supported by pillars.

There are some species that keep a kind of cows and others have a regular army of soldiers. Some ants keep slaves. One man who studies ants said, "No closer imitation of the ways of man could be found in the entire animal economy." How wonderful God is to take note of making the ant in such a manner. They are busy little fellows, and Solomon wants us to take note of them and be wise.

—Mrs. Marie Miles

## Search Question

How many stories were there in the ark?

Answer To Last Week's Question  
They died by the plague, Num. 14:37.

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## BE STRONG IN THE LORD, AND IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT

Dear Boys and Girls,

The Israelites were in trouble. Some people (the Midianites) came into their land and when the Israelites would sow their fields with grain, the Midianites would come and gather it. They went into the pastures and stole the cattle, oxen, and sheep. The Israelites could not drive them away, and more and more came. They even brought tents and camped in the land just to live off the food the Israelites raised. So many came that the Bible says they "came as grasshoppers for multitude." The Israelites cried to the Lord to help them out of their trouble and to make the Midianites move. You would feel unhappy too if some people would put up tents in your back yard and as soon as your garden was up ready to eat they would gather the vegetables and pick the fruit off the trees as it ripened. And if you had a cow they would milk it before you could, and kill a chicken when they wanted to or maybe kill a calf. I am sure you would cry to the Lord to cause them to leave, since there were too many for you to make leave.

God heard the cries of the Israelites and sent an angel to visit Gideon as he

was threshing wheat in a hiding place to keep the Midianites from getting it. Gideon didn't seem to be afraid of the angel because he was so troubled about the thieves in the land and felt sorry for those Israelites who were hiding in dens, caves, and strongholds so they could live. Gideon was also thinking about what his father had told him about the wonderful things God had done for their forefathers. He had told him about how God had brought them up from Egypt and caused the Red Sea to part. He told him how God drove out all the enemies from the land of Canaan for them. Gideon was wondering why all the trouble had come to them now if the Lord was with them and they were His people. When the angel appeared, Gideon asked him the question. You can read our printed lesson for the rest of the story.

Gideon called for soldiers. Thirty-two thousand men responded, yet their army was small compared to the enemies in the country. The Lord told Gideon the army was too large. God was about to deliver Israel and He wanted to do it with a very few men so He would get the glory. Gideon told all who was afraid to go home, and most of them left. There were still too many, but finally it was cut down to 300 men. The rest of our printed lesson tells how the battle was won.

Learn the memory verse. You can face hard things if God is with you. God is here and everywhere. —Aunt Marie

## **Lesson 4, July 28, 1957**

### **Brave Gideon**

#### **Judges 6:11-16; 7:19-21**

6:11 And there came an angel of the Lord, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abi-ezrite: and his son Gideon

threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites.

12 And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him, and said unto him, The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.

13 And Gideon said unto him, Oh, my Lord, if the Lord be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt? but now the Lord hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.

14 And the Lord looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?

15 And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house.

16 And the Lord said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man.

7:19 So Gideon, and the hundred men that were with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that were in their hands.

20 And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withal: and they cried, The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon.

21 And they stood every man in his place round about the camp: and all the host ran, and cried, and fled.

Memory Verse: And the Lord said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man. Judges 6:16.

Central Thought: God can make us able for big tasks like he did Gideon.

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August 4

## A Prayer

I'm glad to know that God is love,  
That I'm His good child, too;  
It makes me want to do what's right  
And only say what's true.  
I thank you, Father-God, my Friend,  
For loving me so dear,  
So I can go to sleep tonight  
Without one tiny fear. —Sel.

## Love Your Neighbor

This world is becoming very cold-hearted and selfish. Many people hold the attitude: "Every fellow for himself" and "If I don't take care of myself, nobody else will." God is not pleased with such an attitude. There is a heavenly blessing in store for folks who will forget self and help others when they need it.

When I was a boy I would ride Jack, my burro, to the mill. We would put two bushels of corn in the meal sack which only left room to tie the sack. Someone would load the 120 pounds on Jack, then I would get up on top of that, which put me up in the air. It was about two miles to Graham's

old fashioned water mill. One day a big sow was near the road and stood still until we got even with her; then she jumped and said, "Boo, boo!" Jack jumped to the left and the corn and rider hit the ground. Jack started toward home. I tried to catch him but he flopped his ears and switched his tail and went on. What could I do? I drove the sow away from the corn and yelled for Mr. Carson who lived a short distance from there. He helped me catch my mule and showed his neighborly kindness by helping me with the corn. I could not help but love him for his kindness. We should each be a good neighbor. E. F.

## Our Family Hour

"Mother, what's our story about tonight?" asked James.

"I do not have a Bible story, but I do have a story that is said to be true. I want to read it to you; so do sit quietly while I read.

"It was a summer evening. A terrific thunderstorm had just passed, and it was still raining. The hotel owner was standing by the desk talking to his friend. 'We have a fine

president, and no better Vice-President could be found than our beloved Thomas Jefferson.' . . . 'Excuse me'—He looked up as a customer stepped up to the desk. The traveler asked for a room for the night.

"Now the hotel man had a vacant room, but he did not want to let this man have it. He was known to have a first class hotel with only first class people lodging in it. His customer was a tall sandy haired man. From his mud-splashed clothes he looked as though he had come many miles over muddy roads on horseback without a rain coat. 'Just a backwoodsman,' he thought. 'I have no room here for you,' said the hotel man, 'but if you go down the road about half a mile, I am sure you will find lodging.'

"The man thanked him and went on down the road to the other hotel. The hotel manager turned and continued talking to his friend. About an hour later a gentleman came up to the desk and said, 'I am calling on Mr. Jefferson. He is expecting me.' 'Mr. Jefferson?' asked the manager in surprise. 'Yes,' said the man, 'I have an appointment with him. I saw him enter, but thought I'd give him time to change his traveling clothes.'

"The hotel man's face changed its look. 'Oh!' he said, 'That must be the man I turned away. He is at the next hotel down the road.' The gentleman thanked him and left.

"The haughty hotel keeper was much ashamed. He had refused to welcome the Vice-President of the U. S. He must make this right. So he jumped on his horse and dashed down the road to the little hotel. At the desk he was told that Mr. Jefferson was in the dining room. He saw two men; Mr. Jefferson and the caller who had asked for him. Both were now well dressed.

"'Excuse me, Mr. Jefferson, but I have come to apologize to you. Had I known it was you, sir, who wanted a room at my hotel, I would have been proud to have you as my guest. Please, won't you return with me?'

"'No thank you, sir,' said Mr. Jefferson. 'I am very comfortable here. I am honored to be the guest of an inn-keeper who extends a welcome to a traveler regardless of his mud-splattered appearance. Good-night, sir.' The hotel keeper left feeling quite humiliated." (The end)

Children, this story should cause us to be careful how we entertain people. The Bible tells us about having respect of persons and giving the best seats to people because they are better dressed than others. Be kind to all, regardless of their appearance.

—O. A. D.

## God's Creation

In the Book of Ruth we are told how the people of Bethlehem welcomed Ruth when she came there from a foreign land with Naomi, her mother-in-law. They seemed to forget that she was a stranger and a foreigner. That is a good example for us. It would please the Lord for us to welcome foreigners to our worship services and to our communities. Boys and girls are coming to us from refugee camps and war-torn countries.

Some people coming from other countries in times past have helped our country in many ways. One man named Andrew Carnegie was brought to Pittsburgh from Scotland when he was twelve years old by parents who were very poor. To help out, this boy took a job as a two-cent-an-hour bobbin-boy, working 72 hours a week. Later he became a telegraph operator, and by the time he was 28 he was a

railroad superintendent with thousands of men working under him. He was a millionaire before he was 30, and at the age of 40 he was the head of the largest steel mills in the country. When he was past fifty years old he gave up his business and built 3,000 free libraries all over America, England, and Scotland. Maybe you have one in your home town. There is one here in Guthrie, Okla. When he died at the age of 84, he had given away more than 350 million dollars for worthy causes. Yet there is a sad note in all that he did. He did not live for God—in fact, he ignored God. He got his reward here in this life, but it is sad to think that he never made it into heaven because he never gave his heart to Jesus although he gave millions of dollars to mankind.

All peoples of the world are God's creation. The little Russian, German, African, English, Chinese, or Japanese boy and girl is loved by God as much as you are. God wants us to love them, too, and treat them well. There are schools where all the different races of boys and girls play and study together. That is the way the Lord wants it, isn't it? May the Lord help all of our boys and girls to love each other. —M. Miles.

## Search Question

Why did the Lord tell Moses to make a fiery serpent and set it upon a pole?

Answer To Last Week's Question  
Three—the lower, 2nd, 3rd. Gen. 6:16.

Dear Boys and Girls,

How many of you know a girl by the name of Ruth? Ruth is a beautiful name and we think so because of the beautiful character of a girl by that name who lived long ago.

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A famine raged in the land of Israel. Elimelech took his wife Naomi and his two sons and went into the land of Moab. The sons married two girls who lived there. One was named Orpha and the other Ruth. During the ten years that followed all three men died and their wives were left widows.

One day Naomi decided to return to her home in Israel. After she had started on her way, Ruth clung to her and decided to go with her to her home. She loved her mother-in-law very dearly and said, "Thy people shall be my people and thy God my God." Her mother-in-law felt troubled about Ruth going to a strange country. She felt she would get homesick. She tried to get Ruth to change her mind, but Ruth said, "I will stay with you until death parts thee and me." So her mother-in-law said no more. Ruth had made her decision. I trust that our boys and girls will make just as firm a decision to serve the Lord as Ruth did to go with Naomi and serve God. She knew that in her land they worshiped idols and she wanted to worship the true and living God. God blessed her greatly as our lesson shows. (And He will bless you, too.)

Ruth was humble and willing to go out to the fields to gather grain that the reapers had missed. She was favored by being permitted to glean in the fields of

Boaz, a wealthy kinsman of Naomi's husband. Boaz was kind to her, and through Naomi's advice and help their friendship ripened into something more. Boaz fell in love with Ruth and wanted her for his wife. After a time Boaz married her since another one nearer of kin than he refused to. Boaz then bought all the estate of Naomi's husband and sons. When they had a son, whom they named Obed (he was the grandfather of David), Naomi took him to be his nurse. Thus they all lived together happily. Do you wonder that Boaz loved Ruth? She was so kind and good to her mother-in-law, and everyone loved her for it. They welcomed Ruth to their country. Others see the kindness you show to your parents and love you for it.

We should show kindness to strangers when they come to our country. The United States is made up of peoples from other countries. We want to welcome them and treat them kindly in our schools, neighborhood, and other places.

—Aunt Marie.

**Lesson 5, August 4, 1957**

**Welcome To A Stranger**

**Ruth 2:1-12**

Ruth 2:1 And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz.

2 And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.

3 And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech.

4 And, behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem and said unto the reapers, The

Lord be with you. And they answered him, The Lord bless thee.

5 Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel is this?

6 And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It is the Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab:

7 And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, that she tarried a little in the house.

8 Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens:

9 Let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of that which the young men have drawn.

10 Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?

11 And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore.

12 The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.

Memory Verse: Love thy neighbor as thyself. Lev. 19:18.

Central Thought: Ruth's love for her mother-in-law caused others to love her.

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Part Six

August 11

## To My Little Brother

I remember, dear brother,  
Eleven odd years ago  
The Lord sent us a baby;  
Oh, how we loved you so!

Sorrow made our hearts dreary.  
When we saw your little form;  
You were lame, your knees turned,  
And that caused great alarm.

I went to God in prayer,  
Asking Him your lame to heal:  
In three months your knees changed—  
It was God's sweet holy will.

I thank God for his goodness,  
So mindful of my prayer;  
But somehow I'm astonished  
Because you don't seem to care.

Today I'm alarmed again:  
Why? because your heart is lame;  
Now please let Jesus heal your heart,  
Blot out your sin and shame.

Annie Bell Allen

## Put the Lord First

There were just so many things  
Marty had intended to get done. She  
hadn't read her Bible for the evening,

there was writing to do, and she must  
get those sleepers made for her lit-  
tle sister. She had just sat down to  
read her Bible when Daddy began to  
get ready to go over to grandmother's.  
Naturally she wanted to go too. Oh,  
I'll finish this when I come back."

But when she came back she wanted  
first of all to cut those sleepers out  
so she could get an early start on  
them the next morning. She looked  
for her material and pattern, but  
couldn't find them anywhere. "That's  
strange, I just saw them in the bed-  
room this very day. Who could have  
moved them?"

This time Marty didn't become peev-  
ed as she had previously. "I guess I  
don't need to find them anyway. I  
need to do the Lord's work first."

So she sat down and did God's work  
first, trusting Him to help her locate  
her material and pattern later, and  
He did. What a blessing she received.

Children, whenever we have a num-  
ber of things to do, always attend to  
the spiritual ones first and the tem-  
poral ones will always work out eas-  
ier. I have proved this to be true.

—O. A. D.

## A Chinese Mother Keeps Faith With God

Long before the communistic occupation of China, a Chinese pastor related the following account, which to us who have long been in China and are well acquainted with the non-Christian Chinese mind, seems wonderful indeed.

A Christian woman in the congregation of this pastor was childless. She prayed earnestly for a son. God answered her prayers and gave her a little baby boy. She came to the chapel and publicly expressed her deep gratitude to God for giving her this dear child, and she presented a gift to God's church of five dollars.

Some months later the mother brought the child to the church to give him back to God; and, in token of her joy in being privileged to present this child to God and make covenant with God for him, she gave to the cause of the gospel ten dollars. Such a gift meant real sacrifice on her part.

After a couple of years, this precious child sickened and died! What would the mother do then? She came to the chapel with a gift of twenty dollars to show her gratitude for the privilege of having had this child and the joy of the knowledge that he belonged to God and was now safe in heaven with the Saviour, where she would some day see him again in perfect happiness. —Sel.

## Search Question

Whom did God tell not to curse the children of Israel "for they are blessed"?

Answer To Last Week's Question

So that all bitten by serpents might look upon it and live. Num. 21:8.

## Answer To Mother's Prayer

During World War 1 a man by the name of Alfred V— and I went to Tennessee to work in a powder plant. It was at a place called Old Hickory, twelve miles from Nashville. It was at the beginning of the flu epidemic.

The first day we were taken around over the place in the rain, trying to get located on our job. We were given our job and the next morning we went to work. I felt so bad all day that I could hardly go, and that night we both were sick with the flu. The rooms furnished for the workmen provided closets for our things, so we left our shoes, shirts, etc. locked in them while we were taken to another place being used for a hospital. There were so many sick that several cots were placed in every room. In just a day or two many began to die and every night trucks were brought in to haul out the dead. That was a scary time for me, because I didn't know when my time might come and I wasn't ready to meet God. To keep from taking cold I would lay awake at night to keep covered up, but one night I thought about my mother who I knew was praying for me, and all my fears left. I went to sleep, knowing God would spare my life until I could get right with Him. The next morning the sun was shining brightly and I was much better.

After we were there a month we thought we could go home, so we put in for a release. When we went to get our things we found that someone had taken them. We managed to get our tickets and get home. In a few days Alfred had a gathering in his chest that had to be drained and soon I had the same. Neither of us were saved. We got along all right after

that, but I was always thankful to God and I know it was my mother's prayers that were answered in our behalf. I later gave my heart to God. Oh, how thankful children and young people should be for praying parents.

—M. J. F.

## Wee-Folk Counsel

The following is a selection from a little book for boys and girls written by Amelia C. Krug. It shows plainly how every little trait or habit can be our letter of recommendation:

"A gentleman advertised for a boy, and nearly fifty applicants presented themselves. Out of that number he selected one and dismissed the rest. 'I should like to know,' said a friend, 'on what grounds you selected that boy, who had not a single recommendation.'

" 'You are mistaken,' said the gentleman. 'He has a great many. He wiped his feet when he came in and closed the door after him, showing that he was careful. He gave his seat instantly to that lame old man, showing he was thoughtful. He took off his cap when he came in and answered my questions promptly, showing that he was gentlemanly. He picked up a book which I had purposely placed on the floor and replaced it on the table, and he waited quietly for his turn instead of pushing and crowding, showing he was orderly and honorable. When I talked to him, I noticed that his clothes were brushed and his hair in order. When he wrote his name I noticed that his fingernails were clean. Don't you call these letters of recommendation?' "

We also tell people whether we are Christian or non-Christian, saint or sinner in much the same way. Our department speaks. —Little Mother M.

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We do trust that you are praying often to the Lord. We want to thank the Lord for everything he does for us. Then we want to ask the Lord to help us say NO to the devil who tries to get us to do wrong. Each morning you need to pray for help to live for Jesus through the day and then each night you should thank the Lord for helping you to live for Jesus. And do not forget to thank the Lord for your mother. If your mother is not saved, you should pray the Lord to save her. If she is saved, you should be very thankful and thank God for her. A lot of boys and girls do not have mothers who are saved to teach them about Jesus and to pray. One time when I was having Bible class for children in my garage, a little boy came who had never heard about Jesus before. He was very glad to hear about Him and his face would just shine as I told him that Jesus loved him and that he could talk to Jesus and He would hear him and help him. I told all the children to be sure to pray every night before they went to bed. Later his own mother told a neighbor of mine (and the neighbor told me) that Tony was kneeling by his bed to pray one night before he got into bed. His mother came in and said, "Tony, what are you doing? why don't you get in the bed?" She said she felt

very embarrassed as he looked up at her and said, "I'm praying." She said she slipped out of the room. She said, "I guess that is the first time he has ever heard about Jesus because my husband and I never talk religion in our house." How sad!

Little Samuel of our lesson today had a different kind of a mother. His mother prayed earnestly for the Lord to give her a little baby. She promised the Lord that if he would give her a baby she would give him back to the Lord to help in the tabernacle or house of God. She in tears pled with the Lord to give her a son. The request of Hannah was granted. Oh, she loved her baby boy! When the time came for her to go up to the house of the Lord with her husband again, she told him she would just stay at home and care for her baby boy and when he was old enough she would then go up and give him to Eli, the high priest, to help him.

Time passed by and she watched her dearest treasure grow. She watched his every move, and three years later she took her little son Samuel up to the house of the Lord and left him. No doubt she taught him many things about God and how to listen for his voice. I am sure she shed tears as she left him, but she had made a promise and she wanted to keep it. God gave her three sons and two daughters after she gave Samuel to the Lord. But every year she went up to see Samuel and took him a new little garment. God made Samuel a great prophet and a blessing to the world.

—Aunt Marie

**Lesson 6, August 11, 1957**

**Hannah, Samuel's Mother**

**1 Samuel 1:21-28; 2:18, 19.**

21 And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.

22 But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the Lord, and there abide for ever.

23 And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the Lord establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him.

24 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the Lord in Shiloh: and the child was young.

25 And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli.

26 And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here praying unto the Lord.

27 For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him:

28 Therefore also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord. And he worshipped the Lord there.

2:18 But Samuel ministered before the Lord, being a child, girded with a linen ephod.

19 Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

Memory Verse:.. I will pay thee my vows, which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble. Psalm 66:13-14.

Central Thought: Godly parents should dedicate their children to the Lord and then let him use them as he will.

Hannah kept her vow

By giving up her son;

So let us pay to God

And let His will be done.—L. B.

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Part Seven

August 18

## The Truest Friend

When others treat me meanly,  
I only need to pray,  
And ask my Lord and Saviour  
To keep me kind each day.

When others do not want me,  
But laugh at me and talk,  
I need but just remember  
I can with Jesus walk.

He is so dear and precious,  
And is the truest Friend;  
His love will never fail me—  
He'll love me till the end.

## God Cares

To the readers of the "Beautiful Way" paper, greetings to you one and all in the precious name of Jesus:—Some time ago I promised to write you more of my experiences and God's dealings with me from my youth up.

I think I must have been about 9 or 10 years old when one beautiful morning in the spring I was on my way to school. I remember so well that particular morning. My mother had made me a pretty red and white small-printed calico dress. The waist was

made a princess down to the hips, and from there down, a full gathered skirt. I was very pleased with it.

I had about three-fourths of a mile to walk to the school house with a bridge to cross. I had gone only a short distance when suddenly the glory of the Lord shone round about me. Even the fields round about me were filled with the glory of God. I felt I was in Paradise; everything was so quiet and heavenly. The birds were singing so sweetly all around about me, too. Oh, it was wonderful! wonderful! I cannot describe in words the heavenly feeling that surrounded me.

I kept on going until I reached the school house. It was a beautiful school house, built of red brick, and a nice front porch with two doors in front. The west door was for the girls to enter and the east one for boys. But this time I entered through the boys' door because I saw my teacher sitting on the boys' side with most of the scholars standing or sitting around her.

She was my new teacher, and of course I was anxious to meet her. As

I entered the school room she looked up at me and I looked at her, and from that moment we loved each other. Some time after that, she told me that as soon as she looked upon my face she knew she had a friend in me. She was a Christian woman and would read the Bible every morning and have prayer.

About the middle of the term, when school was out for the day and the scholars were on their way home (excepting a boy and two girls who went my way) my teacher for some reason kept me with her while she did some blackboard work. My three school mates were outside waiting for me.

Finally I began to worry, for I feared my mother would be wondering what delayed my coming home on time. I spoke to my teacher and told her I must be starting for home. She said she did not want me to go yet because she had overheard the conversation of the three school mates and it was very immoral, and she did not want me to be with them. When she saw that the others had gone and that it was safe for me to start home, she gave her consent to let me go.

As I sit here writing I cannot help but think of what a wonderful Christ-like example she set before me. How thoughtful she was of my character! Just like Jesus! How He cares for us each day and sends us warnings as He sees danger ahead!

Dear fathers and mothers, keep a watchful eye over your children. The devil works through bad children as well as adults. Be careful about letting your children play with immoral children. If you do not have a watchful eye over them the devil through the immoral children will lead them to do immoral crimes.

I could write more about this, but I suggest you read Sister Marie Miles'

article in the April, 1957 "Faith and Victory" paper, entitled, "The Corrupt Tree," page three.

'Bye for this time, and the Lord willing and helping me, you will be hearing from me again in the near future.  
—Sister Wright.

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## You Always Give Me a Smile

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An old lady who lived down the street from a Christian whom we shall call Mrs. H, brought her a beautiful flower. She was somewhat surprised at being remembered by her friend in that way. The old lady told her: "You always give me a smile." That was her way of showing gratitude for a smile.

Have you given anyone a smile today? It might help him along life's way.

This dear old lady surely needed someone's friendly smile, for she told Mrs. H that she had had the feeling that there was nothing to live for. Now she has a different thought about it.

Mrs. H also gave her some good articles to read.

Sometimes we like to wait until we have something great to give before we give. Let us give what we have. A smile costs nothing, yet it does so much good.  
—O. A. D.

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## FOLLOWING THE BELL

When I was a boy we had a little grey burro which I would ride in the evening when it was time to hunt and bring in our cattle which grazed outside. There was timber there, and they would sometimes go a considerable distance from home. One cow wore a bell which they all followed. I did not know where to find them,

but would start out. Jack, my burro, had bigger ears than I had, so could hear a greater distance. Sometimes he would suddenly stop and stick up his ears and then start in that direction. He knew that the shortest way home was straight to that bell.

If you are God's child you should be as wise as Jack. The true gospel has a certain sound that your ears should recognize. When that sound rings out, it says, "Holiness unto the Lord." Many people try to preach and talk about God, but their talk doesn't have the right ring, they leave out holy living. By following false sounds we would get lost; but if we listen for the clear ring of God's gospel bell, we shall be guided to heaven.

Erle Forbes & G. R.

Dear Children,

I have been reading from Bro. C. E. Orr's book, "Heavenly Life for Earthly Living," and it is very good. Some things in it may be too deep for you to understand, but one thought so impressed me that I must pass it on to you.

A little girl had died, and as they were lowering the little body into the grave one of her playmates remarked, "It was easy to live right when she was with us."

Oh, how I wonder about us. Are we so living that we can make others glad to see us coming? Do we brighten other people's lives? Or are we so rude and ill-mannered until they are glad to see us leaving? We can be either one. Let us begin as children acting sweet and kind, then we will be that sweet old lady or old man that we so admire. But if we are rude and ugly now it will be a problem when we grow old. Let us make others glad to be in our company. —O. D.

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### Search Question

What king had a bedstead of iron nine cubits long and four cubits wide? (about 13½ ft. long).

Answer To Last Week's Question  
Balaam, Numbers 22:12.

Dear Boys and Girls,

We would like for more of you to write some more letters to be printed in the "Beautiful Way." Other boys and girls enjoy reading them, and I do, too. Jesus is pleased when we let others know that we love him and what he does for us.

Do you like to have true friends? Some that are interested in you and care how you are getting along? Then you must be that kind of a friend to them. You cannot be selfish and have friends. You should want to show your love to them and help them in any way you can.

Our lesson is about Jonathan being a true friend to David. Jonathan was the king's son and he fell in love with David after David killed the giant Goliath. Do you remember how David came down to see his brothers that were in the army of Saul and the giant Goliath would come out and call to the army of Saul and ask for someone to come out to fight with him? The army was frightened because of him, but David remembered

how God had delivered a bear and lion into his hand, and he knew that God could do the same with the giant. He went out to meet him, taking five stones in his sling, and killed the giant. King Saul sent for David. After Saul finished talking to him, Jonathan, who was there also, fell in love with this brave young soldier. They were together very much after that for Saul took David to his home to live with him. David married one of Jonathan's sisters.

After David went out to war the women met him saying, "Saul hath slain his thousands and David his ten thousands." This caused King Saul to be very jealous of David and he wanted to kill him. Jonathan told David of his danger, of which we read in our lesson.

Jonathan tried to change his father's mind concerning David later when Saul again decided to kill him, but he could not and David had to leave his wife and home. Saul hunted for him. David saw Jonathan again after that, and they made a promise to each other of continued friendship after David would become king. But when David became king Jonathan had been killed. To fulfill his promise, David took Jonathan's crippled son and befriended him, continually feeding him at his table (2 Sam. 9). Surely the friendship of David and Jonathan was beautiful.

—Aunt Marie

## Lesson 7, August 18, 1957

### A Noble Friend

#### 1 Samuel 18:1-4; 19:1-7.

18:1 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

2 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house.

3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

19:1 And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David.

2 But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself:

3 And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.

4 And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to thee-ward very good:

5 For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the Lord wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest it, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?

6 And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, As the Lord liveth, he shall not be slain.

7 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shewed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past.

Memory Verse: A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. Prov. 17:17.

Central Thought: A true friend shows his love even if others turn against you.

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## Jessie's Prayer

Jessie, a wee lass of half-past three,  
Knelt neath the shade of a sycamore tree,  
And clasping her hands with tears flowing fast,

Begged Jesus forgive her of her sinful past—

When she was so naughty to dear kind mother

And snatched her toys from poor baby brother.

"Please, Jesus," Jessie earnestly cried,  
"Make me a good girl and stay by my side

To guide and instruct me through life's thorny way.

Please, Jesus, make me your child from this day, I pray."

Soon the wee Jessie rose from her knees,  
And thanking the Lord for hearing her pleas,

With face like an angel and eyes shining bright,

Ran quickly to mother with a heart very light.

Won't you give your heart to Jesus like Jessie did, today?

And let Him lead you ever o'er life's thorny way?

Just heed the words of Jesus if you He e'er should call,

And you will find Him ever to be your all in all. —Dorothy J. Harmon

## The Chain

Bill stood with his legs apart and his hands in his pockets. He was watching his grandfather and wondering why he behaved so queerly when he put his shoes on. At last he blurted out, "Why do you turn them over and shake them before you put them on, Grandfather?"

Grandpa looked up with a smile and said, "Do I?" "Yes, you do," replied Bill. I have seen you do it before, but I never see anything come out. I have to shake the sand out of my shoes almost every morning, but you don't come on the beach do you?"

Bill was having a never-to-be-forgotten holiday with his Grandpa and Grandma at the sea and spent most of his time making castles with sand or paddling in the rock pools. Grandma did not mind coming on the beach,

but Grandpa liked to sit on a seat on the promenade above and watch the proceedings from there.

Grandpa looked up at Bill's puzzled face and said, laughingly, "I did not notice that I shook my shoes, Bill, but I got into the habit when I was in India, of shaking them every time I put them on." "Why did you do it?" asked Bill. "To shake out scorpions or centipedes, or other vermin that might be hidden there." "But you don't need to do it here," cried Bill. "We don't have those nasty things here." "I know, but you see, Bill, I formed the habit, and now I do it without thinking," and Grandpa got up and put on his hat.

Bill was rather thoughtful as they walked along the front. "Habits are queer things aren't they, Grandpa!" "Habits are very strange things, my boy, always remember a habit is like a chain, it grows stronger every day and it seems as if a bad one grows faster than a good one. If you want to have good habits when you are old, you must form them when you are young." "Is it a good habit to read the Bible every day, Grandpa?" "One of the very best habits," said Grandpa, emphatically. "A chapter a day keeps the devil at bay."

After this there was a long silence. Grandpa could see that Bill was thinking deeply. He saw his little grandson getting rather pink in the face, and then at last the honest blue eyes looked up into the old man's face and said, "Grandpa, what can one do who has a chain round him which he can't break?" Grandpa knew he was thinking about a bad habit which he longed to get rid of, but which was proving too strong for him. How glad Grandpa was that he knew the secret that could break every chain.

"Bill, when the Lord Jesus died on the Cross, He broke every chain which Satan tries to bind round you. The chain, whatever it is, was broken at Calvary. Satan can bind you with it no longer. He can only hang it round you to try to make you believe that you are bound by it. Ask the Lord Jesus to take the chain away and to set you free, and He will." Just then Grandma came up and Bill raced to meet her.

When night time came and Bill put his arms around Grandpa's neck he whispered, "My chain's gone, Grandpa. Jesus took it off me and set me free on the beach tonight."

Grandpa smiled. "God bless you, my boy," he said. —Sel.

## Wee-Folk Counsel

This week let us consider Pride and Fashion. We shall call them bosom friends. What one dictates, the other will usually follow without question. Both are of such profound importance in the role of mankind that they have become personified and spoken of in the feminine gender—especially the latter.

A writer of a half-century ago had this to say about her: "Fashion rules the world, and a most tyrinical mistress she is—compelling people to submit to the most inconvenient things imaginable for her sake. She pinches our feet with tight shoes, or chokes us with a tight handkerchief, or squeezes the breath out of our body by tight lacing."

If she had such sway over the world fifty years ago; stop a moment and think of what she is doing today. Pride usually has the first say, telling people they ought not to dress old-fashioned and in out-of-date clothing, suggesting that they would look so

much better in the latest fashionable up-to-date things.

Fashion becomes bold with her clamor for style—styles—"the styles." But listen girls—and boys, too—be aware of THE STYLES. They can be very unsuitable to the needs of the people, many times not even modest, not becoming to little Christian children at all because they keep them from looking sweet, humble, pure, and holy like Jesus.

May you little people be wise and not give heed to Fashion or Pride.

—Little Mother M.

Napoleon was a great French soldier. Under his leadership the French armies conquered nearly all the world. One day he called his best officers, and showed them a map of the world. He put his finger on a certain place and said, "Gentlemen, if it were not for that red spot, I could conquer the world." The red spot was the British Isles. Napoleon had not been able to defeat the British.

In the same way Satan has a great army of evil spirits, and he is trying to conquer every person in the world. He tries to get everybody to sin—boys and girls, men and women. But there is one thing in the world that stops him. He has to point to the place where Jesus shed His precious blood on the cross, and he says, "If it were not for that red spot, I could conquer the world."

Boys and girls, if you trust in Jesus' blood and let Him be your Saviour, the devil cannot conquer your heart. Through Jesus dying on the cross, God can forgive sin. Ask Him to forgive your sin, so that Satan cannot rule over you. He will not only forgive you, but will give you power to keep from sinning.

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## Search Question

How many years did a Hebrew servant have to work for his master?

Answer To Last Week's Question.  
King Og, Deut. 3:11.

Dear Boys and Girls,

Do you like to read good stories? We have some back numbers of the "Beautiful Way" papers, made into a book, some papers that were printed in 1949 and 1951. Probably there are many of them that you have read but have forgotten. You could give a book for a gift and would also be doing good for the Lord in giving something that would help someone know more about Jesus and the Bible. We sell them here at this office for one dollar each. They are paper bound with over 200 pages in them.

Do you know a preacher that was brought up on a farm or was a farmer when the Lord called him? My father, Bro. Pruitt, was on a farm when the Lord called him and told him to sell all and go into His work. He did what the Lord told him to do and God has blessed him. He gave all he had and what he got from selling the farm to God's work. God has taken care of him in his old age, as he will every one who gives all to Him.

Our lesson is about Amos. He was on a farm and the Lord told him to go and preach for him. In those days their farms were different from ours today. The people did not live on their farms. They lived in villages with high walls around them to protect them from robbers. They would go out from their villages in the day time to farm their ground and care for their flocks. They had oxen to pull their plows. Sowing of the seed was done first and then they would plow it under. The ground then was brushed over with thorn bushes to smooth it out. When the wheat came up it was cut with a sickle or pulled up by the roots and taken to a floor and piled up where the oxen walked around over it to trample out the grain. It is quite different from the way our farmers do today.

Amos lived in a village called Tekoa, built on a flat topped hill six miles south of Bethlehem. God called him and told him to go preach in Bethel (in North Israel) where there was a sanctuary and a golden calf. God was displeased with the children of Israel worshiping a golden calf after God had done so much for them. The priest who helped with the worshiping of the golden calf complained to the king about Amos and then commanded Amos to go home and not preach in Bethel any more. Amos was brave and stood his ground. He told them that God had sent him to preach to them that they should seek the Lord and turn from their wickedness.

Verses 4-6 tell of the laziness, selfishness, and drunkenness of the rich. God was displeased with them as they oppressed the poor and worshiped idols. Today God is displeased with these evils among us. Drunkenness is increasing and causing much trouble. (Discuss the evils of strong drink). —Aunt Marie.

## Lesson 8, August 25, 1957

### Amos, A Farmer Preacher

#### Amos 6:1, 4-6; 5:12-15; 7:14-15

6:1 Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, . . .

6:4 That lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall;

5 That chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of musick, like David;

6 That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments: but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.

5:12 For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right.

13 Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time.

14 Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken.

15 Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the Lord God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

7:14 Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was an herdsman, a gatherer of sycamore fruit:

15 And the Lord took me as I followed the flock, and the Lord said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel.

Memory Verse: Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live. Amos 5:14.

Central Thought: Let us by word and example teach against the evils of drink like Amos did.

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Part Nine

September 1

## The Bible

'Tis so good to live  
When we live for the Lord,  
As we walk in the light  
Of His Holy Word.  
His Word is a lamp  
For our weary feet;  
And it lightens our path—  
His words are so sweet.  
The Bible will guide us  
As we walk in His way,  
And keep us from falling  
By night and by day.  
Our souls are refreshed  
With this life-giving flow  
From God's Holy Word  
We see, yes we know  
Some day in that City  
That's made of pure gold,  
We'll rest with our Lord  
Where we'll never grow old.  
—G. W. Stephenson

## Following A Recipe

"Mother, I'm going to try making some rolls from the new recipe Mrs. Lee gave you."

"All right, Ann, be sure to follow the directions or you'll make a failure."

Ann went right along with the measuring: 1 cup buttermilk,  $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp. soda—"Oh, let's see. I think we had some soda, but I can't find it. Oh, I'll just use some baking powder instead; we have plenty of that."

Now Ann did not know that with buttermilk she would need to use soda as the recipe called for. She went right on adding the other ingredients. She made the dough and set it away to rise. Oh, how beautifully it rose! Well, the baking powder was just as good as the soda, it seemed. Then she made them out into rolls. She was really pleased with her success, and quite anxious to get them into the oven. But it seemed the rolls would not rise. What was wrong? "Well I think I'll just cook them any way," she mused; so she put them in the oven, hoping that they would rise from the oven heat. But they remained the same, and when they were done they had a sourish taste.

"Why, Ann, what happened?"

"Oh, Mother, we didn't have any soda, so I just used baking powder. I thought they were both about the same."

"Well, they aren't, as you see. When you are following a recipe you have to follow it closely or you'll make all kinds of failures." (true incident).

That is what happens in our Christian experience. The Lord asks us to do something and then we try to use our wisdom and do what seems almost like what he says and expect to get blessed. It will always turn out like Ann's rolls. Let us follow the Lord's instructions carefully if we would have good results. —O. A. D.

## The Looking Glass

A call from the king went out to all parts of the people to come and hear the laws of God read. The people were deeply moved because they knew trouble would come to them if they disobeyed God's laws. They also wanted to enjoy the blessings from God when they did obey God's laws.

Today we are to obey the Bible to receive blessings from God. If we do not obey it we will be punished. Do you read your Bible? I am sure you will be blessed if you do. James 1:22-23 tells us how we are to not only be hearers of the Word of God but we are to be doers. He compares it to a man looking into a glass. You know when you look in the looking glass it shows you if you have any dirt on your face and when a person gets older and has wrinkles it shows all the wrinkles. Of course some people feel quite unhappy to have wrinkles. The first Queen Elizabeth had so many wrinkles that she did not have the heart to look herself in the face the last twenty years of her life. Her maids knew how sensitive she was about them so they were very careful not to have a mirror nor a piece of a mirror in any room of the palace. Many people are that way

about the Bible. They will not read it, neither do they want anyone else to read it to them nor remind them that they are not living according to the Word of God. We should not be proud. We should be humble and look into the "perfect law of liberty," which is the Bible, and do whatever is needful instead of going away and trying to forget what we saw. Just because Queen Elizabeth would not look in the mirror, that did not change her looks nor make her have any less wrinkles. People's sins will always be there anyway, even if they try to ignore God's Word. If we don't face them here, we shall have to face them in the judgment. So it pays us to find out what the Lord requires of us and obey God's law like King Josiah did.

—Marie Miles

READ AND OBEY GOD'S WORD.

## Memorize Bible Verses

Let us talk about Timothy, one of our young Bible characters. In 2 Tim. 3:15 we learn that Timothy knew the Holy Scriptures from a child. Will you not agree with me that he must have learned a portion of God's Word by heart?

What a beautiful picture it brings to our minds when we hear children quoting Scriptures from memory.

Some time ago I was in the Johnson home when we were ready to have devotion. I suggested that we quote ten verses each. At that time Carol was five years old and she quoted as many verses as we did. I delight in children learning their verses by memory. So often we remember things better that we have learned in our childhood days. Children, be diligent in learning your Sunday School verses

by memory. Delight yourself in reading God's Word. If you cannot read, have Mother or someone else to read to you and teach you Bible verses.

Let us quote the above Scripture in full: "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" 2 Tim. 3:15. Is that not a wonderful Scripture? If we will study the Word of God it will make us wise unto salvation, also. Obedience to God's Word will save us, keep us saved, heal our bodies and make us useful vessels in the hands of God.

—Annie B. Allen

## When Another Bible Was Found

The finding of the book of the law in Josiah's day resulted in a religious reformation, and the finding of a Bible has achieved like results in individual lives. In Columbia, South America, there was an airplane crash in which a missionary was killed. From the wreckage a ragged native took away a brief case which contained a Bible. For three years he tried to read and understand it without much success. Not long ago two missionaries visited his lonely hut and were shown the Bible. The man who had come into possession of it wanted them to explain it, which they did, with the result that another soul was born into the kingdom of God. —Sel.

## Search Question

Who stood upon a pulpit of wood to read to the people?

Answer To Last Week's Question  
Seven. Exodus 21:2-4.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Have you ever been on a long trip? Your father took a map along, didn't he? And you would see him looking at that map often, wouldn't you? He wanted to be sure that he didn't get lost or on the wrong road. Sometimes a person will take a highway number that is going in the wrong direction, so you need to know the name of the next town. It is very needful to have a map, isn't it?

We are all going somewhere. We are either on the right road or the wrong road. We want to be sure we are on the right road, so we need a map. The map that we use to know if we are going to heaven or hell is the Bible. I'm so glad we have the Bible, because I want to go to heaven, don't you?

Our lesson is about Josiah who became king when he was eight years old; but he really did not rule until later. Josiah's father did not teach the people about God, and they were very wicked. They did not try to do right, and it had been so long since the Bible (or God's law) had been taught them that they had forgotten about it. They did not have a map that showed them the way to heaven. How sad!

Josiah did that which was right in the sight of the Lord and walked in all the ways that had been taught him by those who knew David. He did good and did

not turn to the right or the left, but kept straight up the right way that led to God. He wished that the people knew about God and would do right (2 Chron. 34: 3-4). In the twelfth year of his reign he had the altars of Baal broken down, the images or idols that the people worshipped ground to powder and put on the graves of the wicked priests whom he had killed. He wanted the people not to worship images, but to worship God.

In the year that he was twenty-three he had the temple of the Lord repaired. While the men were working there, they found the book, God's law, their map which showed them the way to live right. The workers showed it to Josiah. Right away he wanted it read to him. When they finished, he tore his clothes from grief. He knew great trouble would come upon them if they did not obey the Bible. He then had it read before the people. They promised to keep the laws of God. Josiah was a good king, and God blessed him.

—Aunt Marie.

## **A KING DISCOVERS GOD'S LAW**

**Lesson 9, September 1, 1957**

**2 Kings 22:3-11; 23:2, 3**

3 And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah that the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah the son of Meshullam the scribe to the house of the Lord, saying:

4 Go up to Hilkiah the high priest that he may sum the silver which is brought into the house of the Lord, which the keepers of the door have gathered of the people:

5 And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the oversight of the house of the Lord: and let them give it to the doers of the work which is in the house of the Lord, to repair the breaches of the house,

6 Unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house.

7 Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

8 And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan and he read it.

9 And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the Lord.

10 And Shaphan the scribe shewed the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.

11. And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes.

23:2 And the king went up into the house of the Lord, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the Lord.

3 And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.

Memory Verse: Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee. Psa. 119:11.

Central Thought: We should not only read the Bible but also obey it.

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Part Ten

September 8

## Try, Try Again

If at first we don't succeed,  
Try, try again;  
Hope and courage now appear,  
Till we learn it; never fear,  
Try, try again;  
If we once or twice shall fail,  
Try, try again;  
For we can, we must prevail,  
Try, try again;  
If we strive 'tis no disgrace,  
If we run, we'll win the race;  
This we'll do in every case,  
Try, try again;  
If we find our task is hard,  
Try, try again;  
Time will bring us our reward,  
Try, try again;  
All that others learn to do,  
Why, with patience, can't we too?  
If we keep this rule in view,  
Try, try again;  
—Sel. by Bro. Stephenson.

## Over and Over Again

"I want to make my life count," the girl cried, with a quick, impatient breath. "I don't want to spend it all in cooking meals and dusting

rooms—things that have to be done over and over every day, and never are remembered two minutes after they're done! I want to do something that will last."

"Did you ever think," the old teacher asked, "how many things God does over and over day after day and year after year? Day and night, summer and winter, seed time and harvest, come as regularly as the cooking of meals and the dusting of rooms. The need of forgiveness, of encouragement, of strength, isn't He but answering these over and over again every hour of our conscious lives?"

"That's—different," the girl answered, slowly.

The old teacher smiled; she had been a girl once, and she understood. "Do you remember the miracle at Cana?" she asked. "The thirty years of bare preparation were over, and the Master was going out to His public work. The marvelous baptism at the Jordan, the terrible days in the wilderness, each had borne witness that the time had come. Even the first disciples were chosen. Then

came the first demand upon the power that filled Him. What was He to do— heal the sick? restore the blind? raise the dead? tell eager multitudes of the Father's waiting love? You remember that the call was to none of these things; with a whole world to love, the first duty was merely—to help out a wedding feast."

The girl had listened with brightening eyes. "Thank you," she said, softly.

## **A Sacrifice**

Mamie was a very pleasant girl and enjoyed helping her friend Dolores who at times was sickly.

One windy day when both girls were home on vacation Dolores wanted some magazines that her neighbor had but didn't feel like going for them. Mamie was quite willing to go. On the way back Mamie decided to return by a short cut through a field. By this time the wind was blowing fiercely. She had to walk about a quarter of a mile. Of course, the distance could easily be seen from Dolores' house.

On arriving, Mamie thought she had made quite a sacrifice for Dolores and was sure she would be quite thankful for it. But instead, Dolores met her with a laugh and told her that she surely looked a sight coming across the field.

Mamie was hurt. She had not even thought of her looks at all, only thinking of how she could help her friend; and then to be met with the unthankfulness caused her to wonder.

Often people go through great sacrifices for others only to be met by unthankfulness. Think of the greatest sacrifice that was ever made—Jesus himself upon the cross. We can only know in a small way how he feels

when people refuse to accept him after the sacrifice he has made. May we appreciate his blessings more.—O. D.

## **A FAITHFUL DOG**

We lived on a farm four miles north and four miles west of Platt, S. D., when the big blizzard of 1888 left its record. I was three years old.

My father, Charles W. Forbes, with the aid of Shep, got our forty head of cattle into the barn yard, but could get them no farther. They huddled in one corner of the yard with their backs to the storm. Father sent Shep to the pasture for his saddle pony; and he barely, by the mercies of God, made it safely to the house. The cattle all froze and Shep failed to return. Three days later, when the blizzard let up, Father went to the pasture and found the pony had fallen into a gulley with only her feet above the snow. Shep was sitting nearby; both were frozen to death.

Should we not be faithful to our heavenly Master unto death?—E.E.F.

## **THANK GOD FOR SAVED PARENTS**

Boys and girls, do you ever give thanks to God for your parents being saved? You are blessed if your father and mother are saved. A praying mother is priceless. Many boys and girls have grown up to be a power in the hands of God because they had a saved mother to teach God's Word and teach them how to pray.

Did you ever read 2 Tim. 1:5 where Paul called to remembrance the unfeigned faith that was in that young preacher, Timothy? This faith had first dwelt in his grandmother Lois, then in his mother Eunice, and then in him. Is it not wonderful that Grandmother Lois served God and taught her daughter to serve God,

therefore Eunice was able to teach her son Timothy the same faith?

How far back in your family can you trace to see who got saved first and taught this truth which is the cause of your being saved today?

Does that not make us want to be faithful so we will not break the link in the chain? Suppose Timothy's mother had been careless and had not followed the teaching of her mother, then Timothy may have been lost. Children, let us not be careless, but let us watch and pray and hold this truth up so the world can see Christ.

—Annie B. Allen

## A Willing Mind

We lived on a farm and Father had horses, cattle, hogs, and sheep. Sometimes we would butcher a lamb, hang it up to cool over night, then in the cool morning, tie its front feet together and its hind feet, and put a pole through to carry it easily on our shoulders. My father would get at one end and I at the other. We carried it about two miles down to Pilot Springs, a health resort, to sell it. Just what do you suppose Father would have done without a helper?

This job wasn't such a pleasant one, for we loved the little lambs. It had to be done though. Do you ever have to do things you would rather not do? Someone has to do it, doesn't he? Won't you ask Jesus to help you, and willingly do it? If you learn to help Mother and Father willingly, you will likely obey God that way.

—E. E. F.

## Search Question

In which year did the law of Moses say the field must not be planted?

Answer To Last Week's Question  
Ezra. Neh. 8:4.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Did you ever wonder how books are made that you read out of at school? First someone had to write on paper what they wanted to be put in the book. Then they send it to the printer. The printer has it set into metal type on a Linotype machine. Then the pages are made up with this metal type, proof read, and corrected. They are then put in the large printing press that has rollers with ink on them that roll over the type after each big sheet of paper is put on the press. These sheets are then put through a folding machine and are folded. Then all the different folded sheets are put through a folding machine and are folded. Then all the different folded sheets are put together in their proper place and are stitched together by machines, and are then cut again. The covers are made and stamped by other machines, and then are pasted on the outside of the stitched sheets. The books are then put in a press where they are pressed down, and your book is made. Today we can make lots of books.

Our lesson tells us about Baruch (Baruk) who wrote a book for Jeremiah. They did not have printing presses in those days as we have, but they slowly wrote Hebrew characters upon prepared skin of an animal, stitched together, and

probably attached to rollers of wood. Baruch wrote in lines from right to left, the reverse of the order of lines in our books.

Jeremiah the prophet had been given a message from God to the king and the people, but he was not permitted to go into the temple so he told Baruch the message and he wrote it on the "roll of a book." When the fasting day came Baruch read what the Lord had given to Jeremiah to the people. Jeremiah hoped the people would listen to the words of the Lord and turn from their wickedness because God's anger was against them and if they did not turn to Him he was going to punish them by permitting the king of Babylon to come down and destroy the land and many of them would be killed, also their beasts (Jer. 36:29).

Baruch was probably a member of a family of nobility, for he was a brother of the chief chamberlain of the king. (Jer. 32:12 and 51:59). But he feared the Lord and knew the king and others should know about the trouble that was going to come upon them if they did not repent. Even though many would not believe Jeremiah's words God had given him, Baruch was willing to read to them even if it meant he would not be in favor with them.

Even if the king burned the roll it did not change God's judgments. Today if we burn the Bible or ignore it, that will not change God's word for if we will not repent of our sins and turn from them we will be punished in the great Judgment day.

—Aunt Marie.

## A DEPENDABLE WORKER

Lesson 10, September 8, 1957

Jer. 36:4-6, 8, 22-23, 27-28, 32.

36:4 Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah: and Baruch wrote from

the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the Lord, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book.

5 And Jeremiah commanded Baruch saying, I am shut up; I cannot go into the house of the Lord:

6 Therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the Lord in the ears of the people in the Lord's house upon the fasting day: and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities.

8 And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of the Lord in the Lord's house.

22 Now the king sat in the winter-house in the ninth month: and there was a fire on the hearth burning before him.

23 And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth.

27 Then the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying,

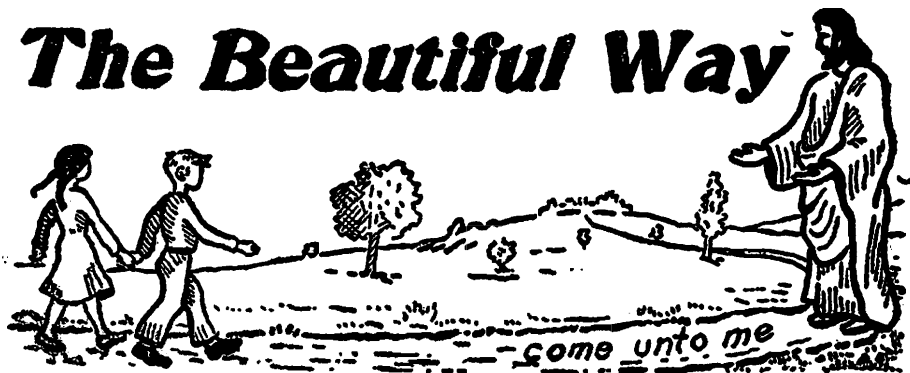
28 Take thee again another roll and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath burned.

32 Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words

Memory Verse: Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men. Colossians 3:23.

Central Thought: We can be helpers today like Baruch.

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Part Eleven

September 15

## God's Handiwork

God brought forth by His Word  
This earth so green and fair,  
No light did shine upon it  
Until God put it there.

God made trees, the herbs, and grass,  
The rivers deep and wide;  
Mountains, hills, and valleys too—  
The earth He beautified.

—Leslie Busbee.

## Getting Rid of God's Word

Perhaps you have heard the story about the lazy man whose rooster would wake him up early every morning. When the rooster would awaken him, he would get up and do his work, but he didn't like to be awakened. He tried to shut the rooster up in the barn, but he got out. When he could think of no other way to keep the rooster quiet, he got rid of him. After that he could sleep as long as he wanted to, but weeds took his garden and the poor man had nothing to eat.

God sends his prophets, preachers, and teachers to speak His Word to sinful people that they may be awaken-

ed in their souls to the danger of going on in their sinful ways. But most people do not want to be awakened. They want to enjoy the ease and pleasures that the devil offers them on the broad way; so they treat God's preachers like that man treated his rooster. Think how they treated God's faithful prophet Jeremiah! and the awful things they did to other prophets. Then what did they do to God's beloved Son Jesus?

Sometimes people will burn Bibles to keep from hearing God's warnings. Sometimes they stay at home from services where God's Word is being preached. One very bad thing that people are doing now is hiring preachers to preach just parts of God's Word that pleases them and leave out any part of it that would bother their consciences. They pay preachers for telling them lies and permitting them to be at ease in their sins.

But does all of this change God's Word? No, it will ever be the same whether we refuse to hear it or not. God's Word says, "The wages of sin is death," and it will still be DEATH even if everybody in the world would tear that verse out of their Bible.

Never try to hide from God's truth nor to destroy it; for it cannot be destroyed. If we do not face it here and measure our lives to it, IT will face us at the Judgment and there proclaim our eternal DOOM. —G. R.

## The Truest Guide

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

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

### BIBLE BIRD

P—Powerful wings.

E—Eats fish.

L—Large pouch.

I—Inhabits an island.

C—Carries heavy weights.

A—Angry at intruders.

N—Nest.

Under the law the pelican was counted unclean and God's people were forbidden to eat it (Lev. 11:18). In this Gospel period we are forbidden to commit sin (Rom. 5:12).

Let us study together the characteristics of this bird (as printed) and see if we can get some spiritual lessons.

The first letter of the bird's name is P—powerful wings. These wings are from 12 to 14 feet from tip to tip. They are very powerful because this bird has heavy weights to carry through the air. The Lord will give us some powerful wings too, but they are not feathered wings. Ours are wings of faith to carry our loads through the air to Jesus.

E is the next letter. This bird eats a special kind of food. Spiritually speaking, we eat the Word of God. Oh, how we do enjoy the good things of God as the soul eats it!

L—This bird has a large pouch which hangs in folds when not in use, underlying its bill. The pelican fills its pouch with fish and water then flies away to a desert place and sits in quietness to digest its food. Oftentimes in church services our hearts are filled with the gospel, then we go away and meditate on the things we heard.

I—Inhabits islands. By this we mean it lives on an island. It likes rocks instead of trees to sit on. There it sits motionless for hours digesting its food. That reminds me of choosing Christ (the solid Rock) to stand on. We stand there motionless. We do not mean to just stand for hours or a few years, but forever.

C—Carries heavy weights. This bird fills its large pouch with fish and water which is quite a heavy weight to carry through the air to its home. There it sits and eats and feeds its young. Many times we have heavy burdens on our hearts, but the Lord has fixed it so we can bear these heavy loads on wings of faith to Him. There we can rest quietly.

A—Angry at its intruders. When molested, this bird becomes furious, utters cries of rage and fights. In some countries when the pelican is flying inland slowly and heavily with its pouch full, other birds rob it of its food. There is a hawk that is wise to this bird's manner of slow traveling when it is carrying food home. So the hawk dashes at the pelican and frightens it so that it opens its bill and loses its fish. Then the hawk eats the bird's food. That reminds us of the old devil. How wise he is to know when the saints are carrying burdens. There he dashes at us with discouragement. And if we are not very watchful, we'll show impatience, envy, or the like, and there lose our victory. The devil then will have a jolly time because we lost the victory. Let us be watchful and defeat the devil on every line and keep victory in our souls.

N is the last letter, and we have it representing nest. The pelican makes her nest on the ground. It is made of reeds and grass. Someone tried to frighten one from her nest but she would not move. He tried to push her off, but she in return struck at him with her bill and uttered cries of rage. To me this suggests faithfulness at our post of duty. If the devil tries to push us off our nest, first utter cries to God and He will give help in every time of need. Let us not be moved, as the song says: "I shall not be, I shall not be moved."

—Anne B. Allen

There are different kinds of bravery. One is going out in the face of danger, another is not being afraid to stand for the right, and another important one is not being afraid to confess your faults!

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## Search Question

Who was riding on an ass when an angel of the Lord blocked the roadway?

Answer To Last Week's Question

Every seventh year. Lev. 25:4

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Dear Boys and Girls:

I am sure you feel it is good to be back in school and see your classmates again. After being in school with others for a school term, you begin to know them fairly well and you are glad to see them again. I trust that this summer you have been able to attend a camp-meeting or that you have been in meetings. I do hope you are going back to school with a greater desire to please the Lord. There are always those in school who do not want to do the right, and it would be better for you not to be with them so much—yet be friendly and speak. You should choose for companions those who want to obey the rules of the school and do right. God will bless you if you choose right and resist wrong.

Last Sunday our lesson was about Jeremiah and how he warned the people that the king of Babylon would come and take away the king and many of the people to his land as captives if they

did not repent of their sins. What Jeremiah predicted came true, and soon many people were taken away from Jerusalem into captivity. A man named Ezekiel was among them, along with the king. After Ezekiel was in the land, where he was taken captive, four years, the Lord called him to be a prophet and to give messages from Him to the people. His call was very definite and he told the people they should repent or Jerusalem would be destroyed and more people would be taken captive. It took much courage for Ezekiel to deliver such messages to the wicked Jews who did not want to hear them. Ezekiel knew how the people had treated Jeremiah and put him in a dungeon because he told them they would be destroyed, but Ezekiel was brave and obeyed God. They would not believe Ezekiel, and Jerusalem was destroyed. More people were taken away from their homes as captives.

After Jerusalem was destroyed God then gave Ezekiel messages of comfort and cheer to those who were far from their homes. He gave them hope of the future and that they would be able to return to their homes some day.

The last part of our lesson is somewhat like the 23rd Psalm, isn't it? It says God would be their good Shepherd, gather them from among the countries and again let them be in their homes and feed in the good pastures of Canaan.

God's true ministers today give words of warning and comfort as found in the Bible. It is our duty to obey and also our privilege to read for ourselves God's holy Book.

—Aunt Marie

## A Pastor of His People

### Lesson 11, September 15, 1957

**Ezek. 1:3; 2:3-5; 34:11-15.**

1:3 The word of the Lord came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son

of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the Lord was there upon him.

2:3 And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day.

4 For they are impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God.

5 And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.

34:11 For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.

12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

14 I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.

15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God.

Memory Verse: Ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord God. Ezekiel 34:31.

Central Thought: God will today bless us if we obey him, but will punish if we disobey.

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## God Sees You

The great eye of our dear Lord  
Is watching you, my boy.  
That ugly frown on your face  
He gladly will destroy.

Your heart has words of hatred  
Which you'd like to speak out—  
They came from the old Devil  
I'm sure without a doubt.

List', hear the Spirit bid you:  
Don't act that way today;  
Please bow down, ask the Lord  
To wash your sins away.

He will forgive you that act,  
He'll teach a better way;  
Now lest your sins grow big,  
Kneel down today and pray.  
Annie Bell Allen.

## The Strongest Man

If I should ask who was the strongest man, a chorus of voices would call out, "Samson!" and he was a marvelously strong man indeed. But he was weak in one point: he was not strong enough to keep out of bad company, and that proved his downfall.

There have been a great many

strong men since his day. Michael Vincent, who died in San Francisco, was often called the Iron Man. One feat of his was to raise eight hundred pounds from the floor to his shoulder. But it took what seemed a very little thing to break his strength down and lay him in his grave. He lifted a glass to his lips so often that he was shorn of his strength like Samson.

The really strong man or boy is one who can say "No" to temptation. "He that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city." When everything outside, as the gay lights in the window, the merry music, the entreaties to "Come on" of half a dozen playmates, are all tempting a boy into the saloon, when he thinks himself, "How I should like to go in just for once!" and yet he turns his back on all and takes a walk away from the temptation, he is really a conqueror. He is a strong boy, and bids fair to become a strong man.

Be a Samson in principle if you are ever so slight and delicate in muscle. The really strong men of the land are those who are staunch in saying "No" to things that tempt and capture others.  
—Sel.

## Drunkenness

We lived about three miles from a distillery where whiskey was made from corn. Father would take three or four barrels and buy a wagon load very cheap to feed to the hogs. In hot weather it would sometimes get real sour before it was all used up. A few times I have seen them drink so much, they would stagger around and finally lay down—drunk. The hogs did not know any better.

Are not we equipped with minds that "can know better?" Did not God tell us to watch and pray? Not only should we restrain or withhold ourselves from the evil cup, but also pride, idle words, and such a rushed life that we forget to pray. The old enemy can also get you "drunk" on these things. The hogs became helpless when they had to lie down. You boys and girls will also be helpless, useless, and will not bloom for the Lord if you do not keep a watch against those things that take your time and thoughts away from the Lord.

—E. E. F.

## Wee-Folk Counsel

Habits may be good and lead to happiness or they may be bad and lead to sorrow. Children are quick to pick up habits and many times never stop to think whether they will bring joy or sadness. Good habits bring pleasure to someone, while bad ones bring pain and suffering to those who are near and dear.

Let us look at the habits of fun-making and teasing. The two belong together like a pair of mean little twins. They choose little children, old people, and unfortunate people for their victims. And oh, how much fun they think they are having. But it is

all a sad mistake. Joy will never come from such a practice; only sorrow can be the reward for that kind of behavior.

Did you ever read in the Bible what happened to the children who teased and made fun of God's dear old prophet, Elisha? It is not a fable; it happened; and the godly man called on the Lord for help. His prayer was heard, and bears came out of the woods and destroyed the children.

Fun-making and teasing will cool off the warm sweet love in the heart and build up wicked little pranks that lead to sin. That can happen in these days, and is a worse fate than bears in the days of old. I pray, dear children, that you'll be wise and not let fun-making and teasing be your downfall and destruction.—Little Mother M.

## Ann's Struggles

People often made remarks about what a good girl Ann was. She knew they were just judging from her "company manners" and that they did not really know what went on in her heart and "hidden life." Of course, Mother knew more about her than other people, but even Mother did not know about her struggles. And even if she had known, she did not understand how to teach her little girls much about how the devil works, so Ann just could not understand what it was that made her do wrong things when she really wanted to be good. Even at Sunday School Ann did not learn what caused her inward struggles.

The Bible tells us that the "Grace of God hath appeared to all men, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world." God knew that Ann

had an honest heart and wanted to do right, so He would help her out in different ways to be good until she became old enough to understand the voice of God drawing her to Him.

One line on which Ann had a struggle to be good was in taking things that she should not. The family moved to a new home one spring, and just back of the house was a cherry tree. Ann thought there was no fruit quite as delicious as cherries. Often she would go to her grandmother's place when cherries were ripe, and there she could eat all she wanted. But on the cherry tree in their back yard, there were only a few cherries. Mother told the children to let them alone because there were just about enough for a pie. Ann was delighted as she thought of helping to eat the pie—but she liked raw cherries too. So the struggle began.

When she would pass the cherry tree, almost always a voice would tell her to take just one cherry, for just one cherry would not make any difference. So far as Ann knew, no one ever saw her take a cherry, but sometimes she would take one and then would feel unhappy about it. While this struggle was going on, she heard the song, "Yield Not to Temptation." There was no one to explain it to her, but the song stayed in her mind, and God helped her to understand that if she would refuse to listen to the voice that told her to take a cherry, she would be stronger to resist the temptation the next time. She decided to obey the song and would sing it each time she passed the cherry tree. Oh, how happy she was when she learned how to overcome! And soon that voice which tried to get her to do wrong even quit tempting her with the cherries. —G. R.

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## Search Question

How long did the sun and moon stand still at Joshua's command?

Answer To Last Week's Question.  
Balaam. Numbers 22:23.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Can you tell of a time when you dared to do right even though others made fun of you or thought you were silly? My boy just came into the room, and I asked him if he could tell me of a time like that. He said when he was young he was with a group of boys in a tree house and some of them decided they would try to smoke. They wanted him to, but he would not do it. They made fun of him and called him "chicken" etc.; but still he would not do it. I feel he was very brave at that time and firm about refusing to do wrong, don't you?

Here is a little verse which I learned when I was young:

"Dare to be a Daniel;  
Dare to stand alone;  
Dare to have a purpose firm,  
Dare to make that purpose known."

It would be good for each of you to learn this little verse.

Our lesson today is about Daniel. I am sure when you think of Daniel you

think of him being put in the lion's den, don't you? and how God caused the angel to come down and close the mouths of the lions and they did not hurt him. Then the king was so glad he was spared that he too worshiped the true and living God whom Daniel served. I think Daniel was a wonderful man, don't you? Then when we think of Daniel we also think of his three friends who with him also were captives brought from Canaan land. In this strange land where people worshipped idols we find these boys would not bow down to the images of the heathen, because God had told them not to. You remember how the three friends of Daniel were put into the fiery furnace because they would not disobey God. But God was good to them and did not let them be burned. The ropes which bound them were burned, but nothing else, not even their clothes nor their hair. But we do think it is wonderful how firm and brave they were.

After reading our lesson about Daniel and his companions and seeing how firm they were in refusing to eat the meat and drink the wine that was provided for them, it makes us admire Daniel and the others, doesn't it? Just imagine that you were in Daniel's place, and think what you would do. I am sure you would know it took courage, but God blessed them for it, didn't He? I hope and pray that all of you will always refuse strong drink and those things that are injurious to your body. Dare to be a Daniel. —Aunt Marie.

## Lesson 12, September 22, 1957

### A Courageous Captive

Daniel 1:3, 5, 8-15

3 And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel,

and of the king's seed; and of the princes;

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

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

9 Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.

10 And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which are of your sort? then shall ye make me endanger my head to the king.

11 Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishaël, and Azariah,

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

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

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

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

Central Thought: God has courage to do right for everyone who asks.

Memory Verse: Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. Acts 5:29.

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## Jesus and the Little Ones

Jesus left His Home above,  
Full of mercy, grace, and love,  
Came a Saviour-God to be,  
For the little ones like me.

He was once a little Child,  
Pure and holy, meek, and mild,  
Now I know that He will be  
Kind to little ones like me.

Weary heads were laid to rest,  
On His loving, tender breast;  
Just to show that there will be  
Room for little ones like me.

Jesus, I on Thee believe,  
To my heart Thy love receive;  
Cleaving ever close to Thee,  
Keep a little one like me. —Sel.

## Disappointments In Life

I grew up on a farm in Tennessee. We, like most of the farmers, did not have pasture for our cattle so would turn them outside to graze. In the evening someone would have to go hunt them and bring them home to milk. A bell on one cow helped us locate them. When the weather was clear we could hear it for half a mile

or more, and we could always tell our bell from any other. Sometimes it was my job to go after the cows. We boys took turns.

One evening I was sent after them and I will tell you why I remember it so well. I rode a little black pony, and I had a little black dog named Queeny that would always go along. It was a dim or shadowy road through the woods. Just then Queeny chased a grey squirrel across the road ahead of me. I always got excited when I saw a rabbit or squirrel, so I jumped off my pony and went after the squirrel which was jumping from one tree top to another. After we had gone quite a way out in the woods, the squirrel jumped down on the ground and ran into a hollow log four or five feet long. Queeny ran to one end and I to the other. I rammed my hand into the log to catch him, but he caught me by the finger instead. As you know, he wouldn't turn loose. I cried out for Queeny, but I soon saw I would have to do something myself. With my other hand I grabbed him around the neck and held him between my knees. When he did turn my finger loose, he was dead.

It was now after sundown and getting a little dark in the woods. I wasn't just sure which way to go. I thought I had better pray, so I said, "Lord, please help me to find the pony." I picked up my squirrel and went straight to her, but when she smelled the blood of my finger and saw the squirrel she got scared. When I did get on her she struck out through the brush as hard as she could go, and of course, I dropped my squirrel. I ducked my head and rode until I finally got her stopped. When I did, I went to the big road and straight home, got off my pony, and went to bed. Of course no one got the cows that night.

The next morning I went to work in the field to plant corn and one of the other boys went after the cows. I told them just where to find my squirrel and to please bring it home. I worked the whole morning and could hardly wait until I could go to the house and see my squirrel. As I drew near I inquired of the boys about my squirrel, but they carelessly replied, "Oh, we cut it up and fed it to the chickens." You can imagine my disappointment. I thought I could not stand it, but the Lord comforted me.

Boys and girls you will have many disappointments in life, but learn from your youth to commit them to the Lord. He has comfort for you. You may not have this kind of disappointment, but it may be that your doggie or kitty has been run over, or your best dollie broken, or you have had to stay home when you desired so very much to go. "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Disappointments are God's appointments.

—M. J. F.

## The Longest Candle

An evangelist was talking to a meeting of children. He brought out a row of candles on a board; a very long candle was at one end, a very short one at the other. Between the long one and the short one were candles of various heights. He said that by these candles he wanted to represent Grandfather, Father, and Mother, boys and girls and the baby of a family who never heard of Christ until a missionary came—whom he represented by a lighted candle—and then they all gave themselves to Jesus, and from that day which candle they thought represented the grandfather, the mother, and so on. They all thought that the tallest candle would be the grandfather, but he told them: "No, that stands for the baby, the youngest member in the family." Presently one little boy said, "I know why; he has the chance to shine the longest for Jesus."

Yes, children, give yourself to Jesus now, while you are young, and then you can shine for Him as long as you live, and also have the joys of His salvation as long as you live. Pray: "O satisfy us early with Thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days."

—Sel.

## Our Family Hour

"Good evening, children, how are each of you tonight?"

"Fine, Mother, remember you promised to tell us another true story to-night."

"Yes, I think I'll tell you about your uncle. Now this happened only a few months ago—last summer or early in the fall, I think.

"You see, they were needing work done on their floor furnace. During

that time a salesman came along trying to sell them a new furnace. Of course, your uncle wanted a new furnace or to have his old one fixed, but he didn't feel impressed to buy this one so he told the salesman that he would have to see what the Lord said about it. To the salesman that reply sounded foolish. He thought Uncle should have a little common sense, and told him so. But still that did not persuade your uncle.

"For several months nothing more was thought about the salesman; but one day it came out that they were being held for falsely selling furnaces. They had made lots of false statements to people, and had put one kind of furnace in, saying it was another kind.

"How thankful your uncle was that he had told them that he would have to consult the Lord. His answer was not so foolish after all.

"Children, in all your undertakings always ask the Lord to direct your paths."  
—O. A. D.

### ASK

Ask means to seek for, beg for, to request by words. Jesus has told us to ask of Him those things that we have need of. We are going to write several of the verses in the Bible that tells us to ask, leaving the space blank where it says "ask" so you can write it in as you read them. It would be good if you would memorize them.

1. " - - - and it shall be given you."  
Matt. 7:7.

2. "And all things, whatsoever ye shall - - - in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Matt. 21:22.

3. "If we shall - - - anything in my name, I will do it" John 14:14.

4. "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we - - - anything according to his will, he heareth us."

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### Search Question

In what kind of tree was Absalom's hair caught?

Answer To Last Week's Question  
About a whole day. Josh. 10:13.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Can you tell why ancient cities needed walls for protection? We do not have walls around our cities. Of course, we know that in some parts of the world they do have walls around some of their cities. China has some cities with walls. One of the reasons is that they do not have enough policemen. Bandits, robbers, and enemies of different natures would come into the city and cause trouble. It is very important and is for their own well-being to have a wall.

In this lesson Nehemiah felt very troubled about the walls of Jerusalem being broken down and the temple of God destroyed. His brother had returned from Judah and had told him all about God's city being in such ruins. Nehemiah wept, fasted, and prayed to the Lord about these things. How much he longed to help!

Nehemiah was the cupbearer for the king. As he served the king he would think about the city of God in ruins. He prayed the Lord to help him to be able

to speak to the king about the city of God. For several days he prayed.

One day the king said, "Nehemiah, makes you look so sad? Are you sick? Is there nothing but sadness in your heart?"

Nehemiah was afraid. He wondered if the king was angry with him for being sad. Nehemiah said, "Let the king live forever." Why should I not be sad? Because the city of my people lies in ruins."

The king said, "What do you ask for?"

Nehemiah prayed to the Lord quickly before he answered. Let us notice this and remember to always do as Nehemiah did: breathe a prayer to the Lord for help whenever we are in a close place. Nehemiah wanted to say the right words. The Lord did help him, didn't He?

Nehemiah was soon on his way to Jerusalem with letters to the governors beyond the river to give word for the rebuilding of the city. He rode on horseback with the soldiers whom the king sent along with him. Finally they arrived. After resting, Nehemiah took a few soldiers with him and they rode around the broken-down walls. They were lying in heaps.

Soon all were working on the walls, and the people had a mind to work. Some enemies came to hinder them, but God helped them and after fifty-two days they finished. What a big day that was! Much rejoicing was heard in the city.

We can be builders for God by doing what He tells us to do and encourage other builders. —Aunt Marie

### A Builder For God

#### Lesson 13, September 29, 1957

Neh. 2:11-12, 15-18; 4:6-9; 6:15.

2:11 So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days.

12 And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I any man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem: neither was

there any beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon.

15 Then went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entered by the gate of the valley, and so returned.

16 And the rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told it to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the work.

17 Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem; that we be no more a reproach.

18 Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.

4:6 So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

7 But it came to pass, that when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth:

8 And conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem; and to hinder it.

9 Nevertheless we made our prayers unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.

6:15 So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days.

Memory Verse: Be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work; for I am with you. Haggai 2:4.

Central Thought: Working together brings great results for God.

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Part 1

October 6

## A Letter

When you look into your Bible,  
And you read the precious Word,  
Just think of Jesus as He spoke  
News the world had never heard.

Always think about your Bible  
As a letter from above;  
Teaching us the way to Heaven,  
How to walk the path of love.

Try to live the way it tells us,  
Always love its precious way;  
Then you'll meet our blessed Saviour  
Up in heaven some sweet day.

—Leslie Busbee

## Ned's Questions

Mother noticed Ned sitting on the floor with his knee in his hand and a far away look. She continued her mending and again noticed Ned still sitting in the same position.

"Ned, what is on your mind?" asked Mother.

"Oh, what?" Ned said without looking at his mother.

"I just wondered what you were thinking about so long. Would you like to tell Mother?"

"Oh, I was just thinking about what some of the fellows said today. We were talking and I said I thought Bro. Smith (his pastor) was a true prophet of God and that he taught us all the Bible. Then Jim began to tell about his preacher at his church and Bill also told about his preacher at his church and then Mary came along about then and she was sure her preacher at her church was the best and the right one. I just didn't know how to make them know that Bro. Smith was right and that he taught the whole Bible," said Ned.

"Now, dear, you know why there are so many different preachers with a little group here and another little group at another place don't you? It is because they do not take all the Bible but one will take a part they want to take and another will take another part they want to take. It seems there is always some one who will follow a preacher that will take a certain part. One preacher thinks he is teaching the way to heaven and another preacher will say, "No, I'm telling you the way." But what does Jesus tell us? He says, "I am the

way, the truth, and the life." The Bible also tells us, "Many false prophets are gone out into the world." (1 John 4:1) Now we know there is only one way and that is to follow Jesus and obey the Bible. We know there are false prophets, many of them. We know a false prophet by the spirit he has and then we know we will be judged by all the Bible, then we know he is not leading us right. A person needs to not just take what a preacher says, but see if it is according to the Bible. Now do you not notice Bro. Smith will make a statement and then prove it by the Bible? He teaches all the Bible and we too can know that he does, because we can read it for ourselves."

"I know that Bill and Jim tells me a lot of things their preacher says is all right, and I know it is against the teachings of the Bible. I'm glad Bro. Smith teaches all the Bible—the way Jesus taught it," said Ned.

"Now Ned, if all the different preachers would teach all the Bible they would be with Bro. Smith, since he teaches all the Bible, but they only want to teach part of it," said Mother.  
—M. Miles

## *Our Family Hour*

"Mother, is there anything in the Bible about the myrtle tree?" asked Janice, who was quite interested about the trees of the Bible.

"Well, tonight will be a good time to find out. I'm sure it has some kind of value. What does your school book say about it James?"

"The myrtle tree has small shiny leaves and rose or white blossoms which are followed by black berries. Cloves, allspices, and Brazil nuts are

products of the myrtle tree family."

"Do you remember the story of Ezra the priest who read to the children of Israel out of the Book of the Law?" asked Mother. "Ezra stood upon a pulpit of wood up above the people and he opened the book in the sight of all the people. In reading he found written in the law that the children of Israel should dwell in booths at a certain time (in the feast of the seventh month). These booths were to be made of olive, pine, myrtle, and palm branches of other thick trees.

"After they heard what Ezra the Priest had read they obeyed him and made themselves booths. So you see the myrtle tree had its use in the Bible times."

"Well, I surely didn't know about that. I'm learning a number of things in the Bible just by studying about its trees," said James.

"Yes, that was found in the 8th chapter of Nehemiah. So don't forget it."  
O. A. D.

## *The Angel*

Carol is eight years old. She loves Jesus and that is why, I believe, she was privileged to see an angel. Not many, you know, get to see an angel here on this earth. She told her story before the great audience at Monark Springs Campmeeting and also in the children's meeting. Here is how she related the incident by letter to her sisters:

Dear Alta Mae and Jeanie,—Today I was sitting in the front yard under the middle tree playing with Candy (her dog). Then I looked up. I will draw a picture of how it was. I saw an angel standing at the end of the bushes. When it saw me looking at it, it walked away. The picture looked like this. (She drew

a picture.) I can't make the angel look like it did because it was so pretty. It was whiter than snow. It was a little bit bigger than Mother. It didn't even touch the ground. I wish I could see it again. I must close for now.

Good-bye. Love, Carol  
P. S. The angel sure was pretty.

W. Va.—Dear Aunt Marie,—I go to the church of God on "F" Street. I walk five blocks one way and a friend, Jerry, walks with me. My teacher is Sister Spaur. I like the Beautiful Way paper. I am living for the Lord. I am twelve years old.

Aunt Marie, I want to tell you how the Lord answered my prayer. My little parakeet got away. He was gone one night. I hadn't been going to Sunday school often then. I told the Lord if He would bring my bird back I would go to Sunday school more often. My little bird said many words. One thing he said was, "Praise the Lord." My little bird came back the next day.

Your friend, Jimmy Young

Kans.—Dear Sir,—I am ten years old. I would like it if you would send me your 40 different tracts and also paper, "Faith and Victory." I was reading one of your tracts when I got saved. A little girl gave it to me.

Your friend, Thelma Scott

Kans.—Dear Aunt Marie,—I thank the Lord for helping me. I asked the Lord to give me a bicycle and I told Him that I would testify for Him.

Love, Carol Harmon

## Search Question

What two men held up Moses' hand when Israel fought with Amalek?

Answer To Last Week's Question  
Oak. 2 Sam. 18:9.

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Dear Boys and Girls,

Our lesson today is taken from parts  
of a letter written to the saints or  
church in Corinth and also to us. It is  
called 1 Corinthians in our New Testa-  
ment.

Corinth was one of the largest cities  
in ancient Greece. It also was a very  
wicked city. In Acts 18:1-18 we read  
about Paul first coming to that city. He  
lived with Aquilla and his wife, Pris-  
cilla. Since Paul was a tentmaker, they  
worked together.

On every sabbath Paul reasoned with  
the Jews in the synagogue. He told  
them that Jesus was the Christ but they  
did not want to accept Him. Paul left  
the synagogue and worshipped with  
those who believed in Justus home. Many  
of the Corinthians believed and were  
baptized. Paul stayed there a year and  
six months and taught the people. After  
he left a man named Apollos came to  
Corinth. He had only heard about the  
baptism of John but was fervent in the  
spirit. Aquilla and Priscilla took him  
aside and expounded unto him the way  
of God more perfectly. He was a pow-  
erful preacher for the Lord.

Some time later Paul visited Corinth  
again and then for two years he labored  
in Ephesus, in western Asia Minor. That  
was not far from Corinth, as people went

back and forth by boat. Some people came to him there from the church at Corinth with a letter asking him questions. In order to answer their questions and also to give advice about some other things he sent them back the letter which we are studying about today. This letter was so valuable that they preserved it and we have it today.

In our lesson which, is a part of that letter, Paul speaks about Chloe who had told him about the contentions they were having there among them. It seemed that some said they were of Paul, and others said they were of Apollos. Another was of Cephas or Peter, and another of Christ. Which one, do you think, was it right to be of? Paul was a good man and no doubt was the first to tell many of them about the plan of salvation. Apollos was a good man and loved the Lord fervently also. Then some loved Peter who was used on the day of Pentecost to bring the message of salvation to all nations. Was it right for them to say they were of these men? Is it right for you to say I am of this preacher or that preacher? I say, "no." Paul said, "Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you?" We want to be of Christ, don't we? He died on the cross for us. Let us always give Jesus the first place in our hearts.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 1, October 6, 1957

### A Letter for Us

1 Cor. 1:1-3, 10-15, 21-25.

1 Cor. 1:1 Paul called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,

2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name

of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

3 Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

11 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.

12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and, I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.

13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

14 I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius;

15 Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name.

1 Cor. 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Central thought: Paul did not want honor for himself.

Memory Verse: We are labourers together with God.

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## LOVE

"God is love," how well we know!  
And we must ever let it show.  
Words and thoughts and actions too,  
Will please God, with love in view.

Patient love that's kind and true,  
Helping us the whole day through,  
Shows some soul the narrow way,  
Points them to a happy day.

So let us keep the love of God,  
And walk the path that Jesus trod;  
Scatter love where e'er we go,  
Help people now the truth to know.  
—Leslie Busbee

## The Chocolate Cake

Mother promised the children that on Jeanne's birthday they would put their dinner in a basket and take it to the park to eat. The day came at last! Mother had been busy for two days preparing good things to fill the big lunch basket. Today, she had got up at daybreak to start the home-made bread that would be used in the sandwiches, and the rolls that

would be filled with cinnamon and raisins. Yum! Yum!

Now, it was nine o'clock, almost the time to leave for the picnic. From the kitchen came the fragrant smells of ham, baked beans, and chicken. Mother walked into the dining room. Her face was red and perspiring. She was carrying a plate on which was a big chocolate cake. Carefully she set the cake on the table. She said, "Do not touch this cake. I want it to cool a little so the icing will harden. Then I can put it in the basket."

Just then Mother spied her two little boys, Robert and Ralph. She said, "Come with me. I have a few minutes now to get you ready for the picnic." She went upstairs with them and scrubbed their faces and hands. Then she had them put on the little suits which she had made for them, and brushed their hair. She said, "Boys, I want you to go downstairs and sit in the rocking chairs on the porch while I finish getting ready for the picnic. Be good boys. Do not go away. Do not get dirty. Just sit quietly in the chairs and talk. I will change my dress and comb my hair

and then we will go to the picnic." Meekly, the little boys went downstairs.

Soon Mother came down the stairs, humming. She would put the things into the basket, and then they would leave. Mother went into the dining room to get the cake. When she saw the cake, her heart was filled with dismay. Someone had dug all the chocolate off the top of the cake! Mother had to find the culprit. Hurrying to the porch, she found Robert sitting in the rocking chair. His hands and face were clean. She asked, "Where is Ralph?" Robert replied, "I don't know." Then the search began. Mother called Ralph, but there was no answer. She looked into the yard for him. She looked in the barn. She looked in the kitchen. She looked in the bedroom. Nowhere was Ralph to be seen.

As Mother walked into the dining room again, she chanced to look under the dining table. There she saw Ralph. Ralph came out of his hiding place. What a sight he was! There was chocolate all over his face, his hands, and his suit!

Well, you can guess what happened. Ralph had to be punished. Then he was taken upstairs, where his face and hands were scrubbed for the second time, and a clean suit was put on.

In a little while they started, but the basket looked a little empty because the cake was missing. For a while the children were quiet. They were thinking about what had happened to the cake and to Ralph. No one could disobey Mother and get away with it. No one could hide in the house where Mother could not find them. It was better to obey.

Did you know that no one can hide from God? David says in the

Bible: "Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from Thy presence? If I ascend up into Heaven, Thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, Thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from Thee" Psalms 139:7-12.

## Don't Be a Bear

As I passed along the street the other day I saw a big picture of a bear beneath which were the words, "Don't be a bear. Don't growl. Your growling will scare away the people who help you."

My thoughts reverted at once to an incident which had come under my notice shortly before. A young man who had many fine points and good qualifications was especially anxious to secure a certain position, for which there were many applicants.

"What do you think of Breton Wesley?" asked the prospective employer of his son.

"He'd be great, Dad, if he didn't do so much growling! The fellows just sort o' dropped him. Nobody enjoys a bear even if he is smart."

"Nor wants to employ him, either," mentally commented the elder man.

Growling may be all right for a bear, but it never accomplishes anything desirable for men and women. Growling and complaining about the way things go at home, in the office, or in the shop will not better conditions there one iota. The only effect such growling will have is to make things still worse.

Growling does not get you what you want. It really keeps you from getting it. So why be a bear? Why growl?  
—A. C. H.

### **"With Love"**

A young girl picked the very nicest flowers from her flower garden for her teacher.

"These are just beautiful!" the teacher exclaimed with delight. "But why do you bring me such lovely flowers?"

"Because I love you," she said.

When you love a person, you will give him your very best. Do you love Jesus enough to offer Him the best things in your life?

Give of your best to the master;

Give of the strength of your youth;

Clad in salvation's full armor,

Join in the battle for truth.

### **Going Halves**

A gentleman gave a boy a dollar. "Now you must keep it," said the man.

"Oh, no," said the boy. "I shall divide it first. Maybe I shall keep my half."

"Your half?" asked the gentleman, "Why, it is all yours."

"No," answered the boy. "It is not all mine. I always go halves with God. Half I shall keep, and half I shall give to Him."

"Why do you do that?" the man asked.

"Because I love Him," the boy answered. "Sometimes when my mother gives me money for a candy bar, I give her half of my candy, I don't have to give it to her, but I do because I love her. And I give my money to Jesus because I love Him, too."—Sel.

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### **Search Question**

Upon what Mount did the Lord come down to talk with Moses?

Answer To Last Week's Question

Aaron and Hur, Ex. 17:12

Dear Boys and Girls,

Before Jesus came Solomon built a temple, which is a large building for part of God's presence to dwell in, so He could dwell among His people. God loves His people and He wants to be with them. When Jesus came and died on the cross, God's presence moved out of the temple that Solomon built and the veil that separated the Holy place from the most Holy was torn apart meaning that now everyone who is born again can enter in and be filled with God's Spirit. Our bodies now are the temples of God. His Spirit is with us in justification and in us when we are sanctified. (John 14:17)

Our lesson tells us that we are bought with a price. That price was the blood that Jesus shed on the cross that we might be saved. He died that we might not go to that place of torment forever. Oh, how we should glorify Him and love Him! He showed His great love to us.

Now we should be real careful how we live when we know that God's pres-

ence is with us. We want to be kind, gentle, and loving, just like Jesus. Just imagine that some day you were some other naughty child and were doing and saying things that were not right. And then suddenly you discovered that your mother was near and was seeing and hearing everything. How do you think you would feel? If you would feel ashamed before your mother, how much more should you be ashamed before God, who not only sees your deeds and hears your words, but looks down into your heart and knows what you think and how you feel. God sees every mean and selfish desire which you have. And when you feel that way after you have done wrong you want to right away ask God to forgive you and tell Him how sorry you are that you have done wrong. He will be so glad to forgive you and erase the wrong you have done from the big book he keeps.

The most of our lesson tells us how love acts. The word charity means love of the most noble kind. It is the love that God causes us to feel when His Spirit dwells within us. When we have this kind of love we want to be kind and loving. We do not desire to have things that belong to others and we are not puffed up and do not want to always have our own way but want others first. We do not want to do wrong to those who do wrong to us. Never forget that if we have God's love in our hearts and body, which is the temple of God, we will act right.

—Aunt Marie

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### How Love Acts

1 Cor. 6:19-20; 13:4-13

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost

which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

13:4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

7 Beareth all things believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Central Thought: We want to keep bodies and minds pure, and do only those things which show love for God and others.

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

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## God's Preacher

When you are at a meeting,  
And the preacher takes the stand,  
Listen closely to him,  
And help him all you can.

The Lord gives him a message  
To give to one and all,  
It may be part for you,  
To keep you from a fall.

Don't visit while he's preaching,  
Give ear to every word;  
Remember, then, to live by  
The things from him you've  
heard.

—Leslie Busbee

## Our Ministers

There is no one like the true minister of God. You should love them and respect them. They are interested in your every problem. You can go to them and tell them of your trouble and you will find he or she will pray for you and with you. Your trouble is their trouble and your joy is their joy.

You do not know the many times they weep and pray for you and others. They stand between your soul and the enemy many times. Many times you do not know it but they see you near trouble and they pray for you and they rejoice when they see you stirred to do better.

Yes, we find some boys and girls who make fun of the preachers. Maybe because they do not look just like they want them to look or have some peculiarity about them. Maybe they laugh at their tears or earnestness. May the Lord help you to never be guilty of such. God will hold you accountable for it.

One minister watched a young man who had been successful in business; begin to drink and nearly destroyed his life and family. One day he found him in a bar drunk. He took him home and sat by his bed most of the night. In the morning he came to see him and the man gave his heart to the Lord. Twenty years later the minister sat by his bed while he passed away. Several years later this man's daughter wrote to the minister, "You'll never know what we

owe to you as a family and what I owe to you as a daughter of my father. You not only saved him, but you saved our home."

Let us thank God for our ministers who are working for the souls of boys and girls, men and women.

—Mrs. M. Miles

## Mother Sarah Smith

I was born in Summit Co., Ohio, Sept. 20, 1822. I was reared a strictly moral girl. My education was limited. I was taken into a sect at the age of fourteen but knew nothing about the forgiveness of sins. I never went to but one show, and never danced in my life, and never used profane language. There was a disposition in me to be good, but I did not know how; so with all my good desires and morality I was a sinner, and when God convicted me of my sinful condition I felt as if I was the chief of sinners. It was in a wonderful and mysterious way that God convicted me of my sins. He permitted a great windstorm to sweep through the country. It was one Friday night in the year 1842. As the storm raged, I did not know but what I would be killed, and felt that, would my life be destroyed, hell would be my doom. In the midst of that raging storm I cried to God for mercy.

On Saturday, after God convicted me on that Friday night, I received a message that a brother of mine was at the point of death. The Lord convicted him of his sins; so he sent for a minister and an uncle of mine that was converted, and they prayed and labored with him all afternoon on Monday, but he did not receive anything. Oh, how I wished them to pray for me! but they did not. The prayer of my heart was that I must be saved. I felt I could not wait for a

meeting. In the evening the neighbors gathered in until the house was full, that they might see my brother die. He was so low that he could not speak above a whisper, but he was praying in his heart. Suddenly he opened his eyes, leaped from his bed praising God and went leaping and shouting through the house, preaching and telling sinners to get saved or hell would be their doom. When he came to me he threw his arms around my neck and said, "Sarah, you must repent or be lost." I fell on my knees and called unto the Lord for mercy, asking him to save me from my sins. When the awful burden of sins was taken from my heart and God spoke peace to my soul, I sprang to my feet, seeming as light as a feather. Oh, how God did fill my soul with joy and glory and such sweet peace that I walked the floor praising God! One man said he just happened to look at the clock when I fell upon my knees. He said it was fifteen minutes till nine, and while the clock was striking nine, I sprang to my feet a new woman. Oh, hallelujah! I feel that same burning spirit in my soul just now, and can not refrain from praising God for his wonderful love and mercy and his goodness that he has shown to me all my life time.

The man that watched the clock said he was going to watch that fifteen-minute religion, and if it would hold out he would be convinced that there must be something in it. Later he did get saved. He testified that he had been watching that fifteen-minute religion for years and that it had been growing brighter all the time. Praise God! I received such an experience in my justification that the devil never undertook to make me doubt for a single moment. I received the witness that I was God's child,

although the devil tried in many ways to discourage me by persecution and turning friends against me, by saying all manner of evil against me falsely for Christ's sake.

—Condensed by M. Miles

## The Sundew

The sundew is a small yellow flower. It comes of quite a respectable family, but it is a cannibal! It is too lazy with its roots to get food out of the ground as all the other honest plants do, so it sets traps all over its leaves and sends out a sticky stuff on them, with which to catch flies to eat.

If the sundew had taken the trouble to grow long roots it could get all the food it needs from the earth. But it is too lazy to work. Some boys and girls are just like the sundew. They are too lazy to work at school, so they just cheat and "pick the other fellow's brains." Those who live for Jesus will refuse to be like that.

## Search Question

What was Orman doing when he saw an angel of the Lord?

Answer To Last Week's Question  
Mount Sinai, Ex. 19:20

Dear Boys and Girls,

We are so interested in reaching all the boys and girls that we can. We feel there are many boys and girls that do not know about Jesus and His power to save. We feel God wants each one of you to be workers for Him. Don't you think you could deny yourself of some candy, ice cream or something to help some other child to receive the Beautiful Way paper? That will be your way of working for the Lord. Maybe your Sunday school teacher could help you,

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or your mother. Send us your friend's name and 60¢ and we will send them "The Beautiful Way" paper for one year. That means they will have a little paper for each week in the year. If they read just a few of the papers then you will have done your part in helping them to know about Jesus. We are going to make an offer. If you will send us a subscription and mention that you would like to have the award for doing that we will send you a pretty little book mark to put in your Bible. If you can send more than one name we will send you two book marks that are different. You not only will receive a blessing from the Lord but will receive a book mark. Will you work for Jesus?

Our lesson today is about God's preachers. What is the name of those who preach to you? Did you know that they are sent of God? Preaching the Word of God is a special calling from the Lord. It's a fearful thing to preach something that would lead someone wrong so the preachers have to be careful. They must be sent of God. They do not preach just because they want to but because God tells them to. Like Apostle Paul said in our lesson, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel!" If he does not tell others that Jesus died on the cross for them and rose again the third day he will have to give an account of it in the Judgment. The

preacher that is sent of God must tell you what the Bible teaches even if you do not want to receive it. Sometimes it is hard for the preacher to expose people's sins and evil doings but he must do that. So you do need to pray for the preachers.

God has placed some preachers as pastors. A true pastor is one who visits the saints and others encouraging them and helping them in their problems. The saints feel free to go to them with their problems and they know they will receive understanding and help.

Apostle Paul also tells the saints they are to give the preacher money since he gives his time to the work of the Lord. Don't forget this and the Lord will bless you. —Aunt Marie

### Lesson 3, October 20, 1957

#### The Christian Minister

1 Cor. 9:1, 2, 13-23, 26-27.

1 Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord?

2 If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord.

13 Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?

14 Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

15 But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void.

16. For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

17 For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.

18 What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.

19 For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.

20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;

21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law.

22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

23 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.

26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

27 But I keep under my body and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Central Thought: If God's preachers help us in spiritual matters we are to help them with our temporal things.

Memory Verse: How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? . . . and how shall they hear without a preacher? Romans 10:14.

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## Do We Love Jesus?

Lord Jesus I love you  
With all of my heart;  
From the strait narrow way  
I will never depart.

I am living for Jesus,  
I walk in His way;  
My life is victorious,  
What a sweet blessed way.

Little children, love Jesus,  
He will be your best Friend;  
He will always be with you,  
Even unto the end.

Let us all work together,  
For Jesus our Friend,  
Then He'll take us to heaven,  
Where His blessings never end.

—G. Stephenson

## Take Heed Lest You Fall

John hurried on to school. As he passed the little path in the woods that led off to his hiding place where he had been stopping to pray something said to him that he could not stop today because the boys might be

gone by the time he reached the road. Then he would have to walk to school by himself. Not that he was afraid but he liked company. As he paused, the little voice said that he was strong enough today because he had prayed yesterday. So John went on feeling strong in himself.

When he reached the road the boys were coming and he waited, wishing he had stopped and prayed but put the thought aside. When they came they had some beanie shooters and were walking along shooting rocks at the things they saw. One of the boys let John shoot his just before they reached widow Johnson's house. One of the boys said, "Let's shoot at her house all at once and scare her." And one of the boys counted and John, with the others, shot at her house. He had no more than finished until he felt bad inside. He knew that was wrong and he wished he had not done it. He no longer wanted to shoot the bean shooter. He handed it back to the boy and walked along with them with a heavy heart. He thought how awful it would be if his own mother lived alone and the

boys would do that. Then he thought that maybe they might do that to her some day when she was old and he would be gone. Oh, how badly he felt!

Now he wished he had stopped and prayed. He knew he would have been strong and would have thought before he did that and he would not be feeling so badly. He now knew that the devil had been whispering to him to hurry on because the boys would have been gone. He now knew he had went on feeling strong in himself. He felt he was strong enough to not fall without the Lord helping him. By this time he had lagged behind the boys as they went on, finding other things to shoot at. As he looked up and saw that they were occupied he stepped off the road and went into the woods a ways and knelt behind a tree and asked the Lord to forgive him and help him to be strong and not do things that he should not. He told the Lord that he would not listen to the devil to not pray but would always ask Him to help him to do the right things from now on because he had learned his lesson.

Boys and girls, if you will always remember the verse in 1 Cor. 10:12 which says, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall," you will not obey the devil when he tells you that you do not need to pray.

—Mrs. M. Miles

## Conscience

A ship once foundered on a rocky coast, was broken up by the force of the waves, and one of the passengers was thrown into the sea. He succeeded in laying hold of a plank of the ship, and clung to it desperately, but he was thrown hither and thither

at the mercy of the waves; now above, then below the water. As he was on the point of drowning, he suddenly cried out, "Mother, I did take the currants. Yes, I did it."

At that very moment he was picked up by a lifeboat that had gone out to the wreck, and was brought to land. When he had recovered himself a little he was asked what was the meaning of his drowning cry. Discovered, he remained silent a little, but finally replied: "You were surprised at my cry and I also am surprised no less. In my youth I once stole my mother's currants, and denied it afterward. I never once thought of the matter all my life since. But just at the moment when my strength was leaving me, and I could think of nothing else but that I was going to die, there stood my mother before me with serious looks, asking me about those currants."

That is a little example of the memory of man, as well as the language of conscience. That man was afraid when, in the face of death, his conscience reminded him of the theft in his youth.

But what would it be to see his whole life with all its black spots in the light of eternity, and stand before the throne of judgment when each unsaved one receives according to what he has done?

"Son, remember," said Abraham to the rich man who was in torment. Remember, remember! Oh, what a fearful remembrance there, in the place of suffering where there is no more hope, where no ray of light penetrates the thick darkness.

God knows all about your sins—even the ones you have forgotten, and He offers to forgive them all. The precious blood of Jesus can wash them

away forever, and then you can rejoice in that verse, "Their sins and iniquities will I remember no more."

## Children Obey Your Parents

Leota was very obedient at home and wanted her brothers to be, too. One day their mother was gone from home. They heard the fire engine and saw the fire was not far away. The boys went running, and started to go to the fire. A neighbor saw them and she saw Leota running, too. Leota caught up with her brothers and told them to come back, for she said, "You know Mama wouldn't want you to go." They listened to her and did not go.

She had learned this verse: "Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing unto the Lord."  
—Aunt Vera.

## The Strong Helping The Weak

A lot of rocks and sticks lay over the lawn that belonged to an old grandma in the neighborhood where Gerald lived that had been thrown there by thoughtless boys. Gerald knew Grandma was not able to pick up the rocks and things, so he took his rake and wagon and cleaned the lawn, then got his father's lawn mower and mowed the lawn.

He was a Christian boy and knew children should respect old people. He didn't go to her door and ask her to pay him, but she was glad to have such a good neighbor boy, and did give him a little.  
—Aunt Vera

## Search Question

How much did King David pay Ornan for his threshing floor?

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Threshing wheat, 1 Chron 21:20

Dear Boys and Girls,

In the days that Apostle Paul lived there were huge idols or images that people worshiped instead of God. They would bow down to them and also would kill animals and lay them on the altars before these gods so as to win their favor they thought. It seems so strange to us today because we know that a piece of stone or something made by man doesn't have any power to help us or doesn't even have life. But in those days thousands of people believed that and would offer animals as sacrifices to these idols. Then this meat that was offered to the idol was sold and people would buy it at the market places. It was a real problem in those days to find meat to eat that wasn't first offered to idols. Now offering this meat to the idol didn't hurt the meat any but the thought that the Apostle Paul wants to bring out is that if a heathen who was just converted would see you eat this meat that had been offered to an idol, he might think it was all right to eat it too with the thought of worshipping the idol. The thought the heathen had of giving praise and worship to the idol would be wrong, not the eating of the

meat. So Apostle Paul says that it would be better to not eat any meat as long as a person lives than to cause your weak brother who just lately got saved to eat the same meat with the thoughts of worshiping the idol (1 Cor. 8:13). Apostle Paul doesn't want us to give an offense to any person, but whatsoever we do to do all to the glory of God.

You may say that you could buy neighbor Jones a package of cigarettes since he would give you an extra nickel for doing that, but what if Jerry, who goes to school with you, sees you carrying that package of cigarettes home and concludes that you are smoking and that makes him decide to smoke, how much do you think the Lord would hold you responsible? It might be lawful for you to do that but is it expedient or best? (verse 23) I would say it wasn't best because you made your friend stumble. God wants us to do all things to His glory and touch not those things that would cause others to stumble. Don't you think that is the best way?

Pray much, boys and girls. Don't feel you are strong enough to always do the right but you need the Lord to help you to decide each moment the right things to do. I'm glad for the boys and girls that live for the Lord and may God bless you richly and make you strong, not only for yourselves, but strong so you can help others. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 4, October 27, 1957

Be Strong for Ourselves and Others

1 Cor. 10:12, 13; 23-33

12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you

to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

23 All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

24 Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth.

25 Whatsoever is sold in the shambles, that eat, asking no question for conscience sake:

26 For the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.

27 If any of them that believe not bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go: whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no questions for conscience sake.

28 But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake: for the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof:

29 Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of another man's conscience?

30 For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks?

31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

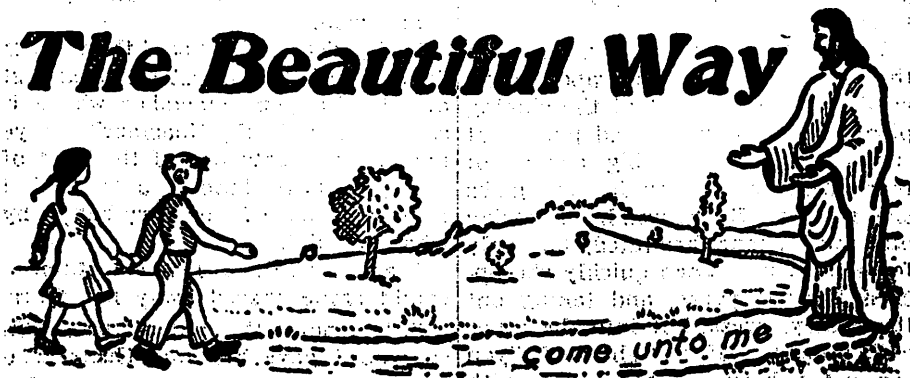
32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:

33 Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

Central Thought: We should do nothing which will tend to lead others astray.

Memory Verse: Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth (or good).

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## Why We Bring Our Gifts

When Jesus went to Heaven above  
So many years ago,  
He left a message for us all  
Who follow Him below.

"Go teach all nations," Jesus said,  
"And tell them how I came  
To save from sin and give them life  
Who love the Saviour's Name."

And that is why today we bring  
Our gifts, both great and small,  
To send this Word of Jesus' love,  
Who died to save us all.

## Four Pennies for Him

Diana was on her way to Sunday School, feeling very happy. She wore the new red coat she had received for her birthday. In her new red purse was a bright, shiny fifty-cent piece. It was her birthday offering for Sunday School. Diana had saved the pennies herself and that very morning her father had given her the half-dollar in exchange for them.

Each member of her class gave a

birthday offering every year. The offerings were "Thank You's" to Jesus for all the blessings they had received from Him throughout the year.

Diana had more to be thankful for than many of her classmates. Her heart was singing a little song as she skipped along thinking how glad she was to give Him the offering she had saved.

As she went by the fruit shop Diana saw a girl staring into the window filled with delicious fruit. The girl was pale and thin, she wore a shabby little sweater and her head was bare. Diana felt very sorry for her shivering there in the cold. As she passed by, the girl turned from the window, and there were tears in her eyes.

Diana stopped. "What are you crying for?" she asked gently. The girl only shook her head and began to sob. "Please tell me, I want to help you," Diana urged.

Finally the girl stopped crying and held out her hand. In it were four brown pennies. "They're all I have," she said sadly, "and tomorrow is Mother's birthday—an' she's sick. I wanted to buy her some grapes, but these few pennies won't buy any," she

added, looking at the pennies with tears in her eyes.

Diana looked at the girl, then at the clusters of luscious grapes in the window. She thought of the shining piece of money in her red purse. It surely would buy a big cluster of those delicious grapes for the girl's sick mother. But it was her birthday offering. Diana hesitated, but only for a moment. Then quickly she opened her red purse, and taking out the money, pressed it into the other child's hand. "Here," she said, "you can get a beautiful big bunch with this. Now early Monday morning you can come to the store and get them."

The girl looked at Diana through tears. "You're very good," she said. "I'll take your money if you'll take mine," she added, and she thrust the four pennies into Diana's hand.

Diana ran down the street toward the chapel. When she arrived she began to feel ashamed of the four little brown pennies that were all she had to give. "It's too little for a birthday offering," she said to herself. The more she thought of it, the worse she felt. By the time she reached her classroom door, Diana was about to cry. She had given away her "Thank You" money—now she had only four pennies for Him. He would think she did not love Him.

She stood outside the door for a long time. She was standing there when her teacher opened the door and saw her.

"Why, Diana, what is the matter?" she asked.

Slowly Diana raised a puzzled face to her teacher, then she told of meeting the girl in front of the fruit shop.

"I wanted the sick lady to have the grapes. Now I have only the four pennies to give Him for all the bless-

ings He has given me last year," Diana said.

"Why, dear child!" said the teacher "you gave Him the gift He loves best of all. Do you remember where it says in His Book, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me'? I think you made Jesus very happy by what you did."

Diana studied a moment, then a bright smile chased away her tears.

"Oh, I never thought of that. I'm so glad I gave her my Thank You money!" —Sel.

## God Quieted The Hogs

My early school days were at the Cross Roads School house, four miles south of Tullahoma, Tennessee. About the year 1895 the saint ministers were holding meetings in our neighborhood. At this time Bro. J. L. Pike of Grand Junction, Michigan was preaching in our school house. The building was setting on blocks about three feet above the ground. There was timber all around and the hogs ran at large, living mostly from acorns and other nuts.

One cold frosty night the hogs carried a lot of leaves in their mouths and made a bed under the house. The saints came and started services. There had been some singing and they knelt for prayer. One could tell that a woman was praying—I think it was Sister Mullins—but the hogs were disturbing. There were a number of hogs and if you know anything about hogs you will know something about the noise they make when all are trying to get inside of a bed. Bro. Pike raised up, and in a loud voice, cried out: "Lord, stop the mouths of the hogs under the house so we can hear

the sister pray." At that moment every hog became quiet. God answered his request, and fear came upon all. A large number of people got saved.

Some will say that the days of miracles are past. As Jesus quieted the sea and God stopped the mouths of the lions for Daniel, so God is still working miracles. —E. E. Forbes

## The Golden Rule

"And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise" (Luke 6:1). What a nice world this would be if everyone put this verse into practice! All wars would cease and people in general would be happier. When you are tempted to treat someone meanly or speak evil of them, think of these words. Many times we would do differently if we would obey this verse.

## Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11-24

**S**eparation  
orrow

**R**epented  
eturned  
eceived

The father's joy  
welcome  
forgiveness  
provision

God says, "Return unto me, and I will return unto you."—Mal. 3:7.

## Search Question

Why didn't David build the House (Temple) for the God of Israel?

Answer To Last Week's Question  
600 shekles of gold, 1 Chron. 21:25

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Dear Boys and Girls,

Mrs. Smith wanted a girl to help her after school. She was willing to pay good wages for the right kind of girl. Since Mrs. Smith had company sometimes they were to be treated very courteous. She wanted a girl that was courteous to help her. She decided she would sit in the rear of a church building that was close to her and watch the girls that came in. One girl caught her eye when she came in and she thought that she would be the one but soon this girl was whispering to the girl on each side of her. And then she whispered to the one in front. Finally the minister was very earnestly talking to the congregation with tears but this girl did not seem to notice. She kept right on talking to this one and that one. Others around her could not listen because she took their attention. When the congregation stood up for altar call she moved up a seat or two so she could talk to someone else and laugh some. Mrs. Smith went away feeling very badly and to herself thought she would have none of the girls that went to that place to work for her. Doesn't this seem bad to you? What do you think of that girl? Did her influence cast

a reflection on all the other boys and girls? Did she hurt the influence of the people at that church? What do you think ought to be done about that girl? (Discuss this fully with the class)

Our lesson consists of a rebuke which Paul sent to the Christians in Corinth because they were not worshipping God as they should. At that time the observance of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper had a larger place in worship than it usually does with us. When Jesus first had the Lord's Supper it was after the feast of the Passover Supper. Today we do not have a big meal just before the Lord's Supper. But the Corinthians then brought a big meal and even some got drunk. Wasn't that terrible? They needed to be taught and Apostle Paul told them to eat in their houses and not in the church building. It was a sad situation. Paul asked them if they despised the church of God.

I trust that most of you that are saved have been in the ordinance services. It's wonderful to remember how Jesus died on the cross for us and His blood was spilt for our salvation and His body broken. It causes us not to forget the price that was paid for our salvation. The Lord wants us to often partake of this ordinance. The grape juice reminds us of His blood and the unleavened bread reminds us of His body that was broken for us. How we do love our precious Lord and Saviour. We should thank Him often for showing His love to us; should we not? —Aunt Marie

Lesson 5, November 3, 1957

### The Spirit of Christian Worship

1 Corinthians 11:20-34

20 When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper.

21 For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken.

22 What have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.

23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

33 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.

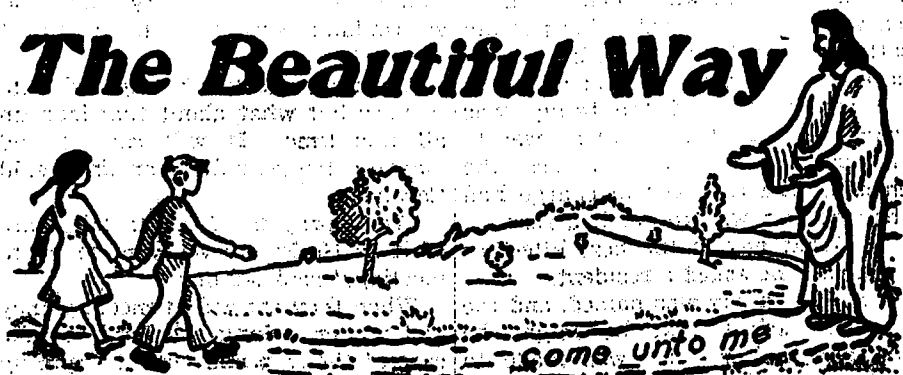
34 And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

Central Thought: Jesus wants us to worship him from our hearts.

Memory Verse: Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. 1 Cor. 11:28.

The Bible says, "Seest thou a man diligent (careful and busy) in his business? he shall stand before kings" (Prov. 22:29).

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November 10

## All For Jesus

"I washed my hands this morning,  
So very clean and white,  
And lent them both to Jesus,  
To work for Him till night.

"I gave my feet to Jesus,  
To walk with Him all day,  
Go anywhere for Jesus,  
And never let me stray.

"I gave my tongue to Jesus,  
To speak for Him all day,  
To say a word of kindness,  
To sing for Him and pray.

"I told my ears to listen  
Quite closely all day through,  
For any word from Jesus,  
To tell me what to do.

"My eyes are set to watch Him,  
About my work and play,  
To keep me out of mischief,  
For Jesus' sake all day.

"I gave my heart to Jesus,  
To love Him all day through,  
To think of all His goodness,  
To please Him and be true!"

—Sel.

## What A Boy Did

I wonder if any of you boys and girls that are reading this have been to Niagara Falls. If you have not I'm sure you have seen pictures of it. I know when I was a little girl I used to eat Shredded Wheat cereal and maybe you do to. On the box there is a picture of Niagara Falls. I often wished I could see those great falls. When I was a young woman I had that privilege and oh, they were simply wonderful. Then at night they turned the different colored lights on them and it was breath taking. I do hope that you will get to see them some day if you have not.

Did you not know that a boy had an important part in the building of the great suspension bridge that spans the Niagara River? Well, let me tell you about it.

Some time ago there died in Lincoln, Nebraska, a man named J. H. Walsh who had an important part in the construction of this suspension bridge. Mr. Walsh was born in Ire-

land in 1834, but was taken to America when he was a baby, his parents settling near Niagara Falls. When he was still a boy the first steps for the construction of the bridge was taken. The first thing of all was to stretch a single wire across the chasm. The engineer in charge had thought of a way to get it across.

"What boy is the best kite-flier in town?" he asked a resident.

The Walsh boy was named, and the engineer asked that he might be brought to him. He was made to understand that he was to fly his kite across the Niagara River. He did just that, allowing it to come down on the other side. Then the men on the other side detached the kite and by means of the string drew the wire across. By this, in turn, a cable was drawn across, and the bridge was well begun. Thus you see, the great engineers had to depend upon the small boy and his kite to get their great cable across the turbulent river.

The Bible tells us about a little lad who helped Jesus feed the multitude of people by giving Him his lunch of five barley loaves and two small fishes. It was a little thing to give, but God blessed the gift and multiplied it until there was enough and to spare. God can use your life and your gifts too, if you will give them to Him. He not only will use them but will give you more gifts to be used for a blessing to others. Won't you give Him yourself today?

—M. Miles

## How A Dog Helped

"Oh Johnny, I forgot to unplug the iron before we left," said Carolyn  
"Shall we turn around and go back?

You know it's about fifty miles and we couldn't come back to meeting," said Johnny.

"I want to go to meeting and hate to miss but what about that iron on all this time. It will ruin it and maybe catch something on fire," said Carolyn.

"We'll pray the Lord to take care of it as He knows we want to go to meeting," said Johnny.

When they arrived at meeting they had prayer, asking the Lord to take care of the iron and not let anything catch on fire. It was about eight o'clock. They just committed it to the Lord and enjoyed the meeting. They visited after meeting some and it was late when they arrived home.

Johnny rushed in their trailer house to turn off the iron but the lights would not turn on. He tho't about how once before a big dog in the trailer court had pulled the wire from the plug on the outside of the trailer that connected them to the electricity. So he went out to see about it and sure enough it was unplugged. Both Carolyn and Johnny went inside and checked the electric clock. It had stopped around eight o'clock, the very time they had prayed.

They were so thankful to the Lord for how He had helped them and caused the dog to unplug the electricity from the outside and kept their iron from being on. Isn't it wonderful how God can cause a dog to do the things He wants him to?

(A true story told to me.) —M. M.

## Do This

Do you know how to make your family happy? Here are some rules to go by:

1. I must be willing to always do my part.

2. I must not quarrel or fight.
  3. I must keep rules in the home.
  4. I must not talk back to my mother and father.
  5. I must act as Jesus wants me to.
  6. I must not forget to pray and ask Jesus to help me keep these rules.
- Hebrews 10:17. —Sel.

## Devotion Time

"Harold, you had better hurry and get ready for school. There isn't much time left."

"Are we going to have devotion?" asked Harold.

"Oh, yes, we must always take time for that even though we are late. Go get a promise out of the promise box and we'll read it this morning," said Mother.

Here is one. The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way." Psalms 37:23.

"That's a good promise," said his mother after helping him with the more difficult words, as he was only seven years of age. "Now what does that mean?"

"If you pray before you go somewhere, the Lord will take care of you, but if you don't, something might happen," was his simple reply.

"Yes, I heard of a lady who was walking along the street looking around and the Spirit of the Lord told her to look down. Just as she looked down she saw a large open hole. Had she fallen into it, she would have been seriously hurt or maybe killed. You see, the Lord ordered her steps that day, didn't He?"

"Now let us have prayer and ask the Lord to order your steps at school and my steps around the home," said Mother.

—O. A. D.

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## Search Question

Who cried to God in distress and the earth shook and trembled and the heavens moved?

### Answer To Last Week's Question

The Lord said that he had made great war and shed much blood, 1 Chron. 22:8.

### Dear Boys and Girls,

When Jesus was here on earth He was able to heal people, comfort the sad ones, feed the multitudes, tell them how to live so they could go to heaven, warn them of the evils that are in the world, and do many great things. But Jesus has gone to heaven and His people are "The body of Christ." Today, God wants all these things done but He will use this one or that one for a special work or give them certain gifts. All working together will make the same effect here that there was when Jesus was here.

Paul compares the "body of Christ" to the human body. All the members of our body working together makes our body complete. How tragic it would be to not have any eyes, or if we could not hear or walk. Our body would not be complete, would it? We could not live a completely useful life. Just so

God wants all the members in the "body of Christ" in the world today to be working in their places so He will be glorified and many people be saved and blessed.

There isn't one person in the world today with all the gifts. God gives this one a certain gift and then He gives another one another gift. In our lesson it names some of the gifts. You can discuss each one of them as you read your lesson.

We can't all preach or teach Sunday school classes or be missionaries or sing well. We can't all look after the business affairs of God's work well, but we can all do something. We all can invite others to go to meeting or Sunday school with us. We can all go there and pay attention and thus help others to do likewise. We can all learn something while we are in meeting that we can pass on to others and as we grow up we can increase our ability to be helpful to the Lord and to others.

One boy asked another boy to go with him to meeting. The boy listened to the message given by the minister and it got hold of his heart and he got saved. Don't you think the boy had just as much part in this boy's salvation as the minister? I do. Both of them working together was the means of the boy's salvation. That is the "body of Christ" working in the world today.

Remember the memory verse. The best gift of all is the love of God in our hearts and all of us can have that. We can then be able to do many things for the Lord. May the Lord bless you.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 6, November 10, 1957

### Concerning Spiritual Gifts

1 Cor. 12:1-13.

Now concerning spiritual gifts brethren, I would not have you ignorant;

2 Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.

3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

Central Thought: Do all you can for Jesus around your door and He will bless you.

Memory Verse: "Covet earnestly the best gifts." 1 Cor. 12:31.

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## God's Gift of Life

When God made man in the garden,  
He had eternal life.  
When he disobeyed the Lord,  
His heart was filled with strife.

For many years man lived that way,  
So far from God in sin;  
While God's heart longed from  
day to day  
Their souls from death to win.

At last God gave His only Son  
To give us life so free,  
He died upon the cruel cross,  
But 'rose with victory.

—Leslie Busbee

## Two Kinds of Bodies

The Bible tells us that we have a natural body but someday we will have a spiritual body. (1 Cor. 15:44) This may be hard for you to understand but let us look at some of God's wonderful examples of changes in the insects. Take, for instance, the butterfly. It has three periods or stages of life. It begins with the

larva or caterpillar which is hatched from the egg. I'm sure you have seen the caterpillar. In this form it lives from three to ten months, depending upon the weather and place. During this time it eats greedily. In its second stage it takes no food at all but is called the pupa and is inclosed in a hard shell. Some live in this for the winter and then in the spring they come forth into beautiful butterflies.

Now the thought is that the worm like caterpillar lies as if dead for the winter and then in the spring comes forth in a beautiful butterfly. I don't think a caterpillar is pretty but look what happens after it lies as if dead. It is beautiful with its different delicately colored wings.

Do you not get the thought about our two kinds of bodies? We too will some day be brought forth from these bodies of flesh and blood and will be changed into "spiritual bodies" through the working of God. A lot of people will die and their bodies go back to dust, then in that day God will give them a spiritual body. Those who will be here on the earth

when Jesus breaks through the clouds of glory to come for His own, will be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and will put on their glorified or spiritual body (1 Cor. 15:52) and rise to meet Jesus in the air. (1 Thess. 4:17) How wonderful it is to think about that wonderful change. Our new bodies will be more wonderful than the butterfly.

—Mrs. Marie Miles

## Billie's Conscience Cop

"Mother, we have been having lessons on safety and today we learned a safety song," said Billie who was in the second grade.

"Let me sing it for you:

"I am the traffic cop,

I tell you when to go or stop.

May we go? May we go?

Look at the light and then  
you'll know."

"Oh, that's very good Billie. Sing it again for Mother."

"Sister Green, my Sunday school teacher, walked as far as the gate with me so I sang it to her and she told me that we had a 'cop' on the inside of us and she called it our 'Conscience Cop.' She said that we would know whether to go or stop by listening to it. Then we made another song like this:

"I am your Conscience Cop,

I tell you when to go or stop.

May I go? May I go?

Listen to me and then you'll  
know."

"She said that our Conscience Cop keeps us from danger (sin and evil) just as the traffic cop protects our bodies if we listen and obey it.

"I'm going to listen to my Conscience Cop all day," said Billie as he skipped away.

O. A. D.

## BAPTISM

Draw a line under the right answer.  
(Look up the verse in the Bible if you don't know the answer.)

1. Who commanded baptism?  
Jesus, David.

2. What is needed for baptism?  
Bread, Water.

3. Baptism — is being buried with Christ, washes away our sins.  
(Col. 2:12; Rom. 6:3, 4)

4. Who should be baptized?

Those who believe in Jesus, the Saviour for the forgiveness of their sin, those who are grown-ups.

Some who were baptized:

(Ask Mother to help you find the verses if you cannot write the names in the blanks.)

1. J..... (Luke 3:21)

2. A man from E.....  
(Acts 8:38)

3. L....., (Acts 16:15)

4. The j..... at Philippi  
and his household (Acts 16:33).

5. S....., who became Paul.  
(Acts 9:18)

## Three Bible Gardens

1. The Garden of Eden. (Gen. 2:8,9.)

There has never been a garden as beautiful as this garden. God planted it and made it lovely for Adam and Eve to live in, but they let sin come into their hearts and God cast them out, and put a flaming sword at its entrance.

2. The Garden of Gethsemane.  
(Matt. 26:36-46.)

This garden was at the foot of the Mt. of Olives. The name Gethsemane

means the garden of oil press. It was in this garden that Jesus prayed to the Father, "If this cup (meaning suffering on the cross) may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done." There in this garden Jesus begins to offer his own body—his life—a lamb without spot, for the sin of the world. St. Luke tells us that there appeared unto him an angel from heaven to strengthen him, since he was in such agony, his sweat was like great drops of blood falling to the ground. Bloody sweats are mentioned by many authors, but none was ever like this coming from a healthy person 33 years of age. Surely, his mental suffering was great. He was not afraid of death since he knew he would rise the third day and be in such a glorious state with His Father. HE SUFFERED, THE JUST FOR THE UNJUST, THAT HE MIGHT BRING US TO GOD. How we ought to love Him, our precious Saviour!

3. Garden of Golgotha. (John 19: 17, 41, 42; 20:15-19.)

In this garden Jesus, our precious Saviour, was crucified. Why? Because sin entered into the first garden and into the hearts of Adam and Eve. Their children were born in sin and needed a Saviour to die on the cross that they might be redeemed from sin. Oh, how he suffered! We find that in this garden there was a new sepulchre. There they lay the body of our precious Saviour. Thank the Lord, He did not stay there, but arose. Today He is alive forever more.

Mary was in this garden after she could not find Jesus' body. Then He spoke to her and told her not to weep. But she, supposing Him to be the gardener asked Him where they had

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taken her Lord. Jesus spoke her name and she knew Him. Later He was seen by many. —M. Miles

### Search Question

What proud king's heart was made like the beasts?

Answer To Last Week's Question

David, 2 Samuel 22:7, 8

Dear Boys and Girls,

Don't you love those words of the angel when the woman came to the tomb of Jesus, seeking His body? The angel said, "He is risen; he is not here; behold the place where they laid him." Our Jesus, Lord and Master is alive forever more. He lives and is able to help us. It is sad when we know that some people of the world do not worship a living God. They worship stones and people that are dead. On the tomb stone of Lenin, a leader of the Russian people into disbelief in God is written, "He was the greatest leader of all peoples, of all countries, of all times. He was the lord of the new humanity. He was the saviour of the world." But notice that it is all in the past tense. That casket contains the dead, embalmed body of Lenin. He had no faith in any future life, and so it was with Stalin. But it is not so with our Saviour,

Jesus Christ, is it? He says, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." Rev. 1:18. We should rejoice because we know Jesus is alive.

Once an unbeliever was arguing with a Christian girl about her faith in Jesus. He asked, "Which Jesus do you believe in? There have been different people with that name." The girl replied, "I believe in the one who died and rose from the dead." I feel that was a wise answer and I'm glad today that is the one that you and I believe in, aren't you?

Some want to tell it that someone came and stole the body of Jesus from the tomb but that could not be so because they had a guard around his tomb. The soldiers were there until after Jesus arose. In our lesson we have many proofs mentioned of Jesus rising from the dead. Can you count the different ones who saw Jesus? Paul was so glad that Jesus appeared to him on the road to Damascus, while he was persecuting the Christians. This caused a change to take place in Paul's life and he wanted to help everyone he could to believe in Him from that day.

Because Jesus arose we, too, some day will arise and be with the Lord forever. Our bodies will change and we will have a new body. We will not have a body in heaven that will grow old or feel pain and hurts but we will have a new body that will live forever. Surely that will be wonderful, won't it?

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 7, November 17, 1957

God's Gift of Life

1 Cor. 15:3-11, 35-38

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that

Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4 And that he was buried; and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

8 And the last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

9 For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

11 Therefore whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.

35 But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?

36 Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:

37 And that which thou sowest is not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain:

38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.

Central Thought: Because Jesus arose we, too, will arise some day and have a new body.

Memory Verse: In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 1 John 4:9

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## THANKSGIVING

Father above, we thank Thee  
That Thou hast let us live,  
And so on this glad morning  
Our thanks to Thee we give.

We thank Thee for the blessings  
Of home and loved ones dear;  
We thank Thee for the loving smile,  
We thank Thee for the tear.

We thank Thee for the joy days,  
Though sorrows often fall;  
To Thee, our Heavenly Father,  
We would give thanks for all.

And trusting Thee, dear Father,  
To guide us in Thy way,  
We let our praise ascend to Thee  
On this Thanksgiving Day. —Sel.

## Thanksgiving Dinner

"It will soon be Thanksgiving and I must think about my dinner and who I will invite this year," thought Aunt Betty. "I think I will invite the Browns, they are such nice people and have had us over several times. Then there are the Johnsons, such a nice

young couple, and of course Mother and Daddy and maybe they would like someone else their age. I must get my best dishes and silver ready, and check on my big, white table cloth to see if it's without wrinkle, . . . Oh, I do want everything to be just right."

Aunt Betty went about preparing for her guests but before she had asked any of them the thought came to her about the Smith family. They had a number of children and the father had had such a struggle keeping them warm and fed. She wondered if they would even have a nice Thanksgiving dinner.

That night Aunt Betty prayed for the Smith family. She seemed concerned about them not having a good Thanksgiving dinner. She prayed earnestly for the Lord to provide for them. She was startled when the Lord spoke to her and said, "Why don't you ask them for Thanksgiving dinner?" She just said out loud, "Why, dear Lord, they would take all the table space and the children would spill things on the table cloth and on the floor." Then the Spirit

## GIVE

of the Lord brought to her mind the scripture, "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not unto me." "Oh yes, Lord," she answered, "I want to do it for you. If that is your will, I will invite them tomorrow."

Aunt Betty arose from her knees with a new joy in her heart. She eagerly looked forward to the time when she could have the Smith family at her Thanksgiving dinner. She was more pleased when she saw the face of that dear mother light up when she asked her to come and insisted that she didn't mind at all if the children should spill something.

Aunt Betty's heart sang more when later the mother of the Smith family told her of how the children could talk of nothing else but their expected dinner at her house and how they would tell it to every child they saw at school. They even prayed each night for the Lord to bless her for asking them.

When the Thanksgiving dinner was over and the Smith family started to leave Aunt Betty said, "How do you have the time to train your children so well? Their manners are just perfect and they were very careful at the table. Why, my table cloth is hardly spotted. I have enjoyed you and the children very much."

"Oh, Aunt Betty, we have been eating off a table cloth for two weeks now and have been learning our manners. Mother didn't want to be ashamed of us," spoke up ten year old Susan.  
—Mrs. M. Miles

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When Jesus was on this earth He was a special friend of poor people. He is still their friend. He loves them very much. Let us be kind and friendly with them, too.

"Mother, I just don't see that it's more blessed to give than to receive. Why, if you gave everything away you wouldn't have a thing left and you would really be in a sad state then."

"Well, son, it must be true if the Bible says so. Maybe I can help you understand.

"Now there are different ways of giving. Some people give just to be seen of men or for a big name. The Bible is not talking about that kind of giving. Jesus is speaking of giving directly from the heart.

"Let me tell you what happened to me only last week. Your father, grandmother, and I went out in the country to visit two families. While we were down in prayer the Lord impressed me to give some money. Right away the devil wanted me to draw back by making me think I couldn't spare it as I had intended to buy some material for the girls. But I wouldn't listen to him for from experience I knew the Lord could cause me to find just what I wanted at a cheaper price. So the money was given without hesitating. The next day, which was Monday, the Lord directed me to a store where they were selling material at half price and there I found some lovely material for the girls. I knew the Lord would help. So you see I received a greater blessing in giving."

"Oh Mother, no wonder you were so pleased with that material. The Lord showed it to you. It surely is blessed to give."

"Yes, son, whenever the Lord tells you to give, never draw back. There is always a soul blessing too in giving when prompted by the Lord." O.A.D.

## Do Not Be Discouraged

When Adam Clarke was a school-boy, his teacher pointed to him and said to a visitor, "There is the stupidest boy in the school." The kindhearted visitor called the boy aside and said, "Never mind, my boy; you may be a great scholar some day. Do not be discouraged. Try hard and keep on trying." That boy became one of the greatest scholars of his age. He mastered twenty-seven languages and wrote a commentary on the Bible which is still recognized as one of the greatest ever written by a single individual. —Sel.

## The First Thanksgiving

Long ago our country was not like it is now. It was a land of forests. Only the Indians lived here. Some people came from England to this land to live. They wanted to worship God as they chose.

These people built houses out of logs. They cut down more trees so they would have a place to grow crops. The Indians taught them to grow corn. They hunted in the woods; they fished in the streams.

Harvest time came. God had been good to them. They had much food to eat. They would not get hungry during the cold winter. The people said, "Let us have a feast. We will thank God for taking care of us."

And they did. They invited the Indians to come to the feast. It was the first Thanksgiving. —Sel.

## Search Question

Who slept under a juniper tree?

Answer To Last Week's Question  
Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel 5:18-21

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Dear Boys and Girls,

When you love someone you will show it in some way to them. When you give your sweet mother a hug she knows what it means. When you get a drink for little brother or sister they know you love them. There are many ways we can show our love to others. Can you name some more ways? One little girl gave me a dime and it touched me so much to know that she too wanted to give to the ministers so they could take the gospel to others.

I read an account that Booker T. Washington wrote when he wanted to raise 500 dollars to buy a farm to help colored boys and girls. He said that his heart was touched by the many gifts that he received but one dear old colored lady gave her gift and it touched his heart more than all of them. She hobbled into his room one day and was leaning on a cane. She was clad in clean rags. She said, "Mr. Wash'ton, God knows I spent de bes' days of my life in slavery. God knows I's ignorant and poor; but I knows what you is tryin' to do. I knows you is tryin' to make better men an' women for de colored race. I an't got no money, but I wants you to take dese six eggs, what I's been savin' up, an' I wants you to put dese six eggs into de eddication of dese boys an' gals."

Mr. Washington said that surely touched his heart because he knew she really had sacrificed and wanted to help. God surely took note of her gift and made her feel good inside also.

So boys and girls, it is not so much what we give but it is how it is given. Is it from our hearts? One boy gave his mother a candy bar, a quarter and a package of gum in a card for her birthday and it touched that mother's heart more than all the other gifts. She knew it was given with much love and thought behind it.

When we have real love for God we show it by trying to do good to others. In our lesson Paul wanted the people of Corinth to show their love for the poor Christians in Jerusalem by sending them money. When they had the money they could buy just the things they needed most. He did not want to take the time to wait on them to get it together when he arrived so he wrote for them to have it ready when he arrived.

Sometimes today we send large gifts of clothing to other lands or to certain needy people, don't we? God loves a cheerful giver. God wants us to give of our little and then when we grow older we can give more of what the Lord lets us have. Don't hold back from giving because it is not very much. We want to give to the Lord and His work. Then we want to always be thankful for what the Lord gives us.

—Aunt Marie

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Christian Giving

1 Cor. 16:1-14

1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.

2 Upon the first day of the week let

every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

3 And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem.

4 And if it be meet that I go also, they shall go with me.

5 Now I will come unto you, when I shall pass through Macedonia: for I do pass through Macedonia.

6 And it may be that I will abide, yea, and winter with you, that ye may bring me on my journey whithersoever I go.

7 For I will not see you now by the way; but I trust to tarry a while with you, if the Lord permit.

8 But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost.

9 For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.

10 Now if Timotheus come, see that he may be with you without fear: for he worketh the work of the Lord, as I also do.

11 Let no man therefore despise him: but conduct him forth in peace, that he may come unto me: for I look for him with the brethren.

12 As touching our brother Apollos, I greatly desired him to come unto you with the brethren: but his will was not at all to come at this time; but he will come when he shall have convenient time.

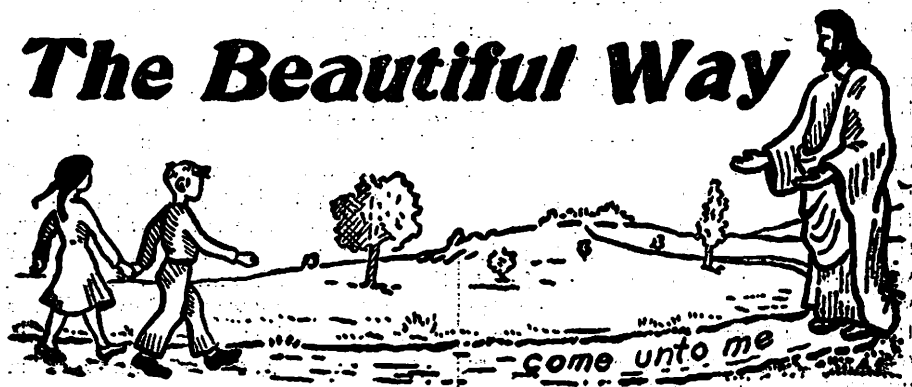
13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

14 Let all your things be done with charity.

Central Thought: We show our love to God by doing for others.

Memory Verse: Let all things be done with charity. 1 Cor. 16:14.

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## Telling Others About Jesus

Now if you love the Lord  
And want to please Him well,  
Just find another friend,  
God's precious love to tell.

Tell how He died for us  
To walk the beautiful way,  
Live all our lives for Him,  
And go to heav'n some day.

—Leslie Busbee

## How Do I Know That I Am Saved?

One afternoon a little girl then only about eight years old, came into my study during the hours habitually given to conversation with those who were seeking salvation. To my question she frankly replied that she came to talk with me about herself.

I said to her: "Anna, are you a disciple of the Lord Jesus?"

"Yes, sir."

"Do you know yourself to be a child of God?"

"Yes, sir."

"Why, how do you know it?"

"Why, sir, because God says so."

"Where does he say so?"

"He says," she confidently replied, "Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out."

"But," I rejoined, "that does not say anything about being a child of God. How, then, do you know that you are?"

"I know it because I know that I have come to Him, and He says that He will not cast out those who come."

"Then," said I, "you know that you are His because you know what you have done, and you know and believe what God has said!"

"Yes, sir that is it."

And I said within myself, "What disciple of three-score years can give any better reason for his faith than this simple little child, who knows her saved state because she rests on God's Word?"

So deeply did this interview impress me that, in the pulpit, the prayer meeting, and the inquiry-room, I have frequently made use of the incident.

True "assurance" is thus a matter, not of feeling, but of faith. We need to look less unto ourselves, and more unto Him. Doubt is unbelief, and for it there is no remedy half so prompt, or so sure, as simple trust in the Word of God. He who can forget his own unworthiness and sinfulness, and think only of the grace that seeks and saves the lost—he who will take the free gift of salvation, and commit himself wholly to the sure Word of God's promise—may know the perfect peace of him whose mind is stayed on God. Let us stop trying to get peace, and trust God for peace.

*"Christ died for our sins and rose again." Fully trust Him Now, and you are saved.* Sel.

## Ned And Jane

"Mother, may Jane and I go into the store and buy some candy?" asked Ned.

"Yes, you may. Be sure not to go anywhere else and hurry back. Daddy will be here soon and we must be on our way. We want to get to grandmother's tonight," Mother said as she lay down on the seat of the car because she did not feel well. Her husband had gone to see about a tire and left them parked on the street in a town of Nevada.

"Oh, I wonder where those children are? I must have dozed off. They should be here," Mother said aloud as she sat up and got out of the car. She could not see them. She went into the store and looked around, but they were not there. She was very troubled about them and began to pray for the Lord to help her find them. She walked up the street and saw a place where different colored

lights were quickly turning off and on. She thought that maybe they went in there because of the lights—and surely enough, there they were. She walked up to them and quietly said, "Come on, children, let's go to the car." Ned and Jane knew they had done wrong and they felt bad. Jane began to cry. The three walked along without a word. When they reached the car Mother began to talk to them, telling them how wrong they had been by disobeying her.

"But, Mother, those lights were so pretty, and we wanted to see what was up there," said Ned. "We are sorry—we won't do it any more."

"Didn't the Lord make you feel you should not go up there and disobey me?" asked Mother.

"Yes, but I didn't intend to stay," said Ned.

"Did you not know that the Spirit of the Lord is your guide in life, and if you listen you will always do right? In this town are many dangers, and it is not safe for children to be alone in the place you went into. It wasn't a place where Christian boys and girls should be. You must listen to your guide.

"One time I read something that happened long ago about how some soldiers didn't listen to their guide and they died. The guide was leading some Egyptian troops across the Arab desert. They were thirsty and their water was getting low. The heat was terrible and they were tired. A cry went up from several of the men as they looked across the desert and saw a beautiful lake surrounded by palm trees. The Arab guide told them that it was only a mirage, which is the rays of light being changed in their direction when coming in contact with hotter or cooler air. This causes peo-

ple to think they see objects when in reality there is nothing there. The soldiers would not believe the guide, and finally they became so enraged at him because he would not lead them there that they killed him and with a wild cry ran toward the lake of water which they thought they saw. On and on they hurried across the burning sands and finally fell, one by one, dying. Later their bones were found, and that of the guide, which told the story. So you see, children, it does not pay to not listen to the guide. The Spirit of the Lord will lead you right if you will listen to him."

"I'm glad I didn't die because I did not listen to the guide," said Jane.

"I'm sure my children will not forget next time, and will obey," Mother said as she greeted Daddy coming back to the car. —Mrs. Marie Miles.

## God's Book

"Mother I've found a dusty thing  
High on the shelf—just look!"

"Why, that's a Bible, Tommy dear;  
Be careful, that's God's Book!"

"God's Book!" the child exclaimed,

"Then, Mother, before we lose it  
We'd better send it back to God,  
For you know we never use it."

—Mrs. E. Sshukel.

## Search Question

What disease came upon Elisha's servant?

Answer To Last Week's Question  
Elijah, 1 Kings 19:5

Dear Boys and Girls:

We have been having some lessons from a long letter written by Paul when

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he was a missionary in Ephesus, but now we are going to have a few lessons from a short letter written while Paul was in Rome as a prisoner.

You remember how Paul was taken to Rome as a prisoner on a ship. Remember how the ship was wrecked by the storm but how God promised Paul that not one of them would perish but that all would be saved from death at that time? God had a purpose for Paul to go to Rome. We find that while he was in Rome he lived in a house but he was chained to a Roman soldier all the time, but different times we find that Paul called himself a "prisoner of the Lord Jesus Christ." Paul knew that the Lord permitted him to be a prisoner. He did not give the devil any credit of being able to put him in chains or prison. He knew the Lord wanted it that way and he didn't complain but just continued to preach the gospel to all that came to him and wrote letters of comfort and encouragement to us and those that lived in that day.

In the first verse of our lesson we find that Timothy was with him. One of you can read the 20th and 23rd verses of the second chapter of Philippians. There it tells us that Paul felt Timothy to be a son to him, and that he would send him to them as soon as he could spare

him. It was wonderful that this young man could be such a comfort to Paul. It is a good example for you boys and girls. I know of many aged ones who appreciate some young boys and girls that stop by to see if they want anything at town or if they can help them in some way. These boys and girls are a comfort because the arms and legs of the aged ones aren't strong any more. Older ministers today appreciate young men and women who can go with them and help drive or help put up the tent, who can sing and who will be bold to pray or testify if the Lord wants them to. Yield to the Lord now and have a desire to work for the Lord as you grow a little older.

Paul had guards around him which changed and as they were of the troops that were attached to the imperial headquarters, who guarded Nero, they heard Paul preach about Jesus and in turn they told others about him until most of those in the palace knew about him. They also knew he wasn't like any ordinary prisoner but that he was there because of his connection with Christ. He boldly told all about Jesus, the Saviour of the world.

We want to tell others about Jesus and His love for us so they too will serve Him. Truly Jesus is a wonderful Saviour.  
—Aunt Marie

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**Telling Others About Jesus**

**Philippians 1:1-14**

1 Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

2 Grace be unto you, and peace, from the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank my God upon every remem-

brance of you,

4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,

5 For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;

6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

7 Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.

8 For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ.

9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;

10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

12 But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;

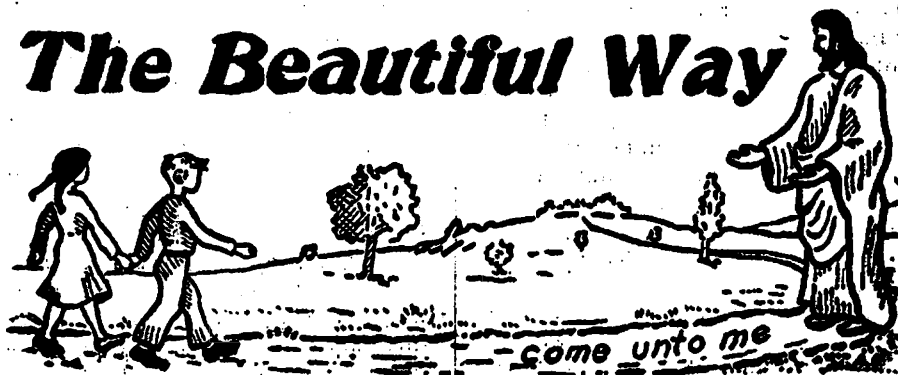
13 So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places;

14 And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

**Central Thought:** Others should know that Jesus loves them.

**Memory Verse:** We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.

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## JESUS

I have a friend, the precious Jesus,  
And my heart to Him I gave,  
For His love so sweet within me  
Keeps me true beyond the grave.

Though my friends and neighbors  
leave me,

And their smiles on me don't shine,  
Still I'll hold to Him forever—

For I am sure that He is mine.

I'll never doubt but always love Him,  
For He is so good to me;

And someday when this life is over,  
Then His blessed face I'll see.

—Leslie Busbee

## A Sacrifice

Here is a story I remember reading  
in my third-grade reader:

One morning the Chase family  
awoke and after the chores were finished,  
they began to prepare for a  
trip into town. Now this family  
lived many years ago during the time  
that George Washington was President  
of the United States.

The town was several miles away  
and they only had a carriage which

was drawn by horses, so they had  
to leave early. The President was  
supposed to be in town for a while  
that day and they wanted so much  
to see him.

Someone had to stay home, keep  
house, and watch the baby. Betsy  
was about ten years old and even  
though she wanted to go, she said she  
would stay home and take care of  
everything. So it was settled. Mother  
could go and enjoy the day. Ben,  
her brother, was dressed like a soldier  
and was going to be in the parade.  
Everyone was excited about seeing  
the President. So they left, and  
Betsy got busy with the house  
work.

As she worked she thought about  
how much fun it would be to see the  
President. She was glad to stay  
home so that Mother could go even  
if she would miss out on it. She  
probably thought of how hard Mother  
worked and was happy that she could  
have a rest. She wondered what  
the President looked like. She had  
heard that he was a tall man with  
a pleasant, kind-looking face.

Suddenly, as she was checking on

the baby, she heard horses and the rumble of a carriage. She looked out the window and saw a fine looking carriage drawn by a fine team of horses stopping out front. She saw other horses and soldiers there too. Out of the carriage jumped a man who came toward the house. She opened the door, and there stood a tall man with a pleasant, kind-looking face.

"Good morning, Miss," he said. "Is your mother home? I was just passing by and thought maybe she could fix me some breakfast. I'm very hungry."

"Well, sir," answered Betsy, "Mother, Father, and Ben are in town to see the President and I've stayed home to care for the baby and the house, but come in anyway, I can fix you some breakfast.

So the man went in and Besty fixed him some ham, eggs, toast, and other good things to eat. The man enjoyed it and after it was over, he leaned over and kissed Besty, saying, "Tell your family that you saw President Washington before they did, and that he kissed you, too."

So the man was George Washington! Don't you see, boys and girls, that when you sacrifice for others you will not be sorry? Do you think Besty was sorry she stayed home?

—L. Busbee

## Ask Jesus, Not Santa Clause

Mother smelled something burning. She began to look around and checked the stoves, each room, and went outside to see but could not find anything. She was troubled because she was sure it was in the house somewhere. She knelt down and prayed and asked God to help her in her distress. As she arose from her knees

she noticed the transformer on John's electric train smoking. John and Lynda, a neighbor girl, had gone outside a few minutes before and had left it on. Mother turned it off and called John to show him what he had done. She said, "Now your train won't work. You can't have one to play with now."

"Oh, but John, you can ask Santa Clause and he will give you another train," said Lynda. Don't feel so badly, John. Just write your name down and Santa Clause will give you one."

Mother thought a while. She felt badly that little Lynda had so much faith in Santa Clause. She also thought of how so many parents teach their children that there is a Santa Clause and they get angry at any one that tells them differently. So, she didn't know just how to handle it. Finally she said, "Lynda, we don't ask Santa Clause for things, we ask Jesus." Lynda looked at her for a while and in a few minutes she said again, "Now John, just ask Santa Clause, that's all you have to do."

"Lynda, we don't ask Santa Clause for things but we ask Jesus," Mother said again, feeling how wonderful it would be if she had the same faith in Jesus as she had in Santa Clause and how sad that her parents had not taught her about Jesus.

"Then John, just ask Jesus, since he has a lot of things," Lynda said very comforting to him.

Mother felt better and surely did hope little Lynda would love Jesus instead of Santa Clause, which is a myth. She hoped that all the little children would know that there wasn't any such thing as a Santa Clause but that Jesus gives us all our blessings and good things. —M. Miles

## The Pearl-Handled Knife

In my childhood days I lived in Tennessee. One of the things I prized most highly was a knife, so my father bought me a little pearl-handled one.

One day, to my distress, I could not find my knife and of course I became very troubled about it. I remembered playing in the barn loft in the hay, which we boys often did, and decided that that was where I had lost it. My guess was that in feeding the horses hay, my knife had gone into the manger with the hay, so I quickly got in the manger, which was half full of trash, and began scratching and hunting. After looking for it quite a while I got discouraged. Then the thought came to me, "The Lord knew just where it was," so I folded my hands and closed my eyes and said, "Lord, you know where my knife is, so won't you please help me to find it?" I just gave another rake or two and there lay my knife in plain sight! I said, "I surely do thank you, Lord, for helping me." To this day I know the Lord did that for me, and it has been an encouragement to me ever since.

The Lord will surely answer our prayers when we are in earnest about what we are asking for. God will even be more likely to answer us next time if we are careful to thank and praise Him. —M. J. F.

"In EVERY THING by prayer and supplication WITH THANKSGIVING let your requests be made known unto God." Philippians 4:6.

### Search Question

What happened to a woman in the Bible who painted her face?

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### Answer To Last Week's Question Leprosy, 2 Kings 5:25, 27

Dear Boys and Girls,

All of us like to receive gifts, don't we? Sometimes we need something very badly and we do not know where it will come from. Sometimes gifts will come in the mail from someone far away to us. We are always glad and thankful when the Lord is so good to us.

When Paul lived in Rome as a prisoner there were no trains, airplanes, or buses to carry the mail or packages. When packages or gifts were sent some person would take them to the person for whom they were meant. They did not have mail like we do today.

In our lesson today we read about E-paph-ro-di-tus whom the saints at Philippi sent with mail and gifts to Paul in Rome. You remember how Paul had a vision in the night: a man of Macedonia appeared to him and said, "Come over and help us." St. Paul was quick to obey the Lord and went to Philippi. There he stayed a while and Lydia, a seller of purple was saved. He then afterward helped a girl to become free from the devil. Because of this Paul and Silas were cast into prison, scourged, and put into stocks. Then when they found out that they were Romans they

released them and treated them civilly (Acts 16:9).

The Philippians that were saved were greatly attached to their apostle and showed their love and affection by sending E-paph-ro-di-tus to him with gifts, and also to comfort and help him. St. Paul was so happy about it all. In Phil. 4:14-19 we read where he told them that he had not forgotten about the times they had given to him before when no other had helped him. Paul did not only rejoice about that, but also because he knew God would give them a wonderful gift and blessing in return for what they had done for him. He told them, "My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Surely heaven is full of riches and Paul was glad they would receive wonderful riches from heaven. He told them that their gift was "an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God."

After E-paph-ro-di-tus came to bring the gift to Paul he became very sick and was near death but the Lord healed him. We know he reached home because Phillipians is the letter Paul sent by him.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 10, December 8, 1957

### A Courageous Friend

Printed Portion: Phil. 2:25-30; 3:7-10

2:25 Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellow-soldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.

26 For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick.

27 For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I

should have sorrow upon sorrow.

28 I sent him therefore the more carefully, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful.

29 Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such in reputation:

30 Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me.

3:7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: For whom I suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

Central Thought: Paul was thankful for his earthly friends but more thankful for Jesus, his wonderful friend.

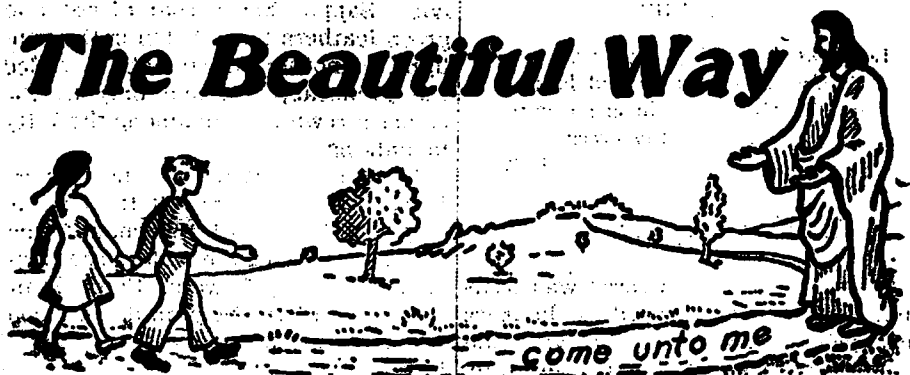
Memory Verse: A friend loveth at all times and a brother is born for adversity. Proverbs 17:17.

### HIDDEN LOVE

The following is a verse for children, given to Ethel K. Miles by Sister Maud Christ:

Love does not use arithmetic. Love does not keep an account of all the things we do for someone because of the joy of doing each thing makes us forget to keep count.

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## BE GLAD

When you stub your little toe,  
Or bump and hurt your head,  
Just thank and praise the Lord,  
Be glad that you aren't dead.

When Mother has to spank  
Because you disobey,  
Be glad she loves you so,  
To keep you in God's way.

If you can't have your way,  
And everything goes wrong,  
Be glad for what you have  
And start to sing a song.  
—Leslie Busbee

## Pioneers

The early pioneer ministers of the Church of God suffered greatly at the hands of those who hated them because they taught justification, sanctification, and unity of God's people. Just as the members of our body—hands, feet, mouth, eyes, ears, arms, and legs—are all of one body, just so the Lord wants His people to be members of His body here in

the earth. God does not want His people to be divided up in different sects. Our early reformers taught this truth and they were mistreated for it. God gave them grace and they were glad to suffer for Christ's sake. They were beat with whips, umbrellas were used to hit them on the head, and eggs and other things were thrown at them. Mobs gathered to do them harm in various ways, but God blessed them and caused others to be brought to Jesus through their steadfastness.

One time Bro. D. S. Warner was lying on his bed wounded from an attack upon him by a mob. He asked for some paper and wrote the words to the song we have in our song books, "Evening Light Songs," called, "Who Will Suffer With Jesus?"

Who will suffer for the Saviour;  
Take the little that remains  
Of the cup of tribulation  
Jesus drank in dying pains?

Oh, for consecrated service,  
'Mid the din of babel strife!  
Who will dare the truth to hearld,  
At the peril of his life?

## CHORUS

Lord, we fellowship thy passion,  
Gladly suffer shame and loss;  
With thy blessing pain is pleasure,  
We will glory in thy cross.

—M. Miles

## "The Old Rugged Cross"

"The Old Rugged Cross" was written by George Bennard, a holiness evangelist. During a revival tide in upper Michigan, his native state, when meditating much upon the crucifixion of Jesus, he was inspired to write these impressive verses, interpreting Calvary's passion and atoning sacrifice, and responding with the pledge of consecration in the chorus. We "endure as seeing Him who is invisible" for "we have respect unto the recompense of reward."

The author has written many other hymns in current use, but none have attained the sudden or lasting acclaim of "The Old Rugged Cross." No other Gospel song is so much in demand on the radio. May its message continue to turn the thoughts and prayers of many listeners to the Lamb of God.

## *Hummingbirds of The Snow*

We usually think that hummingbirds are about in the summer season when flowers are in full bloom. The tropical jungles are the homes of scores of different kinds of these beautiful little birds. Yet there are some hummingbirds that battle with storms and snows of the Andes Mountains. Their rainbow colors may be seen flashing over fields of sparkling snow.

One of these birds, called sappho, lives upon the barren heights of Bol-

ivia. Sappho has a coat of red and green feathers that glisten in the sunlight. Another hummingbird, called the flambeau, is found only in the cinder-strewn craters among the lofty mountains.

In these countries of the tropics, flowers are blooming all the time along the fringes of the snow fields. And the floors of the valleys are carpeted with lovely flowers. So the hummingbirds of the heights do not have far to go for an abundant supply of food.

Whether living in the steamy jungles or on the mountain peaks, these beautiful little birds all have ten tail feathers. Their tiny feet are often covered with a soft, white down, and some of them even have delicate feathers on their eyelids.

They have different types of saw-edged tongues with which they extract insects from the flowers. And their little bills are often as long as their bodies. These birds are only a small part of the wonders our Lord Jesus has created.

—J. W. A.

## One For God

A poor woman in Africa had nothing to give to God and His work. One night when she was preparing supper, she measured out two handfuls of meal for each member of the family. She thought she would make God a member of the family; so she measured out two handfuls of meal for Him. At the end of each week she took that meal to the missionary as her offering to God.

The Bible says that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Christians especially find this true. God looks at the heart and sees the value of the gift there. *Sel.*

## The Unhappy Mules

An artist drew a picture of a country scene. In the picture were two fields, divided by a fence. Each field was about the same size. Each field had plenty of green grass. In each field there was a mule. What were they doing? They both had their heads through the fence, and they were eating grass from the other mule's field. Each mule had plenty of green grass in his own field. But each seemed to think that the grass in the other field was greener and fresher. At the bottom of the picture, the artist wrote one word, "discontent!"

Some of us are just like those discontented, unhappy mules. We have plenty, but we are discontented with what we have. Like those mules, we think that we would be happy if we could only have what others have.

We should be pleased with what we have. We should be contented with what we have. The Bible says, "Be content with such things as ye have" (Hebrews 13:5). Discontent is the mother of other sins: Stealing, Meanness, Selfishness!

## Smiling For Jesus

If we smile for Jesus, we are telling others that Jesus is kind to us. We are telling others that He makes us happy. They look at our faces, and watch to see how we act, when they want to find out what kind of Jesus we have.

So our lives should tell to others what a dear and loving Saviour we have. When we have the smile, or happiness, in our heart, it will also be on our faces.—*Selected.*

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### HE WILL HELP

When we're tempted, Jesus knows,  
And His love and pity shows;  
He will keep us by His power  
If we ask Him hour by hour.

## Search Question

What was left of wicked Jezebel's body to be buried?

### Answer To Last Week's Question

She was thrown out a window and horses trode upon her, 2 Kings 10:30, 33

Dear Boys and Girls,

When we are saved and belong to the Lord we have a source of joy that others do not know about. The presence of the Lord with us makes us happy. Sometimes we just smile but other times we want to sing. Singing is a good habit to form because it will help someone else too. When we sing about Jesus it will cause those around us to think about Jesus when they otherwise would not.

Several of the young people and I visited our capitol in Washington D. C. a few months ago. We stood on the Capitol steps and sang the song, "How Great Thou Art." Those who heard us were made to think about God while we sang. We hope it caused them to

think about their soul's eternal abode. In song we told them about Jesus who died for our sins and that it was such a wonderful thing that we could scarcely believe it but we were glad we did because we had such a joy in our souls.

It would be good if you would learn some songs by memory that you could sing and be a blessing to others in song. Maybe your Sunday school teacher can teach you some songs.

Paul was a good example of rejoicing. You remember when he and Silas were in jail, their feet in stocks and their backs bleeding, that they sang praises unto the Lord and prayed. They knew that the Lord wanted them to be brave soldiers of the cross. God blessed them and sent an earthquake and opened the prison, didn't he? Rejoicing will bring blessings to us even when we are in trouble.

In our lesson Paul also tells us that he knew what it meant to be hungry and he knew what it meant to have plenty to eat. Do you know about times like that? How did you act in those times? Murmur and complain because Mother didn't have everything just to suit your taste in the kitchen? Paul tells us what he did. He said he had learned a lesson that brought him happiness and joy. Can you tell me what it was? He said he had learned, "in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." He went on and said that he could not do this within his own strength. Jesus gave it to him. You want to remember to pray that the Lord will help you to also be contented with what state you are in.

I feel it would also be good to list the things that Paul tells you to think about. That is good instruction for all of us and thinking on these things will bring joy to our hearts, won't it?

—Aunt Marie

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### Let Us Be Joyful

Printed Portion: ..... Phil. 4:4-13

4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, rejoice.

5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

6 Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

9 Those things, which ye have both learned and received, and heard, and seen in me do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity.

11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Central Thoughts: Joy in the Lord should be in every Christian life.

Memory Verse: My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:19.

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## A Bundled Gift

One still night in Bethlehem  
So many years ago,  
A little babe was born;  
He's one we ought to know.

A manger for His crib,  
That gift of bundled love;  
The shepherds came with joy,  
While angels sang above.

And wise men from afar  
Brought gifts so rich and fair;  
Directed by the star  
That shone thru mid-night air.

But Jesus was this babe  
Who came to save from sin,  
To give us joy and peace—  
Won't you let Him come in?  
—Leslie Busbee

## What The Children Sang

"Oh, Mother, may we go out to-night and sing Christmas carols to those who are shut in and won't get out to enjoy Christmas?" the three Weston children asked in one voice, as they came home from school in the evening.

"Well, children, I don't know what to say. It's snowing so hard I'm afraid you couldn't go very far. Who did you want to sing for tonight?" she asked.

"I want to go to Aunt Fanny's, for she never gets out anymore. They say she is nearly blind," said seven-year-old Betty. "I know she isn't our own aunt, but everyone loves her and calls her Aunt Fanny. She is a dear old lady."

"Poor Aunt Fanny, it would be kind to remember her," Mother replied. "And Frank and Robert Brown have the measles and won't get out for another week. I think we should go there, too," Dicky said thoughtfully. He missed the boys since they had to stay at home.

"Yes, and there are Grandpa and Grandma Davis; folks say they are so old and crippled they never go anywhere in the wintertime. And there is old Joe the cobbler, he isn't able to work any more, maybe no one will think of him," Jerry, the oldest of the Weston children, said.

"Well, children, you may go after we have supper this evening. "But

you must not go far from Main Street, for the village lights aren't very bright, and you can't see to get from place to place. It is snowing so hard!" Mrs. Weston said as she prepared an early evening meal so the children could go before it was so late.

Jerry, Dicky, and Betty were so happy to know they could sing Christmas carols, and soon after they had eaten and helped their mother with the dishes, they put their warm coats and overshoes on and started out.

"Aunt Fanny is sitting by the fireplace," they whispered as they came near the window of her home.

Their young voices sang sweetly the old Christmas carol, "Silent Night, Holy Night." Aunt Fanny listened closely, turning her head toward the window, and smiling she said, "Thank God for that song. it will make me forget I'm old and nearly blind."

On the children went singing to those who were old or sick, and at each place friends listened, happy to know that three children thought of them.

When they came back home Mother was mending, Father was reading near the lamp, and Jerry said, "Let's sing for Daddy and Mother, too!"

So they stood on the porch near the door and sang, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing." Mother stopped mending and Father laid down his paper as they listened to the sweet childish voices singing the old song.

"Bless their hearts, they didn't forget us," they said softly. —O. Plants

## Christmas Bible

A middle-aged man, who for many years had been a drunkard appeared

at a Christmas Day Bible reading with a new Bible and this story: "Friends, for twenty five years my custom was to go to the saloon the day before Christmas and pass the holiday in drunkenness.

"But yesterday I started to town. and as I passed the saloon, I was invited to come in but I refused saying that I had something better. That was Jesus. I had been saved and was a happy man living a new life. I went on and bought this Bible at the bookstore. The book seller was surprised when he learned that I was saved, but he said, 'I hope you stick to it.' I told him the only thing I could stick to was sin, but what I cannot do, the Lord Jesus can do."

There are many different gifts given today, but the greatest Gift ever given was what this man had received. This gift was Jesus. Don't you think he bought something grand for Christmas? -- Cond. by L. Busbee

## CHRISTMAS

Soon Christmas will be here. Perhaps many children are counting the days. When I was a child, I thought Christmas was the very nicest time of the year, and long before it came, I would think of it and wish it would hurry and come. I also liked my birthday, but it was very near to Christmas and in the rush of buying presents for Christmas it seemed that everyone would forget my birthday. I would feel very unhappy about this, for the birthdays of others would be remembered with presents, but mine would be forgotten. Would you feel unhappy if everyone would forget your birthday?

Now it is sad indeed when people forget your birthday, but how would

you feel if they would claim to remember it, but instead of trying to do nice things to please you on that day they would do mean things to you and treat you shamefully?

People claim to celebrate Jesus' birthday at Christmas time. Many people in the world make a big fuss over the birth of the Lord Jesus, because it is Christmas time. But they do not really mean it in their hearts. It is only a form. They only celebrate His birth in order to have a good dinner, or to receive a lot of beautiful gifts from their dearest friends. They act in a way that grieves Jesus very much. I am sure He would rather they would forget His birthday entirely than to celebrate it in that manner. But we who love Him with our hearts should always be careful to please Him. If we celebrate His birthday, let us do it as He would want us to—love and worship Him.

Jesus is God's best Gift to us. He is God's love Gift. God gave His Son Jesus to die for us, for our sins, that we also might become His sons. What wonderful love He had for us!

The best gift that you could give this Christmas is to give yourself to the dear Lord Jesus, if you have not already done that. He wants you much more than He wants your other gifts. Shall you this Christmas gift to Jesus this Christmas be your very own self? That will please Him and make Him very happy. He wants, first of all, that you take His gift of salvation. He wants to save you from your sins. Then He wants you to give Him a gift—yourself. —G. R.

### KEEP ME

In all I think or speak or do,

Whatever way my steps are bent,  
God, make and keep me strong and true,  
Courageous, cheerful, and content.

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### Search Question

Who hid one hundred prophets of the Lord in a cave to escape the wrath of Jezebel?

#### Answer To Last Week's Question

Her skull, feet, and the palms of her hands, 2 Kings 10:35.

Dear Boys and Girls,

I understand how you feel now as you look forward to Christmas. You are hoping you will receive from your parents just the gifts you are wanting. Your parents are wanting to give them to you also but, dear boys and girls, you must remember they have many bills to pay and it costs so much to keep food, clothes and a place for you to live. You must not be too disappointed because you do not get what you wanted but remember to be real thankful for what you do receive. I have known boys and girls that were so disappointed that they did not get the gift they wanted that they were very forgetful to thank their parents for what they did receive. You must not do that. You want to be thankful for everything you receive.

Don't forget, dear boys and girls, also the most precious gift from above. God gave the most wonderful gift that has ever been given. Can you tell me who

that was? That is right, it was Jesus. We find that the wise men also gave gifts to Jesus when he was born.

In Philipians 2:5-11 we read a beautiful account of how Jesus came from heaven and took on him the form of a baby and then grew to be a man. He did not feel he was too great to not be able to come here and live. He humbled himself and became willing to die on the cross for our salvation. Because he did this God has highly exalted him above every other person. Every person in this world who has lived and will live will someday bow down on their knees to Jesus and confess Him to be Jesus Christ, the Son of God. So Jesus is all and in all. That is the reason we rejoice today when we think of His birth, isn't it? It would be good to have one of you read those verses in Philipians. They are beautifully written.

Angels in heaven were interested in Jesus being born here in this world. They rejoiced when they brought the news to the shepherds, didn't they? After one of them told the shepherds that Jesus was born that day in the city of David and told them they would be sure when they found him wrapped in swaddling clothes, a great host of angels praised the Lord and cried, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Today we are rejoicing because we feel His presence with us. We can rejoice with the angels and the shepherds. He is very precious to us, isn't He?

—Aunt Marie

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When Jesus Was Born

Printed Portion: ..... Luke 2:8-20

2:8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Memory Verse: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:14.

Central Thought: We want to think more about God's gift to us than earthly gifts.

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## Be Not Partial

That little boy that gives you trouble,  
Or the girl that lives next door,  
May not be saved but just remember  
Jesus loves them more and more.

Every man and every woman,  
Every girl and every boy,  
It makes no difference where they're  
from,  
Jesus died to give them joy.

—Leslie Bushee

## The Testing Fire

"Oh, I'm so glad you had a nice fire, Uncle Dick! You knew how cold we'd be after skating so long, didn't you?" exclaimed Helen.

"You don't have anything to eat, do you, Uncle Dick?" There was an anxious tone in James' voice as he asked this.

"James! Mother told you never to ask for food away from home," scolded his little sister Judith.

"Never mind, Judy," said Uncle Dick, "I knew you'd be hungry, so I decided to use the new corn popper,

you gave me for Christmas. While I get the corn and dishes, you get ready to enjoy yourselves and everyone find a seat near the fireplace."

In a moment Uncle Dick was ready to pop the corn over the fire.

"Uncle Dick, would you mind telling us another story?" teased Celia.

"Why no! Have you any suggestions?" asked Uncle Dick.

"Oh! something about—about, oh! I know—a fire," said Judy, her puzzled expression giving way to anticipation.

"All right, another story from the Bible," said Uncle Dick. "You've all heard about Daniel in the lions' den, haven't you? Well, this story happened just before that."

"When Nebuchadnezzar was king in Babylon, there were four men in the palace who loved God. One was Daniel; the other three were Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. The king sent out an order that whenever the people heard the sound of a cornet or any music they were to fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar had made. These three men loved God and they

refused to do it. When Nebuchadnezzar heard about this, he had them come before him, and he told them they must worship as he decreed. He even said, 'Who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?'

"You see, he didn't believe God was real and alive, but the three did, and they answered, 'Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of thine hand, O King.'

"This answer made the king angry, and he commanded that they should be cast into the fiery furnace, which was to be made seven times as hot as usual. The three men were bound and thrown into flames so hot that the men who went near to throw them in, were burned to death. Much to the king's surprise the three boys walked around in the fire, unharmed. Furthermore, there was a fourth One. The king went closer and said, 'Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the Most High God, come forth.' The boys walked out.

"Nebuchadnezzar told all the people to worship the True God who had sent His angel to take care of the boys in the fiery furnace. God was real to these three men and He wants to be real to us, too. Don't you want to know Him as a real Saviour and Friend?"

## The Coconut

I think I must have been nearly seven years old, when, after reading some book that had been given me, I decided that if I could have only one thing that I very much wished for, I should be "perfectly happy."

And what was this one thing? You would never guess, so I must tell you—it was a coconut!

Great was my delight when I was promised that on my seventh birthday I should have a coconut—all my own, to keep and to do what I liked with it.

When my birthday arrived I remember being a little disappointed with the outside appearance of the nut, which was not nearly as large as I thought. But when it was broken open and the milk, which I expected would be so delicious, turned out to be so bad that we could not drink it, my disappointment was complete, and I burst into tears.

A friend who heard the story wrote a kind letter and told me I must expect many "coconuts" in passing through life. I did not know what she meant at the time, but I have found out since. She meant that if I set my heart very much upon anything, as I had done about the coconut, I should find, even if I gained what I wanted, that it would not satisfy me. It would, she knew, leave some deep corner of my heart empty, as if something MORE was wanted to FILL it with joy.

Now I just want to tell you of one thing that will never disappoint you; but will always give you joy instead of sorrow. It is this—the love of Jesus, the knowledge that He is YOUR Friend and YOUR Saviour, and YOUR sins are forgiven.

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

## Child of A King

Many years ago this incident happened. A group of slaves were bro't from Africa to our southern States. The natives were marching to the reviewing stand. There was one lad

that was outstanding. For while the others groped carelessly along he walked very erect and straight. The buyers, who were watching the sales, immediately spotted the boy. Without hesitation they questioned the man at the auction block about this outstanding lad. It was discovered that the boy was the son of a king. Now even in a foreign country, and among slaves this boy felt the dignity of his royal family. Whatever the boy did he sought to bring honor to the royal family of which he was a member. He did not want to displease or disgrace his father.

Christians have a royal heritage. We are "heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ" Rom. 8:17. God placed us on this earth. We are also representatives for Him. We should seek to bring honor to Him. Never should we disgrace or displease God. Our very actions should ever be pleasing to the Lord. Whatever you do, remember you are a child of a King. Do others know you are a child of a King by the way you live? Whether at home, school, or at play our lives should tell for God. "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ" Col. 3:23, 24. —Sel.

## Search Question

Who stretched himself upon a dead child three times and the soul returned?

Answer To Last Week's Question

Obadiah, 1 Kings 18:4

Dear Boys and Girls,

Our lesson today is in the little book of Philemon. It is written by Paul at the close of his life while he was a pris-

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oner in Rome. It is supposed that Apphia was Philemon's wife and Archippus was probably his son. The love Paul showed to them was wonderful, wasn't it? He said he thanked God for them, always making mention of them in his prayers. It is always a comfort to know that there are those who love us and pray for us. Not long ago I was away in meetings and the Lord specially blessed me and the thought came to me that the Lord was answering my father's prayers as he told me he would pray for me. That was a comfort to feel that he was praying for me. I'm sure that is the way the household of Philemon felt when they received this letter.

Onesimus was a slave that belonged to Philemon. It seems from what we have written that Onesimus stole some money or something before he ran away from Philemon's house. He did not need to run away because Philemon was a good Christian man and a good master. There were some masters who were not good to their slaves. But we do understand that it is human nature to want to be free, and we are glad slavery has been abolished.

Onesimus no doubt would hide in the day and walk along at night so he would not be detected. Then when he came to the seacoast at Colosse he no doubt

got a job on a sailing vessel and worked his way to Rome. We do not know just how he got his passage to Rome. Finally he came in contact with St. Paul chained to a soldier. He probably was surprised to see him because he may have known him before since his master, Philemon, was one of Paul's converts. Then Onesimus may have gotten into trouble and looked up Paul to help him out, but anyway, Paul kept him for awhile as one of his helpers. While Onesimus was with Paul he got saved and also loved Jesus as his master, Philemon did. Paul loved this man very much and would have liked for him to stay with him but thought it would not be right so he sent him back to Philemon with a letter. This letter is our lesson today. Paul asked Philemon to treat Onesimus as a beloved brother now, (verse 16). Paul even thinks Philemon will do more than he asked (verse 21), which is probably a suggestion that he set Onesimus free. No doubt Philemon did because it seems he was very free in letting others read the letter since we have it in our Bibles today.

As Paul loved the slave, so God loves people of every race and of every condition in life. God wants us to be kind and helpful to them too. We want to treat all boys and girls around us today with kindness. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 13, December 29, 1957

### Like Good Brothers

Printed Portion: ..... Phil. 1-16

1 Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer,

2 And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, and to the church in thy house:

3 Grace to you, and peace, from God

our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers;

5 Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints;

6 That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

7 For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.

8 Wherefore, though I might be much bold in Christ to enjoin thee that which is convenient,

9 Yet for love's sake I rather beseech thee, being such an one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ.

10 I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds:

11 Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me:

12 Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, mine own bowels:

13 Whom I would have retained with me, that in thy stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel:

14 But without thy mind would I do nothing; that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly.

15 For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him for ever;

16 Not now as a servant, but above a servant, more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord?

Memory Verse: Above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. Col. 3:14.

Central Thought: Those who have been born of God are brothers; whatever their race may be.