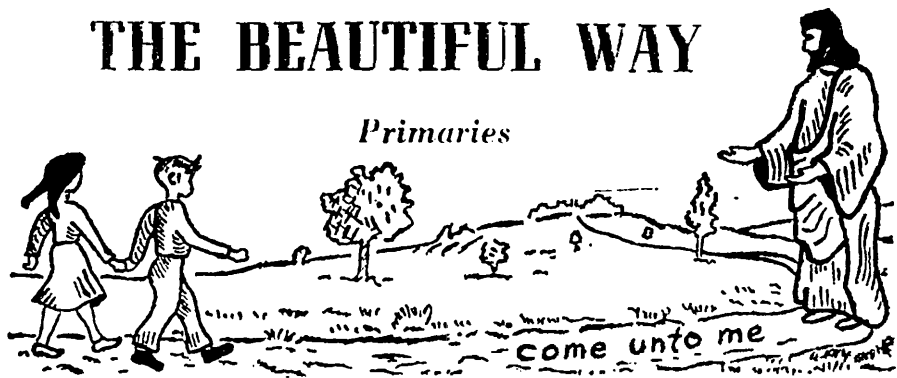


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Jan. 7

## JESUS IS CALLED THE WORD

John 1:1-14; 20:30, 31

John writes in a book about Jesus coming here from heaven and living among men. He was born a little baby and had flesh like our flesh. John calls Jesus by several names in his book. He calls him the Word. John said the Word was with God in the very beginning of time when God made the whole big world and everything in it. Jesus was there helping God make the trees, plants, bugs, all the animals, and even a man and woman. John tells us that in Jesus is life. Wouldn't you agree with John?

John also calls Jesus by the name of Light. Light is important, isn't it? It takes light for plants to grow. Animals and men need vegetables to live so we must have light. Now God has a heaven for us to live in after we die. So we have to have Jesus, the Light, to give us that eternal life with God after we die. People who do not love Jesus, John tells us, are in darkness. If it is real dark, can you find your way home? We need Jesus, the Light to help us find our way to our eternal home. John wrote all these things that we can know that Jesus Christ can give us eternal life.

*Memory Verse:* In him was life, and the life was the light of men. John 1:4.

## Richard and Lisa

Richard and Lisa went to the closet for their sweaters one cold, windy day. They knew they must keep their bodies warm so they would not get sick with a cold. A man named Paul, whom we studied about in our Sunday School lessons, tells us in the Bible that our bodies are the temple or house of the the Holy Ghost, which is also called the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit comes and lives in our hearts after we have prayed and cried to Jesus that we are sorry we didn't obey our parents, or had said some naughty words or maybe told a lie. And after we've prayed and Jesus has forgiven us of all our sins, then we love everybody and are so happy to know the Holy Spirit will live in us to teach us how to be good and obey God. He wants us to keep our bodies clean and to eat right so we will have strong healthy bodies to work for Jesus.

Richard, Lisa, and I went down the sidewalk, looking to see what we could find that God made. Richard said, "Oh, look at these ants, Aunt Vera." There was a long string of ants going and coming along one edge of the walk. We watched them. As they met each other, they would stop and put their feelers together. That was the way they seemed to talk. Perhaps they said, "Hello," and then said, "We must hurry on and get food to store away for winter. We must work while the sun-shines, and not be lazy."

A wise man named Solomon in the Bible, said, "Go to the ant, thou

sluggard," which means lazy one, for the ant doesn't have a teacher or a boss, yet she gathers her meat in the summer. We could see that many of the ants were carrying something in their mouths or with their feelers. If water gets in the ants' nest, oh how fast they all work to carry the little babies out of danger! One time Jesus said, "Go, work today in my vineyard." That means to tell your friends and others about Jesus. He also said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." We must love, obey, and work for Jesus.

—Aunt Vera Forbes

### QUESTIONS:

1. Whom did John call the Word?
2. Where did John tell us Jesus was in the beginning of the world?
3. What else did John call Jesus?
4. Can you find your way home when it is real dark?
5. Why do we need Jesus to help us find our Eternal Home?

### DO WHAT YOU CAN

A poor old woman in China had been converted but she seemed to be unwilling to be baptized. Upon being asked why she answered, "You know Jesus said to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, baptizing them." I am an old woman and I cannot go to all the world. I may be able to go to the next village but no more. Do you think Jesus will be willing for me to be baptized when I can do no more?" They told her that He would. Then she was baptized. Just do all you can.

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Jan. 14

## THE BEGINNING OF JESUS' MIRACLES

John 2:1-11

Were you ever invited to a wedding? Jesus, his mother, and his disciples were invited to a wedding one day where there were a lot of people. Weddings in those days lasted two or three days. The mother of Jesus found out that they were out of wine. She told Jesus about it. She knew Jesus did not have a lot of money to buy wine, but she knew he had power to do anything and to take care of any need. Jesus was surprised, but his mother told the servants to do as he told them. The servants obeyed and set out six great big stone waterpots. They each held 18 or 27 gallons. Perhaps the servants wondered why they should fill them with water, but they obeyed. Boys and girls, we may not always understand why Jesus asks us to do some things, but we must trust him and know that He knows best. After the waterpots were filled, Jesus told them to take some to the governor of the feast to taste it. The governor said it was the best they had, although he did not know at that time that Jesus had turned the water into wine.

*Memory Verse:* This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him. John 2:11.

## A Child's Simple Faith

During a violent storm one evening several years ago, a mother felt rather anxious about her little boy upstairs. She ran up to see if the thunder and rain had alarmed him when, what was her surprise to behold the little fellow standing upright in bed in full view of the window!

The lightning flashed in quick and sudden brightness, the thunder rolled and rumbled, the rain seemed to slash the window, as if endeavoring to break it, but the child was quite calm.

Looking round as his mother entered the room, he said, "Mamma, when will the Lord Jesus say, 'Peace, be still'?"

His dear mother took her darling in her arms and gave him an affectionate kiss. She had been reading to her little ones that day about the Lord Jesus stilling the wild waves of the sea of Galilee, and she was delighted to find that her little son had remembered and believed what she had read.

—Selected

## Better Than Soap

"Look, Daddy," said Charles. "I have something black on my hands. I can't wash it off."

"That is tar," said Daddy. "I know what will take it off."

Daddy got a can of soft grease soap. "Rub this on your hands, Charles," he said.

Charles did and all the tar came off. "That is good. It is better than soap," he said.

Daddy said, "Yes, Charles, it is good. But it cannot clean your heart. Jesus said that wrong words and wrong deeds come from a bad heart. There is only one way to get a clean heart. We must ask Jesus to be our Saviour. He will take the bad things away."

## QUESTIONS?

1. Who was invited to the wedding?
2. Who told Jesus they needed more wine?
3. Did the servants do as Jesus told them to?
4. How many waterpots were set out?
5. Can Jesus still perform miracles today?
6. Did the disciples and others believe on Jesus more than before?

## In But not Out

I remember when I was a little boy, how my mother would draw me to her knee and speak to me so solemnly of the importance of trusting the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior, and I would say, "Well, Mamma, I would like to do it, but the boys will all laugh at me."

Mother used to say, "Harry, remember, they may laugh you into hell, but they can never laugh you out of it." And oh, how that used to go home to me, and it stayed with me all through the years! Yes, men may sneer and ridicule and not understand us as we come out for Christ, but after all, His is the only approval worth having.

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Jan. 21

## THE MEANING OF THE NEW BIRTH

John 3:1-15

One night when it was dark, Nicodemus (Nick-o-dee-mus) went to find Jesus. Nicodemus was a ruler of the Jews. He had some questions to ask Jesus. Nicodemus told Jesus, "I know you are a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that you have done, except God be with him." Jesus then told Nicodemus, "You must be born again." Jesus was talking about being born of the Spirit of God. The Spirit is like the wind that blows. You can't see it, but you can see what it does, he told Nicodemus. You can see the wind blow the trees and the grass, and you know the wind is blowing. That is the way of the Spirit.

Jesus reminded Nicodemus about how Moses one time put a brass serpent on a pole and God said that all who were bitten by the fiery serpents in the camp could look up at that brass serpent and be healed. Jesus wanted Nicodemus to know that he would be put on the cross and all who would look upon him and believe that he died for their sins would have everlasting life, or be born again.

*Memory Verse:* For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16.

## Moses' Serpent

"Karen, did you hear about Moses lifting up a serpent in the wilderness? Why would he do such a thing?" Marsha asked.

"Well, I remember Mother telling us the story of how that came about," Karen said. "The children of Israel were very unhappy and were complaining about not having bread nor water one time when Moses was leading them through the wilderness. The Lord got tired of hearing them complain about the way He was taking care of them and He sent fiery serpents among the people. Many of them were bitten by the snakes and died. Then they saw how wrong it was of them to complain when God was taking such good care of them. The people went to Moses to get him to help them. They told him they had done wrong because they talked against God and Moses. They asked Moses to pray unto the Lord for them to take away the serpents. They said they would do better and not complain about their food. You know God was sending them manna to eat but they got tired of it and wanted something else. Anyway, when Moses prayed, the Lord told him to make a brass serpent and put it on a pole where everyone could see it. So you see it wasn't one of the real snakes, but one Moses made. Moses told the ones who had been bitten to look at the serpent he had made of brass and they would live. Moses did just what the Lord told him to and that was how the people were healed after being bitten by the snakes. But do

you know, some of the people did not believe that just looking at the snake on the pole could help them so they didn't look and they died from their bites. Those who did believe and looked, were healed."

"I am glad I was not one of those who got bit by those serpents," said Marsha.

"I am, too. Mother says the fiery serpents represent sin. When the children of Israel sinned, it took the serpent Moses made and lifted up on the pole to save them. That is just the way it is today. Jesus was put on a cross and lifted up for our sins. When we do wrong we can look up to Jesus and He will save us from our sins. Jesus told the people that even as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the son of man (meaning himself), be lifted up."

—Mary Kroker

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Who was Nicodemus?
2. Did he believe that Jesus had come from God?
3. What did Jesus tell Nicodemus about being born again?
4. How is the Spirit like the wind?
6. What must we do to be saved, or to have the new birth?
7. Will we perish if we believe in or love Jesus?

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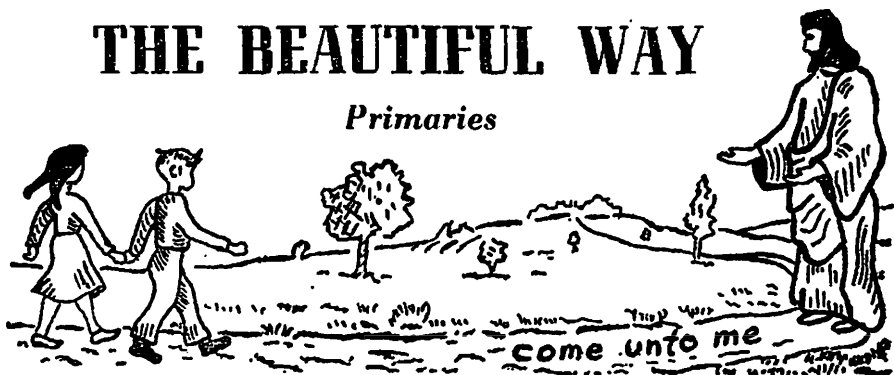
"Trust and obey,  
For there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus,  
But to trust and obey."

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Jan. 28

## JESUS TALKS TO THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

John 4:7-14, 31-35

Jesus and his disciples had traveled a long way and he was tired. He sat down upon Jacob's well to rest. His disciples went into the town to buy some meat. A woman came out of the city to draw some water. "Will you give me a drink?" asked Jesus. "Why do you ask me for a drink? I am a woman of Samaria and the Jews do not like us." Jesus answered, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asketh you for a drink, you would ask him and he would give you living water." The woman did not understand. She told Jesus the well was deep and he did not have anything to draw water with. "Are you greater than Jacob who gave us this well?" "The water I will give you will be a well of water springing up into everlasting life." Jesus was talking about being born again or being saved from sin. Sin makes people unhappy. Salvation is the living water. Jesus told the woman about her life. She went to the city and found other people and told them about Jesus. Jesus told his disciples they should be busy for God.

*Memory Verse:* Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world. John 4:42.

## Richard and Lisa

Lisa had a stroller and there was a "jump seat" on the back for Richard to ride in. So we went for a stroll almost every day. Sometimes Richard would walk. We watched to see how many dogs would come barking at us. We learned that dogs watch their master's house so if anyone comes near the house the man or lady knows there is danger.

There is a little special feeling, or it is like a little still voice down inside of us that we call "Conscience." That is a big word for little folks and may be hard to say, but if you will learn about it now, it will be like a barking dog for you. It will always warn you when danger is near, or when the devil, whom we call "Satan" is near and trying to slip into your heart like a thief would slip into a house to steal. A thief doesn't make any noise, for fear someone will hear him. The devil creeps up real close to you and tries to get you to say you didn't do something when you know you did. Then you told a what? Yes, a lie. Or maybe you didn't listen to that little still small voice which we call conscience, remember, down in your heart when Mother needed you to play with the baby while she ironed you a dress to wear. Maybe old naughty Satan slipped in and made you say, "Oh, I always have to take care of the baby while the other children get to play." That mean old Satan tries to make you think that your mother is too hard on you when she asks you to help with the work around the house. You

know down in your heart that she isn't at all, and that you should help even more than you do. Or else Satan will try to get you to complain every time Mother asks you to help her. It makes Mother feel very sad when you don't want to do your share to make things go nicely around the house. It is her duty to teach you how to do things, and when you act naughty about it, that makes it extra hard on her for she has to make you help, then. And besides displeasing Mother by your complaining, your own conscience is displeased with you and you are displeased with yourself. The next time Satan tries to get you to complain, don't do it. Just go ahead cheerfully and do your work well. Then your conscience will feel good and you will like yourself a lot more and Mother will be pleased, too. That will help to make a happy home. Remember this verse: "Watch and pray lest you enter into temptation." Learn that verse and say it every day. It will help you be good at work or play. —Aunt Vera Forbes

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### QUESTIONS:

1. What did Jesus ask of the woman at the well?
2. What did he tell her he could give her?
3. What did he mean by saying "living water"?
4. What did the woman tell other people about the man who talked to her at the well?
5. Did others believe on Jesus?

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Feb. 4

## JESUS HEALS THE SICK

John 4:46-50a; 5:2-9a, 17, 18.

"My son is sick unto death," the nobleman said to Jesus. Won't you come and heal him?" Jesus was touched when he thought about the boy being so sick. Jesus said to the troubled father, "Go thy way; thy son liveth." The father believed Jesus and started home. When he got near home some servants came to tell him the good news. "Thy son liveth," they said. The father asked when he began to get better. They said, "Yesterday at the seventh hour his fever left him." The father knew it was exactly the same time that Jesus had spoken to him.

At Jerusalem there was a pool and when an angel came down and troubled the water, the one who stepped in first was healed. Around this pool lay many sick people. Jesus walked by and saw a man who had been afflicted for 38 years. Jesus said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The man said, "Sir, I do not have anyone to put me in the water when it is troubled." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up thy bed and walk." Immediately the man was healed. He obeyed Jesus and took up his bed and walked.

*Memory Verse:* Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever. Hebrews 13:8.

## Jesus Heals Lonnie

"Mother, my side hurts," Lonnie said one evening before he went to bed. Mother looked at his side but didn't see anything. Later she was talking to Lonnie's grandmother on the phone and she mentioned about his side hurting him.

The next morning Lonnie slept later than usual, but Mother had noticed that he hadn't slept well the night before so let him stay in bed. Finally he awoke but just lay there. His mother was busy around the house and was in and out of his room several times. Finally she told Lonnie that he should get up but Lonnie began to cry. He said that his side was hurting him. His mother thought he would soon be all right, but he continued to cry. She looked at his side and it was swollen right where his appendix is. She kept looking to the Lord for him but he continued to cry and complain. The place was swelling more. His mother called Lonnie's Grandmother Miles who works in the office at Faith Publishing House. His grandmother was troubled. She felt sure it was appendicitis so she called all the workers together and they had prayer. His grandmother wept before the Lord, begging him to heal her darling little Lonnie. It was about an hour later that Grandmother went over to see about Lonnie. When she got there there was no one at Lonnie's house. She was very concerned, but later he and his folks drove in. The Lord had touched Lonnie and he was up and dressed. When he came in, his

grandmother took him in her arms and asked him how he felt. He said his side didn't hurt any more. Grandmother looked at it and the swelling had gone down but it was still tender. He didn't want anyone to touch it. It looked red. The Lord had touched him, his mother said, and he quit crying right way and wanted to dress. She said the swelling in his side had gone down. When his grandmother was there, Lonnie wanted to eat. He was just fine. Oh, how happy his parents and his grandmother were that Jesus had healed him! Lonnie looked a little pale for several days, but was soon back to normal.

Boys and girls, Jesus is still healing today and you should always look to Him for help when you are sick. God made your little body and he is able to take care of it. Jesus tells us to pray when we are sick and he will heal us. —M. Miles

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### QUESTIONS:

1. What did the nobleman ask Jesus to do for him?
2. What did Jesus tell the nobleman?
3. If the nobleman had not believed Jesus, do you think his son would have been healed? Explain your answer to the class.
4. What happened at the pool where the sick man lay?
5. What did Jesus tell the sick man to do?

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*10-21* Eat good foods that will keep you strong and well. God wants us to take care of our bodies.

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Feb. 11

## JESUS FEEDS THE FIVE THOUSAND

John 6:5-14; 48, 49

Jesus looked over the great company of people who had come to him. Jesus said to Philip, "Where can we buy bread so these people may eat?" Philip answered him, "Two-hundred pennyworth would not be enough to give each a little." Andrew said to Jesus, "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fishes, but what are they among so many?" But Jesus has all power. That was enough for him. "Tell the people to sit down on the grass," he said. After all were seated, there were 5,000 people. Jesus took the loaves and the fishes in his hands. He looked up to God, His Father in heaven. He returned thanks for them, just as you do before you eat. He broke the bread and fishes and gave it to the disciples to give to the people who were sitting on the grass. Everybody had plenty to eat that day. Jesus did not want them to be wasteful. He said, "Gather up the left-over pieces." There were 12 baskets of left-overs. The people said, "This is of a truth that prophet which was to come into the world." Wasn't that a wonderful miracle?

*Memory Verse:* I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger. John 6:35.

## Richard and Lisa

On one of our daily walks with Richard and Lisa we watched a duck take his broad bill and hunt under the leaves and clods of dirt for bugs or worms. But he didn't eat them himself. He would waddle over to a small turkey and put them in the turkey's mouth. Then the turkey would say, "Turk, turk." I guess he was trying to say, "Thank you!" Then the duck would say, "Quack, Quack!" and waddle off to get more bugs and worms for the turkey. Don't you think that was unselfish? He was giving all the food to the turkey.

That reminded me of the little boy in the Bible who wanted to go see Jesus and hear him talk, and see him heal the sick people and the crippled ones so they could walk without their crutches. Perhaps he had heard how Jesus could touch the eyes of the blind and they would open. They could see and no one had to lead them. There were some who could not hear and Jesus put his fingers in their ears and then they could hear again. Also he would touch the tongues of those who could not talk and then they could speak like other people. This little boy wanted to see Jesus. He might have heard of the ones Jesus had brought back to life after they had died. He had heard that Jesus said, "Let the little children come unto me."

Anyway, this boy's mother fixed him a little lunch since he might be gone all day with the big crowd who went to see Jesus. After Jesus had talked to the people nearly all

day, his helpers, Peter, James and John, and the others told Jesus to send the people away to get something to eat. Jesus knew they were hungry and he felt sorry for them. He said, "You feed them here." But they said, "There is nothing here to eat." The little boy gave Jesus his basket of lunch which was two little fishes and five small loaves of bread. (We would probably call them buns.) One helper said, "But this won't be enough." Jesus kindly said, "Tell the people to all sit down on the hillside." Then Jesus prayed. He thanked His Heavenly Father for the food and then began to break those five small loaves and two fishes and the more he broke the more there was until every one of nearly 5,000 men and women and children were all fed—and the little boy, too. Aren't you glad he was unselfish? He was like the duck, he gave all, yet he had plenty. Children, remember that God loves a cheerful giver.

—Aunt Vera Forbes

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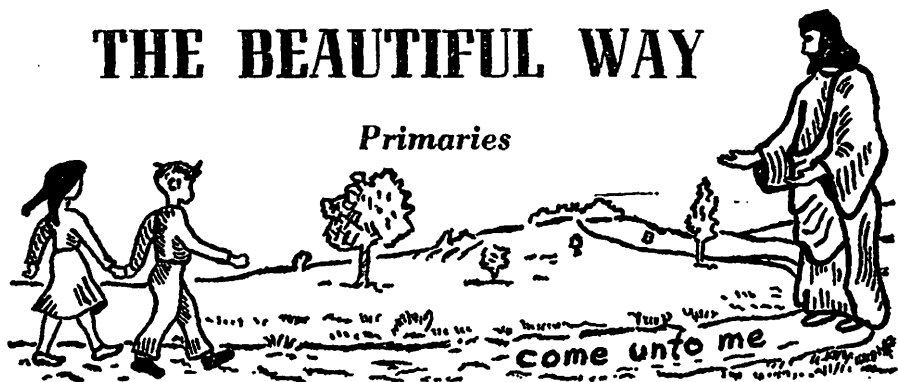
### QUESTIONS:

1. What was in the little boy's lunch?
2. What did he do with his lunch?
3. What did Jesus do with it?
4. Did Jesus thank the Lord for it before the people ate?
5. How many people ate after Jesus caused it to grow and grow?
6. What did Jesus tell them to do with the left-overs?

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Feb. 18

## THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

John 9:1-7, 35-41

One day Jesus and his disciples were walking, possibly close to the temple and there sat a man who had been born blind. One of his disciples said, "Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered him, "Neither this man nor his parents have sinned but that all may know that God can heal. I have come to do the works of my Father. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Jesus then spit on the ground and made some clay of the spittle and he put it on the eyes of the blind man. Jesus told the blind man to go down to the pool of Siloam. The blind man got right up and obeyed Jesus. He washed his eyes and then he could see the green grass, trees, and the blue sky. How wonderful that must have been! He had never seen all of the beautiful things God had made before. He was very happy, and so were his parents. The blind man was rejoicing and some around him did not like it because they did not want Jesus to be praised. They cast him out for praising Jesus.

*Memory Verse:* I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. John 8:12.

## Richard and Lisa

Richard always wanted to go a little farther down the walk. One day we saw some chickens in a yard, but we found out they were wooden chickens. Then we went to the end of that street and found some real chickens that God had made. The mama hen said, "Cluck, cluck, cluck," which meant, "Come quickly, before those people hurt you!" So they all ran to her. We thought about the story of the mama hen and her little chicks that lived out on a farm. One day a bad prairie fire came across the farm and the mama hen knew danger was near and called "Cluck, cluck." All the chickens ran and hid under her wings and feathers except one. It looked like he thought he was getting big and didn't have to obey his mama. That was a very sad mistake for him. The fire swept right across the barnyard. He was burned to death.

After the fire had passed, the farmer went out to the barn to see what damage the fire had done. He saw the poor little chicken lying there, and near by was something black. He kicked it with his foot and turned it over. Out ran all the little chicks that had obeyed the mama's cluck, cluck call. The mama hen was burned black. She had given her life to save her babies and they had all been kept safely that had run under her wings.

Boys and girls, did you know that Jesus gave his life to save yours? If you will run to him for safety, he will protect you from the judgment

fires. If you obey his voice He will take care of you and some day take you to heaven where it is beautiful and all are happy. Aunt Vera Forbes

## The Light

One dark night Dad sent Jim to the barn to get something for him. Dad lighted a lantern and gave it to Jim to carry.

Jim said, "Dad, this lantern doesn't shine very far. How can I see the way to the barn?"

Dad said, "Keep walking, Jim. The lantern will light every step of your way."

In the Bible we read, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105). The Bible will light all our way to heaven.

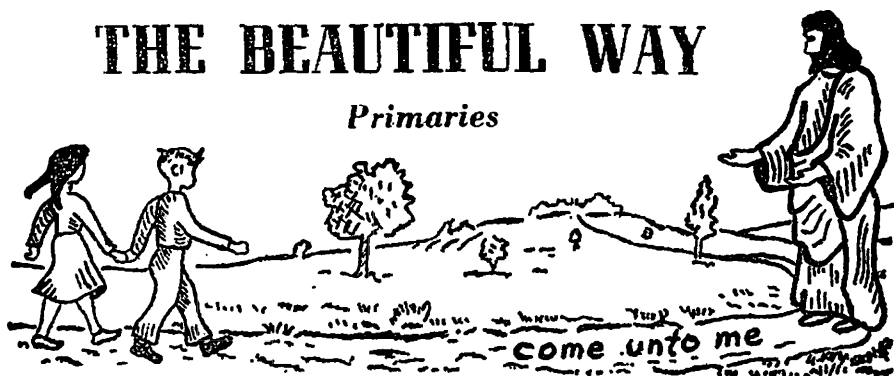
### QUESTIONS:

1. Who sinned that the man was born blind?
2. What did Jesus put on his eyes?
3. Did the blind man obey Jesus
3. Where did Jesus tell the blind man to wash?
4. What did others say about Jesus when they heard about him healing the blind man?
5. Whom did Jesus say would be lights in the world after he left?

God gives us a new heart when we confess our sins and trust in Jesus to be our Saviour. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans 10:9.

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Feb. 25

## THE GOOD SHEPHERD

John 10:7-18

Did you ever see a shepherd and his sheep? The shepherd loves his sheep and calls each one by name. He watches over them and does not let the wolf kill them or hurt them. He leads them into good pastures and down by the cool water so they can drink. If a naughty little lamb wanders off in the thicket and gets caught the shepherd goes and brings him out. He picks the briars off. Jesus is like that good shepherd. Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." How wonderful! Jesus knows each one of his sheep by name. When he calls you, listen and obey him. You do not want to be a naughty little lamb and run off. Jesus tells about a bad shepherd. When the wolf comes, he runs away and lets the wolf catch the sheep and scatter them because he is afraid. How sad! Jesus also tells about thieves and robbers who try to get into the sheepfold some other way than through the door, which is Christ. They will never get there. Christ is the door and all who enter must come through Him and be born again.

*Memory Verse:* My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life. John 10:27.

## Richard and Lisa

At the end of the street where Richard and Lisa found the chickens there was a sheep lying under the shade of a tree. She was chewing food that the man had given her. Near by was a basin of water. The story about David, the little shepherd boy, came to my mind. I thought about how good and kind he was to his father's sheep. He killed a bear and a lion that came to harm his sheep. He wrote a beautiful song that says, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters." You tell your Mama or Daddy to help you find the rest of that song in the Holy Bible and help you to learn all of it. It is the Twenty-third Psalm.

We called that sheep but she only looked at us and wouldn't come. We thought about the story Jesus told about a shepherd that called his sheep and they came to him and followed him because they knew his voice. But when a stranger came, they didn't know his voice and would not follow him. Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd. The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. St. John 10:11. Lots of children have learned that verse. You should learn it, too, and then let Jesus be your good shepherd. You should obey his words that we find in the New Testament of the Holy Bible, and follow Him all the way to heaven.

Children, when you go for a walk or ride in the car, always look for the wonderful things all about you

that God has made for us to enjoy.  
—Aunt Vera Forbes

## Never Alone

Tony was crying. The big boys had gone to the pond to skate on the ice. Tony wanted to go, too. Mother said he was too little. He had to stay home.

"I'm all alone," Tony said to Mother. "Nobody is here to play with me."

Mother dried Tony's tears. Then she said, "You come in the kitchen. Help me make a cake."

Soon Tony was helping Mother to make the cake. It was fun.

He smiled and said, "I'm not alone now, Mother. I am with you."

God's children are never alone. God is always with us. God is everywhere. We can pray and worship God anywhere. He never leaves us.

## QUESTIONS:

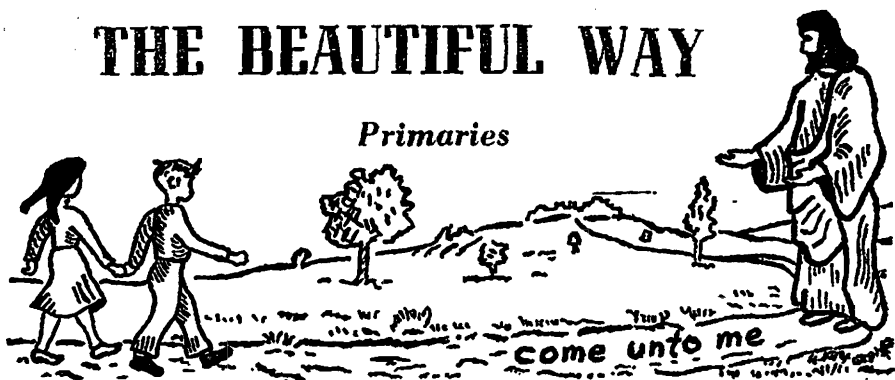
1. How does a shepherd take care of his sheep?
2. Does he name his sheep?
3. What about the naughty little lamb?
4. What will a good shepherd do when he sees a wolf coming?
5. Who is the door to the fold?

Driving a bike or a car is a little bit like life is. There are rules, written ones and those you learn from others, that are to be obeyed if you want to be happy and safe. As you obey the rules set down by those who know, you will find life becomes easier to live, and happier.



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Mar. 3

## LAZARUS ARISES FROM THE GRAVE

John 11:1-6; 21-44

"Lord, he whom thou lovest is sick," was the message sent to Jesus from Mary and Martha. Now Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus very much. Two days later Jesus told his disciples, "Let us go to Bethany, our friend Lazarus sleepeth." His disciples said, "If he is asleep, then he does well." Jesus then told them plainly that Lazarus had died.

Someone saw Jesus and his disciples coming down the road to Bethany. They ran and told Martha and Mary. Martha ran out to meet him but Mary stayed in the house. "Oh, if you had only been here, Lazarus would not have died." Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth on me shall live." Martha said, "I believe you to be the Christ, the Son of God that should come into the world."

"Mary, the Master calleth for thee," Martha told Mary and all of them went to the tomb. Jesus wept with them. "Roll away the stone," Jesus said. Jesus prayed and then loudly called, "Lazarus, come forth." He came forth, bound with grave-clothes. Jesus said, "Loose him and let him go."

*Memory Verse:* I am the resurrection and the life. John 11:25.

## Sammy and Wing Lee

Sammy Gates shut the back door behind him. He called, "Mother, Mother!"

Sammy ran through the house looking for Mother. He did not find her downstairs. He ran upstairs and called, "Mother!"

"Here I am," Mother said from her bedroom. "What do you want, Sammy?"

"Mother, Wing Lee does not worship God! I know he doesn't! I went to his house to see him. I called. He didn't answer me. The front door was open. What do you think? I saw Wing Lee on his knees. He was talking to something made of wood. It was on a shelf on the wall."

"Well!" Mother said. "That's too bad."

"Mother, it isn't right to worship something made of wood, is it?"

"No, of course not, Sammy. God wants people to worship Him."

"I wish Wing Lee would worship God instead of that wooden thing."

"What could you do to show him that he is wrong?" Mother asked.

Sammy looked at Mother. Then he said, "Mother, I know what I will do. I'll tell Wing Lee about Jesus. I'll tell him how wonderful Jesus is. When Wing Lee knows that, he will throw the wooden thing away. He will love Jesus instead."

"You are right, Sammy," Mother said.

Sammy ran to Wing Lee's house. When he saw Wing Lee he told him about Jesus.

"Once Jesus saw His friends in a boat out on the sea. There was a storm. Jesus walked to His friends on the water," Sammy said.

"How could Jesus do that?" Wing Lee asked. "Nobody could do that."

"Of course not," Sammy said. "But Jesus could do it because He is God."

"Oh!" Wing Lee said. "Tell me more about Jesus."

"Once Jesus changed water into wine," Sammy said. "Three times He made dead people alive again. He helped everybody in trouble."

"Jesus is wonderful," Wing Lee said.

"Wing Lee, can the wooden thing on your shelf do those things?" Sammy asked.

Wing Lee said, "No. I want to love Jesus. Where is He that I may tell Him?"

"Jesus is in heaven and He is everywhere. He never leaves us alone. Jesus died on the cross for us. He will forget about your wrong things, Wing Lee, if you will ask Him."

Wing Lee and Sammy prayed together. Then Wing Lee lived for Jesus.

### QUESTIONS:

1. How did Jesus know that Lazarus was sick?
2. Did Jesus call death sleep?
3. Who went out to meet Jesus when he came to Bethany?
4. Whom did Jesus call for?
5. What did Jesus do for Lazarus?

You can't run away from yourself but God can help you to put yourself in the right place.

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## JESUS WASHES FEET

John 13:1-15

Jesus knew that it was about time that wicked men would take him and put him to death. He was willing to let them, for that is why he came to this earth. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas to betray him. Jesus wanted to teach his disciples many truths before he left them.

One day after they had eaten the Passover supper he arose and took off his outer coat. He took a towel and put it around his waist. Then he poured water into a wash-basin and began to wash the disciples' feet. When he came to Peter, he refused to let Jesus wash his feet. Jesus said, "Peter, if I do not wash your feet, you will not have any part with me." This made Peter feel sorry. He quickly replied, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head." He wanted to be with Jesus wherever he went; not only here, but also in heaven. After he finished washing their feet, he said to them, If I, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, I want you to wash one another's feet. I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

*Memory Verse:* For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. John 13:15.

## Richard and Lisa

Richard's bright watchful eyes saw a bee. It flew into a flower. He learned that it put its little tongue down into the flower and found honey. He would then spread it on his feathery legs and fly in a straight line to his bee hive, where he would put the honey in little pockets in the honeycomb. Then he must fly back for more honey. We call bees "busy bees" and that's what God wants us to be for Him, "Busy Bees" to get our work all done before we play, and to spend time for Him, too.

One day Lisa and Richard found a fish pond just inside a fence by the sidewalk. They learned to be real quiet and not scare the fish. The fishes were happy as they would go around the rocks, in and out of little caves, and under a bridge to another pond. But if the children would move or talk, the fish would hide.

Thus we learn that boys and girls must learn to be quiet lots of times and listen to their teachers, their parents, and learn all the things they need to know. They must be quiet in worship, too. In the Bible it says, "Be still, and know that I am God." We sing, "There is a place of quietness near to the heart of God." Paul said, "Study to be quiet." Richard learned it paid to be quiet around the fishes. We would let Lisa sit in the stroller most of the time because she was too little to understand to be quiet. —Aunt Vera Forbes

Love and hard work make an unbeatable team.

## Naughty Mike

Mr. Smith was talking with the owner of a store. He said, "That little boy at the candy counter looks like a good little boy." The store owner said, "I'm not sure. Let's watch and see what he does."

Soon the little boy hit his mother. She wouldn't buy him what he wanted.

Mother called, "Come back, Mike!" But Mike didn't obey. He went to the toy counter. He picked up toys and looked at them. Then he put them back in the wrong place.

The store owner said, "Even a child is known by his doing. The Bible says so. That little boy is a naughty boy."

God says, "Children, obey your parents." The children who obey, please God and others.

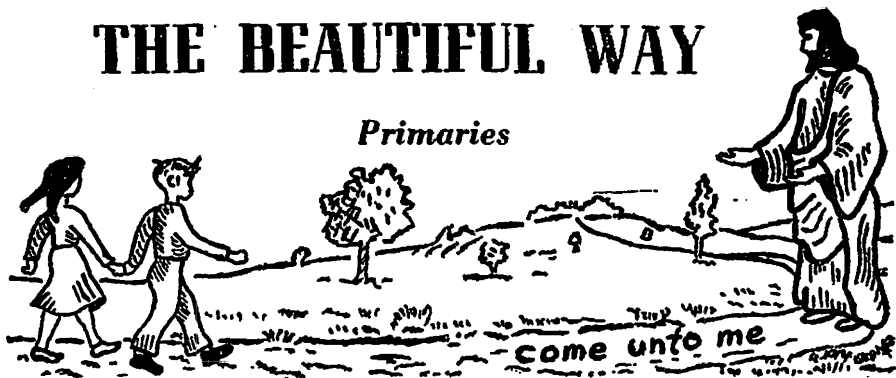
### QUESTIONS:

1. What did the devil tell Judas to do?
2. When Jesus tied a towel around himself and poured water into a pan, what did He do?
3. What did Peter say when Jesus started to wash his feet?
4. What did Jesus tell Peter would happen if He did not wash his feet?
5. What did Jesus tell us to do about feet-washing?

One thing is sure. If you receive Jesus as your Saviour and learn what the Bible tells you, you will have no trouble keeping rules. You will want to keep them.

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## THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

John 14:15, 16; Acts 2:1-8

Jesus talked to his disciples and told them about the Holy Spirit that he was going to send after he had gone back to heaven. He told them that they would show him their love if they obeyed him. The Holy Spirit was to help them obey his commandments and show them the way to live to get to heaven.

Many days later after Jesus went up into heaven, 120 of his disciples were together in an upper room. They were praying and waiting for the Holy Spirit to come. Suddenly there came a sound of a mighty rushing wind. They knew what it meant. They saw on each of them a tongue-shaped fire. They were all so happy they forgot about their enemies who had killed Jesus. A crowd gathered below when they heard the rejoicing. In this crowd were people from many other countries. By a special gift from God, the disciples were able to speak in different languages so all the people in the crowd heard the good news of salvation and that Jesus was the Christ in their own language. How happy they were to hear the good news. Many of them got saved that day.

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

14:15.

## A Sunday Afternoon

Barbara was helping Mother do the Sunday dinner dishes.

Barbara said, "This morning I went to Sunday School and church. I would like to do something very nice this afternoon."

Mother said, "Would you like to visit Mrs. Gray and her two baby girls?"

"Oh, Mother!" Barbara said. "I would love to play with her baby girls!"

Mother and Barbara walked to Mrs. Gray's house. Mother knocked on the door.

Mrs. Gray opened the door. She smiled and said, "Hello! I am so happy to see you. Please come into my house!"

Mrs. Gray took Barbara's hand. They walked into a playroom. On the floor in the playroom was a play pen. Inside the play pen were Mrs. Gray's two baby girls.

Mrs. Gray said, "Barbara, these are my two baby girls. This is Jane. This is Jean. They are twin girls. That means they were born on the same day."

Mrs. Gray said, "Barbara, your mother and I are going to talk in another room. You may play with Jane and Jean."

"Oh, thank you, Mrs. Gray!" said Barbara.

Barbara played with Jane and Jean for a long time. Then Jean crawled to Jane. She pulled Jane's arm. Jane pulled away from Jean. Jean began to cry!

Barbara said, "Don't cry, Jean!"

Then Jane began to cry!

Barbara knew she could not stop Jane and Jean from crying. She knew that God could help her.

Barbara folded her hands. She closed her eyes. She talked to God.

"Dear God, Jane and Jean are crying. I do not know how to stop them. Please stop them from crying! Thank You!"

Barbara opened her eyes. She looked at Jane and Jean. They had stopped crying!

Then Barbara sang,

"Jesus loves me! this I know,

For the Bible tells me so;

Little ones to Him belong;

They are weak, but He is strong."

Jane smiled. Jean smiled. Barbara was happy! God heard her prayer. God answered her prayer.

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Whom did Jesus tell the disciples he would send to them when he went away?

2. How do we prove to Jesus that we love him?

3. What happened in the upper room where the 120 gathered?

4. Were they afraid of their enemies who had killed Jesus?

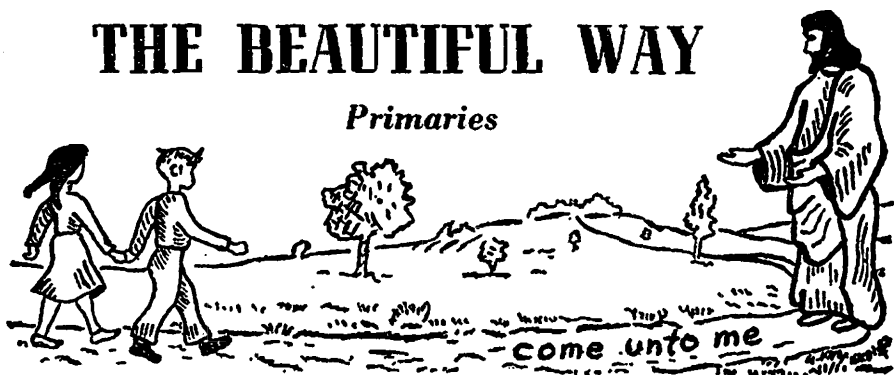
5. What will the Holy Spirit do for us when he comes into our hearts?

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A Chinese saw the effect of a scratch on the back of a mirror, in keeping the mirror from reflecting properly. He said, "This is like sin. It scratches the mirror of our lives and keeps us from reflecting Jesus."

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## THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

John 15:1-12

Jesus taught the people in parables. He talked about the vine, branches, and the owner of the vineyard. Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman." The owner or God comes looking for fruit on his branches, who are you and me. What kind of fruit does God want us to bear in our lives? Does God want us to hate? No, he wants us to bear the fruit of love. Does he want us to be unkind? No, he wants us to be kind. Does God want us to bear the fruit of unselfishness? Name some other kinds of fruit that God wants us to bear.

Now since God is the owner of the vineyard, Jesus is the vine and you and I are the branches. God wants us to obey him and pray so we can bring forth good fruit. But if we do not bring forth good fruit, the owner will come along and cut off the branches. What is done with the old withered branches? They are to be burned. How sad it will be for us if we do not live close to Jesus and bear good fruit. The branch that is cut off is good for nothing. We must bear the fruits of the Spirit if we are to remain.

*Memory Verse:* If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love. John 15:10a.

## Jackie's Happy Day

Jackie and little Rose had never gone to Sunday School before. No one had ever told them about the mission until a lady rapped at their door and invited them to come.

"I'll come if you give us pretty pictures like this," said Rose when the woman gave her a Sunday school card.

"Are there boys there?" asked Jackie somewhat doubtful of this new place.

"There most surely are boys there; one you will like, too," the mission worker once more reminded them of the time it started, then left for her home.

Sunday was a happy day for three people. It was happy for the woman who had persuaded Jackie and Rose to come to Sunday school, and it was a happy day for the children because they were learning about a kind man called Jesus. There were a lot of other boys and girls in the class where Jackie and Rose were, and they all listened to the teacher because she was telling them how Jesus loves children and how He blessed them when He was on earth. The teacher told them, too, that Jesus had made sick people well, and that He had told men and women how they should live so that they could go to heaven when they die, and she told about Jesus helping someone else.

On the way home Rose put her card up to her lips and whispered, "O Jesus, You are so sweet; I wish I could find You."

"Let's find Him," suggested Jackie. "Let us try this afternoon."

After dinner was over, Rose and Jackie started out to find this man called "Jesus." All afternoon they walked for blocks and blocks but found no one that fitted the description of Jesus.

"He wouldn't be at the ball game," declared Jackie, "that wouldn't suit Him."

"Nor at the movies," added Rose. Suddenly Jackie saw a man that was walking with a little girl.

"I wonder if that's Jesus," he said slowly, then almost crying, he turned away. "No, it's not. That man is smoking and Jesus wouldn't smoke. I know He would not."

Rose was disappointed, too, when they finally had to go home and they still had not found Jesus.

The next week after school they looked for Him, too. Every night they walked the street and came back tired and weary. On Saturday Jackie had given up hunting. He had gone over every part of the town with which he was acquainted. Feeling discouraged and blue, he hung his head and started for home.

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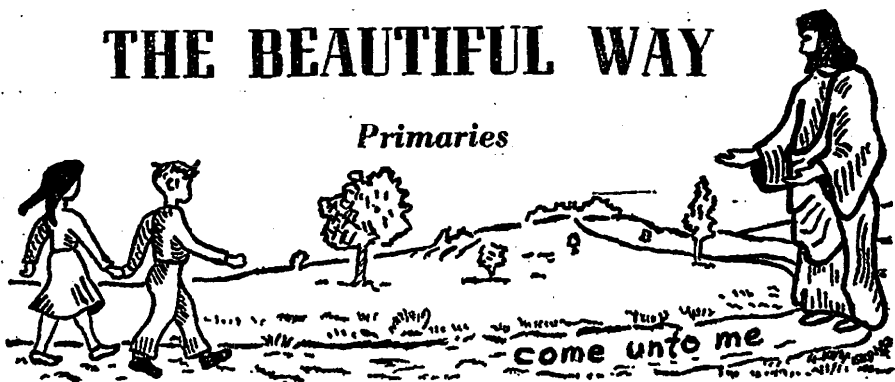
### QUESTIONS:

1. Who is the husbandman of the vineyard?
2. Who is the vine?
3. Who are the branches?
4. Name some of the fruit the good vine bears.
5. What happens to the branches that are cut off?



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## FOR WHOM JESUS PRAYED

John 17:1, 6-10, 20-24; Rev. 5:8b

Jesus spent many hours with his disciples telling them how to live and what God wanted them to do. Jesus knew that soon he would be taken and put on the cross to die. This was His will to do this for us. Yet Jesus was like you and me; He felt pain.

One time, not too long before he was put on the cross, he was with his disciples. He looked up to his Father in heaven and began to pray: Father, the hour has come when I will die. I want to glorify your name. I have taught the disciples whom you gave me, and they have obeyed your word. They believe that I have come from you and they are clean in heart. I pray not for these alone, but for all who will believe on me through their word. I pray that they may all be one, even as you and I are one. What a wonderful prayer! God wants us to pray to him daily.

God let John see all the prayers that the saints have prayed. They were in golden vials, or bottles, and they had a sweet smell. How many bottles of prayers do you have up in heaven? Jesus taught his disciples to pray and then said that we ought to pray often.

*Memory Verse:* Neither pray I for these alone but for them also which shall believe on me through their word. John 17:20.

## Jackie's Happy Day

Jackie had been searching in the streets, hoping to find Jesus. He was getting discouraged as he had looked and looked and had not found him. He hung his head and started for home. He was so busy thinking that he did not watch where he was going when he turned the corner and bumped right into a woman whose arms were filled with packages.

"I—I'm sorry," he cried as he sat on the street with packages all around him.

The lady laughed and said, "Oh, there's nothing to be sorry for, unless you hurt yourself."

"No, I'm all right," Jackie confessed and when he thought how funny he must have looked there on the street, he had to laugh, too.

"Now if you will help me take these packages right across the street to my home, I'll give you a big cookie."

Jackie fairly flew and all the bundles were quickly placed on the table. All the time the lady was singing softly, and Jackie soon started to sing, too. When he had carried the last package into the house, the lady set a big glass of milk and a cookie on the table.

"This is yours," she told Jackie. Then Jackie told her all about Sunday School and about Rose, and thanked her for the milk.

"Do you know where He lives?" Jackie asked the lady. "Rose and I looked and looked, and we can't find Him. We would like to really see His kind face."

"For whom are you looking, dear?"

"Why, for Jesus; we want to see Him."

Then the kind lady told Jackie that Jesus does not live on earth any more as a person, but that He had gone to heaven. She told him that Jesus wants to live in people's hearts, and if they let Him He will make them kind and loving like He is. She told Jackie that people are Christians when Jesus comes into their hearts. For a long time the little boy listened to the lady, until it was time for him to go home.

"Bring Rose along when you come again," she told him.

When Jackie was on the street again, he ran and ran and ran.

"Rose! Rose!" he shouted as he came near home. "I know where Jesus lives! He lives inside the nice lady up on Thirty-Second Avenue. And He will live in our hearts if we will get saved and live for Him."

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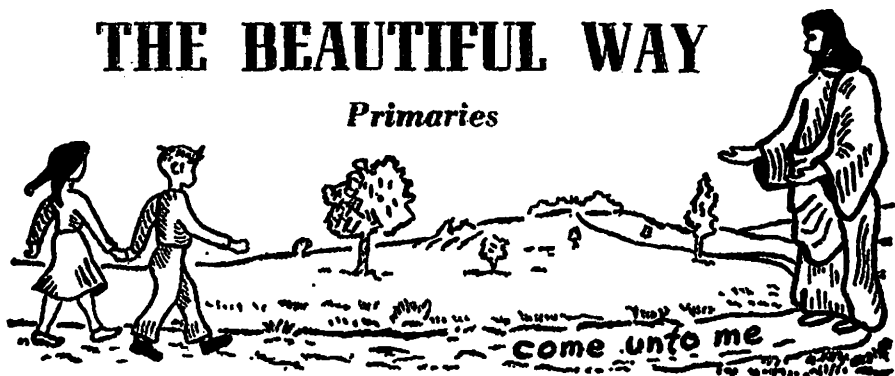
1. When did Jesus pray the prayer recorded in our lesson?
2. What did he tell God about the way He had taught the disciples?
3. How do you know that Jesus prayed for us, who believe on him, that day?
4. What did John say the prayers of the saints were kept in?
5. How often do you pray?

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Do you realize the value of getting alone with Jesus in prayer and telling him all the little and big things that trouble you each day?

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## JESUS ON THE CROSS

John 19:17-30

A large crowd was following Jesus who was carrying a huge cross. His back was bleeding and He was on His way to a hill called Golgotha where He was to be nailed to that cross. After He was nailed to the cross, it was let down with a thud into the hole in the earth and it tore the flesh of His precious body. Jesus had done no wrong, but was good and kind to all. Many people did not believe He was the Savior of the world, nor the Son of God, and they wanted to get rid of Him. Pilate wrote over the cross, "Jesus of Nazareth, the king of the Jews." The chief priests wanted that writing changed, but he would not change it. The soldiers parted Jesus' clothes, but one garment was without a seam in it. They cast lots for it as was foretold many years before.

Jesus saw His mother and asked one of the disciples to take care of her. After seeing His mother He cried out, "I thirst." His pain was great. He was dying for you and me. Those standing by offered Him vinegar to drink. Then Jesus knew His end had come. He said, "It is finished." The plan of salvation was complete.

*Memory Verse:* I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. John 12:32

## Ronnie Learns About Jesus\*

"Bill, let me see what you made with your clay," Ronnie said as he pulled on Bill's arm.

"Oh, you don't need to see," Bill said as he turned from Ronnie. He was afraid that Ronnie would make fun of what he had made. But after much begging and pleading, Bill showed Ronnie his little cross. Ronnie was disappointed. He thought it would be something better than that, perhaps a dog better than the one he had made.

"That's not much," Ronnie said quickly. "I thought you had made something great."

"A cross is the best thing you can make," Bill said feeling bold. He didn't want anyone to make fun of the cross.

"Why did you make a cross? Why do you think it's so wonderful?" Ronnie asked Bill.

"Don't you know that Jesus died on the cross?" asked Bill. When Ronnie didn't answer him, he continued, "He didn't have to die, either. He could have called thousands and thousands and maybe a million angels to help Him out, but He didn't do it."

"He must have been real mean and deserved it," Ronnie said as he continued to mold his dog out of clay.

"Mean and deserved it!" Bill exclaimed, shocked. "Jesus, our Savior mean? Ronnie, don't you know who Jesus is?"

"Well, I guess I do, but not much. My dad uses His name when he gets

mad. And when Uncle Jim gets drunk he curses all the time and uses that Name. I didn't know that it was a Name to be respected. What do you know about Him?"

"I am sorry that your dad and Uncle Jim use our precious Savior's name when they get mad, because Jesus is good. He didn't do one thing wrong, and never sinned, but the people would not accept Him as their Savior, to save them from their sins, so they wanted to put Him on a cross and let Him die. They thought they would get rid of Him, but He came alive and rose out of the grave. He visited with a lot of people and they wrote all about it. We have it written in the Bible. Then one day He rose right up into the air and disappeared behind the clouds. Today He is alive up there in heaven, sitting right beside God. He loves us and hears us when we pray," Bill told Ronnie with deep feelings. He loved Jesus very much.

"Bill, I would like to hear more about Jesus. It sounds like He really does love us. Will you tell me more?"

"Come with me to Sunday School next Sunday and you will hear more."

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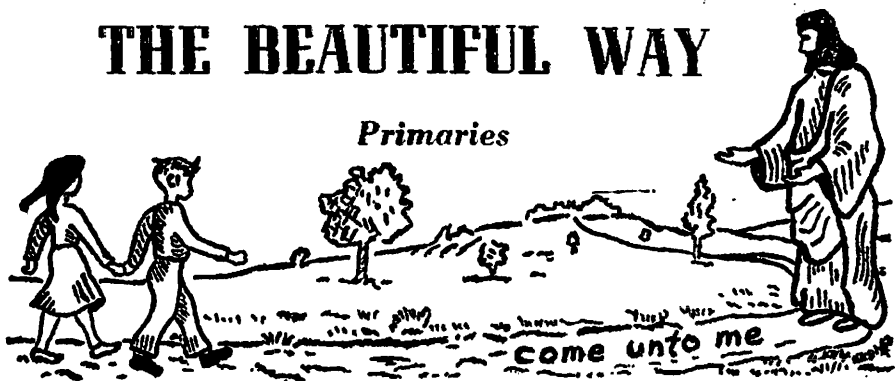
1. What was Jesus nailed to?
2. What did the soldiers do with Jesus' clothes?
3. Why was He willing to die on the cross?
4. What did Jesus say to His mother?
5. What did it mean when Jesus said, "It is finished"?

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## FOLLOWING JESUS

John 20:19-21; 21:15-19

"Make sure the doors are shut tightly!" the disciples of Jesus said. They were afraid. Jesus had been nailed to the cross and they were lonely without Him. Perhaps they would kill Jesus' friends, too, they thought.

"Who is that? Someone has come! The doors are still shut tightly! He has nail prints in His hands and there is the wound that the soldier made in His side with the spear! Oh, Jesus is alive! The women came and told us He was alive. Jesus is here! Oh, how wonderful! Now we are not lonely anymore!"

Jesus left and later the disciples went fishing. Jesus came to them again. He fixed a nice breakfast for them. Then Jesus asked Peter three times, "Do you love Me?" Three times Peter answered Him, "Yes." Then Jesus said, "Follow Me and feed My lambs." Jesus wanted Peter to love Him more than fishing. He wanted to make him a fisher of men. Today Jesus wants us to follow Him and help others to know and love Him. Read your Bible and do what it tells you to do. Thus you follow Jesus.

*Memory Verse:* Peace be unto you: As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. John 20:21.

## What Easter Means

Sally was nearly asleep snuggled between Father and Mother in the front seat of the car. Tomorrow would be Easter Sunday and they were going to see Grandma and Grandpa. They stopped at a filling station to fill up the gas tank. The garage man who had come up to wait on them saw Sally and smiled at her. "Hello there!" he said. "Where are you going?"

"To Grandma and Grandpa's for Easter," she answered.

"Oh? What is Easter?" he asked in a strange voice.

"That's the day the Lord Jesus Christ rose again after He had died," she answered softly. "Didn't everyone know that?"

"Then is this Jesus still living?"

Didn't he really know? She wondered, but she said, "Yes, He's still living."

"How do you know He is?" asked the man.

Sally thought about it for a minute, then said, "I know He's still living because He's in my heart. I asked Him to come in and He did."

"How do you know He's there? Did you ever see Him?"

"No, I never saw Him," Sally answered truthfully, "but I did feel Him come in. He took away that cold, hard lump I had inside and made me feel clean and glad instead."

"Then you must be one of those good little girls." He sounded sad as he spoke. "This Lord Jesus would not want to have anything to do with an old sinner like me."

"But that's not true!" Sally exclaimed. "The Lord Jesus Christ died for my sins so He could make me His little girl. He died for yours, too, and He wants you to belong to Him just the same as I do. It's sinners He loves so He loves you, too."

"Are you sure? Who said so?" he asked.

"It's in the Bible," she explained. "Jesus said, 'I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'"

Daddy had come back now and he said, "That's right, young man. The Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, died on the cross for your sins because He loved you and wanted you for His own. Wouldn't you like to belong to Him right now?"

"I surely would," answered the man. "I always thought it was only for good people, but I see it all now. I'd like to have Him as my Savior right now."

"And you can, my friend," explained Daddy. "Just say, 'yes' to Him and He will receive you."

The man bent his head and Sally closed her eyes. Then she heard him praying. He asked the Lord to forgive him of his sins and he promised to live for Jesus.

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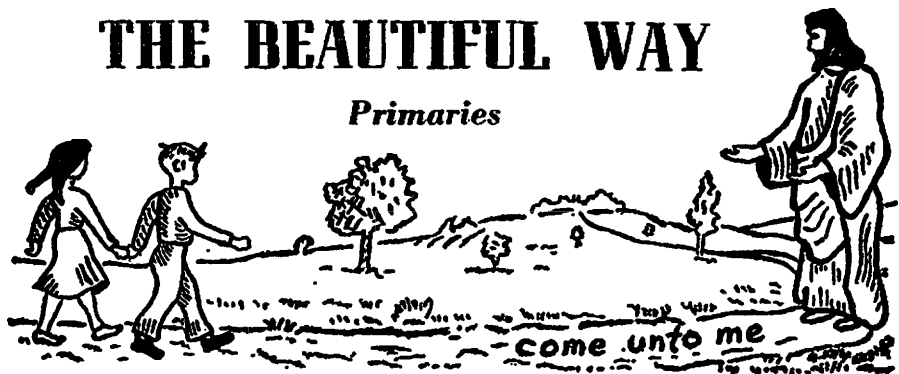
### QUESTIONS:

1. Why were the disciples behind closed doors?
2. Who came to them? How?
3. How did they know it was Jesus?
4. What did Jesus ask Peter?
5. What does it mean for us to follow Jesus?
6. Who is the good Shepherd?

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## WHAT IS WISDOM?

1 Kings 10:1-4, 7, 9, 24; Prov. 3:13, 17; 18:1, 7

The city of Jerusalem was excited. Someone said that the Queen of Sheba, with a great train of camels loaded down with much gold and spices, was coming to see King Solomon. She had heard about the great wisdom of Solomon. After Solomon had answered all of her hard questions, and she had seen all the houses he had built, and all of his wealth, she said, "I could not believe it until I had seen it with my eyes and heard it with my ears. The half had not been told me. Your wisdom and wealth are greater than I heard they were."

The Queen of Sheba then worshipped the God of Solomon who had given him such great wisdom and riches. She said that God surely loved the people of Israel. All the peoples of the earth sought to hear Solomon's wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

Solomon said that to love God and fear to displease Him is the beginning of wisdom. It is the tree of life. Happy is the boy or girl who does right by God's help. The wise boy or girl says no when asked to do wrong.

*Memory Verse:* Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. Proverbs 3:13.

## A Lesson from a Squirrel

A cute little bushy-tailed squirrel has been coming up the street from somewhere and climbing up my big pecan tree and eating the pecans. After he had all he wanted for his breakfast, he would strip the outside hull off a nut and would run out on the end of a branch, jump down on the roof of the house, then over on the ivy trellis and down to the ground and out on the lawn or in a flower bed. With those sharp little claws he would dig a little hole in the ground then push the nut in with his teeth and let it down in the ground. He would cover the hole and pat it down so perfectly that when I'd go to see if I could find it, there would be no sign of any dirt or grass having been disturbed. It was completely hidden. Then away he'd run back up the tree and in about three minutes he'd come running with another one. Many days he has done that, and of course in his squirrel mind he didn't know he was taking more than his share. But I began to talk to him about it. He would stand on his haunches and listen, but he couldn't understand my talk. I told him I was going to dig up some of them, and while I'd dig for one he would wait and watch me with his bright eyes. And sometimes I found them. Once he stayed real close and I was not digging at the right spot. He came near and started digging and I said, "Oh, is it over there?" Sure enough he was showing me where it was. Then I thanked him and he

ran to get another one. He was real cute.

Now do you know why he buried those nuts? It was because there will not be any nuts on the trees in the cold winter days and he can come and find the ones he has buried and have plenty to eat. God has given him an instinct or mind to know he must do that to live.

That little squirrel made me think of a shepherd boy. As he watched the sheep he looked around and saw the mountains, the trees, streams of water, rocks and other things God made, he wrote and sang such beautiful songs about what he saw and many other things about God. God loved David very much and David loved God, too. In the Bible we can read all about him and read those lovely songs and sing them, too.

One place we read in Psa. 119:11: "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee." That means he had learned God's commandments and other things God had said that were so good and perfect that they were deep in his heart, stored away to use when he needed them.

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### QUESTIONS:

1. What queen came to see Solomon?
2. What did she want to know and see?
3. What is called a tree of life?
4. How can boys and girls have wisdom?
5. What do wise boys and girls say when asked to do wrong?



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## GOD MADE SOLOMON WISE

1 Kings 3:5, 7, 9, 11-13; Prov. 3:5, 7

"Ask what you want, and I will give it to you," God told Solomon. Did Solomon right away say he wanted a new tricycle, or a new wagon, or lots of money? No, he did not. Solomon's father, David, had died and left him to be ruler of a big nation. He wanted to be a good ruler and help the people. He felt just like a little child who needed to know many things. He needed wisdom and an understanding heart. He wanted to know what was right and wrong. He wanted to be a good king. This pleased God very much. He said to Solomon, "Because you have not asked for yourself long life; neither riches, nor the life of your enemies; but for wisdom and an understanding of how to do right, I will give you wisdom and also riches and honor. There will not be another king like you." So you see boys and girls, it is best to know God and His ways. You will be wise then. It is foolish to go your own way without God. A wise person listens to God and asks Him what to do and where to go. A foolish person hates wisdom and hates being told what to do. A wise person will accept advice.

*Memory Verse:* If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally. James 1:5.

## A Lesson from a Squirrel

In last Sunday's lesson from a squirrel, we saw the squirrel bury things he would need later. Then we were reminded of David, the little shepherd boy, who hid something, too. He hid the Word of God deep in his heart for he knew he would need it later. God wants us to hide His good and beautiful words away in our hearts, too. It made David happy to obey God and to please Him. I wonder if perhaps he had watched a squirrel bury and hide some nuts. Maybe that is where he got the idea of hiding God's word in his heart.

Do you remember that Jesus had God's Word in His heart, and when the devil tried to get Him to make bread out of stones, Jesus told the devil, "It is written (in God's Book) man should not live by bread alone, but by every word of God"? He could have made bread out of stones, but that would have pleased the devil and He wanted only to please God, His Father. Two more times the devil tempted Jesus and each time He repeated some of God's Word. The devil was very anxious for Jesus to worship him, but Jesus said, "It is written, thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." Then the devil saw he could not get Jesus to do what he wanted Him to, so he left Him. The devil cannot overcome us, either, when we dig up God's Word out of our hearts and use it against him. So, dear children, learn your Bible verses real well and pat them down perfect,

like the squirrel did the nuts, so you can have them to use later to keep you and help you to love and obey God. We should be diligent to prepare for the future, days when Satan will come with his cold, wintry blasts against our souls. That is what the squirrel does, he prepares for the future days when he will need some nuts. God gave him this wisdom that tells him to prepare. God also let us know that we need to prepare ourselves for the future days. We need to be hiding some of God's Word in our hearts every day. It is better to learn some verses every day than to try to remember too much at one time. After you have learned the Bible verses, then when you are in trouble and call on God to help you, He will help you dig up that word that you hid in your heart and it will be food to you to help you in time of need. —Aunt Vera Forbes

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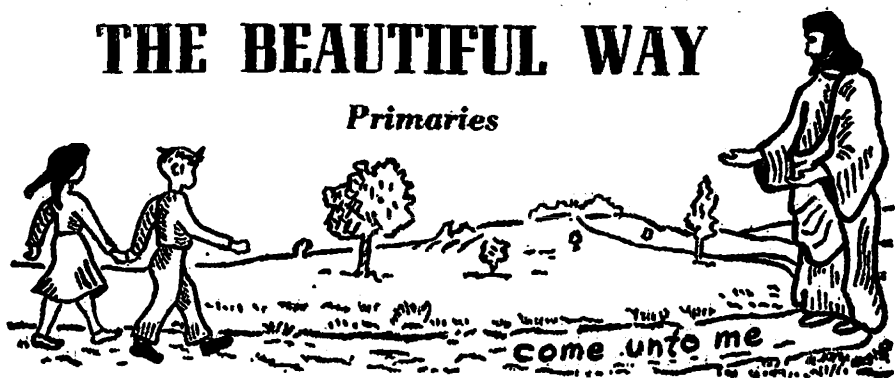
### QUESTIONS:

1. Who told Solomon to ask for what he wanted and he would receive it?
2. What did Solomon ask for?
3. Did Solomon feel he was too big to ask God for help?
4. What did God give to Solomon?
5. Does a foolish person hate to be told what to do?
6. Can we be wise without God's help?
7. Where do we find wisdom?

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May 5

## MY SON BE WISE

Proverbs 20:1; 23:19-21, 29-35; 1 Cor. 6:10

What a wonderful body God has made for you to live in! You have eyes that see and ears that hear and fingers with which to feel. Your tongue tastes and with your nose you sniff and smell. God wants you to take care of your wonderful body.

The wise man, Solomon, has told us, "Be wise, my son, and do not keep company with those who drink strong drinks." God wants us to eat and drink good foods so our bodies will stay strong.

Who is it that has sorrow or troubles? Who has fights and redness of eyes? Who has headaches and sickness? It is the person who drinks that which will harm his body. Beer, wine, and whiskey have alcohol in them and are not good for the body.

Don't believe all the signs on the billboards that tell us that wine and whiskey are good for you. God says for us to be wise. You will not be happy if you smoke or drink strong drinks and harm this wonderful body God has given to you. Such things will weaken your body and then diseases can take hold of you. Many sicknesses and diseases were caused by drinking or smoking.

*Memory Verse:* He that ruleth his spirit (is better) than he that taketh a city. Proverbs 16:32.

## A Snake in a Bottle

"Oh, look, Daddy! There is a big snake on that limb!" Teddy exclaimed as he ran ahead of his parents. They had gone to the museum and were looking at the windows which were full of stuffed animals placed in their natural settings.

"Oh! Oh!" cried little Susan as she jumped away from the glass.

"What is the matter, Susan?" Mother asked as she patted her little girl who clung to her skirts.

"Look at that bottle!" Susan said as she pointed at a bottle down at the edge of the big glass. In the bottle was a snake in alcohol.

"I'm not afraid of it," Teddy said as he came close and looked at it.

"Yes, that is a real snake that has been preserved in a bottle of alcohol," Daddy said. "But, son, I want you to remember what the Bible has said about a serpent biting. The Bible tells us strong drink stingeth and biteth like a serpent. There is poison in a snake and there is poison in strong drinks. You can't see the poison in the bottle of whiskey or beer like you can see the snake in this bottle of alcohol, but it is there. It will get into the blood stream and cause a person to stagger and walk crooked because he is dizzy. Many people try to drive after drinking and they cause many accidents on the highways. It is a terrible thing and I trust you will never drink strong drinks."

"I wouldn't want to drink anything that has a snake in it," little Susan said.

"Well whiskey or beer doesn't have snakes in it, but it has poison in it like a snake has," Daddy explained.

"That new billboard that was put up on Fifth Street has a pretty rose beside the bottle of whiskey and has such pretty colors around it that you can't help but look at it," Teddy said as they walked on to look at another window.

"Yes, the devil tries to make his bad things look pretty, but they are not pretty underneath them. No one would look very long at the billboard if they would paint the true picture there of a man lying down drunk on a busy street where there is lots of traffic. That is the way some will do when they are full of whiskey."

"My mother told me 'all that glitters is not gold,' " Mother added. "Everything that looks pretty isn't pretty."

"I'm never going to drink any of that strong drink," Teddy declared.

"I don't like snakes," little Susan added.

—M. Miles

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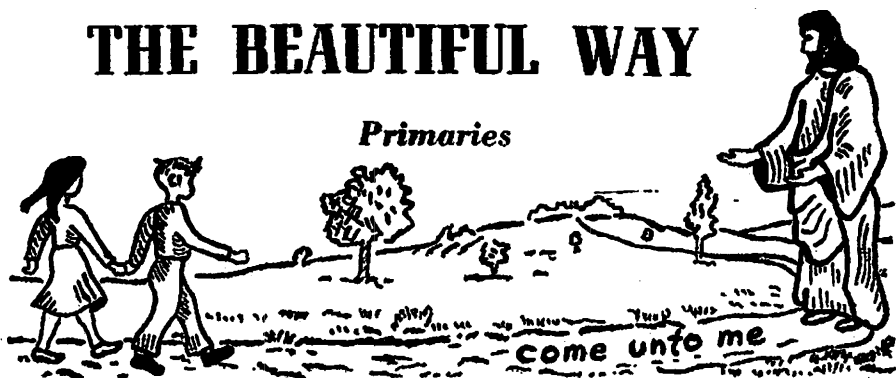
1. Who made your wonderful body?
2. How are we to take care of our bodies?
3. Who is it that has sorrows, fights, and redness of eyes?
4. What biteth like a serpent?
5. What does the song mean when it says, "Touch not the cup, touch it not"?

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## LISTEN TO YOUR PARENTS

Proverbs 4:1-5a, 20-23

"He is so tiny!" Mary said as she looked at her baby brother. God made babies tiny and helpless. Mother has to feed him and take care of him until he is big enough to care for himself. It will be many years before he can live without his parents. Some little baby animals can stand alone soon after they are born, but human babies are nearly a year old before they can stand alone. God gave them parents so they can teach them to do many things and to know how to live right. Our lesson tells us that children should listen to their mothers and fathers. That is the right thing to do. That is the way God planned it and He is pleased when children obey their parents. The devil tries to get boys and girls to disobey and not listen to their parents, but he has been getting people into bad trouble from the beginning. We must not listen to him. We must listen to God and learn to be wise.

The commandments of the Lord are like a lamp. On a dark night the lamp shows us the right path. God's laws will show us the right path to take that will lead us to heaven.

*Memory Verse:* Children obey your parents in the Lord for this is right. Ephesians 6:1.

## Our Real Home

Years and years ago people did not have flashlights which light up when you push a button. They had lanterns that had to be filled with kerosene. They raised the globe and the wick would be lighted with a match. In the hills, people walked to church in the evenings or drove their horses with wagons and buggies. They would carry a lantern to meeting, and when they got ready to leave each one would light his lantern. You could see the lights of the lanterns flashing in different directions at night as the people started for home. They needed the lights to show them the paths through the woods.

Boys and girls, all of us are on our way home. God is just letting us live in this world a little while. This is not our home. God has given you a body which is your little house to live in, but it is very weak. It will wear out some day and you will have to leave it. Some time your little house, which is your body, might get sick and you can't live in it any more, or maybe your body will be in an accident. If it is bruised and hurt real bad, you will have to leave it. This world is not your home. God has given you parents to take care of you while you are too little to care for yourself. But you also have a heavenly Father who loves you and cares for you more than your earthly parents do. Your heavenly Father is wonderful, great, and good. He has lovely things for you in heaven where you will go when you leave

this body, or house, that you are living in. He will give you a body over there that will never get sick, nor grow old, nor even have an accident. Heaven is a wonderful place where there is no sorrow, no fighting, nor unkindness. Heaven is full of love and people who love each other. I am sure there will be more babies over there than there are in this world. The angels will be there, and of course, our precious Jesus. It will be such a wonderful home! I want to go there, don't you?

Our lesson tells us that God's laws or commandments are like a lamp or lantern. We wouldn't know how to live right or how to find our way home without it. We need a light to show us. As we read our Bibles, which are our lights, it will show us the right way to live to get to heaven. It tells us to obey our parents who are taking care of us in this world until our heavenly Father calls for us and we leave this house, our earthly bodies.

—M. Miles

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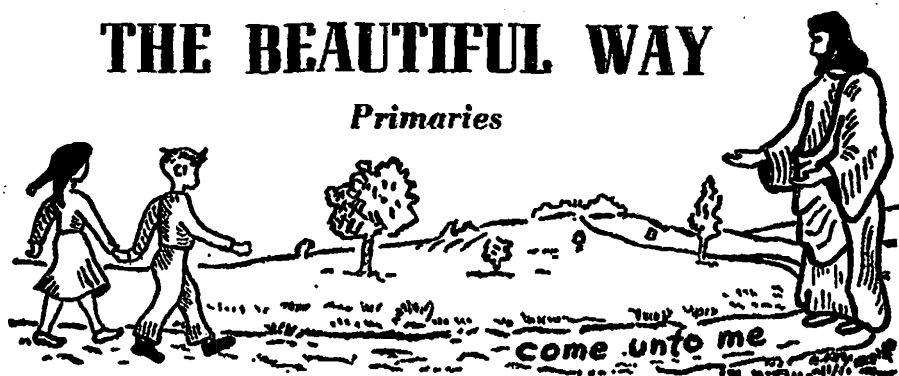
1. Is a tiny baby able to walk around?
2. Who takes care of the tiny baby?
3. Don't you think you should love your parents for taking care of you when you could not care for yourself?
4. How is the Bible a lamp to show us how to get to heaven?
5. Will it make us happy if we obey our parents?

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## WE SHOULD PLEASE GOD

*Ecclesiastes 5:1-12*

Solomon said, "Watch your step and be ready to listen when you go to the house of God." When the Bible is being read, it is God's words you are hearing. You must not talk nor whisper to someone else while God is talking to you through His Word. God is everywhere and He sees all things and hears all things. We do not show love and respect if we talk when God is talking to us.

When you promise to do something for mother or daddy or for anyone, God hears you make that promise. You must keep it. If you tell God that you want to do only those things that please Him, you must try to do it. It is better not to make a promise than to make one and not keep it.

Some people think if they were rich they would be happy. But the Bible says, "He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver." Money can buy many nice things, but just having money and nice things will not make a person happy.

Loving God and keeping His commandments will bring true happiness whether we be rich or poor.

*Memory Verse:* Fear God and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. Eccl. 12:13.

## Jimmy Learns a Lesson\*

"There goes Jimmy, running and yelling in the church building," Ralph said to Jerry.

"I don't like to sit close to him because he talks to me and I can't hear what Bro. Brown is saying," Jerry said. "I like to hear about Daniel in the lions' den and how the angel came down and shut the lions' mouths and all the other wonderful things that God does for His people."

"I guess Jimmy has never heard it because he never listens," Ralph commented.

The boys followed Jimmy into the building. They heard Jimmy telling Mary that he would give a quarter to help buy a pot plant for dear old Sister Jones.

"Yes, but Jimmy, you promised one time before to give a dime on the coat that we were helping Sister Nelson buy for Betty, and you never gave it, nor told us why not," Mary replied. "I don't know if I want to write your name down or not."

"Well, I meant to, but I forgot it," Jimmy explained. "Anyway, I don't have very much money but I like to help and if I promise, I feel better than not to say anything. At least you know then that I want to help."

"But Jimmy, the Bible says that it is better not to make a vow than to make one and not keep it," Mary reminded Jimmy. "You are going to get into trouble if you don't change your ways. You will lose all your friends."

\*parable

"Oh, I don't care!" Jimmy said as he rushed up the aisle and stopped to sit down beside Ralph and Jerry. The boys looked at each other as Jimmy started talking fast, telling about going to the creek and sailing his little sail boat that he had made. He said he had slipped in the mud and almost fallen in the creek.

"Pardon me, Jimmy," Jerry said as he and Ralph got up and walked past him to another seat.

"I wonder what is the matter with them," Jimmy thought. "Perhaps it is true what Mary said. Maybe I had better change my ways or I will lose all my friends. They always wanted to hear about my boats before. I wonder why they didn't seem interested now. I guess it is because we are in church."

Jimmy sat very still and finally he began to listen a little. The children were singing, "What would Jesus do?" Jimmy decided right then and there he would change his ways and do what Jesus wanted him to do.

—M. Miles

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### QUESTIONS:

1. How are we to act in the house of God?
2. Why is it better not to make a promise than to make one and then break it?
3. Will money make us happy?
4. What does it mean to fear God?
5. Does God see all that we do and hear all we say?

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## THE STORY OF JOB

Job 2:1-10

Job was a very, very rich man. No one else had 3,000 camels, 7,000 sheep, besides oxen and donkeys. He had a lot of men working for him. He had seven sons and three daughters. But the best thing about Job was that he loved God with all his heart. God blessed him in many ways.

One day Satan talked with God about Job. He said, "If everything were taken away from Job, he would not serve you." God said, "Try it and see, but do not touch Job's body."

One messenger after another came to Job telling him bad news. Robbers had stolen his oxen, camels, donkeys, and had killed his workers. Lightning had struck and killed his sheep and shepherds. The last and saddest news came that a whirlwind had struck the house where all of his sons and daughters were eating together and killed them.

What did Job do? He felt very sad and bowed his head to the ground. He said, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Job 1:21.

*Memory Verse:* Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4

## Rita Dries Her Tears\*

"Grandma, watch me," Rita said as she peddled real fast up the driveway and circled back in front of her grandma. "Don't you think I can go fast?"

"You surely can," Grandma agreed. "You like your new tricycle very much, don't you?"

"I surely do," Rita said. "And look at my pretty seat. I like it because it is red."

"Jesus was good to you to give you such a nice tricycle for your birthday," said Grandma.

"Daddy and Mother gave it to me," Rita explained.

"Yes, but Jesus gave your daddy work to do so he could make the money to buy it," Grandma answered. "If Jesus had not given your daddy strength and made him strong, he could not work, so you see, the Lord did give it to you and you should be sure and thank Jesus for your new tricycle."

"I'll do that tonight before I go to bed," Rita agreed. "I love Jesus, don't you, Grandma?"

"Yes, Grandma loves Jesus very, very much."

Grandma stayed for a while at Rita's house and then went home. In a few days she stopped by again. Rita met her in the front yard again. This time she began to cry as soon as she saw her grandma. Grandma was touched by her tears and picked her up in her arms to comfort her. She had already been told that Rita's

new tricycle had disappeared and this was the cause of the tears.

"Now, Rita, you must not cry," Grandma said lovingly. "Maybe it will be found yet."

"I left it down in Jackie's yard and when I went back it was gone," Rita sobbed. "I guess Jackie took it into his house but he said he didn't."

"Well, now, don't cry. Jackie feels as bad as you do about your losing it. You should not have left it when you went home for supper. Let me tell you about a man who lost a lot more than you did. He lost everything he had and even his seven sons and three daughters were killed by a whirlwind, but he said, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord." All he had was the Lord's and He could take it if He wanted to. Can you say that about your tricycle?"

"Maybe Jesus will help me to," Rita said as she dried her tears.

"Grandma will pray with you," she said as they walked into the house together.

—M. Miles

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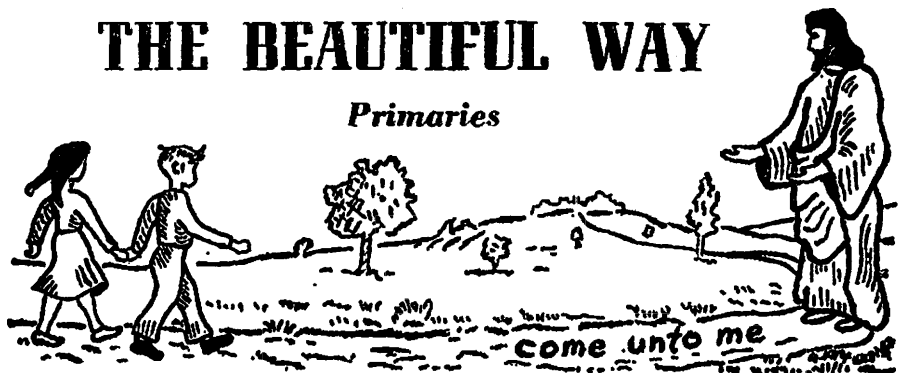
1. Who was our lesson about today?
2. Was Job a poor man?
3. How much could Satan do to Job?
4. Did Job still love God after he had lost all he had?
5. Should we tell God that all we have belongs to Him and He can do with it as He pleases?

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June 2

## A KING DOES WRONG

Job 31:5-8; Daniel 5:1, 4-6, 13a

Last Sunday we studied about Job who was a good man. God was pleased with him because he loved Him in all his troubles. To-day we will study about a man who did wrong and was punished.

Belshazzar was feasting and drinking wine with others in his court. He brought out the vessels that his father had taken from the temple of God and used them to drink wine out of. Belshazzar praised the gods of silver, gold, and other metals. God was displeased with him.

"What is that?" the king cried as he looked over on the wall by the candlestick. There he saw the fingers of a man's hand. The fingers were writing on the wall. The king's knees began to knock against each other. He was frightened. He called the wise men to read the writing. Daniel told him that it said he was weighed and found wanting and that God was going to punish him for his wrongdoing. He had not honored God, but had praised false gods. That night another nation came in and took his kingdom away from him. Which would you rather be like, Job or Belshazzar?

*Memory Verse:* Job was perfect and upright, and one that feared God. Job 1:16.

## Disobedience Brings Trouble

"This stick is too long," Mary told Kenneth. "I wish I had a knife and I would cut it off." Mary and Kenneth were playing in the back yard. They had made a house in the sand box and were putting sticks around it for a fence.

"I'll get the butcher knife," Kenneth said.

"No, Kenneth, you mustn't. Don't you remember that Mother said the next time you got it you would be in trouble? It is too sharp for you and your might cut your finger."

"Mary! Come here!" called Mother. Mary went to see what Mother wanted and Kenneth followed. Mary had to help do the dusting and Kenneth was supposed to empty the trash. While she dusted, Mother told her to repeat her memory verse for Sunday School so she could say it without stumbling. So Mary went about dusting, saying to herself, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." (James 4:17.) Kenneth returned and put the waste boxes in place and sat down and watched Mary for a while. He thought about the verse she was saying and finally decided that it meant if he knew something was wrong and did it, it would be sin to him. After he figured it all out he went back out into the yard to the sandbox. He put some more sticks around the little house they had made and used up all he could find. He again picked up the long stick that Mary had tossed

away. Again he wished he had a knife to cut it off so it would be the right size. Now the devil began to whisper to Kenneth and he listened. "You can slip into the kitchen and get the butcher knife and no one will know it." Kenneth slipped into the kitchen and got the knife. As he was coming back with it he felt real guilty. He knew he should not have done what he did. Jesus was trying to tell him how wrong it was to disobey his mother. But he hurried on and never stopped to listen to Jesus. He grabbed the stick and began to cut it. All of a sudden the knife slipped and he cut his finger. Now he was in trouble for Mother was sure to know that he had the knife. The blood began to run. He got scared and began to cry. He ran into the house as fast as he could, crying. Mother and Mary came on the run to see about him. Mother dressed his cut and then sent him to his bedroom to think over his disobedience and how it had brought trouble. Kenneth learned the lesson that if he knew to do right and did not do it, he would get into trouble with God and bring trouble upon himself.

—M. Miles

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Did Job love God?
2. Did Belshazzar love God?
3. What did he do that was wrong?
4. What happened at the feast?
5. What did Daniel tell the king about the handwriting?

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## GOD IS GREAT

Job 38:1-7, 31-33; 40: 42:2

Some of Job's friends came to tell him they were sorry that he had so much trouble. After they sat silent for a while they talked to Job. They wondered what awful sin Job had done to be punished for. Job didn't think that the troubles that came to him were for punishment. Job and his friends talked about God, but all of them failed to understand just how great God really is. Finally God spoke to Job and his friends listened. God wanted to know who had stood and watched Him make the earth. Who had made the stars? Who keeps the planets in the right places? They could not answer, but God told them that no one taught God anything. He made the world and everything in it. What a great and mighty God we serve!

Did you ever look at the stars and try to count them? Even if you could, there are many more stars up in the sky that you cannot see. God asked Job, "Who teaches God anything?" Job answered, "I know that thou canst do everything." God told Job to pray for his friends, and as he prayed, God healed him.

*Memory Verse:* I know that thou canst do everything. Job 42:2.

## Larry and Spaceships\*

"When I get big, can I go to the moon in a space ship?" Larry asked his daddy as they sat on the patio after dark, looking up at the stars and big yellow moon.

"I don't know, Larry," Daddy answered with a chuckle. "The moon is far, far away and they haven't landed a man there yet, even though they are trying to work things out so they can."

"I wonder what the earth looks like from a space ship," Larry said. "I saw some pictures that had been taken but I would just like to see for myself. I surely hope that someday I can go up in a spaceship."

"Well, God has made a big, wonderful earth," Daddy replied. "It must look wonderful from far up in the sky. God has made it beautiful to behold."

"Do you think a space ship will fly high enough to get into heaven?" Larry asked in wonderment.

"No, my son, we don't go to heaven in spaceships. The only way we will ever get to heaven is to live right, obey God's laws, and when we die we will leave this house of clay, which is our bodies. We can then go to heaven. Heaven doesn't have things in it that will perish or fall apart. Spaceships, as well as this body we live in, will rot and decay."

"Have any of the spaceship men seen God up there?" Larry asked.

\*parable

"A Russian astronaut went around the earth in a spaceship. He came back to earth and said, 'I did not see God anywhere.' But an American astronaut looked out of his spaceship as he went around the earth and said, 'God made everything I saw. God is great!' So you see, son, we can see God everywhere we look. God made the moon, the sun and stars. He made the oceans and the lakes. God made the giant trees and the little blades of grass and grains of sand. God made the big elephant and the flea that crawls on his back. God made the sunshine and the rain to fall. He causes food to grow out of the ground for man to eat. God made you and me and everything all around us. God is great, wonderful, and mighty. We can never love and thank God enough for all He does for us."

"I love God very, very much," Larry said as he took hold of his daddy's arm and loved him. "I think it would be better to go to heaven when I die than to go up in a spaceship."  
—M. Miles

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### QUESTIONS:

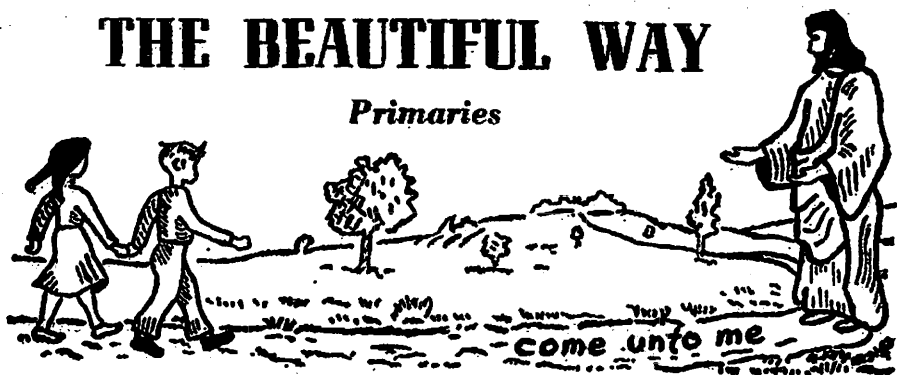
1. Did Job's friends help him?
2. How did God speak to Job?
3. Could Job tell God how the world was made?
4. Can God do and make everything?
5. Does God love "little man"?

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## WHAT WE SHOULD DO

James 2:14-26

Do you say you love Jesus? Do you act like it every day? Long ago a man named James wrote about us loving God and acting like it. He called it faith by works. Faith is loving and believing in God. Works is acting out in our lives that we love God.

If you saw a child very, very hungry, what would God have you do? We show God how much we love Him by the things we do. Some might say, "I love God. I believe in God." James said that the devils believe in God, too, and are afraid.

Abraham loved God. God told him to show his love. He asked Abraham to give Him his son. Abraham obeyed God, but when God saw that he really meant it, He let him keep his son. Abraham proved his love for God by what he did.

One time a woman named Rahab took care of some men who were working for God. By being kind to them and believing they were doing God's will, she proved her love for God. Her life was spared because she believed in the true God when those around her trusted in idols. She proved her love to God by her actions.

*Memory Verse:* Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.  
James 2:8.

## The Missionary Doll\*

"What is the matter, my pet?" Daddy asked of little Susan. "Why are you so sad?" Susan climbed up into daddy's arms and laid her head on his shoulder. She was real quiet for awhile. Daddy waited. Susan was thinking real hard. She didn't know which one of her dolls she wanted to give to Sister Brown to put in the missionary box. She knew that those little girls in Mexico did not have dolls and that their arms ached for one, but, oh, she loved all of her dolls so much! She was afraid those little girls would not take care of her doll.

"I don't know which doll to give to Sister Brown for the missionary box," Susan finally stated.

"Well, now, that is a big decision for such a little girl to make all alone," Daddy said as he gave his little girl a hug. "Perhaps Mother and Daddy can help you decide. Why don't you just line all of them up here on the floor and we will look all of them over?"

Susan ran into her bedroom, and with Debbie and Jackie helping her, she soon had all her dolls lined up on the floor. She was careful to fix each one up in its best dress. When she had them all fixed up, she called to her daddy who was reading his Bible.

"Here they are, Daddy."

"Tell me about each one of them," Daddy invited Susan.

"Now, here is Mary. I think she

is so pretty and she reminds me of the mother of Jesus. Her face is so kind. Then there is Baby Patty who is cuddly just like a real baby. And of course Raggedy Ann is always such a good doll to take just anywhere. And my new doll I just got for my birthday is real pretty. Now which one do you think I should give away?"

"Well, you do have a problem," Daddy said as he adjusted his glasses and looked at the dolls very closely. "It seems to me that Mary is the one that would do the most good. You said she reminded you of the mother of Jesus. Don't you think she might remind a little Mexican girl of Mary, too, and then she would think of Jesus who loved her so much that he died on the cross for her sins?"

"That's right, Daddy. My doll could be a real missionary, couldn't she?" Susan said, excitedly. "Oh, I do want to send her and I'll pray every night for the little girl who holds her in her arms that she will think of Jesus."

—M. Miles

### QUESTIONS:

1. Do you say that you love God and then not act like it?
2. How do we show our love for God?
3. How did Abraham prove he loved God?
4. How did Rahab prove that she believed God?
5. Do you share with others who are in need?

\*parable

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## CHOOSE GOD'S WAY

James 3:13-18; Luke 12:17-20

How can you tell that a boy or girl is choosing God's ways? You can listen to what he says or if he chooses the right things to do. What one says will show what is in his heart. God wants your heart to be pure. If your heart is pure you will not be selfish or jealous. You will ask God to help you to be gentle and love peace. You will not fight with your brothers and sisters. The boy or girl that chooses God's ways will let others have the biggest piece of candy. He will love everyone.

One man did not think about God nor His ways. He had used God's soil and God's sunshine and rain to make lots of money. He did not know what to do with all of it. He did not think about helping others. He said he would tear down his barns and build greater ones and take life easy. But one day God said, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee. Then whose shall those things be?" He did not choose God's ways and was unwise. He only thought of himself. He was selfish, but it did not pay. That night his soul was required of him and he was not ready to go.

*Memory Verse:* He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty. Proverbs 16:32.

## Be a Peacemaker\*

"That's mine! You can't have it!" yelled Sally. "Get your own dishes."

"Leave that alone!" Sally yelled again at Mary. "Get out of here. I don't want you in here bothering my things."

"Didn't you hear me?" came from Sally as she shoved Mary out of the room and shut the door. "She is always bothering my things."

Mary went crying down the hall to Mother. "What is the matter, Mary?" she asked her.

"Sally hit me and she won't let me touch any of her things," Mary said through her tears.

"Oh, my precious girls! This makes me feel sad," Mother said as she wiped her brow. "I am so tired and have much to do yet, and my girls keep fussing and that makes it harder to get my work finished."

"She bothers my things all the time," Sally said as she came into the room behind Mary.

"Sally, can't you share your things with Mary?" Mother asked. "I am sure there is something that you could do to make peace. Don't you remember your Sunday School verse?"

"Yes," Sally said as she dropped her head in shame.

"What does it say?" Mother asked.

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God," quoted Sally.

"What does that mean?" asked her mother.

\*parable

"Well, I guess it means that if you make peace you will be called a child of God," Sally said, feeling guilty.

"How do you feel about it now? Don't you feel you have failed in being a peacemaker? Don't you think it would be good to pray and ask God to help you to do better? God will help you but you must ask Him and then think about His ways instead of your ways. You can't just ask God to help you and then keep on doing what you want to do. You must stop and think. Maybe you should go to your room and pray and think about all this for awhile."

"Here, Mary, I'll give you this big piece of paper to draw on. It's better than that piece. Don't you like this piece?" Mother heard Sally talking to Mary later. This made her heart glad to think that Sally was trying to do better.

"I am thankful that Sally is letting God help her to be a peacemaker, now," Mother thought as she began to prepare supper. —M. Miles

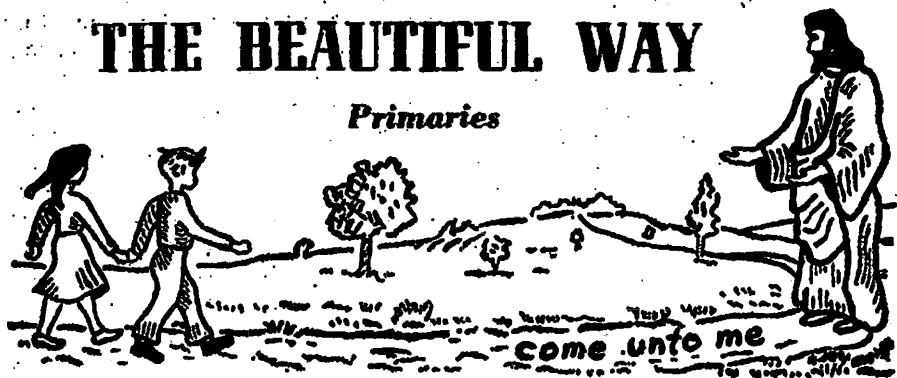
### QUESTIONS:

1. How can you tell if someone has chosen God's ways?
2. Does jealousy or selfishness show in one's face?
3. How does God help us to be loving and kind?
4. Why does God not want us to fight with our brothers and sisters?
5. How do you know the rich man did not think of anyone but himself?

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## LEARNING TO WAIT UPON GOD

James 5:7-16

When Jesus rose right up into the clouds as the disciples watched, he left a promise. He said He would come again. The next time He comes, we will meet Him in the air. The earth will be burned up and the heavens will pass away. The Apostle James tells us, "Be patient and wait for the coming of the Lord."

When a farmer plants seeds, he knows that they will come up some day. He waits and watches while God sends the rain and the sunshine upon his seeds. After many weeks it is harvest time. James tells us, "Be ye also patient."

Long ago there were prophets who were told about the coming of Jesus as our Savior. They were patient and watched and waited. One day He came as a tiny baby and grew up and taught us how to live to be ready when He comes back to get us at the end of time.

Job suffered patiently, and he saw in the end how good God was in giving him many blessings.

When we are sick, we can call for the elders of the church and let them anoint and pray for us. God will heal us.

**Memory Verse:** The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16.

## Jesus Heals

"Will little brother die?" Mary asked as she looked at him lying so still with his eyes closed. His face was red and he was breathing fast.

"We are going to pray for Jesus to heal our baby," Mother answered, with concern on her face. She and Mary knelt by his bedside and prayed and asked Jesus to make their baby well. He stirred and opened his eyes. Mary felt glad for this.

"He will get well," Mary said, feeling happy.

When Father came home from work he was troubled about their boy. "We must obey the Bible and call for Bro. Brown to come and pray for our baby," he said. He went to the phone and called. He then told Mother that Bro. Brown would be over as soon as he could.

Mary was glad to see Bro. Brown. She stayed close at hand as Bro. Brown read some scriptures out of the Bible. He read where Jesus went to Peter's house and his mother-in-law was very sick with a fever. Jesus touched her and healed her. Bro. Brown said that Jesus was the same today as he was when he was here on the earth. We must have faith and believe and He will heal us today.

"Yes, we do believe God is able to heal our baby," Mother said and father agreed.

"We will anoint him with oil according to the Word," Bro. Brown said as he took a little bottle out of his pocket. As he put the oil on the baby's head, he said, "There is

no healing power in the oil. We are simply obeying God's Word and that brings faith to us. God tells us that if we obey Him, He will bless us."

All knelt and prayed. Bro. Brown laid his hands upon the baby's head. God heard his prayer. Baby brother stirred and looked up, smiling. Mary was happy. Daddy and Mother were happy. Baby brother reached his hands to Mother and she took him.

"Give him something to eat," Bro. Brown told them.

Before Bro. Brown left, all of them knelt and thanked God for healing the baby. They were happy that God loved them so much that He was willing to heal their baby and make him well. It was an experience that Mary never forgot. She decided that she would always trust God when she was sick. —M. Miles

### QUESTIONS:

1. Will Jesus come back through the clouds for us one day?
2. Are we to wait with patience for His coming?
3. How does the farmer wait for his harvest?
4. Did Job wait for God to come and help him when he was suffering?
5. Whom should we call for when we are sick, to pray for us?

Jesus knows what we are needing,  
Jesus loves and cares for all;  
We can tell Him all our troubles,  
And He'll hear us when we call."