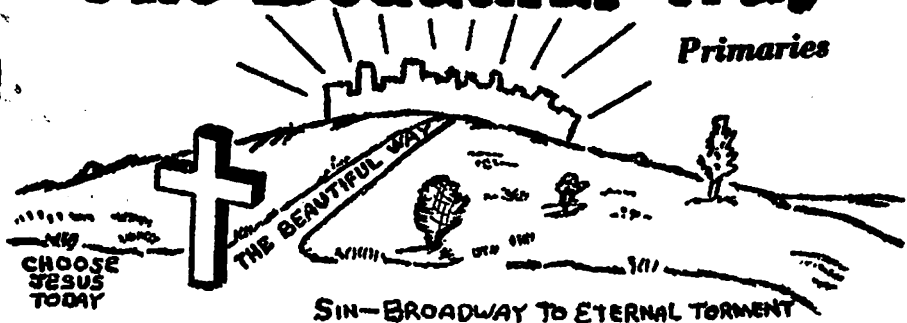


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Jan. 7

Jesus Christ Saves From Sin

Genesis 3:6-24

Adam and Eve hid themselves from God. The devil had told Eve that it would not be wrong for her to eat the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of good and evil. Eve ate of it and gave some to Adam. Now they were afraid when God called to them. They had sinned. Sin caused them to see that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made aprons.

God was displeased. He asked Adam why he had not obeyed Him. Adam said that the woman whom God gave to him, had given him of the tree and he did eat. Eve told God that the serpent caused her to eat of the tree. Each one blamed someone else for his sin.

God said to the serpent that because it had done this it would eat of the dust as it crawled on its belly. God then talked to the devil who had talked through the serpent. God said that there would be trouble between the devil and the "seed of the woman," who God meant would be Christ. This is the first promise of a Saviour who was to come through woman and God would be His Father.

Mem. Verse: "Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Susan and the Dead Fish

One day Susan was playing with her dolls. She would hold the dolls by their arms and swing them round and round the room. She was having so much fun, when suddenly she knocked over the goldfish bowl. She quickly stopped and got a rag to wipe up the water. Then she brought more water to refill the bowl. She was scared that her mother would come in before she had cleaned up the mess. Her mother had told her not to play in the living room. Susan didn't see the goldfish that slid onto the floor when she knocked over the bowl.

That evening when the family was sitting in the living room, Susan's sister, Carolyn, saw that one of the goldfish was missing. "I wonder what happened to the other fish," Carolyn said. Mother and Dad also wondered what had happened. Then Carolyn saw the fish dead on the floor. Susan pretended not to hear what was going on, but kept looking at her book. She felt scared inside. She knew it was her fault the fish was dead.

That night when she knelt to say her prayers, the thought of the dead goldfish came to her mind. She could hardly pray because she knew she was hiding something from Mother and Dad.

She couldn't go to sleep. She kept thinking about the fish. Tears began to slip down her cheeks and she felt sorry that she had not confessed her misdeed.

She got up from the bed and went into the living room where her mother and dad were still sitting.

Susan began to sob. "What is the matter, Dear?" asked Mother.

"I knocked the fish bowl over and the fish must have gotten out. I didn't mean to knock it over, and I didn't know the

fish was on the floor. I'm sorry. I'm sorry," she sobbed.

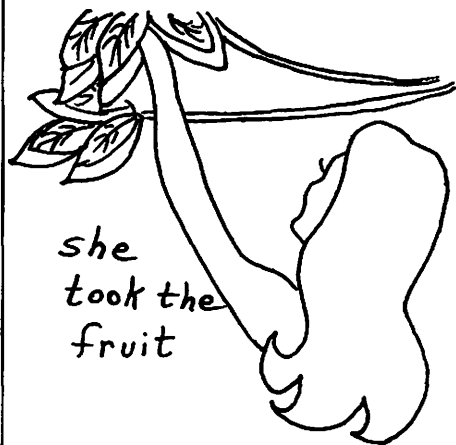
Holding her child in her arms the mother said, "You should have told me when you knocked the bowl over and maybe we would have seen the fish then and it wouldn't have died. But I'm glad you feel bad for trying to hide your wrong. You should never try to hide things from Mother and Daddy."

Before Susan went back to bed, she again knelt to pray. She asked God to forgive her for hiding things from her parents and to help her be a good girl.

—Sandra Whitson

"A life without God is like a candle without a flame."

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Questions:

1. Who tried to hide from God?
2. Why were they afraid of God?
3. Who tempted Eve to sin?
4. Who tempts us to sin today?

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Jan. 14

Abel Offers the Right Sacrifice

Genesis 4:1-13

Adam and Eve had two boys, Cain and Abel. One day they brought sacrifices to offer to the Lord. They built an altar out of stones. They burned their sacrifices on the altar. While the fire burned, they were to ask God to forgive them of their sins. How sad it was that Cain did not bring the right sacrifice. Cain brought some fruit from his farm. Abel brought the best lamb of his flock. God had taught them that blood was to be shed through the killing of an animal. Today this makes us think of Jesus, who died on the cross and shed His precious blood for our sins. God did not like Cain's sacrifice because God wanted them to offer something that was alive. God was pleased with Abel's sacrifice. This made Cain angry at Abel. Cain was wicked in his heart. He hated Abel because he did good. He killed Abel. God was unhappy with Cain and He put a mark upon him and sent him away from his people. Cain was sorry, but it was too late.

We can't do wrong and get by. Be happy when others get nice things. Love everybody and love God.

Mem. Verse: "So Christ was offered to bear the sins of many."

Mary's Victory

One afternoon Mother baked some cookies. When Mary came home from school she smelled the good cookies. She ran into the kitchen and said, "Oh, Mother, those cookies smell so good! May I have one?" Mother said, "Yes, Mary. You may have one now with a glass of milk. Then you may have two more for supper!"

Mother poured a glass of milk for Mary and gave her a cookie. What a good lunch this was for a hungry little girl!

That night, Mary had two more cookies for supper. She wanted a third one, but Mother said, "No, Mary. You can't have any more tonight. Two cookies in one evening are enough for one little girl. Tomorrow you may have some more." Then Mother put the cookies in the cookie jar and carried it into the dining room and placed it on the buffet.

While mother was doing the dishes, Mary went upstairs to get ready for bed. Mother was humming different hymns while she worked. Mother loved God and she often hummed, or sang hymns as she worked. Suddenly Mother thought she heard a noise in the dining room. The swinging door, between the dining room and kitchen, was slightly open. Mother stepped over to the door and looked in the dining room. There she saw something which made her very sad. Mary was standing on a chair by the buffet. She was getting some cookies!

Mother didn't say anything. She just stood there and watched. She could hardly believe that Mary would disobey her. She could hardly believe that Mary

would sneak into the dining room and take something she should not have. Mary got down off the chair and went into the hall and started up the steps.

Suddenly, Mary turned around and ran quickly back into the dining room. She climbed back on the chair, and put the cookies back into the jar. As she did this, she said softly, "There Satan. You didn't get me this time!"

How happy Mother was to know that Mary had won the victory over Satan! Satan had tempted Mary to do wrong, but Mary had said, "No" to him.

—Sel.

Jesus loves little children.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Questions:

1. What were the names of the boys in our lesson?
2. What did Cain offer the Lord?
3. What did Abel offer the Lord?
4. Was God happy with both offerings?
5. Does God know when we do wrong?

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Jan. 21

God Talks to Abraham

Gen. 12:1-7; 13:8-16

“Abram, I want you to leave your home and go to a land that I will give to you and to your children. Through you all the people in the world will be blessed,” God told Abram, who lived in the land of Ur.

Abram loved God, so he took his wife and his nephew, and they went to the Canaan land. This made God happy because Abram obeyed Him. When Abram built an altar and worshipped God, the Lord again spoke to him, making him know that through his family good would come to the world. Today we know that God meant that Jesus Christ would come, and all who love Jesus and obey Him will be saved.

Abram became rich. He had lots of cattle, sheep and other animals. Lot, who was Abram’s nephew, had herds also. The men who took care of the herds for Abram and Lot began to fuss over grassland. This grieved Abram. Abram told Lot that they needed to be apart. Abram let Lot choose where he wanted to go. Lot chose the best land, which was toward Sodom. Later Lot was sorry.

Memory Verse: “By faith Abraham . . . obeyed, and he went out.” Heb. 11:8.

The Grumble Box

Over at the Smith home the children were always grumbling. When the potatoes were hot, they grumbled. When the potatoes were cold, they grumbled. They grumbled when they were called to eat, and they grumbled when the dinner was late. The worst of it was, Mr. Smith also grumbled.

One day Mrs. Smith said, "You know, we ought not to grumble all the time. God says, 'Do all things without murmuring.' That means without grumbling or complaining. God wants us to be cheerful people, willing to do whatever is right and good. Here is a box with a slot in the top. Maybe we can learn not to grumble if we will put a penny into the box whenever we grumble. O.K.?"

They all said it would be all right. The box was put on the middle of the table, and whoever grumbled had to put a penny into the box. By and by they learned to smile and not to grumble. At the end of the month they counted the pennies. There were 221 of them.

Some people grumble wherever they are, not only at home. They grumble at church; they grumble at work; they grumble when it's hot; they grumble when it rains; they just grumble all the time.

Do we grumble too? When we must do something we don't like to do, do we grumble? Are we always cheerful? Perhaps we forget that we are God's children. Are we thankful to God if we complain all the time?

When Paul wrote the Bible verse about grumbling, he was talking about doing the things that Jesus

wants His people to do. But what he said is true at all times: "Do all things without murmuring." —Sel.

"Judy is my enemy, Mother. Today at school she took my ball and would not give it back. What can I do about her?"

"Debbie, if Judy is really your enemy you must love her. The Bible says, 'Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, and do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.' Matt. 5:44. Would you like to pray for her right now, Debbie?"

"Oh, yes!" exclaimed Debbie. "If I pray for her, maybe she will give my ball back."

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He built an altar

Questions:

1. Who did God tell to leave his home?
2. Did Abram obey God?
3. Was God happy because Abram obeyed him?
4. Who was Abram's nephew?
5. Did Lot choose the best land?

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Jan. 28

Abram Helps Lot

Gen. 14:2,10-24; Heb. 7:2,3

Lot is in trouble. Some bad men came and took all of his things. They took his wife and children. They took other people and fled from Sodom. Poor Lot chose the wrong place to live. Someone ran to tell Abram about Lot's trouble. Abram felt sorry for Lot. Abram took 318 men and ran after those who took Lot and his family. Abram and the men took Lot and his goods and the people away from the bad men. Abram brought them back to their homes. Lot was happy that Abram helped him. We want to help others when they are in trouble just like Abram helped Lot.

The king of Sodom and the king of Salem went out to meet Abram. The King of Salem was a priest of God. His name was Mel-chiz-e-dek. He was a man of peace. He blessed Abram. He praised God who owns everything in the earth and in heaven. He praised God for helping Abram to overtake Lot's enemies.

Later Paul says that the priest of God who met Abraham was like Jesus Christ. Jesus is a man of peace and was a priest of God.

Memory Verse: God . . . delivered thine enemies into thy hand. Gen. 14:20.

Shelia Learns to Give

Little Shelia was standing on a chair helping Mother do the Sunday dinner dishes when suddenly a question popped into her mind and she asked, "Mamma, why do we put money in that box at Sunday school, and who gets to keep it?"

Mother said, "Shelia, the Bible tells us we are to give some of our money to Jesus. Jesus gives us so many things, and we want to give some back to Him."

"But, Mamma, how can we give it to Jesus when He is up in Heaven?" asked Shelia.

"Yes, Jesus has gone to heaven, but He has people who are working for Him here on earth and they need money to buy food and clothes just like we do. Jesus wants some people to preach and help others. Jesus also needs someone to give money to help the people who are working for Him. When we put money in the box at Sunday school, we are working for Jesus too. Jesus makes us feel happy when we give to others."

"Oh, Mamma, may I take some of my pennies out of my piggy bank to give to Jesus?"

"Yes, Shelia, that would make Jesus very happy. I am glad you love Jesus and want to please Him," Mother said as she helped her down from the chair.

Shelia could hardly wait until next Sunday so that she could drop her pennies in the box at the chapel. When Sunday came, Shelia was up early and ready to go to the chapel. When the time came to take the offering, Shelia almost ran to put her pennies in the box. She had a big smile on her face and she had a happy feeling in her heart as she walked back to her seat beside Mamma and Daddy.

—E. E.

CHRIST AND A LITTLE GIRL

Jairus' daughter lay asleep;
It was the sleep of death,
Until Christ came and spoke to her
And gave her life and breath.

He took her hand and helped her rise;
She stood on her own feet,
And Christ turned to her mother,
He said, "Give her to eat."

—L. A. Boyd

"Let us never be ashamed of living a life for Christ; after all He is the King of kings."

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Questions:

1. Whom did some bad men come and take away?
2. Who felt sorry for Lot and went to take him away from the bad men?
3. Was Lot happy to be back home?
4. Was Melchizedek a good king?
5. Was he glad that Abram helped Lot?

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Abraham and Isaac

Gen. 22:1-13,17,18

God called Abraham and he said, "Here am I." God told him to take Isaac, his only son, up to a mountain and offer him as a burnt offering unto him. Abraham rose up early in the morning and took his ass, wood for the burnt offering, two young men and Isaac, and started out to the mountain.

For three days they walked along the dusty road and finally they came near the place. Abraham told the young men to wait there and he and Isaac would come to them again. As they walked along, Isaac asked, "My father, we have the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

"My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering"; so they went on together up the mountain. When they came to the place, Abraham built an altar, bound Isaac and laid him upon the altar. He raised his hand with the knife in it to slay his son but God called, and again Abraham said, "Here am I." God told him not to kill Isaac, "for now I know you love me and through your family the earth will be blessed." A ram was caught in the thicket, so they offered it to God on the altar.

Mem. Verse: ". . . In Isaac shall thy seed be called."

David Looks for Spring

The winter had been very bad. Snow had covered the ground nearly every day since December. Many days the snow blew so hard that David couldn't play outside. The family often sat around the fire all day trying to keep warm. David like snow, but he was tired of having to stay inside so much.

One day as the family sat near the fire, David sighed. "I don't believe we'll ever have summer again. I believe it's going to snow forever."

"It won't be long until spring and then you can play outside again," said his dad.

"Maybe spring won't come this year. How do we know it won't always be winter?" asked David.

"Because the Bible tells us we will always have the different seasons," said his dad, taking down the Bible from the shelf. "Listen. In the first book of the Bible (Gen. 8:22) God says, 'While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.' So you see, David, spring will come in a few weeks."

It made David happy to know that God promised that spring would always come.

"Why don't you watch for signs of spring, David, and see how many different signs you can find?" said his dad.

"What are signs of spring?" asked David.

"Well, birds that have gone to warmer places in the winter begin to come back in the spring. Flowers begin to pop out of the ground, and trees begin to get little knots on the limbs where new leaves will appear," said his dad.

The next few weeks David watched eagerly for signs of spring. One day when he was outside, he saw a lot of little knots on some bushes, and in a few days some tiny flowers appeared where the knots had been. Another day he saw a robin pulling a long worm out of the ground. Beside the steps, tiny flowers began to pop up. David was happy to know that after winter there would always be spring. —Sandra Whitson

"Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Matt. 19:19.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Questions:

1. Who did God tell to sacrifice his son?
2. Who was Abraham's son?
3. Was Abraham going to obey God and sacrifice Isaac?
4. Who stopped Abraham from killing his son?
5. Did God know Abraham loved him because he obeyed him?

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Feb. 11

Jacob Is Blessed

Gen. 26:1-3; 28:1-22

Isaac called his son Jacob to him and told him that he didn't want him to marry any of the girls who did not love the true God. Isaac and Rebekah told him to go back to her home place and take a girl for his wife. Jacob obeyed his mother and father.

As the sun sank in the west, Jacob took some stones for his pillow and lay down to sleep. No doubt he was very tired from walking all day. Maybe he thought about God and the great blessing given to him by his father, Isaac. Soon, he was asleep, and he dreamed that a big ladder was set up from earth to heaven. As he watched, he saw angels walking up to heaven and angels walking down from heaven to earth. He listened as he heard someone talking. The Lord was saying, "I am the Lord God of Abraham and of Isaac. I will give to you and your family the land upon which you are lying. I will bless you and your family, and through your family the whole earth will be blessed." Jacob awoke with a start. "God is in this place," so he poured oil on the stones as an offering unto the Lord.

Memory Verse: Jacob said, "This is the gate of heaven." Genesis 28:17b.

Lost in the Snow

All day the snow had been falling. Richard's mother let him play outside most of the day. She told him to play around the yard and not go past the barn.

Richard was having a wonderful time in the snow. He rolled two balls of snow over and over the snow-covered ground and they got bigger and bigger. Then he put one on top of the other. This was his snowman. He used rocks for the snowman's eyes, and he tied an old rag around it for a scarf. He liked his snowman.

Soon his dog heard something in the woods and ran to chase it. Richard was tired of playing with the snowman. He saw the tracks of the dog in the snow and thought he would see if he could step the same way the dog did. So he began to follow the tracks. He went on and on, following the tracks into the woods. He forgot that he was not supposed to go into the woods alone. He saw a rabbit running fast to hide inside a hollow log. He looked up and saw a bird stop to rest on a tree limb, and it knocked snow off the branches into his face. Richard thought he would follow the tracks back home, but when he started retracing his tracks, very soon he couldn't see them at all. The falling snow had covered the tracks. He didn't know which way to go. He was lost. He began to cry. Then Richard remembered that God always sees us, so he began to pray, "Dear, God, I'm lost. Please help me get home."

Soon Richard saw a big animal coming through the woods. It was their cow, Bessie. Richard knew she would go to the barn because it was milking time.

He followed her through the woods right to the barn.

His mother was near the barn calling him. Richard was so happy to see her. He ran to her, stumbling through the snow that was now nearly to his knees.

"I was lost," he told his mother. "But, I asked God to help me get home and he sent Bessie to lead me."

"I'm sorry you disobeyed me, but I am glad God helped you find your way home," Mother said, giving her little boy a big hug.

—Sandra Whitson

Does Jesus Know?

Does Jesus know you love Him?

Does Jesus know you care?

Does Jesus know a thing about

The loving heart that's there?

You have to tell Him of it,

And show, by word and deed,

That you're a child of Jesus,

And that His Word you heed.

So do your best for Jesus,

And work so He will know

You really, truly love Him—

Then He will know it's so!

—G. K. Boller

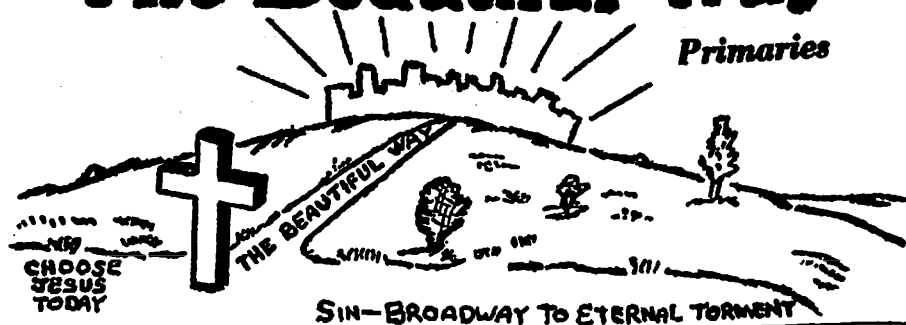
"Honesty in all matters prevents worrying over being trapped in a lie."

Questions:

1. Isaac wanted his son to marry a girl that loved who?
2. Did Jacob obey his mother and father?
3. What did Jacob do when it was evening and he was tired from walking?
4. What did Jacob see in his dream?
5. Who talked to Jacob in the dream and said He would bless him?

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Jacob Dies

Gen. 49:2,8-12,33; Gen. 50:14,15

Joseph's father, Jacob, and his brothers had come to live in Egypt during the famine. Joseph was the ruler at that time. Jacob grew old and he was on his deathbed. Jacob called Joseph and his other sons to him. He blessed each one of them. He gave Judah a special blessing. He told him that through his family the Saviour would come. We know that Jesus Christ came many years later from the family of Judah.

Joseph and his brothers wept much when their father died. They buried him in Canaan. When they returned to Egypt, Joseph's brothers were afraid. They remembered how they had sold Joseph, many years before, as a slave. They thought that since their father was now gone Joseph would punish them. They fell down before him and begged for mercy. Joseph said to them, "Am I to take God's place? You thought to do me evil but God meant it for good. God wanted me to be here to save many people during the famine." Joseph spoke kindly to them. He asked them to bury his bones in Canaan when the time came that they would leave Egypt.

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

How Judy Learned to Help

Bobby was only four years of age, but he was strong for his age. He liked to help his mother work in the yard. In the fall he would put the leaves his mother had raked into big bags, so the wind would not scatter them back over the yard. In the springtime he helped his dad in the garden. Bobby knew just how far apart to plant the onions and potatoes. And later, when weeds began to grow in the garden, Bobby helped pull up the weeds. He was very careful not to pull up the garden plants. Bobby liked to help his mother and dad work.

Bobby's sister, Judy, was six years of age. She was not strong like Bobby. She had been very sick one time and couldn't run and play like other children. She mostly looked at books or drew pictures. Sometimes she helped her mother fold the clothes after Bobby had helped bring them in from off the clothes line. She wanted to help work, but there was so little she could do.

One day, when their mother and dad were outside, Bobby heard Judy crying. He went into her room and saw his sister looking out the window with tears streaming down her cheeks.

"What is wrong," Bobby asked.

"I want so much to do useful things around the house as you do, Bobby," Judy said.

Bobby felt very sorry for his sister. "Don't cry, maybe we can think of some things you can do."

Then Bobby said, "I know! The other day Mother said that her sewing box was in a mess. I could bring it to you and you could sort her thread, needles and buttons."

Judy wiped her eyes and was eager to begin helping. Bobby brought the

sewing box to her and she began at once to sort the spools of thread according to color. She wrapped the loose threads around empty spools. The buttons that were alike she tied together with pieces of thread. She spent most of that afternoon straightening the sewing box. When her mother came in and saw how nice her box looked, she thanked Judy and said, "I am glad you helped me out."

This made Judy happy to know that she could help. Everyday Bobby would think of things for Judy to do to help. One day she picked bits of leaves off Bobby's sweater that he had worn when picking up leaves. Another day she polished and shined everyone's shoes. She enjoyed helping her family. There were many things for her to do.

Do you like to help your mother and dad? Why don't you ask them what you can do to help them around the house?

—Sandra Whitson

"When we pray, we are talking to God and He is listening. He is there in that very spot with us. We are in the presence of a King. Do we remember that when others are praying in our presence?"

Questions:

1. Joseph was a ruler during a famine. What is a famine?
2. When Jacob was going to die, who did he call around his bedside?
3. Judah got a special blessing; who was to be born in his family?
4. Were Joseph's brother's afraid he would be mean to them after their father died?
5. Had Joseph forgiven his brothers?

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Feb. 25

The Passover Lamb

Ex. 12:1-14; John 13:1

The Egyptians were not good to the Israelites. God sent Moses to take them away from the Egyptians, and take them to a better land. Moses told the Israelites to kill a lamb that was without blemish or that was perfect. They were to take some of the blood of the lamb and sprinkle it on the door posts. They were to gather their children around the table and eat the cooked lamb at midnight. They were to be ready to go. The Lord would pass over all of the houses of the Egyptians. In any house that didn't have the blood on the door posts, the oldest son would die. Even the king's son would be killed.

A cry went up in Egypt. Everyone's oldest son had died. They sent word for the Israelites to leave. The Israelites left in a hurry and were soon on their way to the Canaan Land. God had heard their cry and gave them a great deliverance.

Years later, Jesus kept the Passover feast. Then Jesus went to the cross and died. He became our Passover lamb. When we repent He washes away our sins with His blood; then we are saved.

Mem. Verse: Your lamb shall be without blemish. . . . Ex. 12:5.

What Do You Think You Own?

"This is mine, and you can't have it," Robin said to Shelly.

They were playing dress-up. Robin was wearing her mother's old dress, and she was reaching for a hat just when Shelly grabbed it, too.

"It's mine," said Shelly. "It's mine as much as yours."

They would have fussed, but their mother stopped them.

"Whose hat did you say it was?" she asked.

The girls both giggled. "It's yours, Mother," they said.

"But didn't I hear you say that it was yours?" asked their mother.

"Oh, we were just saying that," said Robin.

Then Mother sat down on the floor with them. "Do you know what this makes me think about?" she asked. "God gives us so many things: food to eat, clothes to wear, a house to live in, good health so that we can work, a mind that can think, a job for our daddy to earn money. He also gives us the wood and rubber and metal from which cars and furniture and everything else are made. But all things really belong to God."

Robin understood what her mother was trying to teach her. "I know," she said, "people act like things belong to them, just the way we acted, but they really don't, do they? God could take away whatever He gives us, couldn't He?"

"Yes, He could," said her mother. "The Bible says, 'The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.' Nothing that we have really belongs to us. It belongs to God. God just lets us have things to use and to enjoy for a while. And don't

forget that He wants us to be good to other people with what He gives to us."

—Selected

CHRIST'S WORDS

"Suffer the little children,"

Jesus spoke the word,

"Forbid them not to come to me."

Were sweeter words e'er heard?

Christ called a little child one day,

Placed hands upon his head,

"Of such is heaven's kingdom,"

Were the words that He said.

—L. A. Boyd

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They put blood



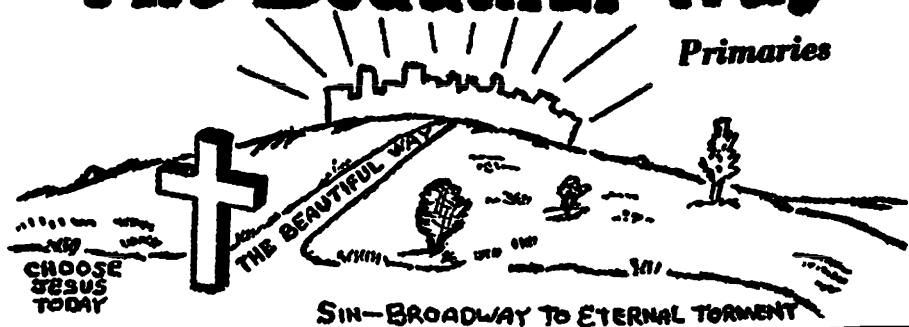
on the door posts

Questions;

1. What did Moses tell the people to kill?
2. Did the lamb have to be perfect?
3. Where were they supposed to sprinkle the blood?
4. Who became our Passover lamb?
5. Does the blood of Jesus on our hearts save us today?

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The Two Goats

Lev. 15:1-10; 21-26

Aaron, the High Priest, who lived many years ago, did as God told him. This was a long time before Jesus came. God wanted the people to know what Jesus would do for them when he came here to the earth to die for our sins.

Aaron took two kid goats. He brought them before the tabernacle door. They faced the west. Aaron put two stones in a pan. He shook the pan. He reached both hands in the pan and took out the stones. On the stones were written scape-goat and Jehovah. He would stand before the goats and lay the stones on each head. The priest would pray over these goats and confess all the sins of the people. The one that had the stone laid on his head with the word, "Jehovah" on it was killed as an offering to the Lord. The other one that had the name, "scape-goat" on it was sent out into the wilderness alive.

When Jesus came, He died on the cross for our sins. He offered his body in pain and suffering as a punishment, but He did not stay in the grave. He arose and is alive now. Because He died and arose, we can be saved.

Mem. Verse: "Jesus . . . suffered without the gate."

Talking To God

It takes two people to have a talk—for example, a boy and a girl. The boy talks awhile and the girl listens. Then the girl talks and the boy listens. If the girl did all the talking, and never listened to him, the boy would get tired of listening.

That is just how we should talk to God. We should talk a while in prayer, then listen while God speaks to us from His Bible. Proverbs 28:9 says, "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination." This means that if a person refuses to read the Bible or listen when it is being taught, then God will not listen to that person's prayer. We must not only talk to God and tell Him the things we want Him to do, but we should look into the Bible to find the things God wants us to do. That is how to carry on a proper talk with our heavenly Father. For the Bible is God's voice to us. —Sel.

Joseph and the Mouse

One day a little mouse came to Joseph. The mouse was very much worried. At first Joseph did not see the mouse, because he was busy figuring how much wheat he had left for feeding all the people. He had mountains of wheat, much more than enough. Then he heard the little mouse squeak.

"What are you worried about, little mouse?" Joseph asked.

"I'm worried that maybe you won't have enough wheat for me," said the mouse.

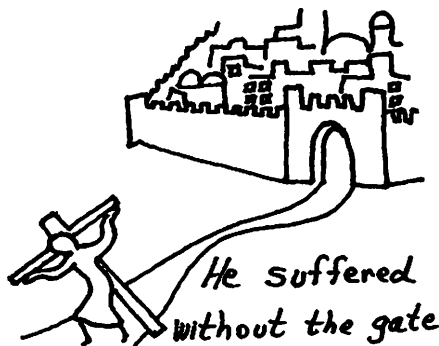
Joseph laughed, because there was enough wheat to last the mouse a million years or more.

That story was told by a preacher in England. The preacher said that one day he was worried about his troubles. He didn't think that everything could come out all right. Then he read the Bible and came to the verse where God says, "My love is enough for you." And then he laughed. He laughed at himself. He was being as foolish as the mouse that came to Joseph and worried that there wasn't enough wheat for it.

Do we ever have troubles? Yes, but not any which God cannot take care of. No matter how much trouble we may have, no matter what we need, God's love can take care of us, and there will always be enough love for us.

Let's remember what God said, "My grace is sufficient for you." —Sel.

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Questions:

1. Did Aaron do as God told him?
2. How many kid goats did he take?
3. Was one of the goats killed as an offering for the peoples' sins?
4. Did Jesus offer himself on the cross for our sins?
5. Did he stay in the grave?

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The Fiery Serpent

Num. 21:5-9; John 1:12-17

Sin is terrible. Sin is ugly. Sin bites like a serpent. Beware of sin! God hates sin and He wants you to hate sin.

The people of Israel left Egypt for Canaan. God took care of them. He sent bread from the sky for them to eat, but they became very unhappy. They began to talk against God and Moses. They acted very ugly. God was unhappy with them. They had sinned. God sent some fiery serpents among them. The serpents crawled into their tents and bit them. The serpents crawled everywhere and even bit some children. Many died.

The people became very sorry that they had talked against God. They cried to Moses and said, "We have sinned. We have talked against the Lord. Pray to the Lord for us. Pray God to take away the serpents."

Moses prayed and God told him to put a fiery serpent on a pole. Everyone who looked at the serpent would live. Today if we look up to Jesus, who was put on the cross, we will live. We must confess our sins, pray and Jesus will save us.

Memory Verse: The Son of man must be lifted up.
John 3:14.

Do You?

When you are in trouble,
Do you ever go
To Jesus in prayer,
And tell Him so?

When nice things have happened
Do you ever think
To mention it to Him,
As on your knees you sink?

Whatever it may be,
Though bad things or good,
Remember, the Lord cares,
So tell Him—you should!

—G. K. Boller

How to Keep from Doing Wrong

"Mother," said Adrian, "I wish those bees would go away from me." He meant the bumblebees which were flying close to him. You see, Adrian was standing near their nest of honey.

"Then you had better go away from the bees," said his mother. When Adrian went away from them, they quit bothering him.

Some people say to God, "I wish my badness would go away from me. I want to be good, but still I do wrong." To them God says, "You had better go away from evil and do good."

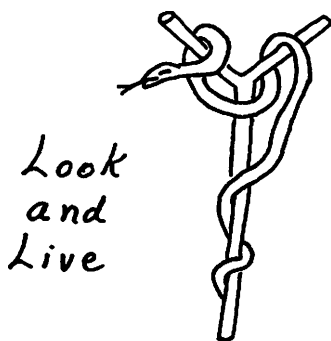
Daryl and Karen were standing by a fence, looking at the berries in their neighbor's garden. They knew that it was wrong to pick those berries. But they stood there and looked. The more they looked, the more they wanted those berries. Before long they were taking something that did not belong to them. They were stealing.

What could they have done? They could have walked away and done the dishes which were waiting for them in the sink, or they could have gone and played with the children next door. Soon they would have forgotten about the berries.

God's children, who love Jesus, are to go away from whatever is wrong. Sometimes walking away helps. And the best way to keep from doing wrong is to love Jesus and do good. Jesus will help you to do what is good. —Sel.

"We are walking through a dark world. We need the Lamp—God's Word—for our Guide."

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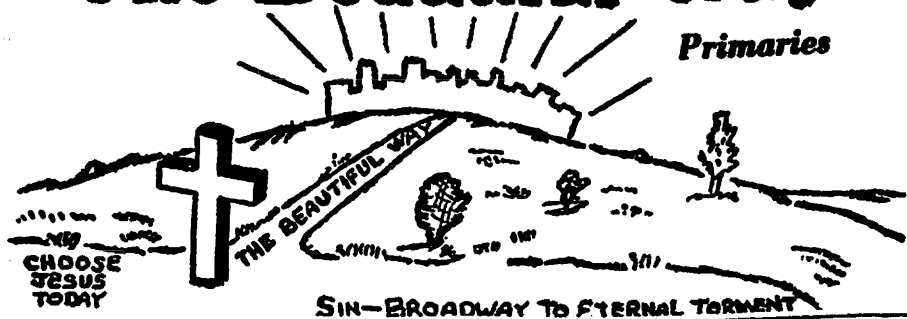


Questions:

1. Did the people thank God for taking care of them?
2. What did God send them for acting ugly and unhappy?
3. Were the people sorry then?
4. Did the people live when they looked up at the serpent on the pole?
5. If we look up to Jesus, will we live?

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The Star

Num. 22:31-35; 24:10-19

Balak wanted Balaam, the prophet, to come and curse God's people, the Israelites. God told Balaam to speak only what he told him to say. God wanted to teach Balaam, the prophet, a lesson. The angel of the Lord stood in the road. The ass that Balaam was riding saw it and turned off the road. Balaam struck the ass. Again the ass saw the angel and he moved over against the wall. Balaam's foot was hurt. Later, the ass fell down to the ground when he saw the angel. Balaam struck the ass again. The ass said, "Why did you strike me three times?" Balaam said that if he had a sword he would kill it. The ass said that he had always obeyed him. Then Balaam saw the angel of the Lord. He bowed down. The angel said, "Go, but speak only what God tells you to speak."

Balaam offered sacrifices and spoke but he blessed the Israelites. King Balak was unhappy so he took him to another mount. There Balaam spoke and said, "A Star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel."

Memory Verse: "I am the . . . offspring of David, and the bright and morning star." Rev. 22:16.

Trouble From A Lie

Mother had spent most of the day raking leaves. At last all the leaves were in two big piles waiting to be put into bags. Darin thought it would be fun to jump into the leaves. So he jumped into the big pile again and again. At last the leaves were no longer in piles, but were scattered about.

Darin's mother had not seen him in the leaves. She came out to put the leaves into bags. She saw the scattered leaves and knew she would have to rake them again.

She called Darin and asked if he had played in the leaves. He knew his mother was displeased, so he was afraid. "No, I didn't do it," he said. His dog, Cocoa, was digging around in the leaves. "Cocoa did it. I saw him," Darin said.

"I will have to chain Cocoa in the garage until I rake the leaves again and put them into bags," Mother said.

While Cocoa was in the garage he knocked a bucket of paint off the shelf and it spilled onto the floor. Darin's dad was very upset with the dog. "We will have to sell Cocoa if he keeps up such mischief."

That night Mrs. Martin from next door came over. "Darin really had a good time jumping in those leaves today," she said. She had seen Darin from her window.

When Mrs. Martin left, Darin's dad said, "Son, you told something untrue today. Cocoa would not have been in the garage had you told the truth and the paint would not have been splattered on the floor. Poor Cocoa suffered because of you. I must punish you for being dishonest."

Darin was sorry he had told a lie. Do you see how much trouble is caused from one lie?

—S. W.

Hiding From God

A father asked his two sons to look into the aquarium and see the gold fishes hiding themselves. They looked with great interest for a time, when one of them said, "They cannot hide; we can see them wherever they are."

The father then said, "No more than we can hide from God. He can see us wherever we are."

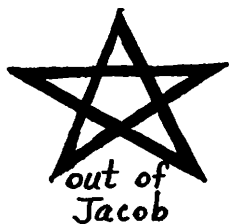
Since God can see us wherever we are, there should be no thought of indulging in a dishonest act.

—Sel.

There is nothing too hard for the Lord to do for us (Genesis 18:14). Let us trust Him and see.

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Questions:

1. What did Balaam's ass see in the road?
2. Was Balaam angry when his ass kept turning off the road?
3. Did he want to kill the ass?
4. Did Balaam finally see the angel too?
5. Is Jesus the star that will light our way to heaven?

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A Prophet to Come

Num. 13:17-33; Deut. 1:35-40, 2:7; 18:18.

The children of Israel were near the land of Canaan. Moses told twelve men to go into the land and look it over. They went up and looked around. They saw a good land. They cut down a big cluster of grapes. The cluster was so big that it took two men to carry it. When they got home they told the people that the land flowed with milk and honey, and the people were glad to see the big cluster of grapes. But then ten men said, "The people are big and we saw giants. We looked like grasshoppers beside them." The people began to cry. But Caleb and Joshua wanted to go over and take the land. They said that God would help them and they could overcome those people. But the people would not go. God sent them back into the wilderness for forty years.

After the old people died, Moses talked to their children. He told them to go up and take the land. The Lord had blessed them those forty years and they had lacked nothing. Moses said that in years to come God would send a Prophet from among them. Do you know who this Prophet was? It was Christ.

Memory Verse: Moses . . . wrote of me. John 5:46.

Two Hundred Dollars Needed and Given at the Last Moment

At the time of her husband's death, there were *two hundred dollars* due an institute, for board and tuition of their two little boys. His death was as though the floodgate opened, which let in a successive torrent of perplexities, losses, delays, law-suits, etc. She had not been able to pay that bill; the principal was importunate, persevering, bitter, and, at last, abusive. She cried to the Lord for a week, day and night, almost without ceasing. Then, a gentleman whom she had taken to her own house and carefully nursed through a dangerous illness, three years before, called to say goodbye. He was on his way to a Bremen steamer, and all other adieus were said, all his baggage on board, except the suitcase in his hand. May her boy ride down to the wharf and see him off? Of course she was glad to consent. When her son returned he brought back a letter. When the letter was opened, she found it contained *two hundred dollars* and the words, "Not that money can ever express my gratitude, but the enclosed may be useful for gas bills or some other little household matter."

The Beautiful World God Created

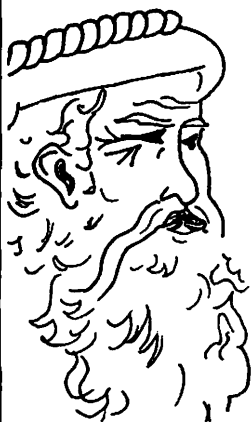
The sky is the pretty blue ceiling above the earth. The soft grass is a green carpet covering the earth. Tall slender pines, huge oak trees, and many other trees are columns that God placed upon the earth. Many different shapes, colors and sizes of leaves, and many kinds of fruit and nuts decorate these columns. God created pretty flowers to decorate the earth, as well as to perfume

the air. The flowers also contain nectar for birds, bees, and butterflies.

Crickets, frogs, and birds are music boxes, each with its own tune. Tiny pebbles, large rocks, tall mountains, and deep valleys are part of God's creation.

The great oceans, lakes, rivers, and rippling streams flowing across the land are filled with fish of all kinds. They are like the river of peace flowing through our souls with fish as the bread of life. The sun is like Jesus, with the moon as the Church reflecting Jesus. Twinkling stars, high in the sky, are like God's children shining upon this earth.

—Gina and Pearlene Whitson



Choose
Life!

Questions:

1. Did Moses send men to see the land of Canaan?
2. What did the men bring back?
3. What kind of people did the men say were in the land?
4. Were the people afraid of these giants?
5. Where did God send the people for 40 years?

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THE STORY OF RUTH

Ruth 1:16; 2:2,5,11-15; 3:10-12; 4:6,13

"I want to go with you," Ruth said to Naomi as they stood in the middle of the road. "You have been a wonderful mother-in-law. Don't ask me to go back to my own home. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay; your people shall be my people, and your God will be my God." Naomi saw that Ruth wanted to go with her, so they both walked down the road. They came into the land of Israel. They were very poor. Ruth went into the field of Boaz, who was very rich, and picked up corn after the reapers. One day Boaz came to the field. He saw the beautiful girl working in the field. He asked who she was. He told the reapers to treat her kindly because he had heard how kind she had been to Naomi, who was kin to him.

One day Boaz and Ruth were talking. They loved each other. Boaz wanted to marry Ruth. She was willing, and they married. Later God gave them a son. They named him Obed. He was the grandfather of David from whose family Jesus Christ was born.

Memory Verse: Let us love one another. 1 John 4:7.

Help in Trouble

One cold day in January, five-year-old Rene and her little three-year-old brother, Bobby, got tired of playing inside, so Mother helped them put their coats on and told them they could pick up pecans. In the back yard the two children busied themselves at picking up the pecans for a time. After awhile they got tired of doing that so Mother told them they could pick up the trash in the alley and put it in the barrel. Rene gathered a handful of trash and went to the big barrel. As she threw it in she also looked in and saw something that scared her badly. She was so very frightened. She started screaming and ran through the gate and into her own yard, with Bobby, who was also crying, coming right behind her.

Mother saw that Rene was greatly troubled and ran to her. At first Rene was crying so hard she couldn't tell Mother what was wrong. Finally, she told Mother that there was a skunk in the barrel. Mother told the two children not to cry and comforted them. Mother then quietly walked toward the trash barrel and peeked in. What Rene thought to be a skunk was found to be an opossum instead.

Rene's Daddy and another worker at The Print Shop, which was next door, came outside to see what was happening. Rene and Bobby felt safe with Daddy and Mother now at their sides. They even went up to the barrel and looked in again, and stood nearby as the animal was put in a box to be taken to the country.

The children knew that Mother could help them in this time of trouble. They did not feel so afraid while standing by Mother and Daddy. Did you children

know that we have someone who can even help us more than our parents? In the Bible the Lord has promised to be "a very present help in trouble." Sometime you might need help when Mother and Daddy are not there. But you can call on Jesus and He will hear your cry and help you. —E. E.

Dark Nights

I never have a thing to fear
For I know God is always near.
When darkness comes, I cannot see,
But God has angels guarding me.

—Sel.

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Questions:

1. Who wanted to go with Naomi?
2. What did Ruth do in the corn fields?
3. Was Boaz kind to Ruth?
4. Did Ruth and Boaz marry?
5. Did they have a son?

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THE CALL OF DAVID

I Samuel 16:1-13

God said to Samuel, "How long are you going to feel sorry for Saul, who has sinned? Fill your horn with oil and go down to Bethlehem and I will show you one of Jesse's sons to anoint as king." So Samuel went to the city to offer a sacrifice to the Lord. Samuel called Jesse and his sons to come to the feast at the sacrifice.

At the feast Samuel asked Jesse to have his sons stand before Him. The first son was tall and handsome. Samuel thought that he was the one to be king. But God told Samuel that he was not the one. God said to Samuel, "The Lord does not see as man sees. God looks down into the heart." God sees what is inside of boys and girls. God tries to help us be good if we will let Him.

Seven of Jesse's sons passed by. Samuel asked if he had more sons. Jesse said that the youngest son, David was caring for the sheep. When he came, God said he was the one. Samuel arose and anointed him to be the future king.

Mem. Verse: . . . David . . . a man after mine own heart. Acts 13:22.

Disobeying

Amy was playing with her dishes out under a tree in the backyard.

"Can you come over and play with us?" yelled Cindy and Dana, who lived nearby. "We have some baby kittens to play with," said Cindy. "Come and see them."

Amy's mother had told her never to leave the yard without first asking her. She decided she would just go over to see the kittens and come right back. She walked quietly out of the yard and down the alley to the yard where the girls were.

The tiny kittens were so pretty and soft. The girls enjoyed holding them.

"Girls, come in the house for some milk and cookies," Cindy's mother called from the backdoor.

Amy knew she should go back home, but she didn't want the girls to know she had to ask her mother before leaving the yard. So she went into the house with Cindy and Dana.

Amy didn't sit down at the table, but stood where she could see out the window and watch to see if her mother came out of the house looking for her. She could drink only a few swallows of milk and she couldn't even swallow the cookie. It seemed her throat was closed. She told the girls she had to go home, and went back to her own yard. Once she was back in her own yard she felt good. She went inside where Mother was working in the kitchen. She drank a glass of milk and had no trouble in eating two big cookies.

That's the way it is when we disobey God—He wants us to feel badly. When we know we are doing what God wants us to, He makes our hearts happy.

—Sandra Whitson

Carol and Brenda had stopped from their play to sit in the shade and eat a cookie. Their dog, Spot, smelled the delicious odor of food and running up beside Brenda got her cookie and quickly ate it. Brenda began to cry.

"Don't cry, Brenda. Here, you can have half of my cookie," Carol said.

Do you think it pleased the Lord to see how willing Carol was to share her cookie?

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Questions:

1. Did God want Samuel to anoint a new king?
2. Who did Samuel call to the sacrifice?
3. Who sees down into our hearts?
4. At the beginning did all of Jesse's sons come to the feast?
5. Who did Samuel anoint as king?

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JESUS AROSE

Mark 16:1-12; 1 Cor. 15:51,52

Three women arose early one morning. They took with them some spices. They started walking down the road to the tomb where Jesus had been put after He had died on the cross. "Who will roll away the big stone that is at the tomb?" they asked one another. How surprised they were when they saw that the stone was rolled away! There sat an angel inside the tomb, in a long white robe. They were afraid. The angel said, "Do not be afraid. You are looking for Jesus who was killed. He is risen. He is not here. Look at the place where they laid Him. Now go and tell the disciples and Peter. Tell them that Jesus will see them in Galilee just like He told them."

The women hurried out of the tomb. They were afraid. They didn't know what to think. Mary hurried to tell the disciples. When they heard it they dried their tears. Later, Jesus came to them alive and that made them happy.

Because Jesus arose from the grave we will arise from the grave and put on a new body. We will live with Jesus in heaven.

Memory Verse: O grave where is thy victory? 1 Cor. 15:55b.

Our New Bodies

One sunny spring day Jerry was helping his dad plant a garden. His daddy plowed the ground and Jerry dropped the seeds—corn, peas, and beans.

After Jerry had dropped the seeds, his dad said, "Now we must bury the seeds, or cover them with dirt."

"Daddy, in Sunday school we learned that after we die and our body is buried, then someday God will give us a new body for our soul to live in," said Jerry. "The teacher said we will live in heaven in these new bodies. Will my new body look like I do now, or how will you know me?"

Daddy led Jerry over to sit in the cool grass at the edge of the garden.

"Jerry, do you see this corn?" Daddy asked as he held out his hand with three grains of corn in it.

Jerry nodded his head.

"You know that we just put some of these grains in the plowed ground and covered them up. Pretty soon a green plant will grow from the seed and the plant will get bigger and bigger. The plant will be beautiful with its tall, straight stalk and long, wavy, green leaves and golden tassels. Several ears of corn will grow on the plant. If we were to pull the shuck away from one of the ears of corn, we would see many rows of fresh grains that look like the single dried grain that was buried in the ground. We could still see that it was the corn, but it would be much more beautiful than the grain we buried. Don't you think that is the way our new bodies will be? Just as the grain of corn was buried in the earth, so will these bodies be buried. Then one day a new body will come forth. Others will know

us as we know the corn, but the new body will be so much more beautiful and wonderful than the body put in the grave, and the new body will never die."

"I'm glad that Jesus and everybody will know me in my new body," said Jerry.

—Sandra Whitson

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God Supplies

"When very much in need of funds to procure supplies for the winter of 1884, all expedients failed. I asked God for assistance, when, unexpectedly, a friend in California sent me a little package of gold dust, which I sold at once for \$130. This came when it was needed, and it did us good."

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Questions:

1. Where did the three women go early one morning?
2. Who did they see at Jesus' tomb?
3. Was Jesus in the tomb?
4. Who did the women hurry to tell that Jesus had arisen?
5. Were the disciples happy to see Jesus again?

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DAVID OBEYS GOD

2 Samuel 5:17-25

David loved God. David was made King of Israel. The Philistines were very unhappy. The Philistines did not love God. They got a big army and went up to fight against David. David asked God if he should go out and fight them with his army. God told him to go. David won the battle. His men burned the Philistines' images, which were their gods.

The Philistines came again against David. David prayed again. God told him to take his army and go out behind the mulberry trees. God said for him not to go out to battle until he heard a noise in the tops of the trees. David obeyed God. He waited. Soon he heard a noise in the tops of the mulberry trees. Then David went out to battle. The Lord went on before him. David won the battle.

When God asks us to do something the devil is mad. The devil tries to hinder us just like the Philistines tried to hinder David. God helped David when he prayed.

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

Telling Others

One time a man laid a piece of cake on a table. He then picked up an ant, and put in on the table near the cake. The ant turned and went swiftly to the edge of the table. Then he went down the table leg. In a moment, he found some other ants. He seemed to tell them the good news about the cake. They seemed to understand. When the ant turned back toward the table, he was followed by a long train of ants! He led them up the leg of the table to the cake.

Christians know the sweetness of trusting in Jesus. We should tell our friends, neighbors, and loved ones about Jesus. We should lead them to the Saviour. —Sel.

What Is Your Name?

"Ice Cream, Milk, Soap, Butter, Sugar," spoke the teacher in a singsong voice. He was a native schoolteacher in Africa and was calling the class roll. On and on he went, saying one strange name after another. Now and then he would call a child by a Bible name. There were Moses, Isaac, David, John, and Jonah.

A visitor would wonder why the children were called by such names. The natives do not know what all those names means. They hear the white people use those words so many times that they think they must be very important. Of course, they understand the Bible stories and that is why some of the Christians name their children after Bible characters.

The natives give strange names to some of the white men that they know, too. One man was called, "The man who

stays in bed." Another was called, "The man who looks after the pennies." The missionary himself was called, "The man who makes things plain."

I wonder what the people in Africa would call us. Perhaps some of these names would fit: "The girl who pouts," "The boy who studies," "The girl who helps her mother," "The boy who cries."

Ask your mother what she thinks your name would be. If you do not like it you can change it by what you do and say. If you want to be known by a good name you must pray a lot. —Sel.

Do Right

Now always do just what is right,
No matter if 'tis day or night.
God sees and watches what you do;
His hand of love will guide you, too. —Sel.

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Questions:

1. Did the Philistines love God?
2. Who won the battle between David's army and the Philistines?
3. Where did God tell David to wait for the Philistines?
4. Did David's army hear a noise in the top of the trees?
5. Did God love David?

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SATAN GETS DAVID TO DO WRONG

I Chron. 21:1-16,24-27; 22:10

Satan told David to count the people of Israel. Joab said, "The Lord make his people a hundred times more than they are." David still wanted Israel to be counted. God was not happy when David counted Israel. He sent a prophet to tell David that he had sinned. God said that David and the people were to be punished. God let David choose between three things. One was three years without any food growing. Another was that for three months many of them would be killed by their enemies. The last would be three days of punishment by the angel's sword. David felt very sorry because he had sinned. He said, "Let me fall into the hand of the Lord for very great are his mercies; but let me not fall into the hand of man."

The angel from the Lord stood over Jerusalem with his sword drawn. Many had already died in the land. David saw it over the place of Orman. David asked Orman if he could buy his barn. When he paid for it, he offered sacrifices for his sin. The angel put his sword into its holder.

Mem. Verse: "It is better to trust in the Lord than . . . in man."

The Danger of Rushing Ahead

Allen and Philip raced to the door of the school bus in order to be the first one on. They reached the door at the same time and each boy gave the other a shove, hoping to get ahead. Both boys tumbled to the ground; Philip hitting his head on a rock and Allen skinning his knee on some gravel. The bus driver got off to help the boys up. They were hurt, but not badly. The bus driver helped them to a seat on the bus.

"Boys, did you know the Bible said to let our brothers go before us, or not try to push our way ahead of someone else?" Mr. Brown, the bus driver, asked.

"You know, this reminds me of a story I heard once," Mr. Brown continued. "There was a goat who always wanted to be first. When it was mealtime, he would run ahead of the other goats and push and kick them in order to be the first to the food. Each morning he rushed ahead of the other goats so he could be the first one out of the barn. One day the goats saw a hole in the fence at the lower end of the pasture. This goat pushed the others aside and ran to the hole and crawled through before the others had even reached the fence. But do you know what was waiting for the goat on the other side of the fence?"

The boys shook their heads.

"Three wolves. They jumped on the goat and took him away for their supper, while the other goats rushed back to the barn. So, you see when people push others down to get ahead, they often lose their own head."

Allen and Philip agreed they would

start waiting their turns to get on the bus and not run or shove others.

—Sandra Whitson

God Sees Everything

God can see beneath the ground,
God can see the world around;
There's nothing hid from God's great eye,

He knows each deed; He knows each lie.
Then live so God will smile on you
And please Him by the things you do.

—Juanita Brown

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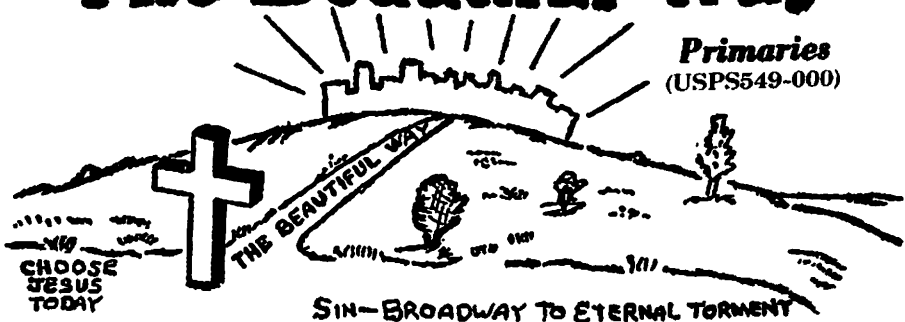


Questions:

1. Who told David to number the Israelites?
2. Was God happy because David counted God's people?
3. Did God punish David because he sinned?
4. Did the angel kill many people because David sinned?
5. Is God happy when we sin?

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SOLOMON IS KING

I Kings 3:4-13; 10:1-10

Solomon was King. His father, David, had died. Solomon offered a thousand sacrifices to the Lord. He wanted God to help him. God appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, "What do you want me to give you?" Solomon said, "I am but a little child. I do not know how to rule all of these many people. Help me to know what is good and what is bad, so I can judge them." God was pleased with Solomon. Because he didn't ask for riches, nor long life, nor the life of his enemies, God said he would give him wisdom that would be greater than any man's. He also gave him riches and honor among the kings of the earth.

One day, the Queen of Sheba came to see Solomon because she had heard about his great wisdom. She wanted to ask him some hard questions to see if he were wise. She came to Jerusalem with a great train, with camels, gold, precious stones and spices. She saw the house he had built and sat at the table with him. He answered all of her questions. She said he was very rich and very wise. She gave him many gifts.

Mem. Verse: "If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God."

Jesus Prays to God

"Did God always tell Jesus what to do?" Brian asked.

"I think He did, Brian," his mother told him.

"Why doesn't he always tell me?" Brian wanted to know. "Did he love Jesus more?"

"I do not think that is it, dear. God loves you, too. Maybe the difference is somewhere else," his mother suggested. "You see, Jesus always talked things over with God."

"I say my prayers every day," Brian said.

"I know you do, dear. But I think Jesus did more than say his prayers every day. One time Jesus was going to choose some helpers. It was very important that He choose the right men. He went away from all His friends. He found a quiet place on a mountainside. He stayed there all night, talking with God."

"Did God help Him choose the right helpers?"

"I am sure He did, Brian."

"How did God tell Him?"

"We do not know just how God told Him, dear. But we do know one thing about it: Jesus listened. He did not just tell God what He wanted. He listened for God to tell Him what to do."

"If I listen, will God tell me, too?" Brian asked.

"I think Jesus knew how to listen to God better than we do, Brian. But I know that the more we listen, the more God can help us to know what to do."

—Sel.

Who Uses Your Lips

God has given each little boy and girl lips to be used to please Him. But if the

Lord Jesus does not live in the heart, Satan uses their lips to please himself.

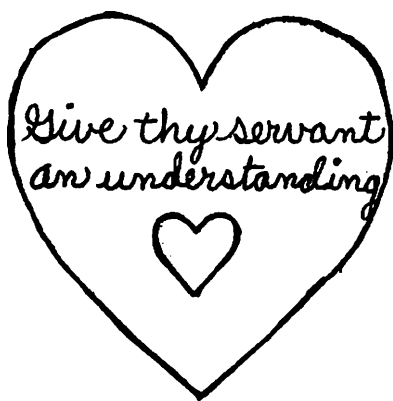
When Stan controls the lips, he makes boys and girls say naughty things and sing foolish songs. He even makes them scream and cry when they cannot have their own way. Sometimes they tell lies, too.

It grieves the kind heart of God when boys and girls let Satan control their lips. God wants to use them to praise and honor Him.

Those who love the Lord Jesus will praise and thank Him with their lips. In the Bible we read that David said to the Lord, "My mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips." Psalm 63:5.

—Our Jewels

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Questions:

1. Who was King in our lesson?
2. Did Solomon love God?
3. For what did Solomon ask God?
4. Who came to see Solomon one day?
5. Did she think Solomon was wise?

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JESUS CARES FOR HIS MOTHER

Luke 1:28-33; John 19:23-27

An angel said to Mary who was a virgin, "Blessed are you among women. The Lord is with you." Mary was troubled in seeing the angel and didn't know what he was talking about. The angel then said, "Fear not, Mary: for you will have a son and you will call his name Jesus. He will be great and be called the Son of the Highest. He will sit on the throne of David. His kingdom will never end." Mary was happy when her son was born. God was His father. Joseph married Mary and helped her care for the baby Jesus.

Jesus grew to be a man. He went about doing good. He did not sin. Many people did not believe He was God's son. They wanted to get rid of Him. They nailed Him on a cross. The people stood around and made fun of Him, but His mother stood by Him, near the cross. When Jesus saw her, He asked John to look after His mother. From that day John took her into his own home and took care of her. How wonderful! Parents take care of their children when they are small. Children should take care of their parents when they are old.

Memory Verse: Children, obey your parents. Eph. 6:1a.

A Mother's Love

Cynthia and her mother were out walking one sunny spring day. They had taken a walk through the woods and now were coming back toward the barn through an old field. Suddenly there was a lot of fluttering in the weeds near them. A group of birds, called Bobwhites, ran in all directions. Right in front of Cynthia and her mother the largest bird was acting like it had a broken wing. After all the other birds had gotten far away, this bird then flew into the air without any trouble.

"Mother," asked Cynthia, "how could that bird fly? I thought it was hurt."

"Nothing was wrong with the bird," Mother said. "That was the mother bird, and the others were her children. She thought we were hunters and wanted us to see her instead of her children. She had rather be hurt than have any harm come to them."

"Would you do that for me?" asked Cynthia.

"Yes. I would want to protect you," said mother. "Do you remember last winter when our car broke down one night? You got very cold, so I took my coat off and wrapped you in it, although I was cold, too. I wanted to protect you."

"And I remember when that big, mean dog got after us. You picked me up in your arms, so he couldn't bite me, but he could still bite you. You protected me then, didn't you?" asked Cynthia.

"Yes," said Mother, "God gives mothers a deep love for their children and they want to take care of them."

"I'm glad I have a dear mother," said Cynthia as she laid her cheek against her mother's hand.

—S. W.

Jesus said I have called you friends.

Mothers Day

I'll be my mother's sunbeam,
And happily I'll play;
I'll sing and smile and help her, too,
And make a happy day.
I also will prove my love,
And thank her for her care,
By being kind and helpful
Each day throughout the year.

—Sel.

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"Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness." Proverbs 20:20.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Questions:

1. Who appeared to Mary?
2. Did the angel tell her she would have a son?
3. Who was Mary's son?
4. What did the people who hated Jesus do to Him?
5. Who stood near the cross when Jesus was dying?

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STONE IN GOD'S BUILDING

I Pet. 2:5; I Kings 6:2,7,10,22,28.

Solomon built a house for God to live in. A man took a big stone and cut out blocks for the House. The blocks were brought to the building and set in place. No hammer or tool was used in the house. The blocks fit right in place. A man covered all the blocks with gold to hide them. It was a beautiful house for God to live in.

Today God is building a house. Every boy and girl will have to be shaped, and have all the rough places taken off to fit in God's building. When boys and girls let Jesus come into their hearts, He shapes them up. He takes out the fussing and the hitting back. God takes out the telling of lies. God shapes them up so they can fit in the building of God. God wants them to pray every day. God wants them to obey their mother and daddy. God wants boys and girls to love everybody. God wants them to love those who are bad to them. When He puts them in the building, He covers them with gold, which is God's love. God covers them with the precious blood of Jesus. Only Jesus is seen after the blocks are fitted into God's building.

Memory Verse: Ye . . . are lively stones . . . (ye) are built up a spiritual house. I Pet. 2:5.

A Warning About Fire

One day two boys found a hole in the ground where a groundhog lived. They wanted to run him out of the hole. One of the boys poured gasoline into the hole and struck a match. In a flash the gas started burning. A short distance from the burning hole, he saw another hole. The boy walked over and poured gasoline down this hole, too. Immediately it flamed up without even striking a match. This hole led to the other one, and the gasoline seeped through the hole underground and reached the fire. The boy jumped back as the flame swept up toward his face. Only a second more and his face would have been in the burning flame. He did not know the danger of gasoline and fires. His dad had warned him many times to be careful with fire.

Just so, God warns us to follow His ways, or when we die we will be punished by fire. We need to obey the Word of God.

—Sandra Whitson

Bobby's Bodyguard

Little Bobby sat listening to his mother and father as they talked about the president's bodyguards. Bobby thought it was wonderful to have someone watching over you all the time. That is what he wanted when he went to school, for twice he had turned around and come back home when he met a dog. "Now if I just had a bodyguard," he thought, "never would I have to be afraid of anything again."

"Mother," asked Bobby, "why can't we have a bodyguard like the president?"

His mother replied, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that

fear him and delivereth them.' And then in Psalms 121 it tells us that 'He that keepeth Israel [which means us, too] shall neither slumber nor sleep.' So you see we have the angels to encamp around us and we also have the Lord to keep us because we fear Him. The next time you are afraid, Bobby, just call on your bodyguard to take care of you and He will."

Bobby's little faith just accepted it, for he ran right away to his bedroom which was dark, and called back to his mother, "I'm not afraid of the dark now for my bodyguard is in here with me."

—O. A. D.

Who Showed Them?

Who showed the little ant the way
Her narrow hole to bore,
And spend the pleasant summer day
Laying up her store?

The sparrow builds her clever nest
Of wool and hay and moss.
Who told her how to weave it best,
And lay the twigs across?

Who taught the busy bee to fly
Among the sweetest flowers,
And lay his feast of honey by,
To eat in winter hours?

Our loving Father up above
Has helped each one to know
Just how to live and trust His love
Through heat or ice and snow.

Questions:

1. Who built a house for God to live in?
2. Did the blocks fit in place?
3. With what were the blocks covered?
4. Does God shape us to fit in his building?
5. Is God's love, like gold, to cover us?

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GOD'S SPIRIT

Heb. 10:1; 2 Chron. 5:1,6,12-14; Acts 1:14,15; 2:1-25,41

God wanted to be close to His people. Long ago God could not live in people's hearts because sin was there. God told King Solomon to build a temple for Him to live in. When it was ready, Solomon offered sheep to the Lord. He offered so many that they could not be counted. Then he called 120 singers. When their voices sounded "as one," God's Spirit moved down into the temple that Solomon built. God's glory filled the house. Now this was as close to the people as God could be.

Jesus was offered as the "Lamb of God" on the cross. He told His disciples and others to wait in an upper room. They were to pray in agreement as one. All the 120 people there had been forgiven of their sins. Their bodies were the temple of God. Now God could live in their hearts by His Spirit. When the Holy Spirit came upon them, they shouted and praised the Lord. It is more wonderful to have God's Spirit live in us than in Solomon's temple. Solomon's temple was a shadow. A shadow is something like the real, but today we have the real. We are the temple of God's Spirit.

Mem. Verse: Jesus said, Ye in me and I in you. John 14:20b.

How Jesus Talks To Us

"I wish Jesus lived on this very street and He could tell us what to do," Brian said.

"Suppose we do ask Him," his mother said. "I think we can know how He would answer many of our questions."

"How can we? How can He tell us?" Brian asked.

"You see, dear, for many years Jesus has helped people know how to live."

"How did He help them?" Brian wanted to know.

"Once He lived among neighbors in Palestine, as we live among our neighbors today. He visited them. He was friends with them."

"That is the way I would like it," Brian said, "So we could be friends."

"Those who knew Jesus told others about him," Brian's mother went on. "And they told others."

"And so He had lots and lots of friends," Brian added.

His mother nodded her head. "And then, after a while, his friends wrote about what He did. They remembered to use the very words He used. What they wrote was carefully kept."

"In the Bible?" Brian asked.

"Yes, dear, right in the Bible. And today we can read what Jesus did and what He said to people long ago."

"How does it help to know what Jesus said to people long ago? I want to know what He says to me right now."

"That is the wonderful part about it, Brian. Today when people read what Jesus did and said long ago, they find the very answers they need to their own questions about how to live today. It seems as though He were talking right to them."

"I'm glad Jesus talks to us through the Bible," Brian said. —Sel.

Would I Be Glad?

Would I most glad and willing be,
To answer Jesus' call,
Since He so gladly gave for me
His love, and life and all?
I hope I would, for He has been
So very kind to me;
For He has saved me from my sins
For all eternity.
If I should give to Him my all,
That very small would be,
Compared with all He did and gave
For such as even me. —Sel.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Questions:

1. Why could God not live in people's hearts long ago?
2. In what did God's Spirit live?
3. Who died on the cross as the "Lamb of God"?
4. Where does God's Spirit live today?
5. Will God live where sin is?

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KING JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM

Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:38,41; Psa. 2:2; Matt. 21:15

"Go into the village and you will find a colt tied. Untie it and bring it to me. If any one asks you why you are taking it, say that the Lord hath need of it," Jesus said to two of His disciples. They did as Jesus told them. They brought the colt to Jesus. They put their clothes on the colt and set Jesus upon it. He rode toward Jerusalem. People came running, crying, "Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest." The people spread branches from the trees in the way as a carpet. Boys and girls ran along crying, "Hosanna in the Highest!" These people loved their King. They were happy because He had come. They praised their King.

Some men were unhappy, because they hated Jesus. They could not harm Jesus because of the crowd of people. When Jesus looked over the city and knew that the rulers hated him, He wept. He knew that they would be punished.

Today we love our Lord and King. Many today do not love Him. We want to help them to love our King.

Mem. Verse: I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. Psa. 2:6.

Confessing Wrong

"Oh, oh, whatever shall we do?" Debbie cried out as she saw the ink-bottle turn and roll off the edge of the desk. Richard sprang forward and caught the bottle, turning it quickly right side up. But a big splash of ink went on the wall beside the desk.

It was mother's desk and they would not have been working there had she been at home. Now she would know they had been meddling.

"What can we do?" groaned Richard.

"I know," said Debbie. "If we move the desk just a bit this way the spot will be covered."

Richard helped her move the desk so the spot was well covered. Then they smiled and said, "Mother need never know we did that."

Although the spot of ink was covered, Debbie and Richard were not happy. They knew they had done wrong and the wrong-doing was not covered; they saw it plainly every time Mother looked at them.

"Let's tell her all about it," said Debbie at last, and Richard was ready. They felt so glad when the desk was moved back and Mother had seen the black splash on the wall. It was covered no longer by their wrong-doing, but was covered by Mother's kiss of forgiveness. It is better to have your wrong-doing covered by forgiveness than to have it covered from other eyes. —Sel.

I Want Jesus

You died upon the cross for me;

You paid for all my sin.

Please make my heart as white as snow;

Please, Lord Jesus, come in.

—Sel.

Happiest Boy In Town

Steven gets to school on time;

He does his lessons right.

Steven says a pleasant "please,"

And always is polite.

Steven goes right home from school

And when he's through with play

He picks his toys up, every one,

And puts them all away.

And that is why you never see

Our Steven scowl and frown,

Because by doing right he is

The happiest boy in town.

—Selected

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Questions:

1. On what did Jesus ride into Jerusalem?
2. Were the people happy to see Jesus?
3. What did the people spread in the way?
4. Did some people hate Jesus?
5. Was Jesus sad because He knew they would be punished for hating Him?

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GOD'S SCEPTRE

Esther 4:1-17; 9:2.

Mordecai, the uncle of Queen Esther, wept and all the Jews with him. The King had made a decree that all the Jews were to be killed. When Queen Esther heard about it she was sad. Her uncle asked her to go before the King and ask him to save the lives of her people. If she went before the king and he didn't hold out the sceptre, or golden rod, she would die. Queen Esther asked her uncle and all the people to fast and pray for three days, that God would give her favor in the King's sight.

After three days Esther said that she would go, and "if I perish, I perish." She put on her royal clothing. The king was on his throne in the royal house. When the King saw her, he held out his golden rod. She told him what she wanted. The King decreed that they would not be killed. He said if the Jews were attacked on that day they could defend themselves.

God is on His throne and Jesus is sitting at His right hand. He is holding out a sceptre of love and right to us. We can come to Him in peace.

Memory Verse: Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: the sceptre . . . is a right sceptre." Psalms 45:6.

How to Treat Mean People

"You are ugly and stupid," said Donna to Stephanie.

"I guess I am," said Stephanie, "but in many ways you are very nice."

Donna was surprised. Then she looked up and smiled. "You really aren't ugly and stupid," she said. Now the girls were friends again.

Suppose Stephanie had become angry and had said mean words back to Donna! There would have been a big quarrel then, don't you think?

Stephanie wasn't stupid or dumb. She knew how to get around a quarrel and stay friendly. She was bright and sweet.

Jesus told us to do what Stephanie did. When somebody says mean things to us, we are to say good things back to them. "Bless those who curse you," said Jesus.

God's children are to act that way, because God acts that way. When a man says that he doesn't like God or that he doesn't believe there even is a God, does God keep the rain away from his garden? Oh, no. Does God tell the sun not to shine on his house? Oh, no. God is kind and good even to those who do not love Him. His Son Jesus died on a cross so that everyone could have forgiveness.

Why should we ever refuse to be kind even to those who are mean to us? Jesus wants us to "bless them that curse us." God's children are to be sweet even to those who say hateful things to them.

—Selected

What Is Life

Scientists say that no one knows what life is. Where is life? What is it? they ask. A little seed planted in the ground suddenly comes to life. It springs up,

pushing the earth before it, and becomes a green blade. Soon it bursts into a flower. It lives! But where did the life come from? Some scientists say they do not know. But Jesus tells us, "I am the way, the truth, and the life!" What is life? Where is life? In Jesus. He made that little seed live. He gave us our life-breath. To those who give their hearts and lives to Him, He gives *eternal life*. Worship, love, and serve the *living God*!

—Sel.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Questions:

1. Who was going to be killed?
2. Was Queen Ester sad for her people?
3. Did she ask the king to save the lives of the Jews?
4. What did the king hold out to her?
5. Did the king save their lives?

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JESUS SPOKE IN PARABLES

Psalms 78:2-4,7; Luke 15:11-24.

Jesus spoke in parables or stories. His stories were to teach a lesson. God has told fathers to teach their children about Him. They are to teach them what God has done. Children are to love and obey their fathers.

"Give me my money," said a young man to his father. "I want to go into a far country." His sad father gave him his money. The young man went to a far country and spent it all. He was hungry and without a home. He got a job caring for hogs. He ate the food with the hogs. One day he said, "I will go home. My father has bread for me to eat. I will say to my father, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.'"

His father was looking down the road for his son. How happy he was when he saw him coming. He hugged and kissed him. The son said, "Father, I have sinned. I am no more worthy to be called your son. Make me a hired servant." His father said, "Bring forth the best robe and put it on him. Put shoes on his feet and make a feast. Let us be merry. My son who was lost is found."

Memory Verse: My son . . . was lost and is found.
Luke 15:24.

Honoring Our Fathers

"Chad, did you lock the pasture gate?" Dad asked.

"Oh, I forgot to do it," replied Chad.

"Then go lock the gate before you forget it again," his dad said starting to go inside the house.

"I don't want to. Why don't you do it?" Chad asked in an ugly tone.

"Son, do what I said, and then come back. I want to talk to you," his dad said in a stern voice.

Chad walked down and locked the gate and came back to the house. He hung his head when he came into the house because he knew he had spoken in an ugly manner to his dad.

"Chad, come here, Son," his dad said reaching out and pulling his child close to him. "God tells children to obey their parents. That means when I tell you to do something, you are to do it. The Bible also says we should honor our fathers, which means not to speak unkindly or talk back to them. I still speak kindly to my father, although I am a man. I am thankful I have a Christian dad who taught me to live right, although at times when I was a boy he had to spank me. I love you, Chad, and I want to teach you to be a good boy and to please God."

"I'm sorry I talked ugly to you, Daddy," Chad said putting his arms around his dad's neck. "I want to honor and obey you and my Father in heaven."—S. W.

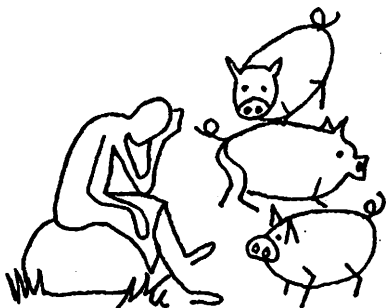
Trap Doors

I suppose the reason the trap-door spider is given such a name is because of the way he builds his house. Down in the ground he digs a tunnel about a foot deep and a half-inch wide. Then he lines the inside with a coating that is water-

proof. Over this he puts another coating of silk. At the top he builds a trap door. If an ant or any other insect happens to be walking by and gets close enough, the spider rushes up his tunnel, swings open the door, and snatches the insect in.

A trap-door spider reminds me of Satan. He builds trap doors everywhere he can find room for one. They sometimes look so nice and silky, but when boys and girls get close enough he rushes out and snatches them into his den of evil. Let's keep our eyes open and carefully watch for such things as: keeping bad company, looking at evil pictures, listening to vile stories, and many other unclean things. These are some of Satan's trap doors. —Sel.

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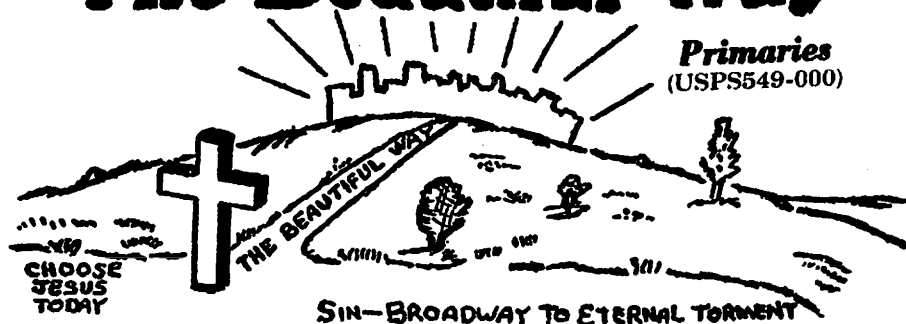


Questions:

1. Are we to love and obey our fathers?
2. What did one young man want his father to give him?
3. Did his father give him the money?
4. What did the boy do with the money?
5. Was the father happy to see the boy come home?

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AN UNTRUE FRIEND

Psa. 41:9; John 13:18-27; Luke 22:47,48.

Jesus was sitting at the table with His disciples. There was a big bowl of soup in the middle of the table. Each one would dip bread in the bowl and eat it. Jesus was talking to the disciples. He said, "I want to tell you something that will happen. One of you will turn against me." Peter asked John, who was close to Jesus, to ask Him who it was. John said, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus said, "It is the one to whom I will give a sop." Jesus then dipped the bread in the big bowl. Jesus gave it to Judas. Jesus said to Judas, "What you are going to do, do it quickly." Satan took control of Judas' heart. Judas was angry. He got up and left. He went to the rulers. He had been given 30 pieces of silver. He was to show them where they could find Jesus and kill him. How sad! Judas was supposed to be His friend.

Jesus took His disciples and went into the Garden of Gethsemane. Judas told the rulers and soldiers where He was. He walked up to Jesus and kissed Him. Jesus said, "Will you betray me with a kiss?" How sad! Boys and girls, be a true friend.

Memory Verse: There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Proverbs 18:24.

Singing to the Lord

Jeremy was feeling bad. So what did he do? He started to sing. "Count your blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done," he sang. So he began to count what the Lord had done for him.

"I have a good home," he said, "while many people have none. I have good clothes—well, anyway, clothes; a cute baby sister, and, oh, so many things. Best of all, I have Jesus as my Friend and Saviour, and I know that God loves me."

"Count your blessings, name them one by one," he kept on singing. Soon his sadness was all gone.

Did you ever try singing to the Lord when you didn't feel good? It helps you to feel thankful and happy.

Do you ever feel that nobody likes you? Sing "Jesus loves me," and you will feel better. Do you wish you had more friends? Sing "What a Friend we have in Jesus." Has someone you love been taken to heaven? Sing "Safe in the Arms of Jesus."

While you sit in Sunday school before class, try learning some songs you don't know. Then when you need them, you will have them in your mind and will be able to sing them.

People who know and love God say, "I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live." They are happy when they think of how much God loves them. —Sel.

Thankful Each Day

Today, I shall thankful be

For my home and loving care,

For Mother and Daddy both,

And God who answers prayer.

—Beams of Light

A Child's Thought

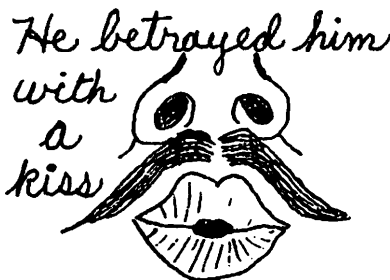
I like to think about the Lord
When He was little, too—
And how He knelt to pray
At bedtime, as I do.

I like to close my eyes and know
That somewhere in the sky
He's watching, and will help me to
Be better when I try.

I like to plan about the day
When heaven I shall see;
Where Jesus (who was once a child),
Has saved a place for me. —Sel.

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The eyes of the Lord are in every place.
Proverbs 15:3.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Questions:

1. Did Jesus tell His disciples that one of them would betray him?
2. What did Jesus give to the one who would do it?
3. Who betrayed Jesus?
4. How much money did Judas get for helping in the capture of Jesus?
5. What did Judas do to let the soldiers know which one was Jesus?

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