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JESUS PUT ON THE CROSS

Matthew 27:33-50

On a hill outside of Jerusalem there were three crosses. On the first cross was a man who was a thief. On the second cross was our precious Jesus. On the third cross was another thief. It was a sad thing to look upon. The man on the first cross made fun of Jesus. The people standing around the cross also made fun of Jesus. There were a few who loved Him and shed tears. True mothers always stand by their sons. Jesus' mother was by the cross. Would you stand by Jesus' cross if you had lived in that day? By loving Him and living for Him, you can stand by Him today. Jesus was on the cross for the sins of the people. His head, arms, stomach, legs, and chest hurt Him while He hung on the cross. He hurt all over. Finally He cried to His Father. God took Him out of His body and took Him to paradise. He died for you and for me and for everyone in the world. We should love Him every day because He loved us so much. On the third cross was a thief who was sorry for his sins. Jesus forgave him. When he died he went to heaven. The other thief went to hell.

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

Jessie Finds Jesus

A little girl, in a broken down little house, stood by her mother's death-bed and heard her last words: "Jessie, find Jesus."

When the mother was buried, her father took to drink and Jessie was left to such care as a poor neighbor could give her.

One day she wandered off, unmissed, with a little basket in her hand. She went from one street to another. She had started out to find Jesus. She stopped in front of a saloon. A young man staggered out of the door, and almost stumbled over her. He swore and used the name of Jesus. "Where is He?" she eagerly inquired. He looked at her and asked what she had said.

"Will you please, sir, tell me where Jesus Christ is for I must find Him?"

"I don't know, child; I don't know where He is," the young man said in a broken voice, hopelessly.

At length she wandered on and came to a park. A woman was there who did not believe that Jesus had died for our sins. The child timidly asked her in a low voice, "Do you know Jesus Christ?"

"Jesus Christ is dead!" the Jewess said fiercely.

Poor Jessie trudged on, but soon a rude boy jostled against her, and snatching her basket threw it into the street. Crying, she ran to pick it up. The horses of a passing carriage ran over her and she knew no more until she came to in a hospital bed. When the doctors came that night they

knew she could not live until morning. In the middle of the night, after she had been lying very still for a long time, apparently asleep, she suddenly opened her eyes, and the nurse, bending over her, heard her whisper, while her face lighted up with that smile that had some of heaven's own gladness in it: "Oh, Jesus, I have found you at last!" Then the tiny lips were hushed, but the questioning spirit had received the answer.

—"Answers to Prayer."

Boys and girls, the story above is true. Aren't you glad that there is someone to tell you about Jesus? You don't have to hunt and try to find someone who knows about Jesus. Jesus is the One who died on the cross for your sins. You can ask Him to forgive you of your sins and to come into your heart. He will love you and be your very best friend. Then when you come to die like Jessie He will take you to be with Him forever. Won't that be wonderful!

—Sister M. Miles

QUESTIONS:

1. How many crosses were outside the city?
2. Who were put on those three crosses?
3. Why was Jesus put on the cross?
4. How can Jesus be our Saviour?
5. Have you given Jesus your heart?

If you love Jesus He will love you.
If you turn away from Jesus He will turn away from you.

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JESUS AROSE

Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20

After Jesus died on the cross they took Him down and put Him in a new tomb. A big stone was rolled in front of that tomb. Soldiers were put around it. They were afraid someone would steal Jesus' body. All of a sudden there was an earthquake. A bright shining angel sat upon the stone that rolled away from the tomb. The soldiers around the tomb fell down as dead men. God had taken over now. Man had put Jesus on the cross and watched Him die. Now God was bringing Him back to life. The soldiers who had been so brave now were helpless. God is great and mighty. When we belong to God He will not let man do any more to us than He feels is best.

Some women hurried to the tomb. They wondered who would roll the stone away. How surprised they were to see the angel. The angel said, "He is not here: for he is risen. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." Jesus is alive today!

Memory Verse: That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Romans 10:9.

"Happy Easter"

"Happy Easter," said Sister Smith, as a broad smile flashed across her face. The boys and girls sat up real straight as Sister Smith greeted them. It was time for Sunday School to begin. Just then the door squeaked. Into the room walked a timid boy. His clothes were patched in many places, but very clean. He sat in the very last row.

"Our lesson today is about the risen Saviour," said Sister Smith. "God so loved us that He gave His only Son to die for us. Jesus was nailed to the cross for our sins. He died upon the Cross. Some men buried Him in a tomb. On Easter Sunday He arose from the grave. Today we serve a living Lord. We know He lives when He lives in our hearts. If we ask Jesus to forgive us of our sins He will. If you have never asked Jesus to come into your heart, do so today. Now we will pray."

After prayer, Sister Smith told more about Jesus and how He came out of the grave. She told how we should always love Jesus because He loves us so much.

After all the children had gone home, the timid little boy still remained in the last row. Sister Smith heard the little boy sob. Big tears were rolling down his cheeks. Sister Smith put her arm around the boy. "What is the matter?" she asked.

"Does Jesus really love little boys like me?" he asked.

"Yes, He does love you," said Sister Smith. She asked him if he wanted

to pray to Jesus and ask Him to forgive him of his sins. They both knelt together and prayed. The boy asked Jesus to come into his heart and to forgive him. The Lord Jesus took away his sins. As the boy left the room he knew the true meaning of Easter. A risen, living Saviour lived in his heart. Does Jesus live in your heart? He wants to live in your heart. Jesus loves you. —M. P.

A NEW BODY

One time I watched some eggs as they hatched out. They were in a big glass box where it was kept warm by lamps. The eggs began to crack and then would roll some. Soon one broke open and out came a little baby chick. It is wonderful how an egg can turn into a baby chicken, isn't it? Only God can do that. Boys and girls, some day God is going to give us a new body. In that new body we will never be sick. We will be with God in heaven. Because Jesus arose from the grave we will arise with a new body some day.

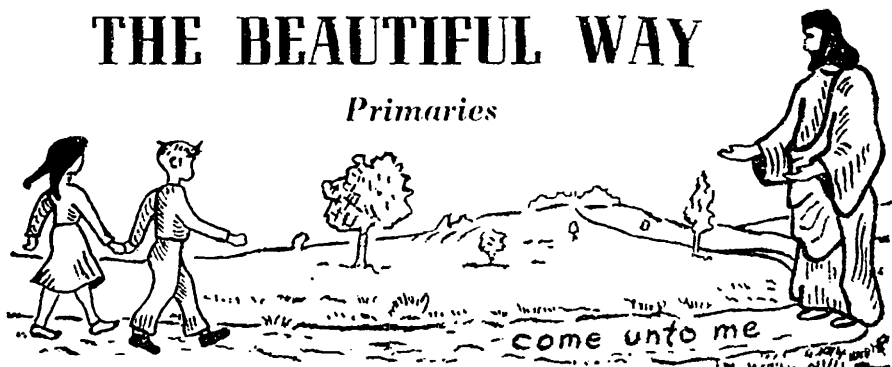
—A. M. Miles

QUESTIONS:

1. What day of the week did Jesus arise?
2. Who was sitting on the stone at the tomb?
3. What did the angel tell the women?
4. What message did the angel give to the women?
5. Will all the dead in the graves rise some day?

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May 30

SIN BRINGS TROUBLE

2 Samuel 12:1-10

Nathan, the prophet, told King David a story. A poor man had just one little lamb. It was a pet. The children all loved it dearly. A rich man had some company. He did not take of his many, many lambs but took the poor man's only lamb to feed to his company. When the king heard this he was angry. He said, "The man who did this shall surely die. He shall give the poor man four times as many as he took." The prophet Nathan said, "Thou art the man." David was surprised. Nathan told him that he would be punished because he took a man's wife and then sent this man to the front of the battle to be killed. David might have thought he had this sin covered. No one can cover anything from God. David was sorry. He wept before the Lord. He asked God to forgive him and wash him whiter than snow. He begged God to give him a clean heart. God heard his cries and forgave him. But David had trouble in his family. One of his sons tried to take his throne from him. It never pays to do wrong. Be sure your sins will be found out.

Memory Verse: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10.

Rattle The Chain

My father kept sugar in lumps in his trunk. I knew I should not take it. My aunt was teaching my cousin to sew and my brother had gone to the field. I was lonesome. The old trunk was under the bed, and I knew the sugar was there. I wanted it so badly that I slipped a lump out and went to the old wheat granary to eat it. A log chain hung from the ceiling. I began to rattle the chain because I was afraid someone would hear me eat the sugar. The house was about 15 steps away from the granary. Of course no one could hear but I knew I had done wrong and my conscience hurt me. I knew I had stolen the sugar.

Later my cousin came and I told her about the lumps of sugar in the trunk. I got her a lump and one for myself. We went to the granary to eat it. With two eating the sugar I thought it would make so much noise that we both should rattle the chain real loud so no one could hear us eat it. My cousin was a little older than I and she knew that no one could hear us. She was tickled at doing such a thing so she played a trick on me. She got me to get another lump of sugar and while I ate it and rattled the chain she told the joke to others. To my great surprise when I looked up the whole family and hired men were standing there looking and laughing at me. My father asked me what I was doing. I told him I was playing with the chain. He asked "What else are you doing?" I saw

my cousin with them and I knew that she had told it to all of them as they had come to eat dinner. I was given away at my first attempt to steal. My father was going to whip me but the others begged him not to as they thought it was so funny. With a promise that I would not steal any more sugar my father let me off.

—Willis M. Brown

We might try to hide things from others but God sees it all. We can't do wrong and get by. Stealing is sin and God makes us feel badly in our hearts when we steal or lie. So be sure that you do not disobey God's law. It is sin to do wrong. Sin must be punished. Jesus has taken our sins and was punished on the cross for us. We must come to Jesus and ask His forgiveness for sin. We must believe that He has borne them for us. We must be sorry we have sinned. We must quit sinning. We do not want to sin anymore. Jesus will forgive us. We want to love Jesus and pray to Him every day to help us.

—M. Miles

QUESTIONS:

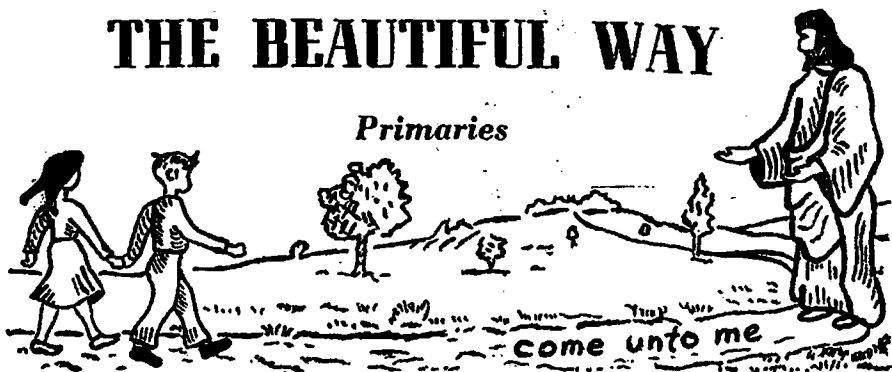
1. Who told King David a story?
 2. Can you tell the story?
 3. What sin had David committed?
 4. Can we cover our sins?
 5. What are we to do when we know we have sinned?
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What do you do when the devil comes knocking at your heart's door?

I tell him that no one is at home.

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June 27

SOLOMON DOES WRONG

1 Kings 9:15, 20, 21; 10:21, 22; 11:3, 4

Our lesson today tells us how great Solomon became. He forced men to work for him. They built big houses. They built big cities. In those days they did not have cars but they had horses. Solomon had hundreds of stables built for his horses. This took a lot of men working to do this. They did not have big machines to work with. Solomon also had a lot of ships. These ships went to other countries. They brought back gold, silver, ivory, apes and peacocks. I am sure Solomon had a big zoo. His throne was made of ivory and covered with gold. He had beautiful gardens and many fountains. He had all the riches that could be had, almost. But this did not bring happiness to him. He called it all vanity which means nothing. God is the only one who can give us real happiness. Riches will not make you happy.

When Solomon grew old, his many wives turned him away from God. He worshipped idols like they did. How sad this was!

Memory Verse: For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father. 1 Kings 11:4.

Jesus Knows Best*

"Aren't you going to pray?" Grandpa asked Billy.

"No, I'm not praying any more," said Billy. "It doesn't do any good. Jesus doesn't answer my prayers."

"Well, I am surprised at you, Billy. Don't you think Jesus knows what is best for you?" Grandpa said.

A few days went by and Billy had a lot of fun on the farm. He went with Grandpa to the field and rode with him on the tractor. He helped him bring in the cows. He played with old Rover, their big collie dog. He helped grandmother gather the eggs. He enjoyed it all so much.

One day the phone rang. It was just after Billy had finished eating a slice of warm bread with good country butter and jelly spread thick on it. It was so good. Grandpa answered the phone. He talked for a while and then he called Billy to the phone. It was Billy's mother. She had called to say that Billy was to come home that afternoon as some plans had changed and he could not stay for the whole week as she had first planned. Billy tried his best to get his mother to work out something so he could stay but she was firm in saying he had to come home that very afternoon. Billy was so disappointed that he had to leave and was hurt because Mother had not let him have what he had asked for.

*parable

"Well, Billy, I guess you won't be talking to your mother when you go home," Grandpa said.

"Well, sure, I'll be talking to her," Billy said. "What makes you think I won't talk to her? I couldn't mistreat Mother that way. She is always so good to me. She would feel terribly hurt if I didn't talk to her."

"Well, I thought you would not talk to her. You quit talking to Jesus because He didn't give you what you had asked for in your prayers," said Grandpa.

Billy was silent for a while and then he said, "Oh, Grandpa, I am so sorry. I see what you mean. I should trust Jesus like I trust Mother to know best. I'll pray to Jesus from now on."

"I am sure you will need to ask Jesus to forgive you and promise Him you won't do that again," said Grandpa.

—M. Miles

QUESTIONS:

1. How did Solomon get his house built?
2. Did he have a big navy on the sea?
3. What did his ships bring to him?
4. Did Solomon find happiness in riches?
5. Who turned him away from God?

Mathuselah was the oldest man that ever lived. He lived to be 969 years old. (Gen. 5:27).

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