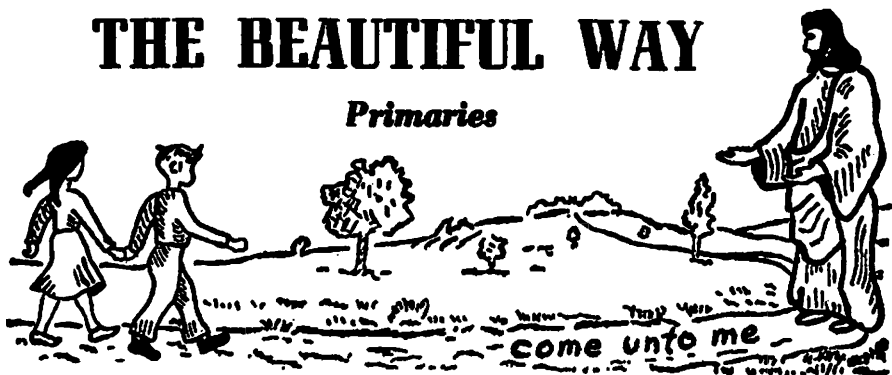


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BELIEVE AND OBEY JESUS

John 8:20-23, 28-36

Jesus was in the great temple. There was a room in the temple that had thirteen chests sitting in it. In these chests, the people put their money that they wanted to give to the Lord, just like you put your money in the box at the chapel. Many people gathered in this room. Jesus was there. They were listening to Jesus. Some men did not believe Jesus' words. Jesus was troubled. He said, "You shall die in your sins. You cannot come to heaven where I will be. Some day after you have put me on the cross, you will be seeking me. You will not find me because you do not believe me to be your Saviour. God, my Father, is with me. I do always those things that please my Father." Some in the crowd, in the big treasury room believed on Jesus. How wonderful! Jesus said to those who believed, "If you will continue to believe and obey my words, you will be my disciples. You will not have to sin."

Today if boys and girls obey Jesus they will go to heaven when they die.

Memory Verse: The truth shall make you free. John 8:32b.

DUANE AND RENE

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." Duane and Rene had been taught by their mothers this verse for Sunday School. Sometimes they found it very hard to remember that the Bible says for children to obey their parents because sometimes they wanted to do things their own way.

One day Duane and his mother had gone to visit Rene and Auntie. While Mother and Auntie were visiting, Duane and Rene asked permission to go outside and play. Permission was gladly given because their mothers knew it was good for little children to be outdoors in the fresh air and sunshine where they could run and play to their hearts content. However, one rule was given them on this day. It had been raining and the yard was all mud. Duane and Rene were told not to get in the mud holes to play. They promised not to and ran happily out the door. But after awhile, Duane looked over at that mud hole and thought just how much fun it would be to wade in the water just a little bit. Rene also thought it sure looked like it would be fun. Looking at one another, they decided to just play around the edge of the hole, and hand in hand ran over to the water. Soon, by edging just a little closer, they were wading in the very middle of the mud and water. But children, when you do wrong, you have something in your heart that is called your 'conscience' and Duane and Rene's consciences were bothering them a great deal. So much so, in fact, that they weren't having as much fun in the mud hole as they had thought they would. You see, they were not only disobeying their mothers, but they were also disobeying God because God said "Children

obey your parents." When their mothers looked out to see if all was well with them, their hearts were made sad by the disobedience of their children. There were their two guilty little ones wading hand in hand in the muddy water. Rene's mother called to them and they showed how guilty they felt because they both jumped and ran as hard as they could from the mud hole, trying to pretend that they really hadn't been in it but only next to it, but there were their little shoes and clothes covered with mud and they were all wet. They were brought in the house and after some of the mud was cleaned off, Mother asked Rene, "Rene, why did you go in the water when Mama told you not to?" Rene only hung her head and could not answer. "What did Jesus say children should do?" asked Mother. "Children obey your parents," cried Rene. "And did you obey Mama?" she asked. "No," wept Rene. "So now you must be punished," said Mother. So Rene and Duane were both punished and promised to stay out of the mud next time. Children, God wants you to obey your parents. Mothers and Fathers have lived much longer than you have and have learned quite a few things. They want so much to use the things they have learned to keep you from getting sick or hurt. Because Rene disobeyed her mother, she got a bad cough that kept her from playing outside for quite awhile.

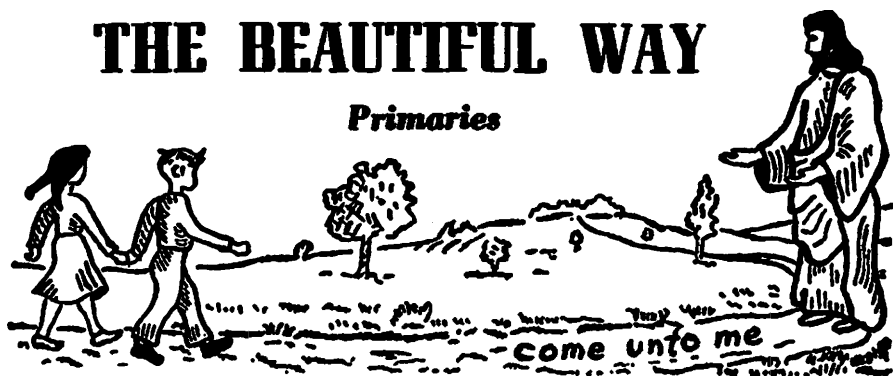
—C. L.

QUESTIONS:

1. Where was Jesus when he taught the people?
2. What were the chests in the big temple for?
3. Did some of the people who listened to Jesus believe on Him?
4. Did Jesus say that he always did the things that pleased his Father?

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JESUS TALKS TO THE PEOPLE

John 8:38, 44; Rev. 21:8; John 8:53-59

Some of the people did not love Jesus. They wanted to kill Him. Jesus told them about their sins. They did not want to think about their sins. The devil told them to sin. They obeyed the devil. Jesus told them they should not obey the devil. Because they obeyed the devil, Jesus told them they were the children of the devil. They said they were of God. Jesus told them that if they were of God, they would love Him. Because they did not love Jesus, they were of their father, the devil. Jesus said, "The devil was a murderer from the beginning. The devil did not love the truth. The devil told lies. The devil tells others to tell lies." It is wrong to tell lies. The Bible tells us that all liars will be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone. We want to go to heaven, don't we? Some of the people who listened to Jesus were angry. They said Abraham was their father. Jesus told them that Abraham knew about His coming and was glad. The Jews threw stones at Jesus. They obeyed the devil.

Memory Verse: For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Romans 8:14.

WHEN THE LITTLE GIRL OBEYED

One time there was a revival in Flint, Michigan. A revival, I suppose you know, is a few weeks' services held to help people to believe on the Lord Jesus and be saved.

During these services a pastor's daughter came to him in his study and said, "Pa, what shall I do? I feel it my duty to go and talk to Mr. Jenkins about his soul." Her preacher-father told his little girl that she should obey the voice of the Holy Spirit in her heart, and go to the man's house and speak to him.

The little girl did obey. She went to Mr. Jenkins' house and spoke to him about the Lord Jesus and about his soul. She found out that she was just the one the Lord Jesus wanted to use to lead Mr. Jenkins to the Lord. I suppose she told him how necessary it was for him to be saved, before it would be too late. I suppose she told him that the Lord Jesus died on the Cross for him, that he might become a child of God by believing on the Lord Jesus as his Saviour from sin. Anyway, Mr. Jenkins did believe, and was saved.

In telling about his conversion, afterward, Mr. Jenkins said that he was prepared to meet one of the elders of the church. He was ready with what he thought would be some sharp and wise answers for the elder. But when that timid little girl came to him, with such a loving heart, and with such deep feeling for him in his lost condition, he had no words to speak against her. He just had to let the Lord Jesus come into his heart.

So, dear children, if the sweet and tender voice of the Holy Spirit tells you to do something, be sure to listen and obey. If you do not, some poor lost sinner might never have another chance

to come to the Lord Jesus. It is very important that we obey the voice of the Holy Spirit in our heart. —Sel.



Jesus holds us in His arm

Where we're safe from every harm,
Satan cannot reach us there,
So we need not have a care.
If we trust our Saviour dear,
He will keep us from all fear.

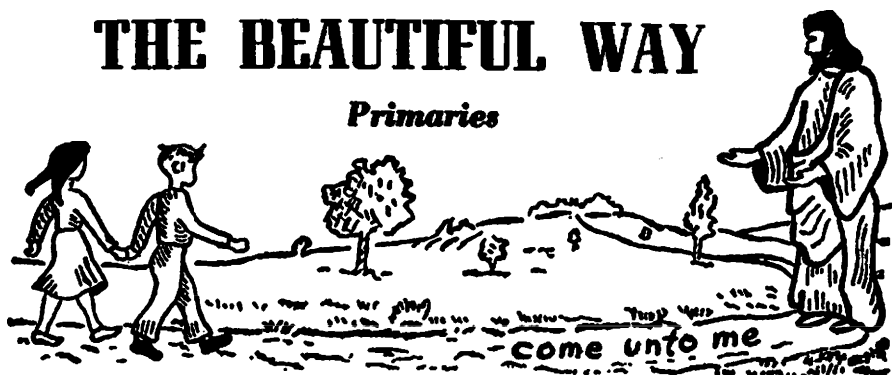
Many people refused to love Jesus
even though they knew he loved them.

QUESTIONS:

1. What did the people want to do to Jesus?
2. Who tells people to sin?
3. If we obey Jesus we will be of our father who is God, won't we?
4. Where will all liars go?
5. What did the people do to prove they were of their father, the devil?

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THE BLIND MAN HEALED

John 9:1-4, 16

Jesus and His disciples were walking down the street. They passed a blind man. The disciples said, "Master, who did sin, that this man is blind? Did he or his parents?" Jesus said, "Neither he nor his parents sinned. This man was born blind that God would be honored." The disciples did not understand what Jesus meant. Jesus walked over to the blind man. He said, "I must work for God today." Jesus stooped down and spat on the ground. Jesus made some clay from the spit and dirt and put it on the blind man's eyes. No doubt the blind man was asking Jesus to heal him. He had heard about Jesus. When Jesus put the clay on the man's eyes, He said, "Go and wash in the pool of Siloam." The blind man obeyed. He went and washed the spit-clay off of his eyes in the pool and, how happy he was! He could see the beautiful trees that God had made. He could see the flowers and birds. Some believed on Jesus, but others did not want to believe that Jesus had healed him. Jesus still heals today.

Memory Verse: He that is mighty hath done to me great things. Luke 1:49.

THE BOOK THAT SPOKE

Lukeatula lived in the heart of Africa, and though only a boy he was taught to read, and given a copy of the Gospel of John. He felt quite pleased to have the Book and took good care of it. He even carried it around with him — but never read it!

Perhaps the kind friend who gave it to him prayed that he might do so, for one day he wondered what it contained and sat down to read it. He found a wonderful and surprising thing, that the Book SPOKE.

When the Lord Jesus was on earth He spoke to men mouth to mouth, but now that He is in Heaven He speaks in different ways. He speaks through His servants, through dreams, but always according to His Word, and it was through the Word He spoke to black-skinned, curly-headed Luka.

Luka was amazed and he said, "I was startled to find that Christ could speak 'Chibula.' I heard Him speak out of the printed page, and what He said was 'Follow Me.'"

He felt as he continued to read his treasure that God was speaking to him from every page, and he listened intently to learn how to follow Jesus. Luka went on listening, and learning with all his heart the words of the wonderful Book. He learned that he was a sinner in God's sight, and would as such be shut out of God's presence for all eternity. But he rejoiced to learn that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that (if Luka would believe) in Him (he) should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

And so he took the Lord Jesus as his Saviour, and went on listening and learning from the words of his wonder-

ful Book. Then as he grew to be a man he delighted to tell others the good news of God's love to them.

Yes, dear children, the Bible is different from any other book, for its words are **LIVING**, and by believing in the Lord Jesus we get eternal life.

A good verse for all to memorize is: "The Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12).

—Sel.

TRUE POLITENESS

A little boy was sitting at dinner at a friend's house. He was too small to cut the meat for himself, and his mother was at the other end of the table, but a lady sitting next to him offered her help.

"Let me cut your steak for you," she said, "that is, if I can cut it the way you want it."

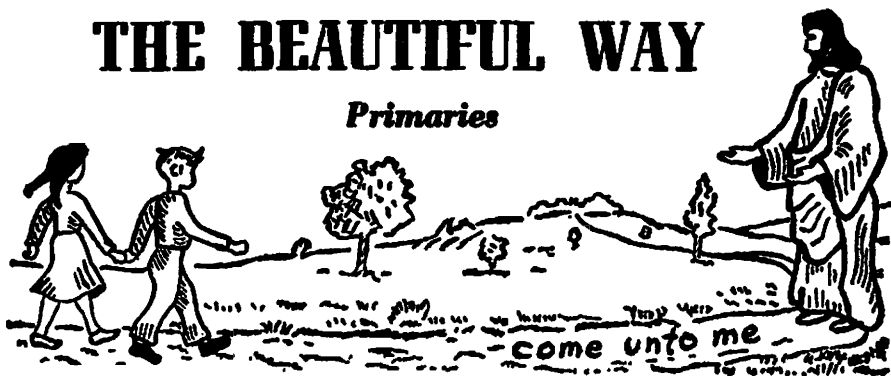
"Thank you," answered the little boy. "I shall like it the way you cut it, even if you do not cut it the way I like it."
—Sel.

QUESTIONS:

1. Did the man sin and that was the reason he was blind?
2. Why did Jesus say he was born blind?
3. What did Jesus put on the blind man's eyes?
4. What did Jesus tell the blind man to do?
5. Did Jesus make the blind man able to see?

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THE HEALED MAN LOVES JESUS

John 9:18-38

"Is this your son, and was he born blind?" the Jews asked the parents of the man who was blind but now he could see. The man's parents said, "This is our son, and we know he was born blind but by what means he now can see, we know not. He is of age, ask him." The poor parents were afraid because they knew the Jews would not have anything to do with them if they said that Jesus had healed their son. The Jews then called the man to them and said, "You just give God the praise for healing you. We know that this man is a sinner." The man said, "One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see." The Jews asked the man again, "What did he do to you?" The man said, "I told you once, but if I tell you again, will you be his disciples?" The Jews were upset. They hated Jesus. The man said, "Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. If this man were not of God, he could do nothing." The angry Jews then cast the man out of the temple.

Memory Verse: One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. John 9:25b.

MOTHER'S PRAYER IS ANSWERED

"And dear God, may Beth become a Christian very soon! Please, dear God!" This is the prayer that Beth's mother had prayed for several months. She wanted her little girl to learn to love Jesus as she did. Beth had not yet accepted Jesus as her personal Saviour.

One night Beth was sound asleep. Suddenly a storm broke. Lightning flashed and thunder roared. Beth was usually afraid of storms, but this time she got out of bed and stood at her window. She gazed into the stormy night. Rain was coming down in sheets and slapping against the window. Big flashes of lightning darted from one end of the sky to the other, making the room very light. Beth was troubled. It seemed as though God was trying to talk to her, yet she would not listen. The storm raged on. It all showed Beth that God was very powerful, even over nature. Soon the storm passed over. All was calm once again.



SHE GAZED INTO THE STORMY NIGHT.

Beth got back in bed, all the while thinking about God. She lay there and

couldn't sleep. Suddenly her room was almost as light as day. This time it wasn't lightning. She got up again and went to her window. Tears came to her eyes as she saw a most beautiful sight. There was a big white moon in the sky. White billowy clouds were sailing lazily by. Everything was peaceful and quiet. Beth felt God very near her. Right then and there Beth accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour. She told Jesus that she loved Him and wanted to be a different girl. Her heart was just as peaceful as the scene she was watching. Jesus now lived inside of her.

Beth went slowly back to bed and thought, "A few moments ago there was a storm outside and one inside me. Now it is peaceful outdoors and peaceful in my heart because God quieted the storm. Jesus makes all the difference in the world."

God had answered the prayer of Beth's mother. God wants to save you, too, boys and girls. Ask Jesus to come into your heart. He will give you deep, lasting peace.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

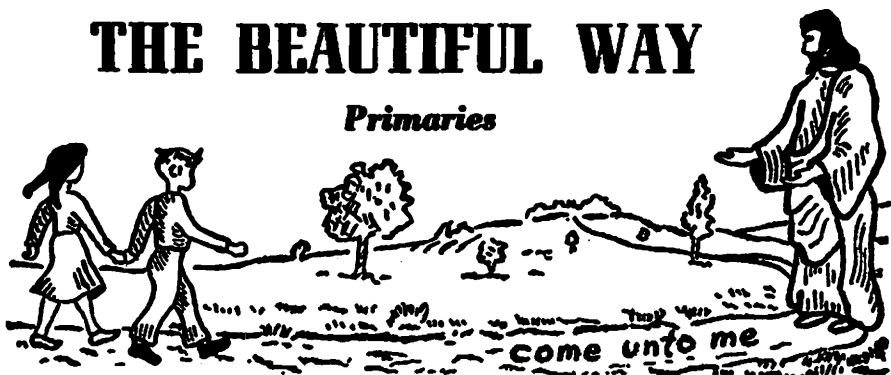
If you have God's love in your heart it will help you to love others. Even will help us to love our enemies. We do not love the naughty things others do but we love them.

QUESTIONS:

1. What did the Jews ask the parents of the man who was healed?
2. Were they afraid of them?
3. What did they tell the Jews?
4. Is this the first time since the world began that a man was healed of blindness?
5. When they cast the healed man out of their synagogue who found him?

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THE GOOD SHEPHERD

John 10:1-16

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. I take care of the door to the sheepfold. If anyone tries to get into the sheepfold some other way, they are a thief and a robber." Isn't Jesus a wonderful shepherd? He knows each one of His sheep by name. He calls them and they follow Him, but a stranger they will not follow. His sheep know His voice. Jesus takes care of His sheep. After they are fed, He takes them down beside the cool waters so they can drink. He goes before them and leads them. I am glad that I am one of Jesus' lambs, aren't you? If we want to be saved, we must come to Jesus who is the door to the church of God. We can't get into the church any other way.

There are some bad shepherds in the world. They do not care for their sheep. When the bad shepherd sees the wolf coming, he runs as fast as he can to take care of himself. He leaves the sheep. He does not love the sheep. The wolf kills the sheep. Jesus will not let the wolf, who is the devil, take His sheep.

Memory Verse: I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. John 10:11.

ONE WAY TO BE HAPPY

Janie pushed the kitchen door open and came in slowly. She had three beautiful dolls in her arms, but she didn't look at all happy.

"Where is Alice?" asked mother in a surprised voice. "I thought you and she were having a lovely time playing house under the apple tree."

"We were for a while, but she kept wanting to play with one of my new dolls. I wanted to play with them myself, so I told her she could go home and play with her own dolls," explained Janie, as she walked over and dumped the three dolls into the doll bed. Then she sat down on a stool on the other side of the room, chin in hands.

"Well, aren't you going to play with your dolls, now that you have them to yourself?" asked mother.

Janie looked up. "I don't want to now," she answered. She seemed puzzled.

"When you go over to Alice's house, does she let you play with her dolls?" asked mother.

"Of course she does," Janie replied.

Mother went quietly back to her work. Janie looked at the three dolls lying all in a tumble. She didn't feel good inside.

"I know why I am unhappy!" she suddenly thought. "It's because I've been selfish, just like the little boy in the story. Our Sunday School teacher told us about him yesterday." Janie gathered the dolls into her arms and went quickly out the door. She crossed the back yard to Alice's house and walked up to where Alice was sitting on the back steps.

"I'm sorry I was selfish about my dolls," said Janie, as she held out all

three of them. "You may play with them all you like."

"Oh, thank you!" answered Alice, as she took the smallest doll. "I'll tell you what! You pick out some of my dolls to play with, and I will play with yours. That will be like each of us having new dolls!"

And that is exactly what the girls did. It was much more fun than playing alone. —Sel.

HE CALLS HIS SHEEP BY NAME



AND THEY FOLLOW HIM.

John 10:3.

Don't forget to pray.

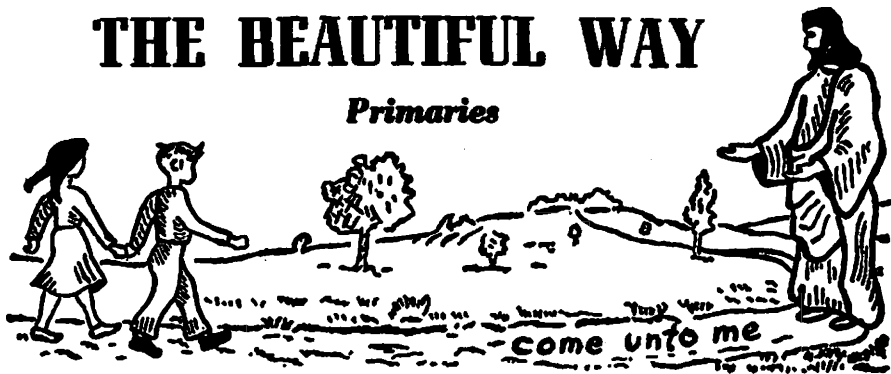
QUESTIONS:

1. Who is the good shepherd?
2. How does he take care of his sheep?
3. Who is the door into the church of God?
4. What do the bad shepherds do?
5. Did Jesus, the good shepherd give his life for his sheep?

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JESUS ESCAPES FROM THE JEWS

John 10:22, 23, 39-42

It was winter time in Jerusalem. Many came to Jerusalem for a feast. This feast was called "Lights" because it was taken from a custom of lighting up the city. Jesus went to Jerusalem. He walked in the temple on what was called Solomon's porch. Many of the Jews came around Him. They said, "If you are the Christ tell us plainly." Jesus said, "I told you plainly that I am the Christ. If you were my sheep you would know me and follow me." Those who are saved from sin are Jesus' sheep. They will not tell lies, steal and disobey their parents, but will obey Jesus' words. If you sin, you are not one of Jesus' sheep, and how wonderful it is to be one of His. Jesus said, "If you are my sheep and follow me, no man can pluck you out of my hands. You will never perish." But if you sin, you lose eternal life. You are not following Jesus. Then Jesus told the Jews, "I and my Father are one." The Jews became angry. They picked up stones to throw at Jesus but Jesus escaped from them.

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

JACK'S WISH

There was no church in the valley where Jack lived. On Sunday mornings, no church bell rang. No one ever went to church.

When Jack visited Grandmother in the city, he went to church with Grandmother. Grandmother lived only a few blocks from a big stone church. When the church bell rang, Jack and Grandmother went to church.

Ever since that visit at Grandmother's church, Jack had wished that he could go to church every Sunday morning. He told Mother about it. She said, "Maybe some day we will have a church in the valley."

Jack asked, "How can we get a church in the valley, Mother?"

Mother replied, "We can pray and tell God how much we want a church in the valley. I believe He will hear our prayers and give us a church."

Jack didn't say any more to Mother about the church in the valley. But he thought about it often. Every day he prayed and asked God to give them a church in the valley.

One day Mother and Jack sat on the porch. They were shelling peas. Mrs. Jones, who lived on the next farm, came over for a visit.

Soon Mrs. Jones said, "Have you heard the news about the new church we are going to have in the valley?"

Jack listened closely. Mother said, "Tell us about it!"

Mrs. Jones said, "The church is going to be in the schoolhouse. You know the schoolhouse is not being used since the big bus carries the children to another school. A minister is coming. He is going to start a church for us. Our first

church service in the schoolhouse will be next Sunday morning!"

Next Sunday morning, Jack was up early! He helped Father with the morning chores. Mother hurried and got breakfast ready and dressed baby sister. Soon every one was ready to go to church.

As they neared the schoolhouse Jack heard the schoolbell ringing. It seemed to say, "Come to church! Come to church!"

Soon Jack was sitting in the little church beside his mother and daddy and baby sister. Other people were there, too. Every one seemed to be happy.

As Jack heard the music and the prayers and the sermon, he knew that God was there! How happy he was!

—Sel.

Praying always. . . in the Spirit. . . and watching.

With thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Phil. 3:14.

Be blameless and harmless, the sons of God.

Pray that you will learn the things from the Bible that God wants you to know.

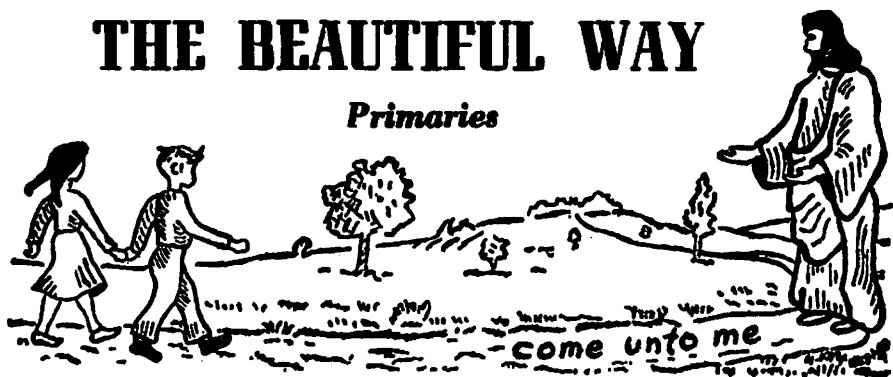
One day people heard God speak from heaven as they looked at Jesus. God said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 2 Peter 1:16,17.

QUESTIONS:

1. What time of the year was Jesus in Jerusalem?
2. What did the Jews ask Jesus?
3. If we follow Jesus will we sin?
4. If we do not sin and obey Jesus then who can pluck us out of God's hands?
5. Did the Jews stone Jesus?

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LAZARUS IS RAISED FROM THE DEAD

John 11:28-45

"The Master calleth for you," Martha told Mary. As soon as she heard this, Mary arose and went to meet Jesus. She fell down at His feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here my brother, Lazarus, had not died." When Jesus saw her weeping, He was troubled. "Jesus wept." Those around them said, "Behold how he loved him!" Jesus asked where they had laid him. They took Him to the grave. It was a cave, with a stone rolled in front of it. He said, "Roll away the stone." Martha said, "He has been dead four days and by now he stinketh." Jesus said to her, "If you will believe, you will see the glory of God." They took away the stone. Jesus prayed with His eyes lifted up to God. "Father, I thank thee that you always hear me. I say this because of the people standing around here. I want them to believe that you sent me." Then Jesus said with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" Lazarus arose from the grave tied in grave clothes. Jesus said, "Loose him and let him go." Many believed on Jesus that day.

Memory Verse: Jesus wept. John 11:35.

A BRAVE CHINESE GIRL

May Li was a Christian girl who lived in China. When May Li was very young she was married to a cruel man. He was not a Christian. He took May Li to live with his mother and help her with the work. May Li had to work hard. She tried to please her husband's mother.

When the mother found out that May Li was a Christian, she was displeased. She beat May Li because she refused to worship the idols.

One Sunday morning, May Li got up early. She went to church to worship God. When she returned home, she was beaten by the mother.

May Li kept going to church. The mother kept beating her. One morning when May Li got up to go to church, she could not find her shoes. She hunted and hunted for them but could not find them. The mother had hidden them. She wanted to keep May Li from going to church.

May Li decided that she would go to church barefooted. She knew that the boys in the street would laugh at her. But she did not care.

May Li walked along the road toward the church. The sharp gravel and rocks hurt her feet. Soon they were bleeding. The boys laughed at her when they saw her barefooted. Did May Li turn back? No. She bravely walked on to the church.

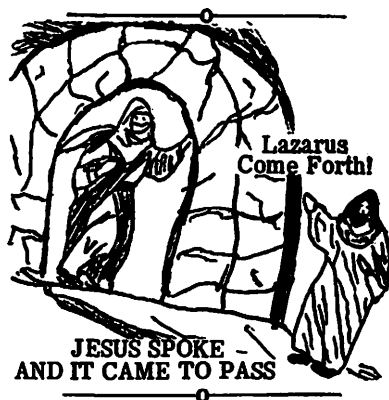
When May Li reached the church, kind Christians cared for her poor, bleeding feet. After the church service, May Li walked home. Her feet began to bleed again. The boys laughed at her again. She expected another beating from the mother.

When the mother saw May Li come in and saw the bleeding feet, her heart was touched. She thought, "If May Li loves Jesus enough to suffer for Him, perhaps He is what May Li says. Perhaps He is the Saviour."

The mother said to May Li, "May Li tell me about Jesus!"

How glad May Li was to tell the mother about Jesus, the Saviour. The mother became a Christian. Soon the husband, too, became a Christian husband. Then there was another happy Christian family in the little Chinese village.

We will be willing to suffer for Jesus if we really love Him. The Bible says, "He that loseth his life for My sake shall find it." (Matthew 10:39). —Sel.

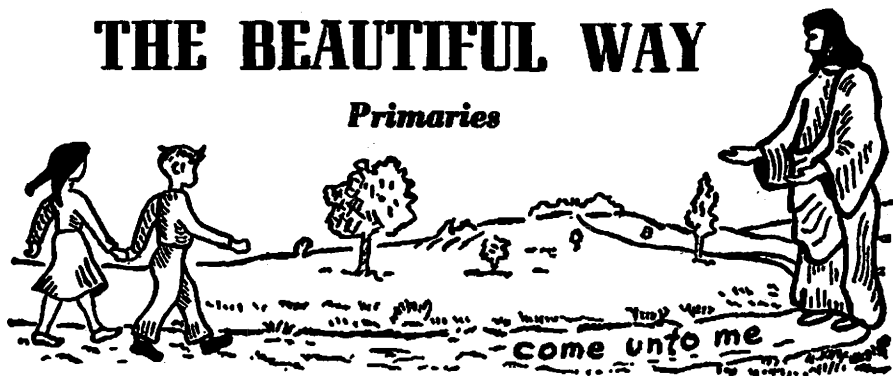


QUESTIONS:

1. Who is our lesson about?
2. Did Jesus weep with those who wept?
3. What did Jesus say when they opened the grave?
4. How did Lazarus look when he came out of the grave?
5. What did Jesus tell them to do to Lazarus when he came to life?

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MARY SHOWS HER LOVE FOR JESUS

John 12:1-11

Some Jews did not love Jesus, but many of the Jews did love Jesus. One day Jesus went to the town of Bethany. There He sat down to eat supper. Martha served supper to Him. Her brother, Lazarus, was there also. Lazarus sat at the table with Jesus and others. When Mary, who was Lazarus' sister, saw Jesus, she was happy. Mary loved Jesus. She thought about her brother, Lazarus, whom Jesus raised from the dead. Her heart was filled with love for Jesus. She wanted to do something for Jesus. She had a beautiful box of oil which smelled good. It cost about \$51.00. She wanted to honor Jesus. She broke this box of oil and poured it upon Jesus' head. She also poured it on His feet. She then wiped His feet with her long hair while others watched. The sweet smell went through the room. Some were happy with Mary. Judas, who carried the money bag for Jesus and the disciples, was unhappy. He said that the oil should have been sold and the money given to the poor.

Memory Verse: As ye have done it unto one of the least . . . ye have done it unto me. Matthew 25:40b.

FRANK'S SECRET

Frank had brown hair and brown eyes, and a bright smile. He was a good boy, except when he teased his little sister. Sometimes he took away her playthings just to hear her cry. Sometimes he bumped into her with his tricycle, not hard enough to hurt her, just enough to tease her.

Frank thought it was fun to tease his little sister. His sister didn't think it was fun. Neither did his mother. Mother often said, "I don't know what I will do if Frank doesn't stop teasing his sister."

One day sister was taking her nap. Frank was playing in the back yard. Through the fence he saw Mrs. Brown working with her flowers. Mrs. Brown had beautiful flowers in her yard. She was a nice lady. She liked little boys and girls. She and Frank were good friends.

"Hello, Mrs. Brown," said Frank.

Mrs. Brown looked up and smiled at Frank. She said, "Come over for a little visit, Frank."

Frank hurried around to the gate and went into Mrs. Brown's yard.

Mrs. Brown said, "I am rather tired. Let's sit down here while I rest. Then we can talk."

"What shall we talk about?" asked Frank.

Mrs. Brown smiled at Frank and said, "I have been thinking about a boy I know. He is such a nice boy. He has brown hair and brown eyes, and a sunny smile!"

"Am I the boy?" asked Frank.

Mrs. Brown nodded and said, "Yes." Then she went on talking. She said, "Frank is a good boy but he has one bad habit. He is not very kind to his little sister. He teases his sister and makes her very unhappy. That makes his mother

unhappy too. It will make Frank unhappy, too, unless he changes his ways."

Frank didn't know what to say, so he just said, "Oh!"

Mrs. Brown said, "I have been thinking about something else, too. I have been thinking about the Bible. The Bible says, 'Be ye kind one to another.'"

"I learned that Bible verse in Sunday School," said Frank.

"You know, Frank," said Mrs. Brown "you cannot be happy unless you please God. You cannot please God unless you obey Him. Suppose we have a little secret. Suppose you try being kind for a whole week. Whenever you feel like teasing your little sister or being unkind to her, ask God to help you be kind. Remember God says, 'Be ye kind one to another.' Then come next week and tell me what has happened."

Frank agreed to the secret. For a whole week, he tried being kind. Every time he felt like teasing his little sister, he prayed. He asked God to please help him to be kind.

Almost a week later as Mrs. Brown and Mother watched Frank come down the driveway on his tricycle. He slowed down until little sister was out of the way. Mrs. Brown said, "What a fine boy Frank is!"

"Yes, he is. For almost a week he has not teased his sister and has helped me." Mother happily said.

Mrs. Brown smiled at Frank. He smiled because their "s e c r e t" had worked.

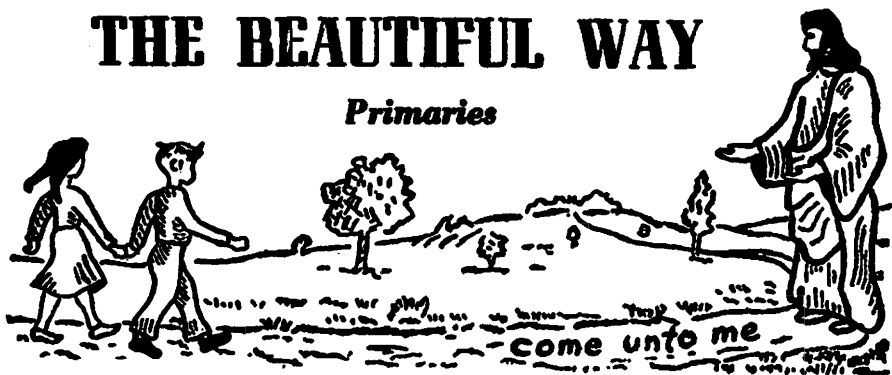
—Sel.

QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Jesus go in Bethany?
2. Who was at the supper with Jesus?
3. What did Mary do to Jesus?
4. What did Judas say about it?
5. What did Jesus say to Judas?

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JESUS RIDES INTO JERUSALEM

John 12:12-19; Matt. 21:1-11

Jesus told His disciples to go to a certain place and they would find a colt that never had been ridden upon before. Jesus told them to untie it and bring it to Him. The two disciples found the colt. They told the people that the Master needed it. They set their Master on the colt. He rode toward the city. By this time, the people lined the highway as Jesus rode along. Some threw their coats in front of Him. Others cut branches from olive and palm trees and put them before Him. The crowds shouted, "God bless the Son of David! Blessed be He who comes in the Lord's name. Hosanna! Hosanna!"

The leaders were troubled. They did not like for the people to do this. They said, "The whole world is gone after him." Tears came to Jesus' eyes as He came near the city. He said, "A time is coming when your enemies will shut you in from all sides. They will punish you because you did not know when God had visited you."

Memory Verse: He that loveth his life shall lose it. John 12:25a.

BOBBY LEARNS A LESSON

Dinner was over and Mother and the other sisters were beginning to do the dishes before starting back to work in the Print Shop. Little Bobby wanted so much to help and was acting very naughty indeed because there was nothing that he was big enough to do.

"But Mother, I can rinse the dishes," he whined.

Mother tried to explain over his noise that the rinse water was much too hot and showed him her hands which were all red from the hot water. But Bobby had made up his mind to be naughty, so finally Aunt Marie said, "Well, maybe it would be better to just let Bobby find out for himself that the water is too hot for his hands."

So Mother said, "O.K. Bobby. Go ahead and see if the water is too hot or not. Take this glass out and put it in the dish drainer." Bobby was pleased to have his own way and with happy smiles on his face he hopped up on a chair and reached in the hot water for the glass. He looked very surprised and then started to cry as the hot water began to hurt his little hands. Leaving the hot glass in the water, Mother dried his hands on a towel and reminded him what she had told him, that the water was too hot for him. "Mother just wanted to let you know that the water really, truly was too hot for you to have your hands in. Can you believe now that Mother knows best in things like this?"

"Yes," Bobby cried.

So children, remember that God has let your parents learn these things to help keep you from danger. Next time your Mother or Father tells you not to do

something, just stop and think, "I'm so glad God let me have a Mother and Father to protect me. I will listen to what they say to keep from getting hurt." —C. L.

A VILLAGE LAD

Kuppan is a village lad of eight, his father is a man in easy circumstances, with ambitions for his young son who studies in our village school.

A day of special sacrifice came around as days will come. The father called the young lad to him and said, "Son, delight of my eyes, you must offer the coconut to the gods today."

Kuppan replied: "No, my father, I will not offer to the gods."

"Delight of my eyes, I do not want you to be a Christian, you must not be a Christian."

"Father, I have decided to be a Christian."

"Son, if you will not be a Christian, I will put you through college and give you fine clothes and money."

"No, Father, I belong to Jesus Christ, and will serve Him only."

So time after time this little chap stood the test and served his God. —Sel.

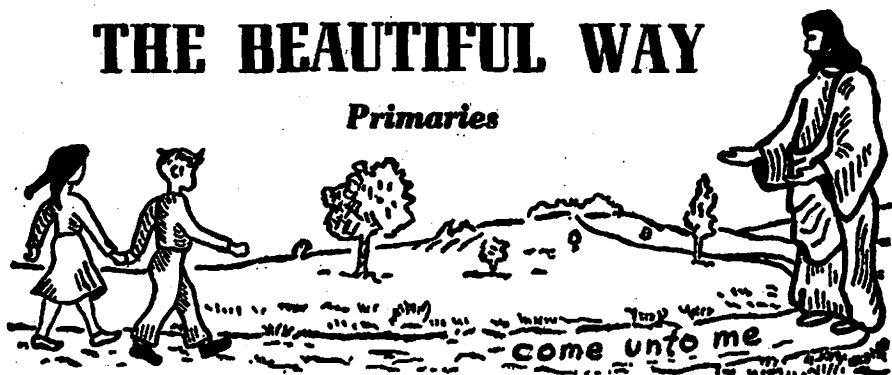
Christians are people who believe in Jesus. He is their Lord and Saviour. They trust Him. They want Him to live in their hearts. They believe in Jesus.

QUESTIONS:

1. What did Jesus' disciples bring to him?
2. Where did Jesus ride the colt?
3. What did the people say?
4. What did they do when he rode to the city?
5. Why did Jesus feel sad?

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JESUS WASHES HIS DISCIPLES' FEET

John 13:1-17

Jesus and His disciples were in the upper room. Jesus arose and laid aside His outer garments. He took a towel and wrapped it around Himself. He poured water into a pan and began to wash the disciples' feet. They were surprised. He wiped them with the towel. When Jesus came to Peter and started to wash his feet, Peter said, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus said, "You may not understand now, but you will later." Peter said, "You will never wash my feet." Peter felt it was too humble a thing for Jesus to do for him. Jesus answered Peter, "If I wash you not, you will not have any part with me." Oh, that would be too hard to bear! Peter loved Jesus so much. Peter said, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head." Jesus told Peter that was not needful. They were all clean in their hearts but Judas. Jesus told the disciples to wash one another's feet and they would be happy in obeying. We want to love one another.

Memory Verse: Ye ought to wash one another's feet. John 13:14.

TIMBA

Mother went to the door and looked out. She saw her two big sons coming up the road. They had gone with their neighbors to hunt for the wolves which had been stealing and killing the sheep. Mother waited for the sons to come to the door. She saw a big smile on their faces! One was holding a bundle in his arms.

Mother asked, "What do you have in that bundle?" Then she noticed that the bundle was wriggling!

Tom gave Mother the bundle, saying, "Careful, Mother. Just open it a little!"

Mother opened the bundle at the top and out came a puppy's nose and then the whole head! It was the head of a wolf puppy.

Mother said, "Boys, haven't we had enough trouble with the wolves without your bringing a live one home? I suppose you want to raise this little thing, but I warn you, he will always be a wolf."

Tom said, "Mother, we know we are foolish, but we just didn't have the heart to kill this little puppy. We shot the puppy's mother. She has been killing our sheep. The little puppy was so pitiful. It looked at us as if it expected us to take care of it. Mother, you kill it, if you think it ought to be done."

The little wolf puppy snuggled into the warmth of mother's arms. She answered, "Well, boys, warm a bit of milk for it. It looks half starved."

For weeks mother cared for the wolf puppy. Soon the puppy was part of the farm. Mother called the puppy, "Timba."

Everyone in the family loved Timba. No one thought of him as a wolf. At night, Timba slept near the door. He had watchful ears and eyes to guard the farm. Even

the baby loved Timba. He learned to walk by holding tightly to Timba's tail.

When Timba was about a year old, one night there was a full moon. The night air was cold. Some feeling within Timba stirred him. He went out alone to the hill behind the barn. There he gave a long, mournful howl at the moon. It was the call of a wolf! Other wolves heard the howl.

The next morning, Timba was gone! The family waited for his return, but he did not come. In the barnyard, the family found many wolf tracks. Timba's wolf nature had stirred within him. He had gone to be with his own kind.

Timba had acted like a dog. He had lived like a dog. He had even grown to look much like a dog. But Timba was not a dog. He was a wolf.

Every boy and girl is born a sinner. They may have Christian parents and live in a Christian home. They may go to church and worship God like Christians. But boys and girls are born sinners. They will always be sinners unless they are "born again!"

When we trust in Jesus, the Saviour, we are born again. He gives us a new heart and a new nature! We are no longer sinners. We are children of God. —Sel.

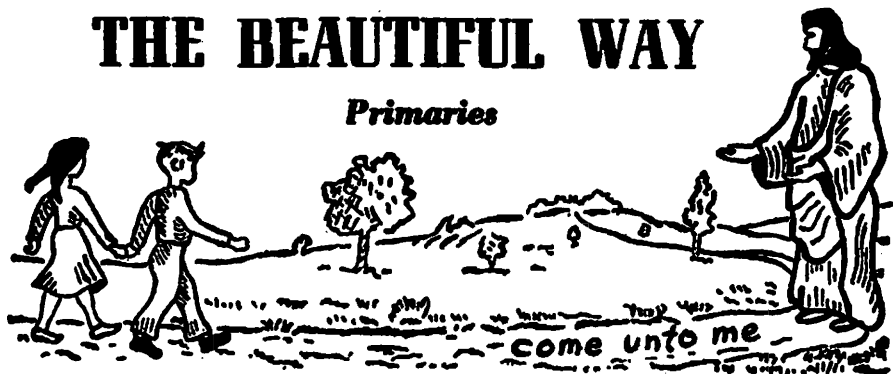
Children obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Eph. 6:1.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Jesus pour water in a pan?
2. Did Peter want Jesus to wash his feet?
3. When Peter found out that he could not have a part with Jesus if he did not wash his feet what did he tell him?
4. What did Judas do that was wrong?
5. Will we be happy if we obey Jesus?

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JUDAS DOES WRONG

John 13:21-29, 12:6; Matt. 26:14-16, 27:3-10

Jesus was sad. He and His disciples sat around the table. The big pan of meat and broth was on the table. Jesus said, "One of you will turn me over to my enemies." The disciples were surprised. John said, "Who is it?" Jesus said, "It is the one to whom I will give the sop (or the piece of bread) that I will dip into the broth." Jesus then dipped the sop and gave it to Judas. Poor Judas had now been found out. Judas left the room and went out into the night.

Judas knew that the rulers wanted to take Jesus. They offered to give Judas thirty pieces of silver to lead them to Him. Judas told them he would do that. How sad! Judas had been doing wrong before this. He carried the bag of money from which the disciples bought their food and other things. Judas stole from the bag. He then added sin to sin. We read that after they took Jesus, Judas wanted the rulers to take back the money but they would not. Judas went out and hanged himself. Sin can cause the death of the body as well as the soul.

Memory Verse The wages of sin is death. Romans 6:23.

RING IT AGAIN!

How excited James was! He was going with his father to visit in the country, where his father used to live when he was a boy. As James looked out of the car window, he thought, "Father must have had a good time when he was a boy. It is such fun to live in the country! You can see the sheep and the cows in the meadows. You can smell the sweet clover. You can wade in the cool water of the creek!" James lived in the city. He had never had a chance to enjoy the pleasures of a country boy.

After awhile, Father said, "Look, James, there is the house I lived in when I was a boy. Do you see the wide porch? We played there on rainy days. You see the barn? We hunted for eggs there, in the hay. You see the well? There we drew up buckets of cool water!" Father stopped the car. He and James got out. They walked around and looked at the farm.

After awhile Father and James got back in the car. Father said, "James, I want to take you to the little country church I attended as a boy. It was I who used to ring the bell to call the people to worship!" When they reached the church, Father and James again got out of the car. It was Sunday morning, but the church looked deserted. The door was locked. The windows were covered with dirt. The yard needed to be cleaned.

Looking through a window, James saw the long bell rope. He saw the pulpit and the benches. He said, "Oh, Father, can't we go into the church?" Father said, "I think we can. We will go up the road to the nearest farmhouse. I think they have a key for the church." Father went and borrowed the church key. He came back and opened the door. Eagerly James ran inside. He saw the big Bible

on the pulpit. Then he looked up and again saw the bell rope. He said, "Father, ring the bell! Ring it again like you used to when you were a boy!" So Father rang the old church bell.

The church bell had been silent for a long, long time. The people in the valley no longer came to the little church to worship God. That morning, they were startled when they heard the church bell ringing. All the people far and near heard it. They came to the church to see what was the matter. Father told them how much he had loved the church. He told them how he came to the church when he was a little boy, and how he rang the bell. He said, "I am so sorry to see the church closed. I am so sorry to see it neglected. The yard should be cleaned. The windows should be cleaned. The floor should be swept. The benches and the pulpit should be dusted!"

When the people heard father's words they, too, were sorry about the little church. They said, "We will clean the little church. We will put it in order. We will open it again for worship." Father and James helped the people clean the little church. How happy James was that he could help open God's house again! —Sel.

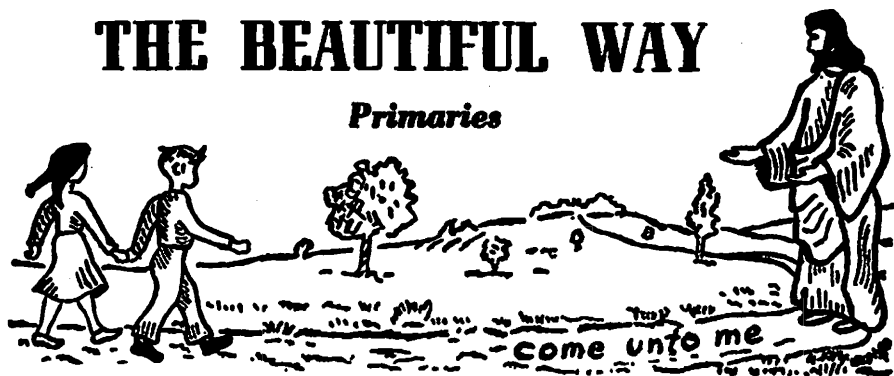
People must know that Jesus died on the cross for their sins.

QUESTIONS:

1. Where was Jesus with his disciples and what were they doing?
2. Why was Jesus sad?
3. To whom did Jesus give the sop or piece of bread?
4. What had Judas been doing?
5. What happened to Judas in the end of his life?

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HEAVEN'S HIGHWAY OF HOLINESS

John 14:1-6; Isa. 35:8-10; John 14:13, 14

Jesus had told His disciples that He was going away. They were troubled. Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled. Don't be sad. In my Father's house (or heaven) are a lot of mansions. If I go, I will make a way so you can go and live in one of those mansions. There will be one for each of you. If I go and prepare the way, then I will come again and take you to be with me. I am the way, the truth and the life; no man, boy or girl can come to God, the Father, but by me." Jesus wanted them to know He must die on the cross. By His dying on the cross, they could have their sins forgiven. They could then walk on the highway of holiness. Everyone on this highway of holiness is clean. No boy or girl who acts like a lion, which growls or acts mean, can be on this highway of holiness. Those who travel to heaven on the highway of holiness will be singing. They will have everlasting joy. They will not be sad, but will love Jesus and obey Him. When they pray to Jesus, He will answer their prayers.

Memory Verse: Let not your heart be troubled. John 14:1.

LET BROTHERLY LOVE CONTINUE

Duane and Rene were cousins and only three years old. A lot of people thought they looked like brother and sister. They loved each other very much and when one would get into trouble, the other would be very much grieved and try to comfort that one. One day, however, Duane took his new car over to Rene's house to share it with her. He very carefully showed her how to steer it and how the gear shift and accelerator worked. Soon she was driving it almost as well as he could. Duane offered to let Rene ride on the back and let him drive the car so for awhile they took turns driving the car while the other rode on the back. Soon the new wore off of the fun and Duane began to complain that he wanted to ride the car "all by himself" and Rene wouldn't let him. Also, Rene began to be very disgusted and wanted to ride it all by herself. Mother called Rene to her side and began to explain to her that she should be glad that Duane loved her enough to bring his new car over for her to ride some and not fight over it. Duane's mother also called him over and explained that Jesus wasn't at all happy when little children fought and quarreled over their play. Soon the little heads were hanging and with their mothers encouraging them, they each told the other that they were sorry for the naughty and selfish way they had been acting and all their wrongdoings were forgiven in one little childish kiss. Once again they were happy and could really enjoy playing with the new car. Children, let us remember to have "brotherly love" toward one another. When we fight, no one can be happy, and Jesus himself is very much grieved. We do want to love and please Jesus, don't we?

—C. L.

DUANE WORKS FOR JESUS

Duane was only three years old but when he and Mommy went to work for Jesus at the Print Shop, he was eager to help. He kept asking for something to do, so Mommy finally showed him how to fold the little "Beautiful Way" papers. Duane eagerly worked at his job, only pausing to comment, "We are doing this for Jesus!" After awhile he began to frown and Mommy could tell that he was puzzled over something. Sure enough, before too long he asked, "Mommy, when we get these all done, will we take them up to heaven and give them to Jesus?"

"Oh no," Mommy replied. "We will give them to a whole bunch of people so they can learn all about Jesus and someday go to heaven." This is what it means to work for Jesus — to tell everybody we can that Jesus loves us! —C. L.

God doesn't want us to get mixed up. He wants us to know how people began and why. God wants us to know what He wants us to do. We need to read the Bible.

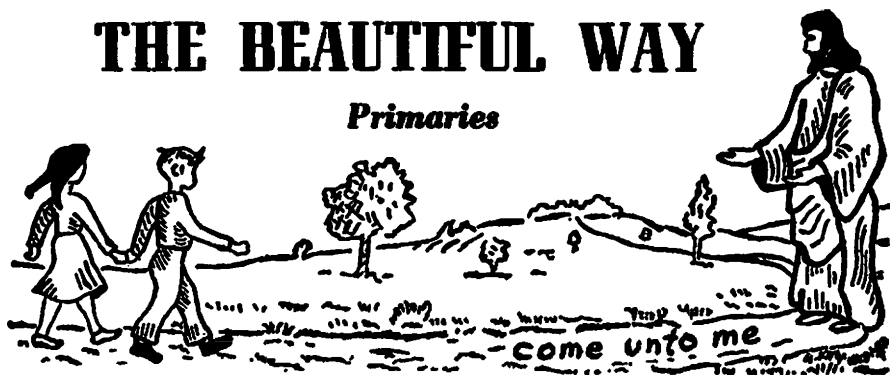
The devil has always tried to destroy God's commandments. Jesus conquered the devil for who will let Jesus help them in their fight against the devil.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why were the disciples troubled?
2. What did Jesus say that God had in heaven for them?
3. Will Jesus come and take us to heaven someday?
4. When Jesus died on the cross he made a way to get upon the highway of what?
5. Who is walking on the highway of holiness?

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THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE

Matt. 13:45, 46; John 14:26; 16:13

Jesus told a story to the disciples. He said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who was a merchant. This man looked for beautiful pearls to buy. One day he found a pearl. It was the prettiest pearl that he had ever seen. He wanted that pearl. He counted his money. He did not have enough money to buy it. He wanted it so much that he sold his house, his farm, his furniture and everything he had. Then he could buy the pearl of great price. He was so happy to have that beautiful pearl.

Do you know who is the very best and greatest pearl today? It's the Holy Spirit dwelling within you. The Holy Spirit can make you happy. The Holy Spirit will love you, teach you and guide you to heaven. The Holy Spirit will give you power to fight the devil. Do you know how you can have the Holy Spirit? You must confess your sins to Jesus. You must give your body to the Holy Spirit. You must give all you have and you can then have the pearl of great price.

Memory Verse: But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost (or Spirit) is come upon you. Acts 1:8a.

SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN

Bobby practiced all week on his Sunday School verse. Mother would help him say it every morning after prayer and every night at bedtime until he could say it right through without making a mistake at all. This verse made him very happy because he knew that he was a little child and Jesus said he could come to Him. One day while Bobby was visiting Grandmother, she became very sick. She was in a lot of pain and Bobby's eyes filled with tears as he saw just how very sick she was. Bobby had learned that all we have to do when we get sick is to pray and Jesus will make us well, so he asked Grandmother if he could pray for her. Grandmother was only too happy to have him pray because she, too, knew that Jesus had said to let the little children come to him and she knew that Jesus could heal her. So Bobby knelt down and prayed. It wasn't a fancy prayer at all, but we don't have to pray a fancy prayer, do we? Bobby just talked to Jesus in his prayer and told him how sick Grandmother was and would Jesus 'please heal her to be well?' Children, what do you think happened? Do you think Jesus said, "No, I'm too busy to listen to that little child's prayer?" No! Jesus reached down in much love and answered Bobby's prayer. Grandmother got up and said, "The pain is all gone! Jesus has healed me!"

We must never think that we are too little for Jesus to take notice of us. Even when grownups sometimes forget and tell us to run and play, that we are too little, just remember - Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me for of such is the kingdom of God." You can always pray to Him any time you need or want to and He will always hear and answer.

—C. L.

How Old Ought I Be?

"Dear mother," said a little maid,
"Please whisper it to me—
Before I am a Christian,
How old ought I to be?"

"How old ought you to be, my child,
Before you can love me?"
"I always loved you, mummie mine,
Since I was tiny wee.

I love you now and always will,"
The little daughter said,
And on her mother's shoulder hid
Her golden curly head.

"How old, my girlie, must you be
Before you trust my care?"
"Oh, mother dear, I do, I do—
I trust you everywhere."

"How old ought you to be, my child,
To do the things I say?"
The little girl looked up and said,
"I can do that today."

"Then you can be a Christian, too,
Don't wait till you are grown,
Tell Jesus now you come to Him
To be His very own."

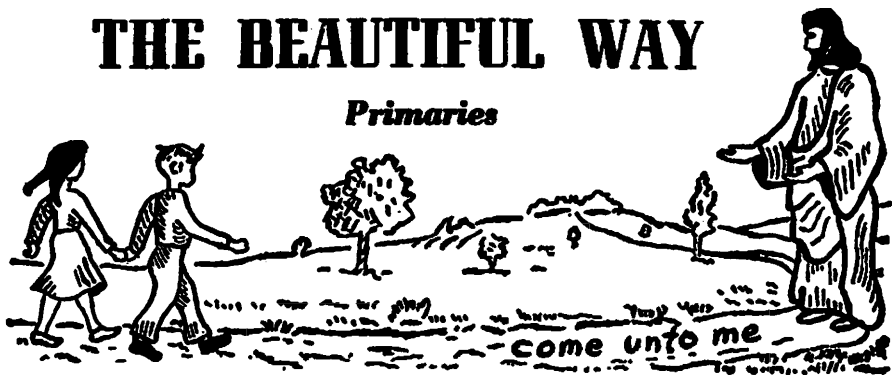
And so the little maid knelt down
And said, "Lord, if I may,
I'd like to be a Christian now—"
He answered, "Yes, today."

QUESTIONS:

1. What did the merchant man want to buy?
2. What did he have to do to buy the pearl of great price?
3. What is the greatest thing we can have in this life?
4. How can we have Jesus and the Holy Spirit live in our hearts?
5. What will the Holy Spirit do for us?

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THE VINE AND BRANCHES

John 15:1-5; Gal. 5:22, 23; John 15:6-8.

Did you ever see a grape vine? If you would look closely, you would see that the branch is a part of the vine. The sap that causes the branch to grow comes up through the vine and out into the branch. That sap causes the branch to bear fruit. Jesus said, "I am the vine." Then Jesus said that you and I are the branches. If we are a part of the vine (Christ), then we can bear fruit. What kind of fruit are we to bear? The Bible says we will bear the fruit of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and other kinds of good fruit. Won't that be a beautiful life? How sad it is that sometimes boys and girls will not bear good fruit. God looks upon His vineyard and He sees that bad fruit. It's like a branch in the vineyard that turns yellow and loses its green color. The man who takes care of the vineyard comes along and cuts that withered branch off and it is burned. Are you a withered branch? Wouldn't you like to be a branch bearing that beautiful fruit of love?

Memory Verse: By their fruits ye shall know them. Matt. 7:20.

THE MISSIONARY OFFERING

Betty Shay was a sweet and kind girl. She was eight years old. She helped her teacher start a missionary offering in Sunday school. Every Sunday each one brought a penny or more for a missionary offering.

The money was sent to a missionary out west. The missionary used the money to buy Bibles and clothes for the Apache Indian children.

When Betty was younger, she was not sweet and kind. She was selfish. She wanted to keep all her money for herself.

One time Mother said, "Betty, why don't you give God a part of your money?"

Betty did not want to give God part of her money. She said, "It's my money. I'm going to spend it the way I wish."

One day Mother gave Betty ten pennies to put in the Sunday school offering. Betty walked past a candy store. She went into the candy store. She bought an ice cream cone with five pennies. Betty planned to put the other five pennies in the offering. Then she saw some gum. She bought the gum with five pennies. Then Betty had no money for the offering.

Someone told Betty's mother about it. Mother talked to Betty. Mother told Betty it was wrong to spend offering money on ice cream and gum.

Betty had a little sister, Janet. One day Janet became sick. It did not look like Janet would get well.

Mother began to cry. She sent for Daddy. He came home from work. Mother told Daddy how sick Janet was. He began to cry. Betty cried too.

Betty went upstairs to her room. She knelt beside her bed. She prayed, "Dear Jesus, Janet is very sick. Please, dear

Jesus, make Janet well again. You will, won't you?"

Betty started to leave her room. Then she stayed to pray some more. She said, "Jesus, please make Janet better. I promise I will do something for You too. I will always give you my offering money."

When Betty went back downstairs, her mother said, "Janet is better!"

Betty was so happy she prayed again. She said, "Thank you, Jesus. You are so good to me, Jesus. I want to do whatever I can for you. I want to help tell other boys and girls about you. I will give part of my money to you." —Sel.

Questions:

1. What did Jesus say that he was?
2. If Jesus is the vine, what did he call us?
3. What kind of fruit are we to bear in our lives?
4. What happens to the branch that does not bear good fruit?
5. What kind of fruit are you bearing in your life?

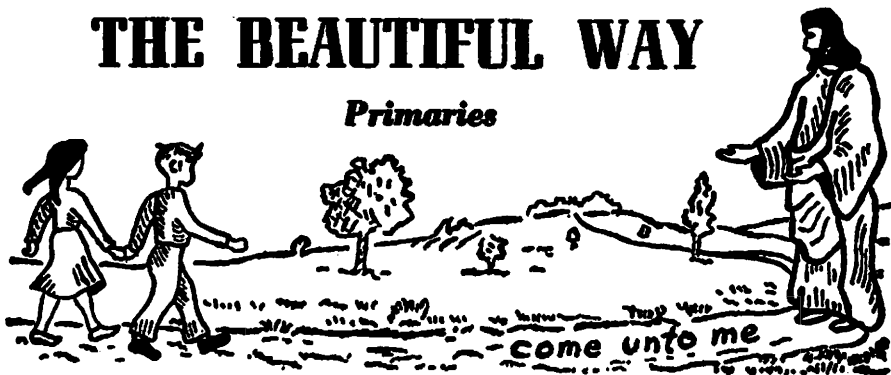
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Learn lots of Bible verses. Those are the words of God.

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JESUS' FRIENDS AND ENEMIES

John 15:13, 14, 19; Mat. 7:17; Rom. 1:29-32.

There is not a friend like Jesus. We do love Him, don't we? Boys and girls who do evil things do not love Jesus. We prove our love for Him by doing what He says.

The Bible tells us some evil things that bad boys and girls do. Jesus called them corrupt trees or trees with bad fruit. Some of that bad fruit is doing something to spite others, such as tearing up someone's playthings. Another bad fruit is talking hatefully, or saying naughty things about other boys and girls. To disobey your parents is another bad fruit on the corrupt tree. Do you know any boy or girl who does that? God doesn't want boys and girls to be bragging about all they can do. He wants them to be kind and love Him. He wants them to always tell the truth. It's better to tell the truth, even if you are punished. Those who obey Jesus prove that they are His friends.

Remember, what we say or do affects others. Other boys and girls will be watching to see if we bear good fruit or bad.

Memory Verse: Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. John 15:14.

STANDING IN GOD'S SMILE

A little boy, about two years of age, was in a room with his mother, when a bright ray of sunshine streamed in through the window on the floor. He went and stood in it, saying, "Me standing in God's smile, Mamma." His mother said, "God grant that my darling boy may so live as to be always standing in His smile."

Many years passed away, the mother fell asleep, and the little boy grew to be a man. He grew in favor with the king, and tried to please him, and forgot to put God first. How to please the king was his great wish now; but God's smile was gone.

One day he was looking over some old things in a drawer, and a paper parcel caught his eye. He opened it, and inside was a tiny pair of blue shoes, with this letter in his mother's handwriting:

"These shoes were worn by my darling boy when he was two years of age. He stood in a ray of sunlight, saying, 'Me standing in God's smile, Mamma.' God grant that he may so live as always to stand in His smile."

When the gentleman saw the little shoes and his dear mother's words, God spoke to him through them to show him how, instead of always standing in God's smile, he had stood in the king's smile and lost God's smile; and, asking God to forgive him, he turned to Him with all his heart, and again stood in God's smile.

"God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." (1 John 1:5,7) —Sel.

PLAYING INDIANS

One day Ralph came into the house crying. Mother asked, "What's the trouble, Ralph?" Ralph said, "Oh, Mamma, I am so sad! Robert and I were playing Indians. I said that I wanted to be the Indian chief. Robert said I could be, and we had a lot of fun playing."

"But now Robert says that I can't take it back. He says that I have to be an Indian chief all of my life, and I don't want to be one. I want to be a preacher. I want to tell everyone about Jesus."

Mother patted Ralph's head and said, "Son, you can be a preacher. You don't have to be an Indian chief. Indeed you couldn't be one if you wanted to. Indian chiefs are born, and not made. Now go on and play Indians and don't worry." With a smile on his face little Ralph went out to his play.

How wonderful it is for boys and girls to know that God has some special work for them to do. If God calls you to be a worker for Him, gladly obey His call. —Sel.

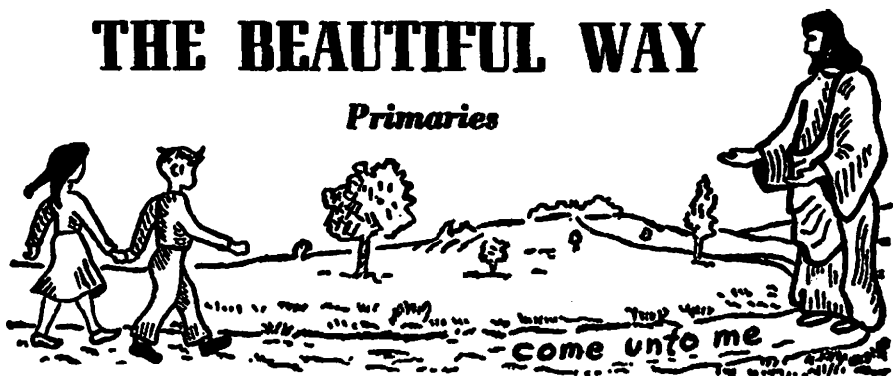
Questions:

1. How do we prove our love for Jesus?
2. When you look at a tree, how can you tell what kind it is?
3. Name some bad fruit or wrong things some boys and girls do?
4. Is it wrong to disobey your parents?
5. Should we tell the truth even if we are punished?

In our Bible we will find
The words that Jesus said,
In our Bible we will learn
Of the life that Jesus led.

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JESUS PRAYS

John 17:1, 5, 12, 20, 21; Matthew 26:37-46

Jesus was soon to go to the cross and die for our sins. He was in the flesh like you and I. He felt pain. He was with His disciples and He looked up into heaven and prayed to His Father, God. He wanted God to bless Him. He said, "Take me to be with you in glory where I was before I came to this world. You gave me some disciples. I have kept them in your name—all but Judas, who was lost. Now I do not pray for the disciples alone but for everyone who believes in me through the disciple's words." How wonderful it is that Jesus prayed for us. Later, He went to the Garden of Gethsemane. There He took Peter, James and John and went a little farther in the Garden. He told them to stay awake and be near Him. He was very, very sad. He knew that soon He would die on the cross. He said, "Father, if it is possible, do not let me have to die that sinners might be saved." Then He added, "But not my will, but yours be done." The disciples went to sleep.

Memory Verse: Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation. Matthew 26:41.

THE VOICE OF A STRANGER

One day Joel called, "Mother, may I get my ball and play with Tommy."

"Be careful not to chase the ball across the street," she said.

"We'll be safe in his big back yard," he told Mother.

Mother watched the boys cross the street. Suddenly a speeding car turned the corner and came toward them.

"Look out, boys," she cried.

Joel sensed the alarm in his mother's voice. He grabbed the arm of his new friend and jumped back to safety. Joel dragged the surprised Tommy out of the path of the car.

Poor Tommy. Mud splattered into his face and all over the front of his clothing! Then, he fell and bumped the back of his head.

"Ouch!" he said, looking surprised. He sat up on the soft green grass. He rubbed the sore spot.

"Thank you for grabbing me."

"You are welcome," said Joel. "But why didn't you jump when you heard my mother call?"

"I don't know. Perhaps it was because I didn't know her voice. I would have jumped if my mother had called."

"Say, you know this reminds me of a Bible story," said Joel.

"The Bible says that sheep only listen to and obey the voice of their shepherd (John 10:5). You know, we are just like sheep because we go from right things and get into sin. The Lord Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins. When we receive Him as our Saviour, we know His voice and we want to follow Him," explained Joel.

"Say, let's read the story. I need a Saviour like Jesus. Do you think He would save me?" asked Tommy.

"Yes, Jesus will save anyone. You just need to ask Him. Read John 6:37," smiled Joel, taking a small red Gospel of John from his pocket. —Sel.

Questions:

1. Did Jesus pray like we do when he was here on earth?
2. Did He ask God to take him to be in glory where he had been before he came to this earth?
3. Did Jesus pray for you and me?
4. What did he do in the Garden of Gethsemane?
5. Was Jesus willing to die on the cross for our sins?

LOLA'S BROKEN DOLL

Lola saw some dolls on a table in a store. She took one into her hands. Someone bumped Lola's arm hard. This knocked the doll from her hand, and it broke near another girl's feet.

A clerk looked around. "So you broke a doll. You will have to pay for it," the clerk told the girl.

"But I did not break the doll," the girl answered.

"I broke the doll," Lola told the clerk. Then she told just how it happened and paid for the broken doll.

Lola went to her mother. Her face beamed with happiness. "What makes you so happy?" her mother asked.

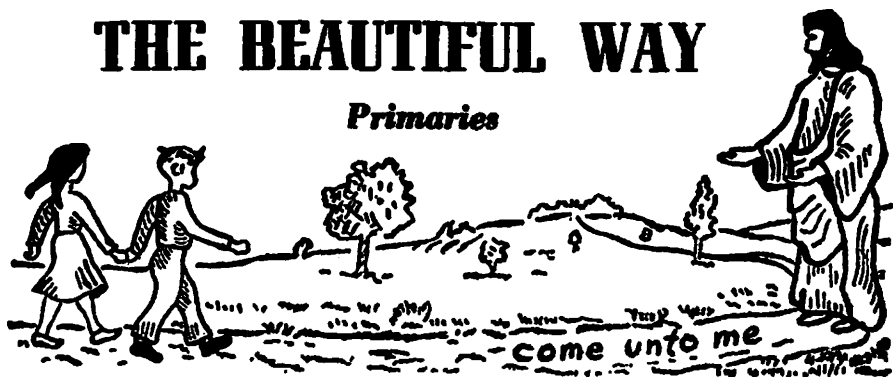
"I did not let someone else suffer for my mistake," Lola explained. Then she told her mother all about the doll.

"Jesus loves honest children," Lola's mother told her. —Sel.

"Forget not all His benefits," or blessings. Psalms 103:2.

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JUDAS LEADS THE SOLDIERS TO JESUS

John 18:3-15

Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane praying. He was willing to go to the cross and die for our sins. Soon Jesus saw men coming with lanterns and lights. They had weapons. Jesus knew they had come to take Him. He was not afraid. He walked up to them and asked, "Whom seek ye?" They said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said, "I am he." Judas walked up and said, "Hail, Master," and kissed Jesus. He had told them he would kiss the one who was Jesus. How sad for him to do this. Judas had walked with Jesus and had seen Him do many wonderful deeds. But Judas was obeying the devil. He did not want to obey Jesus. When Jesus told them He was the one they were looking for, they all fell backwards. Then they laid hold on Him. Peter took his sword and cut off Malchus' ear. Jesus told him to put up his sword. Jesus healed Malchus' ear. They led Jesus away to the palace. Jesus could have had angels come to deliver Him, but He was willing to suffer at the hands of these evil men.

Memory Verse: Put up thy sword . . . the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it? John 18:11.

MARILYN'S DOLLAR

Marilyn held the dollar bill tightly. It looked so new! It was all hers! Marilyn had found it on the sidewalk in front of her house. She had not seen anyone drop it. So that made it all hers, she told herself. But a little voice inside her seemed to say, "You should tell Mother about that dollar. Maybe Mother would know who lost it." Marilyn wondered what Jesus would do, but then she decided to do what she wanted to do.

Marilyn hid the dollar deep down in a drawer. She could not spend it today. She had to help Mother clean the house this afternoon. Tomorrow she would go downtown and buy those doll dishes she had seen in the store window. Marilyn kept remembering that Jesus would probably have looked for the owner of the dollar.

Marilyn forgot all about the dollar bill when her friends began coming, because it was her birthday. It was such fun to play the games. The cake and ice cream tasted so good. Opening her presents was the most fun of all. She received games to play and books to read. Mother gave her a doll with lots of clothes. Daddy gave her a pair of roller skates. But there was nothing from her big sister Betty!

Betty had not seemed happy at the party. After the other girls left, she told Marilyn why.

"I earned a dollar to buy you a birthday present," she said. "I was going to buy those doll dishes you have been looking at in the store window. When I got to the store, I did not have my dollar. I had lost it somewhere on the way."

"I came home and told Mother about it. She said I could borrow a dollar, but she had to wait until Daddy got home for

lunch to get it from him. When I got back to the store, the dishes were gone. That was the last set they had."

"Oh, Betty!" cried Marilyn. "Was it a real new dollar bill you lost?"

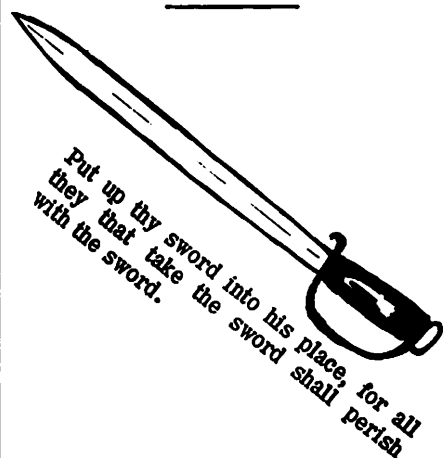
"Yes," said Betty.

"Then that must have been the dollar I found!" Marilyn told her. "I was going to keep it and not say anything about it. I meant to go and buy the dishes tomorrow. Now they are gone. I should have told Mother as Jesus wanted me to do. Then you would have had your dollar soon enough to buy the dishes!" —Sel.

Questions:

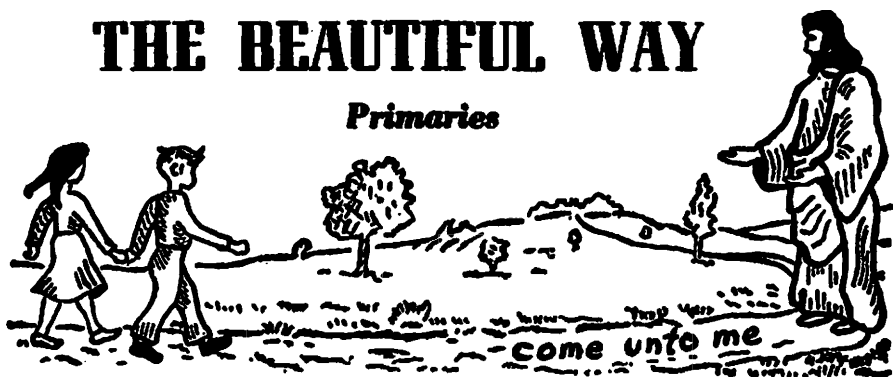
1. Who tried to get Jesus to not go to the cross?
2. Who came to take him?
3. What did Judas do?
4. What did Peter do?
5. Jesus loves us and will help us if we will do what?

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



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PETER HEARS A ROOSTER CROW

John 18:15-18, 18-27; Luke 22:61,62

Jesus was bound and taken before the rulers. Peter followed. John asked the girl, who took care of the gate, to let Peter come inside to the courtyard. The girl said to Peter, "Aren't you one of that man's disciples?" Peter was afraid and said, "I am not." It was cold that night so the servants and officers made a fire in the courtyard and stood around warming themselves. One man said to Peter, "Are not you one of his disciples?" Peter said, "I am not." Now the relative of the man, whose ear Peter had cut off and Jesus had healed, was there. He asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" Peter denied that he was there. What do you think Peter heard then? A rooster crowed. Peter remembered that Jesus had warned him to watch and pray. Jesus had said he would deny Him three times before the rooster crowed. Peter went out and wept bitterly. He asked forgiveness.

Jesus tells us that if we are ashamed of Him in this world, He will be ashamed of us in the judgment. Let us not deny Jesus.

Memory Verse: If we confess our sins, he is faithful . . . to forgive us our sins. 1 John 1:9.

THE SURPRISE BOX

Mary Gott's mother had often warned her not to play with matches. "If you ever catch fire you might burn up, and I wouldn't have any Mary. I would feel very bad if anything ever happened to you."

Mary obeyed her mother. She never played with matches. But one day she was playing with her friend, Sarah. She was having such a good time that she forgot there was a fire in the fireplace. She backed up against the fireplace and her dress caught fire.

Sarah screamed, "Mary! You are on fire!"

Mary turned around and saw that her dress was on fire. She began to scream. "I'm on fire! Help! I'm on fire!"

Mary's mother heard her screams. She ran to Mary and threw a small rug around her and put out the fire. But Mary was badly burned. She cried, "It hurts!"

The girls in Mary's Sunday school class felt so sorry for Mary. They wanted to do something to help her get well. So their teacher, Mrs. Good, suggested, "Why don't we send a surprise box to Mary?"

"What's that?" they asked.

"Each one of us will bring a small gift wrapped in pretty paper. We will put all the gifts in a surprise box. We will tie a ribbon on each package in the box. On the end of each ribbon will be a card telling the day of the week. On each day Mary will pull the ribbon for that day and open the gift."

"That's a good idea," the girls all agreed.

So Sunday each one brought a gift for Mary. Mrs. Good took the surprise box to the house that afternoon.

Mary opened the first gift while Mrs. Good was there. It was a beautiful little New Testament. Mary was so excited she could hardly wait for Monday to come so she could open the gift for that day.

On Saturday Mary felt badly. But she smiled and pulled the ribbon on her box for that day. There was nothing in the box except a piece of paper. She was so disappointed.

"See what it says," her mother said.

"It's from Priscilla," Mary said.

"She doesn't have any money to buy a gift. It's all right."

"Well, read what she says," her mother said.

So Mary read the note. "Dear Mary, I am sorry I don't have any money to buy you a gift. But I do have a promise for you from the Bible! 'Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.' I have prayed for you and I know Jesus will answer my prayers and make you well soon."

Tears came into Mary's eyes. Mother leaned over and kissed Mary and said, "Now I know you will get well soon, Mary. Priscilla gave you the best gift of all." —Sel.

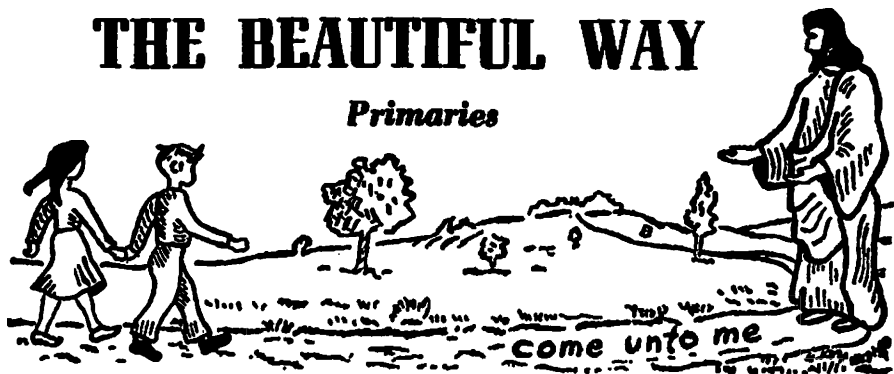
Questions:

1. Where was Jesus taken when he was bound?
2. How did Peter get into the courtyard?
3. What did they ask Peter about him and Jesus?
4. What did Peter tell them?
5. What did Peter do when the rooster crowed?

The Lord never sleeps. He is great and big. David said, "My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." God will help us too.

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JESUS ON TRIAL

John 18:24, 19-23, 33-40

The officers put ropes around Jesus and took Him before the high priest. Poor Jesus was now bound. Why? Because He loved you and me. He was willing to take the whippings we should have for our sins. The high priest asked Him some questions. One of the officers who stood by Him hit Him with the palm of his hand. Jesus bore it all because He loved us. The high priest and others said He must die because some men told lies on Him. They took Him to the Roman ruler who was called Pilate. Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you a king?" Jesus said that "To this end was I born and for this cause came I into the world." Jesus told Pilate that everyone who heard His words would know the truth. Pilate went out to the Jews and told them that he did not find any fault in Jesus. Pilate wanted to release to them Jesus or Barabbas who was a robber on their Passover day. They cried for him to release the robber. How sad! They turned away from Jesus.

Memory Verse: And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8:32.

PIGS ARE PIGS

One day Johnnie Jones heard a man who loved God tell about Pete, a pig. Pete was sold. The money was given to a missionary.

Johnnie went home. He said, "Daddy, may I have a pig? I will call him Pete. When Pete gets big, I will sell him. I will give the money to people who love God."

Daddy said, "Yes, Johnnie. You may have a pig. I will buy one for you."

Johnnie's pig was white and black. His ears and eyes were pink. He had a curly tail. Johnnie called him Pete.

Pete saw Johnnie coming with something to eat. He made his little tail go back and forth. Pete said, "Oink! Oink!"

Johnny brought him a pail of food. Mother gave him.

One day Johnnie said to Pete, "Do you know why I've been feeding you so much food? I heard that a lot of money will be given for the best pig at the park."

It rained hard for three days before the contest. There was mud in the barnyard. Pete was covered with mud. He liked to be in the mud. He looked very dirty.

Johnnie put Pete in the barn. He filled a big tub with water. He took a brush and cleaned Pete.

"Pete I think you might win the money," Johnnie said.

Mother gave Johnnie some pink ribbon to tie around Pete's neck.

Father backed the truck up to the barn. He was going to put Pete in the truck to take him to the park.

"I hope Pete wins," Johnnie said. "If he does I'll have a lot of money to give to God's work."

"I think Pete might win," Father said. He opened the door of the barn to get Pete.

"Where is our pig?" Father asked.

Pete was gone! Father and Johnnie ran outside to find Pete. They found him in the mud. He was covered with mud. Johnnie began to cry.

Father said, "Don't cry, Johnnie. Pigs are pigs. They like to be in mud. I'll help you clean him again."

Father said, "Johnnie, Pete makes me think of bad people. They do not love Jesus. But Jesus can give them a new heart. Then they will do good." -Sel.

Questions:

1. How did they take Jesus before the high priest?
2. Why did Jesus let them bind Him?
3. Did Pilate find Jesus guilty of any sins?
4. Did Jesus tell Pilate that He was a king?
5. Did the Jews want Jesus released, or the robber?

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Barabbas
(devil)

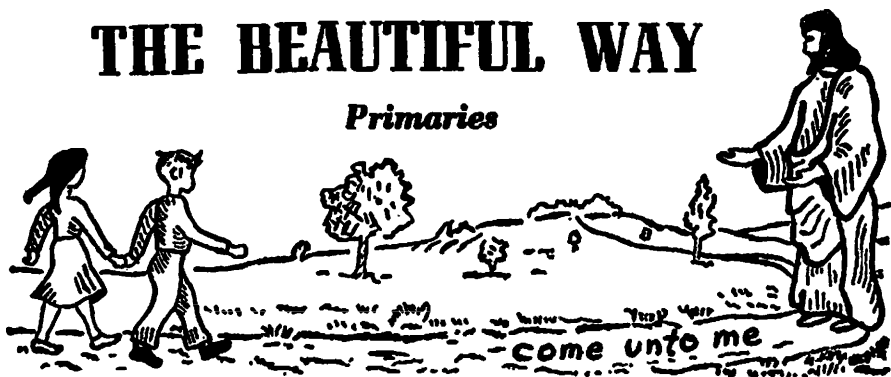


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Nov. 12

THE JEWS TAKE JESUS

John 19:1-18

Did you ever see a boy being whipped? Pilate took Jesus and had Him whipped. It was not just with a switch, but it was with a leather strap with a bone or lead on the ends of it. This was cruel. Pilate thought this would please the Jews. He did not want to have Jesus put on the cross to die. But the Jews still wanted Him to be put to death. Our lovely Jesus was brave. He took the whipping because He loved you and me. When Pilate told Jesus he had power to spare His life Jesus said, "You have no power except it be given you from above, or God." This made Pilate afraid. He tried to release Him. He said to the Jews, "I find no fault in Him." But they cried, "Crucify him." Finally Pilate said to them, "Take him." So they led Him away to Golgotha. There they put nails through His hands and feet. They put Him on the cross. Two thieves were also put on crosses at the same time and Jesus was put between them. There He hung because we had sinned.

Memory Verse: Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13.

AUNT MARY AND THE SNAKE

Grace and Louise loved Aunt Mary. They prayed for her every day. Aunt Mary was a missionary in faraway India.

Grace and Louise said, "Oh, God, please bless Aunt Mary. Keep her from harm and danger. Help her while she tells the people in India about Jesus."

One day Aunt Mary was walking home in India. She was tired. She had been in the village telling people about Jesus. She lifted her foot and then she felt as if she couldn't put it down. Looking down, she saw a large snake where she was going to put her foot.

God had kept her from putting her foot on the snake. She stepped back. Then she walked around the snake and went on home.

Aunt Mary wrote a letter to Grace and Louise. She told them how God had kept her from harm. Grace and Louise said, "God answered our prayers."

FEATHERS

There was once a woman who had a bad habit. She went about her village telling unkind, untrue tales about her neighbors.

One day the woman went to a wise man in her village. She asked him how she could stop this bad habit. The wise man said, "Get a big bag of feathers. Go all over the village and put a few feathers in everybody's yard. Then come back to me."

The woman thought, "That's easy." She got a bag of feathers and went all over the village. She put a few feathers in everybody's yard. Then she returned to the wise man. She said, "I have finished."

The wise man said, "Oh, no, you have not finished. You must now go back and gather up all the feathers you have scattered."

The woman said, "I can't do that. By this time the wind has blown the feathers in every direction."

The wise man said, "I know you can't do it. I want you to know that every time you say unkind, untrue things about your neighbors, you are doing a terrible sin. You can never take back the unkind, untrue things you have said."

How careful we should be not to say unkind, untrue things about others. Long ago God gave this command to His people, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." (Exodus 20:16).

A poet said:

"Boys flying kites haul in their
white-winged birds,
You can't do that when you are
flying words!"

—Sel.

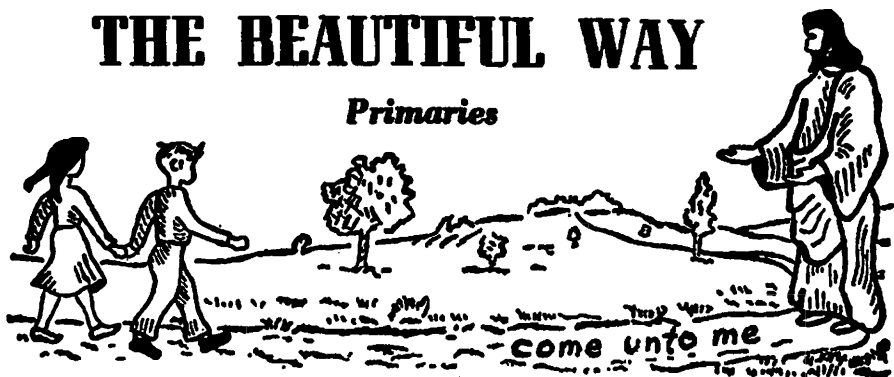
A little "me-firster"
Can't wait for his turn,
He's a pest
And his playmates all know it.
Every one needs a chance—
That's a good rule to learn
When you have,
You will never outgrow it!

Questions:

1. What did Pilate do to Jesus?
2. Why did Jesus take the whipping?
3. Did Pilate try to keep Jesus from being harmed?
4. Did Pilate have any power to save Jesus?
5. Why did Jesus willingly go to the cross?

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Nov. 19

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

John 19:19-42

Out on the hill there stood three crosses. Jesus was hanging on one of them. Over His cross was written the words, "Jesus of Nazareth, the king of the Jews." Some soldiers were close by. Others also stood close by the cross. Jesus' mother was there. Jesus wanted His mother cared for. He asked John to take care of her. From that day John took her into his own house. Jesus knew now that He would soon die. He was suffering greatly for our sins. He was thirsty. He cried out, "I thirst." The soldier gave Him vinegar to drink. How sad that He could not have a good cold drink. Jesus cried out, "It is finished," and died. He had finished the plan of salvation. We now can be saved from our sins and be ready for heaven. When the soldiers came by and found that Jesus was dead they did not break His legs. But one soldier took a spear and pierced His side. A rich man and Nicodemus buried the body of Jesus in a new tomb. We love Jesus because He died for our sins. He proved that He loved us.

Memory Verse: The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1:7b.

THANKSGIVING TIME!

Thanksgiving time is here again! Do you know what Thanksgiving time means? It is a special time our country has set aside to thank God for our blessings. November is harvest time. Harvest means that all the grain and fruit and vegetables have been brought in. God has sent the rain and sunshine to grow this food for us. We shall have enough to last all winter, and more.

What are you going to have for Thanksgiving dinner! I am sure it will be a good dinner. But this is more important: **WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO FOR OTHERS?**

Is there a little boy or girl in your town who needs help? Is there a family too poor to buy food? Maybe some old man or woman would like a basket of fruit.

What can you do about it? Get your teacher to help you. Talk it over with the rest of your Sunday School class. Decide whom you would like to help. Decide what you would like to do. Won't it be fun to see the joy on that person's face when he sees your gift? Make this the kind of Thanksgiving Jesus likes!
—Sel.



WHAT MONTH AM I?

What month am I

When the table is spread
With turkey and stuffing
And cranberries red,
And we eat and give thanks
To God above
For another year
Of His tender love?

(November)



Questions:

1. How many crosses were on the hill?
2. Who hung on one of them, that we loved dearly?
3. Did they give Jesus a cold drink of water when He said He was thirsty?
4. When He died, did they break His legs?
5. Who took His body and buried it?

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MARY SEEKS FOR JESUS

John 20:2-28

Very early one morning Mary went to the tomb of Jesus. There she saw the stone rolled away and as she looked inside she saw that Jesus' body was gone. She ran to the tomb. John was the fastest runner. When Peter came, they both went into the tomb and there they saw that Jesus' body was gone. The grave clothes were lying in the tomb, but not Jesus. They did not seem to know that the Scripture said that Jesus would arise from the grave. They went back to their homes. Mary stood outside the tomb weeping. As she looked in she saw two angels. They said, "Woman, why weepest thou?" She said, "They have taken my Lord away and I know not where they have laid him." She turned around to look through the garden. She saw a man. She thought He was the gardner. She told Him the same thing. Then Jesus said, "Mary." She fell at His feet and said "Master." He told her to tell the disciples that He had arisen. This was a wonderful message to tell, wasn't it?

Memory Verse: He is not here: for he is risen. Matthew 28:6.

THE STEEP PATH

"What does the Grand Canyon look like?" asked Lisa, as they drove along the highway. Lisa and her family were on their vacation.

"It is like a very big ditch!" laughed Daddy. "We are almost there."

When Lisa saw the Grand Canyon, she said, "That is not like a ditch. A ditch could not be so big!"

They looked over the side of the canyon. A very steep path led down, down. "We will walk part way down that path," said Daddy.

"I don't want to!" said Lisa. "I am afraid!"

"Horses and donkeys go up and down every day, with people on their backs," said Daddy. "How would you like to ride down there?"

"I would rather walk!" said Mother.

"I will hold your hand, Lisa," said Daddy.

Daddy held Lisa's hand, and they started down the path. Once a rock rolled when Lisa stepped on it. Lisa thought she was going to fall, but Daddy held her up.

Soon Lisa forgot to be afraid. She looked around. Close by, a little, striped chipmunk flipped his tail and ran under a rock. Far off, over another part of the canyon, there was a black cloud. Everything under it looked dark.

"Look!" said Daddy. "It is raining over there!"

Soon the cloud went away, and the sun shone over all the canyon. How pretty it looked!

After a while they were all too tired to walk any farther. Mother had been carrying a sack of sandwiches and cupcakes. Daddy had a canteen of cool water.

They found a flat rock beside the path. They thanked God for their lunch and for His goodness. How good the food tasted! They watched cloud shadows chasing each other across the canyon for a little while. Then they started up the path.

"I like the Grand Canyon," said Lisa when they were in the car again. "I liked walking down that steep path. I wasn't afraid when you held my hand, Daddy. I knew you would take care of me."

"As you grow older, there will be other things that you will be afraid of at first, like you were afraid of that steep path," said Daddy. "I will not always be with you to hold your hand. But God is always with you. Just ask Him to take care of you. He will protect you."

"I will remember," said Lisa. "I will always ask God to take care of me."

Harry was nice to people at church. He was nice to the boys and girls at school. But Harry was not always nice at home. Sometimes he was mean to his little brother.

God wants us to be nice to everyone. He wants us to love everybody. Jesus said, "Love thy neighbour as thyself."

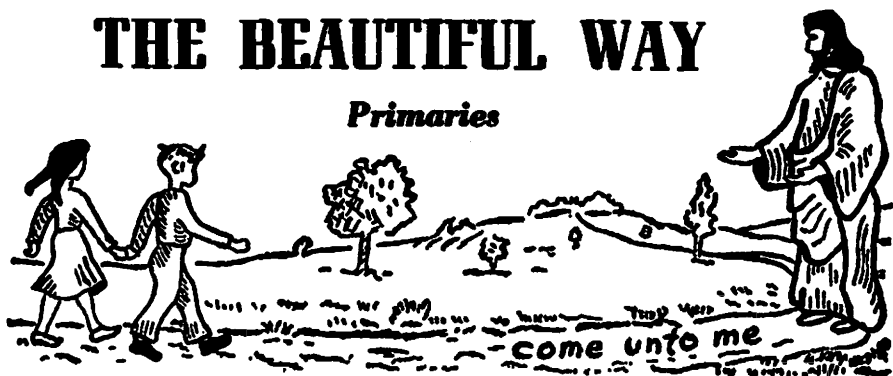
Home is a good place to obey God's rules. What a happy place home is when we show love one for another. Love makes us speak kind words and do kind things.

Questions:

1. Who went to the tomb of Jesus first?
2. Who was the fastest runner, Peter or John?
3. Did Mary find Jesus when she sought for Him?
4. What did He say to her?
5. Because Jesus arose will we arise from the grave when we die?

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THOMAS SEES JESUS

John 20:19-29

The disciples were afraid. They met together behind closed doors the Sunday that Jesus arose from the dead. But Thomas did not meet with them. All of a sudden Jesus stood right in the middle of the floor. He said, "Peace be unto you." Jesus always brings blessings. The disciples no longer were sad. Jesus talked to them. He told them He wanted them to tell others about the way to get their sins forgiven and be happy. Later one of the disciples saw Thomas. He told him about Jesus coming to them. He couldn't believe that Jesus had come. He said, "Unless I can put my finger in the nail prints, I won't believe." The next Sunday, we find Thomas there with them. Again the doors were shut, but the risen Jesus had a new body and He stood in their midst. He said, "Peace to you." Then He told Thomas to reach hither his finger and feel His nail-printed hand and put his hand into His pierced side. Thomas said, "My Lord and my God." Thomas then believed because he had seen for himself.

Memory Verse: Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. John 20:29b.

THE CHURCH BELL

It was Sunday morning. The church bell was ringing.

Jerry heard the bell. He got up slowly. He stretched and said, "It is Sunday! Good! Now I will have time to do all the things I have been wanting to do. I will finish reading my book, and then I can work on my model airplane."

Joe heard the bell. He quickly got out of bed and started dressing. He said, "It is Sunday! Good! Now I can go to the park to play ball with the boys. I will dress fast, and eat my breakfast, and then I can go."

Tom heard the bell. He turned over in his bed and pulled the covers up over his head. He said, "It is Sunday! Good! There is no school today. Now I can get some extra sleep!"

Jim heard the bell. He got out of bed and started dressing. He said, "It is Sunday! Good! This is the day of the week I like best. I am going to Sunday School and church. There I will see my friends, and my Sunday School teacher, and my pastor. There I will sing the songs I love so much. There I will hear God's Word."

Jim finished dressing. He hurried downstairs and ate his breakfast. Then, with his Bible under his arm, he started to go to church. He was the happiest little boy in town! —Sel.

NOT MUD BUT A FLOWER!

Lucy was a beautiful little girl. She had golden hair and blue eyes. Every one loved Lucy. She was always kind and cheerful.

One day Lucy was walking down the street. She had on a pretty white dress.

She was carrying a bunch of flowers to a sick lady. She passed by Sammy who was playing in the street. Sammy was dirty. When he saw Lucy in the pretty white dress, he thought, "I will fix her!" Then he threw a handful of dirt at Lucy. The dirt hit the white dress and fell on the white shoes.

Lucy stood still. Sammy expected her to cry. He expected her to say angry words. Perhaps she would even throw dirt back at him. But Lucy stood still. Then she smiled and threw a flower at Sammy!

How surprised Sammy was! How ashamed he was! From that day, Sammy was a friend of Lucy. Never again did he throw dirt at her. —Sel.

Questions:

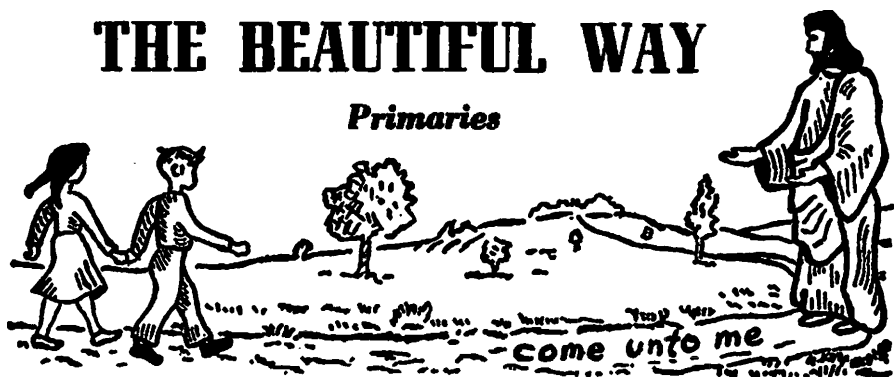
1. Where were the disciples when night came on the day Jesus arose?
2. Who came to bring them peace?
3. When they told Thomas about it did he believe it?
4. What did Jesus say the next Sunday night when Thomas was there?
5. Did Thomas believe?



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PETER IS TESTED

John 21:1-6, 11-25

"I am going fishing," Peter told six other disciples. "We will go with you," they answered. They fished all night, but did not catch any fish. The next morning someone was standing on the shore. It was Jesus but they did not know who it was. He told them to cast their nets on the other side. They obeyed and caught 153 fishes and the nets almost broke. When they came to the shore Jesus had some fish and bread for them to eat on the coals of fire. Then He said to Peter who had denied Him three times, "Peter, lovest thou me more than these?" Peter said, "Yes, Lord." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." The second time Jesus asked him the same question. The third time Jesus asked him the same question. Each time Peter said he loved Jesus, and Jesus told him to "Feed my sheep." Now three times Jesus tested Peter. Peter passed the test. Jesus told Peter that he would face some hard things for His sake. In these things Peter was bold and able to stand because he received the Holy Spirit Jesus sent into the world.

Memory Verse: Jesus said, Follow me and I will make you fishers of men. Matthew 4:19.

UNHAPPY WHEN HAPPY

I want to tell you a story today about a little boy that was both happy and unhappy at the same time. You will wonder how that could be, but it could be. This is a story about a little boy and the great preacher, Bro. Morgan.

One day this great preacher received a letter written in a little boy's handwriting. This is what the boy wrote: "Dear Bro. Morgan, last night in your meeting I received the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour, and I have been unhappy ever since."

Bro. Morgan read the letter again, for he thought he had not read it correctly. How could the little boy be unhappy when he had just received the Lord Jesus into his heart? It was a mystery to the preacher.

But Bro. Morgan had stopped reading too soon. The whole sentence read like this: "Last night in your meeting I received the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour, and have been unhappy ever since because my father is not a Christian." Now we see what made the little boy unhappy when he was happy.

Yes, that is the way the love of the Lord Jesus in our hearts acts. We love Him so much that we want others to love Him, too. I believe some of you are unhappy because not all of your loved ones know the Lord Jesus. But you are also very happy because you love Him and belong to Him. My heart pains because so many people do not know and love my dear Saviour. I believe you feel the same way.

Sometimes I wonder why so many men and women, and boys and girls, have to be coaxed to come to the Saviour. If they knew what a wonderful Saviour He

is, they would come running to Him. No one can imagine how sweet and nice Jesus is, until He lives in their hearts. That is why they think they will have a hard time serving Him. You and I know better, don't we? Yes, I wish everybody in all the world knew Jesus! —Sel.

DOING HER PART

I cannot do so very much
But I can do my part
To help my mother in the house
Or push the baby cart.

She needs a helper just like I
To do the odds and ends;
And when she needs an errand run,
I'm just the one she sends,

There's time enough when I get big
To wash and cook and bake;
And since I'm just a little girl
My place I'm glad to take.

I love to do the LITTLE things
For Mother, who's so kind'
To let me help her with the work
Till nothing's left behind.

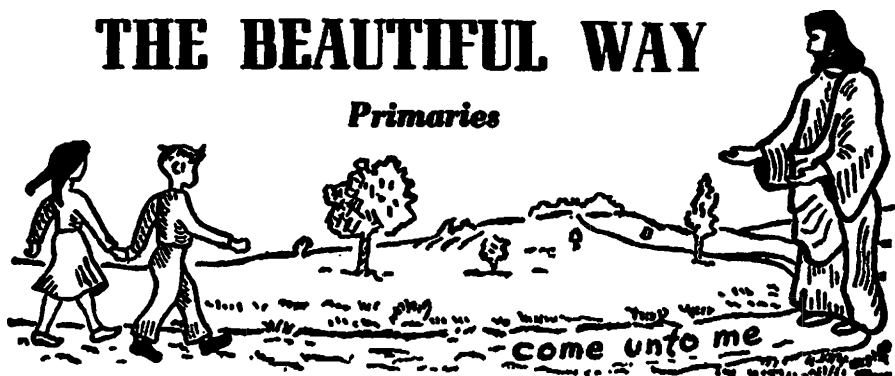
"Forget not all His benefits," or blessings. Psalms 103:2.

Questions:

1. Where did Peter go?
2. When he and the other disciples had fished all night, who stood on the bank of the sea?
3. What did they catch when they obeyed Jesus?
4. How many times did Jesus ask Peter if he loved Him?
5. Did Peter pass the test of making Jesus know he loved Him?

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THE TWO BEARS

2 Kings 2:15, 23-25

The Bible tells us about two bears that punished some children for being naughty. God will help children who pray to Him, but children who do not love God, are punished by God. Our lesson is about one of those times. It doesn't pay to disobey God. We must not make fun of people. God is displeased when we do. One day Elisha was walking along the road. Elisha loved God and was one of His preachers. Some children came out to the road and ran after him. They made fun of him. Elisha was bald on the top of his head. Hair did not grow there. The children said, "Go up, thou bald head. Go up, thou bald head." They knew that Elijah had gone up in a whirl wind and that Elisha had told the people about it. No doubt their parents didn't believe it. Elisha rebuked the children in the name of the Lord. They kept making fun. All of a sudden two mother bears came rumbling out of the woods. They tore up 42 of the children. How sad! I am sure they learned a good lesson.

Memory Verse: The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life. Romans 6:23a.

LYLE'S DECISION

Lyle did not seem to be at all hungry at dinner. He hardly spoke during the meal.

"Are you ill, Lyle?" asked Mother.

"No," he said, almost crossly.

All evening Lyle was quiet. His brother and sister were busy playing, but he did not join in the fun.

"Now it's bedtime, Lyle," said his Mother when she had washed the dishes, and the younger children were in bed.

"Mother," said Lyle when they were alone, "I want to tell you something."

"Tell me everything," she whispered to him.

"Mother," Lyle began, "I told my teacher a lie today. I hit Billy at recess and made his nose bleed. And when Teacher asked who had hit him, I said I hadn't. I was afraid she would punish me if I told the truth."

"I'm sorry that you hit Billy," said Mother, "but I'm even more sorry that you didn't tell your teacher the truth. What are you going to do about it, Lyle?"

"Ask you to forgive me, Mother."

"Yes. But that isn't enough."

"Ask God to forgive me, too."

"But even that isn't enough," said Mother.

"Ask teacher and Billy to forgive me, too," said Lyle slowly.

"If you do that, you will be happy again," his mother told him.

And that is what Lyle did. The pain inside him went away, and he was a happy boy again. —Sel.

One boy may pray that it doesn't rain on his birthday and another boy prays that it will rain on his garden. Remember that God knows best, so trust Him.

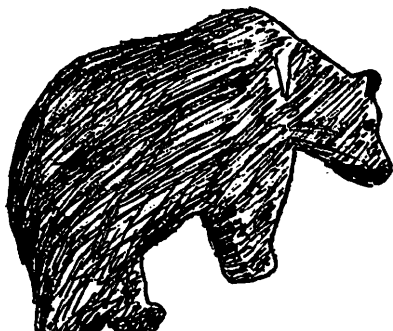
THE KIND TO HELP

It is easy to play with boys and girls whom everybody loves. They are usually the kind that are neat and clean, well dressed, and have nice manners.

But some boys and girls are not like this. They are not neat and clean. They are not nicely dressed, and they do not have good manners.

But this is the kind we should try to help. As Christians, we should be kind to them, show them how to be neat and clean, and act toward them so nicely that they will learn how to be that way, too. It is always better to help than to laugh at or be mean to them.

The Lord Jesus helped the needy ones—often those whom nobody wanted to be near. That is what He wants His friends to do now. Can He depend on you to help? —Sel.

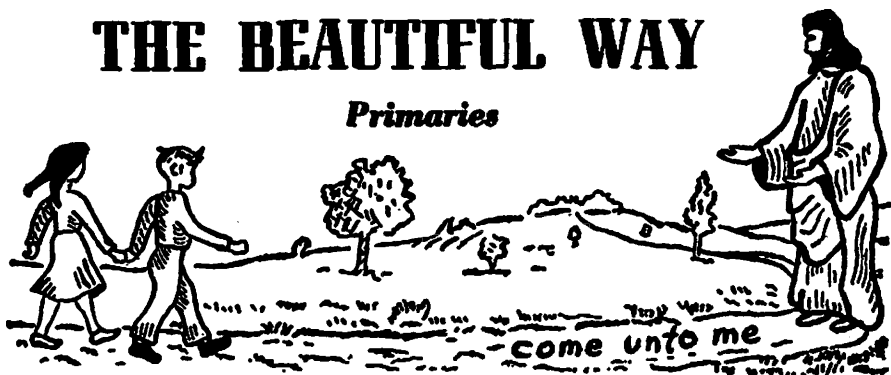


Questions:

1. Does God see us when we do wrong?
2. What preacher in our lesson was made fun of by children?
3. Was God displeased for children to make fun of preachers?
4. What happened to those children?
5. Do you think they make fun of preachers today?

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JESUS IS BORN

Matthew 2:1-12

Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, "Where is he that is born King? . . . We have seen his star in the east, and we have come to worship him." King Herod was troubled when he heard about the wise men's coming. He asked the scribes and others to look in the Old Bible and find where Jesus Christ was to be born. They read that Jesus Christ was to be born in Bethlehem. When king Herod told the wise men where to go; he asked them to come back by and let him know where He was. The king said he wanted to worship Him but he really didn't. He wanted to get rid of Him. The wise men went on their way. Finally they came to Bethlehem. The star stood over the house where the Baby lay. They were happy. They went in and there they saw the young child and Mary His mother. They worshipped Him. They gave Him gifts. Today we are happy that Jesus was born so we can be saved.

Memory Verse: Thou shalt call his name Jesus for he shall save his people from their sins. Matthew 1:21.

THE OLD HOUSE

"I will put a block here," said Jerry.
"I will put another one there."

"I'll put the chimney on," said Bobby.
"That will finish the house."

"That's a nice building set," said Jerry.

"I like it too. I got it for Christmas," said Bobby.

"Now what shall we do?" asked Jerry. They looked at the house they had put together.

"Let's go up to that old house on Front Street," said Bobby. "I saw a boy there last week. We can ask him to come to Sunday school."

"Yes, let's do that," said Jerry.

The boys got up from the floor. They put on their coats and caps. They went outdoors.

"I hope the boy's mother will let him come to our Sunday school," said Bobby.

"I wonder what he is like," said Jerry.

The house where the boy lived was on a hill.

"He must be a poor boy," Bobby said.

"Look at the house. It looks like it will fall down."

Jerry and Bobby stepped on the porch. The boards moved under their feet. They knocked on the door. No one answered the door.

They knocked harder. The door came open. The boys walked into the house. They looked around. They did not see anyone. The room was bare. It looked like no one was living there.

They walked through all the rooms to the kitchen. Every room was bare.

"Looks like the family has moved," said Bobby. "Let's go home."

The boys stepped out on the porch. Then it began to rain. It rained harder and harder. The boys went back into the house.

The wind shook the house. The boards moved. The doors shut. The windows rattled.

Suddenly, the boys heard a noise. "What's that?" asked Jerry. He was afraid.

"That's only the wind going through the upstairs," said Bobby. He was trying to be brave.

"Let's get out of here," said Jerry. What could they do? It was still raining hard.

Then Bobby remembered something. "Let's pray and ask God to help us," he said.

"But we have to go to church to pray," answered Jerry.

"We can pray to God everywhere," said Bobby. He closed his eyes. He bowed his head. Then he prayed. He opened his eyes. He looked outside. The rain had stopped!

"Look," said Bobby. "It has stopped raining! God answered my prayer!"

Quickly they walked out of the house. They walked down the hill. How glad they were to get away from that house!

"It's wonderful that God hears us pray," said Jerry. —Sel.

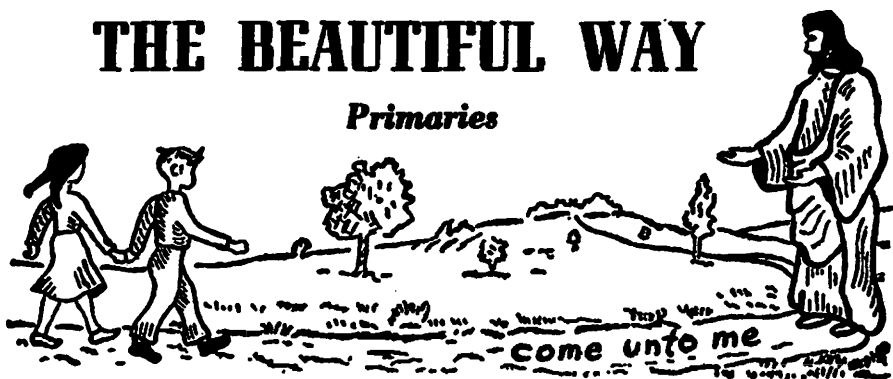
Be thankful for everything God does. Tell Him how thankful you are.

Questions:

1. Where was Jesus born?
2. Who saw His star in the east?
3. Who told them where Jesus was born?
4. Did the wise men give Jesus gifts?
5. Are we to give our hearts to Jesus?

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CAIN AND ABEL

Genesis 4:1-15

Adam and Eve had two sons. One was named Cain and the other was named Abel. Abel went out into the field every day and took care of his sheep. No doubt, many times, out under the sky Abel looked up and talked to God. He wanted to please God. Now Cain was a farmer. He raised fruit and things from the ground. It came time for Cain and Abel to offer a sacrifice to God. God had told them how to offer a sacrifice. They were to kill a lamb. This lamb would stand for the time when Jesus would be offered as a sacrifice on the cross for our sins. Abel did just as God had told him. God was pleased. Cain was not careful to obey God. He put fruit on the altar to offer to God. God was displeased. When Cain saw that God blessed Abel for his sacrifice he was angry with Abel. One day when Cain was with Abel in the field, Cain killed Abel. How sad! God punished Cain. It was so great that he felt it was almost more than he could bear. Boys and girls, don't let hatred grow. It will cause murder.

Memory Verse: Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. 1 John 3:12.

THE BIRD LADY

It was a very cold day, but John and Walter were taking turns pulling each other around the block on their sled. Their breathing made little white clouds in front of their faces.

They saw a lady putting something on a little wooden shelf which was on a tall pole in her yard.

Walter called, "What are you doing?"

The lady answered, "I'm feeding the birds!" Her breathing and talking made little white clouds in the cold air.

The boys got off their sled and went through a small blue gate to stand close to the lady. "Can we help?" They knew that Jesus wants children to help.

"You can brush the snow off that picnic table," said the lady. "Then you can spread some seeds on it."

John and Walter quickly pushed the snow off the table with their mittened hands. Then they took their mittens off, and the lady gave each one a handful of seeds. She showed them how to spread them all over the table.

Walter asked, "But where are the birds?"

The lady pointed up into the bare, snowy branches of the tree. "See, there are two little snowbirds up there. Others are all around in these trees, watching us. As soon as we go into the house they will come down. We can watch through the kitchen window."

John said, "My mother says that Jesus loves birds and animals and people. He likes to take care of them."

The lady agreed. "And there are many interesting ways that God cares for His creatures. In the winter some birds fly south to a place that is warmer.

Others, like these little snowbirds, are usually safe in cold weather. When it gets too cold and snowy they need special help from people like you two boys and me."

She started toward the kitchen door. "Come in. You can see my little parakeets and my canaries, too."

In a cage in the kitchen two golden yellow canaries sang cheerfully. Two blue parakeets flew out of their cage to perch on the lady's shoulder. "Pretty Bird! Kiss me! I love you!" they chirped. The boys laughed.

By this time the little snowbirds had flown down to the table to hop about and peck and eat the grain. John and Walter and the lady watched through the kitchen window. Then it was time for the boys to go home. They went out the blue gate, and Walter got on the sled while John picked up the rope and pulled.

John said, "I guess she likes birds a lot—the way Jesus does."

Walter said, "She helps Jesus take care of birds."

"Let's call her the Bird Lady," said John. "And let's come back to visit her again someday." —Sel.

God can help us when our mother and father cannot. Jesus said, "Ask and it shall be given unto you." Praying is asking, so don't forget to pray.

Questions:

1. Who did we study about today?
2. What did Abel offer as a sacrifice to God and why?
3. How did Cain feel about God likeing Abel's sacrifice?
4. What terrible thing did Cain do?
5. What does God want us to have for everybody even if they do us wrong?