

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY

Primaries



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Part 14

Jan. 1

## JESUS IS TEMPTED

Luke 3:21, 22; 4:1-13

One day Jesus came down to the Jordan River. He asked John the Baptist to baptize him. Baptize means to put one under the water and bring him back up. While Jesus stood there praying, the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit like a dove came upon him. Then God spoke out of heaven and said, "Thou art my beloved Son, in thee I am well pleased." What a beautiful scene! God was speaking, the Holy Spirit descending out of the sky, and Jesus, the Son of God standing in the water being blessed! But this was only for a time. After he was in the wilderness and had fasted forty days and nights the devil tried to get him to do wrong. The devil pointed to a stone and said, "Turn that into bread." Although Jesus was very hungry and could have done that, he said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." The devil then offered him all the kingdoms of the world if he would worship him. Jesus refused. Then Satan tempted Jesus to cast himself down from the top of the temple. Again Jesus refused.

*Memory Verse:* Jesus said . . . Get thee behind me, Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Luke 4:8.

## New Year's Day

It was the last night of the old year and Reynold was going to bed. "I wish I could make some of those things Cousin Lucy and Cousin Esther were making," he said. "They are going to begin in the morning. Cousin Lucy is going to practice her music some and study arithmetic harder, and keep her dresses cleaner."

"You mean resolutions?" asked his mother.

"Yes, that's it," said Reynold, "resolutions. I want to make some resolutions, but I don't know what to make."

"Well, let us think," said his mother. "What kind of resolutions would be good for a little boy six years old to make? You don't want to make too many. I believe if I were you I would only make one."

"Lucy and Esther made lots of them," said Reynold, "but they are big girls. One resolution would be enough for a little boy, wouldn't it?"

"I think it would be enough," said his mother, "and I think that a whole year is too long a time to make a resolution for. If I were you I would make one good resolution for one day of the new year—the first day—tomorrow!"

"All right," said Reynold, "I will make one for tomorrow! What would you make?"

"It's your resolution," Mother said. "You ought to make it yourself."

Reynold thought for a while and then said, "I will mind you all day tomorrow."

"Very well," Mother replied; "that is your New Year's resolution; don't forget it in the morning. Go to sleep now."

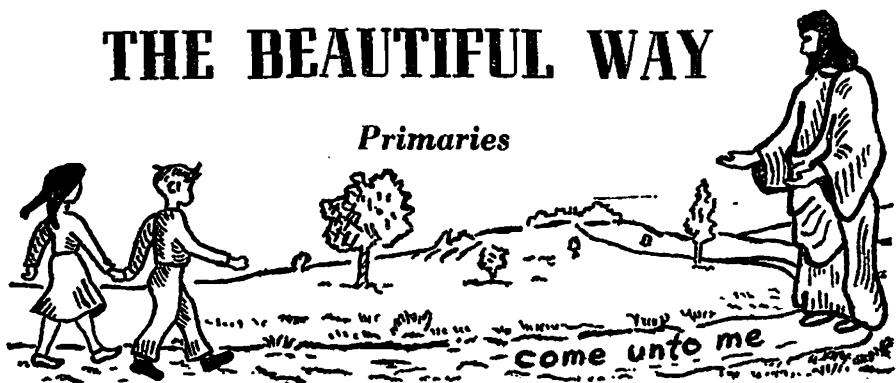
Mother kissed Reynold and left him. When he awoke in the morning he thought of his New Year's resolution. He wondered if his mother had forgotten. He went down to breakfast but she didn't say anything. She didn't ask him to do anything so he didn't have a chance to keep it. But whom do you think came to see them? His aunt and uncle! They brought him three little cakes in a basket. He loved cake. His mother gave him a piece and put the rest up. Later he wanted some more but Mother said, "No, you must wait until after dinner." Reynold was about to draw his face into a frown when his mother looked at him so strangely that it made him think of his resolution. Then the funniest-looking smile chased the frown away from his face. Mother smiled and patted him on the head. "God helped you to keep your promise, didn't He."

### QUESTIONS:

1. Where was Jesus baptized and how?
2. Are we to follow Jesus' example?
3. What did God say from heaven?
4. What came upon Jesus?
5. Name the ways Jesus was tempted by the devil.
6. What tempts you to do wrong and what do you do about it?

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Jan. 8

## JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY

Luke 4:16-19; 5:18-26

One day Jesus went to the synagogue or chapel. He stood up to read. The minister gave him the book of Isaiah which is in the Old Testament. He read from the 61st chapter and the first two verses. The prophet Isaiah, many years before, told the people about Jesus coming. Jesus read this and told them that this was the time for him to come. All the people were surprised. They did not expect Jesus to come in this manner. Some rejected him but others rejoiced after they saw him do wonderful works. Jesus did not let trouble stop him.

The last part of our lesson tells about a sick man who had palsy. Some men brought him to Jesus to be healed. There was such a crowd that they could not get him into the house. They tore the roof open and let him down in front of Jesus. Jesus said, "Thy sins are forgiven thee." Then he said, "Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house." Immediately he arose and departed to his own house rejoicing. What a Savior!

*Memory Verse:* I say unto you, He that believeth on me . . . greater works than these shall he do; because I go to my Father. John 14:12.

## Florrie Had the Best Time

There is a vacant lot on the corner of East Avenue and Caldwell St., with two spreading oak trees on it. My, but it is a lovely play ground for the children from far and near!

Two little girls passed Mrs. Allen's house almost every day. On their way home sometimes she would ask, "Hey, girlies, have you had a fine time?"

Now, Mrs. Allen often noticed that Florrie Bryan seemed to have had a better time and she looked happier somehow than Mary Ella Carter. Mrs. Allen wondered about why this was but she found out.

For some reason Florrie passed by herself one time, and Mrs. Allen called her to come in and hold a hank of yarn for the socks she was making. Mrs. Allen also had a big red apple for her, too.

"What have you been playing to-day?" Mrs. Allen asked.

"Oh, we most always play house-keeping," Florrie answered.

"And what is the little white thing on your head?"

"Why, don't you see?" Florrie said in surprise, "That's a maid's cap."

"Oh, I see; so you are the maid, and Mary Ella is the mistress?"

"Yes, Ma'am," answered the dear little girl with a sigh, "I would love to be mistress sometimes, but Mary Ella says she won't be the maid, and when she says she won't she won't."

"But Mary Ella ought to give up

sometimes," Mrs. Allen insisted, sternly.

"Yes, Ma'am," answered her little yarn winder, "but I'm so used to giving up to Mary Ella that I don't mind much, and somebody has to be a giver-up to make us have good times, you know."

"No, precious child!" Mrs. Allen exclaimed. "I didn't know that being a giver-up would bring me good times but if it makes me have a face as bright as the morning, like yours, I am surely going to try it."

Florrie didn't know quite what Mrs. Allen meant but Mrs. Allen was sure after she thanked her for the apple that she went off to hunt up the little sour-faced Mary Ella to give her half of her red apple. —Adapted

God blesses those who are not selfish and then others are blessed and helped when following their example.

### QUESTIONS:

1. Did Jesus attend services regularly?
2. What book in the old Bible did he read from?
3. What did he read?
4. What did Jesus do for the sick man?
5. What do you think Jesus was like?

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Zeal for right and clean endeavor  
All our life should mark below,  
From all sin our lives to sever,  
All the will of God to know.

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Jan. 15

## THE MARKS OF A CHRISTIAN

Luke 6:20-23, 27-36

One day Jesus went up into the mountain to pray. He stayed there all night in prayer. In the morning he called his disciples to him and he chose twelve to be with him. As He and His disciples came down out of the mountain, a great multitude of people from different places came to Him. Many of them were sick and Jesus healed all of them. If those who were sick even so much as touched him they felt healing virtue come from him. Jesus loved all of them, just as He loves all of us today. If we have faith he will heal us.

Then Jesus looked at the multitude. He wanted them to know how to live to get to heaven. He told them that if they would seek him and do right just as they sought food when they were hungry that they would be blessed and could get into the kingdom of God. Jesus told them, "Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you." When someone smites you on one cheek, turn the other. Jesus also taught them to do unto others as they would have others do unto them. He said, "Your reward shall be great in heaven."

*Memory Verse:* And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Luke 6:46.

## Believing Helps

Terry Green looked out of the car window at the fast falling snow. It looked like millions of white feathers coming from the sky.

"Why did we have two flat tires in such a storm?" thought Terry. "If only I could help!"

Terry, his mother, his little sister, Rachel, and baby brother Paul had sat in the car at least an hour waiting for Daddy. He had gone to the nearest farmhouse for help. Now they were waiting.

"Is he ever coming back?" Terry asked Mother.

"Of course. You must believe in him. He will come as soon as he can."

"But he's been gone so long!" complained Terry. Terry felt there was no better daddy in the world. But maybe Daddy had forgotten about them.

The car was cold, even with the engine running. Little sister Rachel was crying. She wanted some hot cocoa. She said, "I'm cold!" She cried so hard that she awakened baby Paul. Mother looked worried. But Terry thought that he would help and he wasn't going to cry.

Suddenly a fearful thought came to Terry. "Perhaps Daddy is lost!" he cried.

"No!" Mother shook her head. "But he might have had an accident."

"Oh, no!" Terry cried.

By this time the wind had begun to howl. The snow whirled in circles about the car and tried to get inside. The baby sobbed softly. He was hungry.

"If baby Paul doesn't get food soon he'll be sick," Mother said.

Terry did not feel brave at all, but he said, "Let me go look for Daddy, please, Mother."

Mother sighed and said, after thinking for awhile, "Very well, but go straight for the farmhouse."

Terry started out but the wind and snow was blowing hard. Soon a small truck went by. It stopped at the car. It was daddy and a man. Terry rushed to him. "Hi!" he cried. "At first I thought you might not come back. Then I believed that you would. Now I am so happy."

"The farmer took me to town to buy two new tires," Daddy said. Later as they were driving along Daddy said, "You were happier when you believed I was coming back, weren't you? That is the way some people are about Jesus. When they don't believe in Jesus they are unhappy. But when they believe in Him and His Word, they are happy." —Sel.

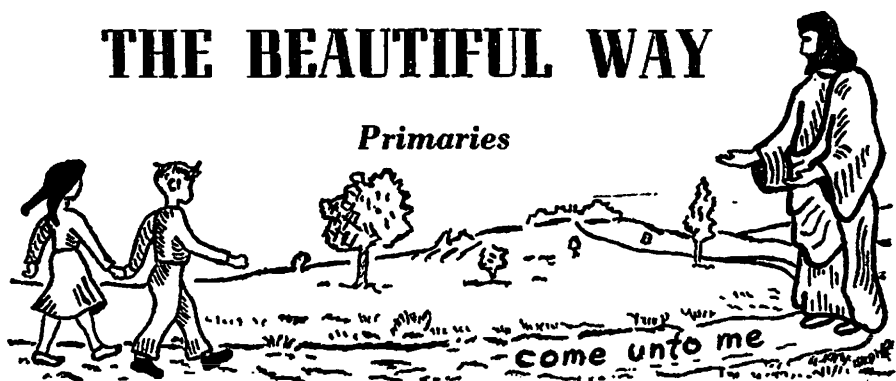
### QUESTIONS:

1. How long did Jesus pray?
2. How many disciples did He choose?
3. Were just a few sick people healed?
4. What did Jesus teach the people?
5. How are we to treat others?

Pointing souls in sin about us  
By the fruits of love divine  
To a higher plane of living,  
Let our light forever shine!

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Jan. 22

## THE SEED AND THE FRUIT

Luke 8:9-21

Jesus spoke a parable to the people. He said that one day a man went forth to sow. This man was a worker for God. He sowed the seed, which is the Word of God. This Word of God or seed fell on the wayside hearers. They did not believe and get saved before the devil took the seed out of their hearts. Now some of the Word of God seed fell on the hearts of the rocky-hearers. With joy they received God's Word in their hearts but because they didn't have any root they did not bring forth any fruit. Some of the Word of God seed fell upon the hearts of the thorny-hearers. At first it looked like they would bring forth some fruit, but soon their love for making money and pleasures and cares of life choked out the precious Word of God seed. They did not bring forth any fruit. But thank God, the Word of God seed fell upon some good soil hearers. With joy they received it and kept it. They were steady and with patience brought forth much fruit. They had good honest hearts. They loved God even when things came that would hinder them. God wants all of us to be good soil hearers.

*Memory Verse:* Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given. Luke 8:18.

## Betty's Plant

"Mother, why don't the other boys and girls like me?" Betty asked.

"Why, Betty, they do. You just think they don't."

"No, they don't ask me to their house and no one talks to me at school. Yesterday Tony gave everyone a pencil but me," Betty said with a tear in her eye.

"Let's pray about it," Mother said.

The next Sunday the Sunday School teacher gave each child a seed. She said for them to take it home and bury it in a can of dirt. Keep the dirt moist. Put the can in the sunlight and see what happens. The little seed can teach you something.

Betty planted her seed in an old tomato can in soft black dirt. Each day she watched the can. Finally one day she jumped up and down with delight. She saw the little plant beginning to peek up through the dirt. "You are lots prettier than you were when I buried you," she said.

It grew and grew until it was quite tall. "Look how pretty you are. Suppose you had not been buried. You would still be just an ugly little seed."

Mother overheard Betty talking. "Would you like to be pretty, too? Do you want all the children to like you?"

"Why, yes," Betty said soberly.

"You must bury yourself," Mother said. "If you want others to like you."

Betty asked, "How can I bury myself?"

"You must deny yourself. You must think of others first and give

them what you want for yourself."

"Oh, I will do that," Betty said.

The next Sunday Betty took the best seat in the classroom but when Mary came in she got up and gave it to her.

"Why did you do that?" asked Mary.

"Because I want you to have it," said Betty.

At school the next day Betty noticed that Linda had no lunch. "Linda," she said, "Please come and help me eat my lunch."

Betty continued to give to others. It wasn't long until all the children liked her. She told her mother that God had answered her prayer because she had buried herself in Him. She would not let the seed of selfishness grow at all. She wanted the seed of love to grow. Her life brought forth good fruit. —Adapted by M. M.

### QUESTIONS:

1. What is the seed?
2. What happened when the seed fell on the wayside hearers?
3. What happened when the seed fell on the rocky hearers?
4. What happened when the seed fell on the thorny hearers?
5. What happened when the seed fell on the good soil hearers?
6. How can we bring forth good fruit in our life?



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## THE MESSIAH AND HIS MISSION

Luke 9:18-22, 57, 62

One day Jesus was talking to His disciples. He asked them a question. He said, "Whom do people think I am?" Now when King Herod heard about Jesus, he thought he was John the Baptist whom he had killed, come back to life. He told some that Jesus was John the Baptist. Some believed it. So the disciples told Jesus. Then they said some think you are Elijah. You remember that Elijah was a great prophet. But then Jesus said to the disciples, "Whom do you think I am?" Peter said, "The Christ of God." How happy Jesus was that they knew that he was the Messiah or Christ who was to come and save them from their sins. He told them that he was going to be put on the cross and die but he would arise again the third day.

One day a man said to Jesus, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus told him that the foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests but the son of man hath no place to lay his head. Two other men were going to follow Jesus but they had other things to do. What did Jesus tell them? (memory verse)

*Memory Verse:* No man . . . looking back is fit for the kingdom of God. Luke 9:62.

## Debbie Loves Jesus\*

"It's funny that the people didn't know who Jesus was," Debbie remarked to her mother. "Sister Brown told us about it in our Sunday School lesson. Some even thought He was John the Baptist who had come back to life. But Peter knew who He was."

"Well, Debbie, tell me who Jesus is," said Mother.

"Why, Jesus lives in heaven and He died on the cross," Debbie said thoughtfully.

"Can't you tell me more about Him?" Mother pressed.

"Well, his birthday is on Christmas," Debbie said, "and He arose from the grave."

"Yes, that is true, but of course we aren't sure that his birthday is on Christmas but just the same he had a birthday and since we don't know when, we like to remember his birthday, don't we? But what is the most important work that Jesus did when he came here to the earth?"

"He healed people and he made the crippled man walk," Debbie said, trying hard to think about something else Jesus did.

"Well, Debbie, what I wanted you to say is that Jesus came to save us from our sins. How wonderful it is to know that. Just think that we were lost in sin and no one could save us. We were headed for those flames of fire in hell, but Jesus, our precious, precious Jesus came to this world to live and die and arise again to save us from our sins and we don't

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have to go to hell. We can never thank Him enough for it."

"Oh, sure, Mother, I knew that," Debbie said. "Jesus is so wonderful and good. He does save us from our sins. We can go to heaven when we die, can't we?"

"One time a boy was drowning and another bigger boy jumped in and got hold of his hair and brought him to the shore. He saved his life. Oh, that boy loved his savior so much! His folks loved him and he was given a medal for saving the boy. Of course that was wonderful but to be saved from our sins and be able to go to heaven when we die is so great and wonderful. It is more important than our physical life being saved. We love the one who saves us, too. We want to do all we can for Him, don't we?"

"Oh, yes, Mother," Debbie said, "How can I do more for Jesus?"

"Jesus said that if we loved him we would keep his words. We will do what he has told us to do." Mother answered. "Jesus has told boys and girls to obey their parents, to be kind to others, to learn more about what He wants us to do by going to Sunday School and listening to the Word of God read. There is much for you to do."

"I am going to do more for Jesus," Debbie said. —M. Miles

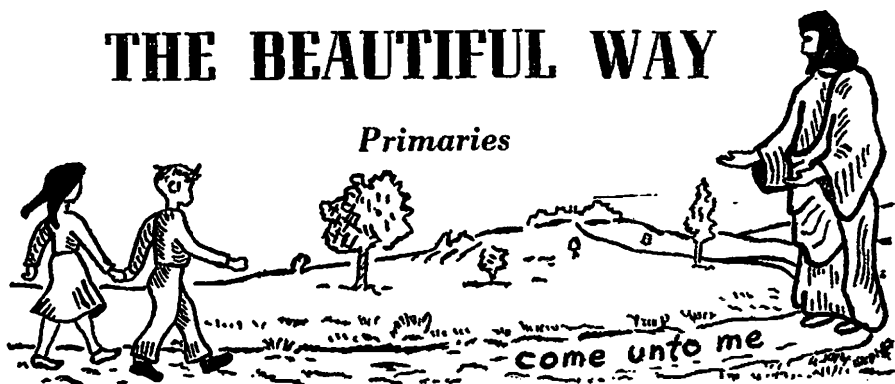
### QUESTIONS:

1. Whom did the people think that Jesus was?

2. Why did some think he was John the Baptist?

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Feb. 5

## THE DANGER OF PRETENDING

Luke 11:37-44; 12:29-34

The Jews had a ceremony that they kept. When they were at the market place they felt that they were among sinful people. They would wash when they got home, thinking that made them clean from touching others. One day Jesus was asked to eat at the house of a Pharisee. Jesus did not wash as they did. They did not like it. Jesus told them that they made the outside of the cup clean but the inside was full of wickedness. Jesus meant that they were careful to wash their hands but that their hearts were dirty with sins and needs to be washed. Only Jesus' blood can wash away sins. He could look into their hearts and know they were wrong. He told them that they pretended to be good and would sit in the upper seats at their synagogue churches. They loved to be honored in the market places. But they were not honest and did not love God with all of their hearts. God does not want us to pretend to be good, but to be good from our heart. Jesus wants us to put Him first in our love. He wants us to lay up our treasure in heaven and not on this earth.

*Memory Verse:* For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Luke 12:34.

## Be What You Are\*

"Della, come here," Mother called. Mother had seen Della slap little Sue who lived next door. As Della came slowly into the house her mother said to her, "What has happened to you? It hasn't been too long that you were loving Sue and kissing her. You were telling her how much you loved her. You even told her you loved her better than anyone else in the whole world. How come you changed so fast?"

Della didn't answer for a while then she said, "She didn't mind me. I wanted her to get me the wagon and she wouldn't do it."

"Did you ask her to please get it for you and did you talk nice to her in a loving way?" Mother asked.

"Well-I-I, I told her to do it," Della said slowly.

"Della, when you love someone as much as you told Sue you loved her, you are kind to them. You would not harm them in any way. You would talk nice to them and then you would rather do things that you might not want to do than to cause them to be hurt in any way. Do you think you were telling Sue the truth when you told her of your great love for her or were you pretending to love her?"

"Well, Mother, I guess I was pretending," Della said sheepishly.

"My dear we want to be sure when we tell someone something that it's from the heart. Jesus doesn't want us to be hypocrites. He wants us to

be truthful. But you must love Sue. Jesus is not pleased if we do not love others. Jesus one time saw some people pretending to be real righteous but they did wicked things. They would make long prayers on the corners of the street. He called them hypocrites. He was displeased with them."

"I don't want to be one of those things," cried Della. "I don't want to pretend."

"We will pray that Jesus will help you," Mother said and they prayed together.

Della went out and put her arms around Sue and told her that she was sorry. She had learned a lesson and never again did she hit Sue. They got along nicely. Della learned that it you told someone you loved them that you must love them from your heart or you would not be kind to them.

"Della, I saw you love Sue and I really believe you meant it this time," Mother told her later. Remember what a dear saint said one time: be what you are and not what you ain't."

—M. Miles

### QUESTIONS:

1. Why did the Jews wash after being around sinful people?
2. Did Jesus tell them this was foolish?
3. What did Jesus mean when he said they made the outside of the cup clean but the inside was full of wickedness?
4. Who can wash away our sins?

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## THE CALL TO REPENTANCE

Luke 13:1-9, 34, 35

One day Jesus spoke a parable to the people. He wanted them to know about his mercy and love for them. He said that God, who was the owner of a vineyard, planted a figtree, which stands for a boy or a girl. Now God looked for fruit in the life of this boy or girl. He wanted to see fruits of love, honesty, obedience and kindness. God did not find it. For three long years He looked and found none. He said to the dresser (Jesus) of the vineyard, "Cut it down." But Jesus pled for the boy and girl. He didn't want to see them go on without God helping them live right. Jesus wanted them to repent of their sins and turn to God. Jesus loved them. He begged for God to wait for a little while until he dug about the tree. He wanted to try to get the boy or girl to pray more and love Him. He let something hard come into their life. Maybe they will pray more now. How he does love us! He doesn't want to see us go to hell. God doesn't want us to go to hell but if we do not love Him and are not careful to please Him, we are choosing our own way.

*Memory Verse:* The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance. Roman 2:4.

## How Lincoln Helped Julia

"Is Uncle Abe going to visit us soon?" asked Julia. The great Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States enjoyed visiting them.

"Yes, indeed, Julia," said her father. He will be here next week." She called him "Uncle Abe," and he often called her "Sissie."

One day, during the President's visit, Julia was counting the money in her missionary box. Mr. Lincoln watched her for a moment, and then asked, "What are you doing over there?"

"I'm counting my missionary money, Uncle Abe," replied Julia.

Mr. Lincoln put his hand in his pocket and pulled out something and held it toward Julia. Julia drew back her box.

"Oh, no, I can't take that, Uncle Abe!" she said earnestly. "I have to earn all the money I put in this box." The next day, when he was ready to start for the train, he said to Julia: "I wonder if you wouldn't walk down to the depot with me?"

As they started down the street together, Abraham Lincoln shifted his valise to the other hand. It had two handles.

"Do you suppose," he said, "that you could help me carry my valise? It's pretty heavy."

Julia took hold of one of the handles, and they carried it between them all the way to the depot. At the depot the President pulled a shining coin out of his pocket and gave it to her.

"There, Julia," he said, "now you've earned your missionary money."

"Oh, thank you, Uncle Abe!"

He went on the train. Julia ran home with the shining coin. She thought it was the very brightest penny she had ever seen, and she hurried to put it into the missionary box.

"How much money did you have in your missionary box, Julia?" asked the Sunday School teacher the next Sunday when they were opened.

"Eighty-two cents," answered Julia.

"Where did this come from?" Julia saw the bright penny the president had given her.

"Oh, that's the money Uncle Abe gave me!" she answered eagerly. I earned it helping him carry his valise."

The shining coin was a five dollar gold piece, and this is a true story of how Abraham Lincoln helped a little girl earn her missionary money.

### QUESTIONS:

1. Who is the owner of the vineyard?
2. Who is the dresser of the vineyard?
3. How long did God look for fruit in the life of the boy or girl?
4. What are some of the fruits God wants to see in our life?
5. Does Jesus beg God to have mercy upon us?

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## GOD LONGS FOR THE LOST

Luke 15:11-24

One day a son said to his father, "Give me the money that is my share." The father gave him his goods. In a few days the son took his goods and left for a far country. There he wasted all of his money. No doubt he lived a wicked life. When his money was gone his friends left him. A famine came to that country and the son was in need. He worked for a man who sent him into the fields to feed his pigs. He shook the carob trees and the long pods opened and the seeds fell. The boy was so hungry he wanted to eat the pigs' food. One day he thought of home and his loving father and the comforts there. He said, "I will arise and go to my father and tell him that I have sinned against him and am no more worthy to be called his son." The father was watching for him and was happy when he saw him coming. He ran to him and fell on his neck and kissed him. His father forgave him. When a sinner comes home to God, his heavenly Father is watching for him. He finds forgiveness and there is great rejoicing because the lost soul is found.

*Memory Verse:* For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10.

## Randy Gets Saved\*

"What does getting saved mean?" Randy asked Sue. "My mother told me that she got saved. She seems so happy."

"Don't you know what that means?" asked Sue. Sue had been taught about Jesus and how he had died on the cross for her sins. Her mother and father loved God. They had family worship together every night and she was many times very happy because Mother and Daddy were happy as they talked about the good things of God. Many times when Daddy came in from work and at the table Mother would tell him something about how God had answered prayer for her during the day. She would sometimes tell him about how God had blessed someone that had visited her or that she had talked to on the phone. God was real to Sue and her brothers and sisters.

"No, but it must be something very wonderful," Randy said as he stood holding the handle of his new wagon.

"When you get saved you kneel down upon your knees." Sue began with a gesture of getting down on her knees. "Then you cry."

"Why do you cry?" asked Randy with a frown. His mother didn't seem to be unhappy.

"The reason you cry is because you are sorry," Sue said quickly.

"Sorry for what?"

"You are sorry that you sinned,"

\*parable

Sue answered.

"What is sin?" asked Randy.

"Telling lies is a sin. Didn't you ever tell a lie?" asked Sue.

"Well-ll, yes," Randy admitted slowly, not being sure he ought to. He felt guilty inside for doing it.

"Well, then you need to be sorry that you lied. Jesus was hurt when you lied. He loves you and then for you to disobey him makes him feel sad. He died on the cross that you might be saved from hell. Hell is for all those who sin. And it's a terrible place. All the mean people go there. I don't want to go there. Jesus said that he would take your sins and take you to heaven. Isn't he wonderful and kind? Then for you to treat him so awful. You ought to be ashamed and sorry," Sue said as she came over and looked at Randy right in the face. She saw a tear fall on his cheek. "You are sorry, I can see that your are. Run home now and ask your mother to pray for you. Jesus will save you too."

Randy did go home and got saved. Sue was happy and Randy was also.

—M. Miles

### QUESTIONS:

1. What did the son ask his father to do?
2. Where did the boy go and what did he do?
3. What happened when all of his money was gone?
4. Did his father forgive him?
5. Will Jesus forgive us when we sin against him?
6. What did the older son at home say about the boy that came home?



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### FAITHFUL IN LITTLE AND IN MUCH

Luke 16:10-15; 17:7-10

How are you taking care of your pennies? Jesus says if you don't take care of the little things you won't take care of the big things. If you take care of your pennies you will take care of dollars. If you do the little things well, then when you have bigger things to do, you will do them well, also. We want to know that we have a God up in heaven who wants us to serve and love Him. The devil wants you to serve him and do as he says. Jesus tells us that we can't serve two masters.

Jesus told a parable about a master who had a servant plowing in the field and feeding the cattle. He asked the question, "When the servant comes into the house, does the master tell him to go and eat?" No, the master tells the servant to fix him something and then the servant can eat. Then he asked, "Does the master thank the servant for doing this?" No, because he is the servant and that is his duty. We are the servants and God is the Master. It was the mercy of God that made a way for us to go to heaven. We neither earned nor deserved it. It is a gift.

*Memory Verse:* He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much. Luke 16:10.

## Jon Helps

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About two months ago in the early fall, my husband was working late in the field some distance from the house. Our son Ted and his family were staying with us until they could secure a home in the nearby town where he taught school.

One day when he came home from teaching school, Ted went out to the field to help his father and to finish the evening's work. His two little boys, Jon, age 5, and Barry, one and a half years old, went with him to the field. They were going to return home with their Grandpa. This was unusual as Jon was very timid because he had not got real well acquainted with his grandfather yet.

When Ted arrived at the field, my husband disengaged the tractor from the seeder and sent Ted to a distant part of the field to finish discing. My husband decided before he returned home with the children that he would just fill the seeder with wheat, so that it would be ready for an early start the next morning. The children had already gone to the car and were waiting. My husband climbed upon the seeder to fill it with seed and it became overbalanced. It turned over on him, catching his foot so that he could not get it out from under it. It was growing dusk and our son Ted was too far away to hear his father call. The children were frightened and were alone in the car. Grandfather called for Jon to come to him. But of course he was too small to help. So he told Jon to go

to the nearby road and wave down any car that was passing and tell them to come and help him. Little Jon ran to the road and stood there. A truck passed and he waved hard just as his grandpa had told him to. The truck passed him but then he came back. The man came over to the field and helped take my husband out from under the seeder. His foot was hurt but no bones were broken. He was able to drive the car home with the children.

Oh, how great is the mercy and mindfulness of the Lord to us, who are His unworthy children! Let us magnify Him together.

—O. McFarling

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Boys and girls, we want to always remember that God can see everywhere. He can help us in times of need. We do not deserve His help but He loves us. When we pray we want to believe that God hears our prayers. Then when He answers our prayers we want to thank Him for it.

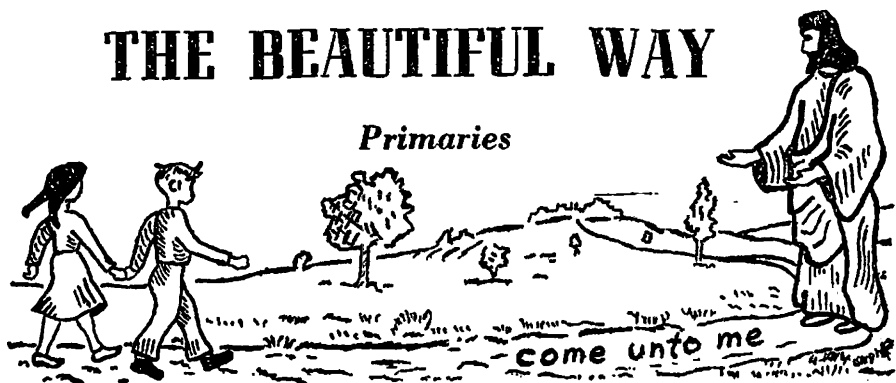
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### QUESTIONS:

1. What are some of the little things that you take care of?
  2. Will you do big things well if you do the little things well?
  3. Who are the two masters who want you to serve them?
  4. Can you serve them both and what reward does each give?
  5. Do we deserve heaven? Why not?
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## THE RIGHT WAY TO PRAY

Luke 18:1-14

Jesus told the people that they should always pray and not stop. He spoke a parable. In a certain city there was a judge who feared not God nor regarded man's wishes. There was also a widow in that city who was in trouble. The judge could help her but he would not. Morning, noon, and night she came to him asking him to help her out of her trouble. Finally the judge got tired of her coming so he helped her. Jesus said to the people, "Shall not God help his children, who cry day and night unto him?" Then Jesus answers the question and says, "I tell you that God will help them quickly. But shall God find faith on the earth when the Son of man comes again?"

Jesus told about two men who went up to the temple to pray. The Pharisee prayed thus with himself, "God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are, unjust, dishonest, adulterers, and as this publican. I fast and give tithes." But the publican smote on his breast and said, "God be merciful to me a sinner." Jesus said the publican was blessed rather than the proud Pharisee.

*Memory Verse:* Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Matt. 7:7.

## Cindy Has Faith

The phone rang and Grandmother Miles answered it. It was Johnny's mother calling for prayer for him. Johnny Ray had been in an accident several weeks before and was almost killed. He had some ribs broken, head injuries, neck and shoulder injuries, also one foot was nearly torn off. But the saints had prayed earnestly and God miraculously healed him and brought him back to life. The foot that was almost torn off was sewed back on and it was a miracle when the blood circulated through it again. The Lord is so good to answer prayer and help those who love and serve Him. Others looking on have been so thankful and know that God did a miracle in Johnny's behalf.

Cindy Miles, her brothers, sister, grandparents and parents were at her Grandmother and Grandfather Miles' house for dinner. It was Cindy's father's birthday and her grandfather had just had one. Grandmother was honoring both of them. After dinner they were all sitting in the living room singing good songs about the Lord. Cindy's Grandpa Miles was recording some of the songs on his tape recorder. Cindy's Grandpa Eck loved to sing as well as all the others. Cindy's mother had said the poem, "The Touch of the Master's Hand" by memory while Cindy's daddy played his guitar softly. Grandpa Miles recorded it.

"Grandma, I want some candy," said Cindy after Grandma had finished talking on the phone.

"All right, but let us first have prayer for Johnny," Grandma Miles said. "He has an awful headache."

"Is he sick?" asked little two-year-old Cindy.

"You remember Johnny, don't you?" Cindy's mother asked. "You remember we went to see him?"

"Uh huh. Let's pray for Johnny," Cindy said as everyone got down on their knees. Grandmother prayed and Cindy did, too. Lonnie prayed, also. Before Grandmother had hardly risen from her knees, Cindy bent over and said, "Johnny not sick now, is he? Jesus make Johnny well, won't He?"

"Yes, Jesus makes Johnny well now," Grandmother answered. She got Cindy the candy she had promised her. Later Johnny's mother called and said the Lord had touched him.

Cindy has lots of faith. Her mother was sick one day and lying down. Cindy came to her bed and prayed for her. She then told her to get up. Her mother did and the Lord had touched her.

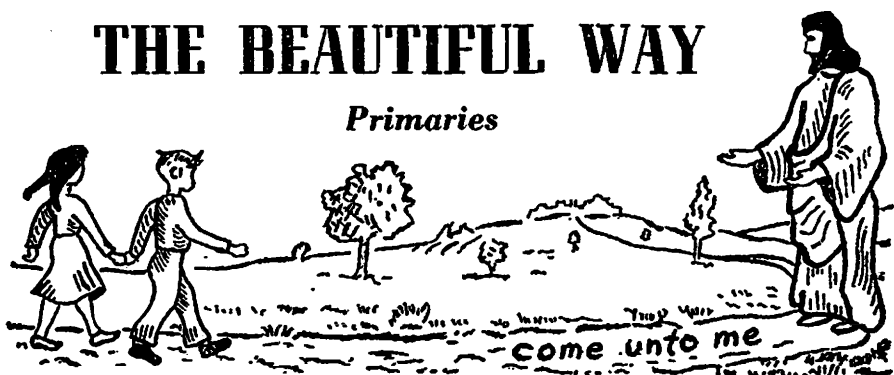
—Marie Miles

### QUESTIONS:

1. Does Jesus want us to pray one day and then not the next?
2. What kind of man was the unjust judge?
3. How did the widow get help from him?
4. Will God help us if we pray to Him?
5. Will Jesus find faith on earth when He comes again?
6. Tell about the two men that went up to pray.

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## WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH JESUS?

Luke 20:9-18

Jesus told a parable. He said there was a certain man who planted a vineyard and he let others take care of it whom he called husbandmen. He went into a far country. He was gone a long time. When it came time to receive fruit from the vineyard the man sent a servant to get the fruit. The husbandmen refused to give fruit to the servant. Again the man sent another servant. The husbandmen beat the servant and sent him away without fruit. The man sent a third servant. They hurt him and cast him out. The owner of the vineyard said, "I will send my beloved son; it may be that they will reverence him." But when the husbandmen saw the son coming they said among themselves, "Let us kill the heir, then the inheritance may be ours." So they killed him and cast him out of the vineyard. Jesus asked the question, "What will the owner do to them?" He answered, He will destroy them and give the vineyard to another." The people refused to hear the prophets, killing some of them. Then they rejected his Son, Jesus, when he came unto them.

*Memory Verse:* Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. Luke 21:33.

## Giving Thanks

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Allen and Barry were nice little boys. They had a good mother and father that took care of them. The boys had good clothes, a nice home, and plenty to eat. Their mother cooked good meals for them and watched over them with tender care. They were happy boys. They lived on a farm and enjoyed taking care of the chickens, cows, and pigs. They gathered the eggs and helped drive the cows from the pasture to be milked.

One day their mother sought the Lord and gave her heart to Jesus. She loved the Lord with all of her heart. She now had a new life. The things that she had done in the past, she no longer did. There was one thing that she wanted to do in her home. She wanted to thank the Lord for their food before each meal. She would cook the meal and sometimes the family would come in one at a time to eat. She desired a change. She didn't know how to do it. She knew that she would have to have her husband's help.

One evening she talked to her husband. She made her wrongs right with him. She told him she wanted to make a change in some things in the home. She told him that she wanted to thank the Lord for the food. She asked him if he would help her. He told her he would.

The next evening she got supper ready. She put it on the table and waited for her husband and boys to come in to eat. The boys came in and went to wash. They went to the

table and sat down. They started reaching for this and that to fill their plates. Their father saw them. He said, "Now wait, boys, Mother is going to thank the Lord for our food before we eat."

The boys looked surprised as they had never had that done in their home before. They waited. When everyone was seated and quiet, Mother returned thanks to the Lord for the food. Then they ate. Every time after that, they always gave the Lord thanks for the food. —L. Meek

Learn this by memory:

O what a wonderful Savior is He,  
Jesus who died on the cross for me,  
Loving me, finding me,  
Jesus, my Savior and Friend!

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Where did the man who planted the vineyard go?
2. Who was to care for the vineyard for him?
3. How many servants did he send to get fruit from it?
4. What did the husbandmen do to each of them?
5. What did they do to Jesus, the Savior of the world?
6. How were the prophets whom God sent to the world treated?
7. What will happen to us if we reject Jesus?

Tell it oft, I'll never weary  
For 'tis virtue to afford  
In this world so dark and dreary:  
Tell of Jesus Christ, the Lord!

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## THE LOVING SAVIOUR

Luke 22:39-42

Jesus and his disciples left the upper room in Jerusalem. They walked along together in the moonlight to the mount of Olives. When they went over the brook Cedron to the garden called Gethsemane He told them to pray because they were to face some hard times. They would need God to help them. Jesus then went a little farther from them and knelt down and prayed. Jesus knew that it would not be long until some would come and take him to be put on the cross. He wept and pled with God, his Father that if there was any other way that you and I and the whole world could be saved without Him dying, He would be glad, but if not, Jesus, precious Jesus, said He was willing to die on the cross. That night wicked men came and took him. They put our loving Savior who was without sin on the cross. They drove nails through his hands and feet. They let the cross drop in the hole. They pierced his side and out flowed blood and water. He died for you and me. He took our punishment.

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

## Jesus Bore Our Punishment

"Ronnie, you and Betty fill the feed barrel in the barn for me now as it is time to milk the cows," said Mother to her two children as she started to the barn with the milk pails. The children were playing with their wagon and having lots of fun. Mother went on about the duty of seeing that the cows were milked and the children started to do as they were told. They hauled one load of feed to the barn in their wagon. But on the way back to the feed room they got to hauling each other in the wagon and forgot about the feed. Mother was busy with the milking. As she milked each cow, she put the feed for her in the box. But she was getting low on feed as the children had not brought any more down from the feed room. Mother called to the children to bring more feed but they kept playing with the wagon and did not mind. Soon all the feed was gone out of the barrel and there was not any for the next cow to be milked. Mother went to see what the children were doing and found them busy playing instead of doing their work. Mother told Ronnie and Betty that they must learn to mind her when she called. And when they did not, they had to be punished. So Mother got a little switch and went to the children. She said, "Now, Ronnie and Betty, you have not been obedient and you must be punished. But I will take your punishment for you. Instead of me whipping you, you must whip me."

"Oh, no!" they pleaded, "You whip us."

"I think you will remember longer if I take your punishment for you," Mother said, "You must whip me."

"No, Mother, I can't hit you," Ronnie said as he began to cry. He knew that his mother had not been too well as she had to lie down often. It nearly broke his heart to hit her but she insisted that he had to as he had not been careful to obey. So Ronnie took the stick and just barely hit his mother as the tears rolled down his cheeks. Then little sister had to whip mother, also. It was a punishment that the children never forgot. They learned their lesson well. They did not play any more but got busy and filled the barrel in the barn with feed.

Boys and girls, that is like Jesus. We had sinned. Sin is telling lies, stealing, fighting, and doing wrong things that God has told us not to do. Sin has to be punished. We all faced hell and eternal banishment from God and eternal suffering. Jesus said He would take the punishment for us. As we believe in Him and live for Him, then we can go to heaven. How we ought to love Him for doing that for us. —M. Miles

### QUESTIONS:

1. What did Jesus tell his disciples when they got to Gethsemane?
2. What did Jesus pray about to His Father?
4. Was He willing to take our punishment?
5. Who were on the crosses beside Jesus?



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## JESUS AROSE

Luke 24:1-9, 44-49

One beautiful Sunday real early some women who loved Jesus came to the tomb. They were bringing some spices to put on the body of Jesus. They had forgotten about the big stone that needed to be rolled away from the tomb. But to their surprise it had been rolled away. We do not know all their thoughts but they entered the tomb very cautiously. As they looked they saw that the body of Jesus was gone. They were troubled and could not understand it. They looked again and there stood two men in shining garments. They were afraid and fell down to the ground. One of them said, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, he is risen: remember how he told you while he was in Galilee that he would be put to death by sinful men, but that he would rise the third day?" Then they remembered his words. The women went back and told all these things to the eleven disciples. Some of the disciples came to see the empty tomb. Later Jesus appeared to the disciples before he arose to be with His Father in heaven. He is alive today and we rejoice.

*Memory Verse:* Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations. Luke 24:47.

## Jesus Is Alive

"I want to sit by Grandmother," Mary whispered to her mother during the morning service at church.

"You may go over there real quietly," Mother told Mary.

Mary loved her grandmother and her grandmother loved her. She was her first grandchild and since her grandmother had not had any girls of her own, she was special. Mary came over very quietly and sat down. Pretty soon she got up on Grandmother's lap. She was sitting there listening to the preacher. He was telling about Jesus and how He was taken to the cross and put to death. He then told about how Jesus loved us so much that He died for our sins.

"Is Jesus dead?" Mary asked. "When was he sick?" She was all troubled as she took hold of her grandmother's face. She had tears in her eyes. She loved Jesus so much but didn't understand about Him dying.

"Yes, Jesus died, but He came back to life," Grandmother told her.

"Is He alive now?" asked Mary.

"Yes, Jesus is alive and is up in heaven sitting on the right hand of God," Grandmother assured her. "He is alive!"

"I'm glad He isn't dead," Mary said with a look of relief. Grandmother told her to listen to the minister. He was telling how Jesus arose from the grave and is alive forevermore. Mary was all right then. She was glad Jesus was alive. —M. Miles

## A NEW BODY

Some day all of us will die and our bodies will go back to dust. But when the end of the world comes we will come out of the graves and put on a new body. God is great and can do anything.

There are some insects and forms of lower life that change. The caterpillar changes into a beautiful butterfly. The tadpole in the water will lose its tail and become a frog. Then a fertile egg, if it is kept warm or if it is under the hen's wings, will hatch out a little baby chicken. Is that not wonderful! God is going to give us a new body too, so we can live with Him in heaven if we will love and serve Him in this life.

—M. Miles

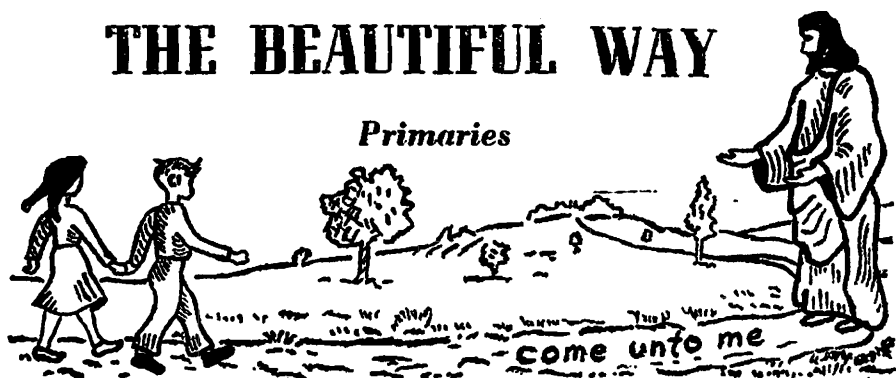
### Questions:

1. On what day of the week did Jesus arise?
2. Who rolled the stone away?
3. What did the men in shining garments tell the women?
4. Did they remember that Jesus told them he would die but would arise again?
5. Where did Jesus go after he appeared to His followers?

Preached to every living creature  
It has come to us today—  
Come and bow in meek submission,  
Walk the straight and narrow way.

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## CHRIST IS "TAKEN UP"

Acts 1:1-11

Jesus gave many commandments to the disciples after he arose from the grave. For forty days he talked to them at different times. Mary was one to whom he appeared.

One day he was talking to his disciples on the mount of Olives. The time had come for Jesus to return to God, his Father, in heaven. Jesus reminded them that they had been baptized by John and that they would be baptized by the Holy Spirit soon. He told them to go to Jerusalem and wait until the Holy Spirit came upon them. The Holy Spirit would give them power to resist the devil. Jesus had helped them when he was with them but after he was gone the Holy Spirit would be their helper. They also would be witnesses by telling others that Jesus could save them from their sins.

Jesus rose right up in the air. The disciples looked steadfastly at him until he was out of sight. Two men stood by them clothed in white and said, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go. . ."

*Memory Verse:* But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me. Acts 1:8.

## Power to do Right

"Daddy, I like the little car you and Mother gave me," Johnny said as he brought his car over and put it in his father's lap. "Watch it run. You just push that button and it runs all by itself."

"I am glad you like it," replied Daddy. "You have taken good care of it."

"I hope it will work forever," said Johnny as he picked it up and put it on the floor. He pushed the button and it ran across the floor. Several days went by and Johnny enjoyed playing with his car very much. Dale and Carolyn came over and they enjoyed it, too. But one day Johnny was playing with his car and it would not run. He pushed and pushed the button but it would not go. It just stayed in the same place. Johnny was almost in tears as he took it to his mother. Mother looked at it and told him to put it up until his father came home. When Daddy came in from work Johnny ran to meet him. He told him all about the car and how it wouldn't work any more.

"Now, my little man, just keep calm. Daddy will look at it and see just what the trouble is." Daddy put his lunch box up and he and Johnny went to the garage. Daddy looked it over and found that a little wire had broken. He fixed it and it ran like new.

"Oh, thank you, Daddy!" Johnny said with a big smile. "What was wrong with it?"

"It wasn't getting any power from the battery," explained Daddy. "Son, that is the way it is when you quit praying. You quit getting power from God to do right. You will soon be doing wrong because your power is cut off. Those around you feel sorry when they see you do wrong, just as you did when your car quit running right."

"Do you mean that you and Mother feel as sorry when I do wrong as I did when my car quit running?" asked Johnny.

"We surely do, Son. We want you to do right always and be kind and obey us with a smile. That makes us happy and you are happy, too, aren't you?"

"Yes, I am, Daddy, and I'll be sure to remember to pray often so I will have power to run right like my car does now," Johnny said as he pushed the button and watched his car run across the garage floor. —M. Miles

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Did the disciples see Jesus after he arose from the grave?
2. What was to happen to the disciples in Jerusalem after Jesus was gone?
3. What would the Holy Spirit do for them?
4. How did Jesus go back to heaven?
5. What did the two men in white say to the disciples?

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## THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 2:1-11

The 120 disciples were in the upper room praying and waiting for the Holy Spirit to come as Jesus had promised. How anxious they were to receive Him! Suddenly there came a sound of a rushing wind and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. As they looked, there appeared unto them cloven tongues of fire and it sat upon each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit. How happy they were that day! Part of God had come down to dwell in their hearts.

God wanted the whole world to know that the Holy Spirit had come into the world to dwell in the hearts of those who had their sins forgiven. This was an important time. News spread quickly and multitudes gathered. The people were amazed because they heard the gospel preached in their own language. Wasn't that wonderful? The Holy Spirit had given them the gift of tongues and 16 different languages were spoken. All of them knew that the Holy Spirit had come into the world.

*Memory Verse:* The Holy Ghost . . . he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. John 14:26.

## Three In One

"What is the Holy Spirit?" James asked his mother as she washed the dishes.

"The Holy Spirit is part of God, the Father," answered Mother.

"Is Jesus the Son of God or is Jesus the Holy Spirit?" asked James.

Jesus is not the Holy Spirit, but He is the Son of God," Mother answered. "There are three parts of God. There is the Father, the Holy Spirit, and Jesus Christ, the Son of God, yet they are all one."

"You mean that God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are all one?" questioned James.

"Yes, that is true," Mother answered as she finished the dishes.

"How can that be?" James asked.

"Look at it this way," Mother said. "The other day when you brought me a clover leaf it had three petals but it was just one leaf. I could have pulled off one petal and it would still have been clover, would it not?"

"Yes, I guess so," James answered.

"Then we can take an example of a tree," continued Mother. "Look out the window and tell me what you see on the tree."

James went to the window and looked at the tree and then he came back to his mother and said, "I saw leaves on the tree and branches and then there was the tree trunk."

"You saw some leaves, branches, and a trunk," Mother repeated. "All right, but the three make up one tree. So God is three in one. It is all God but He is three persons. Each

has a part to do. Jesus died on the cross and arose again. He lived here in this world and taught us how to live to please God. He is our Saviour. The Holy Spirit is a Spirit. He comes to live in our hearts after we have asked Jesus to forgive our sins and have accepted him as our Saviour. The Holy Spirit gives us power to live right. The Holy Spirit teaches us how to live to please God. The Holy Spirit will bring to our minds the right thing to do when we are in doubt. He will comfort us and take care of us as we live for God in this world. The Holy Spirit is wonderful and will bless our souls as we love and serve God."

"No wonder the disciples were so happy on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came to fill their hearts," James stated.

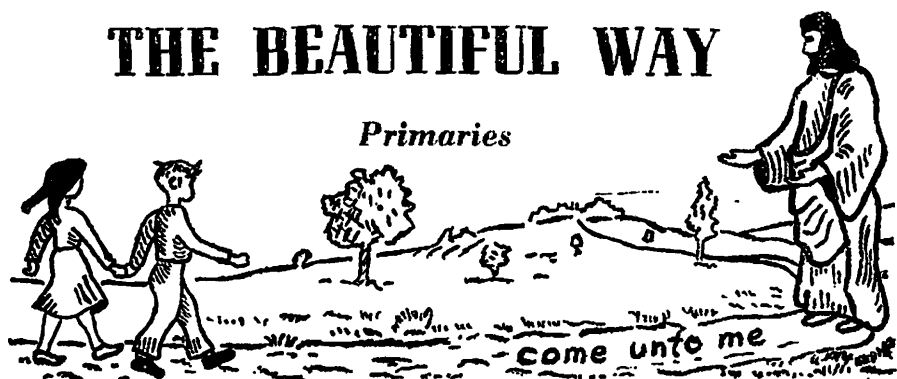
"Yes, they were happy, and we are happy today when we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." —M. Miles

### QUESTIONS:

1. How many were in the upper room waiting for the Holy Spirit to come?
2. What kind of sound did they hear at first?
3. What sat upon each of them?
4. What special gift did they use that day?
5. How many different kinds of people heard the gospel story in their own language?
6. What does the Holy Spirit help us to do?

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April 16

## PETER'S SERMON AT PENTECOST

Acts 2:22-24; 32-39

The 120 disciples were overflowing with joy because the Holy Spirit had come into their hearts. A great multitude of people gathered around them to see what was going on. The Holy Spirit moved upon Peter's heart and he stood up and preached a sermon to them. Peter was not timid any more. One time he denied Jesus because a little girl asked him if he knew Jesus. On this day Peter boldly told the people that this was the day foretold in the old Bible.

The people listened carefully to Peter's sermon. He told them that the same Jesus who had worked miracles among them and whom they had crucified was the One God had sent to the world as a Saviour. Peter said, He is now our King and is sitting on the right hand of God. He is not an earthly King but a heavenly king. When the people heard these things they were touched and were sorry. They said, "What must we do?" Peter told them to repent and be baptized and then they could receive the same Holy Spirit the disciples had. It was a promise given to all who believe.

*Memory Verse:* Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ ... and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38.

## Jose Loved Jesus

Jose came to the mission Sunday School and learned to love Jesus very much. When the missionary would tell the people about Jesus and how He loved them and died to take away their sins, Jose's face would light up and his eyes would sparkle.

One day Jose, his brothers and sisters, with his parents moved to El Alamo where the missionary lived. Everyone loved Jose because he was so kind and good.

Jose's parents did not love Jesus as he did. Many times he tried to tell them about his Saviour but they would not listen. His mother prayed to Mary, the mother of Jesus. God wanted her to learn how to pray to Him.

One day Jose became very ill. His parents did not tell the missionaries that he was sick. He had knots in his stomach and could not swallow. Sometimes they would try to give him a drink by dripping water into his mouth from a wet cloth. Finally they took him to the hospital. The missionaries heard about him then and went to see him but he was very sick. One day Jose's spirit left his little body and went to be with Jesus. They took his body, which was just his house of clay, back to El Alamo. His family wanted the missionaries to have a funeral for Jose. The missionaries were glad to tell others that they felt that Jose had gone to be with Jesus and that they were only looking at his house of clay. It was not Jose because he was at rest with

Jesus. As they carried his little casket to the graveyard several little girls dressed in white walked before it. They had loved Jose.

God talked to Jose's parents and they got saved. It was hard for Jose's mother to quit praying to Mary but she soon understood that Mary was just a woman like other women.

Boys and girls, there are some people today who pray to Mary. In the first chapter of Acts we find that Mary was there with the others on the day of Pentecost waiting to be filled with the Holy Spirit. I am sure she was happy to have the Holy Spirit come to dwell in her heart.

Another time when she and her sons came to speak to Jesus and someone told Jesus she was waiting outside he said, "Who is my mother or my brethren? ... For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother." He wanted us to know that Mary would be a child of God only if she did the will of God, just as anyone else must do. —M. Miles

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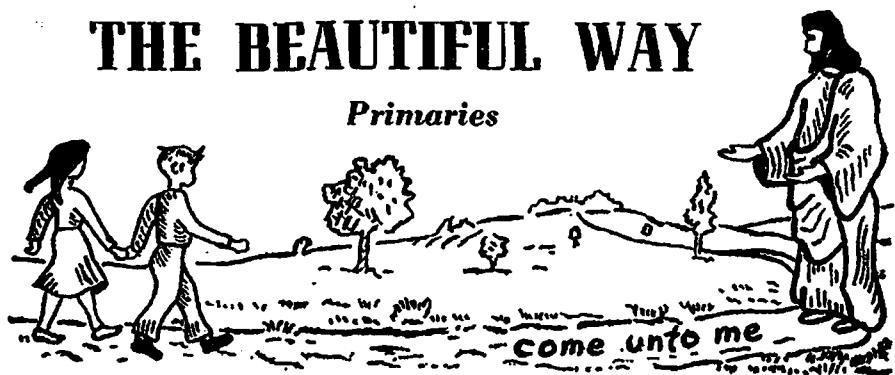
### QUESTIONS:

1. Who preached to the people on the day the Holy Spirit came into the hearts of the 120 disciples,
  2. What did Peter say about Jesus,
  3. Who did Peter tell them had crucified Jesus?
  4. Were the people sorry that they had crucified Jesus?
  5. What did Peter tell them they must do to be saved?
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April 23

## PETER AND JOHN AT THE TEMPLE

Acts 3:1-16

"Will you give me some money?" asked the lame man who had been crippled from his birth. He was carried each day to beg by the gate, Beautiful, at the temple. Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer in the afternoon.

"Look on us," Peter said as he and John looked at the lame man. "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." Peter took him by the hand and raised him up and immediately the man leaped and walked, praising God. He went shouting into the temple and all the people saw him praising God. They knew it was the man who sat and begged at the gate of the temple. They were filled with surprise and wonder. Others came running to see what had happened. They all looked at Peter and John and marvelled. Peter told them not to look at them because it wasn't anything they had done, but that through faith in the name of Jesus Christ the man was given perfect soundness in their presence. Peter told them that Christ was still healing the people.

*Memory Verse:* And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing, ye shall receive. Matthew 21:22.

## LONNIE HEALED

"Mother, my side hurts," Lonnie said as his mother helped him get ready for his afternoon nap. When it came time to eat his supper, Lonnie wasn't very hungry and again mentioned his side hurting. He said he wanted to go to bed early that night and slept late the next morning. When he got up his side began to hurt worse. He began to cry with the pain. Mother felt of his side and found that it was swollen and hard. She didn't know what to think of that. Lonnie kept crying so she called his grandmother and told her about it. They thought it was his appendix that was hurting him. Grandmother was touched very much. She called others and together they knelt in prayer for Lonnie. Grandmother wept and begged God to heal her little grandson.

Later when Grandmother went over to Lonnie's house, he was dressed and smiling. She was anxious to know about him and his mother said that after she called and prayer was offered that the Lord touched Lonnie. He quit crying and wanted to dress. She thought he ought to lie quietly while she went outside to hang up some clothes. When she came back in he had dressed himself. She felt his side and the swelling had gone down some. It was just swollen a little but was still firm. The Lord had touched him. While Grandmother was there, Lonnie wanted to eat. He ate well. It was wonderful how God healed Lonnie. For several days his

side was sore and tender but he got all right. It is wonderful to trust God for the healing of your body. Boys and girls, when you get sick, just pray to Jesus and He will heal you. —M. Miles

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### FAITH

"I have ten pennies," Rachel told John. "See—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 pennies."

"I can only see five pennies there," John said as Rachel continued to count after she had counted her five pennies.

"Yes, but Daddy is going to give me five more pennies when he comes home," Rachel said with firm faith in her father's word. "That will make ten."

We should have that kind of faith in God, to believe His Word. M. Miles

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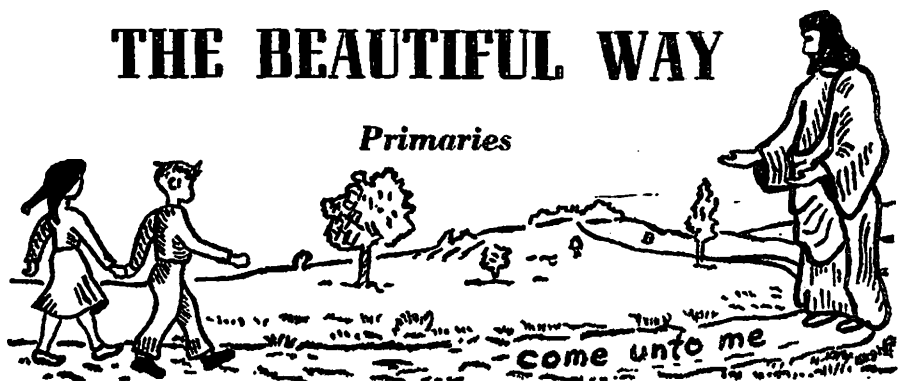
1. Who went up to the temple to pray?
2. What did they say to the lame man?
3. Where did the lame man go when he was healed?
4. How was the lame man healed?
5. What did Peter tell the people?

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"He that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" 1 John 4:20.

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## WITNESS BEFORE THE SANHEDRIN

Acts 4:5-20

There was a group of men called the San-he-drin. They were troubled because many, in that day, were believing on Jesus and turning away from their religion. After the lame man was healed many more believed on Jesus. The Sanhedrin called Peter and John before them. When they set them in their midst, they asked, "By what power or by what name have ye done this great healing?" Peter being full of the Holy Ghost boldly declared to them, "Ye rulers of Israel, if we this day are examined because of the good deed to the lame man, be it known unto you and all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead does this man stand before you well. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

The Sanhedrin was astonished. They talked among themselves to decide what to do. They commanded Peter and John to quit teaching in the name of Jesus or they would be punished. Peter asked, "Should we obey you or God? Judge ye."

*Memory Verse:* For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. Acts 4:20.

## A Real Hero\*

"Mother, I would like to be a hero," Raymond declared as he sat at the table looking at the cereal box. It had some pictures of men who were heroes on it. His big brother had told him that it took lots of courage to be a hero as heroes are not afraid. When Raymond told him that he wanted to be a hero, his brother laughed at him. He told him he would never be a hero because he was afraid to go outside in the dark. Raymond still thought about heroes after his brother had gone to school.

"So you want to be a hero," Mother said, "well, I think you can be a hero."

"Oh, can I?" Raymond said as his face lit up. "A real hero? Will they print my picture on the cereal box?"

"Son, there are a lot of real heroes who never have their pictures printed on cereal boxes," Mother answered. "Those are worldly heroes but the kind I want you to be is a real hero—one who lives for God."

"That will suit me," Raymond said, feeling better. "I would rather be a hero for God than a hero on a cereal box."

"Can you name some of God's heroes?" Mother asked.

"I think Daniel was a first-rate hero," Raymond said. He enjoyed having his mother read to him the story of Daniel and how he kept on praying even though he was told the king's men would put him in the lions' den if he didn't quit. It was always exciting to Raymond when Mother

got to the part where Daniel was thrown into the den of lions. He could just imagine those lions rushing at Daniel expecting to eat him up but they couldn't. God wouldn't let them. Raymond always wanted to be like Daniel. Daniel had God on his side.

"Yes, Daniel was a real hero," Mother said. "I watched a boy the other day who was a real hero, too. I saw some boys throwing rocks at poor old Mr. Jones as he passed by the house but there was one boy who was kind to him. He tried to stop the boys from throwing their rocks. I call him a real hero."

"Oh, Mother, that was I," Raymond said smiling bashfully. "The boys didn't like it but I felt sorry for Mr. Jones. He is crippled."

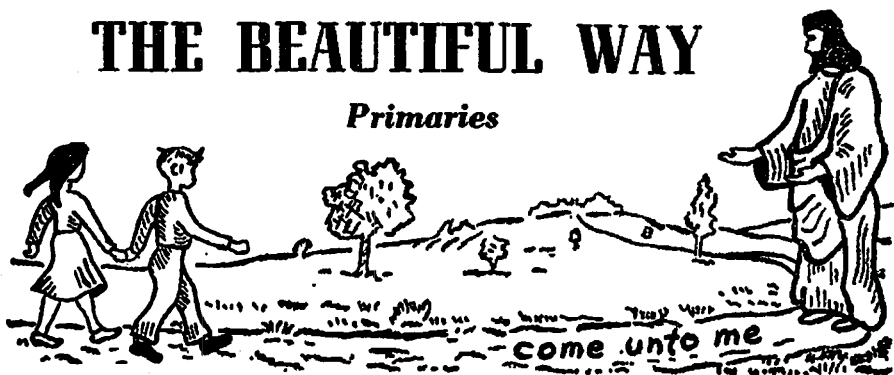
"You were a real hero," Mother said as she gave Raymond a big hug. "You were not afraid to do the right thing even if the boys called you names." —M. Miles

### QUESTIONS:

1. What was the name of the group of men who called Peter and John before them?
2. In whose Name had the lame man been made well?
3. Where did Peter get courage to speak boldly to the people?
4. Whose name brings us salvation?
5. What did they decide to do with Peter and John?
6. What did Peter say when he was told not to preach in Jesus' name any more?

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May 7

## THE EARLY CHURCH ACTS AND PRAYS

Acts 4:23-33

The council let Peter and John go. They went to their own company and told them all that had taken place. They also told them that the rulers said they would be punished if they preached in the name of Jesus again. This caused the church to pray to God. They said, O Lord, thou art God, which has made heaven, and earth and the sea and all that is in them. Thy servant David said that the heathen would rage and the kings and rulers would gather together against Christ, thy holy child Jesus. Now the rulers are gathered together to do us harm. Now, O Lord, behold their threatenings and help your servants. Give us boldness to speak thy word. Stretch forth your hand to heal, and let signs and wonders be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. God was pleased with their earnest prayer. He blessed them and they were filled anew with the Holy Ghost. They received courage and boldness to speak in the name of Jesus. The church was of one heart and one soul. They loved each other and helped those in need. Great grace and power was given to them and they preached in the name of Jesus.

*Memory Verse:* They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. Acts 4:31.

## Fear God and Not Man

"I wonder what those officers are doing," Lawrence said as he pulled his car over to the side of the road. Two patrol cars were signalling him to stop and as soon as he stopped his car they jumped out with machine guns turned on him and came up to the car.

Lawrence and Maybelle, with their baby, Byron, and their mothers, were on a trip to El Paso, Texas. They served God and had no reason to feel fearful. They knew they had not done wrong. The officers came up to the car and looked in.

"Let me see your driver's license," one officer said, still holding his machine gun in position. Lawrence gave him his driver's license. They asked him where he was from and where he was going. They asked Maybelle if Lawrence was her husband. They questioned their mothers. The officers looked the car over and soon were convinced that everything was all right. Then the men told Lawrence that they were looking for some bank robbers from Oklahoma and that his car fit the description of the get-away car of the bank robbers. They let them go on their way. The next day they read in the paper that the officers thought they had caught the Oklahoma bank robbers but they turned out to be just tourists on a journey.

Boys and girls, we need not fear the officers of the law, rulers, nor anyone when we are living right. Jesus has told us, "And fear not

them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." (Matt. 10:28.) We need not fear man, but we should fear God. Man does not have a hell for us to go to, neither a heaven. But God is to be feared. We should fear to displease him. We know that if we love him and keep his commandments we shall be ready to go to heaven and be with him. If man kills us, they only kill the body. They can't touch the soul.

Boys and girls, be careful to do right and God will bless you. —M. M.

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Peter and John go when the rulers turned them loose?
2. What did they tell the church?
3. What was the church praying for?
4. How did God bless Peter and John when they decided to preach the Word rather than obey man?
5. Will God bless us today if we live for Him?

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### GOD SEES YOU

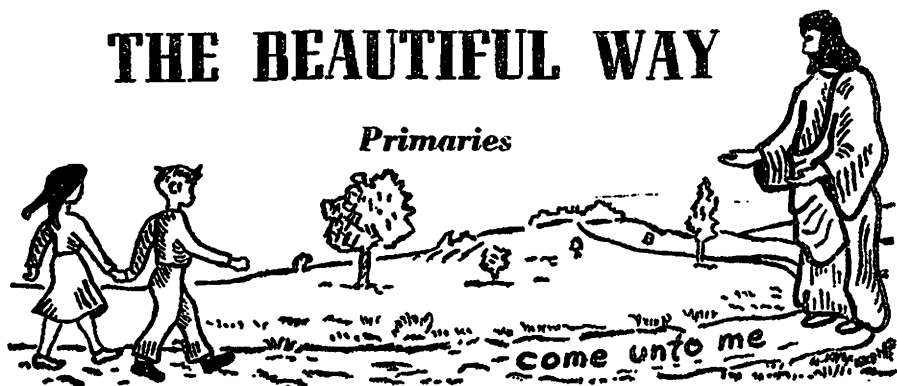
One time a Sunday School teacher was telling the class of the all-seeing eye of God whereupon a little girl in the class began to cry.

"That frightens me," she sobbed.

"But you don't understand, dear," said the teacher. "God loves you so much that He can't keep His eye off you."

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## GAMALIEL HELPS THE DISCIPLES

Acts 5:27-39

An angel appeared to the disciples as they were put into prison again because they preached and healed in the name of Jesus. The angel opened the doors and said, "Go, stand and speak in the temple all the words of this life." (Acts 5:20). The officers and the council were surprised to find the prison locked and the apostles gone and again preaching in the temple about Jesus. They brought them from the temple before the council. The High Priest asked them, Didn't we command you not to fill Jerusalem with the doctrine of Jesus Christ? You are blaming us for his death, also. Peter answered, We ought to obey God rather than man. God raised up Jesus whom you killed. Him God has exalted to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of all these things. This made the council angry and they sought to kill them. They put the disciples out of the room and Gamaliel (Gay-may-lih-ul) talked to the council. He told of others who had brought trouble to the country but came to naught. He told them, You cannot fight against God.

*Memory Verse:* I know that thou canst do everything, and that no thought can be withholden from thee. Job 42:2.

## Mother's Gift\*

"Tomorrow is Mother's Day," whispered Johnny to Marie.

"Oh, we want to get something for Mother, but I don't have any money," Marie whispered back. Mother was sitting at the sewing machine and they did not want her to hear.

"I have an idea," whispered Johnny. "Let's go outside and I will tell you."

"I saw a pretty little box in the garage with some ribbons inside it," Johnny said as the children went outside. "Perhaps we can put something in the box and tie it up. We can get Mrs. Allen to make a pretty bow and put some flowers on top of the bow."

"But what shall we put inside it?" asked Marie, thinking hard. "Oh, I know; I have a nickel and we can buy a candy bar and I'll make a Mother's Day card to go with it." The children were soon busy getting things together. Marie got her crayons and a piece of white paper. She drew some pictures on the outside and then she thought and thought. She wanted to print a pretty verse on the inside. She remembered a box of old cards that Mother had received stored in the garage. She ran to the garage and looked through them. One was a birthday card but she liked the verse printed in it so she copied on her paper these words:

"Just a little cardboard box  
But sort of special, too,  
Because it's brimming full of love  
And wishes just for you."

Johnny went to the store and bought a candy bar. When he told Mr. Smith it was a gift for his mother he gave him two for a nickel. Johnny was so excited that he ran all the way home. Soon they took the candy, box, ribbon, and card over to Mrs. Allen's and she wrapped it up for them. They hid it in their room and two happy children went to sleep that night, wishing for the next day when they could give their gift to their sweet mother.

"Oh, how lovely!" Mother said with happiness. "Such a pretty box and this flower is so lovely. This card is so nice and you made it yourself. Such a lovely verse you made!"

"Open it up," Johnny insisted.

"Two candy bars!" Mother said, with her voice full of love and excitement. "You spent your money for them. You are both lovely darlings."

"Mother liked our gift better than any other that she got, didn't she?" Johnny said to Marie when they were alone. "I am so glad we made her happy."

\*parable

### QUESTIONS:

1. Who helped the disciples get out of prison?
2. Why were they in prison?
3. What did Peter tell the council?
4. Who helped the disciples out of their troubles?
5. What happens when we try to fight against God?



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### STEPHEN— A MAN OF FAITH

Acts 6:8-12

Stephen had great faith in God. He was full of wisdom and loved God more than his own life. God worked through Stephen and many miracles and wonders were done among the people. There were some people who did not like Stephen. They tried to turn him against Jesus. When they saw they could not they hired some men to lie about him. He was brought before the council. The men who were hired to tell lies on Stephen said that they heard him curse God and Moses. The council asked him about it. He preached to them a sermon about Jesus and God's prophets. They became angry when Stephen told them that they had killed the prophets and now had killed Jesus, the Just One. They ran at him and threw stones at him. God blessed him and the heavens were opened up. Stephen saw Jesus standing on the right hand of God at his throne. The witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of Saul who was later called Paul. Stephen died praying for God to forgive those who killed him. He said, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. Then he fell asleep in Jesus.

*Memory Verse:* I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Philippians 4:13.

## The Baby Robin

"Oh, there is a baby robin!" Quincy said as he stopped his tractor. He got down and ran over to the little bird. It had fallen out of its nest in the berry bush.

Quincy was running the tractor discing the berry patch. The rows were quite wide so it could be done with the tractor. His father had told him to stay there until he finished the work.

"I am sure that Lois would like to have this little bird," Quincy thought to himself; but he knew that if he went to the house and his father saw him he would be sure to get into trouble. He stood there holding the pretty little robin, wondering what to do. He loved his sister very much and felt that she would be so pleased if he would take her the little bird. Finally he decided he would risk getting into trouble with his father and take it to the house and give it to Lois. So he left his disc and went to the house.

"Lois, look what I brought you," Quincy said with delight. "It is a little baby robin."

"I don't want that old bird," Lois said. Quincy tried to get her to take it but she refused. He put it on her lap but she told him in no uncertain terms that she did not want it. This made Quincy feel bad and deeply hurt. He said, "I brought it all the way up here to give to you and now you won't take it."

"I don't want it," Lois said. "Get it out of here."

"All right, but I hope I never see you again," Quincy said. "I tried to do something nice for you and you didn't appreciate it." Quincy went out the door and turned the robin loose and went back to the berry patch. After a while he got over his hurt feelings. He began to think about what he had said. He felt terrible. What if Lois should die before he got back to the house! He was so sorry he had told her that he hoped he never saw her again. He worked real hard to get through with the discing of the berry patch so he could tell her he was sorry that he had said such awful words. He didn't really mean it. He was just upset. Soon he was through and went to the house. He asked Lois to forgive him for talking like he did. She forgave him and he felt much better. —M. M.

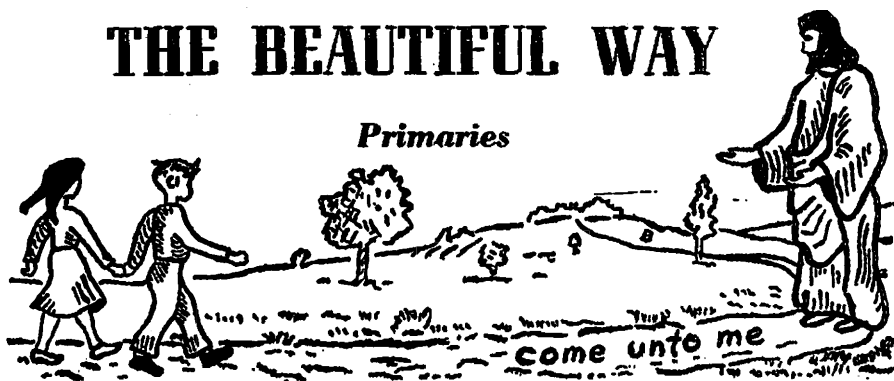
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### QUESTIONS:

1. Who was the first Christian to be killed for his belief?
2. What do we call someone who dies for his belief?
3. What did the false witnesses say Stephen had done?
3. What did Stephen tell the council when he was brought before them?
4. What did Stephen see when the heavens opened up before him when he was stoned?
5. What were Stephen's last words?

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## THE GOSPEL IN SAMARIA

Acts 8:4-17

After the death of Stephen others caused trouble for the Christians. The Christians left Jerusalem. Philip went down to Samaria and preached Christ. God healed the sick and the lame were made to walk. The people in Samaria believed on Jesus after seeing the miracles.

There was a certain man named Simon who used sorcery and witchcraft. He caused the people to think that he was a great man. They believed in him and said that he had the great power of God. But when Philip came preaching Christ, they believed and were baptized. Simon also noticed that he was losing his followers so he pretended to believe and was baptized. Later Peter rebuked Simon and told him he was still in the bond of sin because he wanted to buy the power that the apostles had.

The apostles heard about the great meeting in Samaria and sent Peter and John down to see about it. They saw that many had believed so they preached to them the need of the Holy Spirit. Many received the Holy Spirit and were blessed.

*Memory Verse:* Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word. Acts 8:4.

## God Understands

A missionary passed by one day as a child was printing on the sand. As he looked he read, "A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J—"

"What are you doing?" the missionary asked the child.

"I am praying, Sir," she replied.

"Why are you writing your letters?" the missionary asked.

"I don't know how to pray nor the words to use, Sir, so I am giving God the letters. Don't you think He will put them together to spell whatever I need?"

"Yes," smiled the missionary. "He will if your heart keeps right."

## Tell Others About Jesus\*

"Are you saved?" Jack asked Della.

"What does 'saved' mean?" Della answered.

"Saved means to be saved from sin."

"What is sin?" Della again asked.

"The biggest sin is not asking Jesus to be your Saviour," Jack answered. "Jesus wants to come into your heart and be your friend. Telling lies is a sin. Disobeying your mother will be sin if you do it purposely. Oh, there are many sins. Have you done any of these sins, Della?"

"Well, I guess I have," Della admitted, "but how can I be saved?"

"You pray to Jesus and tell him that you are sorry that you have

sinned. You tell him that you are not going to sin any more. You tell him that you are going to watch and do right. You tell him that you want to go to heaven when you die and not to hell. Jesus will hear and forgive you. He will write your name in the Book of Life."

"I want to love Jesus and go to heaven," Della said. "I am going home right now and pray to Jesus."

Boys and girls, Jack preached the story of Christ to Della. You can tell others about Jesus and help them to love him, too. —M. Miles

## QUESTIONS:

1. What caused the Christians to leave Jerusalem?
2. Where did Philip go?
3. Did the people there believe on Jesus?
4. What man acted like he believed and was baptized?
5. Who came to help Philip in his meeting?

## FILL IN THE LINES

Put these words on the right lines:

WORKS      GOOD      ALL

"In \_\_\_\_\_ things shewing thyself a pattern of \_\_\_\_\_." (Titus 2:7).

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## THE CONVERSION OF SAUL

Acts 9:19b-31

Saul did not believe Jesus to be the Saviour of the world. He was on his way to Damascus to put some of the Christians in prison. A light shone around him and he fell to the ground. A voice spoke to him out of heaven asking him why he was persecuting Him. When Saul knew that it was Jesus whom he was working against he was sorry. Ananias prayed for him and God forgave Saul and he was a changed man.

Saul began to preach that Jesus was truly the Saviour and the Son of God. Many were surprised and said, Is not this the man who intended to bring the Christians bound unto the chief priests? But soon they saw a great change in Saul. This caused the Jews to be angry. They decided they would kill Saul. They waited at the gates of the city day and night to take him. Some of the disciples let Saul down over the side of the wall of the city in a basket. When he came to Jerusalem some were afraid of him, thinking he was the same, but soon they saw he was changed. While he was there some of the Jews tried to kill him.

*Memory Verse:* But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Philippians 3:7.

## A Changed Man

"Let's run, here comes Mr. Jones," Betty said to Larry.

"Look at him," Larry said as they peeked around the corner of the house. "He can't walk straight. He is drunk again."

"Poor little Sally," Betty said, feeling sorry for her. "She will surely get kicked if she doesn't hide. Larry, you know we ought to pray for Mr. Jones."

"God can't help him," Larry said, thinking that he had been a drunkard too long.

"Let's go and ask Mother if God can help him," Betty said as she took Larry's hand and they ran into the house.

"God can help Mr. Jones if he will let him," Mother answered as the question was put to her.

"We are going to pray for Mr. Jones," Larry said. "We are going to pray that he will let God help him."

Every night for weeks Larry and Betty included Mr. Jones in their prayer. They prayed that God would help him get saved so he could walk straight and be kind to his children.

"Let's run, I think I see Mr. Jones coming—or is it?" Larry said as he saw a man coming down the sidewalk. "I think it is."

Larry and Betty stood behind a tree and watched. They couldn't believe their eyes. Mr. Jones was walking straight with his head up and his shoulders straight. They thought they should run, but they didn't. They just stayed there. Finally Mr. Jones

was even with them. He said, "Hello, Larry and Betty. It is surely a beautiful day, isn't it?"

"Yes, it is," Betty said as Mr. Jones passed by them. They were too surprised to answer quickly. They ran into the house and told Mother all about it. Mother was glad, too. She told them that surely God had answered their prayers. Later Sally told Betty and Larry that her father had given his heart to the Lord. She said she wasn't afraid of him any more. He loved her instead of kicking her and he brought them home food to eat. Her mother was happy, too. Betty and Larry were surely happy that God had saved Mr. Jones.

Boys and girls, it pays to pray. When Jesus comes into one's life—man, woman, boy, or girl—he is different. —M. Miles

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### QUESTIONS:

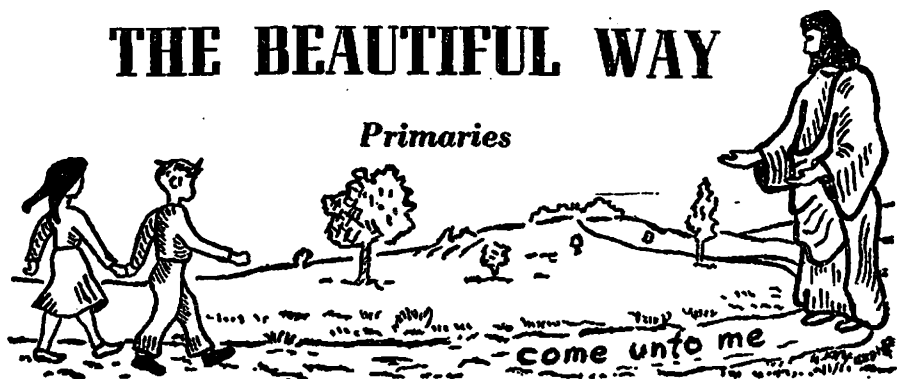
1. What evil did Saul do before he was saved?
2. Whom did Saul preach about?
3. Were the Christians afraid of him?
4. How was he saved from those who wanted to kill him?
5. Were the Christians in Jerusalem afraid of him at first?
6. Who helped him?

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"As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." Luke 6:31.

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June 11

## PETER AND THE GENTILES

Acts 11:1-18

Why did you go to the house of a Gentile? Peter was asked by the disciples in Jerusalem.

Peter said, I was in the city of Joppa praying; and I saw a vision. A great sheet was let down from heaven by four corners before me. In that sheet there were four-footed beasts, wild beasts, creeping things and fowls of the air. I heard a voice saying unto me, "Arise, Peter; slay and eat. But I said Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean has at any time entered my mouth. But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, that call not common." This was done three times.

At this time there came three men from Cornelius, a Gentile, asking me to go as I had been sent for. The Spirit told me to go. The six brethren went with me. When we arrived, Cornelius told us an angel had told him to send for me and I would tell him what to do to be saved. When I began to speak, God blessed them and gave them the gift of the Holy Ghost. All the church rejoiced because the Gentiles were granted salvation.

*Memory Verse:* God our Saviour . . . will have all men to be saved. I Timothy 2, 3.

## The Mirror\*

"Here is a rose for you," Susan said as she handed Aunt Mae the rose she had picked off the rose bush that stood in the yard.

"Oh, how pretty, Susan, and it is so sweet of you to bring it to me!" Aunt Mae exclaimed. "I'll ask your mother for a bud vase right this minute so I can enjoy its freshness."

A vase was brought and the rose looked pretty in it. Aunt Mae and her sister continued their conversation as it had been a long time since they had seen each other. Susan sat in the room listening to her mother and Aunt Mae visit. She was happy to have her aunt there, too.

"Let me pick it up for you," Susan said as she rushed over and picked up Aunt Mae's little hand mirror which had fallen from her purse when she opened it to get some pictures of her children for them to see.

"Thank you, sweet darling," Aunt Mae said as she kissed Susan. "Let me tell you something. Did you know that your life is like a mirror? Come here and look into this mirror. It reflects you. All the kind little things that you have been doing for me while I have been here makes me know that you have a heart full of love, kindness, thoughtfulness, unselfishness, and truthfulness. The joy that you have is brought to you by the kind deeds that you do for others. I hope that you will always be a mirror of happiness. When others look

\*parable

at you or around you they can see shining out to them joy and happiness. This will make them kinder and happier. Because you have been so nice to me it has made me love you very much and I have a nice gift waiting for you tomorrow."

Susan threw her arms around her Aunt Mae and said, "I love you and think you are very nice."

Boys and girls, it pays to be kind and nice to others. It never pays to be selfish. Help others, let them have the best, give older people the best chair and show them kindness. God will bless you and they will love you for it. —M. Miles

### QUESTIONS:

1. Where was Peter when he saw the vision?
2. What was the vision he saw?
3. What did God want him to understand?
4. From whose house did the three men come to get him?
5. Was Cornelius a Jew or a Gentile?
6. Did the church rejoice to know that the Gentiles received the gospel?
7. Are we to be respecters of persons? Why?

"Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh." Luke 6:21.



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## THE CHURCH AT ANTIOCH

Acts 11:19-30

After Stephen was killed some of the saints traveled as far away from Jerusalem as Antioch, which was in Greece. When they arrived in Antioch they preached to the people about Jesus. Many believed and were saved. When news reached Jerusalem that many were saved in Antioch they chose Barnabas to go and see about them. When Barnabas arrived he was glad to see the grace of God upon the saints there. He encouraged them to be faithful to God and love Him with all of their hearts. Barnabas was a man full of faith and the Holy Ghost. God blessed his labors there and many gave their hearts to God.

Barnabas went to find Saul. No doubt Saul had told him that he was called to be a missionary to the Gentiles. When Barnabas found Saul he brought him back to Antioch with him. For the next year they taught the church there more about God.

Agabus, the prophet, prophesied a great famine. The saints in Antioch sent help to the saints in Jerusalem by Barnabas and Paul. It was in Antioch that the saints were first called Christians.

*Memory Verse:* And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed and turned unto the Lord. Acts 11:21.

## Let Jesus Come In

Tap, tap, tap, someone was knocking on Andrew's bedroom door. Andrew quickly hid the candy bar he was eating. He had had one after lunch and his mother told him not to eat another one. When he heard the knocking he wondered why someone couldn't read his sign on the door, "Keep Out!"

"Can't you read?" yelled six-year-old Andrew. "I don't want anyone to come into my room. Go some place else."

"All right, Son," answered Mother, for it was she knocking on the door. Andrew felt bad. He thought it was his sister or brother. However, he soon brushed away his sad feelings. He thought, Mother doesn't need to come in, either, and besides she might find his candy. She seemed to know everything he did. Andrew waited for awhile and then continued to eat his candy bar. He was beginning to feel rather big that he had it fixed so that no one could come into his room. Even Mother stayed out. He walked around his room feeling real important. He amused himself in different ways. Then he noticed that the house seemed strangely quiet so he went to see where everybody was. He looked the house over and no one was there. He looked outside in the garage. The car was gone. "Why didn't they ask me to go?" wailed Andrew. He went back into the house and sat down and cried. It seemed hours before his mother and brother and sister came back.

"Why didn't you take me with you?" asked Andrew as soon as his mother came into the house. Mother reminded him about her knocking on his door. When she got through he wasn't sure he wanted the sign up there any more.

"That is the way it is with boys and girls who do not open their heart's door when Jesus knocks," Mother said sadly. "They miss so many good things and most of the time they don't want Jesus to know their bad thoughts and bad deeds. But as sure as they are in trouble they call on Jesus. They want his help then. It pays to have a welcome sign on your heart's door and you will be happy."

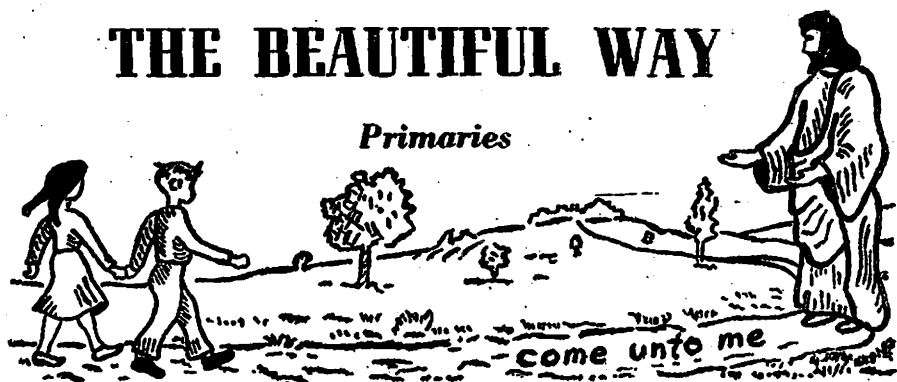
Andrew thought all of these things over. He asked Mother to forgive him for taking the candy bar and for telling her to go away. He understood that it pays to let Jesus come into his heart. —M. Miles

### QUESTIONS:

1. Where did some of the disciples go after Stephen was killed?
2. Were there many believers at Antioch?
3. Whom did the church in Jerusalem send to Antioch?
4. Whom did Barnabas find to help him work for God there?
5. Who foretold of a famine?
6. What did the church at Antioch do to help the saints in Jerusalem?

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## PETER BROUGHT OUT OF PRISON

Acts 12:5-17

"Arise up quickly," the angel of the Lord said to Peter as he smote him on the side. Peter had been put in prison and was chained to two soldiers. Herod had 16 soldiers to watch him. He wanted to have Peter killed. Peter arose, and half asleep, followed the angel. They went through the first and the second ward and came to the big iron gate that took 20 men to open. The gate swung open and they passed out into the street. The angel departed and Peter realized that he was free. Peter had faith in God and was able to sleep soundly, even in prison.

Peter went to the house of Mary, the mother of John, and knocked on the gate. The church had gathered there to pray all night for him. A little girl named Rhoda went to answer the knock at the gate. When she saw it was Peter she became so excited she forgot to let him in. She stopped their prayers by saying that Peter was at the gate. They were surprised that God had answered so quickly. When they finally let Peter in, they all praised God together. Peter told them what had happened and then departed.

*Memory Verse:* If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; ... glory ... of God resteth upon you 1 Pet 4:14

## When God Says No\*

"Dear God, I want you to give me a little puppy," prayed Dannie. Every day for some time he prayed for God to give him a little puppy. He asked his parents for a puppy but his mother was not well and she could not help him take care of a little puppy. Dannie did not understand. He decided he would quit praying because God didn't answer his prayer.

"Aren't you going to pray?" asked his mother one day during worship.

"No," said Dannie firmly.

"Why?" asked Mother.

"Because I asked God to give me a little puppy and he didn't do it," Dannie answered. This made Mother feel bad because she knew that God knows best about answering prayers. She knew that sometimes God says yes and sometimes he says no. She told Dannie that he must have faith in God to do the right thing and answer his prayers in the best way but still Dannie wouldn't pray.

One day Dannie's father and mother and Dannie went to see his grandparents who lived on a farm. Dannie loved the farm. He enjoyed watching the cows, pigs, chickens, and baby calves. And to his delight his grandmother let him hold one of the baby chicks.

"May I take one of these baby chicks home with me?" asked Dannie.

"Oh, no," Grandmother said. "It has to be kept warm all the time and you don't have any place to take care of it."

"Please let me take a baby chick home with me," begged Dannie but Grandmother was firm. Mother was listening to it all.

"I think we had better be going home because Dannie won't talk to you any more," Mother said to Grandmother as they walked to the house.

"Why, Mother, I love my grandma. Why would I quit talking to her?" Dannie said as he took hold of his grandmother's hand and gave it a little squeeze.

"Well, you quit talking to God because he wouldn't give you a puppy. I thought surely you would not talk to Grandmother any more since she wouldn't give you a baby chick."

"Mother, I can see now that God knows best how to answer our prayers. He knew it would not be best for me to have the puppy just as Grandmother knows best not to give me a baby chick. I am sorry I acted as I did. Do you suppose God will forgive me?"

"Yes, Dannie, God is willing to forgive us when we see our mistakes and ask him to. I am glad you see your mistake." —M. Miles

### QUESTIONS:

1. Who was put in prison?
2. Tell how Peter got out of prison.
3. Where did he go?
4. Who opened the gate to Mary's house?
5. Should God tell you no, would you quit praying? Why not?