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Jan. 4

JESUS TRAVELS TOWARD JERUSALEM

Luke 18:31-43

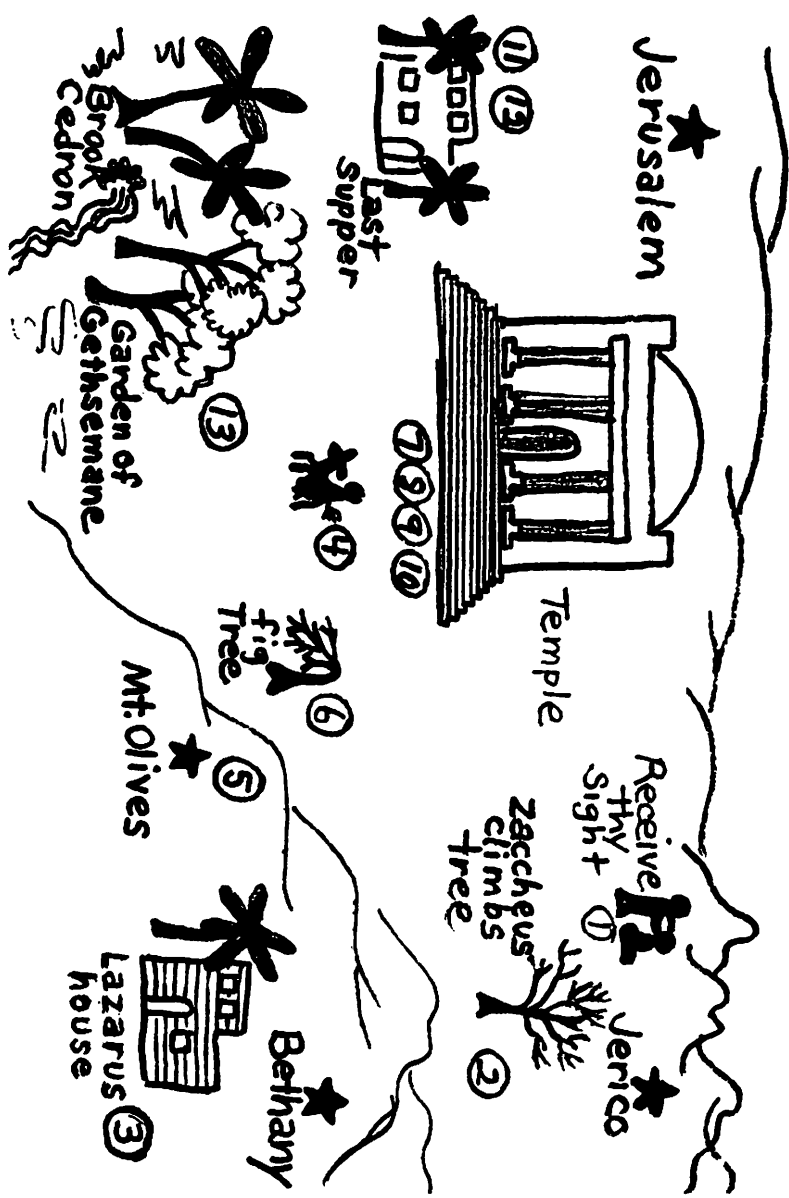
Jesus knew the time was near when He would have to die on the cross. He tried to tell His disciples what was going to happen, but they never dreamed that Jesus would have to die for the sins of all the people. Jesus told them plainly how He would be treated at Jerusalem, still they did not understand.

Near the city of Jericho a blind man sat begging. "What is this noise that I hear?" he asked someone. "Jesus is passing by this way." Hope leaped into the man's heart. Jesus could heal his eyes! Oh, if only he could make Jesus hear! "Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me," he cried over and over. Those around him told him to keep still. They didn't believe Jesus had time to stop for a beggar. The beggar cried louder than before. Jesus did stop and heal the blind man's eyes. This special act of mercy made the man so happy.

Isn't it good to know that Jesus loves everyone—the poor, the blind, the crippled? And He loves YOU too, and died to save you.

Memory Verse: . . . that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man. Hebrews 2:9c.

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Jan. 11

JESUS MEETS ZACCHEUS

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem. He had to pass through the city of Jericho. In that city lived a rich tax-collector whose name was Zaccheus. Zaccheus had heard about Jesus. When he saw the crowds streaming down the street, he wanted to see Jesus, but he couldn't because he was too short to see over the crowd.

"I know what I'll do! I'll climb up a tree, then I can see Jesus when He passes by." Jesus did pass right under the tree Zaccheus was in. Jesus stopped and looked straight up at the short man, Zaccheus. "Hurry and come down, for I want to visit your house today." Zaccheus scrambled down as fast as he could. How happy he was because Jesus was going home with him! He wanted to be saved, so he said, "Lord, I'll give half of my riches to the poor, and if I have overcharged anyone, I'll give him four times as much back." Jesus told Zaccheus that salvation had come to his house that day. That meant Zaccheus was saved. When we make our wrongs right and ask Jesus, He will save us.

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

Linga's Song

The notes of an Indian song filled the air. Nancy stopped still right in the middle of the street of the little town in India.

Nancy's father, a missionary, pointed to a man coming toward them. "That's Linga, the singing beggar. He makes up songs as he goes along. He has a beautiful voice, and he never gets tired of singing. He and I talk very often."

Linga stopped in front of them and began to sing in his deep voice.

Missy's father is so kind,
Missy must be, too.

Her eyes, like his, are shining bright.
I like both of you!

Linga stopped singing, and Father said, "We like that song. Oh, Linga, the man who is building the new hospital says he can give you work if you want it."

"No," said Linga. He smiled and turned away. Father called after him, "If you want to talk to me at any time, Linga, come to our house."

After that Nancy looked and listened for Linga when she went to town. When he saw her he sang about the way she obeyed her parents. Once he sang about her smile. And once about Stony, her dog.

But one day when Nancy was with her father, Linga surprised them both by saying, "I sing many songs for Missy. Now Missy must sing one song for me."

Nancy knew only one song to sing with words in Linga's language. It was "Jesus Loves Me." So Nancy sang:

Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak, but He is strong.

When the song was over, Linga said, "My hands and legs are strong, but I am weak because I do many wrong things. Missy's father says that Jesus loves me. I wonder if it could be that Jesus loves even me!"

"Oh, yes!" said Nancy. "Jesus loves you!"

After that Nancy sometimes heard Linga singing parts of the song, "Jesus Loves Me."

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"Just stop and think before you yield,
What would Jesus do?"

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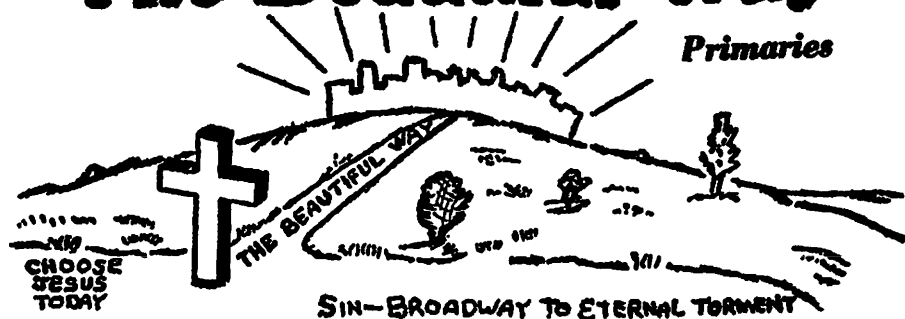


QUESTIONS:

1. Who wanted to see Jesus?
2. Why did he have to climb a tree?
3. Will Jesus save all who want to be saved?

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Jan. 18

JESUS AT BETHANY

John 12:1-9

Mary and Martha and Lazarus were sisters and brother. They lived at Bethany. They were friends to Jesus. Lazarus had been very sick and had died. Jesus came and made him alive again. So they loved Jesus very much. Jesus was always welcome at their house. He went there many times with His disciples.

One evening Martha served a supper for Jesus. Lazarus sat at the table with Jesus and others. Mary wanted to do something for Jesus, too. She saw how his feet were blistered from so much walking. Mary had a little box of good-smelling ointment, very expensive, and she was saving it for a special occasion. This was a good time to use it. Mary broke the box and poured the ointment on Jesus' feet. The sweet smell filled the whole house. She wiped Jesus' feet with her long hair. Jesus was pleased, and He said she had anointed Him for His burying.

Mary gave her best gift because she loved Jesus. Do you love Jesus? Give Him your heart and life—your best gift!

Memory Verse: If ye love me, keep my commandments.
John 14:15.

Linga's Song

(Continued from last issue)

One day Nancy was playing school under the tree near her house. Her dolls and Stony were the children. She was the teacher. All at once Nancy stopped playing. She thought she heard Linga's beautiful voice. Could Linga be coming to see Father? She ran to the gate to see. Yes. Linga came through the gate she held open for him. He sang a funny little song about her turned-up nose. Then he smiled and went into the house to see her father. He and Father must have talked about many things, for they talked together a long time.

After that Nancy did not hear Linga's voice for many days. "Father," she asked, "has Linga gone to another town? He does not sing in the market anymore."

Father said, "Come, we'll take a walk and find Linga."

They walked toward the new hospital being built. As they came near it, Nancy heard happy singing. "Linga's working!" she said in surprise.

"Yes," said Father. And he seemed happy. "When he came to see me that afternoon he said he wanted to know Jesus as his own Friend and Saviour. He said he would try to make money by working, not by begging. And he wants to sing in the church services sometimes, to tell others how happy he is that Jesus loves him."

As they walked through the hospital yard, Linga came around the corner of the new building. On his head was a deep round pan full of wet cement. Linga was taking it to the bricklayers. This is the song he was singing:

Sad and lazy, weak and wrong,
That's how I used to be;

But now I'm busy, glad and strong—
Just knowing Jesus loves me!

—Sel.

Polly began to put on her jacket to go outdoors. She tried to button her jacket, but started to cry because she didn't like to button clothes.

"If Poll would smile," Little Polly began to sing again.

Polly stopped crying at once and buttoned the buttons in a jiffy. "Look, Mother, I did it all by myself," she said.

"That's fine," said Mother.

When Mother said that, it made Polly feel good and she smiled again, a big smile this time and how good she felt.

I love Jesus, don't you?

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



An alabaster box
of very precious
ointment

QUESTIONS:

1. Whose feet did Mary pour perfume on?
2. What did she wipe His feet with?
3. Why did Mary do these things for Jesus?

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Jan. 25

JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM AS A KING

Mark 11:1-10; Zech. 9:9

Long ago it was the custom for kings to ride upon donkeys. Horses were never used except in time of war. The donkey was a symbol of peace.

Jesus knew the time was drawing near for His death. He also knew many people were expecting Him to come to Jerusalem. In the Scriptures, written hundreds of years before, it was told that the King of God's people would come to Jerusalem riding upon an ass, or donkey. This scripture was fulfilled on the last Sunday before Jesus died.

"Go into the village near you and you will find a colt that man has never ridden. Bring it to me." The two disciples did so, and then spread their coats upon the donkey's back and put Jesus upon it. He entered Jerusalem. All the people cried, "Hosanna," or "Glory to God." They put palm leaves and garments in the road to make a royal path. All the people rejoiced and shouted, "This is Jesus, the prophet of Nazareth." A great King had come!

Memory Verse: Rejoice greatly, . . . thy king cometh unto thee. . . . Zech 9:9.

Polly's Secret

It had been a long hard winter and very cold, but now the trees were beginning to bud, and the grass was turning green. The flowers were starting to come up. Winter was almost over and spring was near. Polly had been in the house for a week because she was sick. But Mother had said that she could get up today if the day was warm, and go outside. It had been warm and clear the day before and Polly had decided that she would go to the church on the corner. It seemed that everyone was so cross that morning. Even Polly felt cross with her brother for teasing her. Mother was cross because she had burned the bacon for breakfast and Father was cross because he couldn't find his other shoe. Billy was cross because Father wanted him to empty the trash. Polly sat thinking that, "everyone is cross and this is Sunday." Her girl friend, Jane, was never cross. She went to the church on the corner. "I wonder if the church has a secret that would help me not to be so cross," thought Polly. She began to get dressed. She was going to find out if that church on the corner really did have a secret that would help her.

When the church bell rang, Polly hurried out and down the sidewalk. Jane was coming out of her house and she waited for Polly. Together the girls walked to the building. They sat together in Sunday school and the teacher taught them of the love that Jesus has for us and how we are to love one another. Then they sang a song. It said, "Let us ever love each other with a heart that's warm and true,—ever doing to our brother as to us we'd have them do." After meeting, the girls walked home together. Polly didn't feel cross. Even later, when her brother teased her,

she didn't get cross. Everyone wondered why Polly didn't get cross anymore.

Every Sunday Polly went back to the little church on the corner and learned more about Jesus and each week her family wondered what had happened in the little meeting house that had made such a change in Polly. One Sunday as Polly was ready to leave the house, her brother asked if he could go to meeting with her. Mother and Father said that they wanted to go too.

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QUESTIONS:

1. What did kings ride upon long ago?
2. Who rode a donkey into Jerusalem?
3. What did the people cry out?

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JESUS WEEPS OVER JERUSALEM

Luke 19:41-44

Jerusalem was a great city which God had blessed very much. That is where the great and beautiful temple was, and where the people of God had gone up to pray through the years. God's presence had been felt in the temple many times.

Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, and He knew He would be crucified there upon the cross. When Jesus drew near the city, and saw it from a high hill, He thought of how that great city had always refused to listen to the prophets God had sent to tell them about their sins. God had wanted to bless the city and give it peace. But the people would not believe the prophets. They stoned them to death. Now they were going to kill the Saviour of the world. Jesus wept because He knew what would happen to Jerusalem because the people rejected Him. That great city was fully destroyed by an army in the year 70 A. D. God's Word *always* comes true. You must be saved from sin to go to heaven.

Memory Verse: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish. John 3:16.

Polly's Secret

(Continued from last issue)

It was a beautiful day. The flowers were in full bloom and the trees were full of leaves. The birds were singing and the squirrels were running about. They seemed to be glad that the long hard winter was past. No one in Polly's family was cross today. They were all going to the church on the corner to see what the secret was that kept Polly from being cross. As they came to the church, everyone smiled and spoke to them. No one was cross. Inside the building, on the wall, was a motto. Father, Mother, and Billy read the motto. Everyone in Polly's family knew why she didn't get cross anymore. The motto said, "Jesus loves me and helps me love everyone else." Mother and Father were glad to learn that Jesus loved them. Billy was glad, too. Everyone in Polly's family gave their hearts to Jesus and now they are not cross either. Every Sunday Polly and her family go to the little church on the corner and learn more about Jesus and His love for them. They have learned how to love each other. — D. B.

Billy Makes a Choice

When the time came for the offering in Sunday school, Billy held his fist closed tightly. He wasn't going to put in the extra dime Mother had given him today. He would buy candy with it on the way home. After class Miss Post was surprised when Billy handed her the dime. "I wanted to keep it," he explained, "but I couldn't. I guess that would be called a temptation," he added, stumbling over the big word.

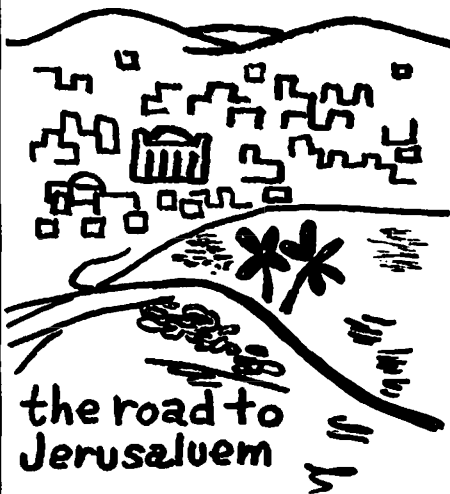
"Even Jesus had temptations," smiled Miss Post. "Before he began to preach

and teach, he went off by himself for many days to pray and find God's will for him. He knew that he could become a great, rich king, or win popularity by working spectacular miracles. But he refused to yield to these temptations. He wouldn't use his power as God's Son to serve himself. He saw that God wanted him to work with the common, simple people and to show the good way of life to all."

"Jesus would understand if I asked him to help me meet other temptations, wouldn't he?" asked Billy thoughtfully.

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." — John 15:7.

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QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Jesus cry?
2. What happened to this great city?
3. Does God's Word always come true?

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THE FIG TREE THAT FAILED

Mark 11:12-14, 19-26

After spending the night in Bethany, Jesus and His disciples went on their way to Jerusalem. As He walked He became very hungry. Jesus was just like you, He needed food, too. Soon He saw a fig tree. "There I can find something to eat," He thought. But the fig tree had no fruit. The tree had failed when it was needed the most! Jesus was so disappointed that He said, "No man shall ever eat fruit from this tree."

The next day, as Jesus and His disciples came into the city, they all noticed the tree was withering and dying. "Look at the fig tree," Peter cried, "it is withering and dying, just as you said it would." Jesus told him to have faith in God. He said, "If you have faith and do not doubt in your heart, you can say to a mountain, be moved and fall into the sea, and it will be done." When we have faith, all things are possible.

Jesus gave some more important instruction. If we want God to forgive OUR sins, then we must forgive those who sin against us. Jesus will help you love everyone if you ask Him.

Memory Verse: Have faith in God. Mark 11:22b.

A Quick Answer

Early one morning, Miss Conway was checking over the supplies in the boarding school storeroom. She noticed the bare shelves, and a worried frown creased her forehead. There were one hundred girls to feed in the African mission school, and almost all of the food was gone. "And not a speck of meat," she murmured to herself. "Not even a bit of dried fish."

The missionary locked the storeroom door and stood in the hallway for a moment, deep in thought. Then she stepped into the living room and rang the bell to call the girls together for morning devotions.

While the girls were coming in, she watched them enter one by one—the tiny seven-year-olds and the older ones, who acted as big sisters to the smaller ones. Many of them had come more than a hundred miles to study in the mission building. "I can't ask them to return to their homes," she thought.

When the girls had all found places to sit, Miss Conway clapped her hands for attention. "Girls, we are going to have special prayer this morning," she announced. "We are almost out of supplies, and unless God sends us what we need, you will have to go home. But we believe the Bible, don't we? Can anyone repeat a Bible verse that will help us to have faith to believe?"

"My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19), quoted ten-year-old Mzito. God did supply.

Remember Mother on her birthday. She did so much for you when you were a tiny baby and when you could not do anything for yourself.

"We learned in Sunday school that Jesus was kind to everyone, even the tax collectors who took more money from the people than was fair."

"That's right," said Grandma. "Do you remember what he said when they asked him why he ate with 'sinners'? He said that he had come to help those who needed him most. That is why we can always count on Jesus to help us when we need him."

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"If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it." John 14:14.

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The cursed
fig tree



QUESTIONS:

1. Who was hungry?
2. Where did Jesus look for food?
3. Was he disappointed?
4. What must we do to have God forgive our sins?

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THE REJECTED STONE

Luke 20:1, 9-21, 23, 26

Jesus taught the people by telling parables, which are stories that reveal a truth. Jesus knew He would be rejected by the chief priests and scribes who wanted to kill Him. He told them this story to show them this truth:

A man had a great field of grapes. He had to go far away, so he left his vineyard in charge of others. When the time came for fruit, the lord, or owner, sent a servant to get his share for him. The people beat the servant and sent him away empty. They did the same to other servants the lord sent. At last the owner sent his own son. The people said, "If we kill the owner's son, then we can have the vineyard for our own." So they put the son to death. Those listening to the parable knew Jesus was talking about them. They hated Him more and tried to find a way to kill Him. Jesus is the stone that was rejected by them. We must accept Him or be lost forever.

Memory Verse: Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. Luke 20:18.

A Home for Roberto

Roberto sat up, rubbed the sleep from his eyes, and shivered in his ragged clothing. Not even the warm poncho (a blanket with a hole in the center to slip over his head) could keep him warm, for the air in the Andes Mountains of South America is sharp and chilly.

It was the early morning sun which had awakened Roberto. He glanced around him, expecting to see his mother sleeping nearby, but he could see no one. Perhaps she was collecting brush for a fire, in order to prepare their breakfast.

The sun gradually chased away the chill, but as Roberto became more comfortable, he began to feel hungry. Last night's meal had been only bread with a cup of tea.

"Mamacita," called out Roberto, but there was no answer. Where could she be? he wondered. All day yesterday, as they had hiked over the narrow mountain trail, she had been strangely silent. And last night, as she had tucked the poncho around him, she had hugged him almost as if she might never see him again!

Frightened and lonely, Roberto began to hike down the mountainside. Soon he came to a small hut, and as he paused before it, the door opened and a man stepped out.

"Hello, little boy," greeted the man, looking surprised. "How did you get here?"

"I walked," Roberto replied, beginning to cry. "I can't find my mother and I'm hungry."

"Come inside," said the man kindly. "My wife is fixing breakfast. She will give you something to eat."

A bowl of delicious cornmeal mush was soon set before him, and Roberto

began to feel better. The man, whose name was Angel Cortez, asked him about his mother, but the boy could tell him very little. "Let's hike down to the village," said Angel. "Perhaps we can find her."

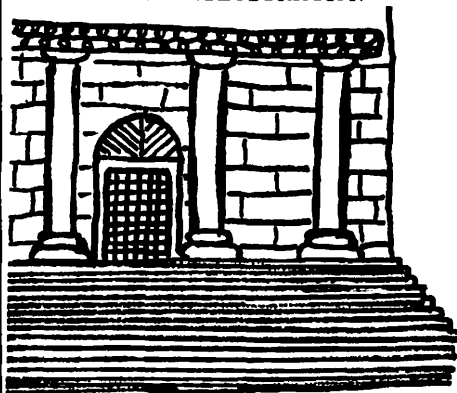
But Roberto's mother was never to be found. She was poor and there had never been enough to eat. Probably she had gone away, hoping that someone would find her son and care for him.

One day Angel said, "Roberto, would you like to be our son?"

Roberto nodded and smiled, "I'd like that. I'm glad Jesus and you are my friends."

— Sel.

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Jesus Preached to
The People from
the temple steps

QUESTION:

1. Who taught the people by telling parables?
2. Do you know what a parable is?
3. What is this parable about?

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THE WEDDING FEAST

Matt. 22:1-14

Would you be disappointed if you made a feast and invited your friends and they would not come? Once a great king made a wedding feast. He fixed good food and had everything ready. But the guests did not come. He called his servants and told them to go and give a special invitation to those whom he had invited. But the people only laughed and went on about their business. Again, the king sent his servants. "I have everything ready for you. Please come." This time the people killed the king's servants. The king was very angry and sent his armies to destroy that city. Next, the servants were sent to bring in anyone who would come. They found guests for the feast. But one man came who did not have on a wedding garment. He had no excuse for not having on a wedding garment. He was thrown out.

God has prepared salvation for everyone. Most people will not accept it. When Jesus comes again at the end of the world, all these people will be lost forever.

Memory Verse: . . . Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John 3:3b

Flower Garden

"Mother, why are some children always happy and other children never happy?" questioned Jim, looking up from the picture he was coloring.

"Well, Jim, some children may have unhappy homes; they may be poor or have some reason to be unhappy. While other children may have happy homes, nicer clothing and playthings that would make them happier," answered Mother.

"Mother, Ray and Dan are brothers. Ray is always smiling and happy. Dan is cross and unhappy. Their Mother sometimes comes to school and she is a pleasant lady. They both have a happy home. There must be another reason why Ray is happy and Dan is unhappy."

"Yes, there is another reason," Mother answered again. "Everybody's actions are controlled by their heart. Our heart is like a flower garden. God has sown in our hearts beautiful things such as love, happiness, kindness, helpfulness, obedience and cheerfulness. If we act in these ways people see us beautiful as we see flowers beautiful."

"A person who is always happy does seem beautiful like a flower," added Jim. "I hadn't thought of that."

"Yes, they seem beautiful like flowers. The devil also sows seeds in children's hearts. These seeds are such things as selfishness, hatefulness, crossness, anger and many others. At first, we are too small to notice it, but others will notice it before the child does himself. We notice the seed is growing, when he wants the largest piece of candy, to be first in games, the best toy and many others ways. Children must pull this action out of their heart, as we pull weeds out of flower gardens. It will grow so

big that it hides the pretty flowers. One of the brothers has let weeds grow in his life until all you see are ugly weeds. The other has taken care of his heart, and you see beautiful flowers."

"Am I letting weeds grow when I won't share my toys?"

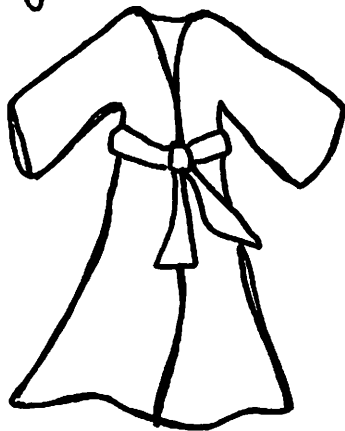
"Yes, you are," answered Mother.

"Then I will share my toys, and I won't hide the cookies from Baby Sue any more. I will ask God to help me. I want people to see me beautiful like a beautiful flower." —Charlotte Huskey

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Happy is the boy or girl who prays.

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Salvation
is our wedding
garment



QUESTIONS:

1. Who prepared a great feast?
2. Did the guests come?
3. What happened to the man without a wedding garment?

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QUESTIONS

Matt. 22:35-40

Why do you ask questions? Is it because you want to find out something? Sometimes people ask questions just to be talking. Once there were some men who asked Jesus some questions because they wanted to trap Him. Doesn't it seem strange that some people hated Jesus? Why should they hate anyone who only went about doing good? The devil hated Jesus and the devil made these men hate Jesus. Jesus had told the people they could not go to heaven unless they kept God's commandments.

A lawyer asked Jesus this question, "What IS the greatest commandment of all?" Jesus answered, "The first commandment of all is this; 'Love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul (life) and with all your mind.' And the next greatest is this, 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.' " The lawyer was ashamed because Jesus had answered him so wisely.

Do you want to love God so you can go to heaven when you die? Then you must read His Word and obey it.

Memory Verse: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, . . . and thy neighbor as thyself. Matt. 22:37.

God Answers Prayer

"Mother, tell Donna to quit praying for me to stop smoking my pipe. I'm not going to quit just because she's praying."

Mother did not answer him, and she did not tell Donna what he said.

Donna was 5 years old, and she loved to come to see Grandmama and Grandpa. Her grandmama always told her stories about Jesus and taught her to pray. She learned to talk to Jesus just like He was a good friend that could do anything that she asked for. She loved her grandpa, but she just didn't like the smell of the pipe he smoked so she told Jesus to please help him to quit smoking that stinking pipe. He didn't quit so she kept on praying. Some times he heard her. Day after day, she prayed.

One day Grandmama noticed that her husband didn't have his pipe when he came in from work, but she didn't say anything. The next day, it was the same. So the third day when he came in without the pipe, she asked where it was. He said, "Oh, it's out on the chimney shelf. God has answered Donna's prayers and I can't stand the old stinking thing myself." They were all happy and thanked God. Later on, Grandpa got saved and in a few years Jesus took him home to heaven.

So children, you can pray too. Just tell Jesus. He loves all of you.

— Aunt Vera (Forbes)

Paul

"I'll be glad when Sunday comes," Betty said as she jumped around. "We are going to find out what happened to Paul when he was put in prison."

"Why did they put Paul into prison?" she asked her mother.

"You will just have to wait and find out," Mother answered.

Sunday came, and Betty was really excited as she told her mother how an earthquake shook the prison. Paul and Silas could have run out of the opened doors, but they didn't.

"And, mother, the jailer got saved because they didn't run away."

"Maybe that was the only way the jailer could have been saved." Mother said. "God does everything right. We are to let him do just what he wants to do with us."

— M. Miles

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The Great Commandments

QUESTIONS:

1. Who asked Jesus some questions?
2. Why did they ask Jesus questions?
3. What did Jesus say the greatest commandment was?

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March 7

JESUS WILL JUDGE THE WORLD

Matt. 24:35; Matt. 25:31-41

Have you ever been in a shaky place? Did you ever climb a high tower? When the wind blows the tower sways. How good you feel when you get your feet on the ground again! Do you know there is something more solid and will last longer than the earth? The Bible tells us that heaven and earth *will* pass away, but God's Word will *never* pass away. If we want our life to be on something solid, then we must live by the Bible.

Jesus is coming to judge the world. He will gather all nations before Him. He will put some on His right hand, and some on His left. To those on His right hand, He will say, "Come, and inherit the kingdom prepared for you before the world began." These are the ones who have loved God and obeyed His Word. To those on His left hand He will say, "Depart into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." These are those who have sinned and have not served the Lord. The earth, the sky, the stars, moon and sun will all be burned up and pass away.

Memory Verse: . . . the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing. 2 Tim. 4:1.

Michael Helps

On the village green of Wildwood the village children were playing together. They were equipped as soldiers, and the captain was little Michael, the broom seller. He had a wooden sword, commanded bravely, and made his comrades exercise well.

There came two city children near to the place. They were Susanna and her brother. They had run on before their parents, who had accompanied them, and they were now quite alone.

Just then came two large, gray geese, running after them, screaming and cackling in the most angry manner.

They spread their broad wings, and snapped with their long bills at the legs of the children.

Susanna and her brother were frightened. They cried aloud and tried to run away, but seeing the geese always behind them, they became increasingly alarmed and at last quite lost their wits, standing pale with fear.

The village children laughed right heartily at their distress.

One said, "Shall we help them?"

"Help them, indeed!" replied another. "What is it to us? let them help themselves. Would city children help us if we were frightened in the town?"

But Michael had recognized Susanna. "Up, comrades," he cried. "We must help these children. They once helped me. Up, and you must follow me. I am your captain. Forward! March!"

And now, one and all, they rushed at the command of their captain—half in fun, half in earnest—to fight the geese.

They swung their swords, but at first sight of the formidable band, the geese had taken to flight.

The battle had been fought. The victory was complete. Susanna and her brother were freed from their fright.

Susanna now saw that her deliverer was her little friend Michael. She turned red from shame at her needless fears, but she shook hands gratefully with Michael, thanking him and his companions for their assistance.

Her parents joined them. Michael would have run away to his playmates, but when the parents heard of his kindness, they called him to stay—thanked and praised him.

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"More like Christ in deeds of kindness."

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Right hand Left hand
Come inherit the kingdom Depart into everlasting fire

QUESTIONS:

1. What is more solid than the ground we stand on?
2. Will God's Word ever pass away?
3. What is going to happen to the world when Jesus comes again?

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

Mark 14:12-24

Were you ever invited to a going-away supper? Perhaps your friend was going to leave on a trip, or move far away. So you had a supper together for the last time.

Jesus knew He was going to leave His disciples very soon. He wanted to spend His last supper with them. He sent two of His disciples to prepare a large room and fix the food. As He sat around the table with them, He was sad. He knew one of His disciples would soon betray Him. After their meal was almost over, He took a loaf of unleavened bread and said, "This is my body which is broken for you." Then He broke the loaf and gave each one a piece. He took the cup of grape juice and said, "This is my blood which is shed for you." He told each one to drink some of it. They were to eat the bread and drink the wine to remember how He gave Himself for their sins. Jesus commanded His disciples to repeat this event in remembrance of Him. This is why we have the Lord's Supper in our ordinance meetings today.

Memory Verse: There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12b.

The Right Decision

It was the beginning of vacation when Mr. Davis, a friend of my father, came to see us, and asked to let me go home with him. I was much pleased with the thought of going out of town. The journey was delightful, and when we reached Mr. Davis' house everything looked as if I were going to have a fine time. Fred Davis, a boy about my own age, took me cordially by the hand, and all the family soon seemed like old friends. "This is going to be a vacation worth having," I said to myself several times during the evening, as we all played games, told riddles, and laughed and chatted merrily as could be.

At last Mrs. Davis said it was almost bedtime. Then I expected family prayers, but we were very soon directed to our chambers. How strange it seemed to me, for I had never before been in a household without the family altar. "Come," said Fred, "mother says you and I are going to be bedfellows," and I followed him up two pairs of stairs to a nice little room; and he opened a drawer and showed me a box, and boat, and knives, and powder-horn, and all his treasures, and told me a world of new things about what the boys did there. He undressed first and jumped into bed. I was much longer about it, for a new set of thoughts began to rise in my mind.

When my mother put my suitcase into my hand just before the coach started, she said tenderly, in a low tone, "Remember, Robert, that you are a Christian boy." I knew very well what that meant, and I had now just come to a point of time when her words were to be minded. At home I was taught the duties of a Christian child; abroad I must not neglect them, and

continue to seek His mercy, His protection and blessing.

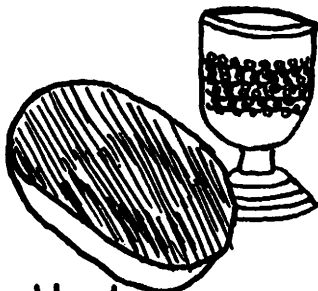
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MARIE LOVED JESUS

Marie's father and big brothers dug and picked up the potatoes. Marie would run to the faucet and wash the little potatoes and eat them. Soon her stomach began to hurt. She went in the house and laid down. Soon mother called that supper was ready, but Marie didn't want any supper. When her father came to find her, she asked him to pray for her. He did and Jesus took the hurt all away. Marie loved Jesus.

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Jesus took bread
and blessed it



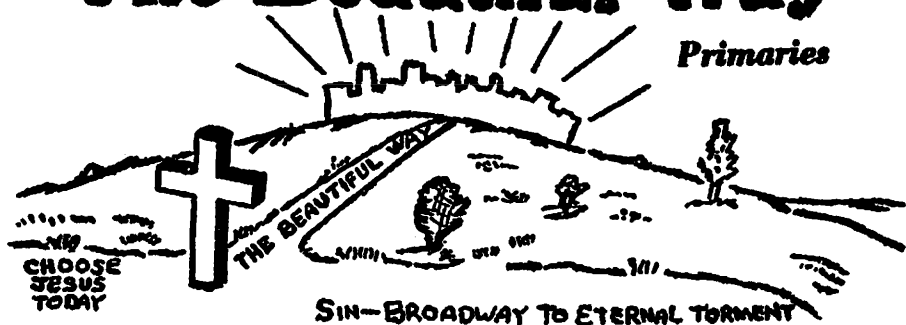
He took the cup
and gave thanks

QUESTIONS:

1. Who had a supper?
2. What did Jesus give them at the supper?
3. What did the bread and the grape-juice stand for?

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BE OF GOOD CHEER

John 13:33, 36-38; 14:1-3, 16-18; 16:32, 33

Jesus knew His disciples were sad and didn't understand why He must leave them. They didn't KNOW that Jesus HAD to die for the sins of the whole world. Only His precious blood could blot out sin. Jesus knew the disciples would soon be scattered and afraid when the mob came to take Him away. He wanted them to know He would not leave them alone.

First, He told them He was going away to prepare a wonderful place for them, so they could always live with God. Then He said He would send the Holy Spirit who would never go away, and who would comfort them. The Holy Spirit would be only for those who were saved. The world cannot know, nor receive the Holy Spirit into their hearts. Jesus knew the disciples would grieve when He died, but He told them to be of good cheer. "Because I give my life for you and am victorious over all sin and death, you can overcome the world, too. Be of good cheer."

Peter loved Jesus, but he denied Him when the test came. Yet Jesus prayed for Peter that Satan would not have him.

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

The Right Decision

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"Why don't you come to bed, Robert?" cried Fred. "What are you sitting there for?" I was afraid to pray, and afraid not to pray. It seemed that I could not kneel down and pray before Fred. What would he say? Would he not laugh? The fear of Fred made me a coward. Yet I could not lie down on a prayerless bed. If I needed the protection of my heavenly Father at home, how much more abroad. I wished many wishes; that I had slept alone, that Fred would go to sleep, or something else, I hardly knew what. But Fred would not go to sleep.

Perhaps struggles like these take place in the bosom of every one when he leaves home and begins to act for himself, and on his decision may depend his character for time, and for eternity. With me the struggle was severe. At last, to Fred's cry, "Come, boy, come to bed," I mustered courage to say, "I will kneel down and pray first; that is always my custom." "Pray?" said Fred, turning himself over on his pillow, and saying no more. His propriety of conduct made me ashamed. Here I had long been afraid of him, and yet when he knew my wishes he was quiet and left me to myself. How thankful I was that duty and conscience triumphed.

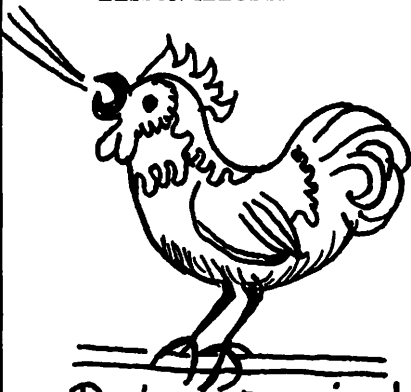
That settled my future course. It gave me strength for time to come. I believe that the decision of "Christian boy," by God's blessing, made me the Christian man; for in after years I was thrown amid trials and temptation which must have drawn me away from God and from virtue, had it not been for my settled habit of secret prayer.

Let every boy who has pious parents, read and think about this. You have

been trained in Christian duties and principles. When you go from home do not leave them behind you. Carry them with you and stand by them, and then in weakness and temptation, by God's help, they will stand by you. Take a manly stand on the side of your God and Saviour, of your father's God. It is by abandoning their Christian birthright that so many boys go astray, and grow up to be young men dishonoring parents, without hope and without God in the world. —Sel

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"When you are tempted, always stop and think, What, oh what would Jesus do?"
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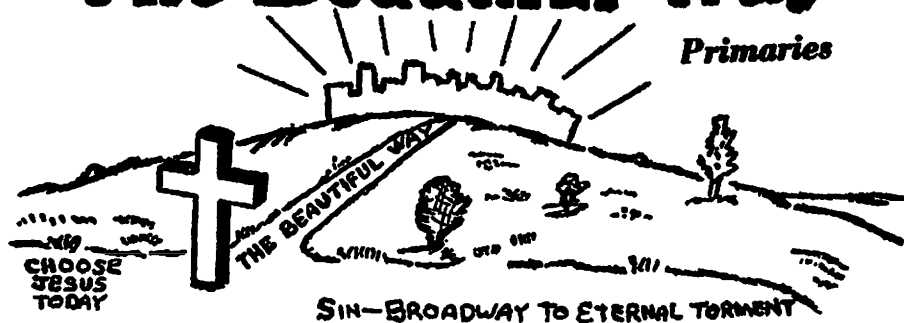
Peter Denied
the Lord

QUESTIONS:

1. Who said "Let not your heart be troubled?"
2. Who was Jesus going to send to help the disciples when He went away?
3. Did Jesus go away to prepare a mansion for those who love Him?

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IN THE GARDEN

Mark 14:32, 33; Luke 22:41-44; Matt. 26:46, 47, 49, 50, 53-56

Two things happened in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus found grace and strength to overcome His suffering and Judas committed a wicked deed.

Jesus had come into this world to die for our sins. Now that the time had come, He felt great sorrow in His heart. With His disciples, He went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. Jesus went apart from the disciples a little way and fell upon His knees. He prayed so earnestly that sweat fell from Him like great drops of blood. "Father, not my will but thine be done." He needed help to face the scorn, the ridicule and the suffering that was before Him. He prayed so earnestly that an angel came and gave Him courage to face His trial. God heard Jesus pray.

A mob came to arrest Jesus. The mob was led by Judas, one of His very own disciples. Judas kissed Jesus to show the mob who Jesus was. As though a criminal, He was led away for a trial, so they could kill the Son of God.

Memory Verse: . . . He . . . became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Phil. 2:8.

Jim and Jan's Joy

Jim and Jan were sitting in the yard, trying to decide what they should do. School was out and though they had looked forward to vacation time, now it seemed that they couldn't find enough things to do to fill the time.

"I wish we could do something exciting," said Jan. "I've read stories about exciting things happening to other people. Why can't they happen to us?"

"There isn't anything as tiresome as doing nothing," said Jim. "The more I sit here, the unhappier I get. There must be something we could do to make us a little happier."

Suddenly Jan remembered something grandmother had told her many times. "If you want to be happy, do something nice for someone else."

"Jim, do you remember Grandmother's favorite saying?"

"I couldn't forget it," said Jim. "She was always happy. Maybe it's because she did so many helpful things for others."

The two children sat remembering the many joys brought their way through Grandmother. She didn't have a lot of money to buy fancy toys and gifts with, but she had given them so many little pleasures, — special birthday surprises and cookies to eat after school, little trinkets brought to them from the places she had visited, and so on. Oh! there were so many things. How could they have forgotten?

"Let's find something to do for somebody. Since we don't have money to spend for gifts, we'll have to do things with our hands."

"We could wash the dishes. Mother had to leave to go to town and didn't have time to do them."

"I hate doing dishes, but this time I believe it will be fun."

Soon Jim and Jan had the dishes all washed and put away. Then Jan swept the kitchen floor while Jim carried out the garbage. What a good feeling the children had, as they sat in the swing. They were waiting to see how surprised Mother would be!

"Let's try to find something nice to do for someone everyday," said Jim. And they did. — T. S.

You can tell Jesus every thing. He will not tell anyone else.

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QUESTIONS:

1. What did Jesus do in the garden?
2. Who strengthened Jesus in the garden?
3. Who betrayed Jesus in the garden?

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JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DIE

Mark 14:53-64

Wicked men came to the garden where Jesus had been praying with His disciples. They grabbed Him and led Him away to be put on trial. It was the law that no man could be put to death as a criminal unless he first had a trial. Two witnesses must tell how He had broken the law. The men who hated Jesus tried to find two witnesses against Jesus. Many came and told lies, but their stories did not agree. Finally, the High Priest was so angry that he cried, "Are you the Son of God?" Jesus could not deny that God was His Father, and He said, "I am, and you will see me coming in the clouds on the last day." "That is a great lie, and we all heard Him," cried the Priest. "He is guilty and should die for saying He is God's Son." They led Jesus away to the governor to get permission to crucify Him.

Jesus never did anything wrong. He never sinned. He went about doing good and healing people who were sick. Evil men hated Jesus because He was good. Jesus died for our sins.

Memory Verse: . . . That he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. Heb. 2:9c.

The Naughty Gorilla

"Did you children have a nice time at the zoo?" Mother asked as the Brown family rode along the highway on their way home. This trip had been a reward to the children for getting all gold stars on their charts for doing their work at home without being asked. Of course, Sue had had to keep reminding little Billy that he must put up his pajamas so he could get a gold star on his chart.

"Oh, yes we did!" the children answered, all but Jim.

"I didn't like it when that gorilla spit on me," said Jim. Some of the children giggled, but Jim still couldn't see anything funny about that. They had screen wire around the gorilla's cage, but he had raised his head and spit over the wire. Jim happened to be just far enough away from the wire that it had landed on his shirt.

"I know, Jim, that wasn't very funny," Daddy said, "but do you know any boys or girls who have spit on others?"

"Jackie did one time in school, but he got punished for it.

"Well, it is an awful thing for anyone to spit on another person. I do trust that my boys and girls never do such a thing. It's such a terrible thing to do!" Mother declared.

"In the Bible there was a person who was spit upon. Do you remember who that was?" asked Daddy.

"Is that in the Bible?" asked little Billy. "Are bad things in the Bible?"

"This was a bad thing that was done to some One that was the best Person who ever lived on this earth. Don't you remember who He was?" Mother asked.

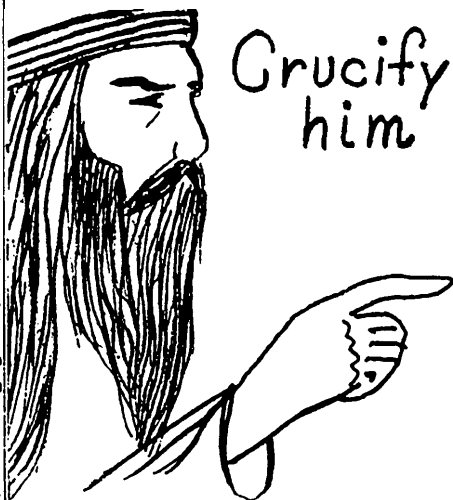
The children thought and thought. They guessed this one and that one, but they

couldn't remember who in the Bible had been spit upon. Mother then said, "This Person was good and went about doing a lot of good things. Don't you remember?"

"Oh, it was Jesus, wasn't it?" exclaimed Jim. "I remember now, and oh, that must have been awful." Jim was still thinking of that old gorilla at the zoo who had spit on him.

"Yes, it was Jesus. Don't you remember it was after those men told untrue stories on Him and the high priest said that Jesus was guilty of death? They began to spit on Him and hit Him. Oh, our Jesus suffered so much and He was so good. We do love Him for all that He went through for us." —M. Miles

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QUESTIONS:

1. Who hated Jesus?
2. Did they tell lies about Jesus?
3. Did Jesus ever sin?
4. Did Jesus die for you?

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JESUS ON THE CROSS

John 19:17-19; Matt. 27:39, 40; Luke 23:39-43; Mark 15:37, 38

The trial was over, and Jesus was led outside the city to be crucified. Two other men were crucified that day, one on the left of Jesus, the other on the right. Pilate, the governor, put a sign over Jesus. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." As the crowd passed by the cross they said, "You have saved others, now save yourself. If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross, and we will believe you." They did not believe Jesus was the Son of God. One of the men who was crucified also made fun of Jesus. "If you are Christ, save yourself and us." The other man spoke in a different way. "We deserve to die, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he begged Jesus to have mercy on him, and Jesus did. "Today you will be with me in paradise." Jesus is merciful to save all who truly want to be saved.

After this, Jesus cried aloud and died. At that moment the curtain in the temple in Jerusalem was torn in two pieces, showing that the old way to worship God with animal sacrifices was gone.

Memory Verse: But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ . . . Gal. 6:14a.

Waited Too Late

"How many crosses were on the hill the day that Jesus died?" asked Sis. Brown of her Sunday School class.

"Three crosses!" the class answered.

"Why did Jesus die on the cross that day?" asked Sis. Brown.

"He died for our sins," answered Billy.

"He died so we could be freed from our sins," Ellen explained. "My mother said that is the same as being freed from prison if we did wrong."

"Let me tell you about a young man who, at one time, was playing a game of cards. This boy would get real mad or lose his temper when things didn't go right. This is an awful thing to do. Boys and girls should ask Jesus to help them to not get mad or lose their temper. On this day, he didn't like how the other boy was playing cards with him. He got mad, picked up his gun and killed the other boy. Oh, how terrible! He was arrested, taken to jail, tried, and was to be hanged for killing the other boy.

"Because this young man had been a good boy but only had an awful temper, his friends and his relatives prepared letters and sent them to the governor and asked the governor to pardon him that he might not be hanged and would be freed from prison. The governor was a Christian governor and when he saw so many letters, he was touched and decided he would pardon the young man and free him from being hanged. The governor thought he would see if the boy had any care about God or the ministers who taught about God. The governor put on a clergyman's robe and went to see the young man with his pardon for him in his pocket.

"As the governor came close to the young man's cell, he sprang to the bars

and said, 'Get out of here! I have had seven of your kind to visit me. I had enough of religion at home.'

"'But,' said the governor, 'wait a moment, young man. I have something for you. Let me talk to you.'

"'If you don't get out of here,' cried the young man in anger, 'I'll call the guard.'

"The governor left with the young man's pardon. Later the guard told him all about who had visited him. The young man was sorry. He sat down and wrote a letter begging the governor's forgiveness, but it was too late.

"How sad this was, but boys and girls, Jesus has a pardon for our sins, but He won't give it to us unless we take it. If we wait, it will be too late."

— Sis. Marie Miles



QUESTIONS:

1. Who died on the cross?
2. Do you know why Jesus died on the cross?
3. Is Jesus merciful?
4. How do you know?

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“HE IS NOT HERE, HE IS RISEN”

Mark 16:1-8; 1 Cor. 15:20, 51, 52

Jesus' body had been placed in a new tomb (A tomb, or sepulchre, is a grave like a cave made out of rock.) There had not been time to prepare His body for burial, as the custom was in those days. Now three women who had seen many of the good deeds Jesus had done, and who loved Him, were coming to put spices around His body. As they walked along, they asked, “Who will roll the great stone away from the grave?” As they came to the tomb, they saw the stone was already rolled away. They went inside and saw a young man clothed in white. He was waiting to tell them Jesus was not there. “He is risen, He is not here. Go tell His disciples and Peter that He will see them in Galilee.” The women were afraid, and ran quickly away. No one had ever risen from the dead before. They were afraid to tell anyone. Later, the disciples did see Jesus and knew that He was alive!

Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins. If He had not risen from the grave, we could not hope to live again. We must love Jesus and serve Him if we want to live with Him in heaven.

Memory Verse: . . . He is risen, He is not here. . . Mk. 16:6

God's Miracle

"Look at the egg that I colored at school today," Alta said as she showed her mother the pretty red egg. "Why do they color eggs for Easter?"

"Well, I really don't know why they color them only to make them pretty. The reason you think about eggs at Easter is because they teach you about the wonderful change that takes place when the chicken is hatched out of the egg. I would like to take you to watch an egg hatch. When I was a little girl, I lived close to a hatchery. I would stand there by the incubator and watch the eggs move and move. Then pretty soon you would see a piece of egg shell fall off. Then the egg would be still for a little while. Pretty soon it would move again."

"But, Mother, why did it move?" asked Alta.

"There was a wonderful thing happening inside the egg. There was a little chicken picking its way out of the egg. The egg had been kept warm for many, many days and inside the egg the little chicken was growing bigger and bigger. Soon it was getting too big to stay inside. It wanted to come out. So it began to pick at the shell with its bill. And, oh, how happy I was when, all of a sudden, the egg broke open and out rolled a little baby chicken. Its down was all wet and it would sit there. Finally, its down would dry and it would move around. Then it began to eat. It was a pretty, fluffy, yellow chick, that came out of that egg. It was one of God's miracles.

"I wish I could hold the little chick," Alta exclaimed as she looked at her egg. "Will my red egg hatch into a little chick?"

"No, because your egg was boiled before you colored it. We sure wouldn't want any fresh eggs handled like I saw you handle that boiled egg just now. It would break and what a mess we would have." Alta and her mother laughed together.

"But, Alta, let me tell you about our bodies. Our body is just a shell around us. And some day, we will leave this old shell and will go to heaven and there we will be beautiful and in a beautiful place."

"Where will the shell go?" asked Alta.

"Do you remember when Aunt Sally died?" asked Mother. "You remember they put her body in the ground. Well, our old body, or shell, will be put in the ground, but the angels will come and take our soul to heaven. Now because Jesus arose from the grave, which was a miracle, some day we, too, will arise and go to be with Jesus in heaven and we will have a new body." —Sis. M. Miles

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**they came unto
the sepulchre**



QUESTIONS:

1. Who was buried in the tomb?
2. Who came to the tomb early in the morning?
3. Did they find Jesus' body in the tomb?
4. Why wasn't Jesus there?

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April 25

DOUBT NOT, BUT BELIEVE

John 20:11-18, 26-31

Mary loved Jesus so much! It was unreal to know He was dead. She had seen them lay His body in the tomb and roll the great stone to the door. It was a greater shock to come to the tomb and find His body gone. This made Mary more sad. Why had someone taken His body away? Tears blinding her eyes, she looked into the tomb once more. Two angels clothed in white were sitting there. "Why are you crying?" they asked Mary. "They have taken away my Lord," answered Mary. As Mary turned to go away, she saw a man that she thought was the gardener. "Oh, where have you laid Him, and I will take Him away!" she cried. Jesus spoke to her, "Mary." Then she realized it was the Lord. "Master," she cried, and fell at His feet to worship Him. Can you imagine how wonderful it was to find that Jesus had risen from the dead?

Thomas, another disciple, doubted that Jesus had risen, but Jesus appeared to him and Thomas believed. He is alive forever!

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

Billy Believes

"What is troubling my dear boy?" Mother asked as she gave Billy a hug. He had come into the kitchen and sat down. He looked a little sober.

"Oh, Mr. Ellis said that if I would take his trash out to the alley that someday he would get me something when he went to town. He says that every time, but he never gets me anything."

"Well, some day he just might bring you something and it probably will be real nice," said Mother.

"I have taken his trash out lots and lots of times, but he never keeps his promise. I don't think he ever will!" Billy exclaimed with a loud voice.

"Well, now you must wait."

"I told him today that he never would do it because he had promised me too many times and, Mother, do you know what he said? He said, 'You are just an old doubting Thomas.' What did he mean by calling me a doubting Thomas?"

"Don't you remember in the Bible about Thomas, who was one of Jesus' disciples? He didn't believe that Jesus had arisen from the grave until he put his hands in Jesus' side and felt the nail prints in His hands."

"Yes, but why did he call me a doubting Thomas? My name isn't Thomas!" Billy exclaimed.

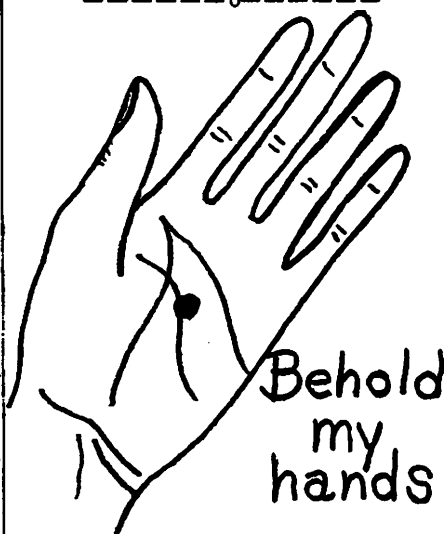
"Well, Mr. Ellis compared you to Thomas. You kept doubting if he would bring you something from town. Thomas kept doubting that Jesus had arisen from the grave. The disciples told him, the women told him, others told him, but he said he wouldn't believe until he saw it with his own eyes. He doubted that Jesus was really alive. He thought maybe someone had stolen His body like some of the

soldiers said. They were paid to tell that lie."

"But, Mother, I believe that Jesus arose from the grave. I believe that Jesus is alive. Jesus loves me and He makes me feel so good in my heart when I pray to Him. Why didn't Thomas believe?"

"Do you remember what Jesus said and that includes you? Billy, you are more blessed than Thomas. You believe without seeing the nail prints or the pierced side. You believe because it is written in the Bible. The Bible says that 500 people saw Jesus after He arose. Oh, how happy we are because we believe in Jesus," Mother said as she hugged Billy.

—Sis. M. Miles

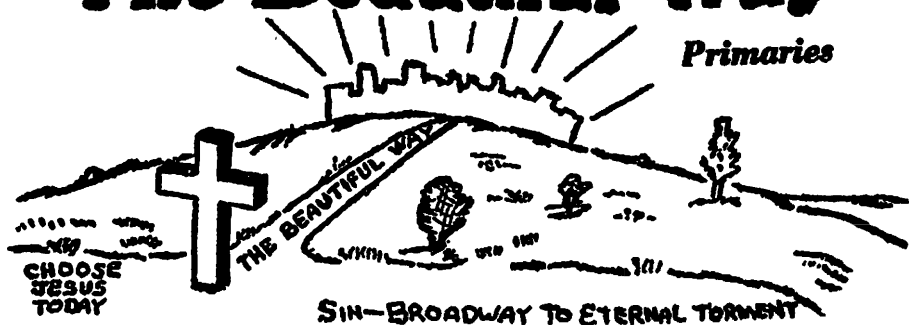


QUESTIONS:

1. Why was Mary crying?
2. What did she think had happened to Jesus?
3. Was Jesus dead?
4. Is Jesus dead today?

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ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

Luke 24:13-16, 25-34

Two of Jesus' friends were traveling to a city called Emmaus. As they walked along, their hearts were heavy. They were talking about Jesus' death on the cross. "If Jesus was the Messiah, why did He have to die?" they asked one another. Can you imagine how sad you would feel if your best friend had been killed? The friends were joined by a stranger who walked along with them. If they had not been so sad, they might have recognized the stranger. "Why are you so sad?" he asked them. At once they began to tell him about the sad things that had happened in the last three days. "We believed He was the Messiah," they said. Jesus began to explain all the scriptures in the old Bible to them. Every prophecy made about Him had been fulfilled, and yet they didn't understand. "It was needful that the Saviour die and be raised from the dead so He could go back to heaven," He said. Later, as Jesus ate supper with them, He took bread, broke it and blessed it and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew it was Jesus. They went to tell the other disciples.

Memory Verse: . . . The Lord is risen indeed. . . Lk. 24:34a

Talking About Jesus

"What was your Sunday School lesson about today?" Father asked Jane and Earl as they rode along on their way home from the meeting.

"We studied about Jesus walking along the road with two of His disciples and they didn't know it was Jesus," Jane answered.

"And Jesus preached to them a wonderful sermon," added Earl.

"I am sure it was a wonderful sermon. I wish I could have heard it," Father said.

"He started by telling about Moses!" Earl exclaimed.

"Do you know what Moses said that children and their parents should do as they walk down the road?" asked Mother.

"No, what?" asked Jane.

"Moses told the Israelites, in his last message, that the parents were to teach their children about God and about God's commandments as they walk down the road. He said that they should teach them when they lie down beside them in the bed, and when they arise from the bed, when they sit in the house and when they walk down the road." (Deut. 11:19)

"Why don't we ever walk down the road or street and talk about God?" Jane asked.

"We have cars today, so we talk about Jesus when we ride down the road. It would be nice to drive out into the country and look at God's wonderful trees, flowers, and growing wheat and talk about how wonderful God is to make such beautiful things to grow. Oh, we love Jesus so much and our Father, God. They have given us such a beautiful world to live in. The mountains rise up high, the clouds are fleecy white and the sky has such beautiful colors at times when the sun is setting. In town you can't see it all as well," Mother told them.

"We will have to take a drive out into the country this afternoon," Father promised.

"Yes, after we eat and take a nap," Mother added.

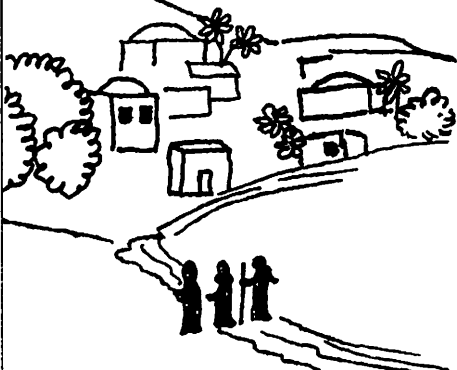
"You will have to do like Moses said and tell me a story about Jesus when I lie down and take my nap," Jane said, as a smile covered her face at the thought. She loved for Mother to tell her a story.

"All right, I will. We do want to do all that the Bible tells us to do. God will bless us if we do." —Sis. M. Miles

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LESSON ILLUSTRATION

They drew nigh
unto the village



QUESTIONS:

1. Who was walking along the road to Emmaus?
2. Why were they sad?
3. Who came and walked with them?
4. What does your memory verse say?

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JESUS ASCENDS TO HEAVEN

I Cor. 15:5-7; Acts 1:3-11

After Jesus arose from the dead, He was seen many different times by His disciples. The Bible tells us that over 500 Christians saw Him at one time. His friends knew that Jesus was really alive because He talked with them and was with them when they ate. One time, when the disciples had been fishing all night long, Jesus cooked fish for them so they could eat when they came ashore. Jesus proved He was alive.

Jesus had told His friends what He wanted them to do. "Stay in Jerusalem until you receive power from heaven. Then go and tell the good news of salvation to everyone. Those who believe you and are baptized will be saved." As the disciples were all standing together, Jesus went up into the sky until they could not see Him anymore because of the clouds. Then two angels stood beside them and said, "Jesus will come back someday with clouds just as you saw Him go away." Jesus will come back to judge the world, then it will be too late for people to get saved.

Memory Verse: Go ye therefore and teach all nations. . .
Matt. 28:19a.

Happy Mother's Day

"Look, Jackie, see what I bought for Mother for a Mother's Day present?" Mary said as she opened her envelope a little crack. "I bought it with my own money."

"Oh, it's a candy bar."

"Don't you think Mother will like it? It's her favorite candy bar. Daddy said it was all right to get it if that's what I wanted to buy with my money that I had." Mary closed the envelope. She had asked her big sister to cut out a red heart. She pasted it on the envelope. On the red heart it said, "I love you, Mother."

The Smith family went to Sunday School and services on Mother's Day. On the way home, Jackie and Mary were telling Mother and Daddy about their Sunday School lesson. Jackie said, "Jesus rose straight up from the ground and went behind a cloud. The disciples kept looking and they didn't see Him anymore. Jesus is great. Jesus can do anything. I wish I could rise right up from the ground into the clouds."

"What would you do up there?" asked Mary.

"Oh, I don't know, but maybe an airplane would come along. I could catch on to its wing and come back down in an airplane," Jackie said.

"Now, Jackie, that isn't the way God wants us to do," Mother explained to her. "Some day we will arise from the graves and go straight up into the air, but then we will meet Jesus and all the saints up there. But until then, God isn't going to let anyone do like Jesus did. That was only for Jesus to do."

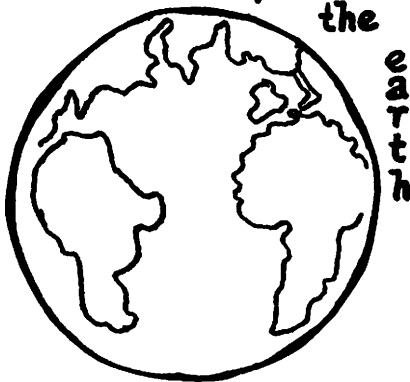
"When will the people arise from the graves?" asked Mary.

"At the end of the world, when the last trumpet sounds and this old world will be on fire. Oh, it will be wonderful to be safe up in the clouds with Jesus. We will be far away from this burning world. Jesus always takes care of His people. We never have to worry. We will get to live in heaven with Jesus, but how sad it will be for those who are not saved."

The Smith family drove into their driveway and got out. While Mother took her purse into her bedroom, Mary and Jackie ran and got their Mother's Day gifts for her and put them on the table. When she came back in they said, "Happy Mother's Day!" Mother loved them both and they were very happy.

— Sis. M. Miles

Ye shall be
witnesses unto the
uttermost part of
the



QUESTIONS:

1. Is Jesus still alive?
2. Who saw Jesus after He arose from the dead?
3. Where is Jesus today?
4. Will Jesus come again?

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MATTHIAS IS CHOSEN

Acts 1:15-26

Over 400 years before Jesus was born, the Bible foretold that Jesus would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver. It also told that the silver would be used to buy a field to bury poor people in. Judas led the mob to Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. When Judas saw that Jesus was condemned, he was sorry. He knew that Jesus did not deserve to die as a criminal. Judas took the money back to those who had paid him. But they would not take the money back. Judas threw the money down, and went out and hanged himself. The money was used to buy a place to bury those who died and had no place to be buried. Truly, it would have been better for Judas if he had never been born. It would be better for you to have never been born if you die unsaved.

Peter knew someone must be chosen to be a disciple in Judas' place. We can read in Psalms that someone else was to take the place of Judas. Two men were chosen who had been with Jesus all the time. Then the disciples prayed and God showed them which one He had chosen. It was Matthias.

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

Mike's Name Was Drawn

"Which one of you children want to take this package to Grandma's house?" Mother asked.

"I want to take it!" Doris exclaimed.

"No, you went the last time," Mike declared. "I want to take it this time."

"Both of you can't go because I need one of you to help me in the garden. I need you to help me pick the vegetables."

"I want to take it," both of the children insisted.

"All right, let me tell you what we will do," Mother said as she picked up two pieces of paper. "I'll write each of your names on a piece of paper. We will fold them and I will put them in this dish. I will shut my eyes and draw out one of the pieces of paper. The name I draw, that will be the one who takes the package to Grandma. The other one will help me. Will that be all right, and will both of you be happy about how it turns out?"

"Yes," they both said, so Mother drew out a piece of paper.

"The name is Mike," Mother said slowly. So Mike was given the package and he was on his way to Grandma's. Doris and Mother were soon out in the garden picking vegetables.

"Mother, is drawing names from a dish just like casting lots?" asked Doris as she rested a little.

"Casting lots?" Mother asked. "Oh, you mean in the Bible where they cast lots?"

"Yes," Doris answered. "They cast lots to get a new disciple to take the place of Judas. We studied about it in our Sunday School lesson. I don't remember his name."

"Yes, drawing names would be something like casting lots. His name was

Matthias. Say, Ma-thi-us," Mother repeated slowly.

"Ma-thi-us was chosen and I am sure he must have been real happy just like Mike was this morning to get to go to Grandma's house. She probably will tell him how nice he is for bringing the package and maybe—maybe she will give him something. Of course, Grandma doesn't always give us something, but sometimes she does."

"Well, you must not just do things for Grandma just to get something. You want to do it because you love her. She always remembers your birthday and gives you something. She took care of your daddy when he was a little boy and so helpless and we want to take care of her now that she is old. We love her so much."

"I love Grandma a whole lot," Doris said as she got up and started picking beans.

—Sis. Marie Miles

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Peter	Thomas
James	Judas
John	Simon
Andrew	James
Philip	Matthew
Bartholomew	
Judas Iscariot	
Matthias	

Matthias was
chosen to take
Judas' place

QUESTIONS:

1. Who betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver?
2. What did Judas do with the money?
3. Who was chosen to take Judas' place?

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PETER'S SERMON

Acts 2:1, 4-8, 12-16, 18, 21-24

The disciples waited in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came. Then as they were filled with the Spirit they began to speak the wonderful works of God in other languages. All the people who had come to Jerusalem from many other lands heard the gospel in their own language. They were amazed. Then Peter stood up and began to preach to all the people who were there. First, he told them the disciples were not drunk, but that they had received the gift of the Holy Spirit. He said that the prophecy Joel had given hundreds of years before had now come to pass. God had poured His Spirit out on men and women that day, and they had preached and told others about Jesus. Peter also said, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Before this time only the Jews could be saved. Now all nations could be saved if they would. Peter told them that Jesus was crucified to save them, but God raised Him from the dead, and now if they were sorry for their sins, they, too, could be saved.

Memory Verse: . . . Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Acts 2:21.

Women Can Preach

"I like to hear Bro. X. preach," Lillian stated.

"I like to hear Bro. Z. preach best," Jerry said.

"No, Sis. B. preaches best," added Billy.

"I don't know if women are supposed to preach," Lillian said. "My girl-friend at school said that they don't let women preach in their church."

"I am sure that women can preach because I know that Bro. X. would not do anything that the Bible didn't say was all right and I know that he thinks it is all right for women to preach," Jerry declared. "I heard him say so."

"Let us go and ask Mother about it," Billy said. "I'll go and get her to come out on the porch and tell us if it's in the Bible."

Soon Billy's mother was with the children on the porch and since she knew what the question was, she had brought her Bible. "It isn't what I say about it, or what Lillian's girl-friend says about it, or anyone else, but it is what the Bible says about it. I wish that all of you boys and girls would always remember that. We must take what God's Word says and not just what preachers say or what others say. That is the reason that the preachers in the Church of God always back up what they say by the Bible. I'll turn over here to Acts 2:17,18. When God sent the Holy Spirit into the world and the women and men were blessed, it says that it was fulfilled or it happened just like the prophet, Joel, had said hundreds of years before would happen. It says when the Holy Spirit came upon them "your sons and daughters shall prophesy." So the Bible says it, and it is right."

"What does prophesy mean?" asked Lillian.

"Prophesy means to preach or to give out the Word of God to help others."

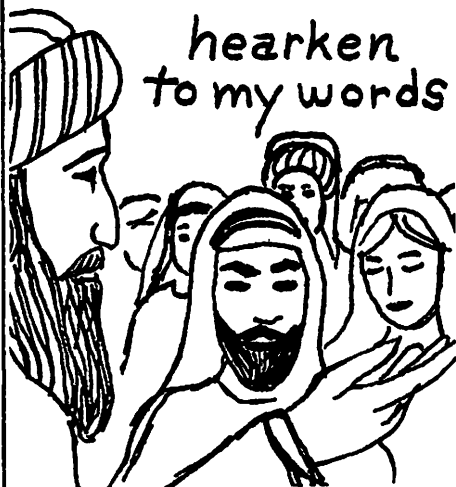
"So, I was right—women can preach," Billy stated, "because the Bible says so."

"We also read," Mother continued, "how in the early church there were women who preached. In Acts 21:8,9, we read about Philip, the evangelist, who had seven daughters who prophesied or preached. So it is according to the Bible that women can preach."

"I guess I'll tell my girl-friend that she is wrong and her church doesn't teach all the Bible," Lillian stated.

—Sis. Marie Miles

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QUESTIONS:

1. Who preached to the people on the day of Pentecost?
2. Did Peter tell the people they could be saved?
3. What do we have to do to be saved?

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THOUSANDS SAVED FROM SIN

Acts 2:36-47

Can you imagine how many 3000 people are? Think how over 3000 souls were saved after just one message was preached! Peter preached on the day of Pentecost and told the great crowds how they had crucified the Son of God. I am sure he told them also that Jesus had come to die so they could be saved from their sins. Many of the people standing in that crowd were some of the very ones who had cried, "Crucify him, crucify him!" How awful they felt as they realized the terrible thing they had done. As Peter spoke to them, they realized they were guilty of killing God's only Son. Oh, how sorry they were! "What can we do?" they cried out. "Repent, be truly sorry for your sins, and ask God to forgive you. Then be baptized, and your name will be written in the Book of Life," was the answer Peter gave them.

Three thousand souls believed Peter's preaching and knelt and asked God's forgiveness for their sins. Then they were all baptized. Peter, the apostles and the angels in heaven rejoiced.

Memory Verse: . . . Repent and be baptized every one of you. . . Acts 2:38

City Built In One Day

"This is sure a little town," Raymond said as they drove through the little town of Coyle.

"Guthrie is a big town," piped up little Jane.

"Tulsa is bigger than Guthrie," Raymond informed Jane.

"Did you know that Guthrie was a big town just over night?" asked Mother. "People came into Oklahoma from all places, on a certain day, and filed claims to the land and Guthrie sprang up over night into a big town. One time Guthrie was the capitol of Oklahoma but it is not now. Oklahoma City is the capitol.

"Did you children hear about a nation being 'born,' or springing up in one day, that the Bible tells about?" asked Daddy.

"No, Daddy, tell us about it," Raymond said.

"Was it a town as big as Guthrie?" asked little Jane.

"No, it had 3,000 people added to it in one day," Daddy said. "Thousands of years before that day, the prophet Isaiah asked the question if anyone had heard about a nation being born at once. And then we read in Acts where there were 3,000 people who were saved in one day. They were born into the church of God."

"Three thousand saved in one day?" Raymond repeated.

"Is that as many as are in Guthrie?" asked little Jane.

"No, there are more than that in Guthrie but this nation that Isaiah, the prophet, spoke about is a spiritual city. They were born into the city of God. They believed the words that Peter told them about Jesus. They believed that Jesus had died on the cross for their sins. They repented of their sins. They loved Jesus;

they were not afraid to tell others that they loved Jesus. They were different from the other people. They became children of God. They were in the city of Zion (Isa. 66:8; Acts 2:41)," Daddy explained.

"I would like to live in a city of God," Jane said.

"All who are saved live in the city of God," Daddy told them. "Jane, Raymond, Mother and I are all in the city of God. We are all saved. Isn't that wonderful to be in God's city? Yet, we live in an earthly city, too."

"I am glad to be in God's city," Raymond said.

—Sis. Marie Miles

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In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. John 14:2,3.

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QUESTIONS:

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1. Who preached a great message?
 2. What did Peter tell the people to do to get saved?
 3. How many souls were saved that day?

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June 6

THE LAME MAN HEALED

Acts 3:1-13

There was a man who was a cripple from birth. He had never been able to walk because his feet and ankles were deformed. This man had no way to make his living, so he had some one to carry him to the Beautiful Gate of the temple every day so he could beg for money to buy food. Wasn't that a dreary way to live? This man was over 40 years old and had no hope of a better way to live.

Peter and John went up to the temple about 3 o'clock in the afternoon to pray. As the lame man saw them, he begged for money. Peter saw how sad the man's condition was. "Look on us," he said. "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, rise up and walk." Peter took the man by his right hand and raised him up. Immediately the man's feet and ankles were healed. Oh, how the man leaped, walked and praised God! Peter said God healed the man.

Memory Verse: And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. John 14:13.

Obey God's Word

"Mother, why can't I wear a pant-suit like the other girls — just this one time. All the girls are going to wear them," Janie begged.

"No, dear, you cannot wear those pants because the Bible teaches against wearing them," Mother declared.

"But where does it say that?" Janie asked. "I never did read it."

"Well, I'll get my Bible and let you read it," Mother said, as she washed her hands, since they were damp from making the salad. She prayed as she went for her Bible. She knew that if Janie didn't live by what God taught in His Word, she would grow up and not live for God. Tears came into her eyes at the thought of even one of her children going to hell. In her heart she prayed, "Oh, Lord, please help Janie to want to obey your Word even if all the girls at school do not obey it."

"Here we read in Deut. 22:5, 'The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God.' So, dear, you see you are not to wear that which is like men's clothes. Pants are men's clothes and the pant suits that are worn today, jeans and slacks, are like men's clothes. God wants girls to dress different from boys. God made them different and He wants them to dress, look, and act different."

"Well, why do all the girls wear them if it's so wrong?" asked Janie.

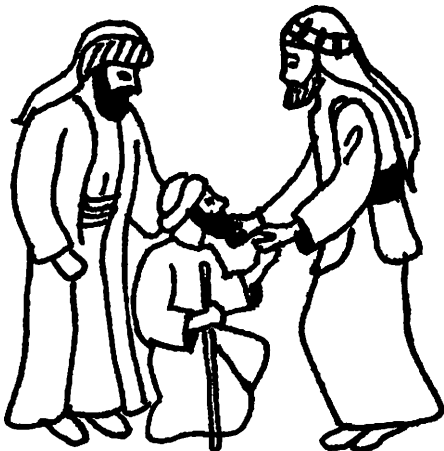
"Dear, it is because they do not know that the Bible says it is wrong, and because many of the preachers in the sect churches do not teach against it. They are not careful to obey God's Word. Many of them say that God does not care

what we wear, but God does. He didn't like the fig aprons that Adam and Eve made, so He made them 'coats of skins, and clothed them' (Gen. 3:21). Clothed means to cover. God wants us to cover our bodies. You understand now, don't you?"

"Yes, I do want to go to heaven so I want to obey what God says," Janie said. Mother kissed her and went back to her kitchen. Janie was satisfied now to obey God rather than please the girls.

— M. Miles

Rise
and walk



QUESTIONS:

1. What was wrong with the man who begged at the Beautiful gate?
2. Who went up to the temple to pray?
3. What did the lame man ask Peter for?
4. What did Peter do for the lame man?

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THE POWER OF THE NAME OF JESUS

Acts 4:1-13

After Peter and John had healed the lame man, a great crowd gathered and wondered at the miracle that was done. Many people got saved. Those who ruled the temple were not pleased at the preaching of Peter. Peter told the people that Jesus was alive, not dead. The rulers did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. So they took Peter and John and put them in jail. Since over 5000 thousand men had believed Peter's preaching, the rulers were afraid to kill Peter and John right then.

The next day a great number of rulers, priests and relatives of the priest gathered to condemn Peter and John. "Who gave you authority to preach in the temple?" they asked. Peter, with the power of God, answered, "If you want to know how the lame man was healed, it was through the name of Jesus. He is the very One you crucified, but God has raised Him from the dead. You rejected Jesus, but it is only through the name of Jesus that men can be saved." The rulers knew these men had been with Jesus.

Memory Verse: . . . For there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12b

Neva Was Kind

Have you ever been in a place where you felt very unwanted and unwelcome? Mazelle was a little black girl. Just a short time before, her parents had moved to this city in Ohio. Mazelle had always gone to Sunday School as long as she could remember. So, the first Sunday in their new home, her parents had taken her to a big church and left her in the primary room where there would be children of her age. Mazelle went quickly to the long seat for the pupils, and sat at one end.

As other pupils arrived, they stared in surprise to see a little black girl in their class. "What are YOU doing here?" their expressions seemed to say to Mazelle. Instead of being friendly, all the little white girls huddled together at the other end of the long seat. They looked at Mazelle, and whispered to each other. Mazelle knew they were talking about her!

Oh! how she wished she was at home. Oh! how she wished she had never moved to this city! In the other place she had lived, there were other little black girls, and everyone had been friendly. She did not feel so alone there.

Just then the door opened and another pupil came into the class. Neva was new in this city, too. She had been brought to the primary room to be with others her age. Neva looked at the long bench and saw the cluster of white girls at one end. She saw the one little black girl at the other end. She saw the woeful expression on little Mazelle's face. Immediately she knew where she was going to sit! Neva walked boldly over and sat right down next to Mazelle!

Do you know what Neva's kind action did? Mazelle no longer felt so alone. The other girls stopped their whisperings and

unkind looks and moved over on the seat, too. And God flooded Neva's heart with warm gladness because she had been kind.

— T. Sprague

Teacher Felt Better

In the Sunday School class were small children. Everyone of them talked at the same time and even sometimes when the teacher was reading to them. At first, it discouraged the Sunday School teacher, who was quite old. She thought the children needed a younger, prettier teacher, or one to whom they would listen.

One Sunday morning, the teacher was reading a story about David and Goliath. She asked, "Do you know why just a very small boy was able to kill the giant Goliath when there was not a man in the whole army that dared to go against him?"

One little, brown-eyed girl spoke up and said, "Because he had the Lord on his side!"

From that time on, the Sunday School teacher felt better. She had learned that even though the children talked, and seemingly didn't hear a word she was saying, not only did they hear, but they used the exact words she had used and said things in the same tone of voice she did.

Yes, children are smart and many times grown-ups can learn from them.

— A True Account

Jesus is alive today. We are praying to Someone who loves us and can help us.

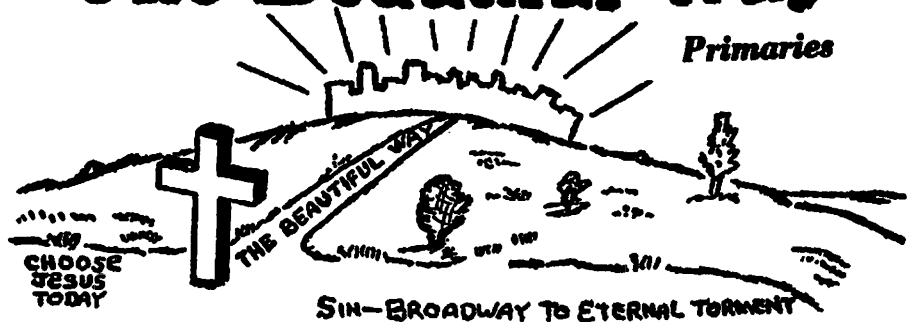
QUESTIONS:

1. Who told the people that Jesus was not dead, but alive?
2. By whose name was the lame man healed?
3. By whose name must we be saved?

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TWO LIARS DIE

Acts 5:1-14

The church grew very fast. Many of those who were saved sold their possessions to give the money to help others. Barnabas sold a piece of land and brought all the money to the apostles so they could help the needy. Ananias and Sapphira had some land they decided to sell. They wanted the church to think they were doing a great thing. They sold the land for a good price, then decided to keep part of the money for themselves. However, they acted like they were giving it all. God helped Peter to know that Ananias was not telling the truth when he brought the money. "You have lied to God and not to man," he said. When Ananias heard these words, he fell down dead. He had committed an awful sin. Later, his wife came in, not knowing her husband had died. "Did you sell the land for this amount?" asked Peter. "Yes," she answered. When Peter told her what a great sin it was to lie to God, she, too, fell down dead. All this caused people to fear God.

Memory Verse: . . . and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. Rev. 21:8b.

Remember Father

"Children, you must be sure and remember Father on Father's Day," Grandmother said. "It is wonderful to have a good Father. I had a good Father and I am thankful that I did."

"Tell us about your Father," one grandchild asked.

"My Father, Bro. Fred Pruitt, was a preacher and he loved God. He taught us to love God. He taught us to pray and to ask God to help us when we were sick or when we were in trouble. He also loved everybody. When people would talk bad about him, he prayed God to bless them and help them to get to heaven. He also printed lots and lots of tracts and papers and sent them to people, so they could read about Jesus and read about how to be saved."

"Did he pray with you every night?" asked one grandchild.

"Yes, we had prayer every night and morning. When we got up, we came to worship. Mother would genereally have breakfast about ready and we girls had the table set. Then we all gathered in the living room. We would sing a song and my father would read us a story from the Bible story book or from the Bible. All of us would kneel down and all would pray. Then we ate breakfast and rushed off to school.

"Were you ever sick?" asked another grandchild.

"Yes, I was sick many, many times," grandmother said. "But when I got sick I would ask my father to pray for me and the Lord would heal me. One time I had been playing with my brothers. They would throw the children over their backs and they were to land on their feet. I didn't want them to do me that way, but

they kept on asking me to let them. Every one seemed to be having fun, so I let my brother throw me over his back, but I didn't land on my feet. I landed real hard on the ground all twisted up. I could not walk. I cried and cried from the pain. They carried me in the house. I wanted my father to come and pray for me. Finally he came. I was hurting so badly and was shaking all over. When my father came in, he asked me in such calm words, 'Do you believe, when we pray, that God will heal you?' I told him that I did. He prayed, and instantly, all the pain left and I quit shaking. My back was sore for a few days, but I was soon all right. My parents felt that my back was broken, but God healed me."

"We had a wonderful grandfather, didn't we?" one grandchild commented.

"God is the One who made him wonderful," Grandmother said.

— Sis. Marie Miles

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Thou hast lied
unto God



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SUFFERING SHAME FOR JESUS

Acts 5:16, 18-23, 25-29

The apostles did great miracles. Great numbers of people came from many cities and brought their sick folks to be healed. This caused the high priests and others to be so angry that they caught the apostles and put them in jail. But God was watching over the apostles. At night He sent His angel to open the prison doors. The angel told them to go to the temple and speak all the words of life to all the people. Imagine the surprise the council felt the next day when they sent for the men and couldn't find them! The doors were all locked and the guards standing before them but the cells were empty. Then one came and said, "The men you are looking for are standing in the temple preaching." The captain and officers went and brought the apostles to the council. "Didn't we command you not to preach or teach in the name of Jesus?" The apostles answered, "We ought to obey God rather than men." The council had them beaten and told them not to speak in the name of Jesus anymore.

Memory Verse: Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, . . . for the Son of man's sake. Luke 6:22.

Always Love God

"Boys, you must help Mother this morning as I have overslept."

"Did Bro. -----'s wife cry when he died?" asked Sammy.

"Yes, she did. I felt so sorry for her last night. She is old and it will be so hard for her to adjust to her life without him," Mother replied, as she thought about comforting dear Sis. ----- the night before as she stood by Bro. -----'s bed when the Lord came to take him home. His children had called her to be there as they knew Sis. ----- would want someone who could pray. The children had all grown up and were not living for the Lord. How sad, when they had all been taught to love God but they hadn't followed that teaching. Now they had bad feelings in their hearts toward each other. It does not pay to turn away from God when a person is young.

"Did Bro. -----'s son, who didn't like his sisters, come in and see his father die?" asked Bill.

"Yes, they were all there at that time, but later they had some awful words to say to each other. This made Sis. ----- cry. She asked me if I thought all of her children loved her. I told her that they did, but that they didn't love each other."

"They should be ashamed to treat their mother that way when she is old. I would never do you that way," Bill declared.

"I am sure that all of Bro. and Sis. -----'s children loved their parents as they grew up, but they didn't keep the love of God in their hearts and therefore hatred and evil thoughts came into their hearts to stay. They became jealous of each other and since they didn't have God to help them, those evil things grew until

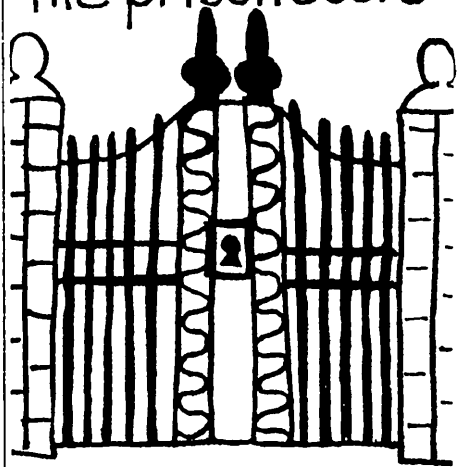
they were not able to keep it from their parents, who were real old. I am sure they never would know how much their parents wept over their evil deeds and thoughts. How sad to think that a sister would get the police to keep her brother away from his parents' home and he could not see his dear mother who brought him into the world. That is what sin will do. I trust that both of you boys will love Jesus and never forget to do the right and have right thoughts. I pray for you daily."

—Marie Miles

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LESSON ILLUSTRATION

the angel opened
the prison doors



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QUESTIONS:

1. Who let the apostles out of jail?
2. Why were the apostles beaten?
3. Did they stop preaching?
4. Why were they glad?