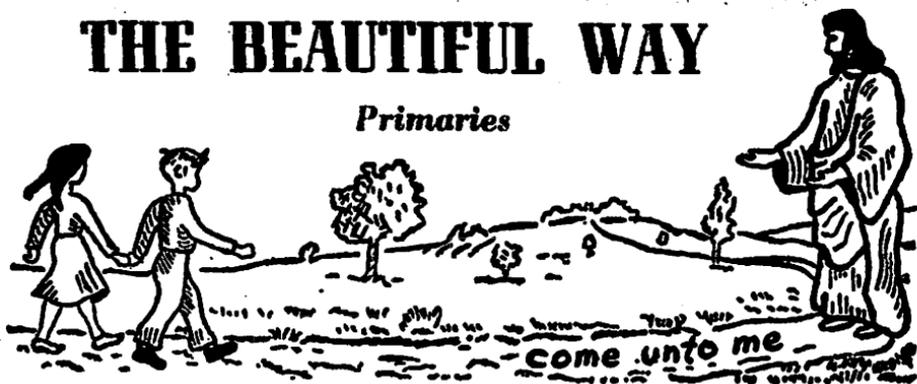


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PAUL'S THIRD TRIP

Acts 19:1-12

Do you know anybody who leaves home to go tell others in a foreign land about Jesus? We call these people missionaries. Paul was a missionary. He had visited the city of Ephesus one time and had promised he would come back. When he returned the people were glad to see him. He asked the people, "Have you received the Holy Spirit since you were saved?" The people had not even heard about the Holy Spirit. Paul taught them that the Holy Spirit was a part of God that had come to live in the hearts of saved people. The Holy Spirit is our teacher who helps us to understand what the Bible means. He gives us power to do right. He teaches us how to shun Satan's traps set for our feet.

These people wanted God to live in them by His Holy Spirit. They were baptized again and as they looked up to God with hearts full of love, He sent His Holy Spirit to live in their hearts. Many who were sick were healed when Paul prayed for them. To those who could not come to him, Paul sent anointed handkerchiefs and aprons and they, too, were healed.

Memory Verse: And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul. Acts 19:11.

Strong Gentle Hands

Jimmy's Daddy had strong hands. With his hands he could break a strong rope. With his hands he could just twist an apple into two pieces!

Jimmy's Daddy's strong hands were gentle. He could pick Jimmy up without hurting Jimmy's arms. He could roll the ball to Jimmy without rolling it too hard. He could pet little kittens and puppies so gently that they were not afraid of him. They liked Jimmy's Daddy.

Jimmy liked to say, "When I grow up I want my hands to be just like Daddy's hands."

Then Daddy would carefully feel Jimmy's hands, touching them here and there, and nod his head and say, "Yes, I think your hands are growing strong. But are they growing strong gentle. I think I saw these hands of yours pounding on the table this morning. I think I saw these hands hitting a little girl yesterday."

Jimmy would hang his head. "It is hard to have strong gentle hands."

"We will ask God to help you, Jimmy."

One day Daddy came in the door with something cupped in his two strong gentle hands. "This is for Jimmy!"

"What is it, Daddy?"

"Something that must be touched only with gentle hands," said Daddy. He put his hands down low so that Jimmy could see. And there sat a tiny white puppy. It was not just a tiny puppy, but a very tiny puppy.

"It is such a tiny puppy that it must be touched only with gentle hands," Daddy said.

Then Jimmy sat down on the floor, and Daddy put the tiny puppy in Jimmy's lap. Jimmy felt so happy that he wanted to pat the puppy hard and harder. He felt so happy that he wanted to hit the puppy and make it move. He felt so happy that he wanted to squeeze the puppy tightly and more tightly.

But, instead, Jimmy asked God to help him to have strong gentle hands. And God did help him.

Then Jimmy stroked the puppy gently, so gently. Jimmy put both his hands so gently around the puppy. Jimmy patted the puppy's little head so gently. The puppy put his tiny little tongue out and licked Jimmy's fingers.

"He's not afraid of me, Daddy!" Jimmy shouted. "He likes me!"

Daddy smiled down at Jimmy in a very pleased way. "He likes you because you have patted him gently. Now I see that my Jimmy's hands are not only growing strong. They are growing strong gentle. —Sel.

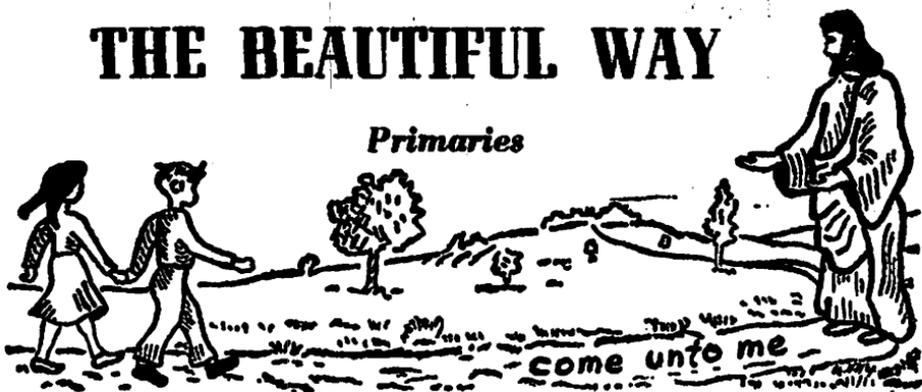
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QUESTIONS:

1. Was Paul a missionary?
2. What was the question he asked the people at Ephesus?
3. Is the Holy Spirit a part of God?
4. What did John the Baptist tell the people?
5. Were the people glad to hear about Jesus?
6. Were some of the sick people healed?

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JESUS' NAME IS GREATEST

Acts 19:17-20; Deut. 18:1.-12

Paul was a great man of God. He was not afraid because God was with him. Paul knew that God is stronger than any man or Satan. Paul learned about God by reading the Bible. Did you know that you can learn many things from reading books? The people in Ephesus where Paul preached had a lot of books that they studied. These books taught the people about the power of Satan. They were not good books to have because they taught evil things. Paul taught the people about God. When they heard about God they wanted to serve Him. They wanted to know more about Him. They knew their books taught the wrong things. The books cost a lot of money. The people decided they would rather read the Bible so they could learn more about Jesus, so they burned the books that were full of evil things. It was good that they burned the books. Had they kept them they might have been tempted to read them again. Then they might have forgotten how much they loved Jesus. They burned their books and read out of the Bible instead. That is a good example to follow.

Memory Verse: Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name. Phil. 2:9.

The Spot

How excited Jack was the day the new living room rug arrived! He watched the strong men carry the big roll, wrapped all around with paper, into the house.

"Would you like to help me, Jack?" asked Daddy.

Jack did want to. He helped Daddy straighten the rug so that it would look just right. Then he handed Daddy the tacks to fasten the rug down. Everybody helped put the furniture back and then stood and looked. How nice the room looked!

"We must be careful not to spill anything on the rug," said Mother. "We want to keep it nice."

"Yes, we really do," said everybody.

"I'm going to the store," Mother told Jack. "Play outside the house until I come back."

Outside Jack found Charlie, his friend, with his bubble pipe, his bowl of water, and his bubble soap. He was making beautiful bubbles that floated way up into the air, full of lovely colors.

Just then the sun went under the clouds. A few drops of rain fell.

"Let's go into the house and blow bubbles," shouted Jack excitedly.

So they went into Jack's living room and sat down on the floor near the window and blew more pretty bubbles. Charlie blew a big one, almost bigger than an egg.

"Now it's my turn," said Jack. He started to grab the pipe from Charlie.

All at once, over went the bowl of

water on the lovely new rug!

Charlie's eyes got very wide. He grabbed his bubble pipe and bowl and ran out the door. "I have to go home," Charlie shouted as he ran off.

Mother was coming up the walk. For a minute Jack didn't know what to do. He wanted to hide or pretend he didn't know about the spot on the rug. Maybe Mother wouldn't see it.

"But Jesus sees it," said Jack to himself. And then he thought of the verse he had learned in Sunday School, "Help me, O Lord my God." He went out quickly to meet Mother.

Quickly he told her everything. Mother set her groceries down as fast as she could. She got two sponges from the kitchen. Both of them got down on their knees to soak up the water into the sponges. They worked hard.

"I'm sorry, Mother," said Jack in a little voice.

"I am happy because you do not hide things from me," she replied. "I'm sure God is pleased, too, when we tell Him right away when we do wrong. He is always ready to forgive us if we are sorry."

When they got up and looked at the place where the big water spot had been on the new rug, it was all gone!

"God did help me!" said Jack.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is the greatest book in the world?
2. Did Paul tell the people what was in this book?
3. Does the Bible tell us about Jesus?

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TROUBLE IN EPHESUS

Acts 19:24-41

Paul met some people who did not know about God. They worshipped an idol whom they named Diana. An idol is a person or thing adored. These people adored their goddess. They bought little images of her to put in their homes. The man who made these images and sold them to the people was named Demetrius. When Paul taught the people about Jesus, they began to worship Him instead of Diana. They no longer bought the little images. Demetrius was afraid he would lose money if he could not sell his little images to the people. So he stirred up the people against Paul. He tried to make the people believe Paul was an evil man so they would not listen to his message about Jesus. Demetrius did not want the people to love Jesus. He wanted them to worship the false goddess, Diana. He was more interested in making money than in seeing people get saved. He was a selfish man. Jesus caused the townclerk to protect Paul from the angry people. The townclerk told the people that Paul had done no wrong. Then he sent the people away.

Memory Verse: If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. John 15:18.

God's Kindness

Outside the hot noisy city was a lovely hill. It was covered all over with soft green grass that seemed to say, "What a beautiful world!" Little birds were singing their sweetest songs, as if to say,

What a beautiful world!

God's taking care of us.

Happy are we.

Pretty flowers nodded their heads as if they were saying,

What a beautiful world!

God's taking care of us.

Happy are we.

Down in the noisy hot city Jesus looked at the faces of the people around Him. They didn't look happy. He walked down the street. Many people followed Him. Outside the city they went, and up to the lovely green hillside. Jesus sat down there, and the crowd of people sat down around Him.

Jesus looked at the faces of the fathers and mothers and boys and girls. The fathers didn't look happy. Perhaps they were wondering how they could get enough money to buy food for their families. The mothers looked worried. Perhaps they were wondering where they could get clothes for the children. Even the boys and girls didn't look as happy as the birds and flowers looked.

Everybody watched Jesus as He held up a red flower. "Have you ever seen any clothes as beautiful as this flower?" He asked.

Everyone looked. Yes, the flower was much prettier than the clothes anyone wore.

"The flowers don't work hard to get their lovely clothes," said Jesus. "They don't worry."

"And look at the birds," He said, pointing to some dear little brown birds that flew over His head just then. "The birds don't worry about their food and their home. They know that God will take care of them."

The fathers nodded their heads. The mothers nodded their heads. The boys and girls nodded their heads. They knew that God did take care of the flowers and the birds.

"And God loves you people much more than He does the birds," Jesus said. "He loves each one of you more than He loves the flowers. If God takes such good care of the birds and flowers, don't you think He will take even better care of you, if you love Him?"

All the people thought about this. Of course God would take care of them, for He loved them. They need not be worried any more.

Everyone was so happy that they wanted to sing and thank God for His kindness.

QUESTIONS:

1. What man was afraid he would lose money if the people began to worship Jesus instead of his idol?
2. What did he tell his friends?
3. What happened when he told his friends what he thought?
4. What did the goddess Diana look like?
5. Where did the Townclerk tell the people to take their troubles?

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A SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Acts 20:1-3, 6-14

Paul loved the people in Asia Minor and worked hard to tell them about Jesus and His great love for them. He preached to the people and wrote letters to them. Paul walked many miles and sailed over the water in a boat to reach as many people as he could with the gospel story. He came to the city of Troas. On Sunday he met with the saints to worship God. They partook of the Lord's Supper together. They drank the grape juice to remind them of the blood of Jesus, shed to take away their sins. They ate the unleavened bread to remind themselves of the broken body of Jesus. Then Paul preached to them. He preached a long sermon. It lasted past midnight. A man who had been listening fell asleep. He was sitting in a window. When he went to sleep he lost his balance and fell out the window to the ground below. It was three stories to the ground. The fall killed him. The saints all ran down to the ground and picked up the man. Paul prayed for him and God brought him back to life. Everyone was real glad.

Memory Verse: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, . . . and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Hebrews 10:25.

Moving Day

Rudy didn't know whether he was going to be happy or sad. He was moving from his big house to a smaller house in another city nearby. When Mother packed his clothes and toys in a big trunk and talked about the new house, he was happy. When he went outdoors to say good-bye to his friends, Jerry and Millie, he was sad.

"Now we won't have anybody to walk to Sunday School with," said Jerry.

"Do you suppose there will be some saints in the city where you are moving?" asked Millie.

"Sure," said Rudy. "Nearly everybody loves Jesus and goes to church, I guess."

"No, they don't," said Jerry. My Daddy told me that lots of people don't love Jesus."

"Well, I think where we are going there will be lots of people who love Jesus and live for Him," insisted Rudy.

When the big moving van came to Rudy's house, he jumped with excitement. He watched the moving men load all their things.

The next day when Rudy drove with his family to his new house, he was sure he was going to be happy. Two children stood on Rudy's lawn and watched the moving van unload. Their names were Bill and Ann and they had a dog named Shep.

Rudy said to himself, "Maybe I can get these children to go to Sunday School with me."

"Do you go to Sunday School?" he asked.

"What is Sunday School?" asked Bill.

"Why, where we learn about Jesus and how to live for Him," said Rudy in surprise.

"We don't go to any school on Sunday," added Ann. "We go swimming and to the movies."

Rudy could see that here was a chance to work for his dear Jesus. These children did not know Him and he did so want them to know his dearest Friend. "Perhaps Mother can tell me how to teach these two about Jesus," thought Rudy as he ran into the house in answer to the dinner bell.

"Mother," said Rudy thoughtfully, after he had finished his meal. "I just met two new friends who don't know what Sunday School is. Do you suppose we could take them to church with us? I would like for them to know what a good friend Jesus is."

"Yes, dear, we will make a special effort to see that they get to go to Sunday School if their parents are willing. I can see you will be busy working for Jesus in our new home."

QUESTIONS:

1. How did Paul show his love to the people?
2. What day of the week did they meet for worship?
3. What did they do to show that they remembered Jesus' death on the cross?
4. What happened while Paul was preaching?

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PAUL SAYS GOOD-BYE TO SOME CHRISTIANS

Acts 20:17-27

Paul was on his way to Jerusalem. He was going close to the town of Ephesus and he wanted to see the saints there. He sent word for some of them to meet him in a town called Miletus. He was glad to see them. But he was sad, too, as he didn't think he would ever see them again. Paul said to them, "You know how, from the very first day I came to you that I served the Lord with many tears. I had many enemies who tried to keep me from telling you about Jesus. They did not want me to tell you to repent of your sins. Your enemies did not want you to have faith in God. I did not let this keep me from telling you how to get saved. Now I am on my way to Jerusalem. I know there will be trouble there. God has told me this, but I am not afraid. I do not count my life as dear to me, but I want to finish my life with joy by obeying Jesus. Now I have told you all that God has told me to tell you. I am clear before God and you. I call you to show me if I have failed to do this." Paul was faithful to warn the people against Satan and his ways. He did not want them to fail, and miss heaven.

Memory Verse: None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself." Acts 20:24.

Nancy the Nurse

Nancy lazily blinked her eyes as the morning sun came through the window. Then she popped them wide open. Today was the day her Sunday School class was going to the park. In a minute she was dressed—shoes were on, dress, and all—with no help from Mother.

When Nancy came downstairs, Mother was already in the kitchen. But she wasn't making sandwiches for a lunch.

"What are you doing, Mother? Aren't we supposed to get ready to go to the park? Where is our lunch?"

"I'm afraid there will be no play for us today, Nancy," answered her Mother. "Bobby is quite sick today. He was sick all night, too," Mother said as she went upstairs with Nancy following close behind.

Nancy's lower lip trembled so much that she couldn't talk. But she was not thinking of her brother Bobby. She was thinking of what she would miss. It just isn't fair, she thought. He shouldn't get sick on this day!

Just then she saw little Bobby lying on his bed, looking so sad, that she almost forgot about going to the park.

"Poor Bobby," she said, putting her hand on his hot forehead. "I'll help take care of you. I'll be your nurse!"

"I know God is pleased, Nancy," Mother said with a smile. "We have to forget about ourselves when someone else needs us."

"Let me take care of Bobby," said Nancy. "Then you can make Daddy's breakfast."

"That will be fine," Mother told her.

In a few moments Mother came back into Bobby's room with a pair of scissors, a jar of paste, and some white and red paper. Soon she had made a little nurse's cap for Nancy and pasted a red cross on the front of it—just like a real nurse. Nancy felt glad in her heart as she thought of being a help to Bobby.

Then Mother went downstairs again to do her other work. Nancy saw that Bobby had fallen asleep. She said to herself, "I will pray for Bobby. Jesus can heal him."

She knelt down beside his bed, closed her eyes, and prayed, "Thank You, Lord, for letting me help care for Bobby. Please make him well real soon—and help everybody else to have a nice time at the park. I'm glad I'm right here helping. I would rather be here where I can help since I am needed."

QUESTIONS:

1. Was Paul going to Jerusalem on a ship?
2. Whom did he want to see on his way?
3. Describe how Paul said he served the Lord.
4. Did he know that trouble was ahead for him at Jerusalem?
5. Did Paul tell the Ephesians how to get saved?

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WATCH FOR BAD WOLVES

Acts 20:28-38

Paul dearly loved the saints at Ephesus. He wanted them to love God and do right. Paul knew that after he left, some men would come in among them to tell them things different to what Paul taught them. These things would cause them to lose their souls if they followed them. Paul said anyone who would try to lead folks away from God was like a wolf in sheep's clothing. He meant that these men were pretending to be Christians (acting like sheep) but were evil men in their hearts (living like wolves). A wolf will try to get into a flock of sheep so he can kill them. That is the way it is when men act like they are good but are really bad. They are wolves in sheep's clothing. You must be real careful when someone pretends to be your friend, yet tries to get you to do something you know is not right. Such a person is not a true friend. True friends will help you to do right so you will not lose your soul. You must help your friends obey God, too, so you won't be like a wolf in sheep's clothing. That would be bad.

Memory Verse: After my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock . . . watch, and remember. Acts 20:29, 31.

The Four Pennies

"But why can't you go to the store?" asked Judy. "My mother lets me go."

"Mother says I have to wait until I'm older before I cross the street by myself," said Lily slowly.

"But you won't be by yourself," insisted Judy. "You will be with me."

"I'll go ask Mother," said Lily.

"And ask her for some pennies, too."

Lily looked and looked for Mother. Then she remembered. Mother was next door. Just then Lily saw some dimes, nickels, and pennies on the piano bench.

"I wonder what these are for," said Lily. "Maybe I could just take the four pennies. There is so much other money here, it won't be missed."

She took the four pennies and ran out the door to Judy who was waiting.

Lily did not tell Judy that she had not asked Mother. Lily did not tell Judy where she got the four pennies.

When they came to the street, Judy took Lily's hand carefully and then they both crossed the street.

In the drugstore were all kinds of wonderful things to buy. It was hard for Lily to make up her mind. Then she decided on bubble gum and peppermint patties. But somehow she did not feel very happy on the way home.

"I'll have to go in now," said Judy. "It is nearly time for supper."

Mother had returned and was hurrying to get supper. "Please help

me set the table, Lily," she asked. Without saying a word, Lily helped Mother.

At supper Lily kept thinking about the wrong she had done. In the middle of the meal the doorbell rang. The newsboy was collecting money for the newspaper delivery.

"Where is the rest of the money I put on the piano bench?" asked Mother. "Four pennies are missing."

Lily acted as if she were going to cry. Mother got four more pennies from her purse, paid the boy, and came back into the kitchen.

"Mother, I'm sorry," said Lily. "I took the money to spend at the drugstore. And I went to the store with Judy without telling you."

"That is very serious," said Daddy.

"I'm really sorry," said Lily again. "I'll never do it again. Do you suppose God will forgive me?"

"God always forgives us when we are truly sorry. We forgive you, too," said Mother gently. "If you mean never to do it again, perhaps we can find a way for you to pay back the money."

Lily was happy to be forgiven. How unhappy she had been when she was doing wrong, and how happy she felt to be forgiven!

QUESTIONS:

1. To whom was Paul talking?
2. What did he tell them?
3. Who is like a wolf in sheep's clothing?
4. How can a boy or girl be like a wolf?

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PAUL SAILS TO JERUSALEM

Acts 21:1-17

Did you ever sail on a boat? Paul was traveling by boat, going to Jerusalem. When the boat would stop to unload or pick up more cargo, Paul would visit the saints wherever they stopped. One place the boat stopped and he spent seven days. When Paul started to leave, the men, women, and children followed him to the seashore. Before they parted they all knelt down on the seashore and prayed for God to help them and keep them as they parted.

Finally the boat stopped again and Paul went to visit Philip. Philip had four daughters who loved Jesus and taught others about Him just as their father did. While Paul was there a prophet named Agabus came to see him. Agabus took Paul's girdle, which was a long strip of cloth he wore around his waist, and bound his own hands and feet. Then Agabus told Paul that when he (Paul) got to Jerusalem he would be bound and delivered to the Gentiles. The saints began to weep and beg Paul not to go to Jerusalem. Paul told them not to break his heart by asking him not to do what God had told him to do. He was willing to die for Jesus.

Memory Verse: We are . . . willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. 2 Cor. 5:8.

Grandfather's Gift

A birthday celebration in the Byron family was a festive occasion, since on the tenth Billy, the oldest, would be nine years old; Mary would be seven, and Katie, the baby, would be five.

That the birthdays of the three children fell on the same day of the year was such an unusual thing to happen in one family that the relatives made a custom of sending a gift. The young Byrons looked forward to the tenth day of June. One gift that came for the last great occasion that brought shrieks of joy from the youngsters was a package by express.

What the package contained was a matter of numerous guesses for days, but not until Father pried the lid from the box did they know how far wrong they had been in their guessing.

"A clock—a clock—a clock!" the three exclaimed in unison, as the timeworn face of a grandfather clock met their eyes.

"It looks familiar to me," said Billy.

"It's Grandfather's old clock itself," Mary cried excitedly.

"And there's a letter tied to the key," Katie exclaimed.

Finally the gift was set up in one corner of the big living room.

"Where is the note that came with it? And where is the key?" they cried.

"Here," laughed Father, "are the lost articles."

"Let's see what Grandfather says

about this gift," suggested Billy. "You read it, Father."

"Here goes—" laughed the man, opening the envelope:

"Dear children—" the note ran—"I could think of nothing the three of you could share to better advantage than my old clock. Thus I am sending it on to you as a gift, but I warn you it can be a great help or a hindrance to you.

"If you will make a friend of the old clock you will never be late for breakfast, for school, for any engagement you may make, and never late for bed. And here's hoping for many happy returns of this, and for good results from my gift. With love, Grandfather."

For a few minutes the three stood silently gazing at each other, and then they decided to take Grandfather's advice, and become time-conscious people.

And so it happened this gift became a guide to the Byron children.

This makes us think of how the Word of God can guide us in all we do. The Psalmist says, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." *Psa. 119:105.*

QUESTIONS:

1. How did Paul get to Jerusalem?
2. What did he and the people who followed him to the seashore do?
3. How many girls who prophesied did Philip have?
4. Did the prophet tell Paul he would meet trouble in Jerusalem?
5. Was Paul willing to die for the name of Jesus?

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PAUL ARRIVES IN JERUSALEM

Acts 21:17-27; John 10:4

When Paul arrived in Jerusalem, the brethren were glad to see him. The next day Paul went to see James, the brother of Jesus, and the elders. He told them about his missionary trip and how God had worked great miracles among the Gentiles. James and the elders were glad to hear this.

A lot of the Jews had come to Jerusalem at this time to the feast of Pentecost. The brethren were afraid the Jews would try to hurt Paul because Paul had been teaching the Gentiles how to get saved. A lot of the Jews did not believe Gentiles could be saved. They thought salvation was just for Jews. James was afraid these Jews would cause trouble for Paul. So James and the elders asked Paul to keep a certain Jewish custom so the people would know he kept the law of Moses. This didn't help as the Jews stirred up a lot of trouble anyway.

Jesus calls His children sheep. He said He puts forth His sheep into His pasture. The sheep wait for Him. Jesus goes before the sheep and they follow Him. They know His voice.

Memory Verse: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
Psalm 23:1.

Scratch! Scratch!

Last July, when I was attending a campmeeting for a few days, something happened I thought right away I would tell you about.

About the second morning I was there, a little noise outside my tent woke me up. It was a little before rising time. Everything else was quiet. Then I heard a "scratch, scratch, scratch," but I could not find where it came from. So I kept very quiet for a few minutes, and listened harder and harder. It sounded like mice tearing open a paper bag, to steal a bit of cheese.

Finally I slipped out of bed and opened my small suitcase, to see if some mice were rattling some wrapping paper I had in it. But, no; everything was all right there. So I lay down again for a short nap, till the proper time for rising.

Again, "scratch, scratch, scratch." This time I turned my eyes upward. There it was—the shadow of something moving over the top of my tent. It was plain now—three or four little pairs of feet were hopping above me. You can guess by now that they were birds' feet. When they hopped their little claws scratched the canvas. So that was the scratching I had heard. They might have been little wrens, for I saw a wren afterward at the front of one of my neighbor's tents.

I thanked the dear Lord for letting the little birds be my alarm clock that morning, for I might have overslept. Of course, when the birds

heard me, or saw my shadow moving below them, they were frightened and flew away.

The Lord has many nice ways of taking care of His own. I see His loving heart and hand in all such things that happen. He used His little birds to wake me up that morning, so I would not be late. He has even the little birds doing His will for our sakes. Isn't that lovely? —C. G.

What I Can Do

Since Jesus gave His life for me, His own I ever want to be. With all I have I could not pay For all His love to me each day.

Still I can give my little all,
And answer when I hear Him call,
And gladly I shall go and tell
Of Him, and that will please Him well.

QUESTIONS:

1. Were the brethren glad to see Paul at Jerusalem?
2. Did he tell them about his missionary trip?
3. What did the thousands of Jews who were in the city then think of Paul?
4. Did James and the elders ask Paul to do something that might keep him from having trouble?
5. Did it prevent trouble?
6. What kind of sheep should we be for the Lord?

Obey your parents; the world loves the boy or man who loves and respects his mother.

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GOD HELPS PAUL IN TROUBLE

Acts 21:28-39

Paul was in the temple when some Jews from Asia saw him, and told something that was not true about him. It is bad to say things that are not true, isn't it? Many believed this falsehood about Paul. The whole town was stirred. The Jews said Paul had taken a Gentile into the temple. This was not true, but the people did not wait to find out the truth. They rushed at Paul and began to beat him. Paul surely must have been praying. The chief captain heard about the uproar. He rushed down with his soldiers and rescued Paul. They chained Paul to two soldiers. The soldiers had to carry Paul into the castle to keep the people from hurting him. The chief captain asked Paul what had started the riot. Paul told how it was and then asked to speak to the people. The chief captain thought Paul was some wicked person who was trying to cause trouble. Paul told the chief captain that he was a Jew of the city of Tarsus. Boys and girls, can you see what a false rumor about somebody can do? Don't be guilty of spreading something that will hurt someone, even if it be true. Be a peacemaker, not a trouble maker. Help everyone you can, don't hinder them.

Memory Verse: Lay hands suddenly on no man. 1 Tim. 5:22.

STEPS

When Jerry awoke, Mother asked, "What would you like this morning, Jerry?"

Jerry answered, "I'd like a special breakfast of waffles. And I'd like to be kind because Jesus is kind. And I'd like to go up and down lots of steps!"

"Fine," said Mother, "I must return a measuring cup to Mrs. Brown on the second floor. Will you kindly take it?"

So Jerry ate his waffles, washed his hands again, and took the measuring cup.

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He reached the second floor, went to Mrs. Brown's door, and pushed the buzzer beside the doorknob. When Mrs. Brown came and saw her measuring cup, she looked very pleased.

"Thank you, Jerry! And what are you doing this morning?"

Jerry felt very happy. "I'm being kind to everyone because Jesus is kind to me, and I'm going up and down steps!"

"Steps?" asked Mrs. Brown. "Why, I have a pretty luncheon cloth borrowed from Mrs. Black up on the third floor. Would you kindly return it?"

Jerry took the pretty cloth very carefully in his hands and went to the steps.

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He reached the third floor, went to Mrs. Black's door and pushed the buzzer beside the doorknob. When Mrs. Black came and saw her luncheon cloth, she looked very pleased and smiled.

"Thank you, Jerry! What are you doing this morning?"

Jerry felt very happy. "I'm being kind to everyone because Jesus is kind to me. And I'm going up and down the steps!"

"I have a cakepan borrowed from your own mother last week. Could you kindly return it for me?"

Jerry smiled and took the cakepan. Soon he reached the second floor. And

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He reached the first floor! Then he hurried into his house and shouted, "Here I am Mother!"

She gave Jerry a big hug and asked him if he were happy.

"Yes, I am happy!" answered Jerry "Because it's nice to be kind to everyone and to go up and down steps!"

QUESTIONS:

1. Did the men from Asia tell lies about Paul?
2. Did the people believe the lies?
3. What did the mob do to Paul?
4. Did God answer Paul's prayer and cause the chief captain to rescue him?

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PAUL TELLS HOW HE GOT SAVED

Acts 21:40; Acts 22:16

Paul wanted to talk to the angry mob who had beaten him. The chief captain let him. Paul waved his hand for the people to be quiet. He loved them and knew they needed Jesus. If they would get saved, they would not want to hurt anyone again. Paul remembered how he had hurt the Christians before he was saved. Paul told the people that he was a Jew, taught by the great teacher, Gamaliel. Paul had been taught the law of Moses. At one time he thought those who loved Jesus were trying to do away with the law of Moses and he had put them in prison and had them beaten. He was on his way to Damascus to get some Christians and put them in jail when God caused a great light to shine all around Paul. He was afraid and fell to the ground. Then Jesus spoke to Paul and said, "Saul, Saul, why are you harming me?" Paul answered, "Who are you, Lord?" The voice said, "I am Jesus of Nazareth." From that time on Paul became a Christian. He understood these Jews now who were trying to hurt him and knew if they could find Jesus, they would be different.

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

Pow-Foong

Pow-Foong was a Chinese boy. He lived in a village where there were no Christians. One day Pow-Foong went to another village. There he heard about Jesus. When he heard about Jesus, he believed in Jesus. He gave his heart and life to Jesus. After that Pow-Foong lived for Jesus every day.

One day a missionary came to Pow-Foong's village. He stopped at a little house near the edge of the village. He asked a man, "Are there any Christians in your village?"

"Only one boy," was the answer.

The missionary walked on. Soon he stopped at another house, and asked for some water. He took the water from the man and then asked, "Have you ever heard of Jesus?"

The man replied, "Oh, yes! A boy here is always talking about Him. He wants me to give up my idols. He wants me to give my heart to Jesus."

The missionary asked, "What is the boy's name?"

The man replied, "The boy's name is Pow-Foong. Sometimes I think Pow-Foong is right when he tells me to give up my idols. Pow-Foong has changed so much since he believed in Jesus. Pow-Foong used to be selfish and unkind. Now he is unselfish and kind. He says that it is Jesus who has made the change in him."

It was easy for the missionary to preach about Jesus in Pow-Foong's village. Pow-Foong had been a faithful witness for Jesus.

A LITTLE TEACHER

Years ago Robert Moffat was a missionary in Africa. One day he went to visit a far-away village. When he came to the village he saw a board fastened to a tree. The board showed the way to a Christian school.

Robert Moffat was surprised. No white man had ever been in that village. How could there be a Christian school there?

In a few moments Robert Moffat met a young native girl. He said to her, "I saw a board fastened to a tree. The board said there is a Christian school in this village. Will you please lead me to the teacher?"

Shyly the girl answered, "I am the teacher!" The girl had been taken from a distant tribe and brought to this village. In the distant tribe she had heard a missionary tell the people about Jesus. Now she was teaching the people in this tribe about Jesus.

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QUESTIONS:

1. Did Paul talk to the angry mob?
2. Did Paul tell about his going to school to learn the law of Moses when he was a little boy?
3. What did Jesus say to Paul when he was going down the road to hurt some Christians?
4. Did Paul get saved and then go to work for Jesus?
5. Did Paul tell many people about Jesus?

Breathe deeply; there is plenty of air and it is free.

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PAUL IS IN TROUBLE

Acts 22:17-30

Paul was standing on the steps of the castle, talking to the people who had tried to kill him. He knew if he could get these people to see Jesus their lives would be changed. He was telling how he got saved. He had been like they were, one who tried to stamp out Christianity, but he met Jesus, who changed his life. Paul told the people how, one day when he was in the temple Jesus appeared to him and told him something. He told Paul that the Jews would not listen to him, and that he must tell the Gentiles the story of salvation. Paul told Jesus, "They all know how I did when I was not saved. I beat the Christians, and when Stephen was stoned to death I stood by and held the clothes of those who killed him." Paul thought surely they would listen to him when they knew how he now loved the Christians. Jesus told Paul to go tell the Gentiles about salvation. When the Jews who were listening to Paul heard him say this, they became angry again. They said, "Away with this fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live." Paul still loved the people.

Memory Verse: If God be for us, who can be against us?
Romans 8:31b.

How They Got the Water

There was a little girl who did not understand about how people get water to drink. Her name was Nancy, and she lived in the country.

One time little Nancy was visiting her grandma who lived in the city. Nancy was not used to getting water from the faucet, as her grandma always had to do.

So when Nancy went to the faucet to get water, her grandma said to her, "Do not let the water drip from the faucet, we have to pay for our water."

"But Grandma," said Nancy, "we don't pay for water in the country—God gives it to us." Nancy did not understand what her grandma meant.

Nancy was right—God did give her the water in the country. But God gave her grandma her water in the city, too. Only some men put the pipes from the river, lake, or reservoir to grandma's house. Then she had to pay the men for the pipes, for the trouble and money it cost them to send the water through to her.

In the country there are wells and springs from which the people can get water without paying for it. But they also have to pay for having their wells dug, and for pumps to pump the water up from the wells. But God provides all the water we get, whether we live in the country or in the city. Every good gift comes from Him.

It is also the same with everything we have to eat, God provides for us all our food. Of course, He does not

carry it into our houses and place it on our tables. He gives us parents to place it before us. He gives Father work, and strength to do the work to earn the money. He gives Mother strength and wisdom to prepare it for us, and so forth.

So no matter what we have, or where it comes from, let us always thank God for it. He is the One who provides for all our needs, and sends us our many blessings.

THE BIBLE

"What is in that book?" Teddy asked.

"This is the Bible and it tells us about God. The men who wrote it did not see God. They heard God speak to them. God told them just what to write," Sister Brown told Teddy as he watched her dust.

"If God told them what to write, then every word in it is true, isn't it?" Teddy wanted to know.

"Yes, the Bible is called the Holy Scriptures and contains very special letters to us from God," added Sister Brown.

QUESTIONS:

1. What did Jesus tell Paul?
2. Did Paul think the Jews would listen to him about Jesus when they knew how he had changed?
3. Where did Jesus tell Paul to go?
4. Did the Jews want Paul to be killed?
5. Why did the chief captain have Paul set free?

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PAUL FACES THE COUNCIL

Acts 23:1-10

Paul was brought before the council of scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees. He looked at them earnestly and said, "Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day." The high priest did not like this, because he knew Paul had been teaching the people that Jesus was the Son of God and the high priest did not believe this. So he commanded that Paul be slapped on the mouth. Paul said, "God shall smite thee, thou whited wall. Why do you say you judge me by the law and then command that I be slapped, which is not what the law says?" Someone told Paul that he should not speak to the high priest like that. Paul said he was sorry for what he had said, as he did not realize he was talking to the high priest. The high priest was not a good man, but that did not give Paul the right to speak to him like that. Paul corrected his mistake. We should always be sorry and correct it when we speak hastily or make a mistake.

Paul said he believed we would live again when Jesus comes back again. The Pharisees there believed this, too, but the Sadducees did not. This caused them to argue among themselves.

Memory Verse: He that judgeth me is the Lord. 1 Cor. 4:4

Grandfather's Comparison

It was summer time. Annie was spending a few days with her grandparents.

One evening as her grandfather was winding his old-fashioned clock, Annie, looking up, said in a childish way: "Our clock's prettier than yours, Grandpa. It's face is lots prettier."

"Maybe 'tis," said the dear old man; "but I don't think that it's any better." Then smiling, he lifted the girl and seated her on the sofa, and taking a place beside her, said: "Do you know, my dear, that clocks are much like little girls, in a way? Some of them have very pretty faces, but are not much good, for one never knows what to expect of them; and some of them have what you might call plain faces, yet you can count on them every time.

"My old clock isn't very handsome, is it?" he said, looking at the little girl as if he were thinking of more than he was saying. "But you know, I can depend upon it every time. It makes no difference what the weather is, rain or shine, it never fails me—never!

"You know, Annie, it isn't always a pretty face that counts. I told you that clocks are like little girls, in a way, and so they are. We once had a clock that at times would run beautifully, and when it did I remember that it looked very nice to me; but let a day come that was a little too cold, or a little too damp, and it seemed that no one could do anything with it. I remember, too, that when it had a spell of that sort, I couldn't

see any beauty in it. Really, it was no good, for you couldn't depend upon it.

"Now, I know a very nice little girl," he continued, giving a knowing wink at Grandma, "and sometimes she is very, very good. This morning she came downstairs looking as sweet as a little girl could; but when she found that she could not go out, I wish that you might have seen her. Why, it wasn't any time till her smiles were all gone! And she looked so different that I doubt if you would have known her."

In less than a week another rainy morning came; and when they had finished breakfast and were about to leave the dining room, Annie put her chubby little arm around her grandfather's neck, and drawing his head a little closer to her, said rather quietly, "I asked Jesus to help me to be good and I'm not going to be like a 'no-good' clock, Grandpa."

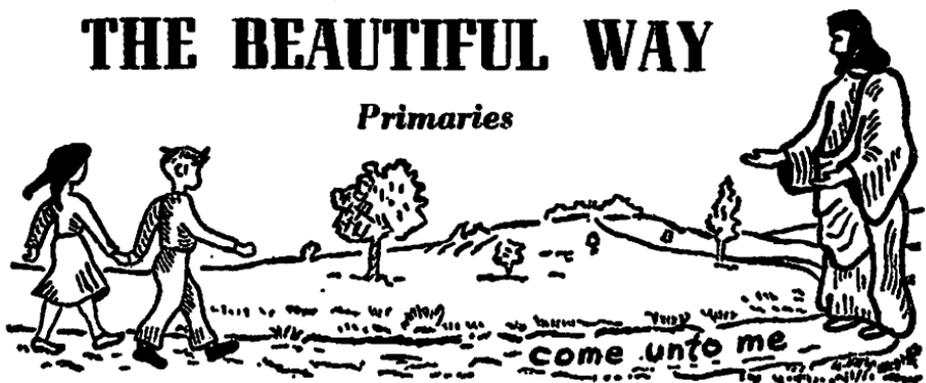
To follow Jesus means to do as He tells us in His Word.

QUESTIONS:

1. To whom did Paul talk?
2. Did the high priest tell someone to slap Paul when he said he lived a good life?
3. Did Paul tell the high priest that he had done wrong according to the law?
4. Did Paul apologize for speaking hastily?
5. Are we going to arise from the graves some day?

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PAUL'S NEPHEW HELPS HIM

Acts 23:11-35

It was dark and Paul was asleep. The Lord stood by him and said, "Be of good cheer, Paul. You will tell others about me in Jerusalem and also in Rome." This let Paul know that his guardian angel was watching over him and he would not be killed. Forty Jews promised each other they would not eat nor drink until Paul was killed. They told the chief priests and elders about their promise. They planned to ask the chief captain to bring Paul before them to talk to them again and then these men would try to kill him. Paul's nephew heard about this. He told Paul and Paul sent him to tell the chief captain. The chief captain told the young man not to tell anyone else about it. Then he ordered 200 soldiers, 90 horsemen, and 200 spearmen to take Paul that night and go to the governor, Felix. He wrote Felix a letter about Paul and told him how the Jews were trying to kill Paul. Felix had Paul put in Herod's judgment hall until he could hear his case. See how God took care of Paul? Forty men trying to kill Paul were not hard for God to handle. He sent more men than that to protect Paul. God cares for His people.

Memory Verse: Be of good cheer, Paul . . . Acts 23:11.

Helping When It Rains

Some time ago I looked out the window by my desk and saw an amusing sight. It was raining quite hard, and that is what brought about the amusing sight.

Two mothers had been hauling their children along in express wagons. One mother must have had one child in one wagon, and the other had two children in the other wagon. All this was done before it started to rain.

Then when it started to rain the two mothers put the three children into the one wagon. One of the three children held one of the umbrellas over them all. Another one pulled the empty wagon along as she sat in the filled wagon. The two mothers pulled the wagon with the three children in it, while one of them held the other umbrella over both of them. It certainly was a wise way of doing. There were two wagons, two umbrellas, two mothers, and three children.

So we see that they all kept dry with only two umbrellas. That was because they all worked together in helping one another to keep dry. It was a cute way of doing, was it not?

If these children, or these mothers, had been quarreling with each other, some of them would have had to go home soaked with rain. But each one thought of the others, and helped one another to be comfortable.

There is a verse in the Bible which says, "Be at peace among yourselves" 1 Thess. 5:13. These mothers and their children surely were peaceable with one another, or they would not

have helped as they did. The Lord Jesus said, one time, "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God" (Matt. 5:9). If we have a loving heart, we can even make peace when there is a quarrel. We do not do it by scolding, or quarreling with those who are quarreling. We do it by doing something nice for them, or helping them to stop quarreling. The love of the Lord Jesus in our hearts makes us peaceable, and helps us to make peace for others.

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A PRAYER FOR PLAYMATES

Lord, bless my playmates!

This I pray.

Bless us together

When we play;

Bless us apart,

And make us know

Thy love, wherever

We may go.

Can you tell what is the best book on earth to read and obey? It is the BIBLE, God's own Word.

Have a high ideal; the archer must aim above the target if he hopes to hit the bull's-eye.

QUESTIONS:

1. What did the Lord say to Paul?
2. What did 40 men decide to do to Paul?
3. Who heard about their plot?
4. What did the chief captain have them do?
5. Did he write a letter to Felix?

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PAUL AND HIS ENEMIES

Acts 24:1-22

The governor sat upon a high seat in a court room. Paul was brought before this governor whose name was Felix. Paul was a good man. He told everybody to love Jesus. Some people hated Paul. They wanted to kill him. Paul was kept in prison to keep his enemies from killing him until the governor Felix could hear what he had to say. There were others in this court room. They were Paul's enemies. They said Paul caused trouble. They told lies about Paul. After they talked, Paul talked. Paul said that he loved God. He told them he did not hurt anyone. He asked them to prove that he had done wrong. But his enemies could not. So Paul was put back in prison until the governor Felix could find out more about what had happened.

Did anyone ever tell lies about you? Wasn't it wonderful that you knew in your heart they were not true? You can be like Paul. He knew he had told the truth. In the last day Jesus will be our Judge. Jesus knows everything we say or even think. He will judge us right. I want to please Jesus so I can go to heaven.

Memory Verse: Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching. Luke 12:37.

Angry Sammy

When little Sammy did not get what he wanted, he screamed. If Mother didn't come when he called, he screamed. He screamed until his face got red. Then he got what he wanted. This was wrong for Sammy to do. Sammy was unhappy.

Sammy soon learned to get his way by becoming angry. When Sammy went to school, he got angry with his playmates. If they did not do what he wanted, he hit them.

Sammy grew up and got married. He had a nice wife and children. But he still got angry. When he got angry, he yelled. He threw things at his wife and children. They were afraid of him. How unhappy his home was! Sammy was unhappy, too.

The Bible tells us not to get angry. God wants us to help others. God does not want us to hurt others. God wants to make us happy.

Jane's Gift

Jane said, "I am going to give Daddy a nice pair of slippers for his birthday."

Nancy said, "Where will you get the money to buy them?"

Jane answered, "Oh, Daddy will give it to me."

God, our heavenly Father, gives us everything we have. When we give something to God, it is something He has given to us. We thank God for His wonderful gifts.

Children obey your parents in the Lord.

True or False?

Circle T if the words are true. Circle F if they are false.

1. God knows about sparrows. T F
2. God knows how many hairs we have. T F
3. God will not care for us. T F

QUESTIONS:

1. Who was the judge?
2. Did Paul do right?
3. Did he say he had done wrong?
4. Who helped Paul in his day of trouble?
5. What did Felix do with Paul?

How Much He Loved

A little boy declared that he loved his mother "with all his strength." He was asked to explain what he meant by "with all his strength."

He said: "Well, I'll tell you. You see, we live on the fourth floor of this tenement, and there is no elevator, and the coal is kept down in the basement. Mother is dreadfully busy all the time, and she isn't very strong, so I see to it that the coal hod is never empty. I lug the coal up four flights of stairs all by myself; and it is a pretty big hod. It takes all my strength to get it up there. Now, isn't that loving my mother with all my strength?" —S. S. Times

Heaven is beautiful. It is so beautiful that there are not enough words to tell how wonderful heaven is. I want to go there, don't you?

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FELIX AND DRUSILLA CALL FOR PAUL

Acts 24:24-27; Acts 25:1-12

“Here I am,” said Paul to the governor, Felix. Felix and his wife Drusilla were waiting for Paul. She and Felix wanted to know about Jesus, the Christ who had come to this earth and lived. Paul was glad to tell them about Jesus. What would you have told them about Jesus if you had been Paul? Paul wanted Felix and Drusilla to know that Jesus would forgive them of their sins. When you tell a lie you feel bad. People who tell many lies, steal, and hate people feel real bad. Jesus will take that all away if they will repent of their sins. Paul told Felix and Drusilla to love Jesus and quit doing wrong. Then Paul told them that one day Jesus would burst through the clouds and a great judgment would be set. Every boy and girl, man and woman that ever lived in the world will be there. The good people will go to heaven, but the bad people will go to that awful place called hell. Children, be sure you ask Jesus to forgive your sins and to keep you from doing anything that is wrong. When Felix heard about Jesus and the final judgment, he trembled. He was afraid, but he didn’t get saved. How sad!

Memory Verse: And he shall say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father. Matthew 25:34.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who sent for Paul?
2. What did Paul tell Felix and Drusilla?
3. What will happen in the Judgment Day?
4. Did Felix tremble?
5. Where do you want to go when you die?

Joan's Parrot

Little Joan had pets that did tricks. Joan's dog would walk on its hind feet, and jump through a hoop. She had a big cat that would bounce a ball with its paws and turn hand springs.

Her goose would march with the other animals and honk loudly when Joan whistled.

Her white canary named Dick would sing whenever Joan played a record.

Joan showed her pets to people. She took them to school once. The children liked them very much.

One day Joan said, "Mother, I have all the pets I want except one. I want a parrot that can talk."

"A parrot would cost lots of money, Joan," Mother said.

"I know it, but I want one so much," Joan said.

"Maybe we can find one," Mother said.

One day the man at the pet shop called. "I have a parrot for you," he said.

"Oh, goody"! Joan said. "Mother, may we go and get my parrot right away?"

"Of course," Mother replied. "I want to see him as much as you do."

"Here he is, Joan," the man at the pet shop said. "And guess what? He whistles songs, too."

Joan looked at the parrot. He had beautiful feathers. "What's his name?" asked Joan.

"Pat," the man said.

"Hello, Pat. My name's Joan. Do you want a cracker?"

Pat answered Joan but he used bad words. Then he started whistling a bad song.

Joan said, "I don't want him for a pet. He's bad. He swears. He takes God's name in vain. God is so good to me. It is not nice for Pat to talk like that."

The man said, "Joan, you know that what we do and say helps others to be bad or good. That is true of parrots, too. They learn good or bad words from the one who owns them."

"Well, Mother," asked Joan, "what shall we do?"

"Take the parrot home and teach him good words," said Mother. That is what Joan did. Pat became a good parrot.

Jesus can change people. When we believe in Jesus as our Saviour, He gives us a new heart—a new nature. Jesus can make wicked people good.

Don't be afraid of God's thunder and lightning. He will take care of you. The earth must have some rain and we need to know God is great and mighty.

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PAUL TALKS TO THE KING

Acts 25:12-26; 26:1-8

Everyone in the court was watching and waiting for the king to come. The king's name was Agrippa. He came in dressed in his shiny robes, with his many servants. He sat upon the throne. He was ready to hear what that fellow named Paul had to say. I wonder how Paul felt standing before the king. Do you think he was ashamed to tell him about Jesus? Oh, no! Paul loved Jesus with all of his heart. In fact, Jesus was Paul's greatest helper. When Paul was hurt by bad men Jesus would heal him and help him. Jesus was wonderful. Paul said to the king, "King Agrippa, I am happy to talk to you. I know you know about God and His promise to send Jesus Christ to live here in this world. You know that God promised this to the twelve tribes of Israel many, many years ago. You know Jesus came, yet many of the Jews would not believe Him to be the Promised One. I used to believe that, but now I do not. The Jews want to kill me because I believe Jesus Christ arose from the grave and is our Saviour." We are glad for Paul's message to King Agrippa.

Memory Verse: And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead: whereof we are witnesses. Acts 3:15.

QUESTIONS:

1. What was the name of the king?
2. Was Paul afraid to talk to the king?
3. What did Paul tell the king?
4. Did anyone know that Jesus was to come years before He came? How did they know it?
5. Do you think it too great for God to raise Jesus from the dead?

Missionary Johnny

"When I grow up I am going to be a missionary. I won't be afraid of lions and tigers," Johnny said.

"I am glad to hear that," said his mother. Then she smiled as she said, "You can be a missionary right now."

"Right now?" said Johnny. "Don't I have to grow up before I go to a far-off place?"

Mother said, "You can do missionary work at home now." Then she continued, "Next Wednesday, Miss Gleam, the missionary, is visiting us. We are planning a supper out back, under the trees. Afterward she will tell us of her work in Africa."

Before she could say any more, Johnny jumped up. He said, "Do you know what I am going to do? I am going to invite the new family that moved in the house down the street to come. Maybe they don't know about the Lord. I think I shall go right away."

He walked up onto the porch. A big dog jumped against the screen door and barked. He was twice as tall as Johnny as he stood up at the door.

Johnny was so scared he jumped off the porch and ran home.

When he got home, he sat down on the porch to catch his breath.

"Back so soon?" asked Mother.

"They have a big dog and he bites," answered Johnny.

"I don't think they would let the dog be loose if he bites people. He seems to be a friendly dog," said Mother.

Johnny was ashamed of running away. He should go back, but he was afraid. What would a missionary do? Then Johnny remembered Miss Gleam telling how God had protected her in the jungle. God could do that for him, too.

"Keep me, Lord," prayed Johnny, "from being bitten by that dog."

Johnny tiptoed up on the porch. Just as he stepped on the porch the dog came running toward him. Johnny stopped. His heart beat fast. The dog sniffed at Johnny and began to wag his tail.

By this time Mrs. Green was at the door. Johnny smiled at her as he said, "I came to invite you and your family to a supper next Wednesday at our house."

"Thank you," said Mrs. Green, "we shall be happy to come. We are anxious to meet our neighbors."

As Johnny walked home he was glad he had gone back. Doing missionary work was exciting. —Sel.

Do you want to be really happy? Then do something real nice for someone else and Jesus will make you feel happy because that pleases Him.

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PAUL TELLS HOW JESUS CHANGED HIM

Acts 26:9-18

“King Agrippa, and all in this council, I used to think I should kill those who loved Jesus. I put the saints in prison. I talked about others and caused them to be in trouble. I punished many of the saints and caused them to do wrong. I did not believe Jesus was the Saviour and Christ. But one day at noon a great light flashed upon me. It was brighter than the sun. It frightened me, and I fell to the ground. A voice said to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you doing Me wrong? It is hard for you to live wickedly.’ And King Agrippa, I said, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ and He said, ‘I am Jesus, to whom you are doing wrong.’ I said, ‘What do you want me to do?’ Jesus said for me to rise and stand upon my feet. He told me that He wanted me to go to the Gentiles and tell them that Jesus came to forgive their sins and fill them with the Holy Spirit. He said to tell them that He would break the power of Satan that caused them to do wrong.”

After Jesus forgave Paul his sins, he no longer caused the saints trouble, but he loved them and worked with them.

Memory Verse: Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Eph. 6:24.

QUESTIONS:

1. To whom was Paul speaking?
2. Did he do wrong before he was saved?
3. What happened when a great light flashed around him?
4. After he knew that Jesus was really the Christ, was Paul sorry for what he had done to the saints?
5. Did Paul tell others about Jesus and His power to save from sin?

One of God's Little Helpers

A big frown came over Terri's face as she heard Mother telling Susie, "Be a big girl and take care of Terri and Bobby." Terri wanted Mother to know that she was a big girl, too.

"Now, Terri," said Mother, "don't pout. Some day you will be big enough to be my helper, too."

Terri went into the garden. Soon Mother heard Terri calling, "Mother, come and see what God did last night!"

Mother followed Terri through the garden. Mother looked on the rosebush that was Terri's very own. There were three pretty, red rosebuds.

"Why, Terri," said Mother, "what lovely red rosebuds!"

"I will put them in your room, Mother," said Terri. "Wasn't God good to me to let my rosebush bloom the very day before your birthday!"

"Yes," said Mother. "God sent the rain and the sunshine. He had a little girl who was His helper, too."

"Oh, Mother!" exclaimed Terri. "Was it I?"

"That's right," said Mother. "That is part of God's plan for His beautiful world which He has made for us. He planned to have little boys and girls and daddies and mothers as His helpers. He gives us the good sense to plant the seeds and the bulbs in our garden. Then He wants us to keep the weeds out and to work around the tender plants, just as you have done with your rosebush. God sends the rain and the sunshine so the plants can grow pretty flowers. We need to do our part, and God always does His."

"I'm very little to be God's helper," said Terri.

"No one is too small to help God, Terri," said Mother.

That night Terri prayed, "I'm glad I'm big enough to help You, God, and helping You will make me big enough to help Mommy soon. Amen."

—Selected

A CHILD'S PRAYER

Help me, God to love You more,
Than I ever loved before;
Help me watch the words I say,
In my work and in my play.

Paul was a very, very brave man of God. God made him so strong and brave that he was not afraid of very wicked men. He knew that God would take care of him and when he got ready for him to die he would take him to heaven. Paul longed to see Jesus in heaven because he loved Him so much. We must love Jesus, also.

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KING AGRIPPA ALMOST GETS SAVED

Acts 26:19-32

It is wonderful to listen to the preacher as he tells about Jesus and how much he loves everybody in the world. Sometimes there are people who listen to preachers and their sins have not been forgiven. When the preacher tells about how Jesus will forgive them and make them good, they want Jesus to come into their heart.

Paul was preaching to the king and the others around in the big room at the palace one day. Paul said he preached about how Jesus suffered many things when He was here and He loved everyone. He told them Jesus arose from the grave the third day and went up to heaven. Now Jesus is our helper. Jesus is alive. Paul said he told this to the small and the great, to boys and girls, and everyone. Paul said to King Agrippa, "You know about all I have said, because you do believe what the prophets said." King Agrippa thought about his sins then. "Almost you persuade me to be a Christian." Paul said he wished that King Agrippa and everyone in the room was as he (Paul) except for the chains upon his arms.

The king and others got up and left the room. They said they could not find anything wrong about Paul. They wanted to release him. Paul was a good man and lived for God.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who heard Paul's message?
2. What did Paul tell the king and the others around him?
3. Did the king think about his sins?
4. What did he say to Paul?
5. Did Paul wish the king and all others were Christians?

Barbara's Skate Key

"Mother, do you know where my skate key is?" called Barbara.

"No, dear," said Mother. "Sally brought your skates back while you were gone. She said you had lent them to her. I told her to put them in your room. I supposed the key was with them."

"Well, it isn't!" said Barbara. "I think she lost it and didn't want to tell me."

"You had better look again," said Mother. Barbara looked again, but she could not find her skate key. "Puffball," she said to the furry gray kitten curled up on her bed, "do you know where my skate key is?" But Puffball only opened one eye a little and purred sleepily.

The next day Sally called up and asked for Barbara. "Can you come over and play?" she asked.

"No!" said Barbara and hung up. The next day Sally didn't call. Barbara was getting lonesome.

"I know a little girl who should keep her room looking much nicer," said Mother. So Barbara put her things away and swept the floor. She

didn't sweep in the closet. What's the use? she thought.

The next day Barbara said, "I'm going to call Sally up and ask her to come over and play with me, even if she did lose my skate key!"

"You don't know that she lost it!" Mother told her.

"I think she did," said Barbara, "but maybe she lost it and didn't know it."

"I'm sure God would want you to forgive her, even if she did lose it," said Mother.

"I can't come over," Sally said when Barbara called, "because Mother is going to take me to the zoo. Can you come, too? Mother wants you to come."

When Barbara got back from the zoo her mother asked, "Can you guess what I found when I swept your closet?"

"My skate key?" asked Barbara.

"Yes," said Mother. "Puffball was playing with it. He must have pushed it in there after Sally brought back your skates."

"I'm glad I didn't wait to find the key to be friends with Sally again," said Barbara.

Did you ever see the sun shining behind the clouds? It is so pretty. That is the reason we need not feel sad when trouble comes, because we know Jesus is right there behind the trouble like the sun is behind the cloud. He is there to help us.

"God is love." I love Him lots and lots, don't you?

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Nov. 8

PAUL SAILS ON A SHIP

Acts 27:1-17

Paul went down to the seashore with others. Paul was a prisoner and was chained to a man to see that he did not get away. He was headed for Rome to be tried. The ship sailed slowly and finally they reached a port called "Fair Havens." After they were there a few days Paul told them they should stay there and wait until the weather was better. But they did not listen to Paul. Boys and girls, you should not be like them. You should listen to your parents and Sunday-school teachers who love God.

Paul and those with him got on the ship again. They sailed out into the big sea. At first the wind blew softly. Then it began to blow harder and harder. The wind caught the ship and blew it around. The men were afraid. They began to throw into the sea some of their cargo so the ship would be lighter. How they wished they had listened to Paul! They were in a bad storm. They did not know what was going to happen to them. That was a bad place to be in, wasn't it? Boys and girls, it is best to listen, and obey your parents. It will save you from a lot of trouble.

Memory Verse: Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly. Psalm 1:1.

QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Paul go?
2. Did Paul want the men in the boat to stay at Fair Havens?
3. Did the men listen to Paul?
4. What happened to the boat and the men?
5. Should boys and girls listen to their parents?

God's Weather

Dark clouds were in the sky. Rain was falling. The wind threw the drops of rain against the window. John frowned. He wanted sunshine. He and Fred wanted to play ball today.

"Smile, John!" said his mother. "This is God's weather. He is helping somebody."

"How is He helping me?" asked John. "I want to play outside."

John's mother brought Fred into the house. She told the two boys Bible stories about God. God helped many people. He had different ways to help people.

"Let us make a list," said John's mother, "of the things this rain will help."

The two boys began their list. Flowers, grass, trees, birds, farmers, and others were on the list. John's mother told them of more things that rain helps.

"This has been a fine day!" said Fred. "We have had fun inside."

"Yes," said John. "God's weather has helped us to learn many things."

Jesus has told us, "Learn of me" (Matthew 11:29). —Sel.

Look Out For Your Face

"My boy," said a wise father who knew how to train his seven-year-old boy, "you do not own your face."

Tommy looked puzzled. He had come to breakfast with a frown on his face. Everyone felt the shadow of his looks. His father's words brought him back to life, and he looked up with a guilty expression. He wondered what Dad could mean.

"You do not own your face," Father repeated. "It belongs to other people. They, not you, have to look at it."

Tommy had never thought of that. Now he understood and would not forget. —Sel.

JESUS LOVES THE CHILDREN

Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world,
Red, brown, yellow, black, and white;
All are precious in His sight.
Jesus loves the little children
All the children of the world.

When Mother hugs you real tight you feel so happy, don't you? Well, do you know that Jesus loves you that much and more and is closer to you than Mother is when she hugs you? Jesus lives within your heart. Oh, how happy He makes you feel when you love Him and tell Him so.

Jesus wants us to feel sorry for people when they are in trouble. He feels sorry for us when we are in trouble, and He helps us.

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GOD SPEAKS TO PAUL IN THE STORM

Acts 27:18-26

The waves dashed high. The ship was tossed here and there. It was very dark. Paul and the men with him on the ship had not seen the sun nor the stars for many days. They were afraid. They threw some of the wheat and cargo over the side of the ship into the water to make the ship lighter. They did not know where the land was, so they just waited and longed for the storm to end. Paul was praying. It pays to pray. God heard his prayer. He spoke to Paul through an angel. The angel said, "Be of good cheer. You and all on the ship will be saved from being drowned." Paul was happy. He told the captain and the men who were with him and all were glad because they had been so afraid. Paul said, "I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me." Boys and girls, we must believe God. He speaks to us through His Word. Jesus came here to tell us what God wants us to do. It has been written down and kept for us to read. We are glad we have the Word of God, the Bible. It is our guide and comfort. It tells us about God. We will be blessed if we obey God.

Memory Verse: In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began. Titus 1:2.

QUESTIONS:

1. Were you ever in a storm? Tell about it.
2. Who was in a storm in our lesson?
3. Who prayed during the storm?
4. What did God tell Paul?
5. Did Paul believe God?

She Saw a Sweet Sight

We do not like to think or talk about death, do we? Well, it all depends on to whom the person dying or died belongs. If the person is not saved, death is an awful thing. But if the person is saved, and belongs to the Lord Jesus, death is only going into the very presence of Jesus. Shall I tell you about a little girl who was dying, and did belong to the Lord Jesus?

This little girl's name was Lillian Lee, and she lived quite a number of years ago. When she was dying she said to her father, "Oh, Papa, what a sweet sight! The golden gates are opened and crowds of children come pouring out. Oh, such crowds! And they ran up to me and began to kiss me and call me by a new name. I can't remember what it was."

Little Lillian lay looking upward for a moment. Her eyes looked dreamy. Then her voice died away into a whisper, and she said, "Yes, yes, I come, I come!" She must have heard the loving Saviour calling her to come up to Him. She answered that she was coming.

Now we see by such deaths as this one, we need not be afraid to die, if

we belong to the Lord Jesus. It would be awful to die without Him, for then Satan would get us for sure, and you know where Satan takes people!

The Lord Jesus gave little Lillian a vision of heaven. I believe she really did see heaven, for she was so very near it before she died. How happy she was! Then, too, we are sure that there will be children in heaven. Some people think children do not understand enough about being saved. But many of them do. They know they are sinners, and that they need to be saved. Then, of course, they should and do know when the Lord Jesus saves them.

—Sel.

JESUS IS NEAR

In the nighttime, when I sleep,
Jesus watches me;
Never need I be afraid,
When so near is He.

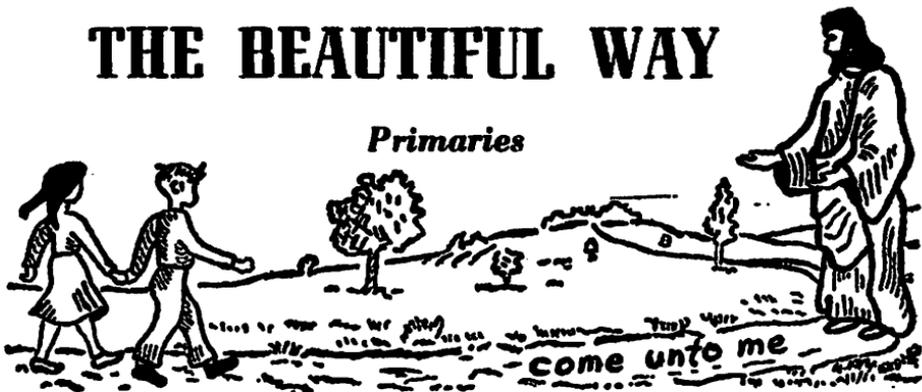
Not a thing can do me harm
When I'm in His care;
So with Him I can be safe
Always, anywhere.

It is nice to always know
Jesus is so near;
For His love and care is great,
And He's very dear.

Don't forget God is looking at you all the time. He is ready to help you when you need Him but He sees all the bad things you do.

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PAUL THANKS GOD

Acts 27:27-44

Do you thank the Lord before you eat your food? One time Paul and over two hundred men on a ship were in an awful storm. They had been so afraid and troubled that they did not eat. One day Paul, who was a man of God, stood on the deck of the ship and said, "It has been fourteen days since you have eaten. It is time now for you to eat, as you need strength. The Lord will save all our lives." After Paul talked to them, he took bread and then he thanked God for the food. I am sure he thanked God, also, for the time when all their lives would be saved from the awful storm they were in at that time. Then they all ate and were of good cheer.

Later when it was day they saw an island and two streams running from the island. They ran the ship up into the stream, but it ran into the ground and the high waves tore the ship apart. The men got on broken pieces of the ship and swam to shore. All were saved just as the angel had told Paul they would be.

Memory Verse: With thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Phil. 4:6b.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why do we thank the Lord before we eat?
2. Where was Paul when he thanked the Lord for the food?
3. How did Paul know God would spare their lives?
4. What happened to the ship?
5. Did all the men on the ship get to shore alive?

Watch Out!

Have you ever seen any unhappy people? There are some people who do not know how to enjoy each day. Maybe you can help them, but be careful that you do not start acting the way they do. Tell them that God loves them, and show them the love which is in your heart.

SAD SAMMY

He likes to wear a frown. Sammy forgets good things and thinks only about terrible things which may happen. Poor Sammy!

JEALOUS JUDY

She is a selfish person. Judy wants everything nice for herself, and when she sees others happy, she becomes angry.

NAUGHTY NELLIE

Here is a person who never obeys. She gets into all kinds of trouble. Nellie must be stopped! She can never be happy doing wrong.

—Selected

Time to Pray

Begin each day with prayer.
Ask for God's love and care.
God will watch over you.
He'll keep you the whole day through.

End each day with prayer.
Thank God for His love and care.
Don't be afraid of the night.
God will keep you in His sight.

DRUNKENNESS IS SIN

"Do you go to Sunday School?" asked Lulu.

"No, we don't get up in time," answered Jane. "Mother and Daddy stay up late on Saturday nights and we all sleep late the next morning."

"How can you sleep all night and late in the morning?" asked Lulu.

"Oh, I stay awake and listen, then sometimes I peak in the room at all the company. I'll be glad when I can drink beer, too."

"Drink beer!" exclaimed Lulu. "That would be terrible!"

"Why? What's wrong with that?" asked Jane in surprised since she had seen it in her home so often.

"Didn't you know that it will make you drunk and that is one of the sins in the catalog of sins that the Bible says is wrong?" (Gal. 5:21)

"Oh, is it?" Jane asked. "Maybe I had better tell Mother about that. She must not know it."

"Oh, yes, do tell her!"

If you are honest in little things,
you will also be honest in big things.

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PAUL AROUND A CAMP FIRE

Acts 28:1-12

Paul and the other people who had swum to shore from the wrecked ship were wet and shivering from the cold winds. How nice it was for the people on the island to build a fire for them. Paul also gathered some sticks and put them on the fire. Paul was helpful. Boys and girls should be helpful, too. But oh! what would you have seen if you had been there? Just as Paul put the sticks on the fire a viper or snake came out of the wood and fastened on Paul's arm. The people standing around said, "No doubt this man is a murderer. He escaped the sea, but now he will die." But Paul belonged to God. Paul prayed. We should always pray when we are in trouble. Paul shook the viper off into the fire and felt no harm. The people watched to see if his body would swell up and he would fall down dead. They watched him for a long time and they saw he was all right. They changed their minds about him. Paul prayed for many others on the island and they were healed. Everyone was nice to Paul and the people who had been shipwrecked.

Memory Verse: The Lord is my helper. I will not fear what man shall do unto me. Heb. 13:6.

QUESTIONS:

1. Were the people on the island kind to those who had been shipwrecked and had swum to shore?

2. What did they do for them?

3. What happened to Paul as he put sticks on the fire?

4. What did the people think of Paul when they saw the snake bite him?

5. Did Paul die from the snake-bite? Why not?

POCKETS

Mother was getting ready to wash David's blue jeans. "How many things you were carrying around!" she said. "How would you ever get along without pockets?"

David picked up the things Mother had taken out. "Who invented pockets?" he asked.

Mother thought a minute. "I guess you could say God did. He made so many living things with pockets."

"Oh, you mean like the kangaroo, which carries her babies around in a pocket?" David asked.

"Yes," Mother said. "Almost everyone knows about the female kangaroo and her pouch, or pocket. But most people do not know that there are also many other mother animals with pockets for their babies."

"What kinds of animals are they?" David asked.

"The opossum, which lives here in our country, is one," Mother said. "But most of the animals that have

pockets for their babies live in Australia or on islands near it.

"There is a wolf with a pocket. But the pocket opens toward the back instead of the front. There is an animal which is much like a cat, except that its legs are shorter, and it has a bushy tail. It has a funny name—dasyure.

"And there's an animal something like a teddy bear, which lives in trees and eats leaves. This animal never drinks water. It gets all the water it needs from the tree leaves it eats. It is called a koala. But the mother koala doesn't have just one pocket. She has three. Each koala has a pocket in each side of its mouth, so it can carry food around if it wants to do so."

"Chipmunks have pockets like that in their cheeks, don't they?" David asked.

"Yes," Mother said, "and there's an insect which has pockets on its back legs. Can you tell me what it is?"

"Oh, a bee!" David said. "Bees carry home the yellow dust from the flowers in the pockets on their legs."

"I want to tell you about some living things which carry their eggs in a pocket," Mother said. "These are fish, and it is the father, not the mother, which has the pocket! After the mother lays her eggs, the father carries them in his pocket. These fish are called sea horses and pipefish."

"I didn't know pockets were so interesting!" David said. "The pockets God made are the most interesting of all!"

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PAUL RECEIVED A GIFT AT ROME

Acts 28:16, 23, 24, 30; Phil. 4:15-22

Had we lived in Paul's day, we would have wanted to visit him in prison in Rome. Paul lived in a rented house, but he had a chain on him so he could not get away. He also had a guard who watched him. They allowed him to have company and many people came to see him. What do you think he talked about when his company came to see him? He told them about Jesus, our lovely Saviour. He wanted everybody to love Jesus as he did.

One day a man came to see him who had a long name. He was called Epaphroditus. Say it like this—E-paf-ro-di-tus. Paul was glad to see him because he brought news from the Philippian church and he also brought him a nice gift of money and other things. Paul then wrote a letter for him to take back to the church. Let us look at the letter in our New Testament. The letter is called "Philippians." Paul told them he was suffering for Christ and God was helping him. He told them that the things they sent to him were an "odour of a sweet smell" unto God which pleased God. Paul told them that many were being saved at Rome.

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

QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Paul live in Rome?
2. Who watched him? How was he kept in the house?
3. What did he talk about when folks came to see him?
4. Who sent him a gift?
5. Can we read today the letter that Paul wrote to the Philippians?

Nelda and the Newspaper

"Here is something in the newspaper which I want to cut out when I get home," said Mother. "It is a new way to use carrots. Don't let Benny tear this paper up, Nelda."

Mother put the paper down, kissed Nelda, and went off to work. "Let Daddy sleep as long as he can," she said as she went out the door. "And take good care of Benny."

Daddy had been very sick. He had to stay at home and rest for a long time before he could go back to work. So Mother had to work. Nelda took care of Benny and helped with the housework in every way she could.

Soon Benny woke up, and then Daddy. Nelda got their breakfast. She forgot about the newspaper.

After a while, Benny said, "Look at my paper hat, Nelda." Nelda looked. Her little brother had made a hat out of the newspaper. The part which Mother wanted to keep was all torn up!

Good; said Nelda to herself. I hate carrots!

But Nelda was not happy about it. She knew that God was not pleased

with her. After lunch she told Daddy about it. "What can I do?" she asked.

"Maybe you could get another newspaper from one of the neighbors," he said.

So Nelda tried. Mrs. Smith had cut out the same thing. She wanted to keep it herself. Mrs. Carrol had used her newspaper to wrap the garbage. Mrs. Green had thrown her newspaper away. Mrs. Parker could not find hers.

I tried! thought Nelda. I do not think I should have to go to any more houses.

But she went, anyway. Mrs. Howard lived in the next block. Nelda told her what Benny had done to the paper.

"My paper is right here," said Mrs. Howard. "Show me what you want, and I will cut it out for you."

Soon Mother came home. "Here is what I wanted out of the paper!" she said. "You are a good helper, Nelda. Now you may play while I get supper."

"What good cake," said Nelda at supptime. "I hope you make this kind again!"

"That cake has carrots in it!" said Mother. "I learned how to make it from the part of the newspaper you kept for me." —Selected

Love God most and Mother and Daddy next. God is our heavenly Father and then God blessed us with a father and mother here in this world.

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A LETTER PAUL WROTE

Philemon 1-25

“Here is a letter I want you to take to Philemon,” Paul said to Onesimus (O-nes-i-mus). Did you ever deliver a letter to anyone? Onesimus had been with Paul for some time. He was leaving and Paul felt very sad because he loved Onesimus. He had been a big help to Paul. You see, Paul was a prisoner in Rome. Onesimus had run away from his master. Onesimus was a slave. When he got to Rome, he met Paul. While he was with Paul he gave his heart to Jesus. He wanted to do right. It seems he had wronged Philemon in other ways before he left. It was needful that he return. Paul wrote a letter to Philemon and Onesimus took it to him. In the letter he told Philemon to treat Onesimus as a brother and not as a servant. He told Philemon to treat him as he would treat Paul if he were to visit him. How would you treat Paul if he came to your house? Well, that’s the way Paul wanted Philemon to treat Onesimus. He was sorry he had done wrong, and Paul wanted Philemon to forgive him. Paul told Philemon that he would pay for the wrong Onesimus had done.

Memory Verse: If thou count me therefore a partner, receive him as myself. Philemon 17.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who came to see Paul while he was a prisoner in Rome?
2. Did Onesimus give his heart to Jesus while he was in Rome?
3. What did Paul send with Onesimus when he went back to Philemon?
4. What did Paul tell Philemon in the letter?
5. Did Paul love Onesimus very much?

Pamela Wants the Pink Dress

"Mother, Mother," called Pamela. "Kay has the pink dress from the store window downtown. Her mother bought it for her yesterday. I wanted that dress." Pamela slammed her school books on the hall table. She was very angry.

"Pamela, you should be ashamed of yourself," said Mother. "You shouldn't wish for what others have. There are many words in the Bible about just such a thing."

"I don't remember any Bible verses about wanting pink dresses," whined Pamela.

"No, the Bible doesn't say we shouldn't want someone's pink dress," said Mother, "but it does say we should not covet what our neighbor has. It is one of the Commandments given to us by God. It is very bad to want the possessions of someone else."

"I didn't know that's what the word 'covet' means," said Pamela.

"But I thought we don't have to live by the Commandments any more."

"Even though we do love Jesus and He has saved us," said Mother, "we must still obey the words of God. He says not to covet or want another person's things, so we must obey Him."

"I will be careful from now on," said Pamela. "I won't sin by coveting someone's pink dress, or even a blue one, ever again."

Mother and Pamela laughed together as they walked to the kitchen for a glass of milk and some cookies.

—Selected

WHERE IS GOD?

"Where is God?" asked Bill.

"Don't you know that God is everywhere?" Jake said, swinging his arms around. "He is in the mountains and He is in the valleys. He is in the sky and on the earth. He is in the house and is outdoors. He is across the ocean and all around us in the air. Well, God is just everywhere!"

"I can't see Him," Bill said as he looked toward the mountains.

"Oh, but Jesus said that God is a Spirit. You can't see Him but you can feel Him. Don't you know about Nicodemus talking to Jesus about God? Jesus told him its like the wind. You can't see the wind, but you know it is around because you feel it and see it causing the trees to wave in the breeze."

"Oh, then I believe that God is all around me and I am glad."

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Dec. 20

CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

Ephesians 6:10-20

March! March! Marching in the army of the Lord! Put on the whole armour of the Lord. Now stand still. Look and see. Watch God fight the devil for you. This is what Paul wrote to us in the Bible. Do you want to be in God's army? Well, you must put on God's armour. Have you ever seen a sword? Well, God has a sword for us to use when we are soldiers in His army. It is a different sword from any you may have seen. We are fighting a different enemy. You can't see the devil, but he is real. We have to use God's sword on him. Do you know what kind of sword God has? It is Bible verses. If the devil tells you to tell a lie, use God's sword, which is His Word in the Bible. Tell the devil that God said not to tell lies, and I won't tell one. Using that sword makes the devil afraid. He has to run away. Then you just march, march right on in God's army. The devil will come up again. He says, "Hit that boy back." You grab your sword, which is God's Word, and use it. The Bible says, "do good to those who do you evil." Just smile and be nice.

Memory Verse: Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 2 Timothy 2:3.

QUESTIONS:

1. Does God have an army?
2. Who marches in God's army?
3. What kind of weapons are used in God's army?
5. What sword is used in God's army?
6. The sword, which is God's Word, is used against whom?

Benny's Sand Dollar

Benny and Jim lived less than one hundred miles from the Pacific Ocean but they hardly ever went to see it. Then one Friday evening their father said, "Get up early in the morning, boys. We are going to the beach tomorrow!"

Benny and Jim liked the beach. It was fun to run on the sand. It was fun to look for sea shells.

"What is this round flat thing, Mother?" asked Jim. "See, there is a picture of a flower on it. Is it a shell?"

"Yes," his mother told him, "that is called a sand dollar."

"Oh, Jim," said Benny, "will you let me take that to school? Our teacher wants us to bring things like that."

Jim shook his head. "Find your own sand dollar!" he said.

Benny looked and looked. He found the pieces of a broken sand dollar and pieced them together. But that would not do to take to school. He found a little one broken in only two pieces. And then he found one that looked just like Jim's, except that it was broken in two.

On the way home Jim took a nap. Benny looked at the shells in his box. Then he looked at Jim's box of shells. "I think I will just trade sand dollars with Jim," he said to himself. "He will think his got broken on the way home." But after he had traded he was not happy about it. He knew God would not want him to trade with Jim. So before Jim woke up Benny traded back.

Jim sat up and looked at his shells. "I like the sand dollar best of all," he said. "But I am going to let you take it to school, Benny. Will you glue one of your broken ones together for me?"

"One looks just like this, but it is broken in two pieces. I will glue all three of them together and you may have them all!"

"Oh, goody!" said Jim. "I will have three sand dollars. That is better than one. Thank you, Benny!"

"And I will have one that is not broken," said Benny. "Thank you, Jim!"

In his heart he said, "Thank You, Lord, for helping me do the right thing." —Selected

Did you do something for Mother this morning? I know that made her happy because Mother has so many, many things to do for you and others that she needs your help.

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.

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GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Luke 2:1-20

The angels in heaven were happy. They were so happy that they burst through the clouds and shouted so loud that the shepherds on the hills taking care of their sheep heard them say, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." The glory of the Lord shone round about the shepherds and they were afraid, but an angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, for I bring you good news of great joy. Today in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord is born. You will know He is the Saviour when you see Him wrapped in soft clothes and lying in a manger." Suddenly the angels went away. After the wonderful light faded, the shepherds were alone again. They said, "Let us go to Bethlehem and see the babe which the Lord has made known to us by the angels." How happy they were when they arrived and saw the wonderful babe lying in the manger, just as the angels had told them. There was no room for Mary and Joseph to stay in the inn, so they found a place in a stable. Our Saviour had a very humble birth.

Memory Verse: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace. Luke 2:14.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who told the people that Jesus was born?
2. What did the shepherds do when they heard about the birth of Jesus?
3. How do you know the angels were happy?
4. What was the name of Jesus' mother?
5. Where was Jesus born?

A Doll For Maria

Maria wanted a doll. Not just a stuffed, cloth doll, but one that closed its eyes.

Only one of the little girls in an orphanage in Chile, South America, owned a store-bought doll. Mami Reyes, the kind lady who took care of the orphans, kept it tucked away most of the time on a high shelf to keep it safe.

Every evening after dinner, Mami Reyes had family prayers with the children. Every night Maria asked God to send her a doll.

One day Maria received a letter. It had a strange stamp in one corner, and it was from a young lady America. "I am your American mother," the lady wrote. "I am 'adopting' you. That means that I will help buy your clothes and food, and I shall write you often, little Maria. I have your photo in my purse, and I love you."

How happy Maria was! She forgot all about wanting a doll. Now she had a mami in America—a beautiful lady with golden hair. The

kind lady had sent her photo to Maria and she slept with it under her pillow every night.

Each week Maria received a letter. Sometimes there were picture post cards, too. One week Mrs. Reyes bought her some shiny new shoes to wear to Sunday-school. The shoes were a gift from her mami in America. How wonderful to have someone who loved her.

One day there was a knock at the door of the orphanage. Maria went to the door. There stood the missionary lady who taught Sunday-school. In her hand she carried a long box.

"I have a gift for Maria," she said. "Your mother in America sent me a check and asked me to buy you a present."

Maria opened the box while the others crowded around to watch. From the box she lifted a beautiful doll with golden hair. She had blue eyes with real lashes, and the eyes opened and closed.

"Isn't God good to you!" exclaimed Mami Reyes.

Maria nodded her head. She had a beautiful doll, but best of all was having the lovely mother God had given her. —Sel.

Those who begin early in life to learn and obey God's commands will grow up to be good and useful citizens, as well as noble Christians.

Yea, I have loved you with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee Jer. 31:3.

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