

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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A FATHER FORGIVES

Luke 15:11-32

When Jesus was on the earth some people thought He was doing wrong because He was a friend to sinners. Jesus loves the sinners and wants them to be saved, so He told a story to help them understand.

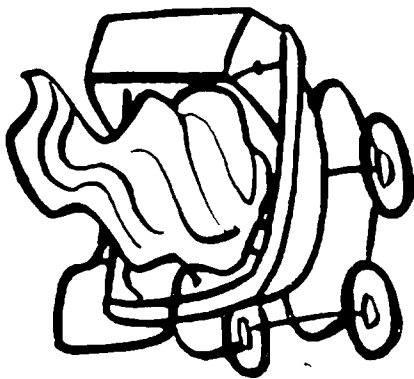
"There was a man," Jesus said, "who had two sons. The older son liked to be at home. The younger one did not like to live on the farm with his father.

"One day he said to his father, 'I am old enough to go away from home and live. Will you give me enough money to get started?'

"The father gave his son his share of the estate, and the son went into a far country. He thought the money would last a long time, so he spent it on many foolish sinful things. When his money was gone he found a job feeding pigs for a farmer. While he was feeding the pigs, he was so hungry he wanted to eat the pigs food, yet no one gave him anything to eat. How foolish I am, he thought. My father's servants are never hungry. I would be happier being one of his servants than I am here.

"The son went home. Before he got to the house, his father came running to meet him. He gave the son new clothes and shoes, and gave him the family ring, to welcome him back as his own son, not as a servant.

Does this story help you understand how happy Jesus feels when people come to Him and ask forgiveness for their sins? He wants to welcome each one back into the Kingdom of God.



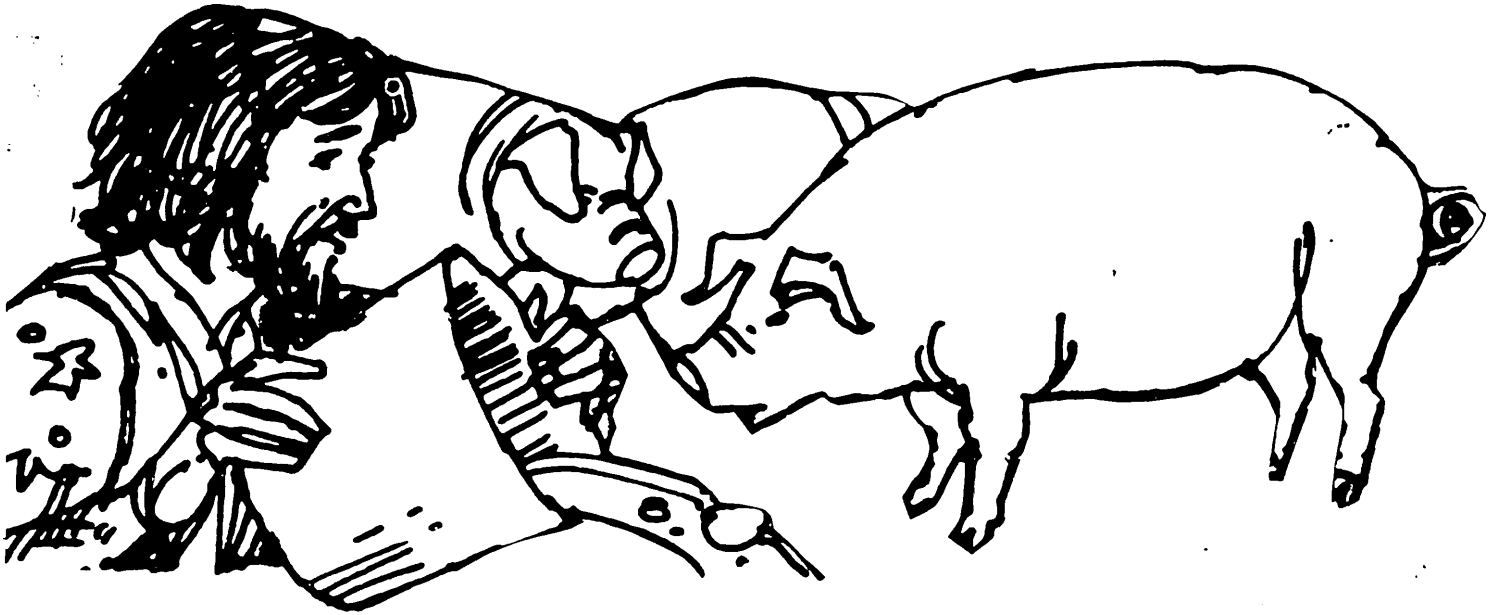
If ye forgive men.



. . your heavenly

Father will also forgive you.

Matt. 6:14



The Broken Doll



Carla got a new baby Lissa doll for her birthday. It wore baby clothes and pampers. When she held it in her arms, it felt just like a newborn baby. Carla loved Lissa as if she were a newborn baby.

Carla's little brother Jack loved Lissa, too. They played house together and sometimes Carla let Jack hold Lissa, if he sat very still and held her carefully.

One day their friends Susan and Rene' came to play. First they ate a picnic lunch in the back yard. After lunch they put Lissa to bed for a nap. Jack carefully turned over the table, making a bed for her.

The children played in the wading pool while Lissa napped. It was soon time for Rene' and Susan to go home. "Carla," said Mother, "you are going with Rene' and Susan. Their mother will drop you off at Mrs. Knight's for your piano lesson."

The girls slipped on their dry clothes just in time. As they were getting into the car Carla called to Jack to bring Lissa into the house. "Please, don't play with her until I get back."

Jack felt real important as he ran to take care of Lissa. I'll just play with her a little while, he thought. First he went into the house and got Carla's doll buggy, put Lissa into it and took her for a walk down the sidewalk.

As he passed Byron's house, he saw Byron in the yard. "What you doing?" he called. Byron came out. "What's that?" he said pointing to the doll.

"That's Lissa, my sister's new doll."

"Come over here, Jack, and see my dog. I got it at the dog pound yesterday. We can untie him and play with him."

Jack followed Byron, they untied the dog. The dog jumped around them a little while then ran over to the doll. "Oh, look!" cried Jack. "He wants to see Lissa too."

At that moment the dog grabbed Lissa by the arm and started dragging her down the sidewalk. Jack and Byron ran after him to get the doll but the faster they ran the faster the dog ran. He ran all the way

to the end of the block and started back. they tried to catch him but he dodged around. Jack felt sick.

Byron called, "Stop! Stop!" but the dog ran on. Sometimes he shook Lissa, then he stopped and laid down with his big paw on Lissa's face. But, whenever the boys got near, he'd grab Lissa and run again. He carried her all the way back to the buggy then dropped her and ran away.

Just then Carla came home from her piano lesson. She saw Lissa and came running. She was mad. "I told you not to play with Lissa," she shouted angrily.

Jack just stood there and cried . . .

For a moment Carla hated Jack. "Why were you playing with Lissa?" she cried. She wanted to slap Jack, but she knew she shouldn't do that. She knew Jack loved Lissa, too, but why did he play with her doll while she was away. He knew he shouldn't do it. She grabbed Lissa and ran toward the house calling, "Mother, Mother, look what happened to Lissa!"

Mother called Jack to come into the house. They all prayed together.

Jack asked God to forgive him for playing with Carla's doll without permission. He also asked Carla to forgive him.

Carla asked God to forgive her for being so angry, for Jack hadn't meant to hurt Lissa.

God forgave both children and gave Carla courage to forgive Jack.

Mother promised to mend Lissa and make her as good as new.

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Questions:

1. Who told the story?
2. The story is about whom?
3. Did both boys like home?
4. Where did the younger son go?
5. Did his money last very long?
6. What kind of job did he find?
7. He was so hungry he was willing to eat what?
8. Did his father come to meet him?
9. Did he become his father's servant or son?
10. Did the father forgive?
11. Will God forgive us?

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THE KING WHO BURNED THE BIBLE

The Bible is God's Word and what it says is true. In our story a king thought if he burned the Word of God the evil it spoke against him would not happen.

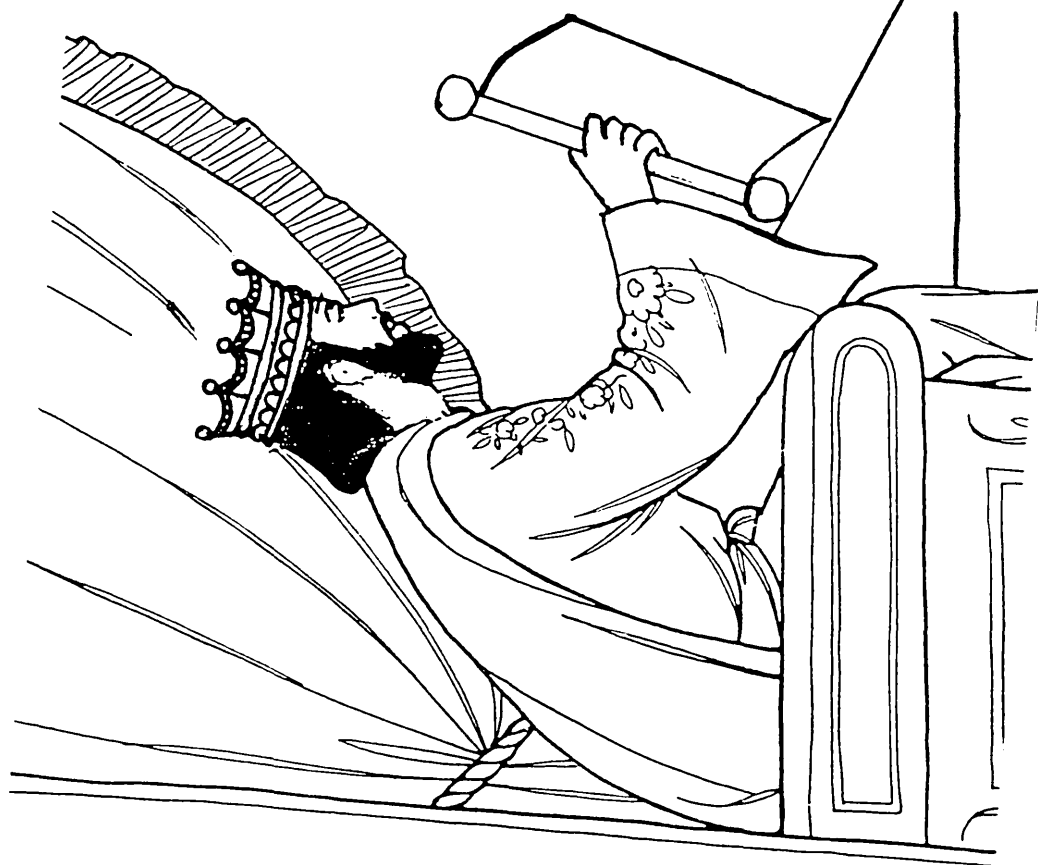
God said to Jeremiah, because my people have disobeyed my word, their city shall be burned and an enemy king will take the people away to be his servants. He will capture your king, kill his sons before him and then put out his eyes.

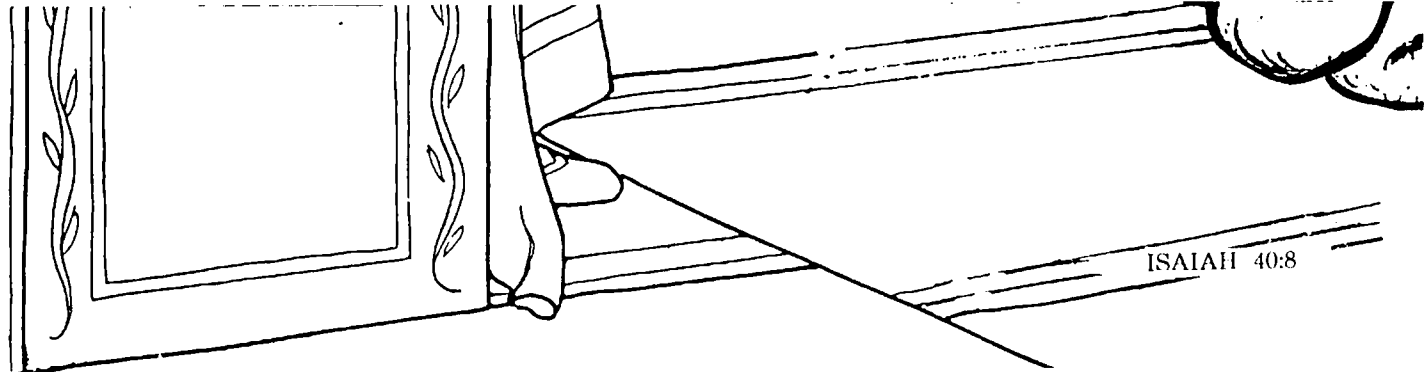
Jeremiah wrote all these things in a book, then sent Burach (a printer) to read it at the temple gate, so all the people could hear it. Some of the princes heard the book and went and told the king. The king asked that the book be brought and read to him. He was in his winter house sitting by the fire as the book was being read. After a few pages were read, the king asked for the book. He took his knife, cut the pages out and threw them into the fire. A few more pages were read, cut out and burned; until all the book was burned.

After the book was burned, God spoke to Jeremiah to write it again and add other punishments because of the king burning His Word.

A few months later an enemy king burned their city, took the people as servants, killed the king's sons and put out his eyes, just as God's Word said.

God's Word is true and will last forever. We must never ignore it as the foolish king did. Jesus says, "If any man shall take away from the words of the book [the Bible] . . . God shall take away his part out of . . . the holy city [Heaven]." Rev. 22:19.





The Word of
our God shall
stand forever.

Saved by a Bible

Harley's big brother, Ken, was leaving tomorrow for the war. He couldn't bare the thought. They had so much fun together, swimming, hiking, boat riding, scuffling and working on Ken's car. There was only one thing they did not enjoy together, that was going to church. Ken didn't like going to church, so he didn't go. Sometimes Harley asked, "Are you going to church today?"

Ken always answered the same, "Not today, I have too much work to do." Now he was going to the army and he couldn't go to church and what if he got killed! Harley knew he wasn't ready to die. Harley fell on his knees and prayed, "Please Lord Jesus, don't let Ken get killed in the war."

Harley went downstairs, Mother and Ken were packing his suitcase. Mother laid a Bible in the suitcase and handed Ken a small New Testament with Psalms. "This one is small," she said, "you may carry it in your pocket."

Ken went away. Every two weeks they got a letter from him. Some letters told about interesting places he'd been. Some told about new friends he'd met. Others told about dangerous encounters while in active combat. These were the letters which made Harley shudder. What if Ken would get killed? He couldn't bare the thought! At these times Harley went upstairs to his room and kneeling beside his bed, prayed to God to keep Ken safe from death.

The day came for a letter from Ken, but no letter came. Why? What has happened to Ken? Another week passed and still no letter! Harley could hardly eat, he was so worried about Ken. He had prayed often for Ken in the months that he'd been away, but now he kept saying over and over in his mind, "Jesus please take care of Ken. Let him come home again to me."

At last a letter came!

It said: "Dear Mother, Dad and Harley, I'm in a hospital, but doing fine. Mother, the New Testament that you gave me saved my life. I carried it every day in my shirt pocket over my heart. It has been a comfort to me many times when

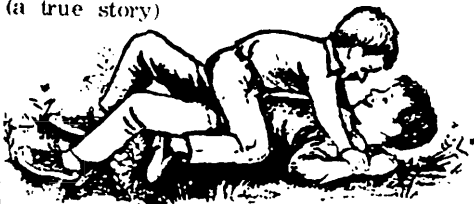
I was afraid. I haven't had much time to read it, but it reminded me of home, your prayers, and all you have taught me. I am trying to do the things you taught me were right and not do those things that you said were evil or sinful.

The bullet which hit me went into the New Testament and stopped. The point of the bullet was pointing to a verse in Psalms. The verse says, 'But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of trouble.' Psa. 59:16.

"Thank you, Mom and Dad, for teaching me to love and fear God, and thank you ever so much for giving me the New Testament with Psalms!

"Be a good boy, Harley, and I will be going to church with you when I get back home. Love, Ken."

(a true story)



(Teachers: Lesson taken from Jeremiah chapter 36. For the whole story read chapters 36-39. Children will remember the story longer if you have a colored picture or object relating to it, and tell it in your own words. Song: The first verse and chorus of "The Word of God" #332, in *Evening Light Songs*.)

Questions:

1. Is the Bible God's Word?
2. Are all the words in the Bible true?
3. Did the king believe the Word of God?
4. What happened to the king?
5. Did Jeremiah write in a book?
6. What did the king do with the book?
7. Was another book written?
8. Was it like the first?
9. Should we always be careful to believe the Word of God?

Answers: 1. yes. 2. yes. 3. no. 4. he was captured and his eyes put out. 5. yes. 6. yes. 7. yes. 8. yes. 9. yes.

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GOD GIVES MAN A SOUL

Have you been to a zoo and seen the different kinds of animals which God made? Can you name some animals? Did you name yourself? You may never have thought of yourself as being an animal, but you are one. When you go to school, you will learn that all living things are either plant or animal. We are not plants because we do not have a body like a plant. We are a special kind of animal.

After God made all the other animals, He decided to make people like Himself. He took dust and formed a body somewhat like the body of some of the other animals. After the body was formed, God breathed His own breath into the man's nostrils, this made people living souls! God used some of Himself to make us. He did not use any part of Himself in making the other animals. This part of God in us is our SOUL! We are two parts, a body and a SOUL.

Your pet has only a body, he does not have a SOUL. When your pet dies, you will bury him in the ground. In a few years his body will be a little bit of dirt. When people die, we bury the body also, and in a few years it will have changed into dirt just as the animal's body. However, the SOUL part of us flies away to be forever in the spirit world.

There are two spirit worlds into which people's SOULS go. One is Heaven where God's obedient children go. The other is Hell where people who disobey God will have to go. We will live forever in the spirit world. Which spirit world we go to depends on how we live in this life.



“God formed man and man

Color all those who have SOULS that will live for



in became a living soul.”
put an X on those that do not have SOULS.

Ella's Soul Goes to God

Ella was seven years old. She loved Jesus with all her heart. One day she became real sick. While she was sick she was kind and sweet, never ugly and cross. One morning when her mother and daddy came in to see her she said, "I've been in heaven all night. My room is full of angels. Can you see them? Jesus is here too. I'm going to Heaven today. Will you promise to meet me in Heaven? Come near and let me kiss you once more." After kissing her mother and daddy, she asked to see her little brother, John, and her sister, Susan. She talked with each one about Heaven and asked them to meet her there. Then she called for her friends and asked them to live for Jesus and, "Be sure and meet me in Heaven," she added. Then she gave each one a goodbye kiss.

Turning toward her mother, she spoke again, "Please put a white dress on me and my doll, for I want her to be buried with me." Afterwards she lifted her eyes toward heaven and said, "Jesus is calling me; I must go now, goodbye." Then her soul went away to God and her family buried her body.

(a true story)



Don's Soul

If you are two years old or older you are big enough to know Jesus. Many children two years old have asked Jesus in prayer for things and He has given them what they asked. You may not know how to talk very well but you can say, "Dear Jesus, help me to be good today", or you may know someone who is sick. Ask Jesus to make them well. Jesus loves to hear you talk to Him.

When Don was three years old, one night his mother put him to bed without praying. "Oh, Mother," he said, "You forgot my soul."

"Forgot what?" she asked.

"You forgot to take care of my soul," Don said again.

"How can I take care of your soul?" asked his mother, who wasn't a Christian. Then she remembered Don hadn't prayed. So Don and Mother knelt beside his bed and Don said, "Dear Jesus, I'm going to sleep now. Please send your angels to watch over me and if I die before morning, take my soul." Then Don went fast asleep.

(a true story)

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(Teacher: This story is based on Gen. 1:26-28 and 2:7. Please read Genesis chapter 1 and 2 and tell the story in your own words, it is more meaningful to the students. Song: "What a Mighty God!" #43, *Evening Light Songs*.)

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Questions:

1. Who made the earth?
2. Did God make plants and animals?
3. Are we special animals?
4. Are people made like God?
5. What part of God did He give us?
6. Will we live forever?
7. Do our pets live forever?
8. Where does our SOUL go after we die?
9. Will bad boys and girls enjoy living forever?

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 Answers: 1. God. 2. yes. 3. yes. 4. yes.
 5. our breath. 6. yes. 7. no. 8. to God. 9.

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JESUS, THE SON OF GOD

We know Jesus is the Son of God because of the wonderful things He does. He was with God helping Him make the earth, the sun, moon, stars and everything we see. Afterwards He came to live on the earth that He had made.

While He was living on the earth in a body like yours, He did great, unusual things, like causing dead people to come alive! He healed all the sick people who came to Him! If they could not see, He made them see! If they could not walk, He made them walk! If they could not talk or hear, He made them to both hear and talk! Even those who were dumb or crazy, He made to think and act right!

The greatest thing He did was to change mean bad people into good people. He is still doing this every day. Wherever people are they may call upon the name of Jesus and be saved. Even though you are a small child, you may call upon Jesus, the Son of God, and He will forgive your sins. Then you will be saved.

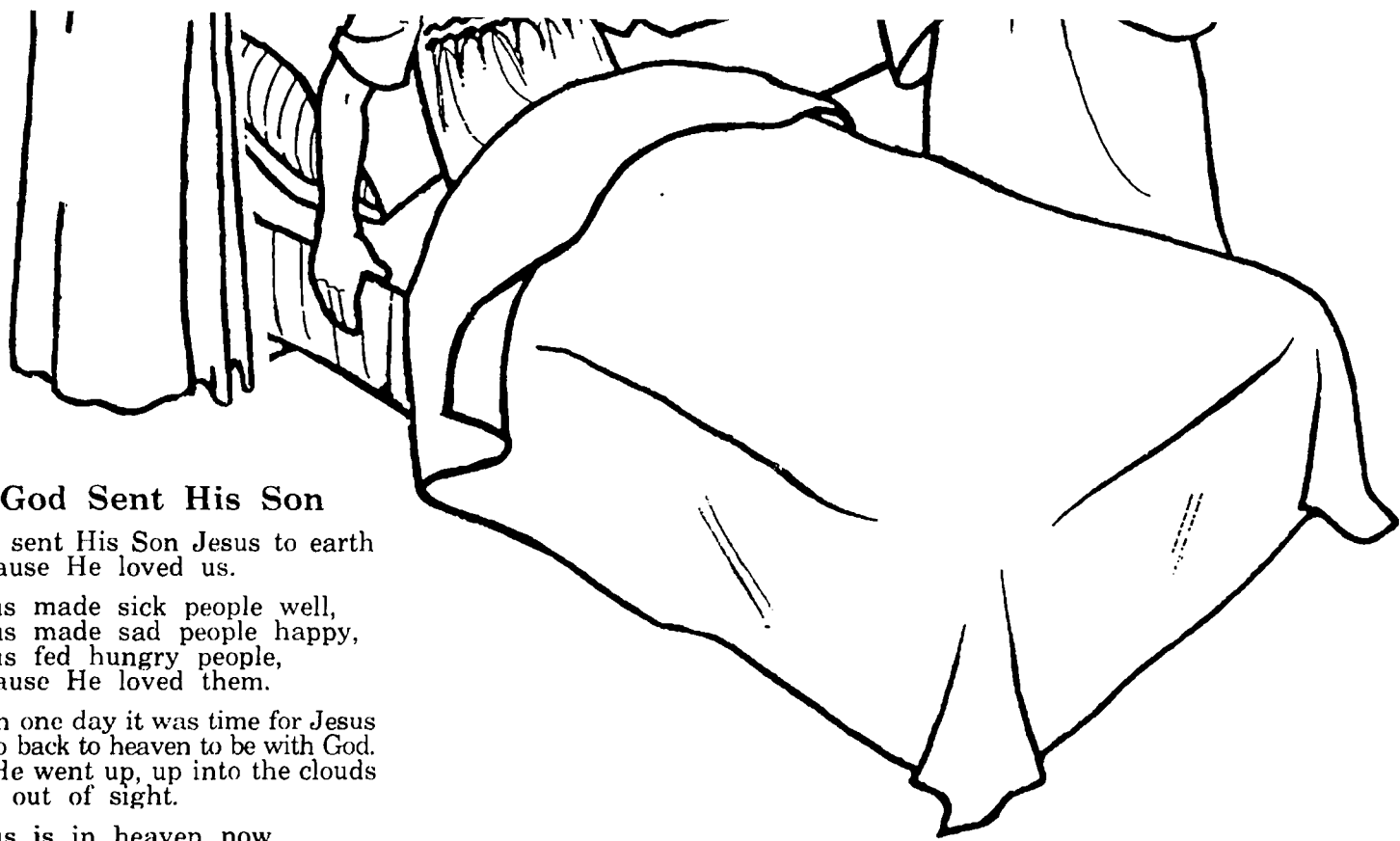
Also, if you are sick you may call on Jesus, if He thinks best for you to be well, He will heal you. Today He has the same power to heal as He did many years ago when He went around healing. Isn't it wonderful!

Look up at the stars some dark night and think how big and powerful Jesus is to have made all the heavenly bodies. We can have this great powerful being living in our hearts caring for us every place we go. It's wonderful to have Jesus, the Son of God in our hearts.

“Thou art the Christ, the
Son of the living God.”

Matthew 16:16





God Sent His Son

God sent His Son Jesus to earth
Because He loved us.

Jesus made sick people well,
Jesus made sad people happy,
Jesus fed hungry people,
Because He loved them.

Then one day it was time for Jesus
to go back to heaven to be with God.
So He went up, up into the clouds
and out of sight.

Jesus is in heaven now.
We can't see Him, but He can see us.
When we talk to Him, He hears us.
Someday we can go to heaven too.
We can go to live with Jesus
Because we love Him.

(Teacher or parent note: In the lesson today we are trying to show the children that Jesus is God in the flesh. Scripture reference: Gen. 1:26, Matt. 1:18-25, Isa. 7:14, Luke 2:25-38, Acts 2:21, John 10:37; 21:25. These scriptures are for you to read before class and put into a child's language. Study is very important.)

Choocha's Doll

Choocha lived in a jungle village near the Amazon River. Her best friend was Susan. Susan was kind and gentle to others. Her mother and father came to live in the village to teach about Jesus, God's Son. Every afternoon the children gathered under the palm trees and listened to stories about the Son of God, Jesus.

Choocha learned that God sent His Son, Jesus, to the earth so people on the earth could be saved. She learned of the many wonderful things Jesus did for people.

One day she learned that Jesus wanted to live in her heart. Right then Choocha asked Susan's mother how she could have Jesus come into her heart. Susan's mother explained and Choocha was happier than she had ever been before.

Choocha learned a verse which says: "... whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." John 15:16.

Choocha thought, "I'll just ask Jesus for a doll." She thought about it all the way home.

That night she knelt beside her bed and said, "Dear Father God, you said if I ask in Jesus' name you would give me whatever I ask. Please, I want a doll just like Susan's."

Every night she asked for a doll like Susan's. Her mother and daddy heard her asking each night for the doll. They were afraid she might get disappointed, so they said, "Choocha, you must not ask for a doll so beautiful. There isn't another doll like that one in our whole country. That doll came from a far away country. You can't buy a doll like it, there just isn't one and if there were, it would cost more money than we'll ever have."

Choocha kept on praying for the doll. One morning she said, "Mother, I know God will send my doll."

"My dear," answered her mother, "please forget the doll. It's impossible for you to have a doll like that one."

"No," answered Choocha, "I shall have my doll, I really believe it will come."

"Oh, dear," cried her mother.

Choocha went out to play. Today she was going down to the river and play on the houseboat where her friend Thean lived.

About ten o'clock another heard Susan's voice calling, "Choocha, oh, Choocha." She was standing at the front gate with the beautiful doll in her hands.

Mother went to the gate. "She has gone to the river today."

"You must call her for I must talk to her," Susan said.

In just a few minutes Choocha was standing beside Susan looking at the beautiful doll. "I must tell you something," Susan began. "My daddy's been called back to America and we will be leaving tomorrow. He says I can't take my doll, that he'll buy me another one. Oh, I love her so much. You'll take good care of her won't you, Choocha?"

"Yes, I will," she shouted, dancing around for joy.

"Then I will give her to you. I knew you would take good care of her. You promise to never mistreat her or let her get dirty?"

"Yes, yes," Choocha agreed.

"Then she's yours," Susan said, placing the doll in Choocha's arms.

That night she knelt beside her bed and said, "Thank you, God, for sending me the doll, in Jesus name." She fell asleep the happiest little girl in the jungle village.

(a true story)

Questions:

1. Who is God's Son?
2. Did He help make the earth?
3. Did Jesus live on the earth?
4. Did He heal sick people?
5. Will Jesus heal you?
6. What is the greatest thing Jesus does?
7. Can people call upon Jesus whenever they are?
8. Will Jesus forgive sins of small children?
9. Have you asked Jesus to forgive your sins?

(Answers: 1. Jesus. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. Yes. 5. Yes. 6. makes bad people good. 7. Yes. 8. Yes. 9. Yes or no.)

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ZACCHAEUS

Zacchaeus went every morning to work collecting taxes. He talked to many people every day. Every day he heard something new about this man Jesus. Just yesterday someone said they had seen Him on the road coming toward town. Beside the road sat a blind man begging for food. Jesus opened the man's eyes so he could see. Zacchaeus tingled with excitement. Maybe he would get to see Jesus today!

Before long someone brought the news, yes, Jesus was in town. Quickly Zacchaeus closed up his office and started out to find Jesus. When he found Jesus, there were so many people gathered around Him that Zacchaeus couldn't see. He stood on his tiptoes and stretched as far as he could. Then he saw a tree down the road. He ran to it and climbed upon a branch. There he sat watching the crowd as it came his way. He would soon see Jesus!

When Jesus came near, He looked up into the tree and said unto him, "Zacchaeus, quickly come down; for tonight I must stay at your house."

Zacchaeus was very happy to have Jesus stay with him, but he knew Jesus was holy and he a sinner. Right there in the road he made things right by saying, "Jesus, I will give half of all my things to the poor people, and if I have taken too much money from anyone, I will give back four dollars for every one dollar that I have taken."

Jesus told him he was saved that day. You, too, can be saved if you love Jesus as much as Zacchaeus did.



God

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repent

Acts 17:30



*Zacchaeus shares his money
with the poor people.*

The Four Pennies

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

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

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

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

"And ask her for some pennies too."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mother had returned and was hurrying to get supper. "Please help me set the table, Lily," she asked. Without saying a word, Lily helped Mother.

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

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

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

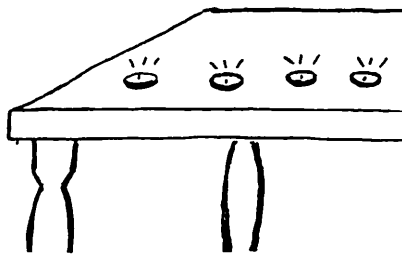
"Mother, I'm sorry," said Lily. "I took the money to spend at the drugstore. And I went to the store with Judy without telling you."

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

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

"Oh yes, yes!" said Lily, smiling again. "I want to do that." She felt as if a big load was lifted from her heart. How unhappy she had been when she was doing wrong, and how happy she felt to be forgiven!

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(Teacher: The Bible story is found in Luke 19:1-10. Stress Zacchaeus' selfishness before seeing Jesus and his selflessness afterwards. Help the children to feel the joy that comes from knowing Jesus. Song: Verse #2 of "I Am Saved Today" #472, *Evening Light Songs* and "Zacchaeus was a Wee Little Man".)

Questions:

1. Who is the story about?
2. Did Zacchaeus want to see Jesus?
3. What did he climb so he could see?
4. Did Jesus notice him in the tree?
5. What did He say to Zacchaeus?
6. Did Zacchaeus want Jesus to come to his house?
7. Was Zacchaeus willing to do things so Jesus would be happy with him?
8. Are you willing to do things to make Jesus pleased with you?
9. Did Jesus save Zacchaeus?

(Answers: 1. Zacchaeus. 2. yes. 3. a tree. 4. yes. 5. "quickly come down; for tonight I must stay at your house." 6. yes. 7. yes. 8. yes or no. 9. yes.)

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JESUS IS BAPTIZED

Jesus, God's Son, came to earth with a job to do. He came to be the Savior for all men. A savior is a person who makes safe from harm, danger, loss and other troubles. So Jesus came to save us from harmful things and to lead us into a good safe way of life.

He wasn't a baby any more. God was ready for Him to do His job, and become a leader. So the first thing He did was to go to the Jordan River, where John was baptizing people, and get in line to be baptized. John said to Jesus, "I need to be baptized by you, why are you coming to me to be baptized?"

Jesus answered him, "Please allow me to be baptized, for I must obey all righteous laws." So John carefully laid Jesus down into the water until every bit of Him was covered with water. As he brought Jesus out of the water the Holy Spirit in the shape of a beautiful, white dove came from Heaven and sat on Jesus' head. While the dove was sitting there, the voice of God said, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." God was pleased with Jesus for obeying. Now John knew for sure that Jesus was God's Son.

Jesus was baptized and we want to be just like Him. Each of us must be covered with water in baptism in the name of the Father, God, the Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. All three were there when Jesus was baptized and we want them at our baptism also. God will be pleased with us if we do as Jesus did. Have you been saved and baptized?



“He that believeth and is



baptized shall be saved.”

Mark 16:16

Tommy Wants to be Baptized

Mother and Tommy were in the living room. Mother was busy mending, and Tommy was playing with his cars, and he loved being with Mother.

"Mother, what does it mean to be baptized?" asked Tommy.

"Why do you ask?" inquired Mother.

"When I was over at Gary's house we all played church. After church we baptized one of Susie's dolls. They put her under water and brought her up right away. I don't understand it all," Tommy told Mother.

"Well, Tommy, after we have asked Jesus to forgive us for the things we have done wrong, and He forgives us, we are saved. He helps us to live for Him," answered Mother.

"I know that, I remember when Jesus came into my heart, I was so happy!" exclaimed Tommy.

"Daddy and I were so glad when you went to the altar," Mother was saying, "now you should get baptized. That will tell the world you have been forgiven of your sins. You no longer want to do wrong, and now you are going to live for Jesus." Tommy thought about this.

"When can I do that?" Tommy was anxious to know.

"We'll have to tell Bro. Rogers that you want to be baptized, and he will set a time for you," answered Mother.

"I hope it can be soon. I'm sure I don't want to live for the devil, that makes Jesus unhappy," Tommy told Mother, as he went outside with his cars.

—Dorothy Wilkins

Kim is Baptized

Kim finished sweeping the patio, stood the broom upside-down against the house, then went inside. She took out the green suitcase and put her things in it; a ball, comb, tooth brush, old shoes for play, a new pair for dress-up, three nice dresses, two play dresses, pjs, underwear, socks, and, oh, yes, a Bible. She closed the suitcase and carried it to the car. Dad put it in with all the other luggage. Mom came out with the lunch. Everyone got in the car and they drove away.

In six hours they would be to camp meeting. Kim loved camp meeting! She

loved God! She loved to pray! She loved to sing Christian songs! Camp meeting was full of things she loved!

It was almost dark when they arrived, but Kim could see the large tent used for worship. "I see it! I see it!" she said.

Next morning Kim was the first one in the tent. She sat on the front bench swinging her feet as she sang. After worship service, she ate tacos and refried beans for lunch. Then she and her friends played hide-and-seek. However when it was time for service, Kim ran from the game and into the tent, where she again sat on the front bench, singing and swinging her feet in rhythm with the song.

The day finally came that Kim had been waiting for! It was the day for baptism! Kim put on her play dress and old shoes, got a towel and climbed into the back of the pickup that was to take them to the canal. Kim was eight years old, the youngest one to be baptized. However, she loved Jesus and was as happy as any of the older ones who were baptized that day.

(A true story, name changed.)

(Teacher: stress the correct mode of baptism and the use of the three persons of the Trinity. Mark 16:16, Matt. 28:19, Acts 2:38-41, Col. 2:12 and Rom. 6:1-13 are good reading material. Any successful lesson takes prayer and study. Song: verses 1 & 5 of "Buried With Jesus" #291 in *Evening Light Songs*.)

Questions:

1. Who is Jesus?
2. Jesus came to save us from what?
3. Was Jesus baptized?
4. Who baptized Him?
5. Why was Jesus baptized?
6. The Holy Spirit sat on Jesus head in the shape of what?
7. Who said, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased"?
8. Should we be baptized like Jesus?
9. Was God, and the Holy Spirit there when Jesus was baptized?

(Answers: 1. God's Son, 2. harmful things, laws, 3. yes, 4. John, 5. to obey righteous, 6. a dove, 7. God, 8. yes, 9. yes.)

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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THE FIRST COMMUNION

The day before Jesus died, he said to Peter and John, "I want to eat with all my disciples one more time. Go into the city and you will see a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him to his house, and say to the man of the house that I will need to use his guest room tonight. He will show you the room which is ready. There prepare the meal."

Peter and John did as Jesus said and soon everything was ready.

That evening was the last time Jesus and the twelve disciples ate supper together. After eating, Jesus got up from the table and took off his outer clothing. He then wrapped a towel around Himself, filled a basin with water and washed each disciples feet. Peter didn't want Jesus to wash his feet. Jesus said to him, "If I cannot wash your feet then you have no part with me." When Peter heard that, he wanted Jesus to wash his feet, hands and head. However, Jesus said, "I need only to wash your feet."

After He finished washing their feet, He sent Judas out. Then He took a loaf of unleavened bread and blessed it and said it was a symbol of His body. After that he took a cup of grape juice and blessed it and said it was a symbol of His blood. They each ate a little bread and drank a little juice

"I will be leaving you tonight," Jesus said. "After I am gone, I want my followers to meet together and wash each others feet, eat unleavened bread and drink grape juice, so that people will always remember my death."



wash feet

e also ought to wash one
other's feet." John 13:14



Communion Service

Mary was five years old. Grandma had asked Mary to go to a special meeting in church this afternoon. Grandma called it Communion. Mary didn't know what that big word meant, but to be able to go anywhere with Grandma was a delight for her.

Finally Grandma came by the house for Mary. "What do they do at Communion, Grandma?" Mary asked.

"It is a time that we remember how much Jesus loved us," Grandma answered Mary. "You wait and see."

When they got to church, there were many people that Mary knew. Soon they sang, then they prayed. Mary and her Grandma went with all the other sisters. They each washed someones feet, "Why do you do this?" Mary wanted to know.

"It helps us remember the time Jesus washed the disciples feet, Mary," said Grandma. "By doing it, Jesus showed them He was humble and lowly too."

Mary and her Grandma went with the sisters into the church again. Bro. Turner spoke about Jesus, how He loved us all and was willing to die for us, that we might be saved and live with Him in Heaven. "The bread is to remind us of Jesus' body, that He gave," Brother Turner was saying, "and the grape juice is to represent His blood that He shed on the cross for us."

Grandma took a little of the bread and a sip of the juice. "Jesus told us to do this often," Grandma told Mary, "that we might remember the terrible suffering He went through on the cross."

"Oh, I wish Jesus wouldn't have had to suffer so, or die," Mary said, thoughtfully.

"That was all in God's plan, so that we could be saved. Jesus was willing to die, because He loved us so much," Grandma told Mary.

Soon they sang a hymn and went out. Mary was glad she had come to this service with Grandma. She had learned so much. Now she loved Jesus more and more, because He had shown how much He loved her.

—Dorothy Wilkins

Communion Service

For saving grace and healing power,
We give thee thanks and praise.
For the sacrifice of thy Holy Son,
Who spent with us earth's toilsome days.

In this blessed Communion Service
Ordained by God in heaven;
We tenderly wash each other's feet,
Share juice and bread without leaven.

This is our way dear Heavenly Father,
To show our heartfelt thanks for all
The cruel sufferings you endured
To save us from Adam's fall.

Thank you Jesus! Amen

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(Teacher: use colored pictures and try especially to find one showing the feet washing. Many take communion, but few follow Jesus' command when He said, "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet." Scripture ref. Matt. 26:19-28; Luke 22:1-34; John 13:2-17; I Cor. 11:20-34. Study these and tell the story in your own words. It is much more effective. Song: first verse and chorus of "Obedience", #121, *Evening Light Songs*.)

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Questions:

1. Did Jesus need a place to eat with His disciples?
2. Did someone have a room for Jesus?
3. Did Jesus wash each disciples feet?
4. Was the bread broken when Jesus blessed it?
5. What is the bread a symbol of?
6. Of what is the grape juice a symbol?
7. Would Jesus' body be torn and bleeding that night?
8. Does Jesus want His followers to wash one another's feet?
9. Should we share bread and grape juice with other followers?
10. What is Communion Service?

Answers: 1. yes. 2. yes. 3. yes. 4. no. 5. yes. 6. yes. 7. yes. 8. yes. 9. yes. 10. A church service in which Jesus' body, 6. Jesus' blood. 7. yes. 8. yes. 9. yes. 10. A church service in which we saved people remember Jesus death by washing each others feet and sharing a loaf of unleavened bread and grape juice.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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THE DISCIPLES MET FOR CHURCH

The followers of Christ loved Jesus so much they met together very often to talk about Him. Sometimes they met in houses, sometimes in synagogues or churches and sometimes out-of-doors.

In the city of Philippi they met beside the river. One time when they met beside the river, they talked about Jesus to a lady named Lydia. She had never heard about Him! She liked what she heard very much! She and her family was saved and baptized.

Another time they met in a very tall building. They were in a room on the third floor! They enjoyed being together so much that they sang, prayed and preached until midnight. Eutychus, a young man sitting in the window, fell asleep. There was no screen or glass in the window so he fell out! Down, down, down he fell! The disciples ran down, down, down the stairs and picked him up dead, but Paul said, "His life is in him."

They spent the rest of the night eating and talking of Jesus and the young man was alright when Paul left the next morning.

One time Peter was in jail and the disciples met at John Mark's house to pray all night for him. An angel opened the jail door and let Peter out. He went to John Mark's house and they could hardly believe Peter had come! God blessed each time the disciples met together for worship. Today He blesses when true Christians meet together to worship Him also.



Sing unto



the Lord

Old Tom

David Golden lived on the corner of Maple and Elm Streets. That meant that he had to walk three blocks to school and pass by the jail house every day of the week except for weekends. Every day that he went to school, he saw Old Tom staring out of the barred window of the jail.

One day, though, David was startled by a call from the direction of the jail house. He stopped in surprise and looked around to see Old Tom beckoning to him. "Hey, boy! You! Come here for a minute; I want to ask you something." David was scared. What should he do? Old Tom had never spoken to anyone before, and everyone had always been afraid of him.

David called, "What do you want?" Old Tom didn't say anything; he just beckoned again for David to come over to him. David hesitated and walked slowly over to where Old Tom was.

"D'you go to Sunday School, boy?" asked Old Tom.

"Yes, sir. I go every Sunday when I can."

"What d'you learn there?" asked Old Tom, who seemed to be very interested. "You know, I used to go when I was younger, but then my mother died, so I didn't have anyone to take me."

"That's too bad, sir. We learn a lot. I guess you learned about what we do. We learn about Jesus and how He died to save us from sin. We learn that we can talk to Him about everything—even our troubles, and everything," David told him bravely.

"Hmm. I learned all that. D'you reckon if I get out of here, they would let me come to church every once in a while? You see, everyone's scared of me in the village. I saw you walking by every day, and you seemed like a nice young chap, so I jes' wondered if you ever went to Sunday School," said Old Tom longingly.

"Oh, yes, sir! I'm sure they'd like for you to come!" said David. "But now I have to go to school, or I'll be late. How about if I start early tomorrow, so we can talk a little longer?" Old Tom nod-

ded his head, and David hurried off to school.

That night David told his parents about everything he and Old Tom had talked about. He asked if he could take him to Sunday School the next Sunday. His parents looked at each other, and then his father said, "Well, son, I guess it would be all right. Are you sure he's interested, though? I'll tell you what; we'll go by on Saturday night and talk to the prison warden. Then, if we have permission, we'll go by on our way to church and pick him up."

The next day David told Old Tom that, and they made arrangements to go to Sunday School. Soon Old Tom was allowed out of jail on good behavior, and he and the Golden family became good friends. He was soon saved, and made friends with everyone in the village. They all came to love him as a good friend.

(Teacher: stories taken from Acts 16:12-15; 20:6-12 and 12:1-17. Read these prayerfully, asking God to lead you to stress the points that are most important for your class. Always use colored pictures as attention-getters. A good song for this lesson is #38, in *Evening Light Songs*.)

Questions:

1. What is the name of the lesson?
2. Did the disciples always meet in church buildings?
3. In the city of Philippi, where did they meet?
4. Where were the disciples meeting when Eutychus fell from the window?
5. What time was it when he fell?
6. Was Eutychus all right in the morning?
7. When Peter was in jail, where were the disciples praying?
8. How did Peter get out of jail?
9. Does God bless when Christians meet together for worship?

(Answers: 1. The Disciples met for Church story of a building. 2. no. 3. beside the river. 4. in the third story of a building. 5. midnight. 6. yes. 7. at John Mark's house. 8. an angel opened the jail. 9. yes.)

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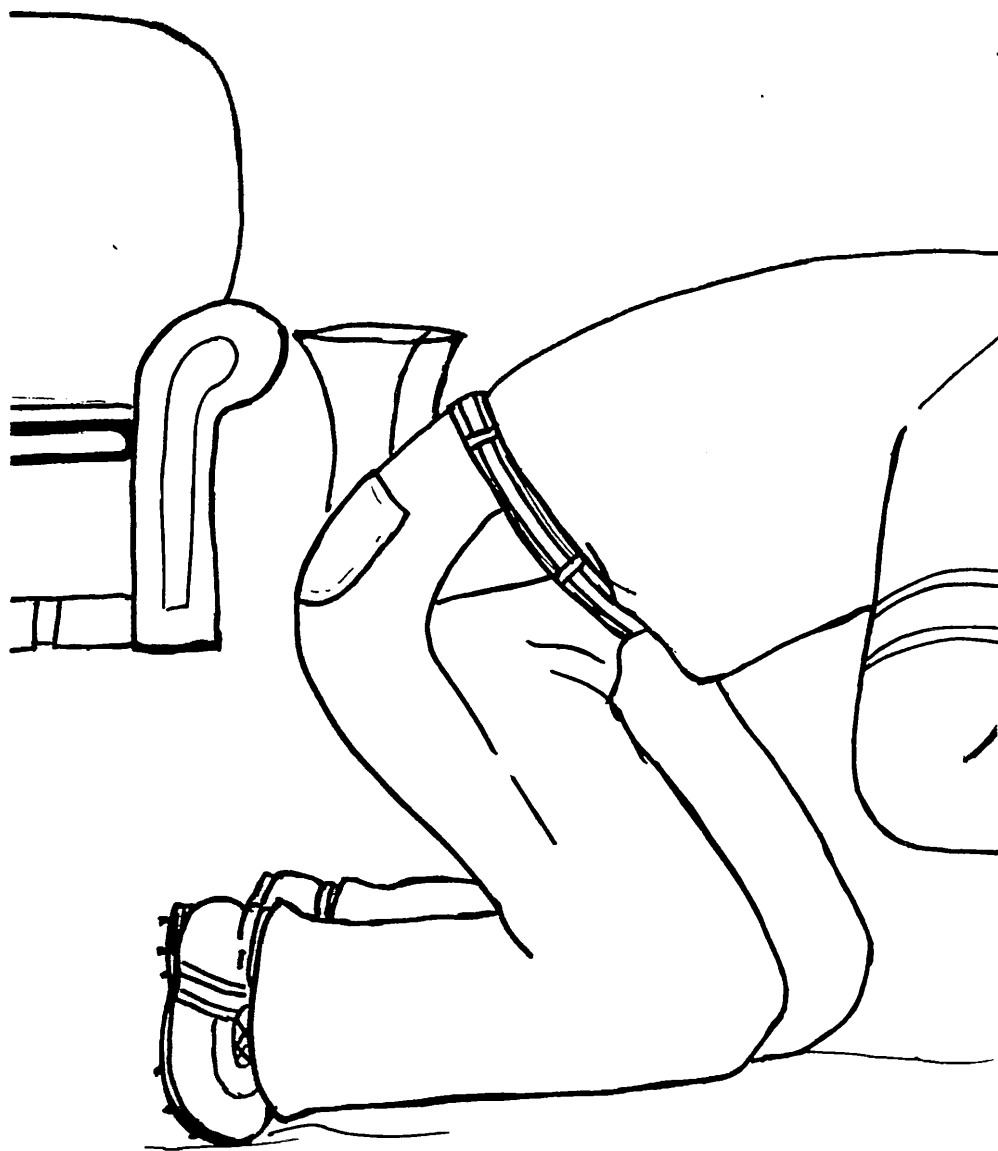
WHY SHOULD I OBEY?

Obedying is doing whatever Mother, Daddy or Teacher tell you. Jesus said, "Children obey your parents" because little children do not know how to do. Even to keep himself safe a child must obey. He doesn't know when something is dangerous. A small child runs in front of a speeding car because he doesn't know it could kill him. He picks up a poison spider not knowing it may hurt him. There are many other important reasons why children should obey.

One reason is so he will be happy with himself when he is a grown-up. After he is grown up he has no one to tell him what to do. He must always tell himself what to do. His mind says to his body, "Get out of bed and get dressed so you won't be late for work." If he has learned to make his body obey, he will get up and dress and not be late for work. If his body has not learned to obey Mother, Daddy and Teacher neither will his body obey his mind. He will not get up and will be late for work, thus having a lot of unnecessary trouble.

A person who has arms, legs, a mouth, or other parts of a body that will not obey their mind is a very unhappy person. The mind says, "Run, a speeding car is coming!" The body will not obey, so the car runs over him! Now he may be hurting for a long time. All because his body would not obey.

Each time you obey it becomes easier. After obeying many times, your mind will tell you things to do and others will not need to tell you so much. When your mind and body obey then you will be acting like a grown-up Christian.



“Children obey your parents



ts in the Lord.” Eph. 6:1

Trixie Obeys

Mr. Marsh was the Richardson family's good neighbor. He lived alone, since his wife had died several years ago. Mr. Marsh loved to work in his vegetable garden and flower bed. He always shared both vegetables and flowers with all his neighbors. Mr. Marsh was loved by all!

One day Mrs. Richardson looked out her kitchen window. What did she see? A little, brown and white puppy.

"Patsy, look what Mr. Marsh has in his yard," she called excitedly.

"Whatever is it?" exclaimed Patsy, as she ran to the kitchen to find out what it was.

"Oh, isn't it a darling? I'm going over right now," Patsy said, running out the door and over the low fence.

"Aren't you a cutie," Patsy said, patting the brown and white ball of fur.

"Do you like him, Patsy?" Mr. Marsh asked. "I thought he was cute and would be company for me. Can you think of a name for him?"

"Why not call him Trixie?" suggested Patsy.

"That's a good name, and Trixie it will be," answered Mr. Marsh.

Trixie was well cared for and given lots of T. L. C. (tender loving care). Mr. Marsh spent much time with his new pet, training it to sit, lie down, come when called, etc.

One day Trixie found a way to get under the fence and away he went. Now Trixie had never been near a busy road and he didn't know about dangerous cars.

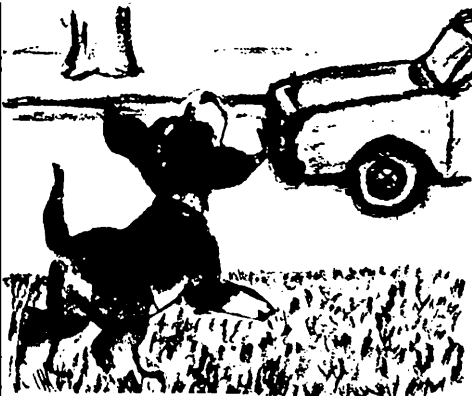
Mr. Marsh happened to see Trixie run past the house, headed right for the road.

"Trixie, come back," called Mr. Marsh. Trixie stopped quick and listened.

"Come back, Trixie," Mr. Marsh said, and Trixie came, wagging his tail. Trixie was glad to see Mr. Marsh.

Mr Marsh patted Trixie, "It's good you learned your lessons well, and obeyed me. You could have gotten hit with a car if you had run into the street."

—Dorothy Wilkins



(Teacher: Scripture reference, Eph. 6:1-3; I Cor. 9:27; Heb. 12:9; Col. 3:20. The thought in this lesson is for the children to understand that their body must be brought in subjection. We adults know from experience that after receiving the mind of Christ, our big problem is getting our body to obey this new mind. Adults reared under strict discipline tend to have less problems. Give your class an example, such as David, Samuel, Joseph, etc. Jezebel and Ahab are good examples of undisciplined adults. (I Kings 21).)

Questions:

1. Why should a child obey?
2. What could happen if we run in front of a speeding car?
3. If a child plays with a poison spider could he be hurt?
4. Is a person happy if he does not learn to obey?
5. Must grown-ups tell themselves what to do?
6. Should a person's body obey it's mind?
7. What will happen if the body will not obey the mind?
8. Must children learn to obey their parents?
9. Does Jesus want children to obey?
10. Do you obey your mother and father?

(Answers: 1. to keep safe. 2. we could get hurt. 3. yes. 4. no. 5. yes. 6. yes. 7. yes. 8. yes. 9. yes. 10. yes or no.)

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BEING BETTER CHILDREN FOR JESUS

I am sure most of you are very good children. However, Jesus will help you to be even better. There are many little ways you can be better children for Jesus.

Of course you are not sinning. Sinning is doing things that God commanded not to do. Lying, stealing, speaking God's name disrespectfully, killing and loving other things more than God is sin. If the spirit of the devil puts a thought in your mind to do one of these things just say to him, "I will not do it!" To be a better child for Jesus, we must make war against bad thoughts that come to our mind. There will be two thoughts come to your mind; one will be bad, one will be good. Sit real still and think about these two thoughts. The last time you got angry one thought said to scream or hit the person that made you mad, the other thought said, "Don't do it." The first thought came from the devil, the other thought came from Jesus. To be a better child we must listen to the thought that comes from Jesus.

Sometimes if we do not listen carefully to our thoughts, the devil will get us to do bad things. You may see something that isn't yours and, if you aren't listening carefully, your hand may take it. If this should happen, just give your naughty hand a slap and put the thing back where you found it. Then ask Jesus to help you obey your good thoughts.

Listening to your thoughts is a fun way to be a better child for Jesus! The more you listen to Jesus' thoughts in your mind, the happier you will be! Happiness is listening to Jesus!

Remember to pray and



read the bible.



ch and pray. Matthew 26:41

Jesus Helps Tommy

I first met Tommy at the park. He was the cutest little fellow. Right quick he put up four chubby fingers, to let me know how old he was. Then up went both arms with clenched fists so I could feel his muscles. Now I could tell he was strong. Tommy had curly, dark hair, rosey cheeks, and big, brown, mischievous eyes.

Tommy's mother told me about some of his tricks. She said, "Tommy really wants to be a good boy, but things always seem to happen. This morning he reached for a cookie in the cookie jar, and hit a glass which fell and broke."

"Mommy," Tommy said, "I didn't mean to break the glass."

"Tommy, you were told not to get any cookies," Mother told him, "so you were being naughty."

"I don't want to be naughty, Mommy," he said. "I really want to be a good Jesus-boy."

"Tommy, do you know how to pray?" I asked.

"Yes, I pray every morning and before I go to bed," Tommy answered.

"Well, why don't you ask Jesus to help you," I told him. "He always wants to help little boys and girls to be good. When mommy tells you not to get a cookie, and you want to get one, don't stay in the kitchen. Go away to your room and pray. Then you won't think so much about the cookies."

"Maybe I should get my cars," Tommy said, "and play in the sand box."

"That's right," Tommy's mother said, "Jesus will help you, if you do your part."

"I'll try harder from now on," Tommy said, as he ran to play.

Tommy played for a long time with his cars. Then Susan, the girl who lived next door called for him to come over. Tommy dropped his cars and climbed over the fence. As soon as his feet touched the ground on the other side he remembered that Mother said, "Don't climb over the fence, go around to the gate."

"I'm sorry Jesus," he said to himself and ran over to Susan's play house.

Susan was putting toy dishes on the table. "We're going to have a tea party," she said. "See, I have some kool-aid. Can you go into your house and get some cookies?"

"Sure," Tommy said, and ran out the gate, up the walk and into his house. He ran straight for the cookie jar. Then he remembered, "Don't get into the cookies," Mommy had said. He stopped, then ran to the sofa and kneeled down. "Thank you, Jesus, for helping me to obey Mommy, Amen."

Tommy ran back to Susan's play house. "Can't have any," he said, "Mommy says no."

Susan and Tommy sat down and drank the kool-aid without cookies. Tommy felt happy he had obeyed. The rest of the afternoon they had a wonderful lot of fun!

I believe Tommy will pray and ask Jesus to help him, don't you?

—Dorothy Wilkins

(Teacher: Scripture reference, 1 Peter 1:13-17; Phil. 4:7,8. This lesson could be illustrated with pictures of children, some doing good, others doing sinful things. Tell the children some of your own experiences when you overcame or failed by not listening to right thoughts. Song: chorus of #102 & 109 in *Evening Light Songs*.)

Questions:

1. Can you be a better child for Jesus?
2. What is sinning?
3. Is lying sinning?
4. Is stealing a sin?
5. Is speaking disrespectfully of God sinning?
6. Can we love anything more than God without sinning?
7. Should we listen to the devil's thoughts?
8. Is listening to Jesus' thoughts a fun way to be better?
9. What is happiness?

(Answers: 1. yes. 2. doing things that God commanded not to do. 3. yes. 4. yes. 5. yes. 6. no. 7. NO. 8. yes. 9. happy listening to Jesus' thoughts.)

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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HAPPINESS IS OBEYING GOD

Many years ago the people who lived in the world were very disobedient. They did just what they wanted to although it brought them much unhappiness. However, there was one good man among them, who was obedient. God told him that he must tell the people it would rain and that soon a great lot of water would come and cover the Earth. God also told this man to build a big, big boat. Can you guess this man's name? Yes, it is Noah.

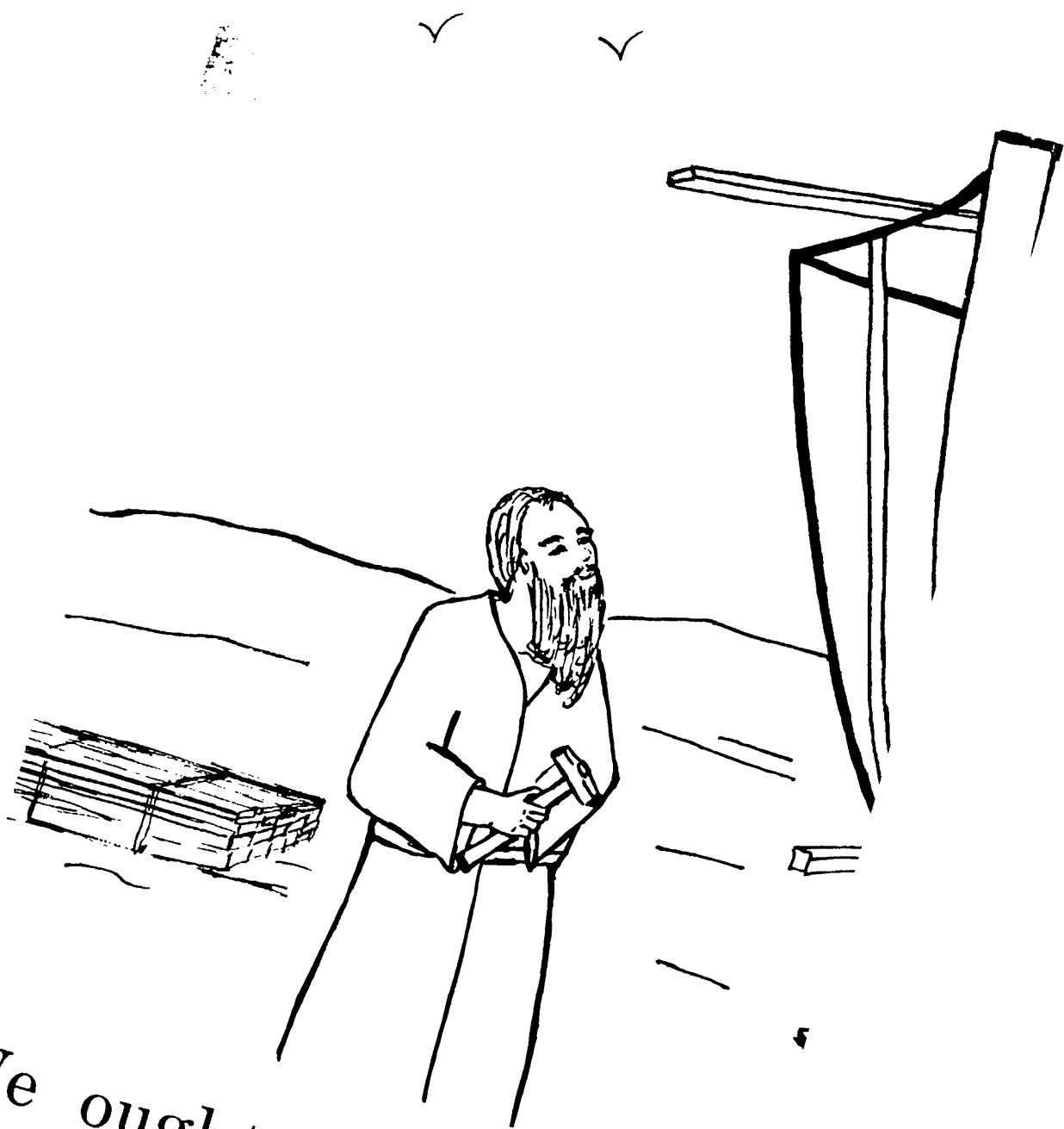
Noah was very obedient and went right to work on the big boat. He worked many days, weeks, months, and years. Sometimes he was hot, but he worked on. Sometimes he was cold, but he worked on. Sometimes he was tired, but he worked anyway. He was even made fun of, but he was an obedient man, and how he felt didn't keep him from obeying. Noah worked many years until the big boat was finished.

When the great flood of water came, Noah was the happiest man in all the Earth. He and his family were safe inside the big boat because they had obeyed God.

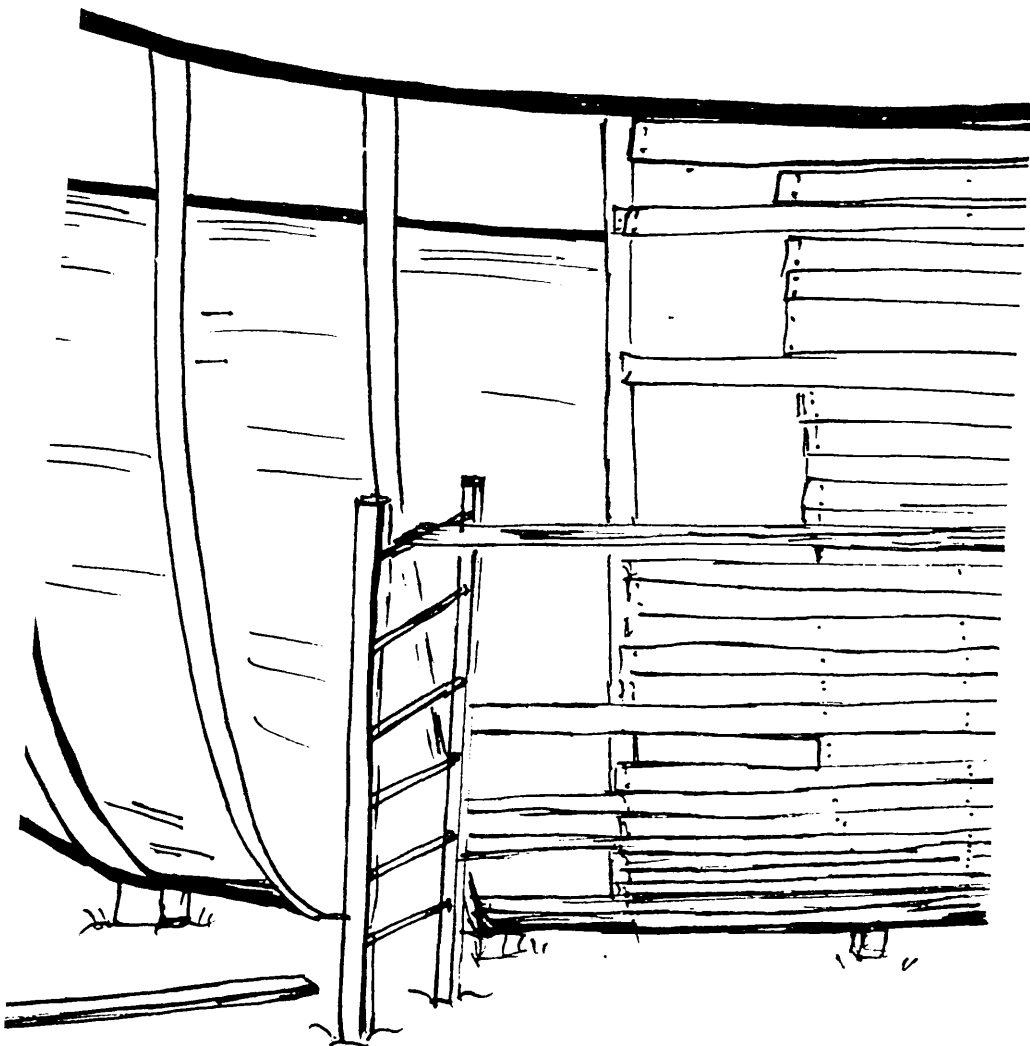
The disobedient men had to watch their little children drown in the water. They watched all the mothers, the grandfathers, the grandmothers and all their animals drown in the great flood of water. They were very sad! They also had to drown because they did not obey God's warning.

Noah and his family were the only ones left on the earth.

After the flood water was gone and the earth was dry, they came out of the boat and made new homes.



We ought to obey God.



Acts 5:29

Scott's Keys

Coming into the sewing room, where Mom was, Scott said, "Look what Grandpa gave me."

Scott's mother was busy mending a pair of jeans. When Scott came into the room, she looked up, "What did Grandpa give you this time, Scott?"

"See, all these keys. I guess Grandpa knows I like them," Scott answered, holding them up for Mom to see.

"My, you sure have a bunch," Mom said. "I wonder what they are for."

"I don't know, but I can pretend they go to some of my things," Scott told his mother.

"These remind me of another kind of keys," Mom pondered, "spiritual keys."

"What do you mean, Mom? I don't understand," Scott said, as he sat next to mother wondering what she meant.

"Well, we can liken them to a peace key, love key, faith key, and others," Mom began, "then there's the key of obedience. Sometimes we have a master key that will unlock everything. We could call the obedience key the master key. In order to use the other keys we must be obedient to what Jesus tells us to do. If we don't obey God's Word, we can never have peace or love in our hearts, and the key of faith will not work without obedience. So, in order to be truly happy in following Jesus we must do all the things God has for us to do."

"I never thought about obedience being so important," Scott said. "I know I'm going to try harder to be a good boy from now on. I want to be able to use the other keys in my life too." Mom smiled, and went back to fixing Scott's jeans. She was happy that she could help Scott through another lesson, using his keys.

—Dorothy Wilkins



Obedience is the Master Key

Father in heaven, give us the Key
So in life's troubles, Jesus we'll see.
Give us thy grace and power divine
That in the world for thee we'll shine.

You have a Key of Faith, I know.
May we use it, your power to show?
The Key of Love most folks desire
As more like thee, they do aspire.

The Key of Peace all people wish,
Yet with the poor won't share a dish.
The question then comes to our mind,
Do they really want their way or thine?

In still quietness the answer came
To have the Key, man must do the same
As Jesus did when He that hour
Submitted to the Higher Power.

The Higher Power is God the Father.
Who asked Him to go a little farther,
And die for all the world to see
That "Obedience is the Master Key."

(Teacher: the story of Noah is found in Gen. 6:5-9,17. Stress having Jesus in their hearts to give them power to obey. You may give an example of yourself or friends, how obedience brought happiness. Always remember to use colored pictures as attention-getters. Song: #74, "Happy in the Savior", *Evening Light Songs*, or #33 "Joy, Joy Down in my Heart", *Beautiful Way Songs*.)

Questions:

1. What is the name of the lesson?
2. Were the people happy who did what they wanted to do?
3. What did God tell the good man to do?
4. Did he obey?
5. Did Noah ever get tired obeying?
6. How did Noah feel when the flood came?
7. How did the disobedient men feel?
8. How do obedient children feel?
9. What can you do to be happy?

(Answers: 1. happiness is obeying. 2. NO! 3. to tell the people a lot of water was coming and to build a big boat. 4. yes. 5. yes. 6. happy 7. sad. 8. happy. 9. obey.)

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A NEW COMMANDMENT

Many years ago God chose Moses to be the leader of His people. He gave Moses some commandments for them to obey. Commandments are rules that one must obey to be pleasing to God. Some of the people who obeyed these commandments were, Moses, David, Joshua, Ruth, Esther, Daniel, Jeremiah, and Jonah; after he got out of the whale's belly.

Years after God had given the ten commandments, Jesus came to earth to be the Savior of all mankind. He gave us some new commandments. Jesus said these were so important that if anyone obeyed these commandments, he would be obeying all the commandments and God would be pleased with him. Therefore everyone should obey Jesus' commandments.

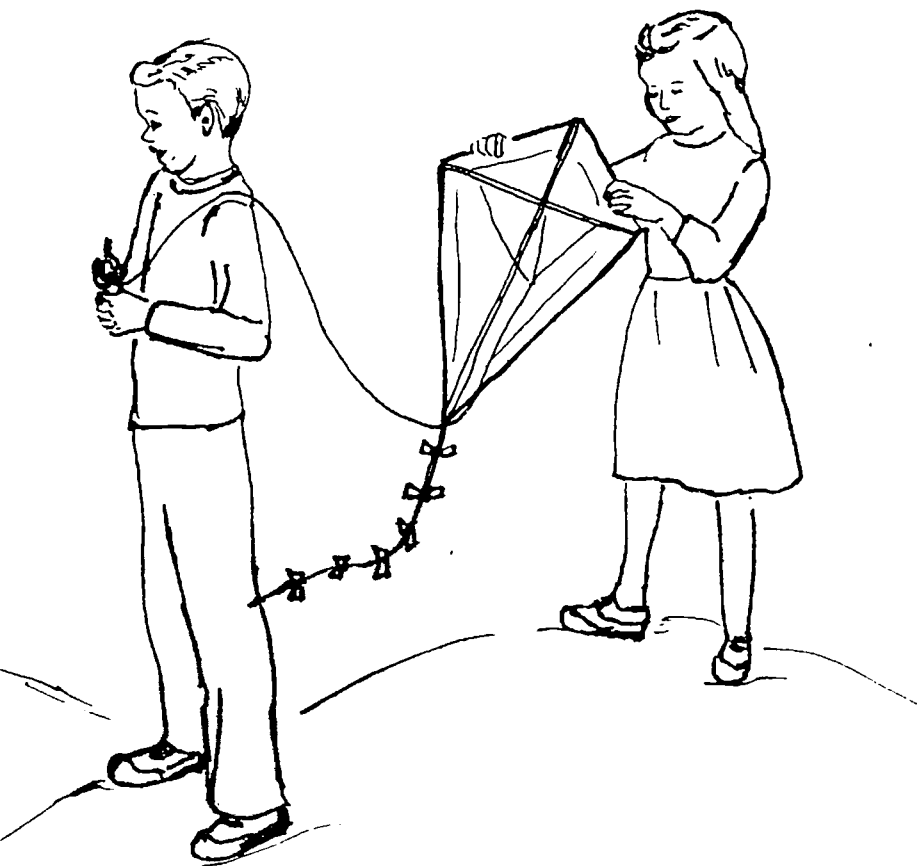
Today we will learn one of these new commandments. It is, "Love one another, as I have loved you." Jesus also said if you will love each other as He has loved you, all the people who know you will say that you are followers of Jesus.

How can children show love for others? They can show love for other boys and girls by sharing their toys with those who come to play. Sometimes toys may be given to other children who do not have many toys. Giving others the larger piece of cake or the best cookie is another way of showing love. Playing quietly is another way. Picking up toys and clothing or helping with some other work around the house is showing love for mother. Love for fathers can be shown by being thankful for the home, clothing, food and toys which he provides.

There are many other ways of showing love. Can you think of some?



“ . . . love one another, a



I have loved you, . . . "

John 13:34

Nancy's Love

Have you heard the story of *Heidi*? This story comes to us from Switzerland, the country in which Heidi lived. It is about Nancy, a little girl about Heidi's age.

Nancy loved Jesus because her mother knew Jesus as her personal Saviour and had shared with Nancy.

One day as they were walking through the rugged mountains her mother noticed a very dangerous place when they crossed a deep gorge (a deep narrow canyon). Many years ago a huge rock had fallen from the mountain above and lodged between two clefts forming a natural bridge over the gorge below. For many years people had walked across this bridge safely. However, today Nancy's mother noticed the rock was loose and about to fall. "This is very dangerous," she said. "If anyone walks on this again, it will surely fall, and they shall be killed on the sharp rocks." Nancy felt afraid

The very next morning Nancy's father said he was going to the other side of the mountain over the bridge. Nancy told him it was not safe, but he only laughed and said, "I have walked across that bridge many times before you were born." Then he started down the trail. Nancy followed him. As they walked along, she said, "Father, if I should die, will you promise to love Jesus and meet me in Heaven?"

"Pshaw!" he said. "You're not going to die. You are young and you will live many years . . . I hope."

"Yes, but if I should die, will you promise to love Jesus just as I do and meet me in heaven?"

"But you are not going to die, so do not speak of it," he said.

"Do promise, Father, if I should die, that you will be a good Christian, and come and live with Jesus and me in heaven."

"Yes, yes, I will!" he promised at last.

As they walked along, she told him all she knew about Jesus. When they neared the bridge, she took hold of his hand and pleaded, "Please, Father, stand right here a minute and let me try the

bridge first. Then running ahead she called, "I love you, Daddy." At that instant she jumped upon the loosened rock. He groaned at the sight before his eyes and tried in vain to move. He was as motionless as the stone had once been which had just carried his daughter to her death. He crept to the edge and saw his darling brave girl lying dead at the bottom of the gorge. How he loved her and wished he had believed what she had said about the bridge.

Like a flash of light, he remembered all she had told him about Jesus dying for sinners and he knew also that Nancy had died to save him.

Right there near the cliff, he knelt down and cried to God for mercy and was saved. Then he went home to get help and some ropes, so he could get Nancy's body out of the gorge.

Do you see that Nancy loved her father just as Jesus loves us?

(Paraphrased from *Touching Incidents*)



Questions:

1. Who did God choose to lead the people?
2. What were the people to obey?
3. What are commandments?
4. Name some people who obeyed God's commandments.
5. Did Jesus give other commandments?
6. What is the new commandment that Jesus gave?
7. Name some ways a child can show love.
8. Is kicking another child a good way to show love?
9. Is sharing a good way to show love?

(Answers: 1. Moses, 2. Commandments, 3. Rules that must be obeyed, 4. David, Moses, Joshua, Ruth, Esther, Daniel, Jeremiah, Jonah, and many others, 5. Yes, 6. Love one another, as I have loved you, 7. Answers will vary, 8. No, 9. Yes.)

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ONLY ONE GOD

There is only one God. Many years ago some people thought idols were gods also. They worshiped them and asked things of them, but the dumb idols had no ears to hear, no eyes to see, nor did they have a mind or voice, neither did they have power to answer prayer. However, these people thought their dumb idols would answer their prayers. They really thought an idol named Baalim was as great as God.

One day the man of God, Elijah, said, "Let's have a contest and see if Baalim or God is the real God. Let us ask for fire and whichever God sends fire will be the real God."

"That's a good idea," they answered.

Elijah said, "You pray first, then I will pray."

Four hundred and fifty people prayed to Baalim from morning until evening. They beat upon themselves and cut their bodies, hoping the sight of blood would bring an answer from their god. They also cried as loud as they possibly could, but nothing happened!

Then Elijah said, "Now I will pray but first dig a ditch around my altar and put twelve barrels of water over it so everything will be very wet and the ditch will be filled with water."

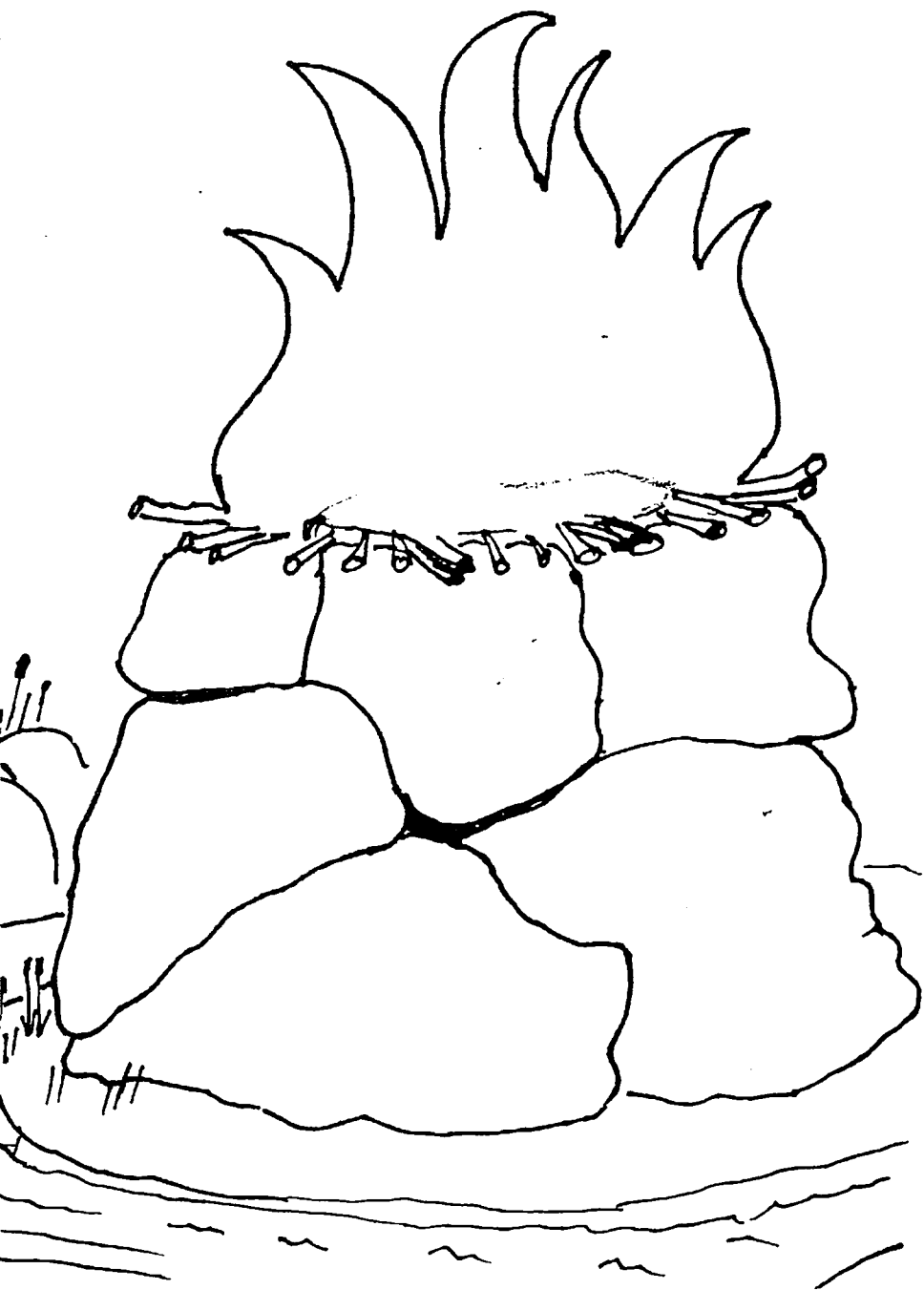
When everything was wet and the ditch filled with water, Elijah prayed saying, "Lord God, . . . let it be known this day that thou art God, . . . and that I have done this at thy word." When he had finished praying, the fire came down from heaven, burned up the altar and everything on it, and dried up the water in the ditch.

The people said, "There is only one God! God is the real God!"

Let us all serve the one God, the living God.



“Thou shalt have no other



gods before me." Ex. 20:3

The Ride in the Night

The steward Obadiah crouched breathlessly behind a bush below the castle window. The sound of angry voices came from within.

"I will have the prophets of God killed," shouted King Ahab. "But wait until I can find some good reason to do it."

"You have reason enough already," answered Queen Jezebel. Is not this famine reason enough? There has been no rain for years, our lakes and rivers are almost dry. The cattle and horses are so weak and thin they can hardly walk. You know those prophets are praying that there will be no rain because they don't like my god, Baalim. I have as much right to worship my god as they do theirs, but if something isn't done soon we shall all die."

"Yes, yes, you are right, my good wife. Tomorrow I will have ALL the prophets of God killed!"

Obadiah knew he must save as many of the prophets as he could, but how? What could he do? Oh, yes, he remembered a cave in a rugged mountain area near the border of the kingdom. That will be a good place for some, but they dare not all hide in the same place!

He hurried through the night to the stable for his horse. He was the king's steward, so no one would ask why he was getting his horse in the night. "Come on, Shiloh," he said, stroking the horse's mane. "We have important business tonight." Shiloh nosed his pouch for food, "I had no time to bring food."

The steed ran swiftly over the hill to the house of the prophets. Obadiah slipped off, and went in without knocking. "I have bad news for you," he said. "Tomorrow King Ahab will be hunting all the prophets to have them killed. One of you come with me and I will show you a cave in which to hide."

Saja slipped onto Shiloh behind Obadiah and they rode down the valley, through the wilderness to the foot of the hill where the opening of the cave was. "This cave will be big enough for about fifty men. You'll have to get the word to the others, and tell them how to find it. I'll bring bread and water every

day, that's all I can promise. There is another cave on the other side of this mountain to the east. It will be big enough for another fifty men."

The sun was showing light in the east when Obadiah put Shiloh back into the stable. No one would question why his horse had been running because sometimes the king sent him on important errands during the night. Obadiah ached all over from the long, hard ride, and his head hurt from lack of sleep, but he washed in cold water, changed his clothing and stood before the king at the usual time.

No one in the palace knew that he had saved the 100 prophets of God during the night.

(Taken from I Kings 18:1-4.)

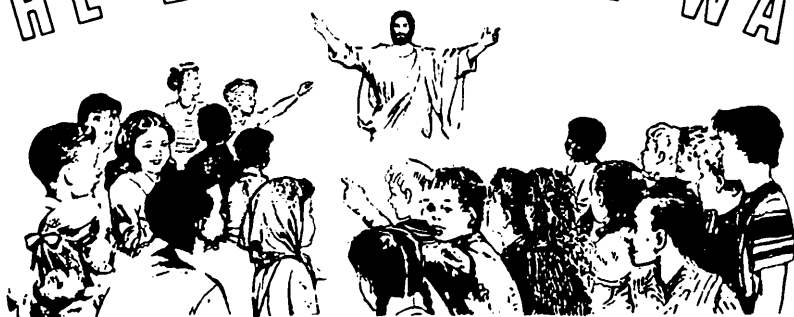


Questions:

1. How many Gods are there?
2. What is an idol?
3. Do idols have eyes that see, ears that hear, or mouths that speak?
4. Can idols answer prayer?
5. How many prophets believed in the idol Baalim?
6. How long did the Baalim prophets pray?
7. Was Elijah's prayer long?
8. What did Elijah say in prayer?
9. Did God send fire from heaven?

(Answers: 1. One God. 2. A statue or thing on it and licked up the water.) 9. Yes, it burned up the altar and everything known this day that thou art God. . . . 7. No. 8. "Lord God, let it be evening." 4. No. 5. 450. 6. From morning until anything we set up and worship. 3. No.

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THE GOLDEN IMAGE

My name is Shadrach. I am one of the students which the Babylonish king brought back from Jerusalem. I and my friends are in the palace jail, working and studying hard so we will do well when the king has us tested.

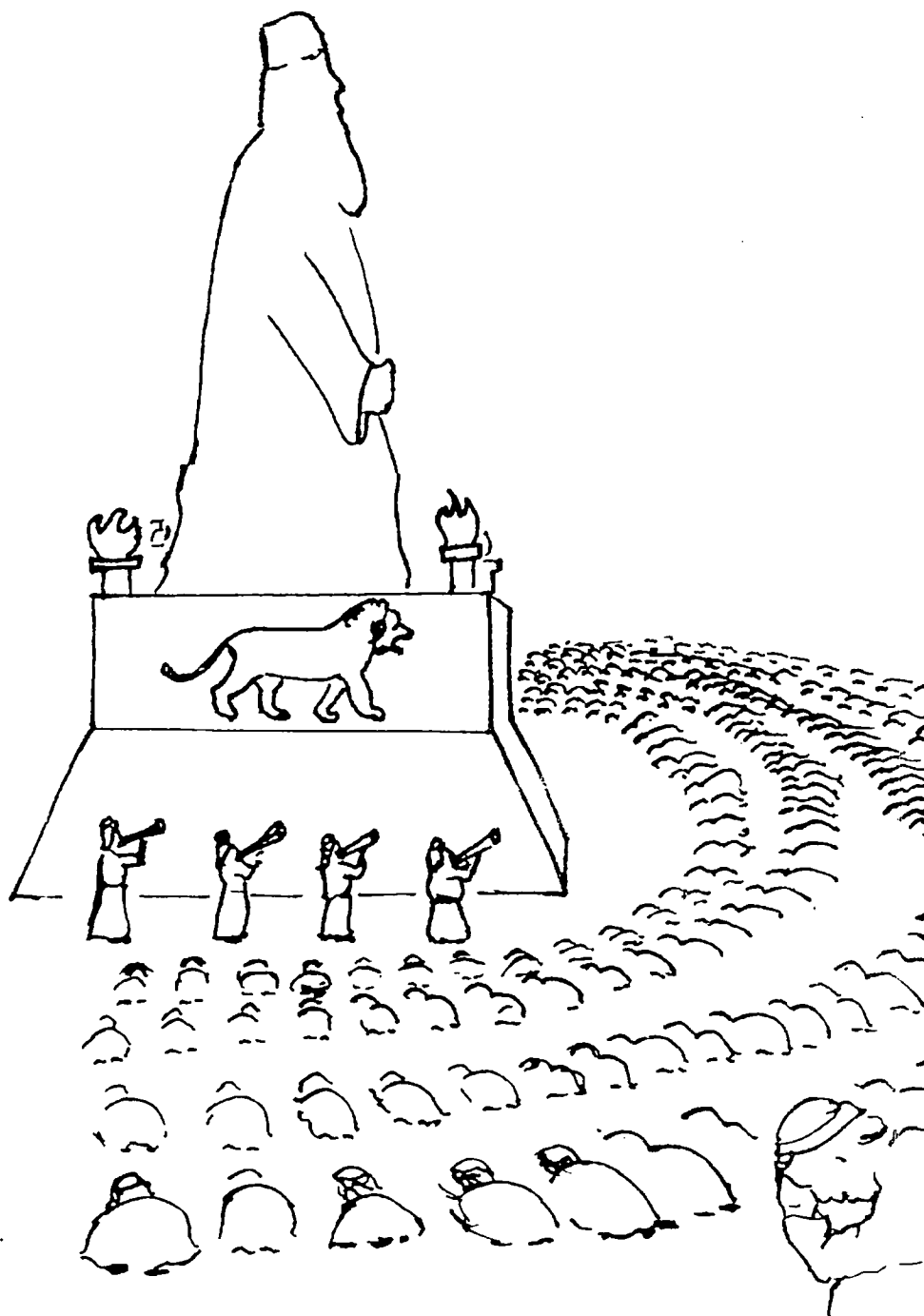
Finally the day came that we were tested. All of us did very good. The king himself said, "You are ten times better than any magician or astrologer in my kingdom." We were each given a job in the king's business affairs.

All went well until the king made a large image of gold for worship. We could not worship this image; God had commanded, saying, "You shall not make any graven image, nor bow down thyself to them." On the day of dedication for the image, the king said, "All who do not bow when the music is played, will be put into a furnace of fire. Of course my friends and I did not bow. Soon this news reached the king and he sent for us. He was angry, but gave us another chance. However, we still did not bow.

The king had us bound with ropes and thrown into the furnace of fire. The fire was so hot it burned the ones who threw us in, but all it did to us was burn off the ropes which bound us.

The king stood way back so he wouldn't get burned. He looked into the furnace door to see what was happening to us. He was surprised and shouted, "Didn't we throw three men into the furnace? I see four men walking around in the midst of the flames and the one looks like the Son of God!

Jesus met us in the furnace and stayed with us until we walked out!



“Thou shalt not make . . . a
down to them . .



... image ... [nor] bow
nor serve them:" Ex. 20:4, 5

Daniel Prays to God

Outside the open window of Daniel's adobe house stood two wicked spies. They listened carefully. Was that Daniel praying?

They heard him saying, "Oh, my Lord, I am thy servant and I have done all to please thee, but thou knowest how the one hundred and twenty princes and the other two presidents have been angry at me ever since King Darius made me the head over them. Now they have gotten him to sign a new law that no one can pray for thirty days, but God, you know I love you so much that I must talk to you often, at least three times each day. God, you will have to take care of me if I'm thrown to the lions. I love you God. Neither am I afraid because you have protected me many times, and you protected my three friends when King Nebuchadnezzar threw them into the furnace of fire."

The two spies looked at each other. "He's praying," one said, "let's go tell the others."

After telling the others, they all went into the palace to see the king. They all bowed and said, "O King Darius, live for ever." Then in his sweetest voice the best speaker said, "Have you not signed a law that no man is to ask anything of any God or man except you for thirty days?"

"That is right and the law may not be changed."

"Will the person who breaks it be thrown into a den of hungry lions?"

"That is correct," answered the king.

"There is one man in thy kingdom who disobeys thy law."

"Who is it that dares disobey my law?"

"It is Daniel, O king."

"Oh, no!" exclaimed the king, and he hung his head in sadness. All the rest of the day the king worked to save Daniel and still obey the law. The poor king could find no way to save Daniel.

In the evening the princes came again to the king. "The law of the Medes and Persians cannot be altered," the speaker said.

"I know, I know," answered the king.

"Send for Daniel."

Daniel was brought in as a criminal. "Oh, Daniel," the king said, "the God that you serve will deliver you." Then he ordered Daniel to be thrown into the den of lions, and the king spent the night in sadness.

Very early in the morning he got out of bed and rushed to the lion's den. "Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is the God whom you always serve able to deliver you from the lions?"

He listened. From inside the den of lions he did not hear the usual roar of lions but he heard the voice of Daniel calling, "O king, live forever. My God hath sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths that they have not hurt me because I was innocent before Him and thee."

"Wonderful!" shouted the king. "Bring Daniel out of the den and throw in those who accused him."

When the accusers were thrown in, the lions caught them in the air and tore them to pieces.

Then the king made a new law which said, "Everyone in my kingdom must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel for he is the living God, and his kingdom shall not be destroyed. It shall last forever."

(Story taken from Daniel 6:1-28.)

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Questions:

1. Who is the lesson about?
2. Was Shadrach in jail at the beginning of our lesson?
3. Was the king pleased with how much the boys knew?
4. What did the king make?
5. What had God commanded?
6. What would happen to those who did not bow?
7. Did Shadrach and his friends bow?
8. What did the king do to them?
9. Who met them in the furnace?

(Answers: 1. Shadrach, 2. Yes, 3. Yes, 4. A golden image, 5. "You shall not make any graven image, nor bow down thyself to them," 6. "They would be thrown into a furnace of fire," 7. No, 8. Threw them in the furnace, 9. Jesus.)

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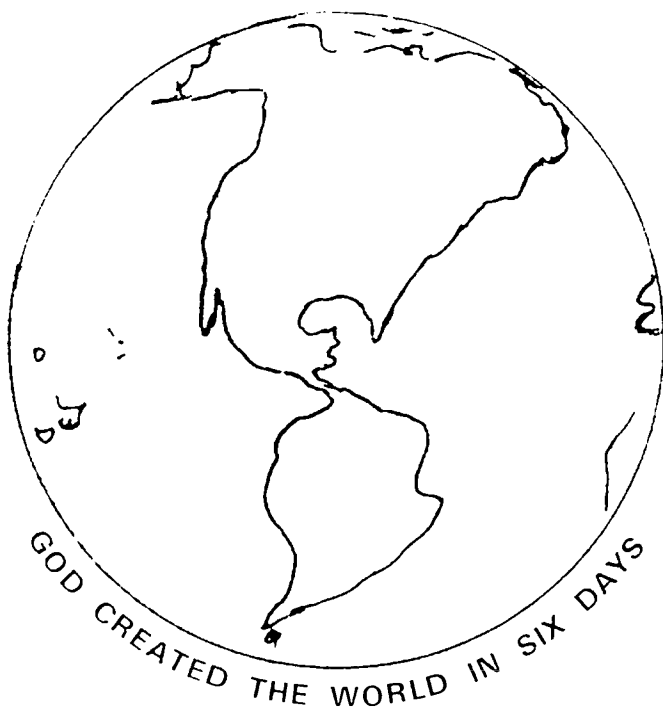
THE SABBATH DAY



Many years ago God created the heaven and earth. On the first day He made light and darkness. The second day He created the firmament or sky. The third day was spent forming the mountains, bodies of water, and all the different kinds of plants with seeds. The fourth day He made the sun, moon, and the stars. The fifth day was given to creating all the beautiful birds and the interesting fish which inhabit the bodies of water. The sixth day was His last day to work, in it He created all kinds of animals and man, His very special creation. On the seventh day God rested from all His work.

Many years later, God's chosen people were slaves under a wicked king who treated them cruelly and would not let them worship God as they should. God loved these people who loved Him, so He caused many things to happen to the king until the king let them go away from the slavery of his land into their own free land.

After they were freed from slavery, God gave their leader some rules to live by so they could live together in a good way. One of these rules was to "remember the sabbath day." They were to work six days each week but on the seventh day, no work was to be done. This day was for worshiping God and remembering how He created the earth in six days and how He had delivered them from slavery. It was like a special thanksgiving day. Today God expects Christians to give special thanksgiving to Him every day, not just one day a week.



"There [is] . . . a rest to the



people of God." Heb. 4:9

The Midnight Walk

"Josh, Josh," called Ezra, "have you heard we are leaving tonight?"

"Yes, I'm hunting sticks to cook the lamb that Dad killed this morning."

"Is there blood on your doorstep, too?"

"Yes," Mom said, "the death angel will kill the oldest child in each family that doesn't put blood on their door."

"Do you think any of the Egyptians will put blood on their doorposts?"

"I don't know, most of them don't believe in God, but the other day before the hail storm some of them heard about it and brought in their cattle and servants for protection before the storm came."

"They should believe Moses' words after all the signs God has performed just as Moses said."

"Yes, maybe with the first things that happened, like the water turning to blood and the fish dying, or the frogs hopping around, they could have said, 'Well, that just happened.' However, when the lice crawled all over those Egyptians and not one on any of us, that should have opened their eyes that it was God causing it."

"That's right and the swarms of flies were inside and outside of their homes and not a fly in Goshen."

"None of our cattle died either, nor did any of us have boils."

"The lightning, thunder, rain and hail didn't come to us either."

"Nor the locusts!"

"Tonight when the Egyptians will be crying because of their dead children, we'll all be alive, sitting around on our baggage ready to leave this horrible place!"

"That's right! I better get busy hunting sticks or our lamb won't be cooked. See you at midnight!"

At midnight when the king saw that the oldest child in each family was dead, he called for Moses and said, "Rise up and get out of my land! All of you Israelites go and take herds of cattle and flocks of sheep! Please bless me, also."

Josh and Ezra walked along together with the others toward the Red Sea. "I

wonder how we'll cross the Sea." Josh mused.

"Probably go around it," Ezra answered. "This many people couldn't cross in boats. My Uncle Nadab said there are 600,000 men who could be soldiers, besides all their wives, children, old people and others."

Just then the boys heard someone cry, "The Egyptian soldiers are coming after us!"

"What will we do?"

Moses held out his rod over the water of the Red Sea and the "Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all night, and made the sea dry land." The people walked through to the other side and the Egyptian soldiers who followed were drowned in the midst of the sea when the waters flowed together again.

In the wilderness on the other side of the Sea, God fed them with manna and quail.

One day God gave Moses some laws for the people to obey. One of the laws commanded that they should remember the time they left Egypt and the day God created the earth, by worshiping Him on that day instead of working.



Questions:

1. God created the earth in how many days?
2. What did God do on the seventh day?
3. Were God's people slaves?
4. Are slaves treated good?
5. Why did God cause things to happen to the king?
6. What did God give to their leader?
7. Name one of these rules?
8. The day they didn't work was to be spent doing what?
9. What does God expect Christians to give to Him each day?

(Answers: 1. Six. 2. Rested. 3. Yes. 4. No. 5. So he would let God's people go free to worship Him. 6. Rules for them. 7. "Remember the sabbath day". 8. Worshipping God and remembering what He had done. 9. "Thanksgiving".)

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HONOUR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER

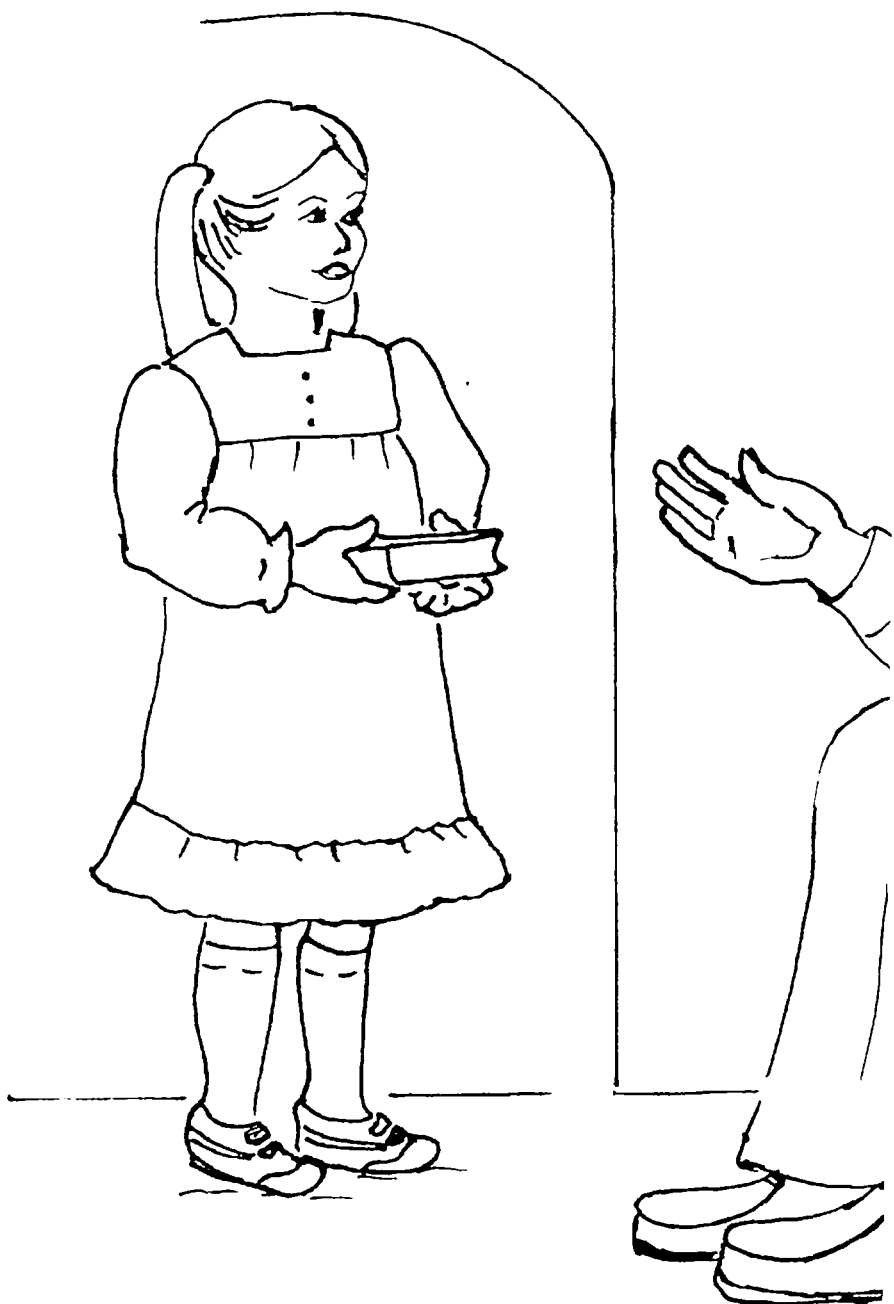
Many years ago the people of God tried very hard to keep their towns and cities free from evil and uncleanness. By following a set of rules which God had given, they were able to do this. The rules instructed them how to keep themselves clean, how to live together and how to worship God.

Some of the rules were so important that the person who broke a rule was put to death. "Honour thy father and Mother" was one of those important rules. If a child was stubborn, rebellious, greedy and a drunkard, the parents were to bring this child before the leaders of the city and the leaders were to punish the child by death.

God still feels it is very important that children obey and honour their parents. He says, "Children obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord."

Sometimes it is hard to do as your parents say, because it is something one does not want to do, but each must make himself do it although he does not want to. If your parents are unsaved, they may not be very kind. However, God will give you strength to obey and honour them.

A child can show honour to parents by saying nice things, such as: "I love you." "You are very smart." "Your hair looks nice." "Your clothes are pretty." "I'm glad you are my Dad, or Mom." "What would I do without you?" Saying "Thank you" often for things they do for you, and "Please" when you want something is also showing honour. Can you think of other ways to show honour?



“Children, obey your parents



s in the Lord:" Eph. 6:1

God's Choice

"Oh, dear me!" sighed Maurice, as he stretched his arms and legs and then turned over for another snooze on the sofa. "This suits me better than work."

"Where is that lazy, work-shy boy?" Father was asking himself as he came through the door. "I left him to do that job, and he has run off again. Wait until I get hold of him! Well, of all the things!" he said, as he caught sight of Maurice. "Wake up there!"

Maurice opened his eyes and jumped to his feet.

"Son, what are you doing here? Why aren't you out helping the other boys stack that wood?"

"Just didn't feel like it."

"Didn't feel like it! Suppose we ALL didn't feel like it when there was work to be done! Come along now."

Just then Jim and Wilfred came bursting into the room. "Say, Dad," they cried, "may we work in your shop? We want to make something."

"What about the wood stacking?"

"It's all done, well, that is all you told us to do. We left a bit for Maurice, of course."

"Finished already! Good, then of course you may work in my shop. What do you want to make?"

"A soap-box coaster, we have some wheels already." Away ran the two boys with shouts of laughter.

"Well, I guess I better go and move that wood," Maurice said.

"I suppose you had, but not for a moment. I have something to say to you."

Maurice flopped into a chair.

"It's a fact, son. God chooses men who will honour their parents and who are busy. When He wanted a man to be the first king of Israel, He found Saul searching for his father's lost donkeys. When He wanted one to contend with the giant Goliath, He found David looking after his father's sheep. When He wanted another champion to save His people from the Philistines, He found Gideon threshing wheat in his father's field. When He needed a prophet to take Elijah's place, He found Elisha plowing

with twelve yoke of oxen. Elisha's only request before following Elijah was, 'Let me kiss my father and mother.' Always remember, God chooses busy, honorable men."

"I suppose I'd better get on with that job now."

"A good idea," said father, "now see how quickly you can get it done."

Maurice went out to the pile of wood and was soon at work. Every now and then he would hear happy voices coming from father's workshop, and he wished that he had obeyed and done his work earlier instead of lazing around on the sofa.

All the time he was moving the chunks of wood, one little sentence kept running through his mind. He simply couldn't forget it. It seemed as though someone was whispering it in his ear over and over again; "God chooses busy, honorable men. God chooses busy, honorable men."

Slowly but surely the thought grew in his mind, and by and by he was saying to himself, "I want to be one of God's busy, honorable men, too."

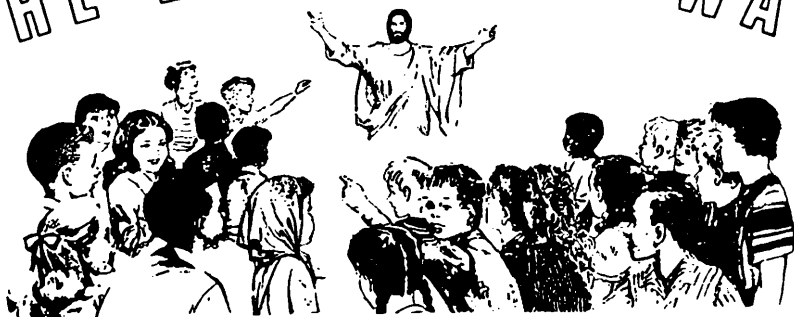
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Questions:

1. How did God want the cities and towns kept?
2. Of what three things did God's rules instruct?
3. What happened to the people who broke the important rules?
4. What important rule was given especially for children?
5. How does the Lord feel if children obey their parents?
6. Is it always easy to obey parents?
7. Are parents always kind?
8. What are some ways you can show honour?
9. Does saying "Thank you" and "Please" show honour?

(Answers: 1. Clean and free from evil. 2. Keeping themselves clean, living together, and worshipping God. 3. They were put to death. 4. "Honour thy father and thy mother." 5. He feels pleased. 6. No. 7. No. 8. Answers will vary. 9. Yes.)

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DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY



Jesus had all kinds of trouble with the Pharisees. They hated Him because He loved the people and was not mean and cruel as they were.

The Pharisees wanted to stone people to death whenever the person was found doing certain wrongs, like rebelling against their parents, killing other people, or committing adultery.

Jesus hated for people to do those sins also, but He wanted to explain to the people why they shouldn't do those things and then give them another chance to do better.

One day they brought a woman to Him who was caught in adultery. They wanted to stone her to death, but first they asked Jesus, "What do you say should be done with her?"

Jesus, writing on the ground, acted like he didn't hear them at first, then He said, "Any of you that are not committing sin may be the first one to throw a stone at her," then He stooped down and continued writing on the ground.

Every one of those cruel men knew they were committing other sins, so they began sneaking off, leaving only Jesus and the woman. After they were gone, Jesus asked, "Where are the men who accused you? Do they not condemn you now?"

"No, Lord," she answered.

"I do not condemn you either. You may go now and do not sin again." Jesus wanted to give the woman a chance to do better. Jesus wants everyone who is committing adultery to stop doing it and live a holy life.



“Thou shalt not comm



adultery.” Ex. 20:14

One For Life

Divorce probably causes more unhappiness than any other thing in our nation. There is something in every child's heart that makes him want to be with his mother and his father. Do all of you have your mother in your home? If you do not you feel sad because of it, do you not? Do all of you have your Daddy living in your home? Wouldn't you be happier if he was living in your house?

Let me tell you what two boys did because they were so unhappy after their mother left. Right after their mother left home, they cried a lot, but soon they saw that didn't bring her back. Then they began asking her to come back to them. She was such a selfish woman, that she stayed away although her boys begged her to come and live at their house again. The poor boys felt like their hearts were broken in a dozen pieces and nothing could make them complete without their mother. So one night they wrote a note to their parents. It said they were very sad and could not be happy without both mother and father in their home so they were going to kill themselves, and that is just what they did. They both died because of a selfish mother who was not willing to suffer a little unhappiness herself so that her children could have a complete home.

You are only little children today, but some day you will probably be a mother or a father. When you marry it must be for life. You must learn right now to control your emotions. Your emotions are the part of you that makes you get mad and hit, bite, or scratch. Your emotions make you scream, cry, or kick. You must learn now to make your body do the things it should do. Many times you may want to do something which you know you should not do. Learn to keep yourself in control, be strong and make your body do what it should do, instead of what it wants to do. If you will control yourself now, you will be able to control yourself whenever you become a parent. Then you will be a good mother or father and not go away from your husband or wife and make

your children unhappy like the woman I just told you about.

Adultery is leaving a first husband or wife and marrying another. Jesus does not want you to do this. It will cause you unhappiness and your children may be so unhappy that they may kill themselves like the two boys did.

Decide today that you will not commit adultery when you are an adult.



At The Altar



At the altar of marriage together they stand,
Hearts in unison, hand-in-hand,
Thinking the thoughts too deep to say,
Dreaming the dreams of their wedding day.

Oh, pilgrims, new to this way of life,
Starting your journey as husband and wife,
Lost in the bliss of the golden now,
Will you always remember your wedding vow?

The future before you, you cannot see;
But 'tis yours to make it what it will be.
Will you keep your promise the whole life thru?
Had you thought of it when you said, "I do"?



Questions:

1. With whom did Jesus have trouble?
2. What were the Pharisees like?
3. Does Jesus want people to sin?
4. What sin had the woman committed who was brought to Jesus?
5. What did the Pharisees want to do to the woman?
6. What did Jesus tell them to do?
7. What did the cruel men do after Jesus talked to them?
8. Did Jesus tell the woman it was alright to commit adultery?
9. What did Jesus tell the woman?

(Answers: 1. The Pharisees, 2. Mean and cruel, 3. No, 4. Adultery, 5. They wanted to stone her, 6. To throw stones at her if they were not committing sin, 7. They sneaked away, 8. No, 9. "I do not condemn you either. You may go now and not sin again.")

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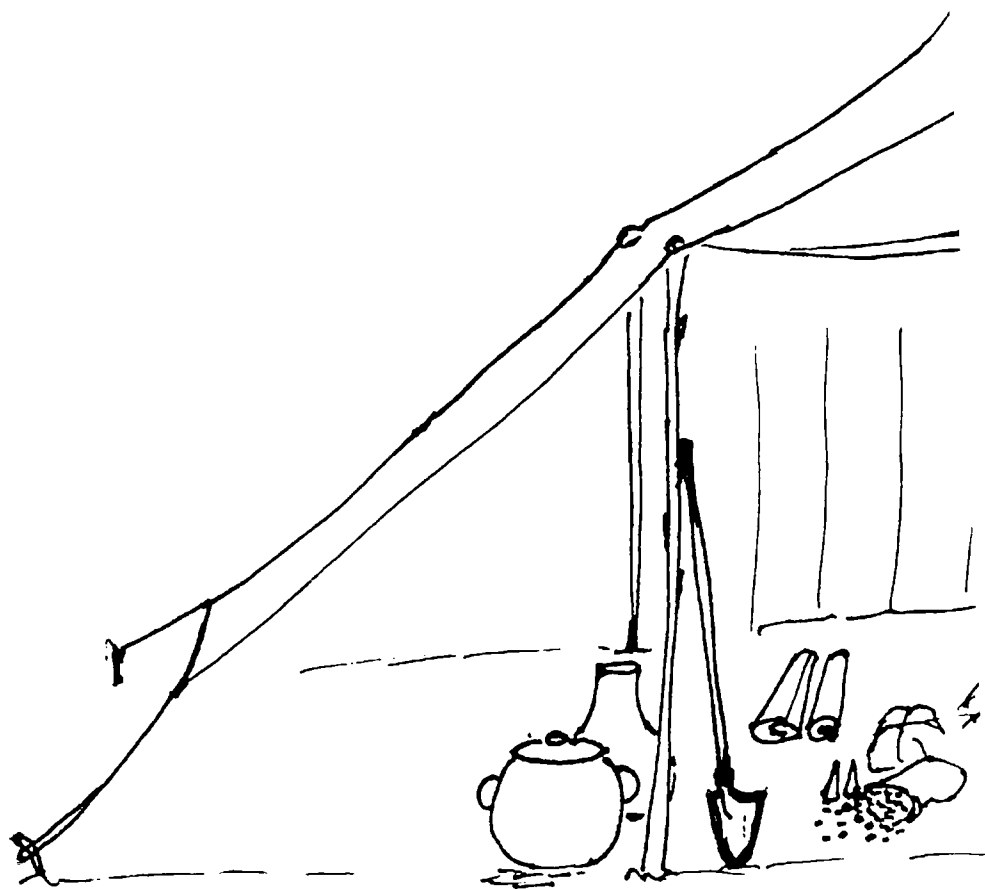
THOU SHALT NOT STEAL

God made many people upon this earth because He knew we would be very unhappy if we had no one to play with. Boys and girls like to play together, but when we play together we also must respect other children's toys. You do not like for other children to break your toys, nor should you break other's toys. You do not like for other children to take your toys for their own, neither should you take other children's toys and act as if they were yours.

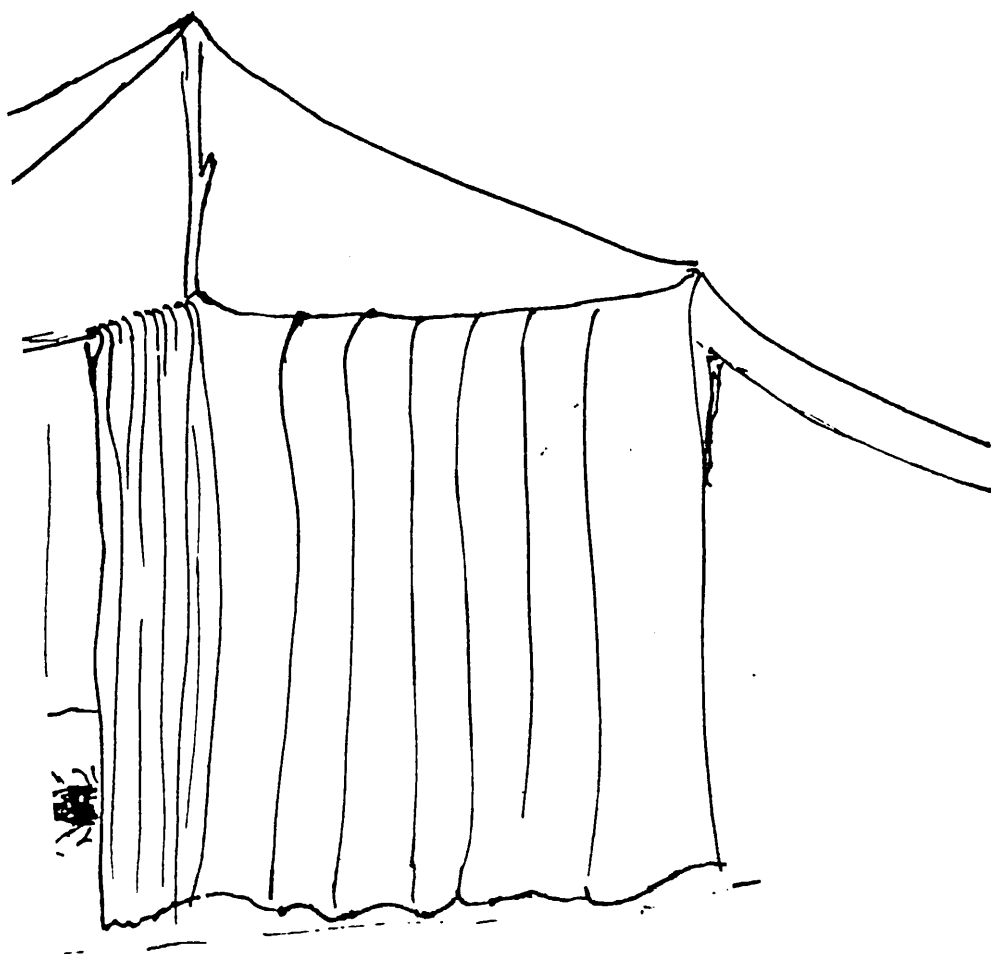
Taking things that belong to others is called stealing. Years ago God wanted people to know they could not be happy together if they stole from each other, so with His finger He wrote in a stone these words, "THOU SHALT NOT STEAL." He wrote on a stone so it could not be easily destroyed because He wanted all people forever to know that **they should not steal!**

Stealing causes a lot of trouble! You do not like to be a friend to children who steal from you, neither do others like to be your friends if you take their things. If you have troubles caused from stealing, Jesus wants to forgive you and make the trouble go away. However, there is something He wants you to do. He wants you to take the stolen toy back to its owner, and tell the owner you are sorry. Also, be sure and tell Jesus you are sorry because He is very sad every time a boy, girl, or anyone, **STEALS!**

Some children think it is all right to steal little things at home like cookies from the cookie jar, money from your mother's purse, or things from your father, brother, or sister. We should not steal at home, because if you steal at home it will be easier to steal from others away from home.



“Thou shalt not



teal." Ex. 20:15

Sin in the Camp

Do you know the story of the people who walked around the city of Jericho until its walls came tumbling down? This is the story of what happened to the people of God right after the great victory of Jericho.

The very next city they had to conquer was named Ai. Joshua their leader sent men to spy on the city of Ai. The spys came back and said, "It is a very small city. We will only need a few soldiers to conquer it."

The soldiers went boldly to the little city of Ai, but the men of Ai came out and ran the people of God away like a big dog chasing a cat.

Joshua cried out in prayer, "What is wrong, God, that you let this little group of men chase my strong, brave soldiers away?"

God said to him, "Someone in your camp has sinned and I cannot bless the people."

Joshua then called all the people together and told them what God had said. He then said, "Whoever has sinned must tell their sin and be punished." No one confessed to a sin, so God showed Joshua a way of finding out who had sinned. Joshua did as God said and Achan was taken as the guilty one.

"What have you done?" Joshua asked.

"I saw some things I wanted very badly," Achan said. "So I stole them. They are hidden in the ground in the middle of my tent."

Joshua sent some men in haste to dig up the ground under his tent and they found some clothing, a golden wedge, and two hundred shekels of silver.

Then Joshua had Achan and his family punished and the stolen things taken care of, so that God was not angry with His people any more.

Joshua went back to the city of Ai with his soldiers. He hid thirty thousand soldiers on one side of the city, then he, and five thousand others went to the city as if to fight them. When the soldiers of Ai came out, Joshua's soldiers ran like they were afraid; until they were far away from the city. All the soldiers of Ai followed Joshua's

soldiers, not a one stayed to protect the city.

When the king of Ai and his soldiers was far away from the city, God said to Joshua, "Lift up your spear toward Ai for I will give the city to you." Joshua lifted up his spear toward the city and the thirty thousand soldiers came out of their hiding places and captured the city without any trouble. Joshua kept the spear in his hand stretched out toward Ai until the battle was finished.

Later Joshua and all the people worshipped God and thanked Him for helping them. God could not help them until the sin of stealing was made right! (Story taken from Joshua 7 and 8:1-29.)



Questions:

1. Why did God make many people on the earth?
2. Is it fun to be alone all the time?
3. What should we do when playing together?
4. What is stealing?
5. What did God write on the stone?
6. Why didn't God want the message destroyed?
7. What does stealing cause?
8. Do you like to be friends to children who steal?
9. If you have stolen, what does Jesus want you to do?
10. How does Jesus feel when children steal?
11. How can we get Jesus to forgive us for stealing?

(Answers: 1. He knew we would be unhappy if we had no one to play with. 2. No. 3. Respect other's toys. 4. Taking things that belong to others. 5. THOU SHALT NOT STEAL. 6. He wanted all people forever to know it. 7. Lots of trouble. 8. Not. 9. He wants you to take the stolen thing back and tell the owner you are sorry. 10. Sad. 11. Tell Him we are sorry for stealing.)

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DO NOT LIE

Ten days after Jesus arose from the dead and went back to heaven the Holy Spirit came to the believers. This caused many other people to believe in Jesus. In a few weeks thousands of people became disciples of Christ. Some were rich and some were so very poor they didn't have enough to eat.

Many of the rich people sold houses, land or other things and brought this money to the apostles to share with the poor. Ananias and Sapphira decided to sell something and share with the poor. God blessed them to sell the article but when Ananias took the money to the apostles he left part of it at home for he and his wife.

As he was giving the money, Peter asked, "Ananias, why have you obeyed the devil and lied by pretending that this is all the money from the article sold. It was yours and it is all right not to give all the money, but it is not all right to pretend to give ALL the money and give only a portion of the money. You are not lying to MAN but you are lying to GOD. God is angry with you for doing this." In that instant Ananias dropped dead! Some strong young men carried him out and buried him.

Three hours later his wife Sapphira told the same lie and dropped dead also.

Sinful people lie every day, but very few of them drop dead as the man and woman in our story did. God loves people and He wants them to live and become better and quit lying. However, He knows which people will not stop lying.

God let these two people die to show how very displeased He is with lying or pretending a lie.





**"Thou shalt not bear
false witness." Ex. 20:16**

Peter and the Seed

"Mother," said Peter, "I wish I could earn some money."

"There will be time enough to earn money whenever you have grown up."

"But I want to earn money now! I think Mr. Johnson could use some help. he has a lot of work to do each day. May I go and ask? Please, Mother, please may I go?"

Mother didn't really think Peter knew enough about working to work for pay, but after much pleading she gave him permission to go.

Mr. Johnson did need a boy to help, so he put Peter right to work doing odd jobs and running errands for him. Peter did the work well and soon Mr. Johnson gave him a job planting pumpkin seed in a big field. This made Peter feel like a man!

"This is how you do it. See these little ditches, they are rows, you are to take twenty steps along side of it, then put three seeds in the ditch and cover the seeds with a little dirt, like this," he said, and kicked a little dirt over the seed with his foot. "Now take another twenty steps and drop three more seeds and cover them the same way. At the end of the row you will go to the next row and walk back on it doing the same thing. Soon you will have all the field planted with pumpkins, and when you have used all the seeds you may go swimming in the pool."

Peter loved to go swimming so he worked hard. Twenty steps, drop three seeds; twenty steps, drop three more seeds.

Peter was hot and tired and the pail of seeds was still almost full! "I'll never get the pail empty dropping only three seeds each time," he said to himself.

The longer he worked the hotter he got and the more he wanted to go swimming! There were still a lot of seeds in the pail, so Peter began using a handful of seeds every twenty steps; twenty steps, a handful of seeds; twenty steps, a handful of seeds! Soon the pail was empty!

Away Peter ran to the swimming pool! He passed Mr. Johnson who asked, "Are you finished so soon?"

"Yes, I'm finished," Peter answered and hurried on. In he jumped! Splash! The water made him feel cool and fresh, but somehow the swim was no fun at all. He had a strange, uncomfortable feeling inside him.

That night Mother asked, "How did you enjoy the day?"

"Just fine," he said, but he knew it wasn't fine. He kept thinking of the pumpkin seeds, and how they would soon come up and show the wrong he had done. When he knelt to pray that night he told Jesus he was sorry for doing wrong and asked God to kill some of the seeds, so there wouldn't be so many pumpkin plants in one place.

Peter hated the thought of seeing Mr. Johnson, but it happened that as he was walking into church with his head down that he bumped right into him. When Peter looked up at him, he saw millions and millions of pumpkin plants. His lips puckered as if to cry. Mr. Johnson understood and whispered in his ear. "Don't cry, just remember the seeds you sow in life will always come up. 'We reap what we sow.' " Then he squeezed Peter's hand in forgiveness.

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Questions:

1. What caused many people to believe on Jesus?
2. In a few weeks how many people believed on Jesus?
3. Why did the rich people sell things?
4. Who is this lesson about?
5. What did Ananias pretend to do?
6. Who did Ananias obey?
7. How did God show His displeasure?
8. What did Sapphira do three hours later?
9. What happened to her?
10. Why did God let these two people die?

(Answers: 1. The Holy Spirit. 2. Thoudie. 3. So they could share with the poor believers. 4. Ananias and Sapphira. 5. Give all the money he received from a sell. 6. The devil. 7. By letting Ananias die. 8. Pretended the same lie. 9. She fell down dead. 10. To show how displeased He is with people lying.)

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THOU SHALT NOT COVET

We will learn today what happened to a man who coveted. Covet is to very eagerly want something which belongs to someone else. God said, "Thou shalt not covet."

King Ahab had a summer home in Jezreel of Samaria beside a field where beautiful grapes were growing.

One day Ahab saw Naboth working in his vineyard and asked to buy the vineyard from him. Naboth said, "I cannot sell because this vineyard has been owned by my family for many years, it was given to me." Ahab then offered to trade for another, but Naboth would not trade either.

Ahab was so angry he went home and lay on his bed with his face toward the wall and pouted. When he would not eat, Queen Jezebel came to see about him. She comforted him and said, "I'll take care of it. I'll get the vineyard for you."

She had Naboth falsely accused of blaspheming God and the king. Blaspheming God was punished by death so Naboth was stoned.

Then Ahab went to take the vineyard, but the man of God, Elijah came to meet him and said, "God says 'because you have sinned you shall also die and the dogs will lick your blood in the place where Naboth died. The dogs shall also eat Queen Jezebel and all your family shall be eaten either by dogs or birds.'"

Sometime after this, Ahab was shot in his heart by an arrow his blood ran out into his chariot which was washed in the very spot where Naboth was killed, and the dogs licked his blood.

Later Jezebel was trampled to death by horses and before anyone picked up her body it was torn to pieces and eaten by dogs.



"Thou shalt not



vet." Ex. 20:17

Gehazi, the Leper

One day someone heard a little Jewish maid say to her mistress, "The doctors may not be able to heal your husband of the disease he has, but if he would go to the man of God in Samaria, he would get well."

They went and told the king. The king was very glad to send Naaman to Samaria to be healed, because Naaman was a very valuable man to the king.

Naaman took ten talents of silver and six thousand pieces of gold and ten changes of clothing, and went to the king of Israel. The king thought it was a trick to make trouble with him, so he cried to God. Elisha, the man of God heard about it and sent word for Naaman to come to his house. Naaman went right to Elisha's house and Elisha sent word by his servant, Gehazi, saying, "Go dip in the Jordan River seven times and you shall be healed."

Naaman was angry because he was always before treated as an important person, neither did he want to dip in the dirty Jordan River, but his servant said "Master, if he had asked you to do something great, you would have done it. Why not do this simple thing and be healed?"

Naaman did as Elisha had said. Then he was healed! He went back to Elisha's house and offered him the ten talents of silver, six thousand pieces of gold and the ten changes of clothing. Elisha would not take any of the gifts.

However, Elisha's servant, Gehazi, coveted after some of the gifts and after Naaman had gone a good way from the house, he ran after Naaman and said, "My master has visitors, they are sons of the prophets. I beg you to send one talent of silver and two changes of clothing for them."

Naaman was very happy to do this. He sent two talents of silver, one talent each wrapped in a garment. He also sent two of his own servants to carry the bundles. Before getting to Elisha's house, Gehazi said, "Thank you" to the men, hid the bundles then he sneaked into the house."

Elisha asked, "Where have you been?"

"I have not left the house," Gehazi answered.

"I know you did because my heart felt it when Naaman came down from his chariot to meet you. This is not a time to receive money or garments. Because you have done this thing, you and your children shall be sick with the same disease!"

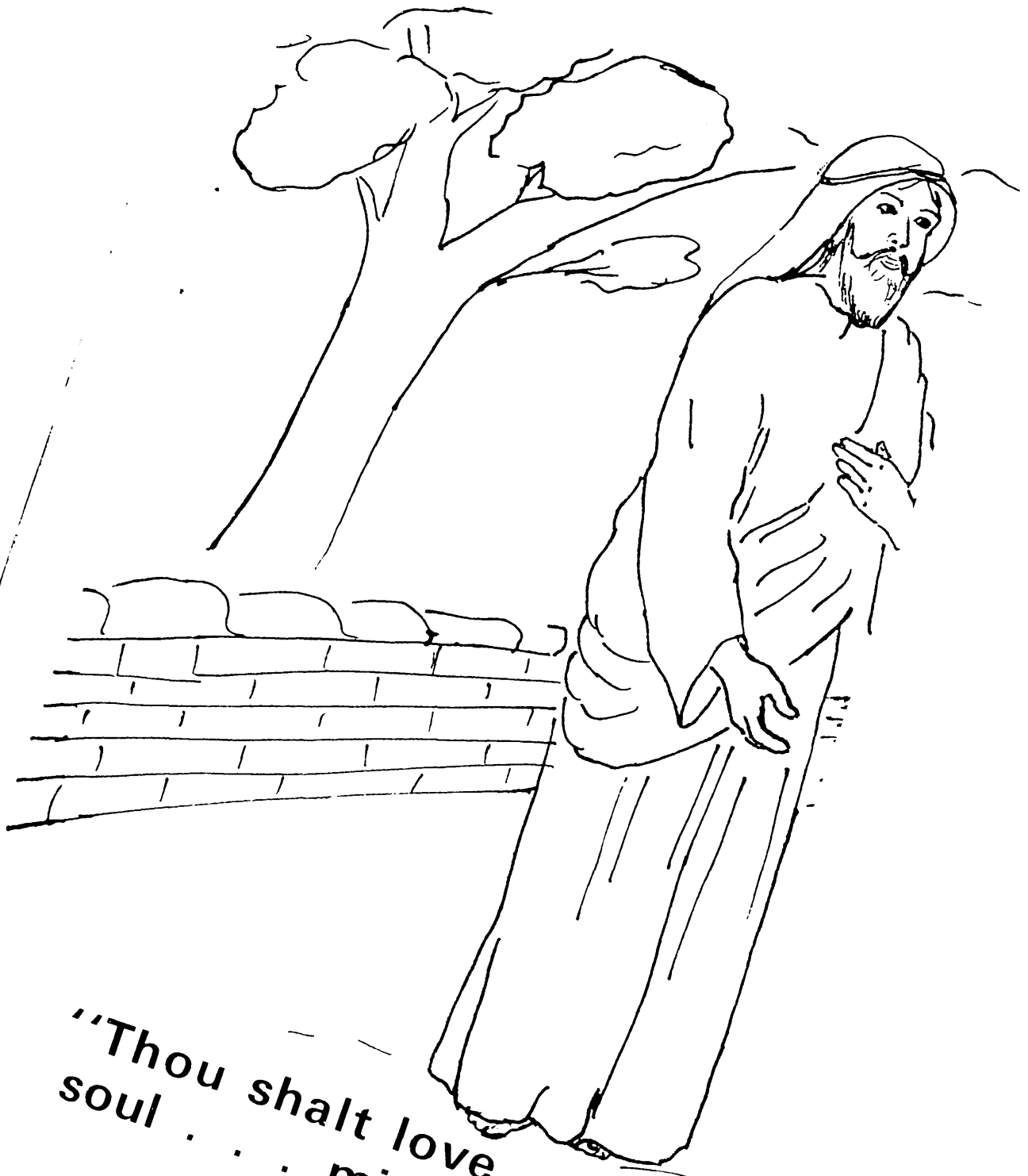
Then Gehazi turned white as snow and left the house, sick with leprosy; because he coveted.



Questions:

1. What is coveting?
2. What did King Ahab want?
3. Why could he not have the vineyard?
4. How did Ahab act at home?
5. Who got the vineyard for Ahab?
6. How did she get it?
7. Who sent Elijah to meet Ahab?
8. What did God say would happen to Ahab and Jezebel?
9. What happened to Ahab?
10. What happened to Jezebel?

(Answers: 1. Very eagerly wanting something which belongs to another. 2. The vineyard of Naboth. 3. Naboth didn't buy his father. 4. He poured. 5. Queen Jezebel. 6. She had Naboth accused of blasphemy God for which he must die. 7. God. 8. They would die, dogs would lick Ahab's blood and dogs would eat Jezebel. 9. He was shot with an arrow. 10. She was trampled by horses and dogs ate her body.)



"Thou shalt love . . . G
soul . . . mind, and .



d with all thy heart . . .
strength." Mark 12:30

David

My name is David. I'm just a little boy but I love God! I love God for giving me this beautiful world in which to live. He could have made it all hot and dry like the desert, or it could all be cold and icy like the North Pole. It could be all jungle or forest or all hard rocks and mountains, but it is not! It has many different things which make it interesting.

Every morning I say "Goodbye" to mother and go to the country to watch father's sheep. Most of the time I'm not busy with the sheep, it's just that I must look around very often to see if none of the sheep have strayed away from the group, or that no wild animal is sneaking around ready to steal a lamb for a meal. Most of my day is spent thinking of all the good things God has given to me. I have a little harp that I made myself. On it I make new little tunes and sing words to make songs about all God's blessings. Here is one of my songs: Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye him, all ye angels: . . . Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth: Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children: Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven. He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the Lord. Psalm 148.

I do spend a lot of time playing my harp and singing to God because I love Him, but sometimes I have to run hard and quickly after sheep that get frightened and run away. At other times I must frighten away wild animals like bears, wolves, coyotes, lions and cougars. I can usually frighten the animals away by hitting them with rocks using my sling shot. I spend a lot of hours practicing with it but all the while, I am asking God to help me aim and shoot good, or just throwing and thinking of Him while I am throwing.

One time a hungry lion crept close to the group of sheep and grabbed a lamb

before I saw him. I ran after the lion and took the lamb away from him. Then he turned to eat me! The Lord helped me to have courage and strength to grab the beard on the lions chin and throw him to the ground. Then I was able to kill him.

At another time a bear wanted a sheep for a meal and I had to kill him too, through God's strength, of course. I was not that strong, but God put strength in me just when I needed it.

I will always love God for His many blessings to me!

Things Jesus Gave Me

Jesus gave me a happy song,
A reason to live as I go along,
So let His praise forever ring,
With this happy song I sing.

Jesus gave me a prayer to pray,
I pray to Him both night and day.

Just pray without ceasing, that's the way.
Jesus gave me a prayer to pray.

Jesus gave me a brand new life.
Freed me from heartaches and from strife.
A reason to live as never before.
Oh, I'll praise him evermore!

Questions:

1. Who came to Jesus?
2. What question did he ask Jesus?
3. What was Jesus' first answer?
4. How did the young man answer Him?
5. What was the man's second question?
6. Jesus' answer to this question was what?
7. Was the man willing to do as Jesus commanded?
8. How did the man feel?
9. What did the man love more than God?

(Answers: 1. A rich young man, 2. What must I do to have eternal life, 3. You must keep the commandments, 4. I have since a little boy, 5. What lack I yet? 6. Give your riches to the poor and be my disciple, 7. No, 8. Sad, 9. His riches.)