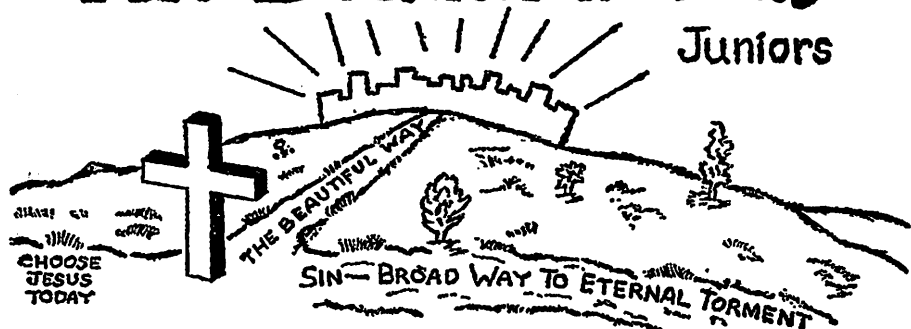


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Part One

July 5

The Servant of Sin

There is a law of earthly span,
An ever-burning flame:
Whatever rules the life of man
Is master of the same.

We are servants to whom we yield
Our body, soul and mind,
And our affections are revealed
To be the cords that bind.

Sin holds o'er many rule and sway
But Christ can set them free
With Him to walk the narrow way,
No more a slave to be.

—Leslie Busbee

CUFF

True Story of A Negro Slave

Cuff was a negro slave who lived in the South, before the war. He was a joyful Christian and a faithful servant. His master, however, was in need of money, and one morning a young planter, who was an infidel came to buy Cuff. The price

was agreed upon and the Christian slave was sold to the infidel. But when parting with him the master said, "You will find Cuff a good worker and you can trust him; he will suit you in every respect but one."

"And what is that?" said the master.

"He will pray and you can't break him of it; but that is his only fault."

"I'll soon whip that out of him," remarked the infidel.

"I fear not," said the former master, "and would not advise you to try it; he would rather die than give it up."

Cuff proved faithful to the new master, the same as he had to the old. The master soon got word that he had been praying. He called him and said, "Cuff, you must not pray any more; we can't have any praying around here; never let me hear any more about this nonsense."

Cuff replied, "O Massa, I loves to pray to Jesus, and when I pray I loves you and Missus all the more, and can work all the harder for you."

But he was sternly forbidden ever to pray any more under penalty of severe flogging. That evening when the day's work was done, he talked to his God, like Daniel of old, as he had aforetime. Next morning he was summoned to appear before his master, who demanded of him why he had disobeyed him. "Oh, Massa, I has to pray. I can't live without it," said Cuff. At this the master flew into a terrible rage and ordered Cuff to be tied to the whipping post, and his shirt off. He then applied the rawhide with all the force he possessed, until his young wife ran out in tears and begged him to stop. The man was so infuriated that he threatened to punish her next if she did not leave him, then continued to apply the lash until his strength was exhausted. Then he ordered the bleeding back washed in salt water; and the shirt on and the poor slave to be about his work. Cuff went away singing in a groaning voice:

"My suffering time will soon be
o'er,
When I shall sigh and weep no
more."

He worked faithfully all that day, though in much pain, as the blood oozed out from his back where the lash had made long, deep furrows. Meantime, God was working on the master. He saw his wickedness and cruelty to that poor soul, whose only fault had been his fidelity, and conviction seized upon him; by night he was in great distress of mind. Such was his agony at midnight that he awoke his wife and told her that he was dying.

"Shall I call in a doctor?" she said.

"No, no; I don't want a doctor—

is there anyone on the plantation that can pray for me? I am afraid that I am going to hell."

"I don't know of anyone," said his wife, "except the slave you punished this morning."

"Do you think he would pray for me?" he anxiously inquired.

"Yes, I think he would," she replied.

"Well send for him quickly."

They went after Cuff and found him on his knees in prayer, and when called he supposed it was to be punished again. He was taken to the master's room where he was writhing in agony. The master groaning, said, "O Cuff, can you pray for me?"

"Yes, bless de Lord, Massa, I'se been prayin' for you all night," and he dropped on his knees and, like Jacob of old, wrestled in prayer, and before the breaking of day witnessed the conversion of both master and mistress. Master and slave embraced, race differences and past cruelty were swept away by the love of God and tears of joy were mingled. Cuff was immediately set free. He never worked another day on the plantation. The master took Cuff and went out to preach the Gospel. They traveled all over the South, witnessing to the power of Christ to save to the uttermost. This is what the love of God will do for a person.

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Choosing bad friends is like building a foundation for a house out of mud. That is why bad friends often wreck a boy's or a girl's chances completely.

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Oklahoma—Dear Sister Marie Miles, Greetings to you in the name of the Lord. I want you to please print this testimony in the youths' paper.

I burned my leg and foot in March and I missed school for about three weeks. It was burned so badly that I couldn't walk on it. Now I am walking on it and running on it, too. The Lord really blessed my foot. I thank the saints for their prayers. When I burned my leg and foot it blistered so badly and looked so terrible that I hated to look at it. Pray for me.

A sister in Christ, —Amelia Barnett

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

When God made man and woman He gave them the power of choice. In other words, good and evil were before them. God let them choose if they wanted to do good or do evil. If God had said, "Now you have to always do good and can't ever do evil," He would never have known if they loved Him or not. But God said, "If ye love me ye will keep my commandments." When boys and girls seek to obey the will of God and do as He has taught them in the Bible, then God knows they love Him. They do not just have to do good, but they choose to do good because they love God. This pleases God and causes Him to look down upon those boys and girls with pleasure. God did not make us like a machine, which can only do just as it is made to do, but God gave us a choice. We can choose to do good or choose to do evil. God, of course, offers us many blessings if we choose to do good. But on the other hand there has to be a place to put those who will choose to do evil and follow the devil. God will cast the devil and all of his followers into the "lake of fire." So, boys and girls, be wise. Choose to love and serve God instead of the devil.

The devil is an enemy of the Lord

and he will try to get you on his side by making his way seem so wonderful. He will tell you that "everyone does it" and you should, too. But most of the people in the world today are following the devil and we do not want to follow them.

Our lesson brings out how the ruler who arose after the pharaoh who was ruler when Joseph brought his relatives from Canaan into the land of Egypt, was a wicked ruler. He chose to be wicked. He made the Israelites slaves. He feared that they would become a great nation and more powerful than they. So he made their work hard and caused them lots of trouble. He made them build two cities and beat them if they stopped working when they were tired. They had hard task masters over them who drove them to hard work. They cried unto the Lord because of their hard and severe troubles. Sometimes we wonder why God's children do have to suffer hard things but there is always something good that comes out of that suffering. God wanted the Israelites to move. God did not plan that they should live in Egypt. Probably when they first came there they had planned only to stay until the famine was over, but since things were going so well, they settled down to stay. God had promised them the whole land of Canaan. God had something better for them. God blessed them even in their hard troubles and they grew and became a mighty nation.

If some hard things come to you in your life, remember there is something good in it for you to learn. Look for that good. Do you need to be more humble, kind, loving, obedient, loving and pray more? This is really not our home. We are preparing to live in heaven. Read 1 Pet. 1:17. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 1, July 5, 1964

ISRAELITES MADE SLAVES

Genesis 47:1-6; Exodus 1:8-14

Gen. 47:1 Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan; and, behold, they are in the land of Goshen.

2 And he took some of his brethren, even five men, and presented them unto Pharaoh.

3 And Pharaoh said unto his brethren, What is your occupation? And they said unto Pharaoh, Thy servants are shepherds, both we, and also our fathers.

4 They said moreover unto Pharaoh, For to sojourn in the land are we come; for thy servants have no pasture for their flocks; for the famine is sore in the land of Canaan: now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Goshen.

5 And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee:

6 The land of Egypt is before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell: and if thou knowest any men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle.

Ex. 1:8 Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.

9 And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we:

10 Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out

any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land.

11 Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses.

12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel.

13 And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour:

14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour.

Memory Verse: Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Hebrews 13:2.

Central Thought: God will bring good out of trouble for us.

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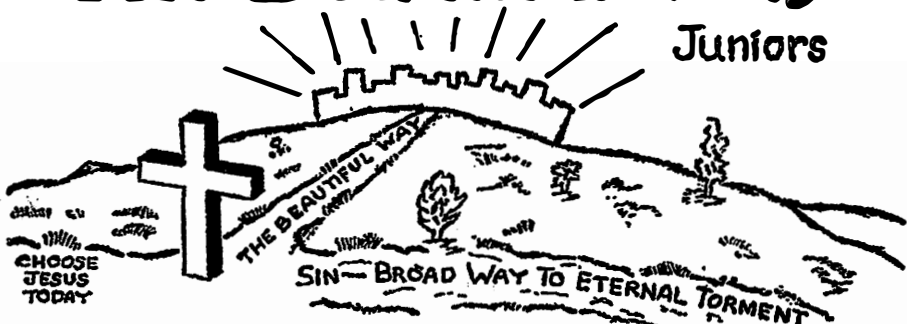
QUESTIONS

1. Who was next to Pharaoh as ruler?
2. What was the occupation of Jacob's sons?
3. Did Pharaoh let the Israelites live in Goshen next to the wilderness which led back to their home in Canaan?
4. Did the new king who arose in Egypt later show kindness to the Israelites?
5. When wicked men deal wickedly, do they try to make others think they are being wise?
6. Why did God permit the Israelites to be mistreated?
7. Can good come to us through hard things in life?

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God's Care

God cared for us, yes, even when
We wandered in the paths of sin,
And ere we knew His gracious love
He looked upon us from above.
His arms encircled and did hold
Before we came into His fold.

While sinners yet, for us He died;
Salvation's gates were opened wide.
With hope that we might to Him yield
He paid the price that we be healed.
Oh, how much more He loves us now
Before His throne, oh let us bow!

—Leslie Busbee

Fiery Trials

"Do you have a verse for Sunday School?" May asked Lee and Sally as she met them on the steps of the chapel.

"Sure. Do you?" Lee said as he took two steps at a time up to the door.

"I have one, but as I walked along I was trying to understand what

part of it meant. Maybe you could tell me," Sally said as she came over closer to May. "My verse is, 'Think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you' (1 Pet. 4:12). I wondered what 'fiery trial' meant."

"Fiery trial," repeated May. "Oh, yes, the three Hebrew children were cast into the fiery furnace, don't you remember?"

"Oh, yes, they wouldn't bow down to the king's image that he had set up for them to worship, would they?" added Sally.

"Don't you girls know what a trial is?" questioned Lee as he took two steps at a time back down where the girls were in time to hear May say "fiery trial." "A trial is when a person is being tested."

"Well, we know that but what is a 'fiery trial?'" Sally asked.

"Well, it is just like the three Hebrew children who were put on the spot. It is wonderful when you think of how they were determined not to bow down to that image, be-

cause God had said that they were not to bow before any other god except Him. They were being tested and tried," Lee said. "They were on trial, and it was just like fire because it was so hot. Those people were hot on their trail. They grabbed them and threw them into the fiery furnace. It was heated seven times hotter than before."

"You would make a good preacher," Ted said as he came up to the steps. "What's the discussion? Let me have a try at solving the problem."

"Maybe you could tell us," Sally said. "I want to know what is meant by 'fiery trial.' My verse says to not think it strange when you are in a 'fiery trial.'"

"Oh, it's time to go into Sunday School," May said as she took hold of Sally's arm. "We can ask our Sunday School teacher. She will know."

Later, when the class was together, May told her teacher about their discussion out on the steps of the chapel, and she asked her to tell them what the verse meant. The teacher was glad she had asked the question. It came right in with the lesson for that morning. She told her she would answer it very soon. Finally the teacher came to the part of the lesson where Moses saw the bush that was burning and it didn't burn up. The teacher said, "Now I can answer your question. The burning bush would stand for one of us who was having lots of trouble. Maybe one of you boys and girls have someone at school who makes fun of you because you love the Lord and because you go to Sunday School. Someone would laugh at you dear girls because you want your hair fixed just like God

wants us to fix it and because you will dress plain and modestly. Maybe someone will laugh at one of you dear boys because you are wanting to be honest and not cheat in a game you are playing. Or maybe they will call you 'chicken' because you won't do something hateful to some poor person who can't help themselves. You are in the fire of trial and persecutions. But because you still won't do wrong but stand true to God, you are like the bush—you just don't burn up. You are still standing when the fire is burning. Just like the presence of God was in that bush that Moses saw that didn't burn up, just so the presence of God is in you, and you can still stand true through the fires of trial."

"Oh, I understand now what a fiery trial is," Sally said. "That was so wonderful how the bush didn't burn up because God's presence was in it."

"Remember, boys and girls, that God will always be with you in the trials that you go through, and good will come from them," the teacher said. "'For he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me' (Heb. 13:5, 6). You can be assured that God will not let you be consumed or destroyed if you will look to Him."

M. Miles

Our Task in Soul Winning

Pitifully look on the fields, for millions are passing into eternity without Christ.

Prayerfully wait on God, for our expectation cometh from Him, and from Him alone.

Praisefully delight yourself in the

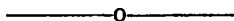
Lord, for prayer must be mixed with praise, as well as faith.

Purposefully persist in prayer, for many grow weary in well doing, and hence fail to reap.

Peacefully rest in God's promises, "being fully persuaded that what he had promised he was [is] able to perform." (Romans 4:21.)

Powerfully persuade men. The emphasis of the prayer life will make the message irresistible.

Plentifully expect a harvest, for a harvest may be expected as God's conditions are met. —Selected.



Dear Boys and Girls:—

God proved his love and concern for those here in this world by sending His only Son here to die for our sins. We never have to doubt God's great love. But it is so sad when we think about the millions here on the earth that accept of God's love and blessings but never say, "Thank you." God sends the rain, sunshine, and gives food to people. We could name a big list of all the things God does for them. Be sure, boys and girls, that you thank God for these things and all the many blessings shown to you.

Our lesson tells how God chose a man to help the children of Israel who were in Egypt and being mistreated. God did not forget them but saw their tears and heard their cries. Sometimes God has to wait until people are ready to obey His commands. Sometimes this takes a long time. When the children of Israel got so tired of being under the Egyptian taskmasters that they were ready to move, then God sent Moses to lead them out.

The king made a decree that all the boy babies were to be killed. He thought

that would keep the Israelites from becoming a great and powerful nation. A little baby boy was born into one home and the mother took him and put him in a basket that had been made water tight and hid him among the bulrushes at the river's edge. She had his older sister, Miriam watch that little basket that no harm came to him. One day the king's daughter came down with her maids to bathe in the water. She saw the little basket and when it was opened, she loved the sweet little babe. She wanted him for her own. She named him Moses. About that time Moses's sister who was standing by, stepped up and asked her if she wanted her to get a nurse to take care of him for her. She told her that she did and Miriam ran for her mother to come. The king's daughter paid Moses's mother to take care of him. We do not know whether she knew it was his mother or not. His mother taught Moses about God. When Moses grew old enough she took him to the king's daughter. He was taught all the wisdom of Egypt. Moses longed to help his people who were under bondage, but he made a mistake in trying. The king threatened to kill him so he fled out of the country. He went to the land of Midian and there he married. He was taking care of his father-in-law's flocks when our lesson begins. God was able to talk to him while out on the hillside alone. No doubt, Moses was talking to God when suddenly he looked at the bush that was afire but did not burn up. Different times in the Bible the fire stood for the Holy Spirit. Remember the two tongues of fire that sat upon the ones who were in the upper room on the day of Pentecost waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit. God's presence is ever near us. When we be-

long to the Lord we can live with that always in mind. If we listen, He will lead us to do something to help others. God needs those who will let Him work through them. God will be with us as He promised to be with Moses.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 2, July 12, 1964

GOD'S CONCERN FOR HIS PEOPLE

Exodus 3:1-12

Ex. 3:1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.

2 And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

4 And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

6 Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

7 And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I

know their sorrows;

8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

11 And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

Memory Verse: Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Psalms 68:19.

Central Thought: God sees and cares.

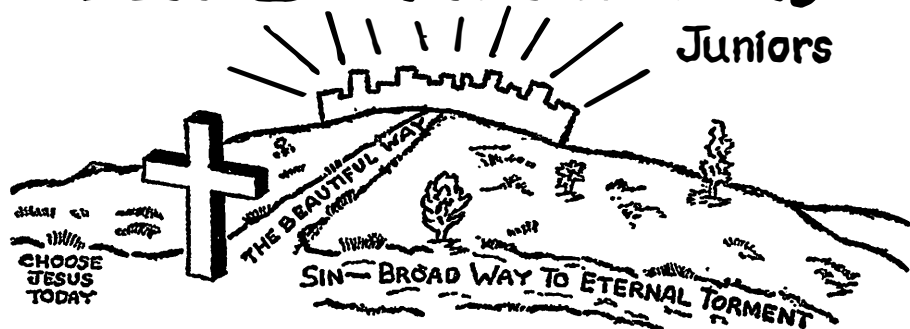
QUESTIONS

1. Who was Moses' father-in-law?
2. What was the name of the "mountain of God"?
3. Did the bush that was on fire burn up?
4. Can we always see and know of God's presence?
5. Did God hear and see the troubles of His children?

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The Burning Bush

From out a bush that burned with fire
God spake to Moses His desire
To take from Egypt's woeful land
His people—lead them by the hand
And see them through the wilderness
To Canaan's shore of blessedness.

The gospel is aflame today—
It speaks of life, the holy way;
To save a soul from sin and woe
And make his life with riches flow.
Oh, hear the call, from sin depart,
And serve the Lord with all your heart!

—Leslie Busbee

The Lamb of God

"Mother, why did the Israelites sprinkle blood on their door posts?" asked Nellie as she dusted the furniture. "In our Sunday School lesson yesterday we studied about the people of God killing a lamb and putting its blood on their doors, and the death angel didn't kill anyone in their house.

I couldn't understand why they were to put blood on their doors."

"Nellie, the blood is the life of an animal or a person," Mother said as she sat down in a chair. "God wanted the Israelites to get a lesson from this act. God was looking to something that was to happen over a thousand years later. I am sure your teacher brought out how they were to take a lamb that was without blemish (Exod. 12th chapter). It was to be a perfect lamb. This lamb stood for the Lamb of God who was Jesus. Do you remember who called Jesus the Lamb of God when he passed by and told others to behold him?"

"Yes, that was John the Baptist," answered Nellie.

"Yes, that is right," Mother said. "They took this lamb and killed it. They took a bunch of hyssop or a part of a bush, and dipped it in the blood from the animal and put it on the door post. That night when the death angel passed over the house and saw the blood on the door post, he did not kill the oldest son. Not one child in Goshen, the land of the Israelites,

was killed; but in Egypt all of the eldest sons were killed. They did not have the blood on their door posts."

"Did they know about putting blood on their doors?" asked Ralph who had just come in the door and was listening to his mother.

"I don't know if they did or not, but they probably would not have done it. They did not believe in God. They wouldn't believe in Him when God showed his mighty power when he sent all the ten plagues on them. Moses and Aaron again and again tried to get them to know that God intended for them to let his people go out of bondage, but they would not do it. They were warned again and again that more trouble would come to them, but they still would not believe it," Mother said. "It's like people are today. They are told again and again that they should have the blood of Jesus covering their sins, but they won't believe it."

"Jesus is the Lamb that was put on the cross, and it's His blood that is innocent," Nellie said. "Our Sunday School teacher told us that they started having the Passover supper from that night on."

"Yes, and it stopped the night before Jesus was put on the cross," Ralph said.

"The Passover supper was started the night before the Israelites were delivered from bondage in Egypt, and the Lord's supper was started the night before Jesus died on the cross so we could be delivered from sin," Mother said as she got up to continue her cleaning.

"I sure want the blood on my soul," Ralph said as he started for his room.

"Then I'll always be ready to meet God."

"It will mean death to the souls of all of those who do not accept Jesus' blood for their sins," Mother said. "As God looks down upon you and He sees you believe in Jesus as your Saviour and that you have confessed and forsaken your sins, then you are accepted by God."

"I am glad Jesus loved us so much that he was willing to give his pure blood for our sins," Nellie said as she continued her dusting.

—M. Miles

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‘Jesus. It’s Me!’

All week Marion had been thinking about her sins. She longed to have her sins forgiven. She knew that the Lord Jesus could forgive them. She wanted to come to Jesus.

On Sunday morning, right after Sunday School, Marion went to the minister and said, "Will you please pray for me in the church service? I want to be a Christian, but please do not mention my name."

Marion was a timid little girl. That was why she did not want her name mentioned.

When every head was bowed in prayer and there was perfect silence the minister prayed for Marion. He said, "Oh, Lord, there is a little girl here. She does not want her name known, but You know who she is. Save the little girl's precious soul."

When Marion heard the minister's prayer, she forgot about being timid. She suddenly stood up and said, "Please, Jesus, it's me!" She wanted to be saved. She was not ashamed to say, "Please, Jesus, it's me!"

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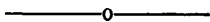
"When did you become a Christian?" Someone asked a little boy.

"It was the day a bee stung Mamma," answered Jacob.

"Will you explain that to me?" questioned an older Christian.

"Gladly. It just wasn't clear to me how Jesus' dying could save us. Bees frightened me terribly. While on the porch one day, a bee flew round and round me. I was certain it would sting me so I quickly called Mamma. She came. Since she could not keep the bee from stinging me, she put her hand between mine and the bee. The bee stung her. I was saved. Christ died in my stead. That's how I understood what He did for me."

—The Christian Witness



God wants us to always be busy helping somebody. We should follow the example of Jesus. He went about doing good.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Moses went down to Egypt after meeting his brother, Aaron, who had come out to the desert to see him. They told the elders of the Israelites what God wanted them to do. Moses showed them the signs that God had showed him. Finally the time came when Moses and Aaron stood before the wicked Pharaoh. Moses and Aaron asked Pharaoh to let the Israelites leave the land but he would not. The king asked them to show him a miracle. Aaron cast down the rod of Moses before Pharaoh and it turned into a snake. The king called his magicians and they did the same thing. But the rod of Aaron and Moses swallowed up the snakes that had been the rods of the magicians of Egypt.

This showed that God's power is greater than the power of the devil. The devil can do miracles but God has power over all that He does and can do greater ones. Pharaoh still would not let the people go.

The next morning God told Moses and Aaron to go before Pharaoh again and ask him to let the people go but he refused to let them go. The Lord told Moses to tell Aaron to stretch out his rod over the river, ponds, etc. and the water in Egypt turned to blood. The fish died and stank. The king still would not let the people go. The Lord sent nine more plagues upon them before the king would let them go. Maybe you can name them. You can find them in the seventh to the twelfth chapters of Exodus.

Finally, God told Moses and Aaron to tell the people to get ready to go. God was going to send a plague on the people of Egypt and they would be glad for them to leave the country. God told the Israelites to kill a lamb and put the blood of it on their door posts. That night the death angel was going to pass through the land and every home that did not have the blood sprinkled on the door post would lose their oldest son by death. Oh, how careful each mother and father in the land of Goshen were to be sure the blood was on the door post. They loved their child and they didn't want him to be killed. How careful each of us should be today that the blood of Jesus covers our souls and our sins are forgiven so we will be ready to meet God when we die. We will be banished from the presence of God and punished if the blood is not covering our souls.

There was a great cry of sorrow throughout all of Egypt. The people were telling the Israelites to leave the country fast. They opened up their

treasure boxes and gave liberally to them. Even the king's house was in sorrow. The king sent word for them to get out of the country. God gave them a great deliverance. How wonderful to be freed from bondage.

—Aunt Marie

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Lesson 3, July 19, 1964

GOD DELIVERS HIS PEOPLE

Exodus 6:2-7; 12:29-33a

Ex. 6:2 And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the Lord:

3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name Jehovah was I not known to them.

4 And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers.

5 And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant.

6 Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:

7 And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the Lord your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

12:29 And it came to pass, that at midnight the Lord smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne

unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.

30 And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

31 And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the Lord, as ye have said.

32 Also take your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also.

33 And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste.

Memory Verse: Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments. Ex. 6:6

Central Thought: The blood of Jesus will redeem our souls from sin.

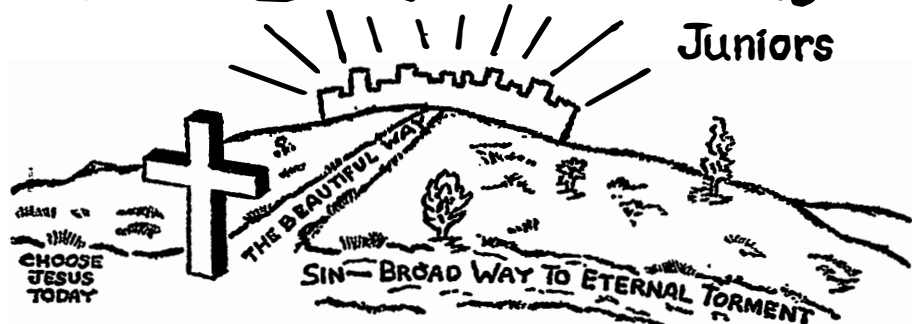
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QUESTIONS

1. What three men did our lesson mention that God said He appeared unto?
2. Did God promise to deliver the Israelites?
3. Was the firstborn of Pharaoh killed by the death angel?
4. Did Pharaoh let the children of Israel go after the death angel passed over the homes of the Egyptians?
5. What did the children of Israel take with them?

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A Work for One and All

We can't all be a Moses
To guide the multitude
Nor can we all be gifted
As Aaron was endowed.

We can't all be a Peter
Nor can we be a Paul.
But listen, Christ is giving
A work for one and all.

Fret not yourself with burdens
Too great for you to bear,
Look to the God of heaven,
You're sure to have your share!

—Leslie Busbee

The Conversion of Nasi

Nasi, the Tanna-man, was a bad and dangerous character. During a great illness that befell him, I ministered to him regularly, but no kindness seemed to move him. When about to leave Aniwa, I went specially to visit him. On parting I said, "Nasi, are you happy? Have you ever been happy?"

He answered gloomily, "No! Never."

I said, "Would you like this dear little boy of yours to grow up like yourself, and lead the life you have lived?"

"No!" he replied warmly. "I certainly would not."

"Then," I continued, "You must become a Christian, and give up all your heathen conduct, or he will just grow up to quarrel and fight and murder as you have done; and, O, Nasi, he will curse you through all Eternity for leading him to such a life and to such a doom!"

He was very much impressed, but made no response. After we had sailed, a band of our young native Christians held a consultation over the case of Nasi. They said, "We know the burden and terror that Nasi has been to our dear Missionary. We know that he has murdered several persons with his own hands, and has taken part in the murder of others. Let us unite in daily prayer that the Lord would open his heart and change his conduct, and teach him

to love and follow what is good, and let us set ourselves to win Nasi for Christ just as Missionary tried to win us."

So they began to show him every possible kindness, and one after another helped him in his daily tasks, embracing every opportunity of pleading with him to yield to Jesus and take the new path of life. At first he repelled them, and sullenly held aloof. But their prayers never ceased, and their patient affection continued to grow. At last, after long waiting, Nasi broke down, and cried to one of the Teachers, "I can oppose your Jesus no longer. If He can make you treat me like that, I yield myself to Him and to you. I want Him to change me, too. I want a heart like that of Jesus."

He rubbed off the ugly thickly-daubed paint from his face; he cut off his long heathen hair; he went to the sea and bathed, washing himself clean; and then he came to the Christians and dressed himself in a shirt and a kilt. The next step was to get a book—his was the translation of the Gospel according to St. John. He eagerly listened to every one that would read bits of it aloud to him, and his soul seemed to drink in the new ideas at every precept. He attended the Church and the School most regularly, and could in a very short time read the Gospel for himself. The Elders of the Church took special pains in instructing him, and after due preparation he was admitted to the Lord's Table—my brother Missionary from Tanna baptizing and receiving him. Imagine my joy on learning all this regarding one who had sullenly resisted my appeals for many years, and how

my soul praised the Lord who is "Mighty to save!"

During a recent visit to Aniwa, in 1886, God's almighty compassion was further revealed to me, when I found that Nasi, the murderer, was now a Scripture Reader, and able to comment in a wonderful and interesting manner on what he read to the people! On arriving at the Island, after my tour in Great Britain (1884-85), all the inhabitants of Aniwa seemed to be assembled at the boat-landing to welcome me, except Nasi. He was away fishing at a distance and had been sent for, but had not yet arrived. On the way to the Mission House, he came rushing to meet me. He grasped my hand, and kissed it, and burst into tears. I said, "Nasi, do I now at last meet you as a Christian?"

He warmly answered, "Yes, Missionary; I now worship and serve the only Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Bless God, I am a Christian at last!"

My soul went out with a silent cry, "Oh, that the men at home who discuss and doubt about the conversion, and the new heart, and the power of Jesus to change and save, could but look on Nasi, and spell out the simple lesson—He that created us at first by His power can create us anew by His love!"

—John Patton
A Missionary to South Sea Cannibals

What Alcohol Will Do

Some time ago The Prohibition Defender quoted the following:

"Alcohol will remove stains from the summer clothes." That is correct. It will also remove, says the Defender,

The summer clothes.

The winter clothes.

The spring clothes, and

The fall clothes, not only from the back of the man who drinks it but from his wife and children as well.

Alcohol will remove:

Furniture from the home.

Rugs from the floors.

Food from the cupboard.

Lining from the stomach.

Kidneys from the back.

Liver from the side.

Hair from the head, and

Sight from the eyes.

Alcohol will remove:

A good reputation.

A man's business.

A man's friends.

A happy look from the children's faces.

A prosperous man to a pauper's grave.

A man from respectable society to the penitentiary.

A man from the highway to heaven to the road to hell.

The Spirit of Jesus Christ is against alcoholic drinks. —Selected

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

I am sure that you talked about how the Egyptians changed their minds after the Israelites left the country that night and followed them with their chariots. The great historian, Josephus, said there were 50,000 horses and 200,000 Egyptians who pursued the Israelites. How troubled the Israelites were when they saw the army coming behind them. They cried unto Moses and Moses cried unto the Lord. God told him to stretch his rod over the Red Sea and it opened up. The children of Israel walked through the sea on the dry bottom. The walls of water stood up on either side of them

by the mighty power of God. What a wonderful miracle that was. We are still serving the same God. He is great and mighty and will help us today as He helped the children of God at that time. The Egyptian army came right in behind them between the walls of water but when the last person stepped on the other shore, Moses stretched out his rod and the waters came together on the army of the Egyptians. They were all drowned and the Israelites were free from them. What a day of rejoicing that was! The sister of Miriam and the women danced with joy and there was much shouting in the camp. It was wonderful to be free. The people of God feared the Lord and believed in Moses as their leader and as a man of God. (Ex. 14:31).

Moses sought the Lord often to help him lead such a great people. There were 600,000 men besides the women and children that left Egypt that night. (Ex. 12:37) This was a great multitude of people. These Israelites had been so accustomed to having someone tell them everything to do that they were a very dependent people. This was a heavy load on Moses. Just think what a great job it was getting food, water, etc. for so many people. God wanted them to be tested so they would look to Him. God, today, wants us to look to Him for everything. He will never fail us as he never failed the Israelites. It wasn't long until they came to a place where there was bitter water. They complained to Moses about this. God again helped Moses with this great problem. (Ex. 15:24, 25). Then in the wilderness where they desired meat, God sent them quails. He sent them manna. God took care of them as He would have His own son. Again and again they complained to Moses about

many things. God dealt patiently with them.

Our lesson tells about Moses receiving instructions from his father-in-law in taking care of the problems of the people. Every leader needs help. Your pastor needs your help. Your Sunday School teacher needs your help as well as your parents and school teachers. By helping them you too can learn how to be a leader and maybe sometime God will make you a leader. It is important that you be a good helper. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 4, July 26, 1964

GOD'S LEADER NEEDS HELP

Exodus 18:13-24

Ex. 18:13 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening.

14 And when Moses' father in law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou thyself alone, and all the people stand by thee from morning unto even?

15 And Moses said unto his father in law, Because the people come unto me to enquire of God:

16 When they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between one and another, and I do make them know the statutes of God, and his laws.

17 And Moses' father in law said unto him, The thing that thou doest is not good.

18 Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.

19 Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to Godward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God:

20 And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.

21 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:

22 And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee.

23 If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.

24 So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father in law, and did all that he had said.

Memory Verse: Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith. Rom. 12:6.

Central Thought: Each of us can be a helper.

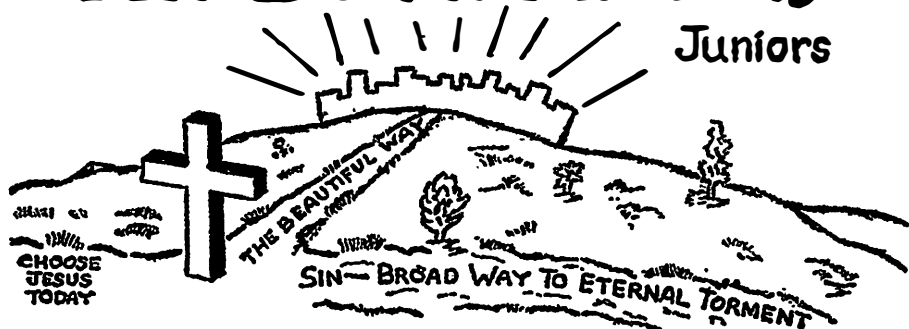
QUESTIONS

1. Was judging the people too hard on Moses?
2. How did Moses' father-in-law help him?
3. Was Moses too big to take advice?

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Love Obeys the Ten

1. No other God shall we esteem,
2. All idols but an empty dream
3. Nor take in vain His precious Name,
4. Nor mar His holy rest with shame.
5. To father, mother, honor give;
6. Not kill, but let our brother live,
7. And hold true love as man and wife,
8. Live honest with the things of life.
9. Bear not false witness in the way
10. Nor wish for others' wealth or pay—

All this contained in perfect love
For those about and God above.

—Leslie Busbee

The Ten Commandments*

"Lela, come and join us," called Mary as Lela came out of her door across the street.

*Parable

"What are you doing?" asked Lela as she came across the street.

"We are trying to learn the Ten Commandments," said Mary as she scooted over so Lela could sit with them on the porch swing.

"Maybe Lela already knows them," said Marlene. "She can say the books of the Bible."

"Oh, I can't say them word for word but know some of them," said Lela as she sat down in the swing. "How come you are learning them today?"

"Our pastor came into our Sunday School class last Sunday and asked us how many of them we knew and then talked to us about them," said Mary. "He told us that we should learn them so we would know what God spoke right out of heaven to the people."

"He said he would come into our class on another Sunday morning, and he hoped that we would know them better than we did. Our Sunday School teacher said she surely wanted us to study them so we could surprise him."

"Oh, I know one of them is 'Thou shalt not kill' and 'Thou shalt not steal' and 'Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor,' " Lela said.

" 'Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor' means not to tell lies, doesn't it?" asked Marlene.

"Yes, that is what it means," spoke up Mary. "You know that is one thing I don't like about Alice. She tells so many lies. She told one on me and I didn't know it for a long time. Some of the girls believed her and they treated me so awfully. They would hardly speak to me. I didn't know what was the matter."

"What did she tell on you?" asked Lela.

"Oh, she said that I had said that I thought all the girls in our school were stuck up and that I just hated all of them," Mary said feeling badly as she remembered how she would come home and cry because all the girls treated her so coldly. "I never said anything like that."

"Oh, how awful to tell something like that," Lela said. "How come she told that?"

"Oh, she got mad at me because I wouldn't slip off and go to the store with her," Mary said as she got up out of the swing and walked over to get the paper that the paper boy had thrown on the porch. "I told her that I wouldn't go because my mother had told her to never go anywhere without asking her, and I knew she would not let me go because it was soon time to eat supper."

"That is another one of the Ten Commandments too," said Marlene. "'Honour thy father and Mother.' We are to obey them and we will have a long life."

"Our pastor told us that God would bless us and give us a lot of good things in life if we would obey our parents. I thought he talked so nice about his mother and father," Mary said. "He said that they had gone on to glory now and that he was so glad that he had obeyed them. He told us to love our mother and father because we would not have them always."

"Oh, it seems it would be terrible to not have a mother and daddy," Lela said with tears in her eyes with just the thought that someday she would not have them. "My Mother and I love each other. I love to tell her about the things I do, and we plan things together. The other day she told me that she was saving up some money so she could get me a new dress. She is so sweet to think of me. I told her that she should buy a new one for herself."

Marlene and Mary both agreed that they loved their mother and father and knew that they always knew best about everything.

"Bye, girls," said Lela. "I have to go, as Daddy is driving in and I must help mother get the supper on the table."

"Yes, I had better go in and see if I can help my mother, because my daddy will soon be home," Mary said.

"I must run home and see if I can help my mother," Marlene said. "I imagine the baby is awake and I could help take care of him. I'll see you tomorrow morning. Come by and I'll walk to school with you."

M. Miles

God wants us to obey all His Word.

HOLD ON, BOYS

Some boys show their ugly natures every day. They pick quarrels with their schoolmates, and are overbearing and rude. They find unoffending good-natured boys, f r i g h t e n them, threaten to strike them, step on their toes, and do other hateful things. Such boys make bad men.

Hold on to your tongues when you are ready to speak harshly.

Hold on to your hand when you are about to punch, scratch, steal, or do any improper act.

Hold on to your foot when you are on the point of kicking, running off from study, or pursuing the path of error, shame, or crime.

Hold on to your temper when you are angry, excited, or imposed upon, or others are angry with you.

Hold on to your heart when evil associates seek your company, and invite you to join in their mirth, games, and revelry. —Selected.

Hear instruction and be wise, and refuse it not. Proverbs 8:33.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

I am sure that your parents have told you at different times that if you will do this or that they would give you a certain amount of money or they would take you to a certain place or they would let you do such and such a thing. If you do not keep your part of the bargain, then they do not have to keep their part. For instance, if Joe does not mow the lawn before Daddy arrives home from work, he does not get to go to town with him.

Our lesson brings out a bargain that God made with the Israelites. He told them if they would obey him and do as He told them to do He would be their

God and give them many blessings. If they would keep his laws he would bring them into a land that would be their home. He would drive out all of their enemies before them. God never forces anyone to serve Him but there are great rewards and blessings promised to those who will serve Him.

Moses told the people one day to take a bath and clean their homes, wash their clothes and make everything clean. He told them that the Lord God who had brought them out of Egypt was going to talk to them. Now, God is mighty and powerful. His presence is great. God was going to come down upon the mountain called Sinai. God told Moses to tell the people not to touch the border of the mountain or they would be killed. He told them that when the trumpet sounded long and loud for them to come up to the mountain. The day finally came and Moses brought the people close to the mountain. There was thunders, lightnings, and a thick cloud came upon the mount. The voice of the trumpet was exceedingly loud. The people trembled. As they saw the smoke and fire and the mountain quake as the Lord descended down upon it, they were afraid. They were amazed as they heard God call Moses and Moses answered. God gave them the Ten Commandments that we have in our lesson. That was a great and wonderful experience. Do you think you would have enjoyed being there?

There is much to talk about in the lesson today when we think of all that God expects us to live up to. Remember that God is holy. Heaven is holy and only the pure and holy can go to God's heaven. We cannot tell lies, steal, kill, swear, or do any of those things that God spoke from heaven. God can help you to live like God

wants you to live. Someone may have been so used to telling lies that they tell one before they think. Correct it right away and ask God to forgive you and be real careful that you always speak the truth. God will help you. Pray often. Be honest. Don't take one thing that doesn't belong to you. Many times if you will ask for something that you might want, the other person would give it to you. God will be with you and help you to live right.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 5, August 2, 1964

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 19:3-5a; 20:1-4, 7, 8; 12-17

Ex. 19:3 And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;

4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people.

20:1 And God spake all these words, saying,

2 I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

7 Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

13 Thou shalt not kill.

14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15 Thou shalt not steal.

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Memory Verse: And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifice. Mark 12:33.

Central Thought: Jesus said that the first commandment was to love God with all our hearts.

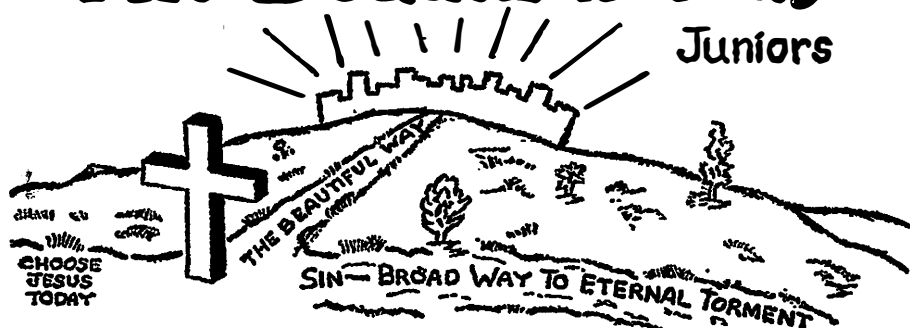
QUESTIONS

1. Name the ten commandments.
2. How did God give the ten commandments?
3. What is the reward for honoring parents?
4. What did the Lord say about the one who takes God's name in vain?
5. To love the Lord with all the heart, understanding, soul, and strength, is more than what?

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Worship Him Only

So great a God who made the world
Who placed the stars above,
Oh, how we ought to worship Him
And give Him all our love!

Assurance gives He of Himself
We all can see and know;
His wrath for sin has been atoned
By blood from Calv'ry's flow.

So let us bow, forsake our ways
And seek His face alone.
A rich reward He offers free
For all His blessed own.

—Leslie Busbee

*Are You Hindering Others**

"So, you are a goody-goody," Raymond sneered. "You don't sit in the back seat with us any more."

"You are sure missing a lot," Dale said as he picked up a small stick

and put it in his pocket. He thought it might come in handy to punch Sally with during preaching.

"I don't care what you call me. I am not going to ever act like I used to in services," Charles said with determination in his voice. "I have learned my lesson. If you knew the reason why I have made a change, you would not make fun of me."

"You could inform us of the reason," Raymond said as he walked up close to Charles.

"Out with it, 'chicken,'" Dale said while he thought about how Sally would act when he punched her.

"Well, fellows, it's like this," Charles said. "I didn't know this until a week or so ago, but my uncle told my father that he went to meeting one time and intended to get saved. And the good Lord knows that he needed to be saved. Oh, he drinks so much and beats up my aunt. My cousins said that he kicks them if they happen to get in his way. But he said that he went to meeting and that we boys sat on the back seat and cut up so much

*Parable

that he went away disgusted. He told my father that he would never step his foot inside a church again. I didn't want to tell you, because I am so sorry that my uncle is that way. My mother cried so hard about it all. She is so ashamed of the way he does, and then to think he was driven away from services by the way I had acted as well as the rest of you."

"I didn't do anything to your uncle," Raymond said. "It's too bad that he has forgotten that he was young once."

"Oh, that makes me feel badly," Dale said. "You say he intended to get saved?"

"That is what he told my daddy," Charles said. "Oh, how wonderful it would have been for him to have made a change."

"Maybe we all ought to make a change," Dale said as he threw away the stick he had put in his pocket.

"Well, of course we don't want to keep people from getting saved, I guess," Raymond said. "I never thought of it hurting anyone before."

"I never either," said Dale. "I feel sorry for your mother. She is so nice to us fellows when we go to your house. I guess she thinks we are terrible."

"No, fellows, don't feel that way," Charles said. "She doesn't blame you anymore than she does me. I wanted to go and talk to my uncle, but I was afraid to. Mother said the best thing we could do to make amends was to sit up closer to the front and be quiet. I did that last Sunday, and you know I really felt better. Different ones also noticed it, and they told me they were glad that I sat up closer. In fact, boys,

I didn't tell you at first, but I have given my heart to the Lord, and by God's help I intend to keep my promise I made to my mother that I would never cut up in church services again."

"Well, I think that is what we all ought to do," Dale said with tears in his eyes. He was really sorry for the way he had acted. He began to wonder if there were others he had hindered from getting saved.

"I have been thinking about getting saved too," Raymond said. "Charles, I am sorry that I talked to you the way I did. I know how you feel." —M. Miles

To Those Who Say "Can't"

"I can't!" exclaimed John. "I can't do right, even though I want to."

"Tut, tut," said his father. "Did you ever hear of a person with the aphasia?"

"The aphasia! What's that?"

"Aphasia," explained the father, "is a disease that makes it impossible for a person to use words he wants to use. He cannot make his tongue mind him. Have you ever seen a person with the rickets?"

"Rickets! What are they?" asked John.

"That," said his father, "is a disease in which the bones soften and the poor man cannot walk. His limbs won't mind him."

"My, that's a w f u l!" exclaimed John.

"Did you ever see a drunken man?" asked the father.

"Sure, a few of them," answered John.

"Well, did you notice how they tumble around, and say all sorts of

things? They cannot make their minds or their bodies or their tongues obey them. And now you, John, say 'I can't.' Have you the aphasia or the rickets, that you can't? There is one Doctor for you who can cure you. Have you gone to Him? He is Jesus. He will make you able to say 'I can, I will do what is right.' "

—Selected

Who can find a virtuous woman?
for her price is far above rubies.
Prov. 31:10.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

God talked to Moses up in the mountain. He wanted the children of Israel to learn to worship Him. God wanted to dwell among them so he told Moses to build him a dwelling place where His Spirit could dwell among the people and they could offer their sacrifices to Him for their sins. You remember they were to offer a lamb which stood for Jesus who years later died on the cross. We do not offer sacrifices today because Jesus died as a sacrifice for our sins once and for all time.

There was a large court that surrounded the tabernacle that was closed in by curtains made of fine linen and hung upon brass posts. At one end there was an opening through which the priests and helpers entered. Inside this gate was the huge "altar of burnt offering." This is where the priests offered sacrifices for the people's sins. Near the great altar was a large basin or tank, called a laver. Here the priests washed their hands, feet, and perhaps parts of the offerings. Farther on was the tabernacle whose walls were made of boards covered with gold and placed on silver bases. The roof was made of four curtains, laid one above the other.

The outer covering was made of beautiful skins to keep out the rain.

There is one point I do want you to always remember. The tabernacle had two rooms. The holy place and the most holy place. These two rooms stood for justification and sanctification. After Jesus came as a perfect sacrifice, all could enter the holy place. When Moses gave the people the rules concerning the tabernacle, only the priests could enter in the holy place. Then only the High Priest could enter into the most holy place. But after we are saved and then we have another work in the heart, which is the receiving of the Holy Spirit, then we enter into the most holy place. (Matt. 23:19; Rom. 12:1) Remember there was an altar at the door of the holy place and another altar at the door of the most holy place. Through the blood of Jesus we are saved from our sins which is the first work and through his blood we are sanctified by the Holy Spirit which is the second work. When Jesus died on the cross the veil that separated those two rooms was torn into pieces literally at that time.

In the first room was a table with shewbread on it. There also was a beautiful candlestick which was kept lit all the time. The bread stood for the Word of God which we need today to grow in the Lord (John 6:48, 51; 1 Pet. 2:2). The candle burned continually, which shows forth the praises of God and is light from God in our hearts. (1 Peter 2:9; Eph. 5:8).

In the most holy place was the ark of the Covenant. There was a mercy seat between two angels. Within it was the ten commandments on which God wrote his law. There was a pot of manna and the budded rod. God came down and dwelt among the people but today He dwells in our hearts.

GOD'S PEOPLE LEARN TO WORSHIP

Exodus 25:1, 2, 8; 35:20-22; 40:12-15, 34-38

Ex. 25:1 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.

8 And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

35:20 And all the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses.

21 And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments.

22 And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, and brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered offered an offering of gold unto the Lord.

40:12 And thou shalt bring Aaron and his sons unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and wash them with water.

13 And thou shalt put upon Aaron the holy garments, and anoint him, and sanctify him; that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

14 And thou shalt bring his sons, and clothe them with coats:

15 And thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their father, that they

may minister unto me in the priest's office: for their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations.

34 Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

35 And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

36 And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys:

37 But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up.

38 For the cloud of the Lord was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout their journeys.

Memory Verse: O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker. *Psa. 95:6.*

Central Thought: Today God's Spirit dwells in our hearts. Our bodies are the temple of God.

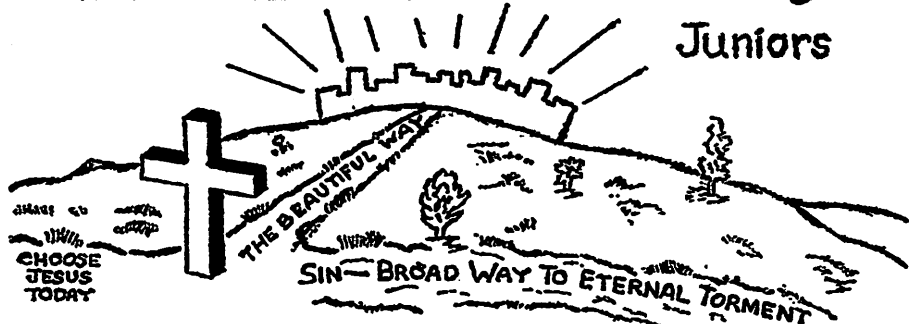
QUESTIONS

1. What did Moses tell the people that the Lord wanted them to bring willingly?
2. Why did God want them to build a tabernacle?
3. Name some of the things the people brought to the Lord.
4. How many rooms did the tabernacle have?
5. Does God dwell in a tabernacle today?

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Murmur Not

Oh, murmur not when things arise
That go against the grain.
When tried, just try to realize
To murmur brings no gain.

Just who are we to judge the Lord
As cruel and severe
Because His grace does not afford
What we would count so dear?

Remember this He knoweth best,
The bitter will be sweet
As we will in His goodness rest
And keep low at His feet.

—Leslie Busbee

God Keeps A Record

"Why can't I go with you, Grandpa?" pleaded Alex. "I want to drive the tractor, and I will help you with the milking. I can feed the chickens and the calves. Please let me go."

"Well, Alex, I know that you are disappointed that you cannot go this time," Grandfather said as he went over to his tape recorder and took

the lid off. "I had a hard time deciding which one of you boys I would take home with me, so yesterday morning I thought I would put my tape recorder in the dining room and turn it on while I went out to work in your mother's garden for a while. I decided that the boy who acted the nicest that morning and was willing to be helpful would be the boy I would take home with me. I thought that if there was any question of my not being fair, I would let you hear the recorder."

"Did you say yesterday morning?" Alex said as he remembered his actions very clearly. He dropped his head and blushed. He had acted in a terrible manner.

"Last night I listened to it and made my decision. You know that I need a boy on the farm who is willing to help and who does not murmur or complain because he is asked to do something," Grandfather said as he turned on the recorder and the tape began to play. This is what was heard. Alex speaking, "I'm not going to do it. You can do it your-

self. I hate to always have to work. I never get to do anything that I want to do. I am getting tired of this place. All I have to do is work, work, work." Alex's mother's voice is heard to say, "Alex, I am ashamed of you. You control your temper or I will have to use the strap to help you control it. It is a shame for you to talk to your mother that way. What do you think the Lord thinks of such talk? I am afraid that you have not been praying to the Lord enough to help you. I know that God is grieved and I feel you surely need to seek the Lord and ask His forgiveness."

Alex said, "I'm sorry, Mother. I shouldn't have said that, but it seems I never get to do things I want to do. Can't you see how it goes every morning? I have to make my bed. I have to pick up my clothes. I have to eat breakfast. I have to feed the dog. I have to take out the trash. I have to run over to see if Mrs. Brown is up and all right. Oh, I have so many things to do before I go to school." A door is heard to open and close and a voice which is Alex's father's says, "I think we ought to name Alex 'grumpy.' I never heard so much grumbling and complaining in a long time. Did you know that the Bible says, 'If any would not work, neither should he eat'? (2 Thess. 3:10) You seem to always be ready to eat. Another thing you ought to remember is that the Israelites were punished because they murmured and complained. They murmured because they thought God had brought them up to the Canaan land so they would all be killed. They cried and blamed Moses. While they were on the way over to the Canaan

land they were punished different times for murmuring. But this time they were punished and not one of them got to go into that wonderful land that was flowing with milk and honey just because they murmured."

"I think that is enough to listen to, don't you think so, Alex?" Grandfather said as he turned off the tape recorder.

"Oh, Grandpa, please erase that tape. Please don't take it home and let Grandmother hear it. I don't want her to know how awful I acted," pleaded Alex.

"Son, did you know that there is One who heard all of that, who is hurt much more than Grandmother would be?" said Grandfather. "I prayed for you last night after I listened to the tape. I hope you have learned a lesson that you will never forget. But this time I will not take you to the farm with me. I'll take Alton. When I bring him back, if your mother can tell me that you have been helpful and quit grumbling then I will take you."

"I mean, by God's help, not to ever act that way again," said Alex. "I never thought about God having a recorder. But I guess He does. Oh, Grandfather, I do want to do right and I am glad you are praying for me."

—Marie Miles

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Roses Among Thorns

Benjamin Franklin once said, "The sentence that has most influenced my life is, 'Some persons grumble because God placed thorns among roses. Why not thank God because He placed roses among thorns?' I first read it when but a mere lad. Since then it has helped me to be thankful

for the lovely things God has given."

Haven't you heard boys and girls saying something like this, "But I want jam on my bread and butter." Why not be thankful for the bread and butter? Others say, "But I wanted a quarter, and he only gave me a dime." Why not be thankful that it was at least a dime. When you begin to think that you are not treated as you should be, when you think that others have so many more nice things than you have, begin to make a list of the blessings that you do have. It will grow so big before you get through, that you will be ashamed of yourself for grumbling.

DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

I was one of the first disciples to follow Jesus. I told my brother about Christ and he, too, became a disciple. The fishermen often use the last four letters of my name when they speak of the large net of fishes they drew from the river. My name is found in John 1:40.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Your life is before you. If the Lord permits you to live, you will have a number of years in which you will be tested and tried. We know that God is real. We know that God is a God of love. We believe in God. We believe that God created all things on this earth including the world itself. We believe that God created the first man and woman. We believe that God hears and answers prayer when it is a prayer of faith. We trust God. We know that He is all-wise. We know that God does all things right. We know that God never makes a mistake. We love God and trust Him with all our hearts. But, dear boys and girls, down through the

years your faith in God will be tested. Your faith need not fail. You can hold your faith steady in God until you draw your last breath. You can say on your death-bed, "Come, Lord Jesus, I am ready to go to be with you in eternity," as many thousands have said down through the past years. It is wonderful to have faith in God.

Our lesson tells us of thousands who had their faith tested, but only two of them stood the test. We thank God for those two who stood true. God blessed those two men whose names were Caleb and Joshua.

About a month after the tabernacle was set (we studied about it last Sunday) Moses counted the men who were 20 years old and older. He put all the people who were of one tribe in camps to themselves. You remember there were 12 tribes of the Israelites. The tribe of Levite was to dwell among the tribes. They were to take care of the work in the tabernacle and help the people. Later they were all commanded to move to another place. From this place Moses chose 12 men, one from each tribe. He sent them as spies into the land of Canaan which the Lord had promised to give to the Israelites. These 12 men were to spy out the land and see how strong the people were and check about the walls around the cities, the type of land and what it produced. The people in the land of Canaan were wicked people and God was going to punish them and take their land away from them. (Gen. 15:16; Lev. 18:24, 25). The time had come for this to come to pass.

Ten of the men brought back an evil report to the people. They said that the people were giants and "we were in their sight as grasshoppers" (Num. 13). They said they were not able to take

the land because the cities had high walls around them. Caleb and Joshua were men of faith. They said, "Let us go up at once and possess the land for we are able." But all the people of the Israelites believed the evil report. They murmured and complained. Our lesson tells what God did to those who were not of faith. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 7, August 16, 1964

FAITH ON TRIAL

Numbers 14:2, 3, 26-33, 36-38

Num. 14:2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!

3 And wherefore hath the Lord brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt?

26 And the Lord spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

27 How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me.

28 Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the Lord, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you:

29 Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me,

30 Doubtless ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I sware to

make you dwell therein, save Caleb, the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

31 But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised.

32 But as for you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness.

33 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness.

36 And the men, which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land,

37 Even those that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the Lord.

38 But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of the men that went to search the land, lived still.

Memory Verse: Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord. Ps. 31:24.

Central Thought: Hold fast to your faith in God.

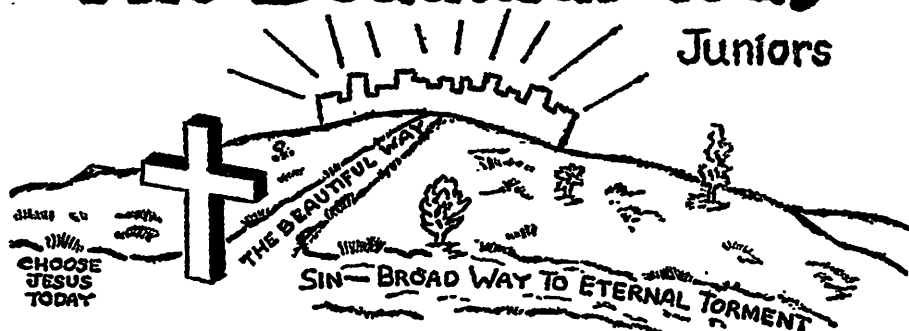
QUESTIONS

1. What does murmuring mean?
2. How many spies believed God could give them the land?
3. How many years did the people have to wander in the wilderness?
4. Are you going to be boys and girls of faith like Caleb and Joshua?
5. Will prayer and reading God's Word help to strengthen our faith in God?

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My Prayer

Lord Jesus take my hand,
Be always by my side,
And keep me from the paths of sin,
My Saviour and my Guide.

Make me the kind of boy
Who tries to do the right
Not only when I know they'll see,
But when I'm out of sight.

A boy who wears a smile,
And one who helps the weak;
A boy who's brave to fight the wrong
But fears a lie to speak.

Each day as I grow up,
May I be kind and just;
A son my daddy's proud to own,
A man whom all may trust.

—King's Business

REGINA

Isn't that an unusual name for a little girl? Regina's father and mother were born in Germany, and they moved to Canada quite a long time

before Regina was born. They found their new home very lonely, as their nearest neighbors were far distant, and they didn't speak the same language. But they knew and loved the Lord Jesus, and as their little daughter grew up, they loved to read to her from the Bible and sing to her. Regina often heard her mother sing this little verse,

"Though isolated on this earth,
How can I lonely be,
When I know Thee, my Saviour, near?
Thou livest still for me."

The stories of Jesus and His dying love were very real to little Regina, and she never tired of hearing them over and over.

One day when Regina's father and mother were both away, a band of Indian Redskins came and burned up the cabin and took Regina away with them. The poor girl was taken far away, with a number of other unhappy children, and then she, with another little captive girl, was given to an old Indian woman. They led a very miserable life among the savage Indians. They were given hardly

anything to eat, and had to go out into the bush every day to find what fruits they could.

In the midst of all this sorrow, there beamed a bright ray of light for little Regina. It was the remembrance of what she had heard from her mother. Each day she would tell the other little captive girl the stories of Jesus that she had learned, and then she used to sing to her,

"Though isolated on this earth,
How can I lonely be,
When I know Thee, my Saviour, near?
Thou livest still for me."

The mother little thought, in her loneliness, how much these words would mean to her poor child. She mourned for little Regina and asked the Lord to take care of and keep her. As well as being dressed like an Indian girl, her face had become dark and sunburnt, and she had learned the language and the habits of those with whom she lived.

But the Lord had not forgotten Regina, nor the other little girls who had been captured at that time, and after nine long years the English made peace with the Indians, and ordered them to return all their captives. Messages were sent to different parts of Canada asking parents who had lost their children to come to a certain place to meet with the Indians and claim their children.

Regina and her little friend soon found themselves at the meeting place. What do you think was the first thing she asked for when she saw all the white people again? A Bible! And the tears of happiness ran down her brown face as she opened it and began to read again of Jesus, whom she loved so well. Before long, many fathers and moth-

ers also began to arrive, and they were busy finding their lost children. Regina's mother came, too, and looked for her little girl. But she couldn't find her! Regina was so big and so brown that her mother didn't know her, and she didn't know her mother. At last the unhappy mother thought of an idea. Perhaps her little girl would remember the hymn that she used to sing at home, and in a trembling voice she began to sing,

"Though isolated on this earth—"

Regina heard and remembered! With a glad cry she ran forward and kissed her mother and they were both so happy that they cried.

I know nothing more about what happened to Regina and her mother, but I think you can see from this true story a little picture of God's love and care. How wonderfully He cared for that little girl while she was away from her mother. And how the loving heart of her mother came to meet her and stayed until she found her. God loves you, my reader, and He has His eye upon you as you read this paper. He wants to make you happy and to forgive your sins if you will but turn and take Jesus as your Saviour.

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Tim. 1:15). —Sel.

Will you be as good tomorrow as you could have been if you are not your best today?

Answer: I must use what I have or lose what I have. If I don't grow stronger I will grow weaker. I have a talent to use or to lose. Jesus helps only those who help themselves. Jesus will not answer my prayers if I do not do what I can to help.

"I Want Him Tonight"

A girl went with her mother to a hall where the Gospel was being preached, and listened quietly to an address on, "The Way To Be Saved," but it seemed to her as if the preacher spoke only to the grownup people. On the way home May asked her mother, "Is Jesus a Saviour for a girl nine years old?"

"Yes, indeed He is," said her mother. "He is a Saviour for the youngest who trust Him as well as for the oldest. He died for all, and that takes in my little May as well as her mother. But why did you ask that question?"

"Because I want Him for my own Saviour, and I want Him tonight."

May had often heard the message before, but had never felt a need; but now she just opened the door of her young heart and let the Saviour in, and He made her very happy.

Oh, that the reader may say what May said, "I want Him for my own Saviour, and I want Him tonight!" That was being decided, and in earnest, was it not? —Sel.

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

In our lesson last Sunday we learned how the children of Israel failed to enter into the good land of Canaan which was promised them because of rebellion. Oh, they wished they had died in the wilderness. They were full of fear and doubt. God was so displeased with them. God let them have their desire. He told them that they would have to go back into the wilderness until all over twenty years of age were dead. They woke up and changed their minds when they realized that the wilderness would be their grave. They said that they would

go up and fight against the people and go into the Canaan land (Deut. 1:41). Moses told them that it was too late and they should not go up against the Amorites, but they went, anyway. Doing something without God to help is sure to be a failure. The Israelites were overcome and they left the battle on the run. They had learned a lesson. Years passed by and Moses taught the people how they were to live for God.

Our lesson brings out how God is the only God to serve. The children of Israel were the only people in the world at that time that believed in the true and living God. Many around them in neighboring places worshipped idols. Oh, how sad that is! But, boys and girls, today we are living in a world where there are many who do not worship God. There are many boys and girls who never stop to pray or think about God. How sad. We do not want to be like them. We want to believe and know in our heart that "the Lord our God is one Lord." We want to love Him with all our heart, soul, and might, just as our lesson teaches. Remember we are not always going to live here in this world. Some day we are going to leave it. We must be ready to meet God in peace. There are just two places for our soul to live in eternity. We want to choose to live with God. We want to think about the Lord when we sit in our houses and when we walk down the street. We want to think of God and praise Him for His goodness when we lie down upon our bed. God will bless you if you will always have a praise in your heart for God. We do not want to forget God.

Moses told the people not to forget to thank God for bringing them out of Egypt where they were in bondage.

Can you tell how God brought them out? What a great and mighty God He is! We are serving the same God today.

Moses' work was about finished. God told him to look over the land of Canaan before he died. Moses himself, was not permitted to go into the land (Deut. 3:27). God promised to give the people many good things over in the Canaan land if they would obey him.

—Aunt Marie.

Lesson 8, August 23, 1964

FORGET NOT GOD

Deuteronomy 6:4-17

Deut. 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord:

5 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

10 And it shall be, when the Lord thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedest not,

11 And houses full of all good things,

which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedest not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full;

12 Then beware lest thou forget the Lord, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

13 Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name.

14 Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you;

15 (For the Lord thy God is a jealous God among you) lest the anger of the Lord thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth.

16 Ye shall not tempt the Lord your God, as ye tempted him in Massah.

17 Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee.

Memory Verse: Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them. Deut. 11:16.

Central Thought: Love the Giver more than the gift.

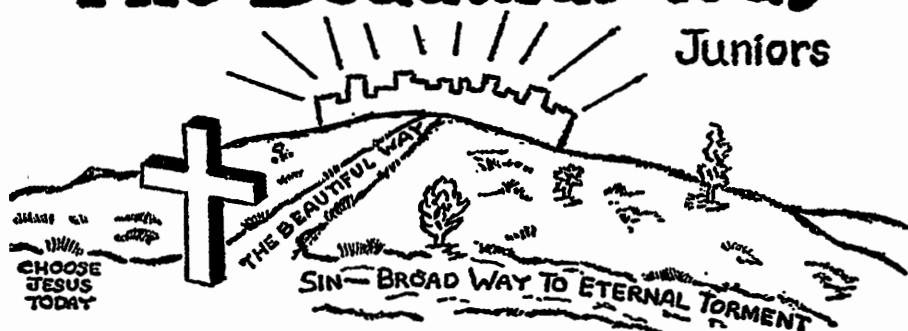
QUESTIONS

1. What are we to love God with?
2. When are we to think of God?
3. What land did God promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob?
4. Whom did Moses tell them not to forget?
5. What kind of gods did the people around them serve?

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Aug. 30

The Holy Spirit

Once Jesus walked the earthly plane
But He to heaven went,
Yet gave a promise, in His place
The Holy Spirit sent.

Not to the world this Gift is giv'n
But to His Father's own,
That they refreshed by joys from Heav'n
May walk with Him alone.

To guide us in the way of life,
To keep our hearts from sin,
To give us peace 'mid raging strife,
The Spirit reigns within.

—Leslie Busbee

GIANTS*

"Oh, Mother, I am so sorry," said Lilly. "Why do I tell things that aren't true? I don't want to. I get so discouraged sometimes. I start to tell something and it seems it is so easy to add something to it that didn't even happen. Right away I

know that it didn't happen."

"Well, dear, Mother understands. I am sorry that I myself have not always lived for God and taught you how wrong it is not to tell the truth. But now since I am saved and living for God, I am trying to teach you to be real careful and always tell the truth. The other night our pastor was talking to your daddy and I and we were telling him about some of our big problems that we have to face. He told us that they were probably like big giants to us, and that we needed to fight them. You have a giant to fight, but you can overcome that giant if you will watch and pray."

"Oh, Mother, I don't like giants," Lilly said as she thought about a great big ugly man with a long beard and bushy eyebrows standing with a huge sword ready to stab her. "I'm afraid of giants."

"That is the way to be, dear," said Mother. "Be afraid of that great big giant called 'Liar.' Don't let him come close to you. Fight him with all your heart, mind, and soul.

*parable

Don't have anything to do with him. He will do you a lot of harm. He will get you into trouble, but he will never help you out. He was sent to you by the devil. He has come to cause you to miss heaven."

"Does he carry a sword?" asked Lilly.

"Well, dear, you can't see this giant but he is as real as a giant. Telling lies is awfully wrong," Mother said as she drew Lilly close to her. She had been standing by her Mother as her mother ironed. "The Bible says that 'all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.' (Rev. 21:7). That is a terrible place. So dear, do fight against it. God will help you and by prayer you can overcome that giant. I feel that even now you can see how wrong it is and will not do it again without correcting it right away. If you have told something, even now, that is an untruth, and it has harmed someone, it will help you if you will make that right. It will help you to be more careful from now on. Ask the Lord to forgive you and fight hard. God will help you to overcome that giant. I am so glad that you told Mother about this so I can pray for you. God will bless and help you."

"I feel so much better about it since I told you how much trouble I have had," said Lilly. "I try to back up and correct it right away, but I don't want to keep doing that. I feel now that I can be more careful."

"The Israelites had enemies to fight when they went into the promised land," Mother said. "But they fought them and God helped them as they fought. We, today, have enemies to fight and God will help us as he did them. God will drive out all the

giants before us as we press right on toward the goal that God has for us. Just as God gave them rest, He will give us rest, too."

"God caused the walls of Jericho to fall down when the Israelites obeyed Him," Lilly said. "I am glad that God will help me, too."

—Marie Miles

Out-Done By a Boy

A lad in Boston, rather small for his years, worked in an office as errand boy for four gentlemen who did business there. One day the gentlemen were chaffing him a little about being so small, and said to him—

"You never will amount to much, you never can do much business, you are too small." The little fellow looked at them:

"Well," said he, "as small as I am, I can do something which none of you four men can do."

"Ah, what is that?" said they.

"I don't know as I ought to tell you," he replied. But they were anxious to know, and urged him to tell what he could do that none of them were able to do.

"I can keep from swearing!" said the little fellow. There were some blushes on four manly faces, and there seemed to be very little anxiety for further information on the point.

Paul is starting on a great trip in the interest of God's kingdom. We see him on board the ship. He is going to bear the glad tidings of salvation to a lost world. This is the greatest message borne to man. We must accept this message or be lost forever. Little children can engage in bearing this message. To speak a

word about Jesus to some one is a great thing to do. Little June prayed to God and the Lord healed her grandpa of a cancer. Children can do work for God.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

The word "possessing" means taking something, or going after. To possess would mean to own or have something in your hands that belongs to you. Now, God had promised the Canaan land to the Israelites. Maybe you could review at this time how God promised it to Abraham, then to Isaac his son and also Jacob who was the son of Isaac. You remember how Jacob went down into Egypt with his family during the famine while Joseph was ruler there. They stayed there until they became great in number. God had told Abraham that his people after him would be in Egypt 400 years (Gen. 15:13; Ex. 12:40). When that time was fulfilled, God led them out of Egypt and Moses brought them into the wilderness. Forty years or more later after Moses, and all but the children, who had come out of Egypt, had died, God commanded Joshua, who was the new leader to tell the people to get ready because they were going to cross over Jordan into the promised land. This is the beginning of our printed lesson.

Our lesson covers the whole book of Joshua. It would be good if you would read the whole book. It is so interesting. I know that you boys and girls read other books and you should read the Bible. Even if you cannot pronounce all the big words, you can understand a lot of it. Maybe you have a good Bible Story book which would be easier to read. But learn what the Bible says. It is very important that you do.

The children of Israel had been eating

manna that fell from heaven for forty years. But when they got into the Canaan land, God did not send manna any more.

The children of Israel marched up to the Jordan river. It was overflowing its banks. God again parted the water and they walked through on dry land. What did twelve men pick up in the middle of the stream and put on the other shore? (Ans. Joshua 4:1-9). What a great God we serve!

There was a big city which had big walls. This city of Jericho was strong but God told the children of Israel to march around the city one time for six days and on the seventh day they were to march around it seven times. After the last time they were to blow the trumpets and shout and the walls would fall down. They did exactly as God told them. We must obey God just as He tells us. We can't do only part of what He says and get by. The people took the city and killed the people in it, all except the woman who had hidden the spies years before. They were to burn the city but were to save the gold, silver, brass, and iron to be put in the treasury of the Lord. Who did wrong that day and was punished? (Ans. Joshua 7.)

The Israelites took the land and conquered their enemies. They divided the land and God gave them rest. There are things we need to take as God has them for us. Salvation is the most important thing. The other virtues of God are for you, too, but you must press for them. If you have trouble obeying God's Word, just keep pressing and watching. You are then possessing it and will soon possess it completely. We are not to be "overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." (Rom. 12:21)

—Aunt Marie.

POSSESSING THE PROMISED LAND

Joshua 1:10, 11; 23:1-9; 24:14, 16

Joshua 1:10 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

11 Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the Lord your God giveth you to possess it.

23:1 And it came to pass a long time after that the Lord had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua waxed old and stricken in age.

2 And Joshua called for all Israel, and for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said unto them, I am old and stricken in age:

3 And ye have seen all that the Lord your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for the Lord your God is he that hath fought for you.

4 Behold, I have divided unto you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea westward.

5 And the Lord your God, he shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as the Lord your God hath promised unto you.

6 Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom to the right hand or to the left;

7 That ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them:

8 But cleave unto the Lord your God, as ye have done unto this day.

9 For the Lord hath driven out from before you great nations and strong: but as for you, no man hath been able to stand before you unto this day.

24:14 Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord.

16 And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods.

Memory Verse: And the people said unto Joshua, The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey. Josh. 24:24.

Central Thought: By faith take those things God has for you.

QUESTIONS

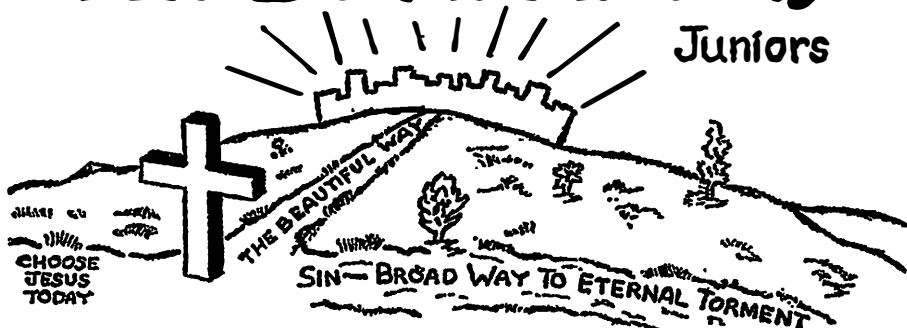
1. What book in the Bible does our lesson cover?
2. How many times did the Israelites march around the walls of Jericho?
3. Was the land divided among the Israelites?
4. Did the Lord bless them after they took the land?
5. Did God warn them to serve Him and not worship idols?

Open rebuke is better than secret love. Prov. 27:5.

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Touch It Never

Children, do you see the wine
In the crystal goblet shine?
Be not tempted by its charm,
It will surely lead to harm.
Children, hate it!
Touch it never!
Fight it ever!

Do you know what causeth woe
Bitter as the heart can know?
'Tis that self-same ruby wine
Which would tempt that soul of thine.
Children, hate it!
Touch it never!
Fight it ever!

Never let it pass your lips;
Never even let the tips
Of your fingers touch the bowl;
Hate it from your inmost soul.
Truly hate it!
Touch it never!
Fight it ever!

Fight it! With God's help stand fast,
Long as life or breath shall last,
Heart meet heart, and hand join hand,

Hurl the demon from our land.

Oh, then hate it!

Touch it never!

Fight it ever!

—Selected by Gary Lynn Eck

"And Edith With Them"

It was in the North of England, some time ago that a lady went one Sunday evening to a Gospel preaching and took her young daughter, whose name was Edith, with her.

The preacher read from Luke xv., and dwelt particularly on the second verse: "This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them."

After the preaching was over, Edith and her mother started for home. The meeting and the words of the preacher had evidently made a real impression on the mind and heart of Edith, for as mother and daughter were walking home together the girl turned to her mother and said, "Mother, the preacher mentioned my name tonight."

"Did he, dear, and what was it he said?"

"O mother, he said: 'This Man receiveth sinners and EDITH with them!'"

If the dear child had mistaken the word, she had grasped the blessed fact that, if Jesus receiveth sinners, she was included with them. AND EDITH WITH THEM.

What a good thing it is to take the Gospel home to the heart in this definite and personal manner, feeling the word has come directly from the heart of God to my poor, sinful heart, and that Jesus has received me! Your name may not be Edith, but, whatever your name is, the same good news is for you personally. God knows your name and all about you, yet, notwithstanding all this, Jesus is waiting to receive you. Those who have come to Him can say from their glad hearts:

"Just as I was, He received me,
Seeking from judgment to flee;
Now there is no condemnation,
This is the Saviour for me."

Those whom Jesus receives come into immense privileges and joys! Would my reader not like to share them, too? The Saviour's precious blood cleanseth from all sin. It is God's great basis and it can be yours. Come just as you are! Do not let the invitation reach you in vain! Tomorrow may be too late!

—J. Jay

A FAITHFUL BOY

I once knew a little boy who lived with his parents and brothers and sisters on a large farm in a Western state.

As he was the oldest child, he was called upon to do a great many things around the farm. Sometimes he was

left to take care of the cattle and horses. His father was not afraid to trust him for he knew his son well enough to know that whatsoever he gave him to do would be done well. This must have been a great satisfaction to his father.

Perhaps this boy missed a good many hours at play, that he might have had if he had been less faithful at his work; but we are sure he was rewarded at the close of each day by being able to look back and know that he had not shirked any duty or left any of his work undone.

So if you would lay a good foundation for Christian character, be faithful at whatever you are given to do, no matter how small the task may seem to be, for God's promises are only to those who are faithful. His Word says, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Things done by halves are never done right.

—Selected

MAN-O'-WAR

The "man-o'-war" is a bird. It is a very strange name for a bird, isn't it? It gets its name from a fighting ship of the same name. The ship spent most of its time on the ocean, and the "man-o'-war" bird does the same. The ship fought other ships; so does the "man-o'-war" bird fight other birds.

This bird has a very bad habit. It is too lazy to get its own food, which is fish. The "man-o'-war" waits until a fish has been caught by another bird and then takes the fish away from it, even if he has to fight for it. If the "man-o'-war" bird worked as hard for his food as he fought for it, he might get some.

We are Christians; and good Christians are not lazy because they're always doing something for Jesus. Neither do they have time to fight others because there is much to do for Jesus. —Selected

It is hard to love those who do us a wrong. It takes courage and will power—Christian courage and will power. What does that mean? It means the courage and will power such as Christ used when He was with men, and the courage and will power that God will give to us if we ask Him.

Did you ever do a kindness for someone you dislike? Try it.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

You will soon be in school again. I am sure that a number of you were permitted to be in a campmeeting this summer or some special meeting. We trust that you gave your heart to the Lord. God wants all boys and girls to love Him and serve Him. We are living in a wicked world. You need God to help you do the right. But there are many in this world who do not try to do right. In school there are many boys and girls whose parents do not care if they live right or not. So, boys and girls, do be careful. Pray every morning before you go to school and ask God to help you to live saved that day. Don't let other boys and girls get you to do wrong. They will try to, but you do not have to do what they say. By doing right, your life will cause them to feel badly and they might even try to do better.

Our lesson is about the Israelites who had been given the Canaan land but who did not drive out all their enemies. After Joshua died there were some more to be

driven out of the land that God had promised them. But our lesson tells us that the Israelites did evil in the sight of God. Isn't it sad to think how God had been so good to them and then they would do wrong and disobey Him? God was grieved. He was going to punish them. We can't do wrong and get by. Sin has to be punished. God permitted some wicked nations to come upon them and take away their food, etc. They had to let the wicked nation rule over them. They got into so much trouble that they called upon God to help them. God would send them a judge to help them out. But they soon would forget and would be bowing down before an idol worshipping it instead of God. Then God would help them again as they cried to Him. He would send another judge to help them out.

In the book of Judges you can read about the different leaders that helped them out. One was named Gideon (Judges 6, 7). He was surprised when God told him to help the people drive out their enemies. There was a multitude of the enemies that came out to fight against them. God told him how to choose just 300 men to help him. God wanted them to know that he would do it for them and they would praise Him. They put lamps in empty pitchers. The 300 men blew the trumpets outside the camp of their enemy and broke their pitchers. This so frightened the sleeping enemies in the middle of the night, that they got up and ran in all directions. God gave them a big victory.

Another leader was Samson. And then God had a woman named Deborah that judged the people. God blessed her as she led others into battle. God was displeased when the people disobeyed Him. —Aunt Marie

LEADERS FOR TROUBLED TIMES

Judges 2:11, 14-23

Judges 2:11 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served Baalim:

14 And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies.

15 Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the Lord was against them for evil, as the Lord had said, and as the Lord had sworn unto them: and they were greatly distressed.

16 Nevertheless the Lord raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them.

17 And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the Lord; but they did not so.

18 And when the Lord raised them up judges, then the Lord was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented the Lord because of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them.

19 And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they returned, and corrupted themselves more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; they

ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way.

20 And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel; and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice;

21 I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations which Joshua left when he died:

22 That through them I may prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the Lord to walk therein, as their fathers did keep it, or not.

23 Therefore the Lord left those nations, without driving them out hastily; neither delivered he them into the hand of Joshua.

Memory Verse: There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 1 Cor. 10:13.

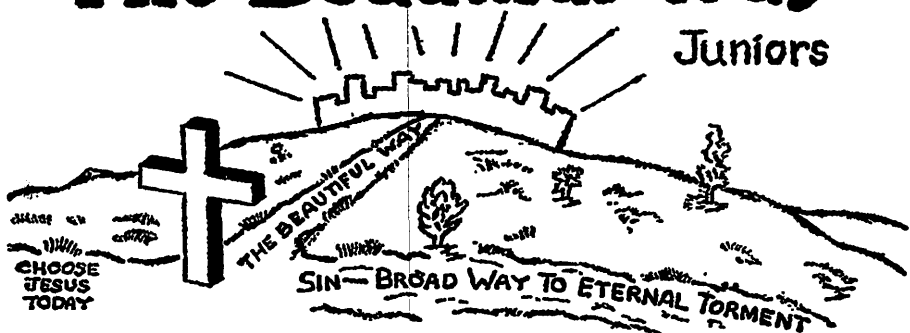
Central Thought: Sin must be punished.

QUESTIONS

1. Did the Israelites do wrong in bowing down to other gods?
2. How did God punish them for doing wrong?
3. How did Gideon help the people when an army came against them?
4. Tell something about Samson who was a judge of the Israelites.
5. What was the name of the woman who judged Israel?

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CAN YOU SPELL?

My first is in Egypt
But never in mount.
My second's in valley
Two times, if you count.
My third is in Israel
And Sinai, too!
My fourth is in James,
A good leader, and true.
My fifth is in David;
You'll find it in Mark.
My sixth is in Bethel,
But never in Ark.

My all is a Prophet,
To Carmel I came
And prayed at an altar.
Now, what is my name?

Answer: Elijah

Ruth's Real God

Little Ruth Cameron's mother and father and her Sunday School teacher all taught her there was a God, but Ruth was eight years old before God became her real God. She had heard about Him from others and had

prayed to Him and read in her little Bible about Him. But after He sent her a quick and direct answer to her mother's prayers, He became her real God. Ruth often tells how she believed there was a God but after this experience she knew there was a God, and He was her real God.

God became so real to Ruth, that she stopped saying prayers as a duty and began to talk to God as to a dear father or friend. God became so real to her, she began to do things to please Him. Ruth could not remember when she had not feared God and tried to obey Him. But now it was different. It was not just obeying Him and doing the things He commanded, but now it was living to please Him. "Would God like me to do this?" she would ask herself often. I know you want to know how God became so real to Ruth Cameron.

"Mother, I just can't stand her another day," cried Ruth as she burst into the kitchen door after school. "You can't stand what?" asked her mother. "I can't stand her. Oh, Mother, won't you do something?"

Mother gathered her small daughter up in her arms and held her close to her heart a few moments then asked Ruth to tell her all about it. "Oh, Mother, you will just have to go and see Miss Hammond for me. There is no other way," sobbed Ruth.

"I tried to stand her and I even loaned her my new pencil and at recess I gave her some of my apple, but Mother, I can't stand her any more. She pushed me out of my place in spelling class and just then Miss Hammond looked and said, 'Why, Ruthie, step in line,' and she would not let me explain it was her fault, the bad girl. I just can't stand her." The steam of pent-up feelings poured into Mother's ears.

Now Mother was busy ironing, but she saw Ruth needed her and so with a prayer for guidance she set back the iron and went with Ruth into the dining-room and sat down. They talked together over different plans. Mother did not want to go and trouble Miss Hammond, but she had known for some time that Ruth was not happy at school. At last Mother said, "Well, Ruth, I don't want to trouble Miss Hammond and yet I do want to help you. You are my dear little daughter and your trouble is my trouble and your heart-ache makes my heart ache. I was just thinking how Jesus' heart was troubled also by your little trouble." As Mother said this, Ruth dried her tears and looked up. "Why, Mother, does Jesus feel my little troubles like that?" "Of course, He does, dearest. Let us kneel right down here and tell Him all about it and ask Him to help you."

"O God," began Mother (she always talked to God), "now You know all about this little girl. If she knew

You, Jesus, she would not be naughty. She would want to be good and kind. But, Jesus, she is making life so hard for Ruth. Won't you please do something about it to help Ruth? We don't want to bother teacher, she has so many cares and worries. Jesus, You can do it better than mother or teacher. We just leave it right in Your hands. If Ruth could just change her seat or something. We will just trust You to do what is best and we are sorry for this little girl and wish she would let You come into her heart and make her good. Bless Miss Hammond and give her wisdom, we ask this in Jesus' Name, and we will give Him all the praise. Amen."

Mother went back to her ironing, but Ruth did not seem to get any assurance that things would be any better. She had not learned to "believe that you have the things" you prayed for when you have asked God in faith. Three days later a different Ruth came joyously in the kitchen door. "She's gone, she's gone. Oh, Mother, I am so happy she's gone. That bad girl is gone and we did not have to do a thing, did we? Oh, Mother, she is really gone," and Ruthie clapped her hands in grateful joy. "Tell Mother all about it, dear; where has she gone?" "She's moved away and she was not at school at all today. Miss Hammond asked me if I would like that seat. Oh, Mother, God is real when it comes to trouble," added Ruth speaking wisdom beyond her years.

Again Mother took her little girl on her lap. "Ruth, never forget this experience, how we took this trouble to God and how He worked it out in His own way and how much better His ways are than our ways."

This, children, is the way God first

became real to Ruth Cameron. He wants to become real to you. Go to Him and tell Him how your hearts are full of naughty ways and full of selfishness and sin. Ask Him to cleanse your hearts from all sin by His Blood and then invite Him in to live forever in your hearts. He will become as real to you as He did to Ruth and you will be as happy as Ruth was. —Selected

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CALL HIM DOWN

A little child, whose parents were irreligious, heard the Name of Jesus mentioned and wondered where He was. Thinking her mother might know, she asked, "Mother, where's Jesus?" The mother, wishing to dismiss the subject as soon as possible, said, "Oh, He's away up there." The child, eager to catch a glimpse of Him, said, "Call Him down." This sent an arrow of conviction to the mother's heart which resulted in her conversion.

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

Today God does not speak from the heavens and tell people what to do in an audible voice. God speaks through His Holy Spirit, His teachers, ministers, missionaries, and the written Bible. We know what God requires of us if we will listen to God's Word. God needs men, women, boys and girls who will desire to learn about Him and the way to heaven so they can tell others. This is God's way of letting others know about Him. One time when Jesus was here, He said, "I am the light of the world." Then Jesus went away and before he left, He told His disciples that they were the light of the world. We are lights in the world today. We are

to show others the way to heaven.

Our lesson brings out the thought of how God talked to Samuel and how he told others the things God wanted them to know.

I am sure you remember how God told Samuel's mother that she would have a son after she prayed so earnestly for one. Samuel's mother told the Lord that she would give the son back to God. When he was old enough, his mother took him to the tabernacle where Eli was the high priest. Samuel helped trim the lamps and helped him take care of the work of the Lord there. Samuel loved the Lord and God loved him. God talked to Samuel and he told the people what God wanted them to know. After Eli died Samuel carried on the work of the Lord. Our lesson says that Samuel was known throughout the land as the Lord's prophet. Eli was getting old and his sons were doing wickedly. The people surely needed a good leader. Eli was glad that Samuel was a man of God and he could help the people. They had sinned and turned to worshipping idols. They needed a good leader.

One day Samuel called the people together in one place. He told them that God would deliver them from the Philistines who were their enemies if they would repent and turn to the Lord. Samuel prayed for the people and God heard his prayer and forgave them for forsaking Him and worshipping idols. Samuel offered a sacrifice for the sins of the people.

The Philistines heard that the people were gathering together in one place. They supposed they were getting ready for a battle. But when the Israelites came up against them, God thundered a great thunder and the Philistines were afraid and ran in confusion. The Israelites followed them and God gave them

a big victory.

The people were glad for their great leader. They listened to him and God blessed them as long as Samuel lived. Samuel judged the people. He went to three different places. —Aunt Marie.

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A SPOKESMAN FOR GOD

1 Samuel 3:19, 20; 7:5, 6, 10-17

1 Sam. 3:19 And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

20 And all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord.

7:5 And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the Lord.

6 And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured it out before the Lord, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the Lord. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh.

10 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the Lord thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel.

11 And the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until they came under Bethcar.

12 Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.

13 So the Philistines were subdued,

and they came no more into the coast of Israel: and the hand of the Lord was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

14 And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even unto Gath; and the coasts thereof did Israel deliver out of the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

15 And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.

16 And he went from year to year in circuit to Bethel, and Gilgal, and Mizpeh, and judged Israel in all those places.

17 And his return was to Ramah; for there was his house; and there he judged Israel; and there he built an altar unto the Lord.

Memory Verse: Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Prov. 3:5, 6.

Central Thought: Boys and girls can speak for God.

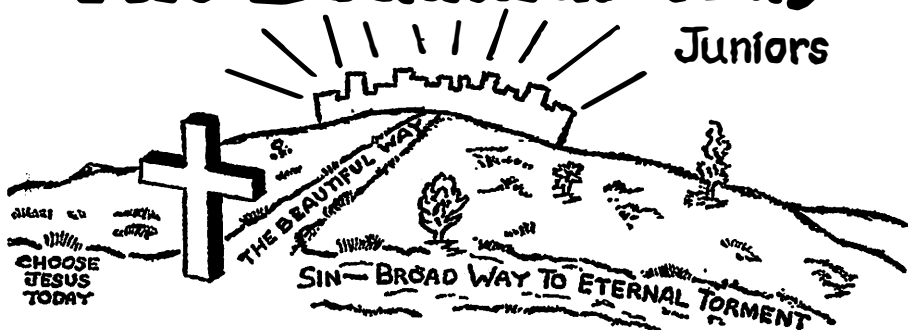
QUESTIONS

1. Was Samuel a spokesman for God when he was young?
2. Did others in the land recognize Samuel as a prophet?
3. Did Samuel lead the people back to God and where?
4. What happened while Samuel was offering a sacrifice unto the Lord?
5. What was the circuit that Samuel had to judge the people?
6. Are we to speak for God today and be lights in the world?

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I Live Because

I live because God put me here
And gives me breath to live and move;
I live because the Lord so dear
Wants me His love to prove.

I live because His gracious plan
Prevailed to reach my mortal day;
I live because He seeks in man
A glory that abides for aye.

I live because there're others here
Who live as well as me;
I live to shed a ray of cheer
That hope their hearts may see.
—Leslie Busbee

Milly's Quarrel Unsettled

"Goodbye, Milly. Milly, won't you say goodbye to me?" rang out the clear voice of Anna Hodge as she called to her friend as the scholars were separating on a Friday evening, after school hours. Milly passed on, paying as little attention to what Anna had said as if she had never heard her. Anna stood still for a mo-

ment, and seeing the coldness of Milly it brought hot tears to her eyes. "Never mind," said she, "you'll be sorry some day." But receiving no reply she turned and walked slowly away.

Anna and Milly had been very great friends all their lives. They had attended the same church, and at school had always sat side by side and never had an evil thought of one another. There was never an angry word between them, but today they were having some fun and it happened to end in a quarrel which surprised the whole school. Such a thing had never been seen of them, and sad to say, it was to be Anna's last day at school for the following Monday she was going to leave that place to go many miles away. She had become a Christian when but a child and the Lord had made her very kind and merciful. Hot tears had been brought to her eyes at the indifference of the one she so dearly loved. Thus they parted. Anna remembered the words of her Lord, "Forgive, and ye shall be forgiven," while Milly, who was not a

Christian, thought, "I'll see her again in a short time and then all will be made right. I want her to feel that she has wronged me."

The fact of the matter was that Milly was entirely in the wrong. She was brought up to be selfish and have her own way in everything and she thought it ought also to be so in this case. Poor girl, she did not know the many heartaches the results of this would bring her. Monday came and Anna bade farewell to the village which had become very dear to her. The days became very wearisome to Milly, who by this time began to realize what a good friend really was worth. Day after day she waited for a few lines or at least some word in some way from Anna, but all in vain.

About three weeks had passed which seemed to be almost as many years to Milly, but one morning she came to school rather late. School had already commenced. She had scarcely taken her seat when her quick eye told her that something unusual had happened. She saw some talking to each other and their faces seemed as if their hearts were all sadness. At recess she sat down by the stove. She had scarcely done so when a young lady came and sat close by her.

"What's the matter this morning, Alice?" questioned Milly. "You seem to be so sad."

"Oh, I attended one of the saddest funerals yesterday of any I ever attended in my life," replied Alice.

"A funeral! Who was buried?" asked Milly, in a careless way for she was never very much interested in funerals.

"Anna Hodge," answered Alice.

"Anna Hodge!" cried Milly spring-

ing to her feet. "Don't tell me that she is dead. It is not, it dare not be true!"

"Yes," said Alice, "she died very happy."

"Did she say anything about me?"

"No, her last words were, 'God bless you all,' and she fell asleep very peacefully."

"Oh," thought Milly, "must I go through life with our last parting in my memory? What shall I do? It is too late to ask Anna's forgiveness; she is gone forever and her last words to me were, 'You'll be sorry!'"

Do you think Anna's words came true? A thousand times, yes! Milly is now a young woman, but she can never think of her schooldays without a great deal of sadness. Through that experience she was taught a lesson she will never forget—to confess her wrongs and ask forgiveness before it is too late. It has perhaps made her a sadder but wiser woman for time and eternity. —Selected

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Again God Spared My Life

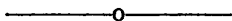
About one year after we were in the storm which God had so marvelously brought us through, He again spared my life. My father loaded about four or five bushels of washed wool in the wagon to be taken to the carding plant at Verona, Mo., which was about seven miles from where we lived. We were there all day getting the wool made into rolls for spinning thread used for blankets and dresses. We returned home about sundown.

Our big black dog saw us coming and ran down to the big gate, that was left open, and down the road to meet us. On his way, he jumped

over a large clump of prairie grass, causing a rabbit to jump out of the grass in front of the horses and the dog jumped after the rabbit. The horses got scared and made a quick turn causing the wagon to turn over. Mother, seeing what was happening, picked up my brother, E. M. Zinn, and tossed him out of the wagon to safety. Then she jumped out, holding the lines and pulled one horse into a tree. That kept them from dragging the wagon with my sister and me under it. There was a hole in the wagon bed about two feet long. My father had put a plank over the hole and spread a canvas over the back of the wagon. When the wagon came to a stop, my sister and I were sitting with our heads sticking out of that hole. The Lord just caused the plank to fall down to protect our necks and keep them from being broken.

I think of a song that Bro. Chandler sings, "The Lord will make a way, somehow." Truly the Lord did make a way somehow in protecting our lives. Only the goodness of God toward us permitted us to be alive.

—Sister Annie McKinney



Dear Boys and Girls:—

Sometimes people want things that are not good for them. Sometimes boys and girls want things that are not good for them. Sometimes people will pray to the Lord, "You know what is best for me because you are all-wise, but give me the things I have asked for." That would not be trusting God to do the best for us, would it?

In our lesson, the Israelites wanted a king. All the nations around them had a king. Up until this time God had been their leader. He spoke to them through

his prophets. Moses was their leader and God talked to him and told him how to help the people and where they were to go. After he was gone, then Joshua was their leader. Then we studied about the judges the Lord raised up to help the people. Samuel was now their judge. They came to Samuel and told him their desire. Samuel wept because they wanted a king. In other words, they were rejecting the King of heaven. They were expressing their unthankfulness for the way the Lord had led them. They had lost some faith in Him. This grieved Samuel because he loved the Lord. This also grieved the Lord. One of the reasons they gave for wanting a king was that he would do for them just what the Lord had done. Samuel told them that they would be sorry for their desire. But they still wanted a king. The Lord, that day in answer to Samuel's prayer, made them know He was displeased. God sent a thunder and rain upon them to make them know of His disapproval. (1 Sam. 12:15-19).

Saul had been sent to look for his father's donkeys. He looked and looked but could not find them. He heard that Samuel, the prophet, was in a certain place so he went to ask him if he could tell him where the donkeys were. During this time God had told Samuel that the man who was to be king would come at a certain time to this town. As he waited, Saul appeared. Samuel asked him to go up with him to the feast. There he anointed him king and gave him a hint of what was to be done to him in the presence of all the people later. As Saul went, the Lord blessed his soul and the spirit of the Lord came upon him.

In our lesson we find that the people had all gathered together. All the tribes had come before Samuel and he chose

the tribe of Benjamin and then the family of Kish was chosen. Among his family, Saul was sought for, because God had told Samuel he was the king and of course, he had already privately anointed him. But Saul could not be found. He was humble and hid himself among the stuff. When he was brought forth he was a tall, handsome man. He was the kind the people wanted. The people liked him and shouted, "God save the king." Later Saul turned away from God and the people had lots of trouble. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 12, September 20, 1964

THE PEOPLE DEMAND A KING

1 Samuel 10:17-25

1 Sam. 10:17 And Samuel called the people together unto the Lord to Mizpeh;

18 And said unto the children of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, and of them that oppressed you:

19 And ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, Nay, but set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before the Lord by your tribes, and by your thousands.

20 And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken.

21 When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken, and Saul the son of Kish was taken: and when

they sought him, he could not be found.

22 Therefore they enquired of the Lord further, if the man should yet come hither. And the Lord answered, Behold, he hath hid himself among the stuff.

23 And they ran and fetched him thence: and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward.

24 And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the Lord hath chosen, that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, God save the king.

25 Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before the Lord. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.

Memory Verse: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance. Ps. 33:12.

Central Thought: We should trust God to give us what is best for us and not all we want.

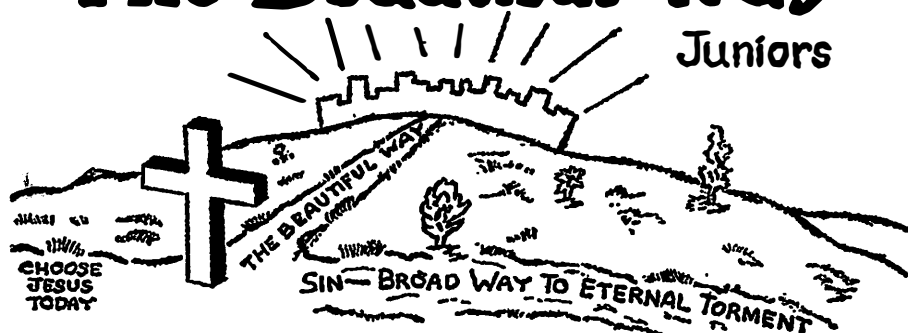
QUESTIONS

1. What did the Israelites ask Samuel to give them?
2. Who had been their leaders up until this time?
3. How did God make them know he was displeased because they wanted a king?
4. Was Saul a small, weak-looking man?
5. What did the people say when Samuel told them that Saul was the one the Lord had chosen for their king?
6. Is it good for us to always get what we want?

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Hide and Seek

Sometimes Satan tries to play
Hide and seek with me;
But he's always "it," because
Me he cannot see.

It's because I hide myself
Right behind the One
Who is bigger than the world—
Satan then must run.

If he hunts me day and night,
Me he cannot find;
For I'm safe behind my Lord,
Who to me's so kind.



Becky Versus Becky

"Oh, oh, Becky! I'm going to tell the teacher, I'm going to tell the teacher," chanted Becky Wilson to Becky Allen.

"Tattle-tale, tattle-tale," retaliated Becky Allen.

This could have been just an incident in a day of rural school life, but for some reason it grew into a regular feud.

"Why, Becky, how did you get ink in your hair?" inquired Becky Wilson's mother.

"Becky Allen put my hair in the ink-well," replied Becky, sobbingly.

"What made her do that, I wonder," pondered Mrs. Wilson. "Did you do anything to her that would make her want to do this?"

"Well," hesitated Becky, "I just untied her ribbons and tied them up again—in a lot of hard knots."

Sometimes Becky Wilson would whisper in another girl's ear while looking at Becky Allen out of the corner of her eye. Of course, Becky Allen would know she was whispering about her and would seek a similar way to retaliate.

If one had an apple or a piece of candy, the other would damage it or snatch it away and eat it. When playing games there were many mean things done. In the winter, snowballings, upset sleds, etc. In the spring, mudpuddles were splashed, mud-pies were thrown, etc., until finally the parents decided something must be done. Nearly every night

the girls would have some tale of woe to relate.

The parents agreed that the best thing to do was to have a talk with their daughters at home and the next day have them apologize to each other ask for each other's forgiveness and agree to do nothing more against each other. Now, the Wilsons were not Christians, or church people, but the Allens were.

It was noontime before the great task was undertaken. The girls stood by the stove for a while, neither daring to start. They had had lunch. Hot cocoa was furnished by the school at two cents per cup. Other warm things could be purchased in similar manner. Warm lunches were an innovation for the rural schools at this time.

Finally Becky Allen spoke, her chin quivering, "Becky, I am sorry for the things I have done to you. I am not going to do them any more, and I want you to forgive me." It was a hard thing to do, this apologizing, but she felt so much better after having said it.

"I'll forgive you if you will forgive me," was Becky Wilson's reply.

Instantly the girls hugged each other, kissed, and then had a good cry.

"Did you ask the Wilson girl to forgive you?" inquired Mrs. Allen when Becky arrived at her home that evening.

"Yes, and we were the best of friends all the rest of the day!"

"Did she ask you to forgive her?" further-inquired the mother.

"Well, yes, that is, she said she would forgive me if I would forgive her, and then we had a good cry together."

Mrs. Allen thought it an opportune

time to instruct her daughter in the virtue of forgiveness.

"I am glad you girls are friends again. Let me tell you how you can continue to be friends right along. You forgave each other today. This was an act. Do you remember in the Sunday School lesson last Sunday that when the disciples asked Jesus how many times they were expected to forgive another, Jesus replied, 'Seventy times seven.' He did not mean that they were to count out that many times and no more, but rather that they were to forgive others an indefinite number of times. To do this, forgiveness must be in your heart. It must be an attitude, not an act. True forgiveness is an attitude. Maintain this attitude of forgiveness in your heart and you will forgive Becky Wilson, and others, the instant they do something against you. You will not wait for them to ask you. As long as you have this attitude of forgiveness in your heart you always will be friends with Becky Wilson."

"Oh, Mother, how plain you have made it! I must tell Becky Wilson what real forgiveness is, the kind that Jesus meant, so we can be friends forever and ever." —Sel.

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He Knew His Bible

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A boy was on a steamboat making a journey. One day as he sat alone on the deck, looking down into the deep water, two wicked men agreed that one of them should go and coax him to drink. So the wicked man drew near the boy and in a very pleasant voice invited him to go and drink a glass of wine with him.

"I thank you, sir," said the boy,

"but I never drink intoxicating liquors."

"Never mind, my lad, it will not hurt you. Come and have a drink with me."

"Wine is a mocker strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise," was the boy's ready reply. He was quoting from the Bible.

"You need not be deceived by it. I would not have you drink too much. A little would do you no harm, but would liven you up."

"At last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder," quoted the boy. "And I certainly think it wiser not to play with adders."

"My fine fellow," said the crafty man, "it will give me great pleasure if you will only come and drink just one glass of the best wine with me."

"My Bible says, 'If sinners entice thee, consent thou not,'" was the reply.

That was a stunning blow to the tempter, and he went back to his companion, defeated.

"How did you succeed?" he asked.

"Oh, not at all. The fact is," replied the man, "the youngster is so full of the Bible that I can not do anything with him."

Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles. Prov. 21:23.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Samuel was getting to be an old man. The people had chosen a king and now he felt they did not need him. He called the people together. He asked them if they had any fault to find in him. They told him they did not. Then he wanted

to talk to them about the "righteous acts of the Lord." God had been good to them.

Today we want to review our lessons that we have had during the last three months. Next Sunday we will study another part of the Bible.

Samuel goes back to when Jacob came into Egypt. You remember that Joseph was ruler then and there was a great famine. How many came with Jacob into Egypt? (Gen. 46:26). Did the new king that arose, favor the Israelites, Jacob's family? (Exodus 1:8). What did the new king make the Israelites do? (Ex. 1:10-12). Why did Moses' mother hide him? (Ex. 1:22). Who found the baby? (Ex. 2:5). Tell more about Moses. What mistake did he make? (Ex. 2:15). What did Moses see by the mountain and who was there to talk to him? (Ex. 3:1-2). Who was to speak to Pharaoh for Moses? (Ex. 4:12). Can you name the plagues that were sent on the Egyptians? (Ex. 7 to 11). What last plague caused Pharaoh to let the people go? (Ex. 12:29). What happened at the shore of the Red Sea? (Ex. 14:16). Who followed the Israelites? (Ex. 14:23-31). What did Moses do when the people did not have water? (Ex. 17:5). Did God speak to the people from Mount Sinai? (Ex. 20). Name the Ten Commandments. (Exodus 20).

What did God command the people to build so he could live among them? (Ex. 25:9). How many rooms were in the tabernacle? (Ex. 26:33). Name the furniture that was in the tabernacle. (Ex. 26:34, 35.) What is each room a type of? What did the 12 spies find when they went into the Canaan land? (Numbers 13:23, 27, 28). What was the name of the two spies who believed they could take the land? (Numbers 14: 6, 7). How long did the people have to

wander in the wilderness? (Num. 14: 33). When were the Israelites to teach their children about God? (Deut. 6:7). Where was Moses buried? (Deut. 33: 7, 8). Who was their new leader? (Josh. 1:1-3). Did God help the Israelites to conquer their enemies? (Josh. 23:1). Name some of the judges. (In today's lesson, 1 Sam. 12:11). Who was the judge when the people asked for a king?

The Lord was good to the people and He will be good to us. God punished them when they did wrong so they would turn to him. That is God showing them love. He didn't want them to die and not be right with Him. God loves us today and wants us to do right.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 13, September 27, 1964

THE RIGHTEOUS ACTS OF GOD

1 Samuel 12:6-15

1 Sam. 12:6 And Samuel said unto the people, It is the Lord that advanced Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt.

7 Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before the Lord of all the righteous acts of the Lord, which he did to you and to your fathers.

8 When Jacob was come into Egypt, and your fathers cried unto the Lord, then the Lord sent Moses and Aaron, which brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwell in this place.

9 And when they forgot the Lord their God, he sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the host of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and

they fought against them.

10 And they cried unto the Lord, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the Lord, and have served Baalim and Ashtaroth; but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee.

11 And the Lord sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies, on every side, and ye dwelled safe.

12 And when ye saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us: when the Lord your God was your king.

13 Now therefore behold the king whom ye have chosen, and whom ye have desired! and, behold, the Lord hath set a king over you.

14 If ye will fear the Lord, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the Lord, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the Lord your God:

15 But if ye will not obey the voice of the Lord, but rebel against the commandment of the Lord, then shall the hand of the Lord be against you, as it was against your fathers.

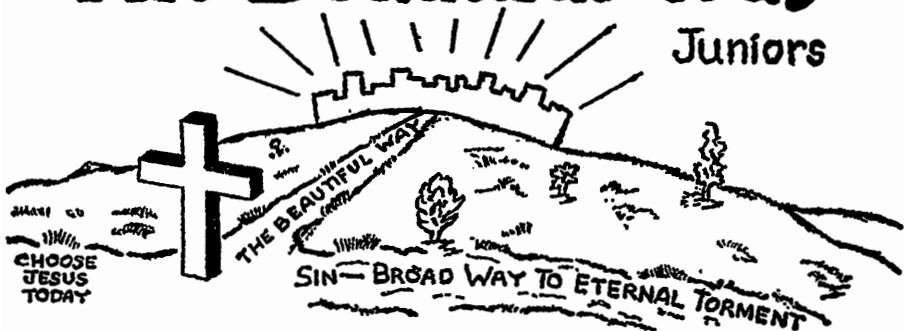
Memory Verse: And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect. Heb. 11:39, 40.

Central Thought: We should not forget what God does for us.

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TRUTH

Truth from heaven! what a blessing
We can have from it to learn,
While its joy we are possessing
From the paths of sin we turn.

While false teachers are deceiving
With contrary words of strife,
Heaven's truth we are receiving
From the Saviour's words of life.

Let's be careful how we listen
Shun the wrong and seek the right.
Then our hearts with love shall glis-
ten
In the path of shining light.

—Leslie Busbee

False Preachers Tell Lies*

"Rachel, come here! I want to show you something," yelled Alice as she closed the lid to a box out by the alley in her back yard. "Hurry

up! I know you will just love this cute little rabbit."

"Open the lid," said Alice as Rachel came running up to the box.

Rachel loved little rabbits and she eagerly opened up the lid. Alice laughed and laughed because there wasn't any rabbit in the box.

Rachel stood there and looked in the box. There wasn't anything in the box. She was so surprised, but most of all because Alice had told her a lie. Her mother had taught her how awful it was to tell lies and that the Bible taught against it. She told her that God would cast all liars into the lake of fire. She had always been very careful to tell the truth. Many times she had been tempted, but she would always remember that she must obey Jesus. She wanted to go to heaven. Rachel then said to Alice, "You told me a lie. You said you had a rabbit in the box and you didn't have anything in the box."

"Oh, but it was just a joke," Alice said as she quit laughing. "Don't be so serious and such a wet blanket."

*parable

"But, Alice, it isn't right to tell lies," said Rachel as she turned to go back to the house. She felt so badly to think that Alice had lied to her. It wasn't the first time she had lied for she had done it often and she felt that she could not be a true friend if she would always lie. She didn't know if she even wanted her for a friend to be with all the time.

"Where are you going?" asked Alice.

"I am going home," said Rachel.

This made Alice feel badly. She liked Rachel because it didn't make any difference how she treated her, she was always her friend. Even when some of the other girls would be mad at her, Rachel would always treat her the same. She now felt she had hurt Rachel and she was losing her as a friend so she said, "I don't know why you should go just because I told you a little white lie. It's all right to tell white lies. The preacher's wife tells white lies 'cause my mamma said so."

"But my mother said there is no difference between a white lie and a black one," said Rachel. "My mother also said there are some false preachers in the world, too. They do tell things that are not so. I am not surprised that any false preacher's wife would tell lies. But Mother said that God's preachers tell the truth and preach what is right and what the Bible says."

"Really, Rachel, are there preachers in the world who tell lies?" asked Alice. "I never thought about that before. I thought all preachers told the truth."

"Sure, some of them tell lies," Rachel said. "Oh, here comes David. He was there the other night at our

house when my father was telling a false preacher that he should not tell the people lies. Hey, David, come here! What was it that Daddy was telling that false preacher?"

"What do you mean; about a Christian sinning?" asked David.

"Yes, what was it?" said Rachel.

"Oh, that false preacher said that a person who was saved sinned every day and my father read to him out of the Bible that whosoever sins is of the devil, and a person who does not sin is of God. (1 John 3:8, 9). That sure got him. He didn't know what to say to that. He had been preaching to thousands that a Christian sinned every day and couldn't help it," said David. "Daddy also told him that Jesus came into the world to 'save his people from their sins.' " (Matt. 1:21)

"I am going to tell my mother about this," said Alice. "Maybe she doesn't know that some preachers will tell things that are not true. She had better read the Bible instead of believing them. That is what I am going to do."

—M. Miles

Jesus Nailed to the Cross

The manner of nailing the criminal, or the victim, to the cross was simple. The cross was laid upon the ground, and the one to be crucified was stretched upon it and spiked there. The hole for the cross was previously dug. Then the cross was carried to the hole and dropped into it. This, of course, drew every nerve and muscle into tension and produced the greatest imaginable suffering.

A teacher of a class of working girls showed them a steel engraving

of a famous picture of the crucifixion. Three crosses were upon the ground. Soldiers were struggling with the two thieves, and forcing them down upon the crosses, while others drove the spikes. Upon the middle cross Christ lay down quietly, and extended the quivering palms to receive the spikes. As the young women looked at the picture, one cried, "Oh, was Christ nailed there alive! I thought that He was dead before He was nailed there." The teacher replied, "Yes, He was nailed there alive for you." The girl, weeping, said, "Then I am His forever." —Selected

Which Are You?

Don is talking:

"Ten dimes. Boy! That makes a whole dollar. I'll buy that eighty-nine cent boat I saw, and then I'll get a soda!"

Harry is talking:

"Ten dimes make a dollar. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine dimes for me, and this last one for God. I'll put it in the offering Sunday!"

Joe is talking:

"Ten dimes! Let's see, one for God, and nine for me. No! I'll just keep eight, and give God the one that belongs to Him, and one extra besides!" Which boy do you think pleased God the most?

Which boy are you?

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson today is part of a letter written to Timothy by Paul, the Apostle. Notice how the Apostle Paul showed his love to the young minister, Timothy.

He called him his son. Timothy had heard the gospel story from Paul and had listened to it. He obeyed the touch of God upon his heart. Timothy realized that he had sinned. Sin will never enter heaven. Timothy saw how great the love was that God had for him. Even while Timothy was in sin God loved him and longed for his love in return. When Timothy heard how Jesus had come to this world, lived and was mistreated so shamefully by wicked men, then finally was nailed to a cross and died for his sins and the sins of all other people in the world, it touched his heart. When Timothy knew that Jesus was alive and sitting on the right hand of God, asking God to forgive those who came to Him and confessed their sins, it touched him and he, in tears, called upon God. God forgave Timothy and, oh how happy he was! Now he had a pure heart. Salvation makes men and women, boys and girls happy. If you are not saved, please give your heart to Jesus today.

The subject of our lesson is "true doctrine." The dictionary says that the word doctrine means "something that is taught." Paul taught "true doctrine" to Timothy and that is the reason he gave his heart to God. Our lesson speaks of "sound doctrine." If there is a sound and true doctrine, then there must be false and unsound doctrine in the world. In other words, there are false and untrue teachings about God's Word. Boys and girls, we must know what is true. We can't be mistaken about what is truth. We each have a soul. Our soul will live in eternity some where. We want to live in eternity in heaven so we must know the truth, the right way to heaven. One thing we do know is that we find the truth and the right doctrine in the Bible. We do not want to take part of the Bible,

but to take all of it to live by. We will be judged in that Great Day by the Bible.

In Paul's day there were those, as there are today, who taught false doctrines. In our lesson Paul gave Timothy, and us today, advice to not listen to those who taught false doctrines. There are those who will talk much and never really give you a firm thought.

List the things that the law of God taught against and discuss them. God's law is for those who do not want to do right. Notice that it lists liars right along with murderers. It is awful to tell lies. No liar will get into heaven. A person who lies must confess it, and ask God to forgive him. God will do that and save your soul. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 1, October 4, 1964

TRUE DOCTRINE

1 Timothy 1:1-11

1 Tim. 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope;

2 Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

3 As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,

4 Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.

5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of

a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:

6 From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling;

7 Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.

8 But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully;

9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for men-stealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

11 According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

Memory Verse: Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned.

Central Thought: There is a true and a false doctrine.

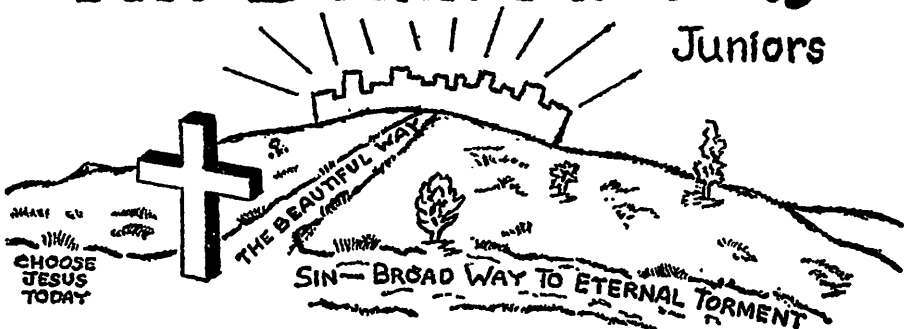
QUESTIONS

1. What did Paul call Timothy?
2. What does the word "doctrine" mean?
3. Are there true and false doctrines? Explain each.
4. Who was the law of God made for?
5. Is it a greater sin to kill a person than to tell a lie?

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Part Two

Oct. 11

True Christian

The life of a Christian
Recorded is found
On pages immortal:
The gospel's sweet sound.

Of Paul, his conversion,
His manner of life,
His courage and comfort
Thru storm and thru strife.

And then at the ending
This world bid farewell—
This story is precious,
I love it to tell.

—Leslie Busbee

Marge Confesses

"What is the matter, Marge?" asked her mother as she went to Marge's bedside in the night. She had been awakened by the sound of her crying.

"I want to get saved," said Marge as she tried hard to quit crying.

"Why, I am glad that you want to

give your heart to the Lord," said her mother. "Let us get down upon our knees now and pray."

Marge slid out of the bed and knelt beside her mother. Her mother prayed to Jesus and asked Him to forgive Marge for all that she had done that was wrong and to save her from her sins. She prayed for the Lord to create within her a clean heart just like God had done for all who confessed their sins and begged for forgiveness with a broken heart. After Mother finished praying, Marge just kept crying. Her mother then told her to pray but she still didn't get saved. Something was in the way. After Marge's mother prayed the second time she asked Marge if she had something to confess that she had done. She told Marge that even if she had done something that no one in this world knew about, that God knew about it. God knows everything and we have to make things right and clear them up before God will save us. All of a sudden Marge threw her arms around her mother's neck and sobbed out that she had

taken some money out of the Lord's money and bought some gum with it. Marge knew it was wrong to steal. The family had a box where they put the money they set aside to use for the Lord's work. They called it the Lord's money. When they would get a certain amount they would send it to some missionary or give it to some worker for the Lord. Sometimes they would give it to help print the gospel to be sent out. Marge asked her mother to forgive her and said that she was sorry.

Marge's mother was very surprised to find out that she would dare to take some of the Lord's money. But her mother knew how the devil would get boys and girls to do awful wrong things if they were not watchful and careful. Of course, Marge's mother forgave her but she told her that she must also ask the Lord to forgive her. She told her that she would have to work and save her money and pay it all back. They prayed again and the Lord forgave her and she felt so happy. She dried her tears and lay back down on the bed. She was so happy that all was clear between her and her Lord. She could now go to sleep and rest. —M. Miles

TV Leads to Death

A little boy and his chum were home in Indiana one day, watching television. In a commercial, a man poured something from a bottle into a wine glass, and tasted it, and said, "Yum, that's good!"

"My father has a bottle like that in the kitchen cupboard," remarked the little boy. His friend said, "Let's go taste it. The man said it's good."

The boys found several bottles in the cupboard. They poured some of the liquor from all of them into a tall glass. Between them, they drank all of it.

When the mother came home, she found both boys unconscious. An ambulance rushed them to the hospital, where one boy died from acute alcohol poisoning. The other almost died.

If those boys could speak to you, they would say, "Don't look at television! It will lead you wrong."

When strong drink or tobacco are advertised, always remember that the nicotine in tobacco and the alcohol in strong drink are both deadly poisons.

—S. H.

"Fear Ye the Lord"

Sometimes children, and grown-ups as well, think that since they aren't saved they may as well commit all the sins they want to, forgetting that for all we do we will have to give an account for it. If we fear the Lord our days will be prolonged, so says Proverbs 10:27.

An unsaved friend of ours said that he was in the company of some other men who were planning to do something wrong. He was going along with them and all at once he saw the image of his mother before him. He told them right there that he could not do the wrong deed and he told them why. You see, he had remembered her teaching and he still feared to disobey even though he was grown and unsaved. Perhaps he was saved from heartaches because of the fear he had.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had

so much godly fear that anytime we were tempted to do wrong we could visualize the Lord standing by looking at us? If we keep a tender conscience, He will be right beside us to warn us against doing the wrong.

It seems, however, that now even small children have no godly fear. They can lie with such ease and never change the expression on their faces, whereas if their little consciences were tender, their countenance would change when they do wrong. Teenagers murder, steal, curse, and commit all types of sins that were not even thought of by the adults years ago. We are thankful they are not all that way. There are some who are living in the fear of the Lord and will receive His blessings of prolonged life.

—O. A. D.

We ought to love Jesus rather than man. God raised up Jesus from the grave. Jesus is now sitting on the right hand of God. When we pray to Jesus, He forgives us of our sins.

Dear Boys and Girls:

When we think of Paul and how he did not believe that Jesus was the Saviour who was to come to this world, it helps us know how some in the world today feel. Some today will not accept Jesus as their Saviour. Of course the law today protects us from those who would do as Paul did. In Paul's day it seems that many in authority were against Jesus and Paul received letters from them to go to other towns and bring Christians up before the court and they were condemned to death. We read how Paul stood by while Stephen was stoned to death because he loved Jesus and told those who were around

him that they had killed the One whom God had sent to save them from their sins. In our lesson Paul tells Timothy about his past life. He said he was a persecutor. He made fun of those who loved Jesus. He did all he could to cause them to stop loving Jesus. He told them that Jesus was not the true Saviour. He did all he could to cause trouble for those who loved Jesus. He did many things to injure them. He committed many sins and did not care if he harmed people. He even said he was a chief of the sinners. But one day, as he was going to Damascus with letters to bring up some Christians, God stopped him. God saw that Paul was having a hard time doing wicked things. God needed Paul to work for Him. He dealt with his soul. Suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. Paul fell to the earth. He was afraid. As he lay there, he heard a voice which said, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" (Paul's name was Saul then but was changed later to Paul.) Paul was surprised to be asked a question like that. He didn't understand so he asked, "Who art thou, Lord?" Then Jesus spoke to him and said, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks." It was hard for Paul to go on in sin like he had been. Jesus wanted him to know that when he didn't accept Him as his Saviour that he was persecuting Him. When a person does something evil to one of those who love Jesus, they are doing it to Jesus. Paul was astonished but he was a humble man. He was a changed man. Now he was convinced that Jesus was truly the Saviour. He knew in his heart that he had been wrong all this time. Now he knew that he was on the wrong way and he needed to change his way. Oh, how sorry he was

that he had been sinning. He asked Jesus to forgive him. Jesus was glad to do that and how happy Paul felt. Now he would not harm anyone any more. Now he would go out and try to get others saved. Now he would live a different life. Now he was a different man. That is what salvation will do for every boy and girl. Paul is a pattern for us to follow. If we will confess our sins and forsake them we, too, can be saved. (Acts 9:1-21). Won't you give your heart to Jesus today?

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 2, October 11, 1964

PAUL, THE PATTERN

1 Timothy 1:12-17; 1 Timothy 2:1-7

1 Tim. 1:12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;

13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

14 And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be

honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Tim. 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

7 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

Memory Verse: This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

Central Thought: We want to be a good pattern for others in this world.

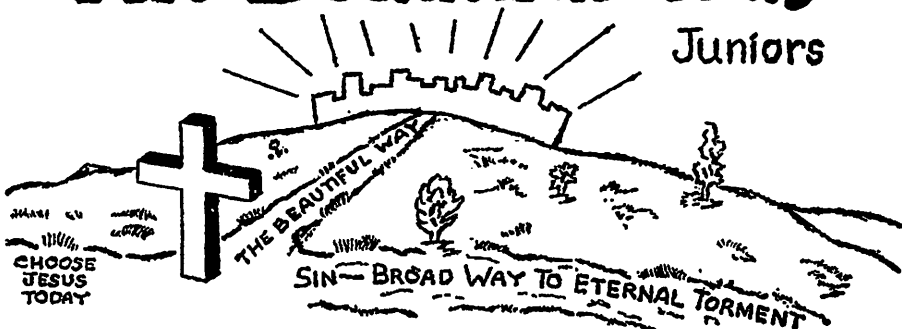
QUESTIONS

1. What is a pattern?
2. What did Paul do when he was a bad pattern?
3. Who, through mercy, made him a good pattern?
4. If Jesus could save Paul, can He save us?
5. Who is the mediator between us and God?

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More Dear Than Life

More dear than life is peace and rest:
The Saviour's will obeying;
This Stephen proved and did his best,
From Jesus never straying.

He did not in despair draw back
When stones were on him falling,
He left this world without a lack,
Upon the Saviour calling.

Oh, what is life without the Lord?
In vain its highest pleasure
A life for Jesus can afford
The only lasting treasure.

—Leslie Busbee

Deacon Jones*

"How is your father today?" asked Alma as she and Wanda met on their way to school.

"He was real sick last night," Wanda said feeling so sad and troubled.

"Deacon Jones sat up with him again last night."

"He has done so much for him, hasn't he?" said Alma.

"Oh yes, he has!" Wanda said. "He is such a wonderful man."

"Who is a wonderful man?" asked Bob and Cliff as they walked up behind the girls.

"Deacon Jones is," said Wanda.

"I'll say he is," Bob said with firmness. "When our car was stolen, he loaned us his car to use when we had to have one."

"Yes, and I do like to hear him talk, too," said Cliff. "When a person is so good, then you will listen to what they say. He helped my aunt when her husband died. He took care of her chickens when she went away for a few days and also helped her with her business."

"One thing he surely is careful with Charles and Betty," said Alma. "But you know, they are so nice to be with. They say their daddy is strict but they are glad because they know that he loves them. Betty was saying the other day that she felt sorry for a

*parable

girl she named that her parents did not care very much for her. She said this girl's parents let her run around at night and didn't care what time she got in. She ended up by saying she surely loved her parents."

"Charles is a fine fellow, too," spoke up Bob. "He is so much like his daddy. He likes to help the older people and always takes time to stop and speak to old Mrs. Brown. I think she expects it because nearly every day she makes it a point to be out somewhere in view so she can have a chat with him."

"Why, sure, she likes it," Wanda said. "Her days are so long because she can't get out very much. My mother said that when you talked to older people that it gave them something to think about for a long time because they can't get around very much. I think we ought to remember to speak to older people more often. I know I should."

"Say, there comes Deacon Jones in his car," spoke up Cliff. "He'll speak to us, just wait and see if he doesn't. He is a wonderful man."

After Deacon Jones slowed down and called a hearty hello to each one, he drove on. Wanda spoke up and said, "I think we obey the Bible because it says for us to give double honor to deacons and elders who rule well. I think we show honor to Deacon Jones, don't we?" —M. Miles

WRITING BEFORE MOSES' TIME

There was a time when critics, (men who tried to prove that the Bible was not really written by God) said that Moses could not have written the first five Books. The reason was that writing in Moses' day was

unknown. But archaeology (the digging up of old ruins) has proved that many things in God's Word are true. The archaeological spade has proved by its finding that the critics are wrong. The remarkable pillar of black stone, or diorite, was discovered at Susa in Persia. It contains some ancient laws called the code of King Hammurabi, who lived about the time of Abraham. And the writing dates back some five or six hundred years before Moses. So their statement (that writing in Moses' day was unknown) is proved untrue.

At a later period the critics admitted that writing had existed before the time of Moses, but they denied that any such man as Moses ever lived. Once more archaeology answered. And now the name of Moses written thousands of years ago is shown in the British Museum, having been dug up in some old ruins. Again the critics were wrong!

The critics can never do away with the Bible. It is God's Book and will last forever. —Sel.

Bears Help Each Other

A man was once making inquiries in Russia about the method of catching bears in that country. He was told that to entrap them a pit was dug and covered over by turf, leaves, etc., then some food was placed on the top. The bears, if tempted by the bait, easily fell into the snare.

"But," he added, "if four or five happen to get together, they all manage to get out again."

"How is that?" asked the man.

They form a sort of ladder by stepping on each other's shoulders, and thus make their escape."

"But how does the bottom one get out?"

"Ah! these bears, though not possessing a mind and soul such as God has given us, yet can feel gratitude; and they won't forget the one who has been the chief means of their liberty. Scampering off, they fetch the branches of a tree, which they let down to their poor brother, enabling him speedily to join them in the freedom in which they rejoice."

Sensible bears, we should say, and a great deal better than some people that we hear about, who never help anybody but themselves.

HONESTY IN SMALL THINGS

When Grover Cleveland was a boy he insisted upon returning the egg that a neighbor's hen daily laid in a nest on the Cleveland side of the fence. This was early proof of a real honesty which marked him as a real man and as President of the United States.

Honesty in little things leads to honesty in matters of great importance.

Each kindness shown to birds and men is sure to flutter back again.

—R. Wilbur.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Did you remember to pray every day last week before you went to school? I do trust that you did. Don't ever feel you can face one day without asking Jesus to help you. Get down and pray and ask the Lord to give you grace and help for the day and then go forth knowing in your heart that He does that for you. Once in a while in your heart and mind just thank the Lord for

how He is helping you. If you happen to make a mistake, you want to correct it quickly and be more watchful the next time. Remember to be kind to everyone. One boy said he tried hard to not be selfish. He said that he would always try to walk on the muddy side of the sidewalk and let the other boy have the best. He said it was harder to watch and not step in the mud so he made it easier for the other boy. I thought that was very thoughtful of that boy.

Our lesson is about Stephen who was a deacon. In 1 Tim. 3:8-13 it tells what a deacon must measure up to in his life. He must be sober, not to drink wine, no gossip or slanderer. He must be blameless and the husband of one wife. He also must rule his home and his children well. Our lesson tells us that Stephen was one who was chosen to help take care of the widows and take care of the business. The deacon must be filled with the Holy Ghost.

There is one thing that I feel that you dear boys and girls who have fathers or mothers who are workers for God need to think very much about. I know when I was your age I thought about it. My father was a minister and he often told us that if he could not rule his home he could not be a successful worker for the Lord. He then told us that God required him to have us obey him and the rules of the home. The Lord helped me to understand that. I loved my father and mother. I tried to not do anything that would cause others to talk about them or that would hinder them in their work for God. It hurt me if someone would say something about them. I feel that the Lord helped me to understand that. I trust that God will also help you to understand and know that you will have to give an account

to God if you do things to bring a reproach upon your parents and hinder their working for God.

Stephen preached a wonderful sermon to those people who hated the ways of Jesus. He preached just what the Holy Ghost told him to preach. They were greatly stirred about it. They stoned him, but notice how God was with him. He even opened up the heavens and let him see Jesus standing on the right hand of God. Jesus could not sit down and watch one of His children suffer for His name's sake. He stood up in honor of him. Stephen died with forgiveness upon his heart and lips for everyone that threw a stone at him. Oh, he went to a wonderful home in heaven! God will help us, too. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 3, October 18, 1964

STEPHEN, THE DEACON

Acts 6:2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 14; Acts 7:1, 52, 54-56, 59, 60

Acts 6:2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Phillip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

8 And Stephen, full of faith and

power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

13 (Stephen's enemies) . . . set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:

14 For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us.

7:1 Then said the high priest, Are these things so?

54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Memory Verse: Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. 1 Tim. 5:17.

Central Thought: God will help us as He did Stephen.

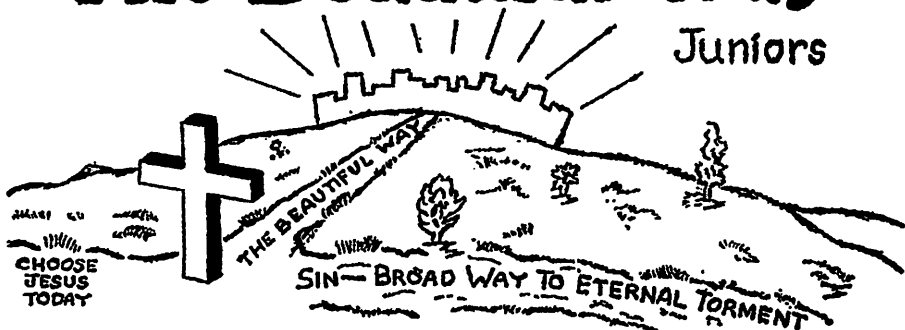
QUESTIONS

1. What gift in the church did Stephen have?
2. What kind of life does a deacon live?

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Profit of Godly Fear

With godly fear one's life is sure
For God hath promised to supply,
And those who walk life's pathway
pure
Need never fear the stormy sky.

God watcheth o'er His saints so dear
Who walk each day in paths of love,
He'll surely keep when danger's near
And send them help from up above.

And when this life comes to an end
Eternal life to them will be
The rich reward; and Christ, their
Friend
Will live with them eternally.

—Leslie Bushee

What Followed

A young man, arrested for stealing \$30,000, sat alone in a criminal's cell out of which daylight had faded. Lying on his hard bed, he pictured himself with the world outside full of warmth, and light, and comfort.

The question came to him sharply, "How did I get here?"

Was it really for the stealing of this great sum?

Yes and no.

Looking back twenty years, he saw himself a schoolboy, ten years old. He remembered his Uncle John—such a queer, kind, forgetful man. That very morning his uncle had sent him to pay a bill at the country store and there were seventy-two cents left and Uncle John did not ask for it. When they met that noon, this boy stood there under the beautiful blue sky, and a great temptation came. He said to himself, "Shall I give it back, or shall I wait until he asks for it? If he never asks, that is his lookout."

A theft of \$30,000 brought this young man to a prison door; but when a boy, he turned that way when he sold his honesty for seventy-two cents.

That night he sat disgraced, and an open criminal, in his chilly cell.

Uncle John was dead. His mother was brokenhearted. The prisoner knew that what brought him there

was not the man's deed alone but the boy's.

Had the ten-year-old boy been true to the Lord, life now would have been different. One little cheating was the first of many, until his character was eaten out, could bear no test, and he had wrecked his manliness and his life.

—Selected

The Spider and the Fly

"Will you walk into my parlor?" said the spider to the fly. "'Tis the prettiest little parlor that ever did you spy. The way into my parlor is up a winding stair, and I have many curious things to show when you are there."

"Oh, no, no," said the little fly, "to ask me is in vain. For who goes up your winding stair can ne'er come down again."

"I'm sure you must be weary, dear, with soaring up so high. Will you rest upon my little bed?" said the spider to the fly. "There are pretty curtains drawn around; the sheets are fine and thin. And if you rest awhile I'll snugly tuck you in."

"Oh, no, no," said the little fly. "For I've often heard it said, they never never wake again, who sleep upon your bed!"

Said the cunning spider to the fly, "Dear friend, what can I do to prove the warm affection I've always felt for you? I have within my pantry good store of all that's nice. I'm sure you're very welcome—will you please to take a slice?"

"Oh, no, no," said the little fly. "Kind sir, that cannot be. I've heard what's in your pantry and I do not wish to see."

"Sweet creature!" said the spider, "you're witty and you're wise. How handsome are your gauzy wings; how brilliant are your eyes. I have a little looking glass upon my parlor shelf. If you'll step in one moment, dear, you shall behold yourself."

"I thank you, gentle sir," she said, "for what you're pleased to say. And bidding you good morning now I'll call another day."

The spider turned him round about and went into his den. For well he knew the silly fly would soon return again. So he wove a subtle web in a little corner sly. And set his table ready to dine upon the little fly. Then he came out to his door again and merrily did sing, "Come hither, hither, pretty fly, with the pearl and silver wing. Your robes are green and purple—there's a crest upon your head. Your eyes are like the diamond bright, but mine are dull as lead."

Alas, alas, how very soon this silly little fly, hearing his wily, flattering words came slowly flitting by. With buzzing wings she hung aloft, then near and nearer drew. Thinking only of her brilliant eyes and green and purple hue. Thinking only of her crested head—Poor foolish thing—at last up jumped the cunning spider and fiercely held her fast. He dragged her up his winding stair into his dismal den. Within his little parlor—but she ne'er came out again!

And now, dear little children, who may this story read, to idle, silly, flattering words, I pray you ne'er give heed. Unto an evil counsellor close heart, and ear and eye. And take a lesson from this tale of the spider and the fly.

What Counts Most

"I have learned a dozen Bible verses this week," bragged Joe, as he walked to Sunday School with Ted. They were both members of the Willing Helper's Class.

"I learned only one," admitted Ted. "But all the week I have been trying to use it as a guide in what I do. It kept me busy remembering to use that one verse."

"What was the verse?" asked Joe.

"Just a short one," answered Ted, "but a big one to follow, 'Children, obey your parents in the Lord,' was the one I took. Every day I found some way I could do it better if I followed it carefully."

"Well," admitted Joe, "I haven't had time to use any of the verses I did learn. I guess I'll try learning one and using it."

Jesus told us to be hearers of the Word. But He told us to also be doers of the Word. —Sel.

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

I know that boys and girls are active. I feel it is good to run and jump at times. You do need exercise. But I feel that you can get a lot of exercise by doing things that are helpful. Some boys and girls will get out in the yard and do exercises. They will bend over and raise up again. They feel it will make them strong. Now there are a lot of jobs you can do for mother and daddy that will give you the same kind of exercise. That kind of exercise can be done while you are picking up your things and putting them away. Those shoes you kicked off last night, why can't you bend over and pick them up

and put them in the closet or on the shoe rack? Maybe you can use some of that energy to work in the garden or pick up things for mother off the floor that the baby can't pick up. If you will think of your work as being good for you as it makes you strong, I don't feel it will be so hard to work. But just to be out running and jumping, playing ball so much, etc. isn't very profitable.

The Bible tells us about something that is more profitable than bodily exercise. There is something that is better than playing ball. I know that some boys and girls say that they would rather play ball than to eat. The Bible says that "godliness" is better than anything else in this life. Godliness in our life gives us a promise of a wonderful life here and a more wonderful and glorious life in heaven with our blessed Saviour, Lord Jesus Christ. It is better to live a clean, pure life here in this world than to play ball. Are you just as interested in living right and pleasing the Lord as you are in playing? God wants you to be. The first part of our lesson tells us that we need to know how to "behave" ourselves in the "house of God." That doesn't mean just to know how to act when you go to the chapel and are in services, but to know how to live every day so the Lord will be pleased with your life. You have to work at it and be interested in doing it.

Now, some can exercise themselves in telling long stories and even dirty jokes. It seems some boys and girls can remember a dirty joke better than they can a Bible verse or something that is good and worthwhile. Oh, how sad that is! Our lesson points out how we should refuse to listen and refuse to tell jokes and stories that have no help or

meaning. But our lesson says it is better to "exercise thyself rather unto godliness." It is better to remember and think about some Bible verse than a dirty joke. Don't listen to them when others tell them. God has made all things pure and clean but man has made them impure and unclean by the way they talk and act about them. So "take heed unto thyself" that no man can find fault with you because you are young but be an example in the way you talk, act, and show forth love, purity, and faith.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 4, October 25, 1964

CHRISTIAN LIVING

1 Timothy 3:14-16; 4:4-12, 16

1 Tim. 3:14 These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly:

15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

4:4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:

5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ,

nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.

8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

9 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.

10 For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

11 These things command and teach.

12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

Memory Verse: For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things. 1 Tim. 4:8.

Central Thought: Be an example of Christian living.

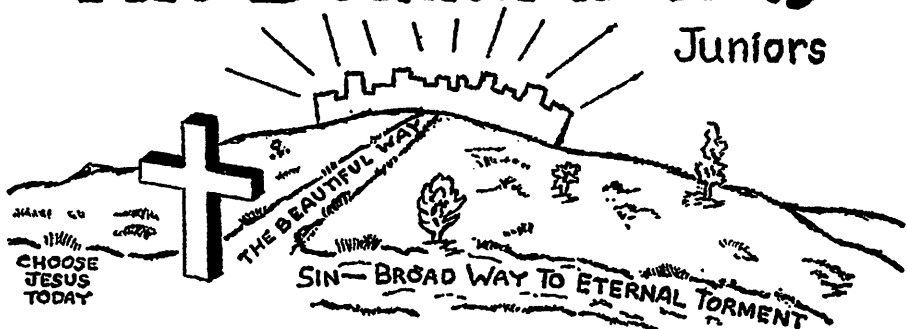
QUESTIONS

1. What is the mystery of godliness?
2. What is better than playing ball?
3. Does God want us to listen to dirty jokes?
4. How can we keep others from despising our youth?
5. How can we take heed unto ourselves?

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Part Five

Nov. 1

Which is Richer?

One clothed himself in purple fine,
He ate his bread and drank his wine.
With servants many, crops and land
He flourished with a mighty hand.
But when he died, he 'woke in hell
A captive there to ever dwell.

One lay each day with sores depressed
While naught but rags his body
dressed.

And weakly begged for crumbs that
fell

From him who fared so very well.
The angels bore his soul away
To live again in heaven's day.

—Leslie Busbee

RICHES

"I wish I was rich," Raymond said as he looked in the store window at a new bicycle. "I sure would buy that bike. It's a slick job."

"I would like to have it, too, but I don't wish I was rich," said Clyde. "Rich people aren't happy."

"How come they aren't?" said Raymond. "Mr. Rilmore drives that big car and holds his head high. He acts like he owns the world and seems so happy."

"I don't know how he could be happy," said Clyde. "He never goes to church and he gets drunk. I don't think he could possibly be happy. Of course, he tries to make everyone think he is."

"If I had a big car like that and lots of money I would be happy," said Raymond. "But now I want that bicycle."

"Our Sunday School teacher read us a list of ten rich men that died a horrible death," said Clyde. "Some even took their lives. So you see, money won't make you happy."

"What won't make you happy?" asked Sue as she and Eileen walked up to the side of the boys as they stood by the window.

"I was just telling Raymond that money won't make a person happy," said Clyde. "The Bible tells about King Solomon who had the chance to ask for anything he wanted. He

asked for wisdom and an understanding heart. He had thousands of people to judge and he wanted to know how to do it wisely. But God gave him riches, too."

"Oh, yes, my daddy read that to us in worship the other night where he had money and got all kinds of things and did everything he wanted to do but it didn't make him happy," Eileen said. "He built big fine buildings and had beautiful gardens. He planted orchards and trees of all kinds. He had all kinds of servants, singers, musical instruments, all kinds of animals and gold. Just anything he wanted, he got, but he wasn't happy. He said it was all foolishness and nothing to it. Then at the last of the second chapter of Ecclesiastes, Solomon said that God giveth to a person that which is good and joy. Only God can make a person happy."

"You would make a good preacher," Raymond said with a laugh. "How could you remember all of that?"

"Well, you don't know my daddy," said Eileen. "He believes in teaching us the Bible. He tells it to us and then he has us tell it back to him."

"Well, anyway, I don't want to be like that rich man who died and went to hell," said Sue with a shudder. "He was so selfish that he wouldn't even feed the poor man, Lazarus. He begged for a drop of water to cool his tongue in the flames."

"My! All of you make a person feel it would be wrong to even have any money," said Raymond. "I don't think it is wrong to have some money if you use it right."

"No, it isn't wrong to have money if you don't love it," said Clyde.

"It isn't money that is the root of all evil, but the Bible said that "the

love of money is the root of all evil," Eileen said. "I had that for my verse in Sunday School one time. Then it says somewhere in the Bible that if a person is rich that they are to do good and be willing to help others; that all they have, God gave them, and they didn't bring anything into the world and can't take anything out." (1 Tim. 6:17, 18)

"If I am ever rich, that is what I want to do," said Raymond.

—M. Miles

A Lock on His Lips

"Now, if you sit with the other boys of your class in meeting during the sermon," cautioned Robert's mother, "put a lock on your lips and don't whisper, for you might disturb the minister."

"I'll try," smiled Robert; "but it's hard for a fellow to keep from talking when another boy asks you questions and punches you in the ribs because you don't answer."

"But my boy is brave and true-hearted," encouraged his mother, "and I know he can do it."

Robert's mother took a last look to see that his clothes were all right, then kissed him and he was off.

After Sunday school, Robert sat in meeting with the rest of his class. They were right in front of the minister, who could note all their actions. He had hardly begun his sermon when Arthur, who sat next to Robert, began to talk to him. There was no answer. Robert shoved over closer to the end of the bench and looked straight at the preacher. Arthur didn't like Robert's refusing

to answer his questions, and began punching him in the ribs with his elbow. Robert remembered what his mother had said, and he endured it bravely. He was against the end of the bench, and could not move farther away. Robert felt the blood rising to his face, and was about to retaliate by punching Arthur in his side with his fist when the minister stopped short in his sermon and looked right at Arthur.

"Arthur," he said, "I wish you would not bother Robert. He is trying to listen to what I am saying, and he doesn't want to talk to you."

Arthur blushed and dropped his head, then he moved away from Robert as far as he could get. He did not bother him again. Robert kept his eyes on the preacher and became more interested than ever in what he was saying.

"I put a lock on my lips, all right," said Robert to his mother, on arriving home; "but if the preacher had not helped me, I suspect I should have broken the lock all to pieces."

Then he told his mother what had happened, and she kissed him and told him she was so glad the lock was not broken, even if the preacher did have to help him keep it.

The Bible says, "Keep the door of my lips." —Selected

THE END

Jesus has promised to take all those who love Him to His wonderful home in heaven. We don't know just when He will come for us, but He tells us to keep watching and to be ready at any time to go with Him. Is your heart ready to go when He comes?

Dear Boys and Girls:

I heard about a son of a king one time that had everything that he wanted. He had only to mention what he wanted and it was given to him. Now many of you would think that that boy would be the happiest boy in the world. I am sure you can just imagine what you would ask for if you were given the same chance of getting what you wanted just by the asking. But, boys and girls, that boy was not happy. One day he was sitting on the steps of his big home. He looked very troubled. He was asked what was troubling him. He answered that he didn't have anything else to wish for. So, boys and girls, it isn't money that can make you happy. It isn't those nice things that you think you would buy if you had lots of money that can make you happy. Our lesson tells us that the "love of money is the root of all evil." Even if you do not have much money you can love it very much and be very unhappy because you do not have it, or what it will buy. Loving money will bring unhappiness and evil to you.

There are rich people who have everything that they desire or that money can buy for them, yet they are so troubled and unhappy that they will even take their lives. Boys and girls, money is not what will make you happy. Can you tell me what will really make you happy? Our lesson tells us that godliness will make you happy. Having Jesus in your heart will make you happy. God made us in the beginning to want to please Him. There is a longing in every heart for God. Until that longing is satisfied by turning to God and seeking to please Him, there will be unhappiness in the heart. So boys and girls, give your heart to God and know what

real happiness in this world is. Do not seek for happiness anywhere else but in God. God has the riches of peace, love, joy, and a home in heaven to give to you.

The poor rich man in our lesson played the fool. He tried to find happiness in this world. He wanted to lay up treasures here. He raised big crops and his trees bore much fruit. He was laying up his treasures here in this world, thinking that he would be happy here. He was so foolish when he tore down his barns and built larger ones. He forgot that when he was born that he brought nothing into this world and that when he died he could take nothing with him. He played the fool. How surprised he was when God appeared and death came to him. Boys and girls, don't play the fool. Give your heart and life to Jesus. Desire to please him and you will be contented and happy in this life. Live a life for others by doing God's service. Be useful and do not be selfish. God will bless you.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 5, November 1, 1964

PLAYING THE FOOL

1 Timothy 6:6-11; Luke 12:16-21

1 Tim. 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

Luke 12:16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater: and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.

Memory Verse: But godliness with contentment is great gain. 1 Tim. 6:6.

Central Thought: God is the only one who can give us true happiness.

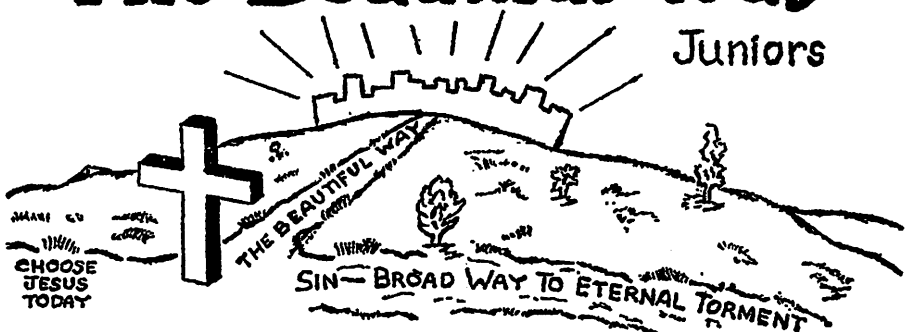
QUESTIONS

1. Who is a foolish person and a wise person?
2. Does the Bible say that money is the "root of all evil"?
3. Can you buy happiness with money?
4. What does our lesson say that, with contentment, is great gain?

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Part Six

Nov. 8

Be Not Afraid

Be not afraid to own the Lord,
To ever lift Him up,
And claim the life He doth afford
And drink His offered cup.

Be not dismayed when others look
In wonder at your stand,
Rejoice that in God's Mem'ry Book
You're written with His hand.

And when before the judgment throne
We stand with all around,
He will confess us and will own
Us as His children found.

—Leslie Busbee

Doing Our Part

"What is bothering you, Rachel?"
Mother asked. "You are deep in
thought and I wonder what your
thoughts are."

"Mother, the minister told us that
we are to be witnesses for Jesus,"
Rachel said with a serious look. "He
also said that if we did not witness

for Him that we would not stay saved.
I want to keep saved, but Mother,
I don't think I can stand on the street
corner and sing nor can I go from
door to door with tracts and give
them out. It is so hard for me to
even stand up and say that I am saved
in prayer meeting."

"I thought that you gave a good
testimony last prayer meeting, dear,"
said Mother. "I don't think a person
has to say a lot but if they can truth-
fully stand up and say that they love
Jesus and be thankful that they have
been given grace to live for Him, I
feel that is a good testimony and a
good witness for Jesus."

"Yes, but I don't think I could
stand on the street corner and sing,"
Rachel said. "I do want to please
Jesus, though."

"My dear, has the Lord told you to
stand on the street corner and sing?"
asked Mother.

"No, but do you have to do that?"
asked Rachel. "It seemed that is
what our preacher was saying."

"Now, dear, the Lord wants all of
us to be willing to do anything for

Him but He wants us to do it at the right time and when the opportunity comes," said Mother. "When you are older and have learned to sing well you probably will be able to sing with the others in a street meeting, but don't worry about that now. And of course it would be all right for you to give tracts to some of our neighbors but it isn't safe for a little girl to go far from home doing that. I feel that the devil is trying to discourage you and make you feel you have to do that to be saved. There are many ways you can witness for Jesus. Just living a sweet life for Jesus in your home and at school is being a witness for Jesus. The boys and girls that you are with will know that you are doing the right and it will help them to do better. Your life can witness for Jesus. Inviting others to Sunday School is witnessing for Jesus. There are many little ways you can witness for Jesus."

"I asked Leola and Jim to come to Sunday School and they just made fun of me," Rachel said. "I told them that they should be ashamed to speak of Jesus as they did but they only laughed."

"Well, dear, we are no better than our precious Lord and Saviour," said Mother. "When He was here on earth they made fun of Him and cast him out. Paul suffered many things because he witnessed for Jesus but just think of all the good that has been done because he witnessed for Jesus. Even today we appreciate Brother Paul for giving us the truth on how to live to get to heaven."

"I am glad that I asked Mabel and her brother to come to Sunday School and they have been coming ever since," Rachel said.

"And because they came, their parents started coming to services and our pastor said that they had called him to pray for their baby when it was sick. We are hoping they both will soon be saved," Mother said. "And if they are saved, you will have had a part in it. So, dear, just be encouraged—you are doing a lot for Jesus." —M. Miles

A Night in an Indian Village

Edith Cole felt faint as the jeep which brought her to the Indian village drove out of sight. She said to herself, "I have waited five years for an invitation to visit this tribe at night. Now I feel afraid alone with the Indians and night coming."

The Indian mother was one who had been saved at our meetings at Santa Catarina. Her home was built of willow branches, grass, and poles. She invited Edith into her kitchen, which was a separate shack of the same material, for supper. The dirt floor was swept clean, and things seemed in fair order with a clean smell. Edith helped make tortillas of flour, water and salt. Then they were rolled out into round flat pieces and flapped back and forth on their hands, then cooked on top of the stove of hot mud bricks. The Indian boys brought in wood from the desert. When the tortillas were all done, they sat down on boxes, stools or the dirt floor to eat. Fresh unstrained milk was heated and served. Edith said the warm milk was hard to swallow as there were lumps in the cup. There was another dish which looked like little cotton balls and was hard. She said she was in doubt what it was. After supper the boys played string

music. Some went to put up the horses.

Later the mother asked Edith if she was ready to go to bed. Edith followed her to a separate makeshift structure of willow, poles and grass, with long looping holes. This was the women's sleeping quarters. Edith called it the girls' dormitory. The mother and small girl slipped off their shoes and climbed into the bed without changing their clothes. Then Edith said she did the same. They talked awhile; then they heard the Indian boys going to bed in a shack a space from theirs. The bed had no sheets, but they slept under quilts. Edith said the beds were hard and the quilts were heavy and the moon was shining in her face, but finally she went to sleep. The Indians make their beds of grass and sticks on the ground. But some have mattresses the missionaries gave them.

Edith, one of our faithful workers, is teaching the little Indian children Spanish. She has won the love of the people with her loving ways and good works. She would rather make a dress for one of the little Indian children than for herself.

Please remember to help us pray for souls in this land.

Written by Carrie Sheppard from El Alamo, Baja, Calif., Old Mexico.

Make every day of your life count for something.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

I heard it told about a young man who was on the stage, receiving high honors because of his grades when graduating from college. After much had been said in giving him rewards and words

of praise, he said, "I want to ask that my mother stand up because she is the one who has made this possible." His mother was sitting in the audience. When she stood, one could see that she had worked hard. Her clothes were not the best and if you had been close, you could have seen that her hands were rough from hard work. She was stooped somewhat from hard labor. Many wiped the tears, I am sure, as they looked at the love that this mother had shown to her son in working so hard to help him through college. Then on the other hand one could see the love and care the son showed to his mother. He was not ashamed of her. He wanted the world to see his precious mother who had shown her great love to him.

Boys and girls, if you had been there that day they dragged our precious Saviour up the hill to put him on the cross, would you have been ashamed of him? Even in front of the crowd that was going along and in one accord proclaiming that he be killed and done away with, would you have been ashamed to admit that you loved Him? Or would it have been easier for you to say that you loved Jesus when he rode into Jerusalem that time on the donkey and the people were crying, "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed be the King that cometh"? (Matt. 21:9) Do you think it would have been easier for the college boy to have shown honor to his mother if she had been dressed in the latest fashion and looked up-to-date? I am sure you have realized by now what it means to be ashamed. We cannot measure the real value of anything or any person by what the crowd thinks. Crowds change their minds. But right is always right and wrong is always wrong. We want to do that which is right and do it regardless of what the crowd thinks. Many

have got into serious trouble because they were swayed by the crowd.

Paul wrote our lesson to Timothy while he was a prisoner in Rome. The first time he was in Rome he lived in a hired house and was surrounded by his friends but this time it was different. Rome had been burned and the ruler, Nero, blamed it on the Christians. Paul had gone to Rome to comfort them and he was put in prison. Sure death confronted him. He no longer had friends but was surrounded with enemies. He writes to Timothy to not be ashamed of him since he was a prisoner. He exhorts him not to be ashamed of Jesus nor to be ashamed to suffer for Jesus' sake. He wanted him to love Jesus who died on the cross that he might be saved and be a witness by his life, words and deeds. One of the best ways to witness for God is to live a holy life.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 6, November 8, 1964

AN UNASHAMED WITNESS

2 Timothy 1:6-14

2 Tim. 1:6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to

our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

14 That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

Memory Verse: For God hath not given us the spirit of fear: but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7.

Central Thought: If we are ashamed of Jesus here He will be ashamed of us in the Judgment Day.

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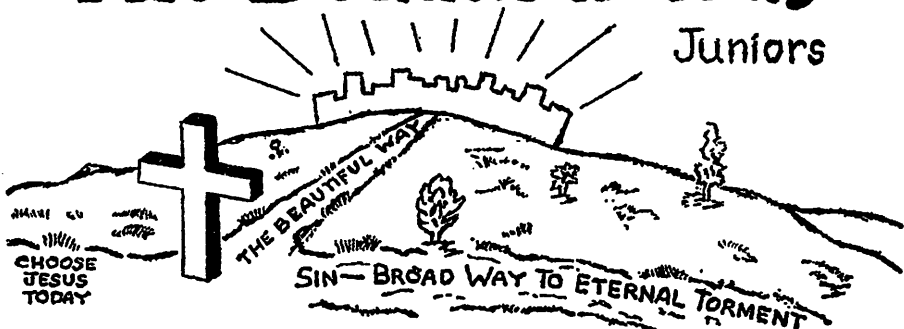
QUESTIONS

1. Where was Paul when he wrote to Timothy?
2. Should we be ashamed of the saints?
3. What will happen to us if we are ashamed of Jesus?
4. What kind of words does our lesson tell us to hold to?
5. Were the disciples ashamed of Jesus? (See Acts 5:41, 42.)

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Nov. 15

The Bible

The Bible is the mind of God,
But we must search it out,
And look to Him for help to know
His sure intended route.

Contained therein are lessons rare
And truths to bless the soul.
No other book can thus compare
With It, to make us whole.

So let us study, search and prove
Its laws as light to guide;
No part of it must we remove,
But by it **ALL** abide.

—Leslie Bushee

A Boy's Experience in Cigarette Smoking

When I was a small boy going to school, one day I saw an older boy smoking. This I thought looked manly. I began to inquire into the matter, and some bad boys told me that it really did look manly and that if I would smoke it would make a man

of me. As I wanted to be a man as soon as possible, I decided to try that way.

First I attempted to smoke a pipe, but soon found that it was too strong for me. Then I began to look for something milder. At last I learned that the cigarette was supposed to be mild so I began to smoke one now and then whenever I could get with boys who used them. Ere long, I began to buy tobacco and cigarette papers, and to smoke frequently, not realizing the danger I was in. I would hear older people talk about habits forming and fastening their awful clutches on a person, but I thought I could quit at any time and so only laughed at their seemingly foolish remarks. But sad to say, ere long I woke up to the sad truth of the matter.

Later I learned that cigarette papers contain various poisons. I also learned that when cigarette smoke is inhaled it leaves more or less of these poisons, as well as poison from the tobacco itself in the lungs. I well remember my first attempts to in-

hale smoke. It seemed to me as if coals of fire were burning my very lungs out. I gasped for breath. This was on account of the effect the poison had on the lungs. Soon, by steady practice, I was able to inhale without much pain, and before long the appetite so fastened itself upon me that I inhaled the smoke because I was compelled to do so, although at first I inhaled it only because I thought the act "looked great."

When smoke is inhaled, it leaves the poisonous nicotine on the lungs. This is shown by the difference in the appearance of smoke not inhaled and that which has been; smoke that has been inhaled has a clearer, whiter cast than that which has not been. Also, it can be proved in this way: When smoke not inhaled is blown hard with a little moisture from the breath on a white cloth, a brownish-yellow spot will remain. This is nicotine. But not so with smoke that has been inhaled, because the lungs have already absorbed the nicotine. Once I put a small speck of this nicotine in a cat's eye. Soon I could notice that a skum had formed over the eye.

I learned that after smoking one brand of tobacco I cared nothing for any other brand. It did not have the right taste, and I really detested any other than that to which I was accustomed. This also had a tendency to bind the cigarette habit. I soon was distinguished by my friends as a cigarette-fiend. This they could tell by the nicotine on the tips of my fingers. My finger tips became a brownish color. This was caused by my holding the cigarette while smoking. The paper would become wet, and as the smoke came through and came in contact with the moist paper some of the

nicotine would stay on the paper and go through on the fingers. This stain cannot be washed off; it stays like a brand.

I soon became drowsy and seemed to have no energy. I had a tired wearisome expression in my eyes. Now I could begin to see that cigarettes were sapping out my very life. I realized, when attempting to sing, that my voice was failing. There seemed to be a tickling in my throat, and my lungs would give way so I would be compelled to stop. I also soon awoke to the fact that I was becoming very nervous. Things that in the past never had the least tendency to excite me now seemed to unstring every nerve. I could not sleep well at night. Some nights it seemed as though sleep would leave entirely. Then I discovered that by smoking just before retiring, and also after retiring, I could quiet my nerves for a time and sleep sounder and rest better.

I would sometimes awaken in the still hours of the night and find it utterly impossible to go to sleep again without smoking. No matter how cold the night was, I was compelled to arise and smoke, or remain awake the rest of the night. A smoke was also the first thing in the morning. Nothing would go right until that appetite was satisfied. The same thing occurred after each meal. I was now fully awakened to the fact that I was a slave to the awful cigarette habit. My health was failing fast. The dreaded disease catarrh had now overtaken me, and I was suffering very much from it. I knew it was caused from smoking. In despair I opened my eyes, only to view the fact that my friends were pointing the finger

of scorn at me, caring no longer for my company. All the future truly looked black as night.

(To be continued next week.)

Boys who smoke cigarettes are like wormy apples, they drop long before harvesttime.

He Knows All

A little Chinese girl lived in a school where missionaries teach. When praying one night she said to the missionary, "Do you think God understands Chinese?"

"Oh, yes," replied the missionary. "Why do you ask?"

"Because," said the little girl, "sometimes when I feel bad I like to pray to God in Chinese, and I wonder if He understood, just the same as English."

"Of course," said the missionary, "God knows every language, and it is not the words we say as much as the feeling down deep in our hearts that make us want to speak to Him. He says in the Bible: 'Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.' So speak to Him in any language and He will hear.—World Conquest."

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson today was written to Timothy while Paul was in prison. Paul tells Timothy that he was put in prison just like those who are put there that steal, lie, kill, and do other evil things. He had to suffer, yet he was innocent. Just because he loved Jesus, he was put in prison. A large part of the city of

Rome had been destroyed by fire and the Christians were blamed for doing this. Many Christians were brutally killed. Paul was seized and put in prison. While there he wrote Timothy that though he was suffering these things for Jesus' sake and was in bonds, that the Word of God was not bound. They could put him in prison but they could not take the Word of God away from him. He had it in his heart, mind and soul. Paul knew it meant something to be God's child in this world. Paul did not know when Timothy or others might be put in prison, also. While in there they would need the Word of God, so he tells Timothy to study the Bible. Know what the Bible says. Know what God wants us to do here in this world. There is comfort in the Bible for every person. The Bible tells us how to live to get to heaven. The Bible tells us how to live to receive blessings from God. The Bible is the food of God's children. Study it and know it. Your parents and Sunday School teacher are interested in you knowing the Bible by memory. Many of the good verses in it will help you. How do you know but that the Bible might be taken away from us. What a comfort in that time of trouble to know the verse in the Bible that says, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." How you will rejoice and feel so good to know that Jesus is right beside you! He will take care of you and even if you are put in prison as Paul was, you can know that Jesus will be right there, too, with you.

Paul reminded Timothy that "from a child thou hast known the scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." God wants you to learn Bible verses while you are young. Did you ever count up just how many Bible

verses you know by memory? Maybe you can do that and tell your teacher how many you know by Sunday. I hope that all of you have already learned a number of them.

In prayer we talk to God and God talks to us through the Bible. When reading it, think of it as God speaking to you. Believe it and live by it. Love the Bible. Love its ways and live by what it says. Act like you believe it by living every day by it. Prove you love Jesus by doing what he tells you to do. Ask yourself the question, "Can others see that I am living by the Bible?"

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 7, November 15, 1964

KNOW THE BIBLE

2 Timothy 2:8-15; 3:14-17

2 Tim. 2:8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:

9 Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.

10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

11 It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:

12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us:

13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

14 Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the

Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers.

15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

3:14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Memory Verse: Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2:15.

Central Thought: We need to spend much time in studying the Word of God.

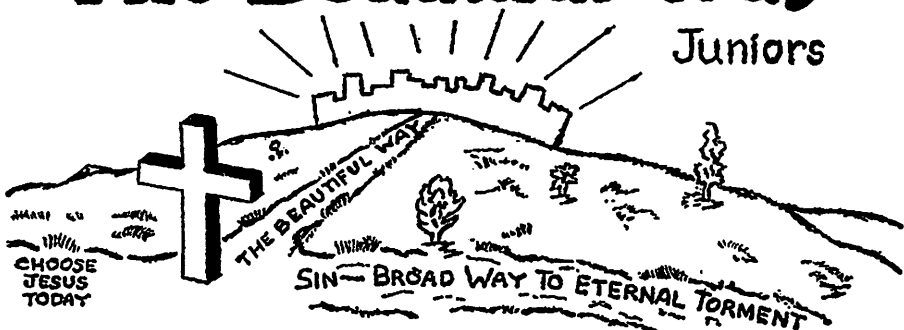
QUESTIONS

1. What does our lesson mean when it says, "but the word of God is not bound"?
2. How old was Timothy when he began to learn the Scriptures?
3. Name some of the things the Bible tells us.
4. Are we to "rightly divide" God's Word or just take part of it and leave the rest?
5. What does 2 Tim. 3:14 tell us to do?

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Nov. 22

Thanksgiving

Three hundred sixty-five days in a year,
Yet only one day for God;

To thank Him for showing us, step by
step,

The paths that His feet have trod.
Only one day of the whole, long year,

To whisper our thanks and praise;
For we're busy requesting the things we
want,

Three hundred and sixty-four days!

Only one day when the selfish world
Remembers its teachings and creed;

We're too busy praying Him foolish
prayers

For things that we think we need;
Too busy asking Him "why" and "when,"

To spare Him the time to laud;
Three hundred sixty-four days of re-

quest—
Just one day of thanks, for God.

One day to thank Him for Life and Love;
The sun in the sky of blue;

One day to worship in solemn awe and
Tell Him, "Yea, God, 'tis You!"

To thank Him for seasons, for every-
thing!

For trees, and a blossom's nod;
Only one day, does the selfish world
Remember its manners to God!

But surely in Infinite Wisdom and Love
He knows, and He understands;
He looks with compassion on bended
knees,

Bowed heads, and on folded hands.
He knows we are selfish, but He knows,
too,

That our hearts are oft unexpressed,
That we're thankful, e'en tho He had
just one day,

For thanks, and we beg, the rest!
—Marigold Cassin

A Boy's Experience in Cigarette Smoking

FROM BAD TO WORSE

When I found myself shut out from
my friends, I began to pursue some
other course for enjoyment. The en-
emy, taking advantage of me, sug-
gested that a few good novels would

be a great benefit to one who at times felt so blue. Not knowing that they also are very injurious to the mind, I decided to try them. Soon I found that cigarettes, novels, and I were going hand in hand to hell; that these two habits—cigarette smoking and novel reading—were two of the most binding habits I could form. They, if followed long enough, will so completely ruin the mind that the victim will care to do nothing else. I found it was very difficult to collect my thoughts. I became forgetful, and there seemed to be a carelessness over me that I could not overcome. I tried to get my mind once more settled on the affairs of life, but all in vain. Only a miserable failure followed every attempt. Then I would smoke harder and to such excess that my lungs would become so sore I would experience intense pain in the attempt to inhale the smoke. But I was bound and this poison must go to those lungs or I was "dead on my feet."

Here I began to awaken to the fact that I was reaping what I had sown. I began to think over my deplorable condition, and it was deplorable indeed. The devil, again taking the advantage of me, pointed out all my bad qualities, and showed me what a miserable creature I was, saying that my health was ruined, my character gone, etc. He reminded me of how cruelly I had treated my dear parents and in conclusion said that of course I was so bound that I could never reform or amount to anything again, and that the best thing I could do was to get out of this world as soon as possible—to end my life by my own hand. I decided to commit suicide. Thoughts of the hereafter came

rolling up before my vision, and I shrank from it in terror. Sad indeed was my condition—I did not want to live and was afraid to die. God only knows what I suffered in this dreadful state of mind.

I was now fully decided that I did not want to die in that condition, but I realized that the awful monster death was on my track and would soon overtake me if something was not done at once. It seemed he was already staring me in the face like a hungry wolf. A total wreck, both soul and body, I realized I must, if possible, make a change. I attempted to quit, resolving with a solemn oath never again to repeat the act of smoking; but within a few hours or perhaps a day or so I experienced failure. Then I would repeat the attempt, turn over a new leaf, but ere long it was marred and black as night with another miserable failure. I now realized I had lost my willpower—the thing which I would not, that I did, and that which I would, I did not.

Many are the times when I would repeat these words to myself, "The wages of sin is death and bitter remorse, and surely I have found it so." My health was gone; I was unable to do a hard day's work; and I was bound to the cigarette habit by chains that God alone could break. I fully realized that without the help of a higher power than I possessed, I was, at the age of eighteen, a ruined boy.

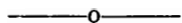
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WORKING TOGETHER

A child was lost in a great wheat field. Friends and neighbors gathered to search for him. For some

time each rushed around where he pleased and they crossed each other's paths many times, but they did not find the baby. Then one man had a bright idea. He lined up the people on one side of the field and had them clasp hands. Shoulder to shoulder they went across the field until they found the child. When they worked together, they did the task.

You would be surprised to know how much boys and girls can do for Jesus—when they work together! —Selected



Dear Boys and Girls:—

The day of Thanksgiving was a day set aside by the early fathers who came here to America. They had gone through some hard times and they felt that not only should they individually thank God, but that they should also set a day aside and gather together and thank God for His great love and mercy to them in giving them such a wonderful harvest. Today the Lord has been good to us. We have so much to be thankful for as we look back over the last year. Can you name some of the things that you are thankful for?

We all like to hear others tell about their experiences, do we not? Some will get up in prayer meeting and testify about what God has done for them. Our lesson is a testimony by the Apostle Paul. Some we hear tell about their experiences do not know that they will soon die, but Paul knew that he would soon be leaving this world. He looked back over his life and told some of the things that he had gone through. Our first verse mentions that those to whom he was writing, knew his life. One thing he mentions is that they knew his purpose in life. They knew what he

wanted to do for God in this life. He had it settled to do God's will even if it brought troubles to him. Boys and girls, do you have a purpose in life? Do you have it settled to live for God even if it brings troubles to you here? The reason it will bring some troubles is because most of the people of the world do not want to live right nor want anyone else to live right. They will try to hinder others from doing God's will. This will bring some suffering but we notice that Paul did not let that hinder him. We should not let that hinder us, should we? Why? Because this is not our home. We are living here in this world, getting ready to live in our home in heaven. We do not want to be selfish and enjoy that beautiful home in eternity alone, but we want to take others with us. So in trying to help others, we will be opposed. God will help us, though, as He did Paul.

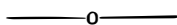
Paul mentions some of the cities in which he was persecuted. You can read about these persecutions in Antioch in Acts 13:14. Here he preached a sermon to them in their synagogue. In verse 42 we read where the Gentiles wanted Paul to preach to them the next Sabbath. The Jews didn't like it because a great multitude came to hear Paul preach so they stirred up trouble through envy. In verse 50 they put Paul out of the city.

Paul mentions what happened in Iconium and Lystra. You can read this in Acts 14. They stoned him there and took him out of the city and left him, thinking he was dead. God healed him and raised him up. Paul thanked God that he had delivered him out of all his troubles.

Notice when he mentioned that a crown of life awaited him, that he said it was also for all who would love God's appearing. You and I can have a crown

of life if we will be faithful to the end.

—Aunt Marie



Lesson 8, November 22, 1964

PAUL'S TESTIMONY

2 Timothy 3:10-13; 4:1-8, 17, 18

2 Tim. 3:10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, long-suffering, charity, patience,

11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

4:1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

8 Hence forth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

17 Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Memory Verse: I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. 2 Tim. 4:7, 8.

Central Thought: Have a purpose in life and stay with that purpose.

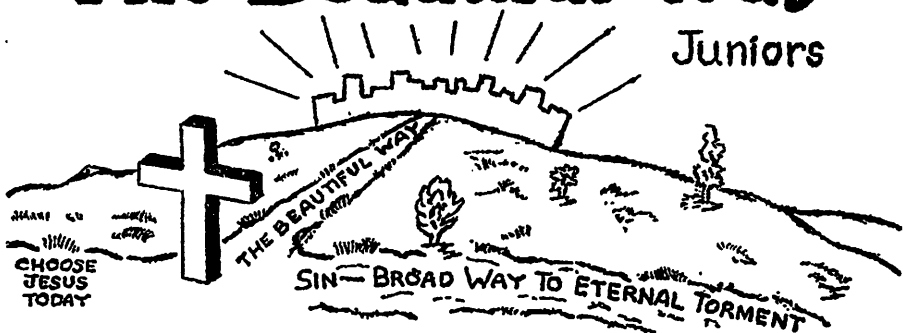
QUESTIONS

1. What are some of the things for which you are thankful?
2. What was Paul's purpose in life?
3. Tell what happened at Lystra.
4. What did Paul mean when he said "I have" three times in our lesson?
5. Does our lesson tell us that we will have a crown of life if we are faithful?

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Glad Tidings to All

Oh, Christ has come! the ransom paid
To ope the doors of heaven,
The way of life anew has made
For those whom sin has driven.

Our sins He bore! He wills to give
Abundant life and treasure,
And all the days on earth we live
Can be in His good pleasure.

We now rejoice to trust in Him
To guide us all unerring,
And in the new Jerusalem
His life forever sharing!
—Leslie Busbee

The Children Who Played Pirates

We had read of pirates on the High Seas, and the wonderful times they had in gathering treasure not their own. Now we were at the seaside, and had a little time in the afternoon to ourselves, why not play at pirates? A cave, into which we had run more

than once to shelter from a sudden shower, was not far along the beach. Pirates must have caves, so there we hid. Swords or daggers were soon made from pieces of wood, and, lo and behold, before long the three of us were more like real pirates than sham ones. Excited as we were, we wonder what would have happened if some lonely boy, stray dog, or even a coast donkey had come along. We raced and chased, charged and retreated to our den, but no plunder was secured, no harm was done, and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

Yet a greater treat was in store, in the form of Sand Services for Young Folk. The gentlemen who led the meetings had come from London, and told us beautiful stories of many boys and girls who had come to the Savior and had been made truly happy. He urged us all to do the same, and thus make that holiday the best we ever had.

Before the services finished each of us had the joy of telling father and mother, whom we loved, that we liked far better to love and act as real Christians, than to play at being pi-

rates and robbers. So will all readers of this little paper if they follow our example: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ," and are saved, then began right earnestly to work for Him "who loved us, and gave Himself for us." (Gal. 2:20).

Summer days will soon be done, holidays will soon pass, then we may look for cold, wintry days and dark evenings. So with the summer of the love of God. The day of grace has lasted now well-nigh 2000 years, but it will not last for ever. Be wise and "Seek the Lord while He may be found." (Isa. 55:6). Tomorrow is never promised as a day of salvation. It is ever **today**. "Behold **now** is the accepted time, behold **now** is the day of salvation." (2 Cor. 6:2). Hasten and be made happy in Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL HAS POWER

A graduate of Oxford University became a very wicked man. He piled up a long record of crime, and of punishments for the same. He finally was converted and has now been an evangelist to prisoners for many years. What his university education, his scholarly environments and punishments by law could not do for him the gospel of Christ did. The gospel is the only power of salvation. Let us study it, live it, and spread it. Rom. 1:16.

PRAYER PREVAILS

Some Russian Christians had gathered secretly to pray for an hour. This was a crime subject to severest punishments. Some one betrayed the meeting place. "The defilers of our holt faith must die" shouted the mob.

While fire was being set to the hut where the Christians were praying the preacher arose and said, "Beloved let us believe God. Let us earnestly pray Him to save us out of the hand of our enemies for Christ's sake." They prayed. Smoke was filling the room. Suddenly a mighty storm arose. The mob fled like a band of cowards.

The fire was extinguished and the praying band were saved. Prayer prevails. Do not neglect to pray.

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. Prov. 28:13.

A Boy's Experience in Cigarette Smoking

Deliverance Through Christ

It was in this sad hour that Jesus, in his mercy, proved his love for me. I was almost ashamed to call upon Him for help, having for so long trampled His mercies under my feet. I thought of my dear father and mother. Although far away, I knew that every day a prayer was offered in my behalf. This thought was the first ray of hope that made its appearance across my path of gloom. Oh, thank God for praying parents! At this thought my soul cried to God for mercy. The answer came, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." I promised the Lord that if He would only save my soul, my days, whether few or many, should be spent in His service and His alone. Praise His name! then and there that great

mountain of sin rolled away. My soul was as free as heaven. I hardly knew myself, I felt so happy.

But the burden of sin was not all He took away. He also removed the very appetite and every desire for cigarettes. I can never praise him enough for what He did for me. And I can say in the fear of God, I have never from that day had one temptation to smoke a cigarette.

The Lord also healed me of catarrh, which I had contracted through smoking, and gave me back my voice; in fact, every part of my body is stronger than it ever was in my life before. In a short time I regained the confidence of my friends. Those who once looked upon me as fallen, as a "warning against cigarettes," were now making remarks about the wonderful change that had taken place in my life, and would encourage me by telling me it was the best thing I had ever done.

By constant prayer and careful living, ere long, I had once more the confidence of nearly all. But had it not been for a merciful Savior and had I not acted on my better judgment just when I did, no doubt I should tonight have been numbered not only with the dead, but, ah!—with the **LOST**.

Dear reader, if you should be in the condition I was in, let me warn you: you are on very slippery ground. In Jesus' name I exhort you to turn now.

—Clarence E. Bright

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

The word gospel means "good news." Everyone likes to hear good news, do they not? If your grandmother or grandfather or someone whom you love very

much is sick and you hear that they are getting well, it makes you feel very happy, doesn't it? We all like to hear good news. There is some very important good news in the small book of Titus. This good news is something that will bring happiness to every one who will receive it. This good news comes from heaven. Those who are deep in sin can know that the mercy of God and the love of God has been given to them. This mercy comes to them through Jesus Christ. God so loved everyone in the world that He was willing to give His only Son to die on the cross for their salvation. Oh, how we ought to be glad to know this! No one can forgive his own sins. You cannot forgive others sins. No one can forgive sins but God through Jesus Christ. And when we know that those who have sinned are doomed for hell and cannot enter heaven, then we are so glad to know the good news that Jesus will forgive sins. It is good news to know that Jesus will keep us out of hell as we come to Him, confessing our sins and asking forgiveness. No news could be greater, could it? We think of how terrible hell must be. The Bible tries to describe it, but I am sure there are not enough words to describe to us just how terrible hell must be. The rich man that Jesus told us about who died and went to hell, was tormented in flames of fire. He begged for just one drop of water to cool his tongue. Just think how small one drop of water is and then think of how he begged for it. When you are thirsty, one drop of water doesn't do much good, but to that man in hell I am sure he felt that just one drop of water would be wonderful.

Our lesson brings out the fact that God, who cannot lie, has promised us eternal life through Jesus Christ. God

does not lie. God tells the truth. When God speaks, it is truth. He will give eternal life to everyone who will accept Jesus as his Saviour. Our lesson tells us that it isn't according to any works of our own that we can be saved, but it is the gift of God.

Think about what salvation brings us and teaches us. In verse twelve it tells us how to live. What are worldly lusts, and ungodliness? What does it mean to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world? Boys and girls, it is going to mean something for each of us to be ready to enter heaven. Pray much and live for God each day. God will help those who will look to Him for help.

—Aunt Marie

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Lesson 9, November 29, 1964

THE GOSPEL IN BRIEF

Titus 1:1-3; 2:11-14; 3:4-8a

Titus 1:1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

3 But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;

2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people zealous of good works.

3:4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works.

Memory Verse: Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost. Titus 3:5.

Central Thought: Only through the blood of Jesus can we be ready to enter heaven.

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QUESTIONS

1. What does the word gospel mean?
2. Can God lie?
3. How has salvation appeared to all men?
4. What does it mean to be a peculiar people?
5. Are we saved by our own works?

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New Garments for Old

New garments for old ones
The Savior will trade,
The rags we are wearing
For those He has made.

Fine linen so spotless
His righteousness fair,
White robes He will give us
His glory to share.

Who would not be willing
To trade and obtain
Such beauty for ashes
True blessings to gain?

—Leslie Busbee

SPOTS

"Oh, look at that dark spot on Mother's clean sheet hanging on the line," said Janice.

"It must have fallen off the tree," said Ralph.

"You know, it is funny how things show up on white. Now if that was one of the colored sheets, we probably

would not have noticed it at all," said Janice.

Boys and girls, Janice is right. When boys and girls say that they are God's children and love Jesus and yet do wrong, it shows up so plainly. If a boy tells a lie, that makes a big black spot in his life. If he claims to love Jesus, it shines out so big. Boys and girls cannot tell lies and never ask forgiveness for doing it and still be right with God. God will not overlook sin. If you are tempted and do tell a lie, you can erase that spot. You can ask the Lord to forgive you and God will make that spot disappear and your heart and life will be clean and pure. If you don't confess immediately your wrong-doings, the devil will get you to do wrong again. There will be several spots in your life.

Sometimes girls will talk about other girls. Sometimes they will add something to what has happened when they tell it. They make it sound awful when it might not be bad at all. That is a big black spot in their lives. Gossiping is an awful

thing! You may say that only big people gossip, but I have heard some young girls gossip. The Lord is pleased when you show love to others and try to understand that perhaps they didn't mean it to be as bad as it looked. The Lord is pleased when we do not tell things that have happened when it will hurt someone, even if the thing is true. Be careful that you do not let your heart get spotted with sin. Say nice things about others or just don't say anything at all.

There are boys and girls in the world today that tell dirty jokes. Oh, that is a big, black spot in their life! Don't listen to those who tell them. When I was a girl I would not listen to dirty jokes. The girls who knew me knew that I didn't listen to them. At different times other girls would come up and start to tell a dirty joke because they didn't know that I did not listen to them. The other girls would stop them. Boys and girls, do be clean-minded and pure before the Lord.

The Bible tells us to keep ourselves "unspotted from the world." (James 1:27). Be honest, kind and loving. Forgive others when they do wrong to you. Love the Lord and please Him. God will bless you and take you home to heaven some day. —Marie Miles

A Present Help

Sister R—— and her husband were traveling on a lonely desert road, a number of miles from any service station, when the car developed engine trouble. Now and then a car would pass. Finally a motorist did stop to help, but they could not get the car started.

Whenever Sister R—— traveled she always kept her Bible on the seat nearby. This, she said, always seemed to give her comfort. While her husband was outside trying, without success, to get the car started, she was inside meditating on the Scripture in Psalm 46:1, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." She certainly felt that she was in trouble as she looked unto the Lord for help. Shortly after this, her husband got in the car and tried to start it and it started and ran until they came to a filling station where it stopped. Tears of gratitude flowed down Sister R——'s cheeks as she thanked the Lord for helping them.

How true the Lord is to those who trust Him. The Lord has blessed many in like condition or when they needed help right away.

One time it seemed as though our little boy was strangling on something. We called on the Lord, reminded Him of this promise. He was right there to rescue us. Isn't it good to have someone like Him to trust in! —O. A. D.

How to Live Forever

Most of us would like to live a long, long time. When we are ill we want Dad to pray the prayer of faith so we will not die. We want to get well and strong again, so we can play and work a long time yet.

Well, the Bible tells us of a way by which we can live a long time. There is a life that we can have that will never end.

The Lord Jesus calls it eternal life and everlasting life. It is the life that we receive by believing the Lord

Jesus as our Saviour from sin. In speaking of those who believe on Him, He said, "I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish [be destroyed], neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand" (John 10:28).

This is the life that lives on and on after our body dies. This life can never be taken from us. After our body has gone to dust, the dust can be scattered about so no one on earth can see it.

But the life that the Lord Jesus put into us while we lived on earth can never be destroyed. He knows how to take care of that, no matter what happens to our bodies.

This should be a wonderful comfort to our hearts. The Lord Jesus can take care of His own, and He will. Satan may hinder us sometimes, but he cannot destroy the life that we have received from the Lord Jesus. When the Lord Jesus comes again, He will give us new bodies in which to live.

Now you see how you can live a long, long time, a time so long that we cannot tell how long it is—it will never end. If you have taken the Lord Jesus as your Saviour, you have that life.

My son give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways. Prov. 23:16.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Do you know what the word "Christian" means? It means to be Christ-like. It means to be good, kind, and loving to everyone. It means to be just like Christ. It is sad but true that many today claim to be Christians but

are not like Christ. Our lesson says that "they profess that they know God" but in works they deny him." They are disobedient and do not live so that others can know they belong to God. Boys and girls, be careful to live right and to obey the Lord in all that He tells you to do. You want Jesus to be pleased when He looks down from heaven upon your life. You want others to know that you belong to Jesus as they watch your life. When you make a mistake, be quick to correct it. The devil will say that no one paid any attention to what you did or said, but they did. You might be surprised to know just how much attention they gave to what you did or said. The other day I said something nice to someone and I didn't think that one noticed it at all. She didn't act like it. But later she came to me and told me just how much good it did her for me to have said that. I was surprised that it helped so much. Boys and girls, we just don't know how much good we can do. I am sure the Lord doesn't let us know all the good we do but we want to keep right on doing good. Jesus knows and is watching all we do. We want to please Him. We love Jesus so much. He has given us salvation and we want to let Him know that we love Him for it.

The first few words in our lesson are so important. I hope that if you do not remember any other part of our lesson that you will remember those few words. "Unto the pure all things are pure." Boys and girls, when Jesus saves you, He makes your heart pure and clean. Keep your heart pure and clean. Have pure thoughts, pure words, pure lives and pure actions. Be holy and spotless before the Lord. I love purity and cleanliness. We are living in a world where there are so many who tell

dirty jokes and drag the pure things that God has made down into impurity. Boys and girls, never tell dirty jokes and never listen to them. There are many good things you can talk about and laugh about. Keep your mind clean and pure. I trust that each one of you will ask God to help you to guard your minds and help you to always have clean and pure thoughts.

God wants all to live right. Our lesson brings out how the old men are to live and the young men. It tells how the old women and the young women are to live. The servants are to do right. All are to be a pattern of good works, watching their speech that it be right. May the Lord bless our boys and girls that they live so God will smile down upon them each day.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 10, December 6, 1964

RIGHT LIVING

Titus 1:15, 16; 2:1-10

Titus 1:15 Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

2:1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

2 That the aged men be sober, grave temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

3 That the aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh

holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

6 Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.

7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

9 Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again:

10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

Memory Verse: And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful. Titus 3:14.

Central Thought: Guard your actions, thoughts, and words that they be pure.

QUESTIONS

1. What does the word "Christian" mean?
2. Are we to live as we talk?
3. What does it mean to be pure and clean?
4. Name some of the things that our lesson tells us to do?
5. How can we be a "pattern of good works"?

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From Servant to Brother

He left a servant and returned
A brother in the Lord,
He gave no profit: now he yearned
True profit to afford.

Oh, what a change takes place when
man

Gives heed to truth and grace,
'Twould change the world, it surely
can

Give peace and joy a place.

A servant is made free indeed
The master to befriend,
And yet we all are servants made
To serve unto the end.

—Leslie Busbee

The Beggar

It was Sunday afternoon, and Esther and her two younger sisters were wondering what to do with themselves.

"Can't you find something to do for Jesus?" their mother asked. "Children that love Him must do their

best to serve Him."

"How?" Esther wondered.

"Well, one way is to speak for Him," Mother told them. Then all three girls dropped on their knees and prayed, "Please, Lord Jesus, will you help us?"

Presently they ran out into the lane to play, and soon they saw the bent form of an old man in rags, leaning on a stick, coming up the hill. Esther felt so sorry for him. "I'll tell him about Jesus," she thought. Very timidly she slipped up to him and asked, "Beggar, do you love Jesus?"

"Beggar!" he said in anger. "Call me a beggar again and I'll let you feel the weight of this stick!"

All three of the girls turned and ran. Inside the house Esther exclaimed, "Oh, Mother, it's no use my trying to work for Jesus! I don't want to do it ever again, because the old man I spoke to was angry with me."

"Why was that, dear? What did you say to him?" Mother asked.

"I only said, 'Beggar, do you love Jesus?' "

"Oh, my child, did you call him a beggar?"

"But, Mother, he is. We always call those ragged people beggars, and I'm sure he is one."

"But darling, you ought not to have said that to him; it was unkind. Run down the lane and tell him you're sorry."

A sudden thought struck Esther. Maybe the beggar would forgive her, and think her like Jesus, if she gave him her dime. She found him sitting on a bank at the side of the road, under a tree. Trembling from head to foot she bravely went up to him. He looked so cross and angry. But she sweetly said, "Will you please forgive me for what I said? I didn't mean to hurt you. And will you have my dime?"

The anger died out of the old man's face as he saw how sorry Esther was. "There is nothing to forgive, you angel child," he said. "I was the wretch; for I don't love Jesus, little girl."

"But He loves you," Esther told him quickly. "I know He does."

With a deep sigh he answered, "Not now, my child." Then he added, "I'll take your dime for I haven't even a penny. If all who love God were like you I might have loved Him, too." At that moment Esther's father called her. Saying, "Goodbye, I'll ask Jesus to make you love Him," she ran home. Lying awake that night she prayed, "Lord Jesus, you do love that old man, don't you?" Soon the answer to her question came.

Snow fell during the night, and in the morning it was really cold. A man came to see Esther's father to tell him there was a tramp dying in the clay pits outside the town. The

tramp was asking for him to come see him, and to bring his daughter with him—the little girl who had asked, "Beggar, do you love Jesus?"

My father quickly agreed to take me (for I am really Esther), and he led me to the clay pits. I shall never forget the sight that met my eyes. The weary old tramp lay there, covered with a bundle of straw. "Raise my head and let me see the little girl," he said.

I was frightened, but my father put me in front of him. "Sir," the tramp said, "your child's question has been ringing in my ears all night long—Beggar, do you love Jesus? Oh, sir, I once loved Him; but I left Him and put Him to open shame. But early this morning before the light came, when I could only see the twinkling of the stars, I came back to Him, bitterly crying for mercy. And, oh, Sir, He took me back! I know He did! And before I die I want to tell this dear girl that the beggar really loves Jesus now and is going to Him. And he thanks God for sending her so bravely to dare to ask him, "Beggar, do you love Jesus?"

Before sundown the old man died; a beggar no longer, but a prince in the glorious world above.

I, Esther, became a missionary when I grew up, and my whole life was spent in working for Jesus. But ever since that Sunday afternoon when I prayed, "Use me, Lord Jesus," I have always added, "but make me wise, that I may make no mistakes."

"Only to Love Me"

A little girl lost her father and mother. She lived at an Orphanage, where other people took care of her.

One day a lady came to the Orphanage to get a little girl to be her very own.

When the lady saw this little girl, she asked her if she would go along home with her in her nice car. The little girl said, "I don't know." Then the lady offered her a lot of candy. The little girl paused a moment, and again said, "I don't know."

Now the lady coaxed again, saying, "You shall have a doll and a nice home." The little girl answered, "And what must I give you for all that?" Listen to the lady's sweet answer: "Only to love me." The lady threw her loving arms round the child, and pressed her to her bosom.

That is how we receive eternal life from God. He gave us His dear Son to die for our sins (John 3:16), and to be our Comforter and Friend. He, too, will supply all our needs (Phil. 4:19). But all He asks of us is to love Him, and obey Him. —Sel.

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He that giveth to the poor shall not lack. Prov. 28:27.

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson is about a slave named Onesimus. The name Onesimus means "useful or profitable." It seems that Onesimus had run away. He had left the home of Philemon and come to the big city of Rome. Rome was a big place and he could have become lost among the people but he didn't choose to do that. We do not know just why he hunted up the Apostle Paul, but he did. Maybe someone saw him who knew him and asked him to go to see Paul, or maybe he just came to see Paul himself because he knew him through his master, Philemon. Paul was glad to

see him and Onesimus got saved. After he got saved he knew he had to face the problem of belonging to Philemon. He was not a free man. In those days severe punishments were given to slaves who ran away and I am sure this was a big problem to Onesimus. But Onesimus loved the Lord and wanted to do the right. Onesimus had a debt to pay. He might have argued that he had worked hard for Philemon and didn't need to return but Brother Paul didn't feel he could do that and get by with God. It was needful that Onesimus return.

The letter that Paul wrote to Philemon is our lesson today. Paul tells Philemon that through Christ he asked him to do that which was proper or right about Onesimus. Brother Paul refers to himself as being aged now and in prison because he loved Jesus. Paul made Philemon know that he loved him and that he was also sure that Philemon loved in return. He asks Philemon to show mercy to Onesimus because of the love he had for him. No doubt Paul had helped Philemon spiritually many times and now he felt he could ask a favor of Philemon. He pled for Onesimus. He told Philemon that he knew that Onesimus wasn't profitable to him since he had run away but that he had been in times past. Paul was glad that Onesimus had come to him and had helped him in different ways. Paul would have enjoyed keeping Onesimus but he felt it would not be right. So he asked Philemon to receive Onesimus as a brother. Since he was saved he was above a servant; he was a brother and would be a better helper than ever before.

Paul asked Philemon to charge to his own account any debt that Onesimus might owe. He would take care of it.

Paul told Philemon that if he counted him as his partner and brother to show mercy to Onesimus and receive him just as he would receive Paul if he had walked into his home that day.

God does not want anyone to be a slave to another but Paul has not treated that subject. Paul, though, has hit at the very root of slavery. He knew people would have to have a change of heart to be able to do away with it. Paul told Philemon, "Receive him as myself." That is what God wants all Christians to do. We are to "love thy neighbor as thyself." If we do that we will treat everyone right.

—Aunt Marie

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ON BEHALF OF A SLAVE

Philemon 8-21

Philemon 8 Wherefore, though I might be much bold in Christ to enjoin thee that which is convenient,

9 Yet for love's sake I rather beseech thee, being such an one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ.

10 I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds:

11 Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me:

12 Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, mine own bowels:

13 Whom I would have retained with me, that in thy stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel:

14 But without thy mind would I do

nothing; that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly.

15 For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him for ever;

16 Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord?

17 If thou count me therefore a partner, receive him as my self.

18 If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account;

19 I Paul have written it with mine own hand, I will repay it: albeit I do not say to thee how thou owest unto me even thine own self beside.

20 Yea, brother, let me have joy of thee in the Lord: refresh my bowels in the Lord.

21 Having confidence in thy obedience I wrote unto thee, knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say.

Memory Verse: There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for we are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3:28

Central Thought: When we have love in our hearts we can treat everyone right.

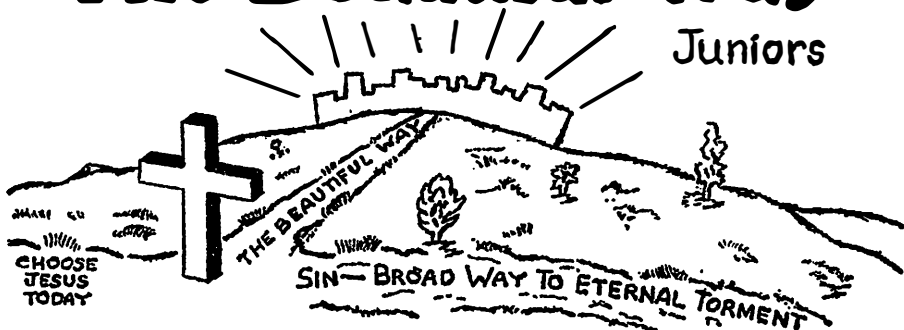
QUESTIONS

1. What does the name Onesimus mean?
2. How can we be profitable to the Lord?
3. Who did Paul mean when he said in our lesson, "Receive him as myself"?
4. Are we to be respecter of persons?
5. How were the three men mentioned in our lesson indebted to each other?
6. Do we have debts or love to pay to others?

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Ned and Jane*

"Mother, I want you to meet Gerald, the new boy who has moved in that vacant house in the next block," said Ned as his mother came into the room where the boys were standing, looking at the manger set.

"I'm glad to meet you, Gerald," said Mother. "We are glad to have you as our new neighbor."

"I was just showing him our manger set. He said he wished that his mother would get one for him like we have," said Ned.

"I think that would be fine for your mother to do that, but if she feels she can't since you have just moved, and if you would want it, Ned, you could give him the old set we have," said Mother.

"Surely, Gerald, you could have it. It still looks good. It doesn't have as many pieces as this one, but the manger is there with the baby Jesus in it and Mary and Joseph, and all the

shepherds. It would be all right," said Ned.

"I would like to have it. Maybe Mother will let me put it up instead of the Christmas tree," said Gerald. "I told Mother about you having the manger set instead of a tree because it reminded me more about what Christmas really stands for; and my mother said that she had never thought of doing that before. We had just always had trees and never thought of anything else. Of course, Mother never told us that Santa Claus brought our presents because she said that was not true; but we all thought a tree was just pretty and went with Christmas."

"My mother always told me that Christmas trees made people forget about Jesus and made them just think about pretty things," said Ned, as Mother continued with her dusting. "I don't want to forget about Jesus. It would be awful to have a birthday and for everyone to eat all the goodies and give presents and forget you, wouldn't it?" said Gerald.

"Sure would be awful," said Ned.

*parable

"But look at all those Wise Men with their gifts. Mother said they gave the gold which stood for ourselves, our love, and all of our heart. The frankincense, which is a sweet-smelling spice, stood for our prayers and praise that we send up to Jesus. The myrrh, which is a bitter spice, stood for all of our sorrows and troubles that we can give to Jesus also; and He will make us happy again," said Ned.

"Oh, Ned, that is a wonderful way to think of them. I don't think my mother has thought of that," said Gerald. "Let us go down and see if Mother will let me have the manger set this year instead of a Christmas tree. It's so much better, I think."

As both boys went out the door, Mother prayed that Gerald's mother would let Gerald do as he wished and not let the fashion of everyone having a tree influence her. Surely God wants us to worship His Son and show honor to Him at Christmas time instead of the tree and its pretties.

—M. Miles

The Cost of a Present

"Kevin," said his mother, "this Christmas I am going to let you do your own shopping for presents for the family. You can have two dollars to spend."

"But what'll I get?" asked Kevin. Mother had always done his Christmas shopping.

"Look around and see what you think each one would like," advised his mother, smiling.

Not long before Christmas, Kevin went to the dime store and came back with a full bag. He didn't let

anyone see what was in it. He wrapped his presents himself.

At the family gathering, Grandfather opened his present from Kevin. It was a package of matchboxes. "To light the fire," said Kevin.

Grandfather was delighted. "I'm always out of matches!" he said.

"I'd noticed that," said Kevin.

Grandmother's package had a plain square vase about two inches high. "Just the thing for violets," cried Grandmother, delighted.

"I remembered you kept hunting for something," said Kevin.

Aunt Louise got a plug for the bathroom tub. Everyone laughed. But Aunt Louise hugged Kevin. "I've been needing a new one for months and just didn't get one," she said.

There were new clothespins for Mother. Dad got a small brown towel. "To wipe the car windows," explained Kevin.

"Hurrah! no more rags," said Dad.

Peggy got pencils. She was always losing hers. Tony got stamps for his collection.

Everyone loved Kevin's presents. That night he said, "Mother, they liked them. Even if they didn't cost much."

"They cost love, Kevin," said his mother. "You paid hours of watching to see what people really needed, and time choosing what was just right. It's the love that counts."

"I'm going to do that always," said Kevin.

—Junior Messenger

Joy in Giving and Receiving

"You ought to have seen their faces light up," said Sister Opal Kelly as she was telling about the work in Mexico among the children. "We gave

them each one a package for Christmas. And do you know what they consisted of? I wonder if children here in the United States would have been as happy as they were if they had received just one package for Christmas which had only several pieces of candy, a balloon, a wash cloth and a bar of soap in it. I am afraid not. The little girls there do not even have one doll. But they were so happy when we gave them this package."

Sister Audrey Henry wrote me that the young people and children from Baton Rouge, Hammond, and Lorange, La. fixed up 125 packages to be given to the children by our missionaries at Christmas time. I feel that was wonderful and I know each boy and girl who had a part in this was made very happy when they heard how happy it made the children in Mexico.

—Sis. Marie Miles

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

Let us rejoice together this wonderful season as we remember the birth of Jesus. Oh, how happy we are to know that Jesus did come and that He does love us! We know that Jesus did live here and die on the cross for our salvation. We are made to rejoice when we know that He did arise and He is now sitting at the right hand of God. We can never thank and praise our precious Lord enough for His great love to us. We can truly rejoice with the angels in heaven and with those who appeared unto the shepherds on the hills of Judea that night. We can shout the praises of God unto the heavens. That night the angels announced that peace had arrived in the world. Peace, wonderful peace that came from God above! Jesus

came to bring peace to every soul that will look to Him.

Boys and girls, let us not forget what this season means. So many think of Santa Claus and receiving gifts and forget the real reason we are so happy at this time. It is so sad that so many to-day teach that there is a real Santa Claus and that he gives the gifts that they find around their tree. There is no such person as Santa Claus. When you see a man with a red suit on and with white flowing beard it is just a man that is dressed up. Your parents or loved ones give you the gifts that you receive. There is no such thing as Santa Claus coming on a sleigh pulled by reindeer and coming down the chimney or in the door while you are asleep and putting the gifts out for you. It is just a story and is not true. You need to just think of it as a story.

We give gifts at this time of the year because Jesus was a gift given to us from God. He is called the "unspeakable gift." We also think about how happy the wise men were and gave gifts to Mary and to the baby. It is all right to give gifts but we want to give them in the spirit of Christ. We know that God so loved the world that "He gave." Love caused God to give Jesus as a gift to us. All who believe upon Him shall have everlasting life. We give because of love.

One thing, my dear boys and girls, we want you to know that Joseph was not the father of Jesus. God was the father of Jesus. Jesus came from God. The Holy Spirit from God came upon Mary and she was with child. She gave birth to that child called Jesus whose Father was God. There are those in the world today who want to deny that God was the Father of Jesus. That is the reason we want to impress you

strongly with this fact. Don't ever let any one tell you differently. The Bible is clear on this subject. You can read it in Luke 1:26-35.

(Our lesson next Sunday is about the wise men.) —Aunt Marie

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THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Luke 2:4-19

Luke 2:4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swad-

dling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Memory Verse: And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. Matt. 1:21.

Central Thought: Jesus brings peace to every one who will humble themselves before Him.

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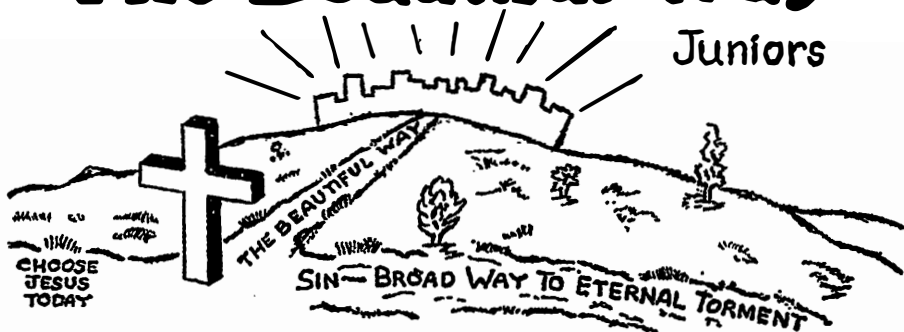
QUESTIONS

1. What did Jesus come to this world for?
2. Where was He born?
3. Who is the father of Jesus? Who is his mother?
4. Did the angels sing or just say what they said to the shepherds?
5. Have you let Jesus bring peace to your heart?

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The Cracker Ring

She lives far away in the warm, sunny land of India, and they call her Star. Oh, what a sad little girl she was when she was first brought to the place where the missionaries lived! Her life had been a hard one, lived in the "habitations of cruelty," and the marks of it never will leave Star's face; but thank God, the love which surrounds her now is helping her to forget all that she has suffered.

How eagerly she drank in the message of God's love as she heard it told for the first time by these white ladies who were so kind to her! Her little heart responded to the warmth of the sunshine of God's great love, and opened to the Lord Jesus like a flower opens to the sun. How she longed to do something to show Him how much she loved Him!

When Star had been at her "home of love," as she called it, for just over a year, special meetings were held for the boys and girls, and they were urged to give up anything which

might come between them and the Savior who had done so much for them. Unknown to anybody, there was something which little Star treasured greatly. It was just a tiny cracker ring, which she had got out of the cracker on her plate on Christmas morning. Nothing valuable—but Star loved it, and would take it out of its hiding place among her little store of possessions when no one was looking, and gaze at it with delight.

Suddenly, as the speaker went on with his address, Star knew that she must part with her cracker ring, or it might become more to her than her Lord. But oh, she couldn't part with it! It was the only jewel she had, and—she loved it! In the corner where she sat, cross legged on the ground, the battle raged fiercely in Star's heart. For the rest of the day she went about looking very miserable, and those who noticed, wondered what had happened, for Star was usually so bright nowadays.

When dusk was beginning to fall, one of the missionary ladies strolled

over to her window, and looking out she saw Star walking round and round the courtyard below. There was something clasped tightly in her right hand, and the little girl was singing. Miss Anderson watched curiously, and presently, as Star came closer, she caught the words:

"My Savior, I love Thee,
I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the pleasures of sin I—"

Suddenly Star burst into tears, but in a few minutes she pulled herself together and began again,

"My Savior, I love Thee,
I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the pleasures of sin I—"

But once more she stopped and tears overflowed. Again and again this happened, till at last she suddenly threw the thing she was clasping in her right hand over the high wall which surrounded the courtyard, and with the tears raining down her cheeks, but with a look of joy on her face, she went her way, singing triumphantly:

"My Savior, I love Thee,
I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the pleasures of sin I resign;

My gracious Redeemer,
My Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Savior, 'tis now!"

It was two days later that Miss Anderson found out that it was Star's little cracker ring which was thrown over the courtyard wall that evening. Only a little cracker ring—but very precious to little Star; yet she threw it away lest it should come between her and her love for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Is there something which keeps you

from giving your whole love to Jesus? He wants you: He has something for you to do for Him which no one else can do. Are you going to say: "Lord, what wouldst Thou have me to do"? Or are you going to say: "No, I want to keep my life for myself"? Do be like Star and refuse to let anything come between you and your love for the Lord Jesus. —Sel.

The Shepherd's Voice

Billy Evans' grandparents own a large sheep ranch near Panhandle, Texas. They decided to give Billy and their other grandchildren a present, so they gave them seventeen sheep!

Billy usually took care of the sheep but one day they strayed away. Another rancher saw them and thought they were his son's sheep. He loaded all seventeen of them into his truck and took them to his son's ranch. There he turned them out to mix with two hundred other sheep!

Billy finally traced his sheep to the ranch, and the man admitted he had made a mistake.

"But they all look alike," the rancher said. "How will we know which seventeen are yours?"

Billy thought a minute, then he said, "I have an idea. Let me take a bucket of oats and go out among all the sheep. My sheep know my voice and I think they will leave the others and come to me."

Sure enough, when Billy gave his usual call, sixteen of the sheep came right to him and followed him to the barn. The other one was found later, too far away to hear Billy's voice.

Even though we call them "dumb animals," sheep can recognize their shepherd's voice and will come to him.

Do you recognize the voice of Jesus in your heart when He speaks to you? When we are sad, He comforts us. When we are sorry for sin, He forgives us.

If you have never heard the voice of Jesus inside your heart, ask Him to come into your life today. He is the Good Shepherd who loves and cares for us, and He says we shall hear His voice. Read about Jesus, the Good Shepherd, in John 10:1-21.

BE FAITHFUL

"Stay here on the street corner until I come back," Father said.

Father went from store to store getting things and then got into his car and went home. When Father remembered Richard he went back and there the boy stood waiting. Richard was a faithful boy. He could be trusted to do as he was told.

Can God trust us to do as we are told? Are we faithful no matter what happens?

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson last week was the account that Luke gave concerning the birth of Jesus and today we will study the account that Matthew gives us. We are glad for both of them.

Not much is known about who or where the wise men came from. We do not know how many came but it is supposed that there were three because there were three gifts given and then it says "men" which would mean more than one. It is not known what part of the east they came from but it is supposed that they came from Persia.

The Bible says that the wise men came "in the days of Herod." We learn from the historians (Josephus and others) that Herod died during the latter part of March, 4 B. C. How long Joseph, Mary, and Jesus had been in Egypt before the death of Herod we do not know. We do know that when he had all the babies killed in hopes of killing the baby Jesus that he had all killed under the age of two years old. We are glad that God protected the baby Jesus.

It is very interesting to note the character of King Herod. He became very troubled when he knew that the wise men had come to see the new-born king. Josephus tells us that Herod was old and was afraid that someone would take his throne away from him. He had had his wife and her mother and others murdered. He had all killed that he thought might try to take his throne. So you can see why the Bible says he was troubled and of course all Jerusalem was troubled as to what he might do.

Through the readers of the Old Testament he found out where this Christ was to be born (Micah 5:2). He let the wise men know and tried to trick them into letting him know if they found Jesus or not but God was watching and the wise men went back home a different way. God told Joseph to take Mary and the young child Jesus and flee out of the country to Egypt.

The wise men gave gifts to Jesus. They brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh. I like to think about those three gifts as gifts that we today can give to Jesus. First let us think of the gold as being ourselves. The Lord wants each one of us to give Him our hearts and our lives. When we give ourselves to Jesus then we are to do as He says. How happy we can be to do what Jesus

tells us to do. It is always right and Jesus is pleased.

The second gift they gave was frankincense. This is a sweet-smelling spice. This is our praise and our prayers. The Bible says that our prayers go up before Him as a sweet-smelling odor.

The third gift is myrrh. That is a bitter spice. This would be our sorrows and troubles. Jesus wants them, also. "Cast your cares upon him for he careth for you." Will you not give Jesus these gifts today? —Aunt Marie

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THE VISIT OF THE WISE MEN

Matthew 2:1-12

Matt. 2:1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

Memory Verse: Arise, shine: for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Isa. 60:1.

Central Thought: Let each of us bow before Jesus today as the wise men did.

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QUESTIONS

1. Why do we say there were three wise men?
2. Where were the wise men from?
3. How did Herod find where Jesus was to be born?
4. What were the names of the three gifts that the wise men gave to Jesus?

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