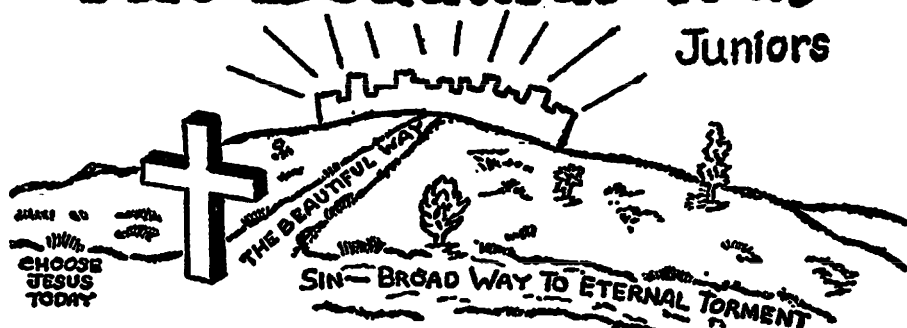


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Part One

Jan. 3

Repentance, The Way

A message of repentance true
Made way for Him who after came;
John's bosom flowed in gladness new,
His message was a living flame.

It bade the people to be just
And turn from wrong to right
And if to find in God a trust
They must walk in the light.

And when the Saviour did appear
To start His work of love,
A few gave welcome's happy cheer
And owned Him from above.

—Leslie Busbee

The Two Trees*

"See my tree?" Della asked as she held her paper up for Rebecca to see.

"I wish I could draw a tree as good as that one. Please draw me one like yours. See mine? It really looks like a corrupt tree," Rebecca said.

*parable

"Say, I have an idea," Della said. "I'll draw the good trees and you draw the corrupt trees. I'll give you one of mine for you to use for the good tree and you give me one of yours to use for the corrupt tree."

"All right. That's fine," Rebecca said as she felt she was getting the best deal.

"There, now. I hope that all of you have finished writing the names of the bad fruit and the good fruit on your trees that is written in Gal. 5:19-22," Sister Harris, their Sunday School teacher said. "We will not have time to discuss all of them but I felt if in our short time you could get the idea of what is good and what is bad that would be a big lesson. I am so sorry that many parents do not teach their children what is right and what is wrong. There is no such thing as a half-right and a half-wrong. Some boys and girls think that they can take apples from the trees of a person who is rich because they do not need them and that would not be stealing. But it would be stealing if they took apples

off a poor person's tree. But if you take something that doesn't belong to you it is stealing whether it is from the rich or the poor. Maybe Jimmy thinks it is all right to take a few rubber bands out of the big box of rubber bands that Alton has to put around his papers because the box is full and Alton has a lot of them. But it is stealing to do that and it is wrong. God looks upon it as stealing and God does not excuse that wrong at all. What do you have to say, Rachel?"

"Are there black and white lies?"

"I was going to get to that," Sister Harris said. "No, a lie is a lie. And the Bible says that 'all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.' (Rev. 21:8) There are many more sins that we could write on the corrupt tree besides the ones you have written, lies and stealing. What an ugly tree the corrupt tree is. When God looks down upon the life of a boy or girl who does all those types of naughty, bad sins, His heart is grieved. He loves to look upon the tree that is full of good fruit. Don't you like to see a tree full of good, red apples? But sometimes it will rain too much and bugs will get into the apples and people do not want to pick that kind of fruit. They will leave it on the tree and the tree looks awful. The flies swarm around it and many other insects. If you aren't careful when you are around a tree like that you might get stung. Wasps, bees, and yellow jackets like trees of that sort. It's best not to go near it. Now, boys and girls, the Lord wants us to be careful that we do not keep company with other boys and girls whose lives are like that

corrupt tree. You might get stung. One boy was terribly hurt because another boy stole something and put the blame on him because they were often together. It's all right to be nice to them and try to get them to do right, but don't spend time with them if they often do the wrong things. God loves for us to have clean lives and good fruit on our life's tree."

"Sister Harris, I can't draw a good tree, so I drew the ugly corrupt trees and Della drew the nice good trees with the good fruit on it," Rebecca said as she held up two sheets of paper showing the good and bad trees.

"That was a good idea," Sister Harris said as she took the two pieces of paper with the two trees on them. "See, boys and girls, the difference in them? All of us agree I am sure that the tree with the good fruit on it is the best and the nicest one to look at. God wants us to have a good life full of good fruit for God and others to look upon."

"Our time is going and the last thing I want you to do is to draw an axe at the bottom of the corrupt tree. The Bible says that an axe is laid at the bottom of every corrupt tree which is a corrupt life. This axe cuts it down and it is cast into hell fire. Now the good tree will live on forever. There is everlasting life given to those who bear the good fruit. They are the ones who have repented of their sins, asked God to forgive them and they are given strength from God to bear the good fruit. Boys and girls, let each one of you be one of God's trees that He has planted and then you will live after death with our Lord and Saviour forever.

—A. Marie Miles

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CANCEL THE UNKIND WORDS

Doubtless you Juniors have studied cancellation in school. But there is another kind of cancellation that can be used by people of all ages. The other day two boys were speaking of a third boy who was not present.

"He's so slow in the games," complained one boy.

"Yes," agreed the other, "but he always plays fair."

"And he's so stupid in his studies," continued the first boy.

"But he always studies hard," answered the second.

Thus you see every unkind word spoken by the first was cancelled by the kind word from the second. Suppose you try this game next time you hear an unkind word—try to "cancel" it by saying a kind word in its place. —Selected

Where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth. Prov. 26:20b.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Here it is 1965! It will be hard to remember to write 1965, won't it? You have been so used to writing 1964. When a person is used to doing one thing it is easy for them to continue. That is called habit. After you do something for at least five times it becomes a habit. Habits are hard to break. It takes some thought to break them. Some habits take the power of God to break. Sin is something that can't be broken unless God breaks it. Sin can't be repented of

unless a boy or girl is truly sorry that he has disobeyed God's laws and grieved His great heart of love. Being deeply sorry with a kind of sorrow that will bring tears of repentance is godly sorrow. God sees this and forgives and gives power to break the habit of sin. Of course, you will have to watch and pray continually that you do not go back into those sins. We must want to live for God more than anything else in this world. Some people on New Year's Day make promises and say they are going to do better. They call it turning over a new leaf, but it takes more than that. You must be sorry enough to quit sinning. If you are not, then you will forget and sin, just as you will forget sometimes and perhaps write 1964 instead of 1965. One person told me that he was in such a habit of telling lies that he would forget. I told him that he should correct any wrong thing that he told right away. He should not let it wait. This would help him to be more careful.

John the Baptist was a strange preacher in the wilderness. While Jesus was growing to manhood, John was spending much of his time alone with God in the desert country, listening to God's voice. When he became a man he began to tell what God had told him. He stayed in the wilderness near the Jordan River and people from the cities and the country all around came to see and hear him. There had been no prophet among the people for over 400 years and everybody was eager to hear this strange preacher. They believed he was a prophet and sent from God.

John brought a wonderful message to the people. It touched their hearts. He told them that the kingdom of God was at hand and that the King that they were looking for would soon be among them.

This stirred them greatly. They longed for God to send them their King which was Jesus Christ. They wanted to get ready for this King so they obeyed the words of John. Many of them did repent of their sins and were baptized in the River Jordan.

John was bold to tell the religious Sadducees and Pharisees that they needed to repent. He loved every soul just as God loves every soul today. Boys and girls, unless you repent of all your sins you will not be ready to meet God. I trust that you who have repented will be careful to live close to God and pray much. God will help you.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 1, January 3, 1965

JOHN THE BAPTIST

Matthew 3:1-12

Matt. 3:1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea.

2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

4 And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

5 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,

6 And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

Memory Verse: Repent ye: for the kingdom of God is at hand. Matt. 3:2.

Central Thought: When we repent we have peace with God.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is the name of the strange preacher we talked about?

2. How long had it been since the people had had a prophet among them?

3. What was the message John the Baptist brought?

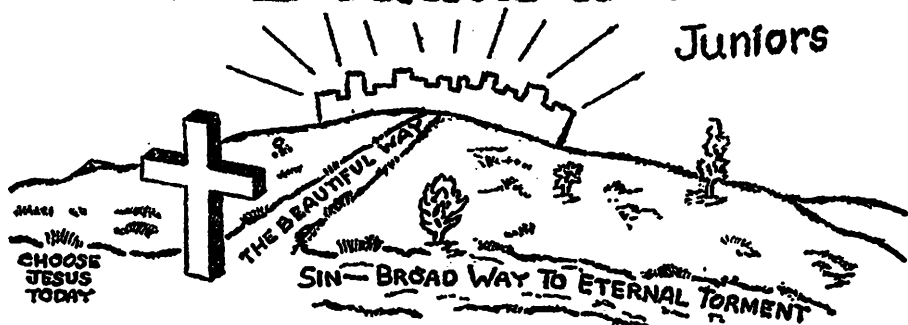
4. What does it mean to be baptized?

5. Who did John say was soon coming?

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Jan. 10

Jesus Tempted?

Jesus tempted? yes, He suffered
All that mortal man can meet
Thus to bruise the head of Satan
'Neath His ever-valiant feet.

Jesus tempted? weak and weary
From His fastings in the plain,
He resisted Satan's power
Did it twice and once again.

Jesus tempted! Can help us?
For this cause He did it all,
We can share in His great triumph
As we on His name now call.

—Leslie Busbee

Carrie's Marks

"For I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus," repeated Miss Evans, slowly. "My dear girls," she said, "have you these marks? It used to be the custom in India to brand the master's name upon the arms of his servants, so that all who met them would know to whom they

belonged. Do your lives show the name of the Lord Jesus to all whom you meet?"

"O Belle!" cried Jennie Day, on the way home. "Did you see Sarah Brooks in that new silk dress? Didn't she feel grand?"

"New!" returned Belle White, "I almost know it was made out of one of her mother's old ones."

"How spiteful they are," thought Carrie Maynard; "I am glad I know better than to talk that way. "Girls," she said aloud, "I think you are forgetting very quickly what Miss Evans read about the marks. The Bible says, 'Charity envieth not.'"

"Yes," answered Belle angrily, "and it says, too, 'Vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.'"

"I wonder if I am conceited, and quote only the verses that don't mean me," said Carrie to herself. "I am sure humility must be one of the marks;" and she went upstairs and asked God to show her how bad she was, little dreaming how soon the prayer would be answered.

After dinner she washed and wiped the dishes and put them carefully away. "There," thought she, "If 'cleanliness is next to godliness,' I am sure of one mark, for Mother says I am an uncommonly neat little girl."

Meantime, Charlie, finding his own library book rather dull, had commenced reading Carrie's. "Here! that's mine," she cried, trying to snatch it.

"Wait till I finish this page," he said, holding it up out of her reach.

"No, I will have it now," she insisted; and by frantic efforts finally seized it, but not till she had left a scratch on his hand, and received several pinches on her arm.

She opened the book, and the first thing she saw was the verse, "Ye have need of patience."

"Oh, dear," she sighed, "there is another mark. Now, I suppose I must carry this book back to Charlie, and ask his forgiveness."

"I am sorry I behaved so badly, and you may take the book all afternoon," she whispered.

Charlie stopped whistling. "Upon my word, I believe you are a Christian, Carrie," he said, and then he fell to whistling again. But Carrie went softly upstairs.

The Dangerous Door

"Oh, Cousin Will, do tell us a story! There's just time before the school-bell rings." And Harry, Kate, Bob, and little Peace crowded about their older cousin until he declared himself ready to do anything they wished.

"Very well," said Cousin Will. "I will tell you about some dangerous

doors I have seen."

"Oh, that's good!" exclaimed Bob. "Were they all iron and heavy bars? And if one passed in, did they shut and keep them there forever?"

"No; the doors I mean are pink or scarlet, and when they open you can see a row of little servants standing all in white, and behind them is a little lady dressed in crimson."

"What? That's splendid!" cried Kate. "I should like to go in myself."

"Ah! it is what comes out of these doors that makes them so dangerous. They need a strong guard on each side, or else there is great trouble."

"Why, what comes out?" said little Peace, with wondering eyes.

"When the guards are away," said Cousin Will, "I have known some things to come out sharper than arrows, and they make terrible wounds. Quite lately I saw two pretty little doors, and one opened and the little lady began to talk like this: 'What a stuck-up thing Lucy Waters is! And did you see that horrid dress made out of her sister's old one?' 'Oh yes,' said the other little crimson lady from the other door, 'and what a turned-up nose she has!' Then poor Lucy, who was around the corner, ran home and cried all evening."

"I know what you mean," cried Kate, coloring.

"Were you listening?"

"Oh, you mean our mouths are doors!" exclaimed Harry, "and the crimson lady is Miss Tongue; but who are the guards, and where do they come from?"

"You may ask the Great King. This is what you must say: 'Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth:

keep the door of my lips.' Then He will send Patience to stand on one side and Love on the other, and no unkind word will dare come out."

—Selected

A Bit of Good Advice

Here are a few words of advice spoken by a father to his son on the evening of the son's graduation from Yale University: "My boy, your life is before you. All the years of accomplishment are not behind you—they are before you. Whatever you do, stick to your ideals.

"Never do a thing you refuse to look a man in the face for. Stand firm. Make every sacrifice you desire but do not sell yourself.

"The boy or girl who can face ridicule, and stand by what he or she knows to be right, and who is not to be morally stamped by any one's laugh, scoff, or sneer, is a person of whom splendid things may be expected.

"True greatness, if it be anywhere on earth, is in a private virtue, removed from the notion of pomp and vanity."

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson is about temptation. To be tempted would mean to test; try; induce; allure; attract; to be inviting to (Webster). I am sure that through some of these words you can understand what tempt means.

I want you to make a list of three things. We read in 1 John 2:15 how we are tempted in this world. It is through the "lust of flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life." So

make a list under the heading of these three.

Let us read about Eve in the garden of Eden. We find in Genesis 3:6 how she was tempted. Eve was told not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God said he would punish them if they ate. The devil got her to think about it and said that God would not punish her. The devil always lies to a person, or if he does tell the truth, it is told so that he can later lead you into a snare. Never believe the devil. Eve saw that the tree was good for food. Write that under the heading of "lust of the flesh." Lust means "an overmastering desire" (Webster). Next it says she saw it was "pleasant to the eyes." Write that under the heading of "lust of the eyes." Then she knew it was a tree to be "desired to make one wise." Write that under "pride of life." How sad it was that Eve and Adam yielded to this temptation and were punished. Because they let sin slip into their hearts, sin was born in the hearts of all boys and girls.

Now in our lesson we find that Jesus was tempted of the devil in the same manner. The devil tried to spoil God's plan to send Jesus here to wash away sin out of hearts. Write under the "lust of the flesh," make stones into bread. Then under "lust of the eyes," showed all the kingdoms of earth and the glory of them. Now write under "pride of life" cast self down and when angels bear him up he would receive praise in this life from others. We are glad that Jesus did not yield to any of these temptations and the angels came and gave him all that he had need of. God will bless us if we will say no to the devil when he comes tempting us.

The devil does not want us, through Jesus, to live without sinning. Now let

us think of the ways the devil tempts us through these three things. What about the lust of the flesh? Are you tempted to please yourself and forget others? Are you tempted to let your mother, brothers, and sisters pick up after you and do the biggest share of the work in the home because you just don't want to do it? What about the lust of the eyes? Are you wanting things that are not needful just because you see them? Are you wanting to wear jewelry and etc. because you think it will make you look pretty or attractive? What about the pride of life? Pride means an overhigh opinion of oneself. Do you feel you can do everything better than others? Do you want others to look up to you? Do you feel you are smarter than others? There are a lot of other things you could write under these headings. —Aunt Marie

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Lesson 2, January 10, 1965

JESUS IS TEMPTED

Matthew 4:1-11

Matt. 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

5 Then the devil taketh him up into

the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple.

6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Memory Verse: Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Matt. 4:10.

Central Thought: Jesus was tempted and knows how to help us.

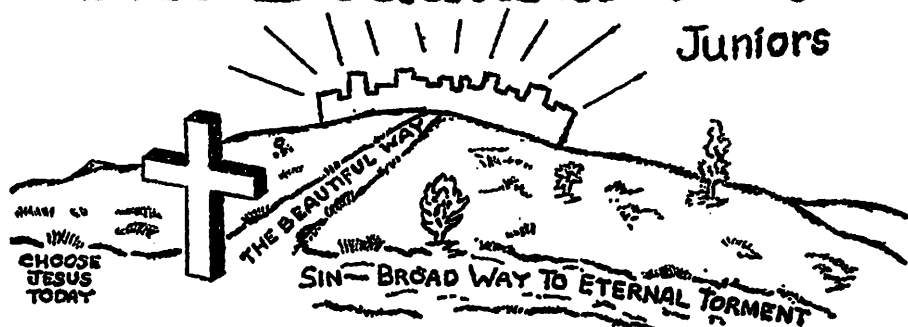
QUESTIONS:

1. What does the word tempt mean?
2. In what three ways does John say we are tempted?
3. Which one yielded to temptation, Jesus or Eve?
4. What kind of a blessing did Jesus receive because he said no to the devil?
5. Does the devil ever tell the truth?

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Jan. 17

Christ's Kingdom

Christ's Kingdom dwells forever,
'Tis not of earth below,
No foe His throne can sever
From those His love who know.

Man's deep and warm affections,
Devotions and esteem
Are treasures owned by Jesus,
The object of His dream.

Though cast aside, rejected
By kingdoms built of men,
This one He has selected,
This Kingdom is within!

—Leslie Busbee

What One Lie Did

It was winter twilight. Shadows played about the room, while the rudy light flickered pleasantly between the ancient andirons.

A venerable old lady, whose hair time had silvered, but whose heart he had left fresh and young, sat musing in an armchair, drawn up closely

by the fireside. Suddenly the door opened, and a little girl hurried to her side.

"Well, Bessie," said the old lady, laying her hand lovingly on the child's sunny ringlets, "have you had a good slide?"

"Beautiful, Aunt Ruth; and now won't you tell me one of your nice stories?"

Bessie was an only child, whose mother had just died. The little girl had come to visit her aunt, who had learned to love her dearly because of her winning ways and affectionate disposition.

But Aunt Ruth's eyes were of the clear sort, and she soon discovered that Bessie was not only careless about telling the truth, but that she displayed little sensitiveness when detected in a falsehood.

Now, if there was any one trait for which Aunt Ruth was particularly distinguished, it was her unswerving truthfulness, and if there was any one thing that annoyed her more than all others, it was anything like falsehood.

"A liar shall not stand in my sight," was the language of her heart, and so she determined, with the help of God, to root out from her darling's character the noxious weed, whatever effort it might cost her. Of this she had been musing, and her resolve was formed.

"Get your rocking-chair, dear, and come close beside me;" and in a moment the child's blue eyes were upturned to hers.

"I am old now, Bessie," and she tenderly stroked that fair brow, "and my memory is failing. But I can recall the time when I was a little dancing, sunny-haired girl, like you. You open your eyes wonderingly, but, if your life is spared, before you know it, child, you will be an old lady like Aunt Ruth.

"In those young days I was in a spelling-class, at school, with a little girl named Amy, a sweet tempered, sensitive child, and a very good scholar. She seemed disposed to cling to me, and I could not well resist her loving friendship. Yet I did not quite like her, because she often went above me in the class, when, but for her, I should have stood at the head.

"Poor Amy could not account for my occasional coolness, for I was too proud to let her know the reason. I had been a truthful child, Bessie, but envy tempted me, and I yielded. I sometimes tried to prejudice the other girls against Amy, and this was the beginning of my deceit. She was too timid to defend herself, and so I usually carried my point.

"One day our teacher gave out to us the word, believe. In her usual low voice, Amy spelled 'b-e-l-i-e-v-e believe.' Her teacher misunderstanding her said, quickly, 'Wrong—the next;' but turning to her again asked,

'Did you not spell it l-e-i-v-e?'

" 'No ma'am, I said l-i-e-v-e.'

"Miss R—, still in doubt, looking at me, inquired, 'You heard, Ruth; how was it?'

"A wicked thought occurred to me, to disgrace her, and raise myself. Deliberately I uttered a gross falsehood, 'Amy said l-e-i-v-e.'

"The teacher turned toward Amy, who stood, silent, distressed, and confounded by my accusation. Her flushed face and streaming eyes gave her the appearance of guilt.

" 'Amy,' said her teacher sternly, 'I did not expect a lie from you. Go, now, to the foot of the class, and remember to remain after school.'

"I had triumphed, Bessie; Amy was disgraced, and I stood proudly at the head of my class, but I was not happy.

"When school was dismissed, I pretended to have lost something, and lingered in the hall. I heard the teacher say,

" 'Amy, come here,' and then I caught the light footsteps of the gentle child.

" 'How could you tell that lie?'

" 'Miss R—, I did not tell a lie,' but even as she denied it, I could see through the keyhole that in her grief at the charge, and her dread of punishment, she stood trembling like a culprit.

(To be continued)

Her First Pair of Shoes

A woman came into the store very timidly. She was evidently unaccustomed to trading.

"What can I do for you?" inquired the merchant.

"I want a pair of shoes for a little girl."

"What number?"

"She is twelve years old."

"But what number does she wear?"

"I do not know."

"But what number did you buy when you bought the last pair for her!"

"She never had a pair in her life. You see, sir, her father used to drink when we had saloons, but now they are closed. He doesn't drink any more, and this morning he said to me: 'Mother, I want you to go up town today and get Sissy a pair of shoes, for she never had a pair in her life.' I thought, sir, if I told you how old she was you would know just what size to give me."

We can easily believe that this little girl's father had become a Christian. That is a better reason for quitting the drinking habit, than just having the saloons closed. The Lord Jesus is able to keep from sin all who trust in Him.

Two things are bad for heart trouble: running up stairs, and running down people.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

There are countries in this world which have kings and queens. Probably you can name some of these countries. Of course all of you know about England which has a queen. She is the queen of their kingdom.

God has a kingdom, also. Jesus is the King. We have a great King. Our King has all power. The kings of this earth rise and fall but our King is alive forever. Our King is sitting on the right hand of His Father, God, in heaven. Our King can see us all the time. He can help us in any way that we have

need. Our lesson brings out how our King spoke and the sick were made well. Our King speaks again and those who are possessed with demons are released and clothed in their right minds. Our King spoke and forgave sins. Others looking on felt that he was not able to forgive sins and they caused him a lot of trouble but he did not stop. They went to take him at times but would come back and say that they never had heard any man speak as He did. Our King is great and mighty.

Our lesson tells us about Jesus getting together men who would help him in his kingdom. Jesus preached to the people who were sitting in the darkness of sin and death. He told them to "repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Those who did repent received light into their darkened lives. This was a great light. When a little boy or girl has lost his mother, he will cry and feel terrible. But when he sees his mother his face lights up and he feels so good again. That is the way it is with people who are in sin and trouble. When they understand that Jesus is the one who can help them out of their troubles and lift sin from their hearts through repentance, their faces light up and hope springs up in their hearts. Darkness turns to light.

After Jesus had preached to the people there were many who believed on him. They repented and when he called them to come and help him, they came. When he called Simon and his brother to leave their fishing and follow him, they obeyed. He told them he would make them fishers of men. What is the most important thing a fisherman has to have besides bait and a fishing pole? It is patience. In helping others to love Jesus we need lots of patience and love, also a deep desire to help them come to the Lord.

There were others whom Jesus called and they followed him. Can you name them?

The Lord wants us to be fishers of men. Tell someone this coming week about Jesus and tell the class next week about it.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 3, January 17, 1965

THE KINGDOM IS AT HAND

Matthew 4:12-25

Matthew 4:12 Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee;

13 And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim:

14 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,

15 The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;

16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

18 And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

20 And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son

of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.

22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

25 And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan.

Memory Verse: And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. Matthew 4:23.

Central Thought: A sincere desire and patience is needed to be a good fisher of men.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who prophesied that the people in Capernaum would see a great light?

2. Who brought that great light and how does it cause darkness to disappear?

3. Who did Jesus call first in our lesson to leave their nets and follow Him?

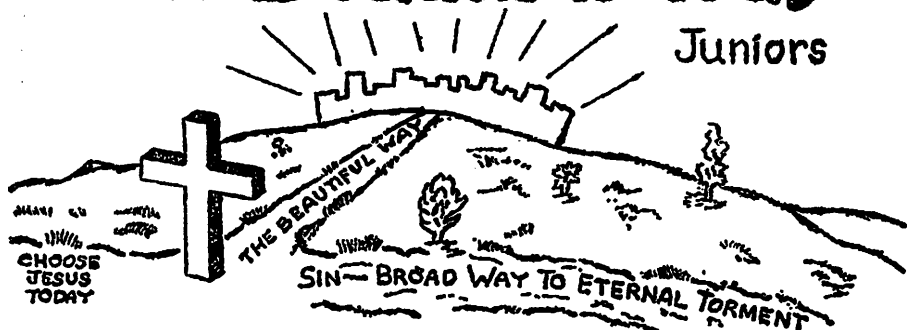
5. How can we accept Christ as king of our lives?

6. How can we be fishers of men?

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Part Four

Jan. 24

Marvel Not

Marvel not, nor think it strange
If the world should hate you;
Do not faint when people change,
In their minds de-rate you.

Thus they did your blessed Lord,
And He was the Master;
Marvel not if men afford
Nothing but disaster.

Buckle on your armor tight,
Be with truth surrounded;
Set yourself for such a fight,
In His love well grounded.

—Leslie Busbee

What One Lie Did

(Part Two)

"Hold out your hand."

"There I stood, as if spellbound.
Stroke after stroke of the hard ruler
I heard fall upon the small white hand
of the innocent child. You may well
hide your eyes from me, Bessie. Oh,
why did I not speak? Every stroke

went to my heart, but I would not
confess my sin, and so I stole softly
from the door.

"As I lingered on the way, Amy
walked slowly along, with her books
in one hand, while with the other she
kept wiping away the tears, which
would not yet cease to flow. Her
sobs, seeming to come from a break-
ing heart, sank deep into my own.

"As she walked on, weeping, her
foot stumbled, and she fell, and her
books were scattered on the ground.
I picked them up and handed them to
her. Turning toward me her soft
blue eyes swimming in tears, in the
sweetest tones, she said,—

"I thank you, Ruth."

"It made my guilty heart beat
faster, but I would not speak; so we
went on silently together.

"When I reached home, I said to
myself, 'what is the use, nobody
knows it, and why should I be so
miserable?' I resolved to throw off
the hated burden, and going into the
pleasant parlor, I talked and laughed
as if nothing were the matter. But
the load on my poor heart only grew
the heavier.

"I needed no one, Bessie, to reprove me for my cruel sin. The eye of God seemed consuming me. But the worse I felt, the gayer I seemed; and more than once I was checked for my boisterous mirth, while tears were struggling to escape.

"At length I went to my room. I could not pray, and so hurrying to bed, I resolutely shut my eyes. But sleep would not come to me. The ticking of the old clock in the hall seemed every moment to grow louder, as if reproaching me; and when it slowly told the hour of midnight, it smote upon my ear like a knell.

"I turned and turned upon my little pillow, but it was filled with thorns. Those sweet blue eyes, swimming in tears, were ever before me; the repeated strokes of the ruler kept sounding in my ears. At length, unable to endure it longer I left my bed, and sat down by the window. The noble elms stood peacefully in the moonlight, the penciled shadow of their spreading branches lying tremulously on the ground.

"The white fence, the graveled walks, the perfect quietness in which everything was wrapped, seemed to mock my restlessness, while the solemn midnight sky filled me with a sense of awe which I never felt before. Ah! Bessie, God was displeased with me, my conscience was burdened and uneasy, and I was wretched.

"As I turned from the window, my eyes rested on the snow-white coverlet of my little bed, a birthday gift from my mother. All her patient kindness rushed upon my mind. I felt her dying hand upon my head. I listened once more to her trembling voice, as she fervently besought the blessing of heaven upon me—

" 'Oh, make her a truthful, holy child!'

"I tried to banish from my thoughts this last petition of my dying mother; but the more resolute was my purpose, the more distinctly did those pleading tones fall upon my heart, till, bowing upon the window, I wept convulsively. But tears, Bessie, could give me no relief.

"My agony became every moment more intense, till at length, I rushed almost in terror, to my father's bedside.

" 'Father! Father!' but I could say no more. Tenderly putting his arm around me, he laid my throbbing head upon his bosom; and there he gently soothed me, till I could so far control my sobbing, as to explain its cause. Then how fervently did he plead with heaven, that his sinning child might be forgiven!

" 'Dear Father,' said I, 'will you go with me tonight to see poor Amy?'

"He answered, 'Tomorrow morning, my child.'

"Delay was torture; but striving to suppress my disappointment, I received my father's kiss and went back to my room. But slumber still fled from my weary eyelids.

(To be continued)

God Cares For You

I was standing on the sidewalk waiting for a bus. It was very late in the evening. The sun had just gone down and it was getting very dark. I could just see a man and woman walking with a large dog walking in front of them. The devil tried to make me afraid of the dark and the dog. I began to pray and ask God to not let the dog hurt me.

In Job 36:7 it tells us that God "with-draweth not his eyes from the righteous." The dog turned around and walked across the street to where I was standing. The devil tried to make me afraid of the dog. I stood still. The dog came over and sat down beside me. I felt strangely comforted that the dog did not seem to want to hurt me. When the bus came, I got on the bus and the dog got up and walked away. It made my heart so glad to know that he had so gently cared for me. God loves His children and will always help them. The Lord does not want us to be afraid. He often gives us a dog as a playmate, and they become so fond of us that they will protect us with their lives. We should always be kind to animals.

Our Bible says: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Be willing to do anything or be anything, that will help. If you cannot preach a fine sermon, you can say a verse of Scripture or sing a hymn.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

I am sure that all of you who love Jesus and do as He tells you find that there are many other boys and girls who do not want to do right. I know that you feel the hurt of their slighting remarks, and sometimes they will shun you. But be encouraged, dear boys and girls. Those boys and girls do not have a heaven for you to go to. They cannot keep you out of heaven. You should feel sorry for them because they will not go to heaven but to hell if they do not live for Jesus. Pray for them and ask God to help them. Remember that you are suffering for Jesus' sake. Don't be

ashamed of Jesus because if we have given our hearts to Jesus he will help us. It would be terrible to die and not go to heaven. Many boys and girls have suffered for Jesus' sake. One girl was branded with a hot iron because she would not turn against Jesus. There were several boys and girls in a school whose tongues were clipped off part way because they would not say they did not believe in Jesus. Those boys and girls were brave and wonderful. They loved God. They knew who had a heaven for them.

Our lesson tells about how Jesus called Matthew to follow him. Matthew was a tax collector. He had a big house and wanted others to know Jesus, whom he loved so much. He asked his friends to come and eat with him and meet Jesus. There is no record of the sermon that Jesus preached to all of them but I am sure that it touched the heart of each sinner that was there. Others looking on and knowing about this big feast that Matthew had and that Jesus went to it, began to find fault. Some of them asked Jesus' disciples why Jesus would eat with sinners. Jesus told them that those who had their sins forgiven didn't need repentance preached to them. But those who are sinners need to know how to get their sins forgiven and to find hope in their souls.

People found fault with Jesus and they will find fault with us today. We need not be surprised about this. Jesus told his disciples that there would come a time when they would be brought up before the governors for His sake. But He told them that they did not need to be afraid because He would help them at that time and tell them what to say. Jesus even warned them that their brothers and sisters might turn against

them and cause them trouble but that if they would love Jesus even unto the day of their death they would get into heaven. So boys and girls, love Jesus even though your mother, father, brother or sister does not. God will bless and help you. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 4, January 24, 1965

CHRIST AROUSES OPPOSITION

Matthew 9:9-13; 10:17-25

Matt. 9:9 And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

10 And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.

11 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?

12 But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.

13 But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

10:17 But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;

18 And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.

19 But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.

20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

21 And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death.

22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.

24 The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.

25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the Master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?

Memory Verse: He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. Matt. 10:39.

Central Thought: If we will stay with Jesus He will stay with us.

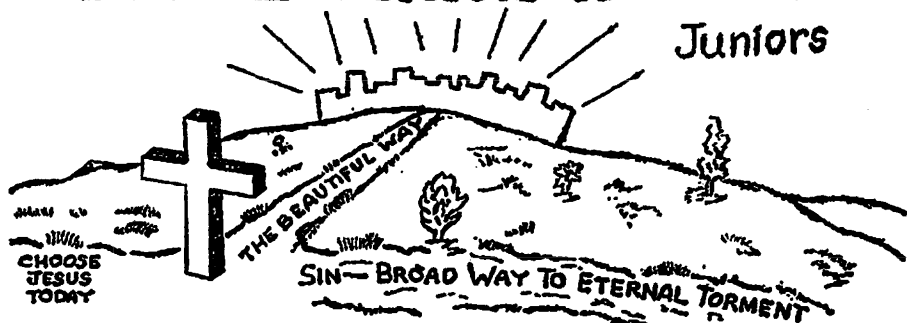
QUESTIONS:

1. What was Matthew doing when Jesus called him?
2. Who went to the feast that Matthew had and who was his honored guest?
3. Who is Jesus calling to repentance, the righteous or the sinners?
4. Are we to be surprised when others oppose us for living for Jesus?
5. Who will be saved in the end?

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Jan. 31

Jesus, the Gateway

Jesus is the gate of heaven

By Him entrance can be thine;

By Him only is there given

Hope beyond this world to shine.

Learn His meekness, eat His doctrine,

Gauge His pattern, follow on:

Yoked with Him will help us triumph

When the strength of earth is gone.

He for us is now appearing

In God's presence evermore—

Hope He gives, the spirit cheering,

He's the One we're living for!

—Leslie Busbee

What One Lie Did

(Part Three)

"My longing to beg Amy's forgiveness amounted to frenzy; and after watching for the morning, for what seemed to me hours, my anguish became so intolerable that I fled once more to my father, and with tears streaming down my cheeks, I knelt

by his side, beseeching him to go with me to Amy that moment; adding, in a whisper, 'She may die before she has forgiven me.' He laid his hand upon my burning cheek, and after a moment's thought, replied,

"I will go with you, my child."

"In a few moments we were on our way. As we approached Mrs. Sinclair's cottage, we perceived lights hurrying from one room to another. Shuddering with dread, I drew closer to my father. He softly opened the gate, and silently we passed through it.

"The doctor, who was just leaving the door, seemed greatly surprised to meet us there at that hour. Words cannot describe my feelings, when in answer to my father's inquiries, he told us that Amy was sick with brain fever.

"Her mother tells me,' he continued, 'that she has not been well for several days, but that she was unwilling to remain from school. She came home yesterday afternoon, it seems, very unlike herself. She took no supper, but sat at the table silently, as if stupefied with grief.

" 'Her mother tried every way to find out the cause of her sorrow; but in vain. She went to bed with the same heart-broken appearance, and in less than an hour I was summoned. In her delirium she has been calling upon her dear Ruth, beseeching you with the most mournful earnestness to pity and save her.'

"Bessie, may you never know how his words pierced my heart!

"My earnest plea to see Amy just one minute, prevailed with her widowed mother. Kindly taking my hand—the murderer's—she led me to the sick chamber. As I looked on the sweet sufferer, all hope deserted me. The shadows of death were already on her forehead and her large blue eyes.

"Kneeling by her bed, in whispered words my heart pleaded, oh, so earnestly, for forgiveness. But, when I looked entreatingly toward her, in her delirious gaze there was no recognition. No, Bessie, I was never to be comforted by the assurance of her pardon.

"When I next saw Amy, she was asleep. The bright flush had faded from her cheek, whose marble paleness was shaded by her long eyelashes. Delirium had ceased, and the aching heart was still. That small, white hand, which had been held out trembling, to receive the blows of the harsh ruler, now lay lovingly folded within the other. Never again would tears flow from those gentle eyes, nor that bosom heave with sorrow. That sleep was the sleep of death!

"My grief was wilder, if not deeper, than that mother's of whose lost treasure I had robbed her. She forgave me; but I could not forgive myself. What a long, long winter followed. My sufferings threw me into

a fever, and in my delirium I called continually upon Amy.

"But God listened to the prayers of my dear father, and raised me from this sickness. And when the light footsteps of spring were seen upon the green earth, and early flowers were springing up around the grave of Amy, for the first time, I was allowed to visit it.

"My head swam as I read, lettered so carefully on the white tablet:—

" 'Amy Sinclair,

Fell asleep September third.'

"Beside that fresh turf I knelt down, and offered, as I trust the prayer of faith. I was there relieved, and strengthened, too, Bessie," said Aunt Ruth, as she laid her hand tenderly upon that young head bowed down upon her lap.

Poor Bessie's tears had long been flowing, and now her grief seemed uncontrollable. Nor did her aunt attempt consolation; for she hoped there was a healing in that sorrow.

"Pray for me!" whispered Bessie, at length, looking up through her tears, she flung her arms about her aunt; and from a full heart Aunt Ruth prayed for the weeping child.

That scene was never forgotten by Bessie; for in that twilight hour, a light dawned upon her, brighter than the morning. And, although it had cost Aunt Ruth not a little to call up this dark shadow from the past, yet she felt repaid a thousandfold for her sacrifice. For that sweet young face, lovely as a May morning, but whose beauty had been often marred by the workings of deceit and falsehood, grew radiant in the clear light of that truthful purpose which was then born in her soul.

DWARF DOGS

A number of years ago in Paris a man had some very tiny dogs for sale. When they were very young the man had put a little speck of nicotine in their food, to keep them from growing. Then he added a little more, and a little more, as they grew older, so they never got big. The nicotine killed a great many of the dogs, but the man got a big price for the ones that lived.

We say, "How terrible to poison dogs for the sake of money!" But many boys and even girls are more foolish. They smoke cigarettes and poison their bodies, the bodies which God says should be the temple of the Holy Spirit. Ask God to help you to keep away from cigarettes and liquor and all those things which will poison your body and keep you from being all that God wants you to be.

SUNDAY CLOTHES

Who ever heard of flowers having Sunday clothes? No one. Flowers wear the same clothes every day. But lots of boys and girls don't. I mean on Sunday they put on the robes of righteousness and act very good. Then on weekdays they take off their "good deeds" and do the things they want to. Jesus wants all of His children to be just like the flowers and wear good deeds each day.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

If a person is wise, he will not cross a busy street when the light is red, but will wait until it turns green, which means it is safe to go. If a person is wise he will not go around a barricade marked danger, on a highway when he

sees a bridge beyond. The bridge might be unsafe to cross. If boys or girls would come to a cave and want to go in but someone there told them that snakes live in it or that a wild animal is there, they would not be wise if they disregarded the warning. In this world there are many things that we meet that we are to take warning from so we can live a safer life.

God is giving us many warnings also about the life beyond this life. There is a heaven and there is a hell. We need to be wise and listen to the warnings given us by God through the Bible. Our lesson says that when Jesus lived here on the earth, he went through the cities and gave warnings about the need of getting ready to meet God. He came to two cities and he felt very sad because he had done many wonderful miracles in their cities and they would not repent or believe in Him. Jesus had raised Jairus' daughter from the dead (Matt. 9:18-26) and made the lame to walk; also the lepers had been cleansed. (Matt. 9:2-4). They had been done in and around these cities and Capernaum. Jesus told them that if these miracles had been done in Tyre and Sidon, some wicked cities, they would have repented. He then pointed out that when all of these people from these cities come before God that the cities where the miracles had been done would be held more responsible than the cities who did not know about Jesus and His miracles. Boys and girls, if you know to do right and do not do it, you will have to give an account of that.

Then Jesus talked directly to the inhabitants of Capernaum, who seemed to feel that they were such great and mighty people. But Jesus told them that in the day of judgment it would be better for the people of that awful city of Sodom which was destroyed many, many

years before by fire and brimstone than for them. Can you tell who was living in the city of Sodom at that time and God told him to get out before the city was destroyed?

The last part of our lesson tells us what Jesus will do for all who will come to Him. He will give them rest to their souls. What peace and love He will flood you with if you will only humble yourself before Him! If you will become meek and lowly, He will bless you. What does it mean to be meek and lowly? You do not feel that you are better than others, but want to be a helper to others. Think about the life of Jesus and learn of Him. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 5, January 31, 1965

JUDGMENT AND INVITATION

Matthew 11:20-30

Matt. 11:20 Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not:

21 Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee. Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

22 But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you.

23 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

24 But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom

in the day of judgment, than for thee.

25 At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

26 Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.

27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Memory Verse: Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. Matt. 11:28, 29.

Central Thought: We can repent and come to Jesus and receive rest to our souls.

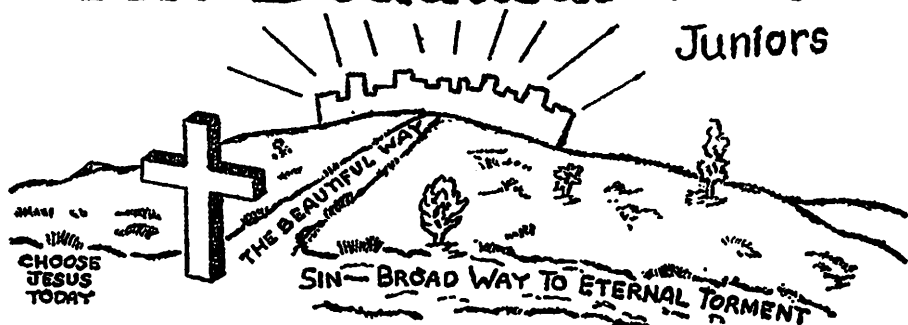
QUESTIONS:

1. What are some of the warnings that Jesus gave to the cities of his day?
2. What happened to Sodom?
3. Who are the wise people to whom God has revealed the things of heaven?
4. What kind of rest does Jesus promise?
5. What do we learn from Jesus' life?

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Part Six

Feb. 7

The End of the World

This present world shall pass away
Decreed by God, we know not when,
We must be ready for that day
With Christ enthroned our hearts
within.

All things below of mortal life
Now changing through the years
of time
Some day will quench its course of
strife
And vanish, nevermore to chime.

Let fear strike every heart and soul
And wisdom guide our lives of dust,
Let Christ in us have full control
Beneath His wings of mercy trust.

—Leslie Busbee

New House

"Mother, will I ever see Arthur again?" asked Raymond as he dried his tears. Arthur was his little brother who had died and gone to be with Jesus. Raymond could not understand as he saw him lying in

a little casket all still and would not speak. His mother tried to tell him that Arthur was not really there because the body was just Arthur's house that he had lived in while here in this world. But when Arthur went away he left his house of dirt here to go and be with Jesus.

"Yes, dear, you will see Arthur again if you will always love Jesus and be ready for heaven when you die and leave your house of dirt," Mother said. "Don't you know how Arthur was always so sweet about things and would give up almost anything to your baby sister? And then how sweetly he would pray to Jesus because he really loved Him. Today Arthur is safe in the arms of Jesus and is so happy. He is living in a wonderful place. Some day in the last day Arthur will put on a new house. All of us who belong to Jesus will put on a new house. This new house won't ever die. It is not made out of the dirt. Won't that be wonderful? We will all be together in heaven where there is no trouble or sorrow or bad people."

"What will happen to the bad people here in this world?" asked Raymond.

"The bad people cannot go to heaven. They have sin in their hearts. Sin cannot enter heaven. Heaven is a pure place. They will have to go to hell. Hell was made for the devil but since bad people can't go to heaven there is no other place for them but hell. There they will burn forever. Oh, how awful! At the end of the world the good people will be taken away from the bad people. We surely want to be ready to go to heaven. We want to have all of our sins forgiven before that day comes so we can arise up in the air and meet Jesus. This old world will burn up and the bad people will be put in hell," Mother told Raymond as she folded and put away the clothes.

"I am glad that I have asked Jesus to forgive me of my sins and that I am ready to die," Raymond said. "I want to see Arthur again some day. I am glad that he is so happy. Heaven must be wonderful. But why don't other boys and girls love Jesus and be ready?"

"Some boys and girls do not know how to give their hearts to Jesus," Mother said. "We want to help them to know about Jesus. Yet there are some who do not want Jesus. We need to pray for them and live for Jesus before them." —M. Miles

A Worthy Example

Abraham Lincoln, when a boy of thirteen or fourteen years of age, hearing that a neighbor named Crawford owned Ramsey's "Life of Washington," borrowed it to read. He had nearly finished the book, when

an accident occurred, which caused him much regret. On retiring to bed one stormy evening, he placed the book directly under a crack in their log cabin, and the wind changing before morning, the rain came in, and the "Life of Washington" was wet through! His dismay was great, on discovering its badly damaged condition—he had promised to take care of it, and return it safely; and he felt that his reputation would be lowered, although he had not actually been to blame. But he resolved to take it back to the owner at the close of his day's work, and offer to make what reparation he could, though he had no money to give. He carried out this purpose (with a heavy heart) and was well received by the neighbor, who proposed that he should work out the whole cost of the book, and then keep it for his own. This he gladly agreed to; working hard for three days at cutting cornstalks; and in the end, received the book, which, injured though it was, was still a great acquisition to him; and more than all, he had kept his good name, and felt the happy consciousness that he had acted rightly.

—Food for Young Appetites

A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Prov. 18:24. (That friend is Jesus.)

WHAT IS IT?

A mother asked her little boy what loving kindness means.

"Well," he said, "when I ask you for a piece of bread and butter, and you give it to me, that's kindness, but when you put jam on it, that's loving kindness."

Not Fair

Don and Dora were on their way home from Sunday School. "I don't think you and Ray behaved a bit nice in class today," remarked Dora. "I saw you laughing and pinching each other and teasing Will Reese while Miss Rodman was teaching the lesson. You wouldn't dare behave that way at school tomorrow."

"No, we'd be punished if we did," laughed Don. "They don't punish you at Sunday School, you know."

"Well, Don, I'm ashamed of you!" exclaimed Dora. "If you won't behave at Sunday School just because you know the teacher can't punish you or send you home, you ought to be ashamed."

Don flushed. He had not thought about it that way before. It did seem a mean thing to do.

"I guess you're right, Dora. It isn't fair to God, or to the Sunday School or to Miss Rodman, either, for us to act that way," he said. "Hereafter I won't do anything in Sunday School I wouldn't do in a week-day school." —Dew Drops.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson is a parable or a story. Jesus had some deep truths to teach the people but they could not understand them unless He made them very, very simple. Therefore Jesus taught many truths through telling a story. The word parable means "side by side." Or it means a short, simple story teaching a moral lesson. You can call a parable an allegory, too. We have some good books that are written that teach good lessons. We think of the book called

"Pilgrim's Progress." It is a story that has many good teachings in it. One good truth that "Pilgrim's Progress" brings out through story form is of a fire burning close to a wall. The devil is throwing water on it trying to put it out but he can't put it out. The reason is that on the other side of the wall someone is pouring oil into the fire all the time. The story teaches us that the devil can't make the fire of the Holy Spirit quit burning in our hearts because God keeps pouring in the oil of grace and that keeps the fire of love going. God helps us keep the love in our hearts for everyone even if they keep doing us wrong. When the devil tells us to do wrong we do not listen to him but to God and then the Lord helps us to do right because we ask Him to help us.

Sometimes in our "Beautiful Way" paper we have stories that we write and we will put "parable" down at the bottom of the page. Those stories are stories to bring out a truth or make a truth simple so you can understand them. In other words, we explain a truth or a way of life that is pleasing to the Lord. Parables teach you how to live right and how pleased God is when you do right and how it helps others for you to live right.

The parable we have in our lesson today is comparing the word of God to seed that a farmer sows in the soil. If any of you live on a farm you understand how this is done. When the farmer was gone an enemy came and sowed weeds. What would a farmer do?

In studying this lesson we should ask ourselves some questions. What is the good seed and what is the bad seed? Who sows the good seed? Who sows the bad seed? How can we sow good seed each day in our life and also in the lives of others? Is it best to ask the

question, "What would Jesus do"? What does it mean when our lesson said, "When men slept"? Can we sleep and not be watchful? What is the fruit of bad seed and good seed? Is it hard to separate weeds and wheat? Will it be hard for God to separate the bad from the good at the end of the world? What happens to the tares or bad people? What happens to the good wheat or good boys and girls? Be careful, boys and girls, and let good seed fall into your hearts and grow. —Aunt Marie

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Lesson 6, February 7, 1965

PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Matt. 13:24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

26 But when the blade was sprung up and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I

will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;

38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;

39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

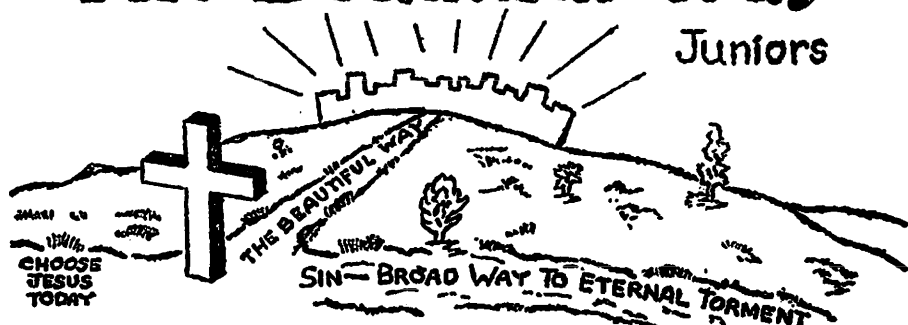
Memory Verse: For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 2 Cor. 5:10.

Central Thought: The good and bad are known here and will be known by God in the day of judgment.

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Love Fulfills

The love of Jesus in the heart
Constrains us to each duty,
We dare not e'er neglect one part
To mar the Christian beauty.

Kind deeds to help and honor shown,
Respect in word and manner,
Unfurling in our life alone
The Christian's royal banner.

Thus we would live and walk each day
And trust we are a blessing
To other trav'lers in the way
As t'ward life's goal we're pressing.
—Leslie Busbee

Commandments of Men*

"Mother, what are the commandments of men?" asked Mary. "Today in our Sunday School lesson we had a verse which said something about the commandments of men."

"Well, dear, one thing that many teach today is that it doesn't make any difference what you do if you

love God and go to church every Sunday, you will make it into heaven," Mother said as she continued putting the patch on Bill's jeans. "Now that is a commandment of man. Many live like that and feel they are ready to go to heaven."

"Isn't it right to love God and go to church every Sunday?" asked Mary.

"Yes, that is right and we should do it, but it is wrong to commit sin through the week and then feel you are all right if you say you love God and go to church every Sunday," said Mother. "Those who live like that do not really love God from their hearts but just say they love God. They probably think they do because so many people live by that commandment which is of man. Many teach that if you are once saved you will always be saved. But that is false. There are so many commandments of man that people are living by, that are not right and not according to the Bible."

"You mean some think they can sin and will go to heaven?" asked Mary.

*parable

"Yes, they teach that no one lives without sinning," Mother said.

"But, Mother, that is why Jesus came here to this world and died on the cross so that He could save us from our sins," Mary said with a puzzled look on her face. "Don't people believe that, either?"

"You would think they did not believe it," Mother said as she set up the ironing board to iron the patched place on Bill's jeans. "But of course they will tell you that Jesus came and died on the cross but we won't be saved until we get to heaven."

"I had a memory verse one time and it said, 'Thou shalt call his name Jesus for he shall save his people from their sins,' " Mary said. "I am sure it said 'from their sins.' I am sure that would mean that if a person was saved they would not have any sin."

"You are right, my dear," Mother said as she ironed. "Another scripture in 1 John, 3rd chapter, says that 'he that committeth sin is of the devil' and also says, 'whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin.' These scriptures are God's Word and not man's words. We must live by them. When a person comes to the Lord and really repents, with godly sorrow, and God forgives them of their sins, they are all gone. They are then to seek God to fill them with the Holy Spirit so they can have power in their life to live without sinning every day. A person just cannot sin and still be right, even if they go to church every Sunday and say they love God. This is a vain religion. Jesus said, 'ye must be born again.' That means you must have a change of heart and life.

When you are saved you do not live like people of the world, but you live like God wants you to live."

"Mother, you tell it just like Bro. Smith preaches it," Mary said. "I surely want to live like God tells me to and not like man thinks we ought."

"Yes, my dear, I am glad that you want to please the Lord and really love Him from your heart. Jesus has said, 'if ye love me, you will keep my commandments.' That is the way we show our love, by living every day without sin, and doing that which is pleasing to the Lord. If we make a mistake we need to come right to Jesus and ask him to help us. As we watch and pray we will not make as many mistakes but will be more like Jesus every day."

—A. Marie Miles

A SHINING LIGHT

A boy who had just become a Christian told James Hudson Taylor, the great missionary to China, "I can't serve Jesus before I learn more about Him."

"Do you light a candle to make it warm?" Mr. Taylor asked.

"No, I light it to get light."

"Does the candle become more useful after it has burned a while," the missionary asked.

"No, it is useful as soon as it is lighted."

"Then," said Mr. Taylor, "Why don't you let your light shine right from the start?" —Selected

A SHORT SERMON

The guide was taking some tourists through the Mammoth Cave. When they reached "The Cathedral," he

mounted a rock called "The Pulpit," and said that he would preach a sermon. It was short. All he said was, "Keep close to your guide." The tourists soon found it was a good sermon, for if one did not keep close to the guide he would be lost in the midst of pits, precipices and defiles. It is hard to find one's way through Mammoth Cave without a guide; it is harder to find one's way through the world without the lamp of God's Word. A good motto for Christians is, "Keep your eye on the Lamp."

Dear Boys and Girls:—

After Jesus had fed the 5,000 the religious rulers of that day were stirred up against Him. They tried to find fault with Him so the people would turn against Him. Some of the scribes and Pharisees came to Jesus and, in front of the crowd, asked him a question. They had taught the people that they were to wash their hands often as a mark of outward cleansing before God. You can read in Mark 7:2-4 and it tells in detail about this washing of hands often to make others think they were real religious. It wasn't just because they wanted to be clean but they held it to be what God required of them. Those who had to work could not keep this but they believed they should. This was just man's word. So the Pharisees asked Jesus why His disciples did not keep this commandment of often washing their hands. Jesus did not answer their question but asked them another question. He pointed out how they had left the Word of God by taking man's word. He said that another thing they did was to neglect their aged parents. He told them that Moses had commanded that if they did not honour or take care of their

parents that they should die the death. But he told them that they got around it because man had said that if they gave money to the temple worship or the religious work of man they would not have to take care of their aged parents. Jesus told them again that they were taking man's word and not God's word.

We think about the two men that went up to the temple to pray. One of them was a Pharisee and he prayed with himself standing and said, "God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are." He was lifted up and boastful. But the other man smote on his breast and said, "God be merciful to me a sinner." (Luke 18:11-14). God accepted the man who was humble. He prayed from his heart but the Pharisee prayed with himself and just said words. That was vain worship. We are to live by the commandments of God and not the commandments of man.

The Jews taught that one could only eat the meat of animals that had a cloven hoof or chewed the cud. Jesus said it wasn't what went into the mouth that defiled, but it was the words that came out of the mouth. This showed what kind of a heart that a boy or girl had. Verse 19 tells the things that are in the heart that will come out.

We want to do as God tells us and God's word and not what man tells us. We must have a change of heart to be able to live to please the Lord.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 7, February 14, 1965

GOD'S WORD AND MAN'S WORD

Matthew 15:1-20

Matt. 15:1 Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying,

2 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.

3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?

4 For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.

5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me;

6 And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

7 Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,

8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

10 And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand:

11 Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

12 Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?

13 But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

14 Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind

lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

15 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Declare unto us this parable.

16 And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding?

17 Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught?

18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

20 These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashed hands defileth not a man.

Memory Verse: The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. John 10:10.

Central Thought: We will be judged by God's Word.

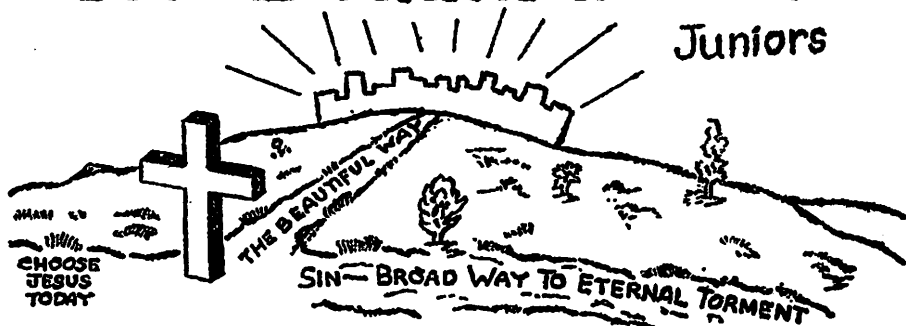
QUESTIONS:

1. What did the Pharisees do that was wrong?
2. Did they keep God's Word or man's word?
3. Are we to take care of our parents when they grow old?
4. What kind of a plant will be rooted up?
5. What is vain worship?
6. Which defiles the person, that which goes into the mouth or that which comes out?

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The Lord Christ

Christ is the Lord! the lowly Babe
Who lay in Bethlehem's manger;
From heights of glory did He come,
Born to this earth a stranger.

Christ is the Lord! whose daily toil
Brought comfort to the weary,
Who bore the cross to Calvary
And died there sad and dreary.

He is the Lord! At God's right hand
Forever He ascended
The Lord of all who trust His grace
Til earthly toils are ended.

—Leslie Busbee

The Church of God*

"Four," said Rebecca as they passed by a church building. She was riding in the car with her mother, father and two brothers.

"What are you counting?" Robin asked.

"I am counting how many church buildings we pass," said Rebecca.

*parable

"There are a lot of them on this street."

"Here is another one," said Robin. "It's a big one with a cross on it. I wonder what it is called."

"That is the Catholic church," said Mother.

"Our teacher said that the Catholic church was the first church that was ever built," Robin said.

"But that is not true. Your teacher has been told that but it is not true," Father said. "The Church of God is the first and only church in the world. All of these so-called churches are man made."

"When was the Church of God made?" asked Rebecca.

"It was made when Jesus went back to heaven and all the disciples were gathered together on the day of Pentecost and the Holy Spirit was sent down upon them," Father said.

"When Jesus was here on the earth he taught the disciples how to live and what God wanted them to do to be in the Church of God. Jesus said He was the rock upon which the church was to be built. You know

how firm rock is, don't you? If you put rock under your house and build on it that house will stand a long time. Jesus built his church or house on a rock and it was Himself. The church that Jesus built will stand forever."

"Didn't Jesus die on the cross so His church could be set up?" asked Ralph who had been listening. He was the oldest of the three children.

"Yes, that is right," Father said. "Peter didn't understand why Jesus had to die on the cross but Jesus was our example. To get into the Church of God we each one have to repent and give up our own self-life. We cannot be selfish and be in God's church. But after the day of Pentecost Peter understood. He was filled with the Holy Spirit. He boldly preached to the people that they had to repent to get into the church."

"I want to always be in the church of God," Rebecca said. "I try hard not to be selfish and I always want to please Jesus."

"Yes, my dear, that pleases Jesus," Mother said. —A. Marie Miles

George Washington at Prayer

While the army lay in the neighborhood of White Plains, a farmer, whose dwelling was near the camp, one morning at sunrise, while passing a clump of brush, heard a moaning noise. Thinking his ox or his ass had fallen into a pit, he, on going to the spot, heard the voice of a person in prayer. He hid in the thicket, and listened, waiting to see the speaker. Having finished praying, this man of God came forth from his hiding-

place. It was George Washington. When the farmer entered his dwelling, he said to his wife: "I heard the man George Washington send to heaven such prayers for the cause and the country, and I know they will be heard." Thus Washington rose with the sun and prayed for his country.

We would add to this, that while a student at Princeton we heard a testimony from an old man. He stated that he belonged for several months to Washington's bodyguard, and that it was his duty to stand guard from two until five o'clock each morning, and that it was the general's custom to rise at four o'clock, and read the Word of God and kneel down and pray outloud for several minutes, after which he began the business of the day. He stated moreover that he punished all profane swearing in those under his authority. The memory of the piety of such a man should be cherished as a rich legacy to the nation of which he was the father.

"Let Thine ear now be attentive, and Thine eyes open, that Thou mayest hear the prayer of Thy servant." Neh. 1:6. —Sel.

A GOOD ANSWER

The boy was tending some sheep in the field. A city man, who was an atheist, passed by and started talking to him. He soon discovered that the boy was a Christian, so the man determined to tease him. "Say, my little man," said the stranger, "I will give you an apple if you will tell me where God is." The little boy was ready with the right answer, "Sir, I will give you two apples if you tell me where God is not!"

Growing into Them

"When I was a little boy," remarked an old gentleman, "somebody gave me a cucumber in a bottle. The neck of the bottle was small and the cucumber so large that it was not possible for it to pass through and I wondered how it got there. But out in the garden one day I came upon a bottle slipped over a little green fellow that was still on the vines, and then I understood. The cucumber had grown in the bottle.

"I often see men with habits that I wonder any strong, sensible man could form; and then I think that likely they grew into them when they were young, and cannot slip out of them now; they are like the cucumber. Look out for such habits, children."

—Apples of God

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Did it ever happen that someone came to the door of your school room and the teacher went out into the hall to talk to them? Did each pupil in the class begin to whisper to each other and ask the question, "Who is it"? I am sure that this probably has happened many times. When someone knew, and the word was passed around, then everyone was not wondering anymore. Each of you knew who it was.

The people in Jesus' day wondered many times just who Jesus was. A man had come among them who was kind, loving and yet firm in teaching them a new doctrine, contrary to what they believed. This man also did many miracles. He healed the sick, made the lame to walk, and raised the dead to life again. They knew that in the Old Bible they had

been told that the Messiah would come from God to live among them, but was this the one they were looking for? It was a common belief that when this Messiah or Christ would come that he would free them from the rule of the Roman government. I am sure that Jesus' disciples were disappointed because Jesus had not allowed the people to make him a king a few weeks before our lesson, after he had fed the 5000. But Jesus had not come to be that kind of king. He was to be our heavenly King.

In our lesson Jesus asked the disciples just whom they thought Jesus was. It was a great honor to be compared to Elijah. Can you tell something about Elijah? It also was a great honor to be compared to Jeremiah and also John the Baptist. Many people of that day thought these prophets to be very great. But Jesus then asked the disciples just whom they thought him to be. Peter gave the correct answer. He said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Truly that was the truth. Jesus was the Christ. There was no doubt about it. The disciples were convinced of that just as we are today. We know Jesus is the Son of the living God. He is our Saviour. Jesus commended Peter for his answer and then went on to tell him that upon Christ, the rock, the church would be built. Boys and girls, there is only one church. Today there are many who are calling themselves the church but there is only one Christ and upon Christ the church was built. Jesus did not build many churches but just one. Jesus, at that time, went about telling others how to live to be in this church. On the day of Pentecost, after Jesus had gone back to heaven. He set His church in action and there has been a Church of God ever since. To get into this church we must take up our

cross and follow Jesus. Are you denying self? Are you following Jesus? To find eternal life you must lose your own self-life. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 8, February 21, 1965

JESUS THE CHRIST

Matthew 16:13-26

Matt. 16:13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17 And Jesus answered, and said unto him. Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

20 Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer

many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Memory Verse: Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. Matt. 16:24.

Central Thought: When we accept Jesus as our Saviour, we then carry our cross joyfully.

QUESTIONS:

1. Was the Catholic Church the first church and Peter the first Pope?

2. Upon whom was the Church of God built?

3. Is there only one church?

4. How does one save his life by losing it?

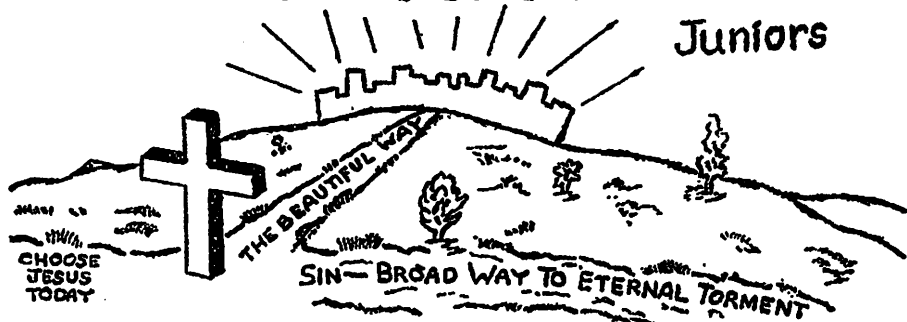
5. How was Peter lifted up and then let down?

6. Is one soul worth the whole world?

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Forgiveness

Forgive the friend who proved untrue,
Out from the bosom sad and blue
Real kindness recompense, and see
Great blessings of the Lord on thee.
Instead of effort to repay
Very soon kneel down and pray.

Each time remembered is the deed
New mercies for that person plead!
E'en when he turns and does again
Seek God in prayer, forgive, and win
Sweet riches to the soul and know
Forgiveness is the way to go!

—Leslie Busbee

Father's Love

My name is Anthony Hunt. I am a drover, and I live many miles away upon the western prairie. There was not a house in sight when we moved there, my wife and I; and now we haven't many neighbors, though those we have are good men.

One day about ten years ago, I went away from home to sell some fifty

head of cattle—fine creatures as ever I saw. I was to buy some groceries and dry goods before I came back, and above all, a doll for our youngest child, Dolly (she never had a shop doll of her own, only the rag babies her mother made her). Dolly could talk of nothing else, and went down to the very gate to call after me to "buy a big one."

No one but a parent can understand how my mind was on that toy, and how, when the cattle were sold, the first thing I started off to buy was Dolly's doll. I found a large one, with eyes that would open and shut when you pulled a wire, and had it wrapped up in paper, and tucked it under my arm while I had the parcels put up. It might have been more prudent to have stayed until morning, but I felt anxious to get back, and eager to hear Dolly's prattle about the doll she was so eagerly expecting.

I mounted a steady-going old horse of mine and, pretty well loaded, started for home. Night set in before I was a mile from town, and settled down dark as pitch while I was in the midst of the wildest bit

of road I know of. I could have felt my way through, I remembered it so well, and it was almost like doing that when the storm that had been brewing broke, and the rain fell in torrents. I was five, or maybe six miles from home, too. I rode on as fast as I could; but suddenly I heard a little cry, like a child's voice. I stopped short and listened. I heard it again; I called, and it answered me. I couldn't see a thing; all was dark as pitch. I got down and felt about in the grass; called again, and again was answered.

Then I began to wonder. I'm not timid; but I was known to be a drover, and to have money about me. I thought it might be a trap to catch me, and there to rob and murder me. I am not superstitious—not very—but how could a real child be out on the prairie in such a night at such an hour? It might be more than human. The bit of coward that hides itself in most men showed itself to me then, and I was half inclined to run away. But once more I heard that piteous cry, and, said I: "If any man's child is hereabouts, Anthony Hunt is not the man to let it lie here and die."

I searched again. At last I thought of a hollow under the hill, and groped that way. Sure enough, I found a little dripping thing, that moaned and sobbed as I took it in my arms. I called my horse, and he came to me, and I mounted, and tucked the little soaked thing under my coat as best I could, promising to take it home to mamma.

It seemed tired to death, and soon cried itself to sleep against my bosom. It had slept there over an hour when I saw my own windows. There were lights in them, and I supposed my

wife had lit them for my sake; but when I got into the dooryard, I saw something was the matter, and stood still with dead fear of heart five minutes before I could lift the latch. At last I did it, and saw the room full of neighbors, and my wife amid them weeping. When she saw me she hid her face.

"Oh, don't tell him," she cried; "it will kill him."

"What is it, neighbors?" I cried.

And one said: "Nothing now, I hope. What's that in your arms?"

"A poor lost child," said I. "I found it on the road. Take it will you? I've turned faint." And I lifted the sleeping thing, and saw the face of my own child, my little Dolly. It was my darling, and no other, that I had picked up on the drenched road.

My little child had wandered out to meet papa and the doll, while her mother was at work, and for her they were lamenting as for one dead.

I thanked God on my knees before them all.

Now I think of it often in the nights and wonder how I could bear to live now, if I had not stopped when I heard the cry for help upon the road—"the little baby-cry, hardly louder than a squirrel's chirp."

Is God less pitiful than man? "Like a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him."

—Touching Incidents

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The Fatal Charm

Some years ago a man sitting on the track in the railroad yards in San Antonio, Texas, was so charmed by the headlight of an approaching steam engine that he calmly sat there and let the engine cut off both his

legs. According to his own statement at the hospital the light paralyzed him so that, though he wanted to move, his body would not move.

The bright lights of sin often charm boys and girls until they let the sin come into their hearts. This brings death if it is allowed to remain. But the way to get rid of sin is to ask Jesus to wash it away with His blood, and then to trust Him to help us from being charmed by sin.

The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it. Prov. 30:17.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson today is very important. I trust that God, by His Spirit, will help you to never forget it. I trust that even when you are forty years old you will still remember this lesson. You are going to need the truths that are taught today all the days of your life. You need it now. You will need it when you are a teen-ager. You will need it when you are in your twenties and in your thirties. The aged men and women need this truth so implanted in their hearts and minds that they will live by it. What does forgiveness mean? It means to forgive; to pardon; to give up a desire to punish; to cancel; to overlook; to give up resentment. Surely from some of these you can understand what it means to forgive. Jesus, in our lesson today, taught it from different angles. He told a parable about a king who called his servants to him to have them pay what they owed him. One man was brought to him that owed him seven million, five hundred thousand dollars.

(\$7,500,000.00) That was a lot of money. It would be impossible for this man to pay a debt so big. The king asked this man to pay up this debt. The poor man did not have it to pay. The king said that he would have to be sold and his wife and all of his children. Oh, how sad this poor man was! Not only was he going to suffer, but also his dear wife and his precious children. This man fell upon his knees before the king and cried. He begged the king to have mercy upon him and he would work hard and try to pay him. The king looked down upon that poor man kneeling before him. His heart was touched with pity. He felt sorry for this poor man so he said to him, "I will forgive you of the whole debt that you owe me. You will not have to pay one cent. I won't have you nor your family sold." Oh, how happy this man was! Just to think that such a huge debt was forgiven was almost more than he could have expected. He felt it would have been wonderful if the king had just said he would not be sold but to say he didn't have to pay that huge debt was wonderful. This is the way we feel when Jesus forgives our debt of sin.

This man was happy and was glad he had been treated so wonderfully. Time went on and one day a man owed him some money. This man owed him eighteen dollars. (\$18.00) The man who had been forgiven the huge debt took this other man that owed him by the throat and told him he had to pay him all he owed him. The poor man begged him to wait on him and he would pay him but he would not but had him put in prison. How terrible for him not to forgive this man a little debt when he had been forgiven such a big debt. The king heard about it and he had the man brought to him. He told him that he should have had pity on the man and

forgiven him as he had been forgiven of his debt. Boys and girls, Jesus forgave us the big debt of sin and we should forgive others when they do us wrong. We could not forgive our own sins.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 9, February 28, 1965

FORGIVENESS

Matthew 18:21-35

Matt. 18:21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

27 Then the Lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

29 And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying,

Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

31 So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?

34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

Memory Verse: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Eph. 4:32.

Central Thought: If we do not forgive others, Jesus will not forgive us.

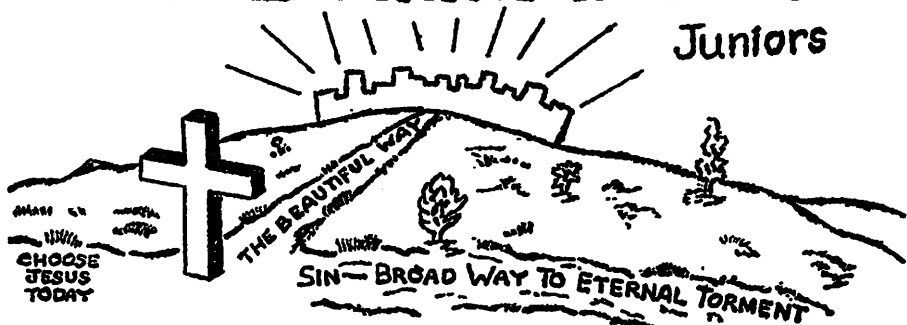
QUESTIONS:

1. How many times are we to forgive others?
2. How much did the servant owe the king?
3. Did the king forgive the servant of his debt?
4. How much did the fellow servant owe the servant?
5. Did he forgive his fellowservant?
6. Will Jesus forgive us if we do not forgive others?

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Work For the Master

Work for Jesus in the morning
When your years of life are few;
Let the power of grace adorning
Shine to other mortals' view.

Work for Jesus never tiring
Through the toilsome heat of day;
Greater hope and trust inspiring
As you travel up the way!

Work for Jesus when you're nearing
That departure from this life;
Let His presence be your cheering
As you flee these scenes of strife.
—Leslie Busbee

Ready Now

In the city of London, many years ago, on a cold, cloudy morning, the captain of a steamer was coming down the street on his way to the steamer, when he noticed a poorly clad, hungry little boy standing in front of a fine restaurant.

The Captain placed his hand gently on the boy's shoulder and

asked, "What are you doing here, my little man?" The little boy, with a piteous look, said, "O sir, I was just standing here looking at the good things they have to eat in the restaurant."

"Well," said the Captain, "I have but thirty minutes to spare before my steamer leaves; but, my little man, if you had on good clothes, a clean face, and your hair combed, I would take you in the restaurant and get you something to eat." The little boy, with a look of love and gentleness, and tears in his eyes at the Captain's kind words, brushed his hair with his hand and said, "I am ready now." To which the Captain replied, "Well, my little man, God bless you; come with me into the restaurant and I shall get you something to eat." As the little fellow began to eat, the Captain asked, "Where is your mother, my boy?" "Mother died when I was about four years old," replied the child. "Where is your father?" "I haven't seen Father since Mother died." "And who takes care of you?" inquired the Cap-

tain. The boy, with a look of calm resignation, said; "When Mama was sick, just before she died, she told me that Jesus would take care of me; she taught me how to pray and to love Jesus." The Captain, with tears in his eyes, said, "I have just a few more minutes before my steamer leaves, and if you were only dressed real well and had a clean face, I would take you with me on the steamer—you could wait on me." The little man looked up into the Captain's face and cried, "O Captain, I am ready now." The Captain put his arm around the boy, saying, "Come with me, my little man, and you'll always be my boy." They both hurried to the steamer and when on board the Captain introduced the little boy to his men, saying: "He will wait on me, and his name is 'Ready Now.' He is always ready and you must not call him by any other name than 'Ready Now.'" The little boy cleaned up after the good Captain had given him a new blue suit of clothes, and he began his pleasant duty of waiting on the Captain, and did so most faithfully.

The Captain learned dearly to love the child. Shortly after the little boy had been on board he was taken sick, and one day he said to the good Captain: "I feel sick; I have awful pains in my breast. O Captain, I want to get close to you." The kind-hearted man took the little child in his arms and pressed him to his heart. The little one fell asleep and was carried very carefully to his berth. A few days later the doctor said to the Captain, "I have done all I can for the poor child; he is seriously ill and will die." "O Doctor!" cried the Captain, "save him; I can't

give him up." But the child continued to grow worse. One day the boy sent for the Captain whom he loved so dearly, and as the Captain looked him in the face, he saw that death was very near. The little boy, in a low, weak voice, said: "O Captain, I do love you, you have been so good to me. But say, Captain, I am going to leave you; I am going to where Jesus and Mother are. O Captain, I see my dear mother, she is looking for me. Oh, she looks so sweet; and I see the angels, too; I have heard them sing so sweetly. Yes, Captain, I am going to be with Jesus. O Captain, won't you give your heart to Jesus? Meet me in heaven. Captain, Jesus loves you; won't you let him save you and be a Christian?" The Captain, with deep emotion and trembling voice replied, "I have been thinking about it, my little boy." "But when, Captain?" asked the little boy. "I will attend to it soon," replied the Captain. "But when?" again asked the boy. "When will you be ready to give your heart to Jesus?" "Well," said the Captain, "I will not put it off much longer." "O Captain, won't you let Jesus save you? When will you be ready?" With tears streaming down his cheeks, the Captain fell upon his knees and cried, "I am ready now—ready now." And there on his knees with a broken and contrite heart, the Captain gave his heart to God, surrendered to Jesus. About a half hour afterward some of the men came to the Captain's room and found him kneeling in prayer, the little boy's arms around his neck—the child cold in death's embrace—the spirit had returned to the God that gave it. He had pleaded with the Captain to the

end, and had won. A faithful little worker for Jesus to the last.

The Captain immediately gave up his position as Captain of the steamer and went out to preach the Gospel of the grace of God to poor, lost sinners and to tell of the dear little boy, who had been the means in God's hands, of leading him to the blessed Saviour.

Boys and girls, will you kindly permit me to ask you this question, Are you a Christian? Do you know Jesus as your own personal Saviour, in the forgiveness of your sins? If not, I beg of you to say as the little boy did, "I am ready now—ready now." "Behold now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (II Cor. 6:2). — Selected

Dear Boys and Girls:—

The Lord wants us to be ready at all times to work for the Lord. Our lesson brings out a wonderful truth about how we are saved through the mercy of God. We will all receive the reward of heaven if we are faithful to live for God each day. If a person lives for God and works hard for Him for fifty years, he is happy to see a person get saved and maybe only live just one year and then die and go to heaven. Both will be given the reward of living with Jesus. That will be wonderful. God is needing workers.

Our lesson is a story that Jesus told called a parable. An owner of a vineyard went out early in the morning about six o'clock to the market place where men waited to be hired to work. There he hired some men to work for him in his vineyard for a penny a day. Three hours later he went back to the market place and there he saw more men wait-

ing to be hired. He needed more help to get the huge bunches of grapes cut and placed on ox-carts to be carried away to the wine-press. So he hired them. He told them he would pay them what was right. Again he went back to the market-place about three o'clock in the afternoon. There he saw men idle and he hired them to work for him. Around five o'clock he found others standing idle in the market-place. He asked them why they were standing all day idle when there was so much work to be done. They told him that no man had hired them to work. They had not been given the chance to work. The man told them to go to his vineyard and he would pay them what was right.

Now the evening had come and he called the men together that had worked for him. He gave all of them a penny for their day's work. This was more than our penny today and was a fair wage. Now the ones who had agreed to work in the morning at six o'clock for a penny for the day complained and said that they had worked hard through the heat of the day. But the man said that he had given them what they had agreed to. He told them he could do what he chose with his own. He had not done them wrong.

Jesus wanted us to learn the lesson that he is the Lord. We cannot question his dealings. He can do with his own as he pleases. If we had heard about how Jesus would save us from our sins and were saved and had worked for years, it would be terrible if we complained when a poor boy in a far away land got saved and only worked for Jesus a few months and died and went to heaven where we are going. We cannot earn salvation. It is the gift of God. We cannot come to Jesus unless He calls us. Those who went to

work late did not refuse. Boys and girls, let us be faithful and the Lord will give us a great reward.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 10, March 7, 1965

WORKERS FOR JESUS

Matthew 20:1-16

Matt. 20:1 For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.

2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

3 And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

4 And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.

5 Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.

6 And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?

7 They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.

8 So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first.

9 And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.

10 But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.

11 And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house.

12 Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.

13 But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny?

14 Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee.

15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?

16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

Memory Verse: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. Matt. 20:28.

Central Thought: If we are faithful we shall all receive a penny (eternal life) at the end of our day.

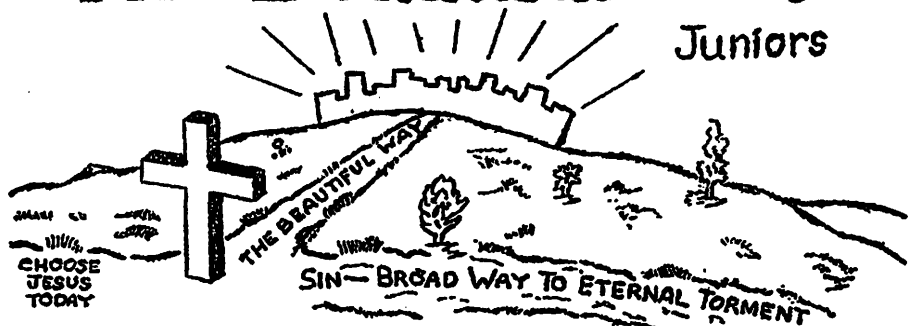
QUESTIONS:

1. At what time of day did the man call the first workers?
2. What wage did they agree to for working all day?
3. When did he call the others to work for him?
4. Can we earn a place in heaven?
5. What are some of the ways we can work for the Lord?

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Who Will Inherit?

Who will inherit the kingdom of God?

None but the lowly and meek,
Those who will follow the path Jesus
trod,

Who faithful his blessings will seek.

Who will possess all the treasures
above?

None but the holy and pure
Washed in the blood Jesus shed in His
love,

Who temptation will always endure.

Who will He claim when He comes
in the sky

This earth and all time to destroy?
Those who in faith on His promise
rely

And lived with unspeakable joy.

—Leslie Busbee

A Thrilling Incident

A gentleman returning from a visit to New Orleans, writes: "I was fortunate enough to secure passage in a line steamer, with but a few pas-

sengers. Among the ladies, one especially interested me. She was the wife of a wealthy planter, and was returning with only one child to her father's house. Her devotion to the child was touching, and the eyes of an old black nurse would fill with tears as she besought her mistress 'not to love that boy too much, or the Lord would take him away from her.'

"We passed through the canal of Louisville, and stopped for a few moments at the wharf, when the nurse, wishing to see the city, walked out on the guard, at the back of the boat, when, by a sudden effort, the child sprang from her arms into the terrible current that swept toward the falls, and disappeared immediately. The confusion which ensued attracted the attention of a gentleman who was sitting in the forepart of the boat quietly reading. Rising hastily he asked for some article the child had worn. The nurse handed him a tiny apron she had torn off in her effort to retain the babe in her arms. Turning to a splendid Newfoundland dog that was eagerly watch-

ing his countenance, he pointed first to the apron, and then to the spot where the child had gone under.

"In an instant the noble dog leaped into the water, and then disappeared. By this time the excitement was intense, and some person on shore, supposing that the dog was lost as well as the child, procured a boat and started to search for the body. Just at this moment the dog was seen far away with something in his mouth. Bravely he struggled with the waves, but it was evident his strength was failing fast, and more than one breast gave a sigh of relief, as the boat reached him and it was announced that he was still alive. They were brought on board—the dog and the child.

"Giving a single glance to satisfy herself that the child was really living, the young mother rushed forward, and sinking beside the dog, threw her arms around his neck, and burst into tears. Not many could bear the sight unmoved, and as she caressed and kissed his shaggy head, she looked up to his owner and said:

" 'Oh, Sir, I must have this dog. I am rich; take all I have, everything but give me my child's preserver.' "

"The gentleman smiled, and patting his dog's head, said: 'I am very glad, Madam, he has been of service to you, but nothing in the world could induce me to part with him.' "

"The dog looked as though he perfectly understood what they were talking about, and giving his sides a shake, laid himself down at his master's feet, with an expression in his large eyes that said plainer than words, 'No! nothing shall part us.' "

—Food for Young Appetites

Never Give a Kick for a Hit

"I learned a good lesson when I was a little girl," says a lady. "One cold, frosty morning, I was looking out of the window into my father's barnyard where stood many cows, oxen, and horses, waiting to drink. The cattle stood very still and meekly, till one of the cows attempted to turn round. In doing so she happened to hit her next neighbor; whereupon the neighbor kicked and hit another. In five minutes the whole herd were kicking each other with fury. My mother said, 'See what comes of kicking when you are hit. I have known one cross word set a whole family in an uproar.' "

"If my brother, or myself, were a little irritable, my kind mother would say, 'Take care, my children; remember how the fight in the barnyard began. Never give a kick for a hit, and you will save yourselves and others much trouble.' "

—Food for Young Appetites

Bread of conceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel. Prov. 2:17.

WHAT IF . . .

A Christian general was seen talking to a poor old woman. Some friends of his said to him later, "You should consider your rank as a general, a leader in the nation, and not be seen talking to that old woman." The general answered, "What if my Lord had considered His rank as the Son of God and refused to come to die for me?" God hates the proud, but He loves the humble.

Tempted but Tried

One day a very poor woman found a purse full of money on her table. She recognized this as the property of her lodger, and seeing it was in a rather dangerous place where it could be easily knocked down, she picked it up and put it in a safe place.

Some how or other the purse flew open and as it did, coins dropped out and rolled on the floor.

Now, Satan had not tempted the woman to open the purse and take out money, but when she saw it on the floor he whispered, "One of those coins need never be missed. And you are poor; you do need money."

As the thought came to her, quickly she fell on her knees and said, "Dear Lord, forgive me for thinking so!" And she hurriedly picked up the scattered money and placed it in the purse which she restored to the owner with a clear conscience.

The Young Soldier

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Jesus told a story or parable about a certain king who had a marriage for his son. He sent forth his servants to call his friends to the wedding feast that had been invited to come. But the friends would not come. Again he sent forth his servants and told him to insist on them coming because he had cooked a big dinner and everything was ready waiting for them to come. But those who were invited laughed and refused to come. Some went to their farm and some went to their stores and others just went on their way refusing the pleadings of the servants to come. Some of those invited took the king's servants and treated them cruelly and killed them.

When the king heard about this cruel treatment by those whom he invited he was angry. He sent his army to that city and burned the city and killed the murderers.

The wedding feast was ready to serve and everything was prepared. There had to be some guests present. The king told his servants to go and invite anyone who would come, regardless who they were. He said that those who had been asked to come were not worthy. The servants went forth and brought in all who would come. At the door they each one was given a wedding garment to put on before going in. But one man refused the wedding garment. He wanted to do as he pleased. He wanted to partake of the good feast and enjoy the good company but he did not want the wedding garment.

The king came in at last to see the guests. There sat the man without a wedding garment on, among the others robed in spotless wedding garments. The king was very kind to him and called him "friend." He asked him why he had come in without accepting his invitation to wear the wedding garment that had been prepared for him. The man refused to explain. He did not say one word. The king turned to his servants and told them to bind him hand and foot and cast him into outer darkness where there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The king is God. He is calling for all to come and be saved, but many are making excuses. He sent Jesus here to the world to die on the cross so we could have a clean heart which is the wedding garment. It must be free from sin. Many today are making light of what will happen to them if they refuse to accept Jesus, the Son of God, as their Saviour. Just as those in the story were punished, so will all who do not get

saved before Jesus comes or death overtakes them. Some even like to be with those who love God but will not live like the Bible teaches them. They still want their own way. Those will be cast into hell where there will be gnashing of teeth and weeping. Boys and girls, be sure you are ready to meet God at all times.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 11, March 14, 1965

WEDDING GARMENTS

Matthew 22:1-14

1 And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said,

2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,

3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.

4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.

5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:

6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.

7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.

9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.

10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.

11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment.

12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

Memory Verse: Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 7:21.

Central Thought: Keep ready yourself and ask others to come to Jesus.

QUESTIONS:

1. What excuses were given for not coming to the wedding feast?

2. Will some today mistreat God's ministers?

3. Did the king send out more servants after the first ones were mistreated?

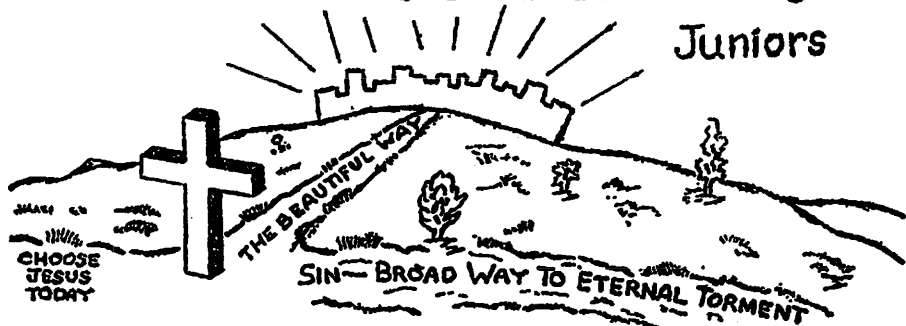
4. What is the wedding garment?

5. What will happen to us if we are not saved when Jesus comes?

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For Jesus

Be true, for Jesus lived that way,
Be kind, for He was such,
Be strong to meet Him some glad day
Be good, for just that much.

Be fair, be patient, calm, and wise
With love His praise to win,
Be humble, always realize
His love saved us from sin.

In all we do this thought recall:
We do as unto Him,
Be ready for His faintest call
Let not your love grow dim.

—Leslie Busbee

Don't Be Cowards

"I won't tell a lie! I won't be such a coward!" said a fine little fellow, when he had broken a little statuette of his father's in showing it to his playmates, and they were telling him how he could deceive his father, and escape a scolding. He was right.

Cowards tell lies, brave little boys tell the truth. So was Charlie Mann

right, and was rewarded for it, as the following story will show:—

A young offender, whose name was Charlie Mann, smashed a large pane of glass in a drug store, and ran away at first, for he was slightly frightened; but he quickly began to think, "What am I running for? It was an accident; why not turn about and tell the truth?"

No sooner thought than done. Charlie was a brave boy; he told the whole truth—how the ball with which he was playing slipped out of his hand, how frightened he was, how sorry, too, at the mischief done, and how willing to pay if he had the money.

Charlie did not have the money, but he could work, and to work he went at once, in the very store where he broke the glass. It took him a long time to pay for the large and expensive pane he had shattered, but when it was done he had endeared himself so much to the storekeeper by his fidelity and truthfulness, that he could not hear of his going away, and Charlie became his clerk.

"Ah, what a lucky day it was when I broke that window," he used to say.

"No, Charlie," his mother would respond, "what a lucky day it was when you were not afraid to tell the truth!" —Food for Young Appetites

Warning to Swearers

In the latter part of the month of March, 1851, the sun rose with majestic splendor upon the town of Moulmein, and the river (at the edge of which the town is situated), upon whose breast, peacefully and majestically, rode vessels from all parts of the globe. Perhaps the largest of all that group was the old "Coromandel." Her crew were awakened at six o'clock, to commence again the labors of another day; they all arose, refreshed and invigorated by sleep, with light hearts and joy beaming upon their countenances. Little did they think, that before the setting of the sun one of their number would be ushered into eternity, to appear before his God.

The day passed away as usual in getting in timber, until 3 p. m., when one of the cross-pieces, to which the logs were attached, went astray. Two of the midshipmen immediately got into a boat, and rowed after it, and having secured it, pulled for the ship, which they reached in safety, and made the boat fast. One of the sailors, W. P., got on to the companion ladder, and on taking hold of the piece of wood, swore at his comrade for letting the boat "sheer off." The words had scarcely passed his lips, when the weight of the piece of wood overbalanced him, and he fell into the river. Before his companion could call for assistance, the tide had

carried him a considerable distance down the stream. The several boats went immediately after him, but although surrounded by friends and assistance, he sank to rise no more.

Neither his body nor any portion of it could be found; it is supposed that it was devoured by the alligators which abound in that river.

Dear children! Mark God's vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord. —Food for Young Appetites

Seek Ye the Kingdom

A number of years ago a large mill collapsed and after it had fallen in, the ruins caught fire. There was only one room left entire, and in it were three Mission Sunday School children imprisoned. The neighbors and all hands got their shovels, and picks, and crowbars, and were working to set the children free. It came on night, and they had not yet reached the children. When they were near them, by some mischance a lantern broke, and the ruins caught fire. They tried to put it out, and even pass to them some refreshments, and encourage them to keep up. But, alas, the flames drew nearer and nearer to this prison. Superhuman were the efforts made to rescue the children; the men bravely fought back the flames; but the fire gained fresh strength, and returned to claim its victims. Then piercing shrieks arose when the spectators saw that the efforts of the firemen were hopeless. The children saw their fate. They then knelt down and commenced to sing the little hymn we have all been taught in our Sunday School days, oh! how sweet:

"Let others seek a home below,

Which flames devour and waves o'erflow."

The flames had now reached them; the stifling smoke began to pour into their little room, and they began to sink, one by one, upon the floor. A few moments more and the fire circled around them, and their souls were taken into the bosom of Christ. Yes, let others seek a home below if they will, but seek ye the Kingdom of God with all your hearts.

—Touching Incidents

Let another man praise thee and not thine own mouth. Prov. 27:2.

Every word of God is pure. Prov. 30:5a.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

I think it would be good if your teacher had brought a mirror to class today. She should turn it this way and that way so that each one of you could look into it. Your lesson today is about self. Some people and even boys and girls think that they are real smart and can do many things. They feel that they are always right and never wrong, when really they do things that displease the Lord very much. Do you know anyone like that? None of us are good only as the Lord makes us good. It isn't us but it is God in us. We have nothing to brag about or to boast about. Maybe one boy will say, "Look at me! I can pick up this big rock and none of you fellows can do it." When the others try and fail, he feels real big inside, and great. But did you know that if the Lord did not give him strength and air to breathe, he could not even pick up a little tiny rock? He has nothing to boast of. Maybe a girl boasts about

how pretty she is and will walk around with her head high. Did you know that if the Lord did not protect her she could be in a car accident and her face be cut and big scars would be left there? None of us can boast of anything. All we have and are is given to us from God.

Our lesson is about some scribes and Pharisees who thought themselves to be great. Jesus talked to them very plainly. He told them they were hypocrites. A hypocrite is one who claims to be something that he is not. He told them that they prayed long prayers and pretended to be real religious but that they were not. He told them they took money from widows and went from place to place trying to get others to join their crowd. He called them blind guides. They thought they were helping others to heaven but they were not. They did not really love God. They told the people that they could swear by the Temple. Jesus told them that they should not swear at all. It is wrong to take God's name in vain or swear. Jesus also told them that they thought if they paid into the Temple that they would be all right. But it takes more than that. Jesus told them that they left the best things undone. They needed a change of heart so they could be kind, merciful, and have faith in God.

Jesus was disappointed about His people whom He came to save. He looked at them and wept. He would liked to have gathered them unto himself and taken them to heaven where there is peace and happiness but they would not listen to Him. He compared the rest and shelter he would give them to the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wing in times of trouble and when night comes. They refused to receive good things because they were self-righteous. Boys and girls, we want to accept Jesus

and love and serve Him. He will take care of you and bless you. Then you can help others. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 12, March 21, 1965

SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS

Matthew 23:13-24, 37-39

Matt. 23:13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.

15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

16 Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor!

17 Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold?

18 And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty.

19 Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift?

20 Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon.

21 And whoso shall swear by the

temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein.

22 And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.

23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

24 Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.

37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Memory Verse: And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted. Matt. 23:12.

Central Thought: Only the humble will receive blessings from God.

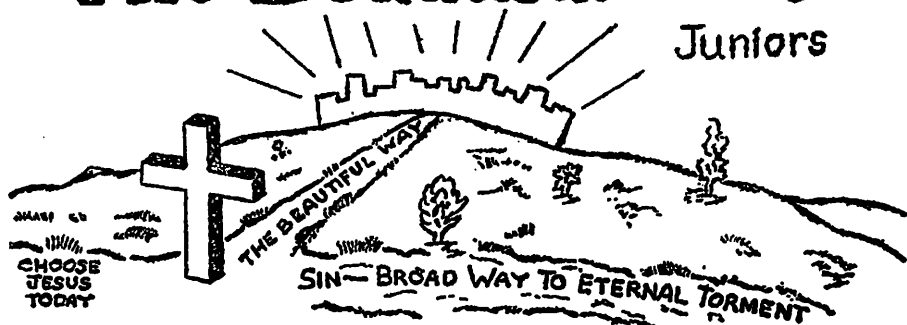
QUESTIONS:

1. What are some of the sins of self-righteousness?
2. Who gives us all the things that we have and are?
3. What did Jesus call the Pharisees?
4. What did they omit doing?
5. What will God do for the humble?

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Judge Me Now

Judge me now, O blessed Jesus;
Set my heart and soul aright.
Let Thine image rare and gracious
Burst upon my pray'rful sight.

Show me every fault, give power
To conform my life to Thine;
Let Thy blessings ever shower,
Make me holy and divine.

Judge me NOW, that on that morning
When the final judgment falls
I'll be robed in white adorning,
Shielded by salvation walls!

—Leslie Busbee

The Little Soul Winner

HER CONVERSION . . .

Three-year-old Betty Lou was crying. Her mother asked, "Why do you run off and cry whenever Grandmother or anyone else is praying?" Betty Lou answered, with a sob, "Because I'm not saved and I am going to Hell." Mother and Grandmother tried to tell her that little children

are all saved, but Betty Lou was not satisfied.

One day, when she was four years years old, she told her aunt about it. "I am lost," she said, "and I will have to go to be with the Devil." "Do you want to take Jesus into your heart?" asked her aunt. With a happy "Yes!" Betty Lou slipped to her knees and confessed her sins, putting her trust in Jesus Christ as her Saviour. Then how happy she was!

WINNING SOULS . . .

At once Betty Lou started out to win souls. Of everyone she met at home, on the street or on the bus, she would ask, "Are you born again?" She went from house to house, talking about Jesus. Some listened; others laughed. She was often seen kneeling down, crying and praying. Often she sang the chorus, "Lord, Lay Some Soul Upon My Heart." Her favorite hymn was "My Jesus, I Love Thee."

When she went to school Betty Lou talked with her teachers and school-mates and won many of her school-

mates to Jesus. Her brother and sister say that it was not an unusual sight to see Betty Lou in a corner of the schoolroom praying with another child.

After school hours Betty Lou held services for the children in a garage. After that she would go out on the street to speak to people. When she came in one night she said, "Mother, don't worry if I don't come right in when Grandma calls me. I may be dealing with some soul, and that is far more important."

ANSWERED PRAYER . . .

When Betty Lou prayed, she believed the answer would come. Her mother was very ill for seven weeks and not expected to live, but Betty Lou kept praising the Lord that her mother was going to get well. And she did!

When anyone died, this little girl would ask if she were a child of God. If so, she would say, "Well then it's all right. We must not cry." When her father came home one day from a funeral, Betty Lou surprised him by asking, "Was it a good service, Daddy? How many souls were saved?" When told there was no altar call, she said, "If there were ever a time for an altar call, it would be at a funeral."

CALLED HOME . . .

When Betty Lou was eight years old, she became very ill and was sick for eight weeks. She prayed, "Have Thy way with my life. If You want to take me Home, that's all right." Often she would say, "I hope Jesus will take me soon."

The Sunday before Betty Lou died,

she said to her grandmother, "I asked Him to wait just a little longer, but"—with a happy laugh—"He may take me yet this summer. How glad I am that I know I'm saved! If I died when I was three, I would have gone to Hell. I was lost, and I knew it. Now I'll go to be with Jesus! Heaven is a million, million times better than here; there is no sorrow, no heartache, no pain."

STILL SPEAKING . . .

Betty Lou had spent all the money she could to buy Bibles for those who had none, so at her Home-going several sent Bibles instead of flowers. Young and old came and wept over her, many of whom her parents had never seen. Like Abel, she "being dead, yet speaketh," and souls are being saved through hearing her life story.

Dear reader—boy or girl, man or woman—why not ask Betty Lou's Saviour to become your Saviour too? "Him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out," says Jesus. Will you not come to Him now? "Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein" (Mark 10:15).

And if you already know Him as your Saviour, what are you doing to tell others of His love? Will you not, like Betty Lou, be a soul-winner and let His glory shine through your life? "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever" (Daniel 12:3).

The fool foldeth his hands together.
Eccl. 4:5a.

Honoring God

Charlie and his uncle were on a boat all night. When it was time to go to bed, his uncle said:

"Hurry up, and jump into your berth, my boy."

"May I first kneel down and ask God to take care of us?" asked Charlie.

"We'll be well taken care of," insisted his uncle.

"Yes," said Charlie, "but Mother always told me not ever to take anything without first asking for it."

Charlie's uncle had nothing to say to that, and Charlie knelt down, just as he did by his own bed at home and asked God to care for them through the night.

Blaming Others

A missionary in Brazil once saw a monkey sitting on a log cracking nuts with a stone. The monkey's attention was attracted to the man, and this so interfered with the accuracy of his aim that a blow fell upon his tail which was curled around him. With a scream of rage the monkey hurled the stone at the man and ran off. No doubt it comforted him to hold the missionary to blame for his sufferings.

Do you ever act like the monkey and blame other people for the mistakes you make? You shouldn't because that is not the way Jesus wants you to live.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson brings out some good thoughts. Jesus is trying to impress each one of us that we need to be ready

when He comes. We will not have time to get ready when Jesus comes bursting through the clouds. We will then be brought before Jesus as our judge. He will not be our Saviour then. It will be too late to pray, then. Our lesson makes us know that it is very foolish not to keep ready. When we think of the accidents there are on the highways and around the home we do not know when death might appear. Boys and girls, pray to the Lord each day and ask Him to help you to keep ready. Be wise and keep the oil of God which is the grace of God burning in your hearts at all times.

All the ten virgins were waiting for the bridegroom, which is the Lord, to come. They wanted to meet Him. Even the foolish were anxious to go to heaven and be with the Lord but they did not go according to the way the Lord wanted them to. They were careless and foolish. Some might even want others to pray for them when Jesus does come but it will do no good then. The foolish wanted help from the wise but it was too late. The wise did not have any help to give. They had just enough for themselves. We each one are to "work out our own salvation with fear and trembling." We are to see about our own souls. When we keep our souls ready and live right before God then we can help others. But until we are living the way God wants us to we can't help others. Boys and girls, be kind and loving. Maybe you feel that Mother and Daddy do not understand you, but they do. Just be willing to do as they tell you. You will never be sorry that you did. Then when others see that you are so kind, and willing to obey, they will know that you belong to God. Others will be blessed by that.

Keep your lamps trimmed. An old-fashioned lamp has a globe and burns

kerosene in it. Sometimes the little wick or cloth that goes down into the bottom where the kerosene is and then up through a real narrow place will get uneven. This makes the flame of fire smoke up the globe. The light does not shine out well. A person would have to trim that wick or cloth and then it would burn evenly. The globe will not be smoked up then. That is what we need to do with our lives. Keep everything trimmed out that would not be like God. Then our light or the light of God can shine through us and give light to someone else. Maybe others are watching your life. They may be wishing they were good and kind like you. But if you are not careful you might do something wrong. Then those who are watching will be disappointed. They might not even try to ever live for God because you failed. Boys and girls, let us live to please the Lord and be ready when He comes. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 13, March 28, 1965

THE TEN VIRGINS

Matthew 25:1-13

1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Memory Verse: Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Matt. 24:44

Central Thought: We want to be ready for we do not know when Jesus will come.

QUESTIONS:

1. What does it mean to be wise and to be foolish?

2. Can you describe an old-fashioned lamp?

3. Name some of the ways we can trim our lives.

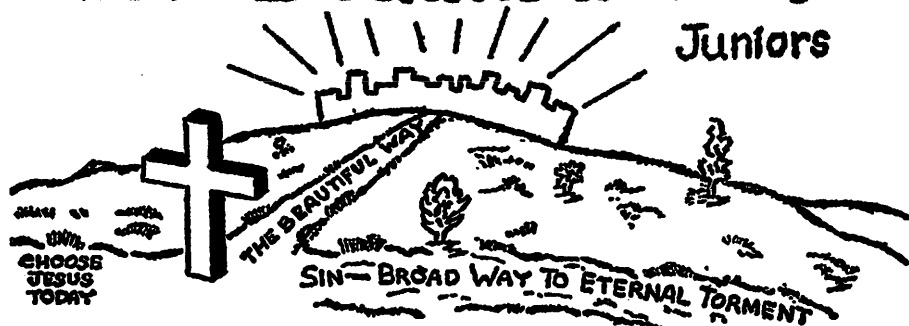
4. What did Jesus mean when he said the door was shut?

5. Does anyone know when Jesus is coming?

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Part One

April 4

Jesus On Trial

The Saviour stands on trial today
Before us each and every one,
And whether He must go or stay
Is ours to choose—God's holy Son!

Shall we like those in Pilate's hall
Condemn Him to be crucified?
Or shall we let Him be our all
To walk forever by our side?

Oh, may today we all decide
To let Him be our Lord and Friend!
Our mortal pathway He will guide
And keep us 'til our journey's end.
—Leslie Busbee

What Would Jesus Do?

"Son, I want you to empty the trash before you go to school," Mother said as she cleared the table and started washing the dishes.

"Why can't — — oh, I'll do it! I like to help you," Elmer said as he suddenly thought of something. His Sunday School teacher had asked all

of them to ask themselves before they said or did anything, "What would Jesus do?" and then do just as Jesus would do. Elmer almost forgot but he thought of it and it helped him to change. He felt so much better and his mother looked at him so pleased, yet a little puzzled. When he returned she asked him why he had suddenly changed from a grumpy boy into a sweet boy, which made her so glad that he was her boy. Elmer then told her what the Sunday School teacher had asked them to do and that they were each one to tell the next Sunday how things came out. His mother told him that she thought that was a good thing to do.

"We'll tell the rest of the family and we will all practice it. I believe everyone will be happier," said Mother as she kissed her boy before he left for school and reminded him not to forget.

"I am next up!" said Elmer as he reached for the bat.

"No, I'm next up," said Dale and he grabbed a bat from the batter.

"Elmer is next! Quit your cheating, Dale," said Allen. This made Dale

angry that he was called a cheater and he started over to take a swing at Allen. Elmer thought of what Jesus would do and said, "Now, fellows, that is too small a thing to fight over. Let Dale go ahead. I can wait another turn. It won't hurt me, but you boys might hurt each other."

The boys stepped back from each other and Elmer yelled, "Batter up!" He then shoved Dale up to the batter's place. The pitcher threw the ball. Dale struck out. Later he walked over to Elmer and said, "Pal, I'm sorry. If I had waited my turn I believe our side would have won. You are a great guy!" Elmer felt so good inside.

The teacher was giving a spelling test. Elmer couldn't think how to spell "rumor." He wanted to put two o's in it but he knew that wasn't right. He felt real tempted to cheat and look at Ellen's paper, which was lying in plain sight. Then he remembered, "What would Jesus do?" He prayed and asked Jesus to help him remember how to spell it. He waited for a minute and then all of a sudden it flashed into his mind. He was so glad that he had not cheated and was so glad Jesus helped him to remember.

On the way home from school he passed old Mr. Jones' house. Mr. Jones was out in his yard cutting up a tree limb that had fallen. He was chopping away and was puffing as it was hard work for him. Elmer's first thought was to laugh at him but then he remembered, "What would Jesus do?" He walked right over and said, "Do you want some help?" Mr. Jones was so pleased as he felt some pains in his chest at such hard work. Elmer soon had the limb cut up and had it hauled to the alley.

As Elmer started to leave, Mr. Jones slipped a 50c piece in his hand and said, "God bless you, my boy. If you will always remember those who have grey hair and help them, your treasures will be great in heaven." Elmer walked on home feeling so good way down in his heart. He was so glad he did do just what Jesus would have done.

As the days came, Elmer found much joy in doing what Jesus would have done. He prayed before going to bed one night and told Jesus that he was so glad that He had set a good example because he felt so happy in following in His footsteps. Then from his heart he prayed, "Oh, Jesus, help me to always, all the rest of the days of my life, do just like you would do." Elmer knew that this would bring much happiness and peace deep down in his heart.

Boys and girls, will you not do as Elmer did? I believe that you will know the blessings of the Lord in your heart and upon your life. You will be happier and everyone else around you will be, too. —Marie Miles

A CHRISTIAN'S DRESS

(Make a pencil mark around these verses in your Bible)

"That women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair [or plaited], or gold, or pearls, or costly array." 1 Tim. 2:9; 1 Pet. 3:3, 4.

"And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair." Jer. 4:30.

"The rings, and nose jewels, the changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins." Isa. 3:21, 22.

"But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering." 1 Cor. 11:15.

Some Wise Sayings

The measure of a man's life is the well spending of it, and not the length. —Plutarch.

Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of. —Franklin.

Solomon was the wisest man that ever lived here on this earth besides Jesus.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson is about the trial of Jesus. When they have a trial in court today they bring the person that has been accused of doing wrong before the judge. There are two lawyers. One lawyer tries to convince the judge that the person is innocent. The other lawyer tries to convince the judge that the person is guilty and needs to be punished. The judge decides if the person is guilty and should be punished. That is a trial. In the day that Jesus lived it was different. Jesus had six trials. He was arrested near Gethsemane in the early morning hours. He was taken before the father-in-law of the High Priest. His name was Annas. Then he was taken to Caiaphas (pronounced Kay-uh-fus) who was the High Priest and then before the Sanhedrin (San-he-drin) which was a group of men who decided the laws of Moses or other laws that should be

kept according to their religious sect. They condemned Jesus. They would not accept Him as the Christ that was to come nor as their king. These trials, of course, could not be final until they had the Roman law to pass judgment on Jesus. So he was taken before Pilate and then to Herod and finally back to Pilate. Today our lesson is the final trial before Pilate.

Pilate asked the question, "What shall I do then with Jesus, which is called Christ?" Boys and girls, today you are at a trial. You are the judge. Jesus is standing before you. The devil is one of the lawyers and the Holy Spirit is the other lawyer. The question is "What shall I do with Jesus who is the Christ?" The devil tells you to turn away from Him and deny Him as your Saviour. He tells you not to believe that He can save you from your sins when you repent with godly sorrow and forsake them in your heart. He tells you there is no beautiful heaven to take you to when you die. He tells you that there is no hell. He wants you to turn Him down and not accept Jesus as your Saviour. But the other lawyer which is the Holy Spirit is a kind lawyer. He so gently tells you that God is love and that sin will keep you out of heaven and that it must be punished, but that you need not die in your sins for Jesus came to die on the cross for your sins. The Holy Spirit makes you know that you have a right to reject or choose Jesus, heaven and eternal life. If you reject Jesus there is no other place but hell for you. The Holy Spirit doesn't force you to accept Jesus but begs you to be wise and make the best choice. He tells you that not only will Jesus be your best friend here in this life and help you, but will also give you a life in eternity that never ends. What are you going to decide?

Are you going to accept Jesus or reject Him? It is up to you to decide. I do hope you will accept Him as your Saviour and be saved today.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 1, April 4, 1965

THE TRIAL OF JESUS

Matthew 27:11-26

Matt. 27:11 And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest.

12 And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

13 Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee?

14 And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.

15 Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would.

16 And they had then a notable prisoner called Barabbas.

17 Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ?

18 For he knew that for envy they had delivered him.

19 When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.

21 The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas.

22 Pilate saith unto them, what shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified.

23 And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

24 When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.

25 Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.

26 Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

Memory Verse: Pilate saith unto them What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified. Matt. 27:22.

Central Thought: What are you going to do with Jesus? You will meet Him in the judgment.

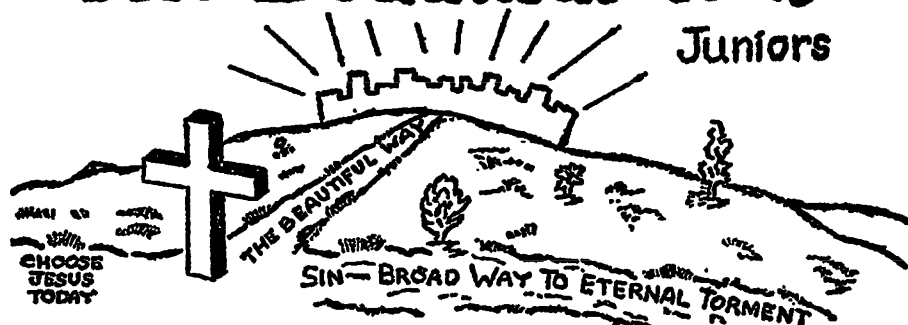
QUESTIONS:

1. Did Jesus have power to keep the men from taking him as a prisoner?
2. How many trials did Jesus have?
3. Can you wash away your sins by just washing your hands?
4. Who was Barabbas and what happened to him?
5. Whom are you going to choose?

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Part Two

April 11

Jesus Gave His Life

He let them bind His hands and lead
Him to the dismal judgment hall;
He would not for His safety plead
Nor make attempt to flee at all.

Yes, even though at His command
Ten thousand angels hovered near
To lift Him from Death's awful hand
Submitted He without a fear.

But though escape was in His reach
He chose in death to bow His head;
Thus we can now the gospel preach
For Him who suffered in our stead.

—Leslie Busbee

“Weighed and Found Wanting”

I once visited the United States mint in San Francisco and while there saw money made from bars of gold. First the metal was put into a crucible or place where it was melted for the dross to be taken out, after which it was molded into bars. These were

then run through rollers to make them the proper thickness, after which they were taken to another place, where a man sat with a machine, who cut a piece out of a bar the size of a twenty-dollar gold piece. This piece cut out was placed in the balances by another man. If it was of proper weight, immediately the man cut out fifteen hundred dollars from the bar, which he ran through his machine. But as one bar after another was placed into the machine, and the first piece weighed, I noticed that now and then a piece was placed in the balances and found wanting; perhaps only a very slight lack, but it was immediately thrown aside, and with it the whole bar. These had to go back to the crucible and go through the fire, and if it was because of dross, the dross had to be taken out; or, if it was pure gold and still lacked, it had to go through the fire and have the lack supplied; because nothing short of the full weight could receive the stamp of the government, which made it pass for full value. Every piece that was put in the balance and found wanting had

to be taken back to the crucible. This left a wonderful impression upon my mind.

Some expect to go on in life without doing the will of God, and when the great Judgment Day comes they will be weighed in the balance and found wanting; and their life and wealth of this world will be lighter than nothing when weighed in the balances of truth and justice. The great secret then of the whole matter of why prayer is not answered, is that of not meeting the conditions of the Word of God in order to have the work done. We must live close to Jesus every day.

"I'll Never Steal Again— If Father Kills Me for It"

A friend of mine, seeking objects of charity, got into the upper room of a tenement house. It was vacant. He saw a ladder pushed through the ceiling. Thinking that perhaps some poor creature had crept up there, he climbed the ladder, drew himself up through the hole, and found himself under the rafters. There was no light but that which came through a bull's-eye in the place of a tile. Soon he saw a heap of chips and shavings, and on them a boy about ten years old.

"Boy, what are you doing there?"

"Hush! don't tell anybody, please, sir."

"What are you doing here?"

"Don't tell anybody, sir; but I'm hiding."

"What are you hiding from?"

"Don't tell anybody, if you please, sir."

"Where's your mother?"

"Mother is dead."

"Where's your father?"

"Hush, don't tell him! don't tell him! but look here!" He turned himself on his face, and through the rags of his jacket and shirt, my friend saw the boy's flesh was bruised and the skin broken.

"Why, my boy, who beat you like that?"

"Father did, sir."

"What did your father beat you like that for?"

"Father got drunk, sir, and beat me 'cos I wouldn't steal."

"Did you ever steal?"

"Yes, sir. I was a street thief once."

"And why don't you steal any more?"

"Please, sir, I went to the mission school, and they told me there of God and of heaven, and of Jesus; and they taught me, 'Thou shalt not steal' and I'll never steal again, if Father kills me for it. But please, sir, don't tell him."

"My boy, you must not stay here; you will die. Now, you wait patiently here for a little time; I'm going away to see a lady. We will get a better place for you than this."

"Thank you, sir; but please, sir, would you like to hear me sing a little hymn?"

Bruised, battered, forlorn, friendless, motherless, hiding away from an infuriated father, he had a little hymn to sing.

"Yes, I will hear you sing your little hymn."

He raised himself on his elbow and then sang:

"Gentle Jesus, meek and mild,

Look upon a little child;

Suffer me to come to Thee.

Fain would I to Thee be brought,

Gracious Lord, forbid it not;
In the kingdom of Thy grace
Give a little child a place."

"That's the little hymn, sir. Good-bye."

The gentleman went away, came back again in less than two hours, and climbed the ladder. There were the chips, and there was the little boy with one hand by his side, and the other tucked in his bosom, underneath the little ragged shirt—dead, a victim of drink.

—Answers to Prayer

A little girl who got converted said, "I do not know which has changed, the world or my heart, but something has, for all is different."

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Outside of Jerusalem to the north there is a barren hill which is shaped like a skull. It has two caves facing the city that look like the eyeless sockets of a skull. Our lesson tells us that this is where Jesus was put on the cross with two other thieves.

If you have a piece of paper or a blackboard you can draw three crosses. Our lesson today doesn't tell in detail what the two thieves did. You can read in Luke 23:39-43 how one of the thieves repented and asked Jesus to remember him in Paradise. Jesus forgave him and he was that same day in Paradise with Jesus. The other thief did not repent but railed on Jesus with the sneering crowd. Jesus was placed between the two thieves on the cross. Under the first cross write the words "died in sin." This is the thief that railed on Jesus. He died in sin and went to the place prepared for all those who do not choose Jesus as their Saviour and let Him for-

give them of their sins. Under the middle cross which is the one on which Jesus was hanged, write the words, "Died for sin." Jesus died for all of our sins. He was innocent and without sin so he could die for our sins. We could not die for our own as no man here in this life was without sin and could die for us. Jesus was the only one who could die for us. We are so glad that he loved us so much. Our lesson tells us of His great suffering. Just think of those nails being driven through his hands and feet and then the cross being lifted and let fall into the hole with a jerk. Oh, the blood gushed out and his poor body was stretched and torn as He hang there between heaven and earth, slowly dying. He could have called for angels and they would have delivered Him but He was willing to do this for you and me that we might be saved. He was dying for the sins that you and I committed and for the sins of all the world. Sin had to be punished. So Jesus said that He would die in our stead. Jesus died for our sins. Oh, how we ought to love and serve Him all the days of our life! Not only does He help and bless us here in this life, but will also take us to be with Him in that wonderful home in heaven.

Now write under the last cross the words, "Died to sin." The thief asked Jesus to forgive him. We are sure more was said than is mentioned in the Bible because we know Jesus forgave him and told him they would be together in Paradise. After that when all of his sins would come up to him he could say, "I died to them and let Jesus take all of them." They no longer affected him because they were all gone. He had let Jesus have them. Dear boys and girls, we, too, want to be dead to sin and alive in Christ. Be sure and read Psalm 22.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 2, April 11, 1965

JESUS PUT ON THE CROSS

Matthew 27:33-50

Matt. 27:33 And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull,

34 They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink.

35 And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

36 And sitting down they watched him there;

37 And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

38 Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.

39 And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,

40 And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

41 Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said,

42 He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.

43 He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.

44 The thieves also, which were cru-

cified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.

46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

47 Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias.

48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink.

49 The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him.

50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

Memory Verse: But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8.

Central Thought: Jesus gave His all for us and we should give our all to Him.

QUESTIONS:

1. What Psalm written hundreds of years before foretold the death of Jesus?

2. What writing did they put over Jesus' cross?

3. Who mocked him while he was on the cross?

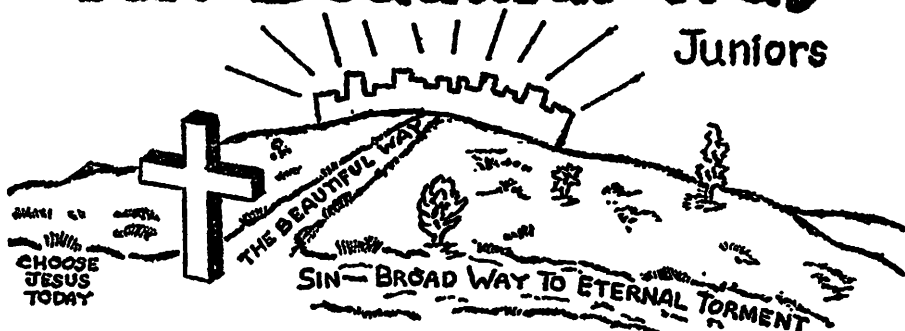
4. By what words that Jesus said are we made to know that the great loving God could not look upon Jesus' suffering?

5. What did the three men on the cross die to?

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Part Three

April 18

Jesus Lives

Upward from the silent grave
Man from death's dark curse to save,
Quickened by the Father's pow'r
In that early morning hour,
Christ the Saviour rose to give
Evermore a hope to live.

Fettered there by man's decree,
All entombed in mystery:
At the breaking of the day
Christ the Saviour rose to stay,
Nevermore again to sigh,
Nevermore again to die!

—Leslie Busbee

The Little "Green" School House

On this narrow peninsular where an earthquake is felt or heard every day, the strong winds blow swiftly from the oceans on both sides. In this land of huge rocks and cactus-covered mountains we see a "little green school house." On this spot blessings have been received which

have helped translate this rough land of once wild Indians living in caves into a land of God-fearing people. Some now know the wonderful blessing of being washed in the cleansing blood of Jesus! Praise our God forever!

As we look more closely, the missionary house can be seen in the distance. This simple rough wood structure looks so different from the Indian dwellings of dirt floors, cactus-stock sides and willow limbs for roofs.

As I sit here in the missionary home, it is easy to notice the wonder still on the faces of the different ones who come to our door asking for beans, flour, sugar, etc. Probably this is the first wood house of this sort they have ever seen. An active young Indian boy walks briskly up to the door; he asks for flour after standing there for awhile. When he receives the flour in his sack for making tortillas, he just stands there and looks in wonder and amazement all around the room. He is a little embarrassed when I look up into his big dark eyes and smile. The Indians never say

much—only a few words, cutting their sentences short.

Then comes the ex-chief's son—a handsome young lad standing with his hands in his pockets. One can but feel admiration for this noble boy who was so kind to his ill mother and grieved so over the death of his week-old brother.

Two little dark-faced dirty Indian boys come on horseback with their long sacks for flour and beans. With their mouths open they look in wonder about the room. An Indian woman comes with her sack. The Indians like to sit for a long time before they state what they came for, speaking little or not at all—just looking.

Two days ago we made a dress for one of the little Indian girls. She came to our missionary house wanting something to eat. She asked, "Have you eaten today? I haven't. We do not have anything in our house to eat." She was barefooted and wearing only a cotton dress. She was so happy to get something to eat and a new dress and a little jacket. She shivered and put them on. The wind outside was cold. Having been shown kindness the little girl did not seem to want to leave. Later she disappeared into the darkness saying, "Gracias," meaning "thanks." Today she made two visits to see us again.

Pedro, an elder Indian man we see walking stooped, comes up to our door. He is happy to be offered a chair. There he sits for hours and just looks around and now and then says a word. The missionaries have a special love for this elderly man. He seems to take a fatherly attitude toward them. He was so helpful in getting cactus stocks from the desert to build the fences around the vege-

table and flower gardens. As we were making cinnamon rolls, I said, "Pan," which means "bread." He made the sign with his hands and said, "Tortillas I make," and laughed. This elder man helped us also in getting wood. This was a big sacrifice for an Indian man to lower himself to help women get wood and be called "Squaw man" because getting wood is a woman's job.

Two dark-skinned young Indian women come for a visit, one after the other. Then a young girl comes to study English. Later the ex-chief's daughter comes for a long visit. These all came one day on Thursday.

On Saturday the car goes to El Alamo for mail and supplies. Some times two trips are necessary for the number going.

The Indians feel free in asking the missionaries to take them here and there. They never take a lunch or extra wrap. Sometimes they are seen on the road by a campfire waiting for a ride. If an Indian has a liking for a person, there is nothing that seems to be too much for him to do for his friend. A young Indian boy drove for miles over rough roads and sat up all night keeping up a campfire to help a grieving family.

The Indian people live very simply, eating principally beans and tortillas at each meal. Some of the most fortunate ones have cows, sheep, or goats. They make cheese to sell in order to have a little spending money, or they sell an animal. The Indian men make coffins of wood for burial. They make white paper flowers to cover the dead body and they cover the graves with rocks. They show great respect for their dead and keep the place of burial neat and clean. Toys are seen on the graves of chil-

dren and beads on the graves of older people.

Very little farming is done on the Indian reservation due to the lack of water in this desert land. The women have a hard life, while the men seem to be lazy. One morning we saw about four young men just sitting and playing on their banjos while others stood around and looked on. Some of the Indian boys capture wild horses from the herds in the mountains. These horses are hard to tame. In capturing the wild ones several fresh horses are used as they tire quickly in the chase. The wild ones are tied fast and left alone for awhile.

The Indian people seem to keep warm inside their shabby dwellings by fires in each room on the dirt floors. Sometimes live coals of fire are placed inside a large can and put near the bed of anyone who is resting or ill.

(To be continued)

Joseph learned to be a wise ruler by first being a slave and a prisoner.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Today we are studying a wonderful lesson. What joy it brings to our hearts to think about our precious Jesus who arose. Thanks be unto God, Jesus is alive! The walls of that tomb could not hold Him. The great stone that was rolled before the door of the tomb was rolled away. God spoke and it came to pass. Those soldiers who surrounded that tomb fell down as dead men. God had let the wicked men of the world mistreat Jesus in many ways. He let them even take Him to the cross and there put Him on it. They mocked Him and made fun of Him. They laughed as

His life ebbed away and His spirit took its flight. The lifeless body was taken down and put in the tomb. But thank God it did not stay there. Jesus arose. He is alive!

Oh, how happy the disciples were when Jesus met them! They fell down before Him and worshipped Him. He told them that He would go to Galilee and meet them there.

Today we are rejoicing because our precious Saviour is alive. The world wants to keep in remembrance the day of His resurrection by thinking of new hats and new clothes. They like to think of Easter bunnies and Easter eggs. But those who have Jesus in their hearts rejoice when they think of Jesus being alive. They know because Jesus arose they, too, will some day arise. When we are "born again" and have Jesus in our hearts we do not fear death. We know that we will arise just as Jesus did. Some day at the end of the world we will come forth from the grave. We will meet Jesus in the air.

Some do not understand how a person can change and put on a new body. We can look around us and see how God can make things change. Just think of how you can watch an egg in an incubator change. One time I was in a building in Chicago, Ill. and there saw a big glass cage with a heating lamp in it. It was full of eggs that were hatching. I could see the chick pick at the egg shell from the inside. Soon a crack was made. After a while I could see some feathers. Later the shell would burst open and a cute, little baby chick would appear. It would sit there awhile and soon it would be trying to walk. It was wonderful to see the eggs change into little baby chicks. There isn't any man in this world that can change an egg into a baby chick, but God does this. Isn't it wonderful? God will some day

cause our bodies to change into new bodies that will live in heaven forever with Him.

Let us notice what Jesus told the disciples to do. He is telling us to do that today. Whose name are we to be baptized in? Where are we to teach? Who will go with us? —Aunt Marie

Lesson 3, April 18, 1965

JESUS AROSE

Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20

Matt. 28:1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said, Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

8 And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy: and did run to bring his disciples word.

9 And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying,

All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

10 Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Memory Verse: That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Rom. 10:9.

Central Thought: Because Jesus arose we will some day arise.

QUESTIONS:

1. What day of the week did Jesus arise?

2. What happened as a result of the earthquake?

3. What important message did the angel give to the women?

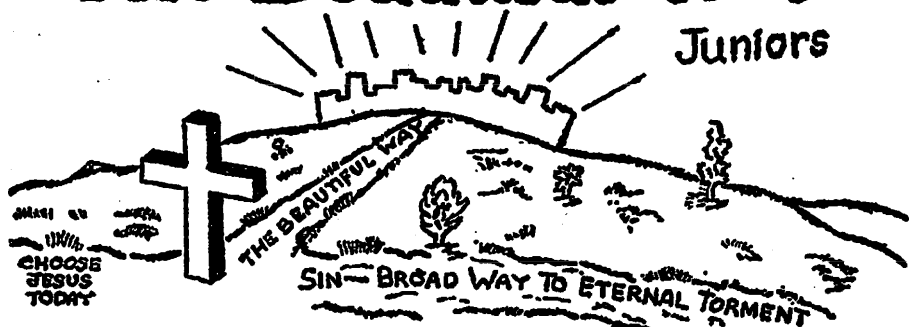
4. Where was Jesus going to meet the disciples?

5. Can Jesus give us a new body in the general resurrection of everyone at the end of the world?

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God Loves His People

God loves His people who will turn
From evil and submit to Him,
The lessons of His wisdom learn
And let His precepts never dim.

The lowly will His love restore
To life and peace and health again;
His blessings will abound once more
Like showers of a summer rain.

Fear not when overcome by wrong
To turn and seek His pard'ning love
Thy weeping will be turned to song,
And dark despair to hope above.

—Leslie Busbee

The Little "Green" School House

The Indians have odd names which they get from their calendar. The Spanish calendar has a person's name for each day of the year written by each date. The day of the month a child is born determines what the parents will name their child. There

is a large, dark, mean-looking Indian boy named "Angel." It is pronounced "on hill" in Spanish. A tall, rough-looking Mexican man is named "Louise." Several are named "Jesus" which is pronounced "Hey sue."

In the springtime this desert land blooms like a rose. The green willow plants, palm bushes, and shrubs take on new leaves. But the cactus blooms are a dainty beauty. These different kinds of cactus give food to the people. The little grey-green cactus plant that grows on the mountainside is cooked like a vegetable. The tall cactus stock of the desert is roasted over a bonfire. It seems something like a banana. Some of the cacti are sliced and fried; some are used in salads. The Tuna cactus is red and very tasty and pretty in pineapple salad. The animals, too, eat some of the cacti.

When one of our workers finished building an adobe house of mud bricks for one of the poor Indian families, he told them they would have to stop moving every time a tragedy occurred. The Indians think they get relief from the evil spirits which they

believe hang around after a death by burning their house and moving. The grieved family goes to the desert and burns a certain kind of weed to black their faces. They cut their hair to keep the evil spirits from getting them by the hairs of the head. The witch doctor charges them for the messages she claims she gets from the departed ones. The witch doctor claims to form the body of the baby before it is born. She treats by putting raw eggs in the hair, hanging dead birds over the head, and by giving herbs to drink.

Getting back to the "Little Green School House" our school teaching has done much in teaching these children against these harmful superstitions. The Holy Bible is taught every morning before their regular lessons begin. On the school ground during the playtime one can hear, "I want to be like Abel. Oh, do not be like Cain!" Then, "How could Abraham count the stars?" etc. Most of the little Indian children learn fast, not having other attractions to take their interest from their studies. After school hours the pupils come to the missionary homes and wait around for anything we have for them.

The missionaries have made dresses for most all the girls in the school. They have also made clothes for the little Mexican children in the missionary home. The little Indian children behave well in services attended with their parents or older brother or sister.

Looking inside the "Little Green School House" on Sunday morning we see a row of dark-skinned Indian men squatting on the floor and leaning against the wall to give the

benches to the women and children. The heavy set Indian men look different not being shaved and with their black hair not cut close. They only wear short jackets for coats in real cold weather. The dark-faced Indian women hold their babies in their laps all wrapped up to keep them warm. The women, too, only wear short jackets for coats in the winter. The Indian people are accustomed to the cold and to exposure and some of the children go without shoes. The children are usually very thinly clad. They wear the clothes given them by the missionaries, and it always looks funny to see pajama legs showing from under the little girls' dresses at meetings. The pretty young girls wear their long black hair loose. They have few clothes and are glad to receive something new to wear from the missionary boxes sent down. They usually sit on the front benches in services and seem to pay close attention to the speaker.

Looking back in the "Little Green School House" we see some changes made by the cleansing blood of Jesus. The Indian people like to sing and select one song after another and sing for a long time. We hear testimonies and scriptures read one after another. These people do not have places of amusement to attend and seem to like meeting together in worship. They do not seem to mind the cold weather or hard benches or long services. The Mexicans and Indians meet together in worship even though it is said they each think they are better than the other.

One Mexican man used to walk for miles and carry heavy tools, etc., to fight with. Now, since he has been saved, he goes to tell the wonderful

love of Jesus, traveling from one little village to another. Through prayer a little lady who loves God was healed and her faith is increased. She has seven sons. Some of them now attend our services. A little slim Mexican mother trusted God and jumped into a deep well to save her little baby boy who had fallen into the well. She prayed and waited for hours to be pulled out since her other little boy could only pull out the baby who was placed in the bucket let down into the well. Some of the older Indian women are now turning from superstition to serve God after being saved. Several Indian and Mexican men are looking to God to lead them after being saved from a life of sin. One Indian boy stayed off days alone in the mountains under conviction. Another one on his sickbed begged God to let him live, and he would serve Him. A pretty young Mexican girl got saved and stayed in the home of the missionaries a week to learn to live for God. Another young Mexican girl in tears testified at an altar of prayer that she wanted to live for God. Several homes with a little help are now turned from begging into good citizens. God is working in this land. He is surely dealing with the people.

(To be continued)

After Jesus prayed, the loaves and fishes grew to be many.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Many, many years before our lesson, God called Abraham to leave his home and go to the land of Canaan. God promised this land to His people who would be living years after he was gone. God was going to make Abraham's

people a great nation. God gave Abraham a son named Isaac. Jacob was the son of Isaac through whom the promises of God were to be fulfilled. Jacob's sons sold their brother, Joseph, into Egypt. Later the whole family went to Egypt to stay during the famine. With the passing of time they became a great nation and were slaves of the Egyptians. God chose Moses to bring them out of the land of Egypt. God took care of them through the wilderness wanderings and brought them to the land of Canaan. God helped them to conquer the people who lived in Canaan because their time had been fulfilled. There were many problems for them as they became settled in their new land. They, at times, forgot God and worshipped idols. They would get in trouble, repent and call upon God. He would forgive them and help them out of their troubles. They were told what God wanted them to do by judges for a period of years and finally they asked Samuel, the last judge, to give them a king like the other nations had. This was really a rejection of God. They had entered into an agreement with God at Mt. Sinai. (Ex. 19: 5-8) God had told them if they would obey Him and keep His laws that they would be His special people. They had promised to do this. Now they knew they had broken their contract or promise. They wanted a king to tell them what to do instead of God talking to the prophets and then the prophets telling them what God wanted done.

Our lesson is a plea for Samuel to pray for them because they knew that they had the displeasure of God upon them and they were afraid. After God had sent the thunder and rain as a proof of His displeasure, the people begged God for mercy. Samuel told them not to be afraid. He told them that they had sinned but not to turn away from

God and go after profitless things. Today if you fail the Lord through carelessness or not being prayerful, do not go into sin, but turn to the Lord with tears and beg for forgiveness. God is merciful. It will never help to put one sin upon another sin. The best way is to repent of the first sin and then walk carefully with God from then on. Remember all the good things that God has done for you. Can you name some of them? Can you tell something that God has done for others? It will never pay to turn away from God.

The last verses of our lesson bring out attention to the fact that if the king and the people would be faithful and obey God, He would dwell among them. If they would not obey, He would leave them.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 4, April 25, 1965

GOD FORGIVES THE PEOPLE

1 Samuel 12:19-25; 1 Kings 6:11-13

1 Sam. 12:19 And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the Lord thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins this evil, to ask us a king.

20 And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart;

21 And turn ye not aside: for then should ye go after vain things, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are vain.

22 For the Lord will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the Lord to make you his people.

23 Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way:

24 Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.

25 But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.

1 Kings 6:11 And the word of the Lord came to Solomon, saying,

12 Concerning this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father:

13 And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.

Memory Verse: For the Lord will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the Lord to make you his people. 1 Sam. 12:22.

Central Thought: If we fail it is better to repent than to go deeper in sin.

QUESTIONS:

1. Whom did the people ask to pray for them?

2. Why was it wrong for them to ask God for a king?

3. What are the vain things of the earth?

4. How are we to serve the Lord?

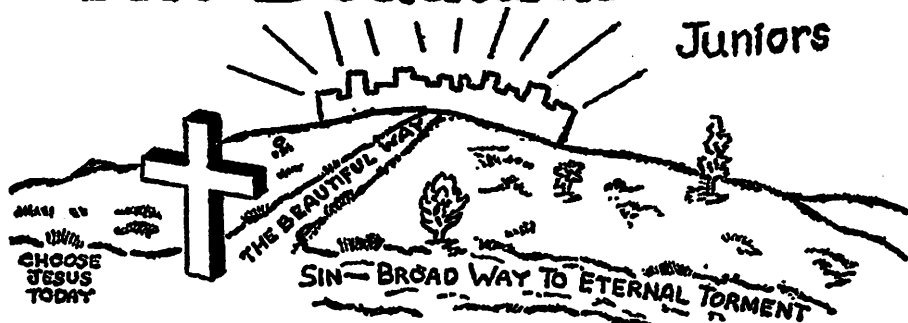
5. How did God dwell with the people then?

6. How does He dwell with His people today?

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Part Five

May 2

Wait On God

Wait on God, He's never late
Though He seems to tarry,
Better thus will be thy state
Than to ever hurry.

He will to His matters tend
Without anxious fretting;
'Twill be better in the end
If His will we're letting.

So beware of anxious care,
Faith and trust regarding;
Do not fear, for He'll be there,
All thy wait rewarding.

—Leslie Busbee

The Little "Green" School House

It would take too long to tell of the Mexican man the missionaries picked up nearly frozen and who asked to be visited again; the men in jail who found God sweet to their souls; the very sick lady who was healed instantly; the elderly sick man

who was so happy to get the new quilt and is now well; the witch doctor's daughter who asked for prayer; the girl who was healed by prayer from unconsciousness and bad injuries when thrown from a galloping horse; the Mexican men who got saved and now have good jobs in the States; the young Indian boy who is sweetly saved and looking to God to lead him into a life's service for Him; the young Mexican man who is saved and seeking sanctification; how God led an Indian's daughter to find her missing father through prayer; how God led to find two small boys who were lost and who were brought back to their parents through prayer; the wonderful healing of the very ill lady who was delirious with high fever; how God healed a lady from pain and illness. The wonderful hand of God has moved over a period of time.

Last week three Mexican men in Valle Trinidad services came to seek God. They wanted to be saved from sin and have Jesus' love in their hearts.

God is surely working through prayer and work in this desert land.

Remember us in your prayers always.
Love and prayers to all of you,
—Carrie Sheppard

The Secret Spring

In the hot, dry deserts of Arizona grows a cactus named by the Mexicans "reina de la noche," meaning "queen of the night," because it blooms only in darkness. It is not a promising-looking plant—just two or three dry stick-like stems, less than an inch thick and about three feet long.

But suddenly, one evening, there appears on one of the stems a large, pure white blossom. Its fragrance fills the desert night, attracting to the cactus the night-flying insects needed to pollinate the flowers. The blossom lasts only until morning; but each night for several nights a new blossom opens.

Many desert plants spring up and bloom quickly after a rain. But the blossoms of the "queen of the night" appear at the end of the long rainless spring, in June or July, when the ground is powder-dry, the desert shimmering with heat. What is the queen's secret? Where does this mysterious cactus get the moisture to produce its gorgeous blossoms?

The secret lies in the root. If you were to dig up one of these cactus plants, you will find the dry stems growing from an enormous tuber that might weigh as much as fifteen pounds. In this storehouse, the plant has been hoarding the water absorbed months before when the ground was wet with rain. When the time comes for the queen of the night to bloom, it draws on this hidden spring for moisture to produce its flowers.

In regions where water is plentiful, a variety of plants cover the ground with greenness. But it takes a plant with a secret like that of the queen of the night to bring forth lovely blooms in the hot, dry desert.

There is a secret which boys and girls should know, too. It is not hard to be happy and good-natured when everything is going our way. But things don't always go our way. We face temptations and find ourselves doing things we know we should not. We try to improve—and fail. We long for a better, more satisfying life.

It is then that Jesus speaks to us, as He did to the Samaritan woman at the well, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst," He told her. "The water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." John 4:14.

If we have his precious Water, our lives can be happy and fruitful no matter what our surroundings. Like the queen of the night, we shall have our own secret spring of Living Water.

—Selected

BE ON TIME

The great Duke of Wellington once told a famous engineer what was the secret of his success. He said it was because he always planned to be ready a quarter of an hour before it seemed necessary to be so. He had learned this good lesson when a boy.

Today many boys and girls fall into the habit of thinking, "Oh, I'll get saved in time, all right." But they never know how long they will have to live, or when the Lord may come again. God's Book plainly says, "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." 2 Cor. 6:2.

BAD COMPANY

When a gentle horse is with a wild, untamed horse for a few days he seems to forget his raising. All the old-time wildness of his forefathers seems to crop out in him. Before that time, he may have allowed himself to be caught anywhere; now he will not permit a man to get within half a mile of him. Bad company has affected him. It is the same with boys and girls. No boy or girl can afford to go with evil companions. If he does he will become like them. Watch your friends, and stay clear of those who are not following that which is good. Ask the Lord to help you to choose only the right kind of friends. —Adapted.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

After Saul was chosen king, all the people went to their homes. There was a powerful nation which was a neighbor of the Israelites. This nation was called the Philistines. They had a large army but the Israelites had only 3000 men as a standing army. The beginning of our lesson tells us that the Philistines gathered themselves together to fight against the Israelites. They were so great in number and had so many weapons that the people were afraid. The prophet, Samuel, had told Saul that he would be at Gilgal at a certain time to offer a sacrifice unto the Lord. Saul and the people knew that they could not meet this huge army themselves. It was too big for them. They knew they must have the Lord to help them and that a sacrifice was necessary. They waited and waited but it seemed Samuel would not come that day. The end

of the day was closing in so Saul became impatient and asked that the sacrifice, which was ready, be brought forth and he would offer it. Now this was definitely wrong. Samuel had given Saul specific instructions. (1 Sam. 10:8) But Saul disobeyed those orders from the Lord. After he finished offering the sacrifice Samuel arrived. Samuel asked him the question, "What hast thou done?" Saul then made three excuses as to why he did not and then added "I forced myself." I am sure he had a big struggle within his heart. He knew he should not have done it but he thought he just had to. Boys and girls, have you ever had the devil come that hard against you? You know you should not do wrong but it seemed you were in such a close place that you just thought you just had to do something wrong? Don't ever let the devil make you think you just have to do wrong. Oh, how sorry Saul was that he had disobeyed the Lord! Samuel told Saul, "Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the Lord thy God." Boys and girls, do not act quickly and foolishly. The devil might try to make you think that it is such a small thing but God's word must be obeyed. Adam and Eve may have been tempted in the same way. The devil made them think that it was such a small thing to take one bite of the fruit of that one tree. What harm can come of that? But, oh how sad was their punishment and not only for them but also for the entire human race! Boys and girls, when you do wrong, it not only harms you but it harms others, also. Maybe someone else would not have done wrong if you had stood true.

One boy was with some other boys and they were going to steal some pop off the pop truck. This boy felt that he might be accused of stealing, too, since

he was with the other boys. He told them that they should not do it. He began to pray the Lord to not let them steal the pop. About that time the driver of the truck came out. No doubt God answered this boy's prayer and it kept all of them out of trouble. It pays to obey God.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 5, May 2, 1965

WE MUST OBEY GOD

1 Samuel 13:5-14

1 Sam. 13:5 And the Philistines gathered themselves together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and the people as the sand which is on the sea shore in multitude: and they came up, and pitched in Michmash, eastward from Bethavan.

6 When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait, (for the people were distressed,) then the people did hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits.

7 And some of the Hebrews went over Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. As for Saul, he was yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

8 And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel had appointed: but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him.

9 And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering.

10 And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might salute him.

11 And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash;

12 Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the Lord: I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering.

13 And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the Lord thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the Lord have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever.

14 But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the Lord hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the Lord hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the Lord commanded thee.

Memory Verse: And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. 1 Sam. 15:22.

Central Thought: It never pays to disobey God. Punishment is sure.

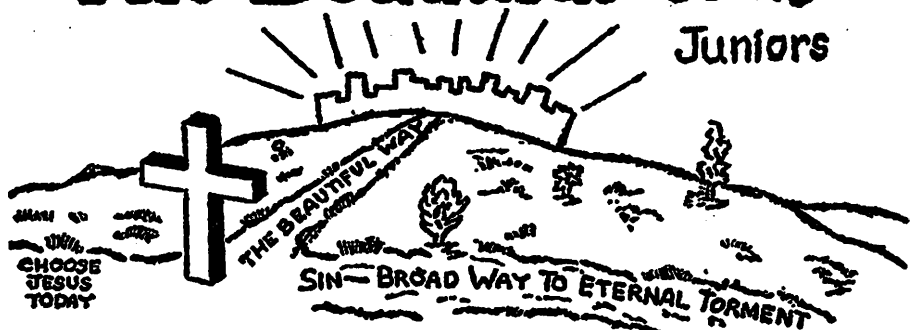
QUESTIONS:

1. What nation came to fight against the Israelites?
2. Were the people afraid?
3. How did Saul disobey God?
4. Do we have an enemy coming against us that is powerful?
5. Should we get scared or should we have faith in God?
6. How was Saul punished?

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May 9

Saul and David

Saul possessed the rule and throne;
Feared He David who was known
Through the land as brave and true,
Trusting God the battle through.

Thus he sought to take his life
Bitterly in evil strife;
David by his faith in God
Well escaped Saul's angry rod.

Oh, how sad, an awful fall
Is portrayed in foolish Saul,
Who, thus blotting all his name
Gave a place to sin and shame.

—Leslie Busbee

A Good Mother

"Did you have a nice time at your cousins' house?" asked Mother as she drove home from the town where Raymond, her 12-year-old boy had stayed all night with his cousins.

"Yes," said Raymond.

"Was Aunt Alice at home last night?" Mother asked.

"No," said Raymond.

"Who was at home? Was Uncle Jerry?" asked Mother.

"No," said Raymond.

"I guess you boys had a nice time together?" said Mother.

"Yes," said Raymond.

"I am sorry that your cousins smoke but I am so glad that my boy didn't yield to the temptation to smoke. Did you?" Mother asked as she anxiously waited for her son's reply. She had so carefully taught her son to love the Lord and do right. She had, at different times, read to him and talked to him about the evils of smoking and how harmful it was to a person's body. Just in one puff of cigarette smoke there are 18 different poisons in it. Of course, even the doctors have proved that cigarette smoke causes lung cancer. But the main reason a boy or girl should not smoke is that it is defiling or harmful to the body and the Bible tells us that that is a sin. Raymond's mother wanted her boy to do the right thing and live for God. She was a good mother and took care of her children and taught them right.

"No," said Raymond slowly as he turned and looked out the window.

Mother was relieved because she was wanting to know that her boy had not done wrong. She had felt uneasy in leaving Raymond with his cousins all night as the boys smoked and did not seem to want to live for the Lord, but they had begged so hard for him to stay.

That night after all had gone to bed Mother thought she heard Raymond turning and tossing in his bed. She wondered what was the matter that he didn't sleep restfully. She listened carefully and soon she thought she heard him call her. She got up and went to his room. As soon as she asked what was the matter, Raymond burst into tears. She knelt by his bedside and put her arms around him and asked him to tell her what was the trouble. Oh, her mother-heart was so touched as she knelt there. Anything that was troubling her boy was troubling her. His sorrow was her sorrow. She wanted to help him. Soon he quit crying long enough to say, "Mother, I told you a lie. I did try to smoke. I am so sorry. They just kept begging me and I just tried it a little bit. I told them I didn't like it," Raymond said with sorrow of heart.

"Raymond, Mother feels she is partly to blame. I didn't feel good at all in leaving you there. I am sorry that I permitted you to be placed in a position where you were not able to say 'no' to temptation," said Mother with a flood of tears. Her heart was so broken.

"Oh, no, Mother, it was my fault. I knew I shouldn't have done it," said Raymond. "Please don't cry. I won't ever do it again."

"Raymond, you know how much

Mother has taught you against that terrible habit and how God is so displeased with anyone doing it. It would break my heart if you would ever take up that habit. But the worst thing is that you have done wrong and you need to ask Jesus to forgive you," Mother said as she bowed her head on the side of the bed and silently prayed.

"Oh, I know I have sinned. I am so sorry and I feel so terrible. Do you think Jesus will forgive me?" asked Raymond.

"Yes, my dear, if you from your heart are truly sorry and really mean not to do that again. Just pray and ask God to forgive you," said Mother.

After Raymond and Mother had prayed, the tears were all wiped away. The load was lifted and Raymond felt good. Raymond then told his mother not to let him go to his cousins' to stay all night again. Mother said that she didn't think he ought to, either. Then Raymond asked, "But how can I tell them I don't want to stay all night? You know that every time we see them they beg me to stay."

"Well, dear, you just tell them to ask me and I will not let you stay," said Mother. "I feel that you should be nice to your cousins, but you see them enough without staying all night. I feel the Lord will work it all out all right from now on. You just pray lots and be careful to obey the Lord. He will keep you from evil. Good night now, dear," Mother said as she kissed her boy.

Raymond had a good mother and he loved her. He was so glad that she helped him to live for God. He wanted to please the Lord. God had healed him so many times and was so good to him. He thought about

other boys who didn't have a mother who was so good to them. He thought about the many things his mother did and how she would ask other boys and girls who went to Sunday School to come to their home so he could be with those who knew what the right was and wanted to live for God. He surely didn't want to hurt his mother who loved him so much.

—Sister Marie Miles

A certain father gave this advice to his son. He said, "My boy, treat every one kindly and with politeness. If they are not kind and polite to you, be even more kind and polite to them. Remember you are not to be kind and courteous to others because they are gentlemen, but because you are one."

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Today our lesson shows us what one sin will do. The devil is never satisfied if we just do one sin. He wants us to do another one. Boys and girls, we want to be sure that we keep sin out of our lives. Only Jesus can help us to obey God and not sin. Watch and pray. Pray and ask God to help you and then watch your thoughts, your feelings and your actions. Be very careful to do the right at all times. Refuse to do wrong.

Last week we talked about how Saul had sinned and that God punished him and told him he was going to take his kingdom away from him. Samuel wept over Saul but God told him not to weep but to arise and go down to Jesse's house and he would tell him who he was to anoint to be the next king. We know how all of the sons but one passed before Samuel. The Lord did not tell

Samuel that any of them was the one. Finally when David was brought from the field, Samuel anointed him to be the king.

One time when David had gone to see about his brothers, who were in Saul's army, he helped win the victory by killing the giant, Goliath. Saul then wanted to keep him at the palace. Our lesson tells us how David had behaved himself wisely and King Saul had made him captain over some men of war. Our lesson also tells us how King Saul became jealous because the women praised David more than the king. Isn't that a terrible thing? Boys and girls, do not ever let jealousy get into your heart. When another boy or girl gets something nice and it is nicer than anything you have, don't let a feeling come into your heart that you wished you had it rather than the other person. If you do, that is jealousy. And do you know that jealousy will turn into a dislike and dislike will turn into hate and of course, hate has many, many times turned into murder. Boys and girls, guard your heart and keep it closed to anything the devil tries to bring to you. Don't be a garbage pail for the devil. He will try to dump the old dirty garbage into your heart that will make your life smell bad. Others looking on will see that old dirty garbage called jealousy, dislike, and hate sticking out of you. Just tell the devil to take his garbage and leave, that you want to keep your heart clean and pure.

Saul just let the devil pour the garbage into his heart. An evil spirit came and lived with him. At times he didn't like it and called for David to play on his harp for him. The devil then brought some garbage called murder and added it to the garbage called jealousy and that caused him to throw his spear at David and try to kill him. Saul saw

how God helped David and Saul became afraid of him. All the people loved David because he was a good man. Others love to see good rather than evil in a person.

Boys and girls, be careful to do the right and you will be loved for it by those who love good. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 6, May 9, 1965

ONE SIN LEADS TO ANOTHER

1 Samuel 18:5-16

1 Sam. 18:5 And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

6 And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of musick.

7 And the women answered one another as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.

8 And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom?

9 And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

10 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand.

11 And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his presence twice.

12 And Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him, and was departed from Saul.

13 Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.

14 And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the Lord was with him.

15 Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him.

16 But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.

Memory Verse: Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished. By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil. Proverbs 16:5, 6.

Central Thought: We can find forgiveness of sin through Jesus Christ.

QUESTIONS:

1. Where was David when Samuel went to Jesse's house?

2. What wonderful thing did David do that caused King Saul to keep him with him?

3. What caused King Saul to try to kill David?

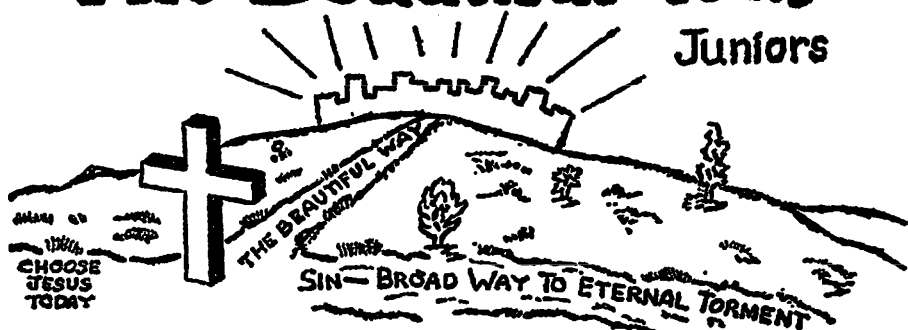
4. Why is a sinful heart compared to a garbage can?

5. Do boys and girls act like spoiled children when they will not obey rules?

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He Will Lift Us Up

There is a lesson we must learn
If we life's joy would sup:
Humble down, to Jesus turn
And He will lift you up.

And all who would His favor gain
Must needs at first be low;
He will exalt us to His reign
If we His meekness know.

So do not turn from Christ away,
But drink that bitter cup:
'Twill change to sweetness in repay
When Jesus lifts you up.

—Leslie Busbee

The Day After Mother's Day

"We celebrated Mother's Day in the loveliest way," remarked Billy Stone, as he met Miss Fowler, his Sunday School teacher, and walked proudly along beside her. "We gave Mother a present."

"How nice! I suppose you love her very much, don't you?"
"Lots."

"Well, Billy, my man," said Miss Fowler, stopping a moment at the corner where she was to turn off, "don't forget your lesson last Sunday. You know what our Bible tells us about how true love shows itself."

Yes, Billy knew. He walked on thinking of it, and presently his round face grew very sober.

"Yesterday we told Mother that we gave her the present with our love. Today is only a day off, and I would not get up in time for breakfast. I was late at school; I made the twins mad and I sneaked out of the back door so as not to have to go for the mail. I can't see how anybody, by looking at the way I've acted, could tell that I liked my mother at all."

It was beginning to rain when Billy reached home. He and the twins, who had been playing in the yard, all went into the kitchen together. Mrs. Stone, at work in the next room, looked out of the window with a sigh. She had so much to do, and there was liable to be trouble when the children must stay indoors.

Billy thought of this, too.

The twins were hanging their hats up with a shuffle.

"I say, Robin," asked Billy, abruptly, "how much do you love Mother this afternoon?"

Robin turned and stared at him. What a queer question; it was not a bit like a boy!

"Why?" he giggled. "Do you want me to write poetry about it?"

"Poetry!" sniffed Billy. "I want to know how much—just how much—that isn't poetry, is it?"

"That's arithmetic," said Dora.

Dora was the eldest of them all. She was bolstered up in a big arm-chair by the fire; she had been ill for several days.

"How much?" repeated Robin. "How can you tell how much you love a person?"

"In plenty of ways," said Billy wisely. "I'll tell you one right now. I love Mother a boxful."

With that he picked up the kindling box and marched out to the shed.

A light broke upon the twins.

"Oh-o!" cried Harry, "that's what you mean, is it? Well, I love her a pailful," seizing the water bucket and starting for the pump.

"I love her a scuttleful," said Robin, and he plunged down the cellar after coal.

Mrs. Stone heard the noise of the children and glanced anxiously at the door.

"I hope there is no mischief on foot; I'm in a hurry to get the sewing done."

Kitty Stone had roused herself from her book in the old-fashioned kitchen window seat to listen to Billy and the rest. So far she had said nothing. But when the kindling box

and the pail and scuttle were full, the covers of Kitty's book went together with a snap.

"Don't you think," she said, "that all of us together, if we hurried, could love Mother this room full before she came in and caught us? I'll clean the stove out and polish it."

They worked like beavers. The last tin was hung on the nail and the last chair set back to the wall when Mrs. Stone's step was heard coming rapidly down the hall.

She looked around the tidy room, and when she saw how spic and span it was, and when she saw the ring of smiling faces, she kissed them every one, and her own bright face was as bright as the brightest.

"There's no mother in the country," said Mrs. Stone, "that has such children as mine!"

"There, now, do you not see?" said Billy to Robin. "Can't you tell how much you love a person? We're going to make every day Mother's Day!"

—Unknown.

In A Lion's Bedroom

How would you like to spend a night in a lion's bedroom? "Not at all," you reply. But that is just what a young man once did. He lived in a little village in England, but when he grew up he decided to be a soldier. So he enlisted in the army and was sent to Africa with his regiment.

One night when out with some other soldiers he somehow got separated from them and after wandering about for some time he realized he was lost. He was very, very tired, and seeing a cave he went in and was soon fast asleep.

Suddenly he heard a terrible roar, and then pat, pat, pat, something was entering the cave. With horror he watched the lion stalking in the very cave in which he was. At once he lay down again and pretended he was asleep. The lion came up and sniffed him and then went to a corner of the cave, lay down, and was soon asleep.

The young soldier remembered that David, the king of Israel, had been delivered from the paw of the lion, and lying there on the sandy floor of the cave he cried to God to save him as he had saved David.

Before long he could hear by the way the lion breathed that it was in a deep sleep. Still praying in his heart the young soldier crept softly from the cave, and soon found his way back to his friends as the dawn was breaking. What a wonderful experience of God's deliverance he had to tell them!

—Selected

Faith is the key that unlocks the gates of heaven.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

David had a hard time because King Saul disliked him. At times he would want him around and then he would try to kill him. David married King Saul's daughter but he had to leave because King Saul tried to harm him. Jonathan, King Saul's son was a good friend of David. He was displeased because his father was not good to David. He tried to help him out many times. He felt so sad when he had to tell David that he knew his father had not changed and would do anything he could to kill him. David promised Jonathan that he

would be a friend to him and his family all of his life.

David felt sad when he knew he had to leave all that was dear to him and flee for his life but he put himself in the care of the Lord. He knew that God had chosen him to be the king some day and that he would take care of him. Others who were in trouble went to live with David. Soon there was a band of about 400 over which David was captain.

King Saul sought the life of David. On two different times David could have killed Saul but he would not touch the Lord's anointed. One time Saul had gone to hunt for David in the hills with a thousand men. He became tired and went inside a cave and lay down to rest. He did not know that in that same cave were David and his men. His men tried to get David to kill King Saul but David would not. He cut off a piece of his garment. He went out on the other side of the hill and called to him. When Saul knew what had happened he was ashamed. He knew that David was a better man than he and that the Lord was with David.

There was a battle in Gilboa and both Saul and Jonathan met their death. (1 Sam. 31:1-4) This touched David very deeply. He not only mourned over his beloved friend, Jonathan, but he also mourned for Saul. David was made king of the tribe of Juda at Hebron. He was their king for seven and one-half years. The son of Saul reigned for two years and after his death the people of Israel came to David at Hebron and wanted him to be their king. This is where our lesson begins.

The people felt that David would be a good shepherd to them. We know how the shepherd takes care of his sheep. Can you tell how he does? David, at one time, was a real shepherd and killed

a bear and a lion that tried to harm his sheep. They felt that he would lead them right. Who is our Shepherd? Who tries to harm us that we could compare to the lion or the bear?

Our last verse makes us know that David understood that God had established him as king over Israel and this helped him in the hard things ahead. When we know we are doing God's will we can have faith to know that God will take us through hard things.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 7, May 16, 1965

DAVID MADE KING

2 Samuel 5:1-7; 9-12

2 Sam. 5:1 Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh.

2 Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that ledest out and broughtest in Israel: and the Lord said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be captain over Israel.

3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the Lord: and they anointed David king over Israel.

4 David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.

5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah.

6 And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites, the in-

habitants of the land: which spake unto David, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: thinking, David cannot come in hither.

7 Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David.

9 So David dwelt in the fort, and called it the city of David. And David built round about from Millo and inward.

10 And David went on, and grew great, and the Lord God of hosts was with him.

11 And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they built David an house.

12 And David perceived that the Lord had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake.

Memory Verse: I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Psalm 16:8.

Central Thought: When we know that we are in God's will we can face hard things.

QUESTIONS:

1. Did David rejoice when he knew King Saul was dead and he would be made king?

2. How old was David when he was made king?

3. What is an important thing we must have to be a good leader?

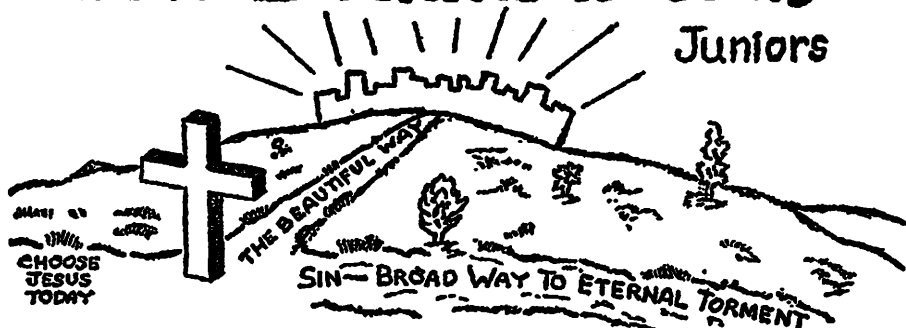
4. What king helped David build him a house?

5. Who did David know had established his kingdom?

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May 23

Worship In Jerusalem

'Tis only in Jerusalem,
The city of the King,
That saints can truly worship Him
His praise and joy to sing.

'Tis not in Palestine we find
This city pure and fair;
It's in the souls of those resigned,
They can be anywhere.

So worship in Jerusalem,
In faith, in hope, and love:
This is the city John beheld
Descending from above.

Where'er its altars may arise
From hearts by Christ made pure,
God's presence one may realize
Forever to endure.

—Leslie Busbee

The Ark

"Boys and girls, I want you to know
all about the Ark that is in our lesson.
I am going to tell you about it. There
were two rooms in the ark. On the

outside of the first room was an altar
where the lamb was put after being
killed. This lamb today stands for
Jesus who died on the cross. There
was a place where the priests washed
their hands close to the altar. With
our sins all forgiven by Christ and
our wrongs made right we are ready
to go inside. Now let us go inside
the first room. As we go through
the door it makes us think of Jesus
who said, "I am the door." Through
Jesus we get into the church. First
we see in this first room a table.
On it are 12 loaves of bread. This
makes us remember when Jesus said,
"I am the bread of life." Then we
remember when He took bread at the
Lord's Supper and broke it and said,
"This is my body." Now we see the
candlestick. It is kept burning all
the time. Again we think of when
Jesus said, "I am the light of the
world." The bread and the light
remind us of Jesus as one who will
show us the way to heaven and give
us strength through the bread to get
there. This was made then to be a
type of us today when our sins are
all forgiven and we belong to Jesus.

We do not want to stay in this room. We want to go into the next room, do we not? But before this room stands a golden altar. The priests in those days put blood from the lamb (Jesus) from the first altar on this golden altar. So again we have to come through Christ to get into the second room. (Heb. 10:19, 20). When Jesus died on the cross the heavy vail that separated the two rooms was torn into pieces. So it is through Jesus we go into the second room which is called the Most Holy Place. In this room is a seat. Here we can sit down and rest. There was no seat in the first room. Over us are the wings of angels. In the mercy seat was the golden pot of manna which gives us food for our souls in this room and the tables with the Ten Commandments on it. Then there was a rod that was budding. Boys and girls, when we enter the second room we are filled with the Holy Spirit. We can grow in the Lord and have rest to our souls. God had Moses make this ark thousands of years before Jesus came so they could know a little about what Jesus was going to do for us when He came. Wasn't that wonderful! —Sister M. Miles

Alfred and Joe

While Joe was plowing he lost a bolt from his plow and in trying to insert the bolt through the hole in the plow-beam he struck it with a hammer which caused the bolt to slip and the hammer to strike his finger. He threw the hammer with all the fury he could and in doing so it came so close to the head of one of his horses that it jumped to one side, turning over the plow, at which time

he jerked on the lines, which set both horses back on their haunches, and he then gave the plow a kick which turned it over again. All this Alfred saw from the other side of the field and when he came to see what had happened to cause this outburst he found Joe nursing a finger which had a large blood blister near the nail, and Joe was in a very unpleasant mood.

"I wish I had an ax to cut this old plow in splinters and knock out the brains of those old horses," said Joe as Alfred approached, "and just for two cents I'd do it, too."

"Well, I'd rather give you two dollars not to do it than to give you two cents to do it," said Alfred as he walked around and patted each of the horses' necks and then righted the plow. It took him but an instant to see what was needed about the plow and he then called for the hammer that he might drive the bolt through the plow-beam.

"I think you will find it over there close to those bushes," said Joe rather shamefacedly as he saw Alfred meant to fix it for him. Alfred found the hammer but had no better success in driving the bolt through the beam than Joe had, for at the first lick the hammer slipped again and caught Alfred's thumb, bursting the skin near the nail, causing the blood to flow freely. He, too, let go the hammer, but only to fall at his feet, and as he was kneeling on one knee near the plow he bent his head over on the plow-beam and groaned aloud, grasping the injured thumb tightly in the other hand. He remained in this posture for a few moments, then he raised his head and looking Joe straight in the face said, "Praise the Lord." Had a bomb exploded at Joe's

feet, it would not have surprised him more than the "praise the Lord" which came from the lips of Alfred at this time. Joe stood open-mouthed, wide-eyed, and speechless, for he took in the situation at one glance. Alfred's thumb had received a harder lick from the hammer than his finger had, for the blood was dripping from the injured thumb and he had only raised a blister on his finger, and here Alfred was saying, "Praise the Lord." For some time Joe stood speechless: then said, "What made you say that?"

"Sit down with me on this plow-beam and I shall tell you what made me say that at this time," said Alfred as he seated himself on the plow, holding his hand out from him so the blood could drip onto the ground. Joe sat down beside him and he began, "I said, 'Praise the Lord,' for He alone is to be praised at this time for my actions. I could not have done it within myself, but as I knelt there by that plow I could not help but recall an incident of my early teens. I was building a wagon for my little brother and he was standing near me when the hammer slipped and I mashed my thumb as I did today. But no sooner had I done it than I threw it in such a way that it struck my little brother just over the eye. For three days he lay in an unconscious or semi-conscious condition.

(To be continued)

A thousand forests can come from one acorn.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

I do trust that you love the Lord. He is so good and kind. He loves us so much and we ought to love Him with

all of our hearts. He not only will help us here in this life to be happy if we will follow His ways; but he also has a wonderful home prepared for us in heaven. It is so wonderful that there are not enough words in the English language to explain how great heaven is. I surely want to go there, don't you?

You remember that God had told Moses to make an ark which was called the Ark of the Covenant. The presence of the Lord dwelt within this ark. A cloud settled down upon it. When the cloud arose the Israelites would begin to pack as they knew it was time to move. When they came into the land of Canaan they brought the ark with them and the Levites offered sacrifices upon the altar for the sins of the people.

One time the Israelites took the ark with them in battle against the Philistines. They thought it would bring them victory but the Philistines captured it. (1 Sam. 4:3, 11) This ark did not bring them any happiness as they suffered many things because of it. One time they took it into their temple and the great goddess that they worshiped broke in pieces as God caused it to fall down in honor to the ark. They were glad to get rid of the ark. They sent it back to the Hebrew country. (1 Sam. 5:1-6; 11) When it arrived some people looked into it and they were punished. (6:12-20) Some people from another city came for it and they took it without any trouble. It remained there for 20 years, about 10 miles from the city of Jerusalem. Saul did not seem to care anything about it. (1 Chron. 13:3).

David had decided to make Jerusalem the capital of his kingdom and he wanted to bring the ark to the city, also. One time he attempted to bring it and had some trouble. It was put on a cart, pulled by some oxen. The oxen stumbled and Uzzah tried to steady the ark and

he died instantly. He did wrong because only the priests were to touch the ark. (Num. 4:15). God has laws and they must be obeyed or punishment will be given. Sometimes punishment is immediately and then sometimes it comes later but God will punish sin unless it is repented of.

Our lesson begins with how God was blessing the house of Obbedom where the ark was. David wanted it brought to Jerusalem. The ark was set in the tabernacle which was prepared for it.

The tabernacle had a Holy Place and the Most Holy Place in it. This is a type of our justification and sanctification, the two works in our heart today.

David made preparation to build a house for the ark. But the prophet said that David's son would build the house. Through Christ, David's kingdom was to be forever.

Lesson 8, May 23, 1965

WORSHIP IN JERUSALEM

2 Samuel 6:12, 13, 17, 18; 7:1-3, 11b-13

2 Sam. 6:12 And it was told King David, saying, The Lord hath blessed the house of Obbedom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obbedom into the city of David with gladness.

13 And it was so, that when they that bare the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings.

17 And they brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Lord.

18 And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts.

7:1 And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the Lord had given him rest round about from all his enemies;

2 That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth with curtains.

3 And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the Lord is with thee.

11b Also the Lord telleth thee that he will make thee an house.

12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

Memory Verse: Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy. Psa. 99:9.

Central Thought: Through Jesus the kingdom of David was set up forever.

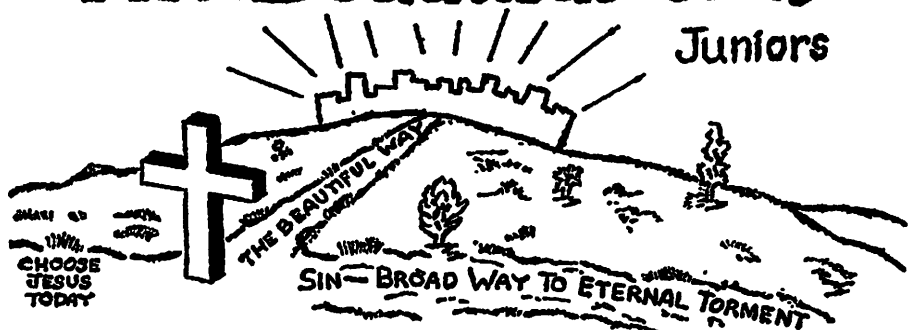
QUESTIONS:

1. Who first builded the ark?
2. What happened when the Philistines took the ark in a battle?
3. What happened when David tried to bring the ark to Jerusalem?
4. Did David build an house for the ark?
5. What was inside the ark?
6. What do the two rooms in the ark stand for today?

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WISDOM

Come, ye children, to me hearken:

I would teach you godly fear;

Sin thy happiness will darken,

Life will lose its sunshine clear.

Flee from evil, shun temptation,

Keep your lips from speaking guile,

Follow peace and God's salvation,

Love and goodness all the while.

Why partake of things forbidden

When the Lord good things will
give?

Let all sin from thee be hidden,

Shun all evil, for Him live.

—Leslie Busbee

Alfred and Joe

(Continued from last week's story.)

For three days he lay in an unconscious or semi-conscious condition and when he emerged from the shadows the first words that he spoke were, 'What made Al do that?' Of course, I could not tell him what had

made me do it other than I just got so angry. I had something to remind me of that outburst of mine for my brother carried a deep scar just above his eye until he died and as I looked at his cold form in the casket that scar was still a reminder of my uncontrolled temper. Not only in this incident, but many other times I lost control of myself. But I am glad to say 'Praise the Lord,' for one day I heard that there is power in the blood of Jesus, and I sought the Lord with all my heart, and when he came into my heart I found him a present help in time of need, and when do we need him more than at times when we are not master of ourselves? I do not know what I should have done today had I not had the Lord to help but since he has so completely filled me and helped me to be an overcomer in times like this, why should I not say, 'Praise the Lord'? I do not enjoy being hurt any more than you do and even now the pain is severe, for my arm is aching to my shoulder and I know that I shall have a very sore thumb for several days, but I can say, 'Praise the Lord,' for sus-

taining grace and for the keeping power which I have found in Him."

Tears were streaming down Alfred's face as he related his experience to Joe and Joe felt the hot tears coursing down his own cheeks. He would have liked to inquire more into Alfred's life but his throat seemed to close and he could not find voice to speak one word. For some time they sat together in silence, but the Holy Spirit was doing his work in Joe's heart. Over and over he said to himself, "Here is a man who really knows God."

At last Alfred arose and went to the house to have his thumb dressed and Joe picked up the hammer and after several trials drove the bolt through the hole in the plow-beam. But all the anger was driven from him, and as Alfred again came into the field and resumed plowing, Joe could hear him whistling, "Take the name of Jesus with you." And this only deepened the conviction in his soul.

—"Man of His Counsel"

The Old Fortune Teller

Aunt Jenny was in a tight corner. A few weeks before, at a meeting in a slum post in London, she had been converted. Then, of course, no more fortune telling for her! But here she was, a lonely little woman, seventy years old, and although the gift of God is free, it costs money to keep living on earth! The butcher doesn't give meat in exchange for texts—and what about the rent?

The position was this. The landlord wanted \$5.00, and unless Aunt Jenny could pay, out she must go! She had \$2.50 towards it, but even if she could have sold her few bits of

furniture they would hardly have brought in the extra money. She was still wondering what to do when one morning two men knocked at her door.

Unless she could produce the cash, they had orders to put her and her furniture into the street.

There stood Aunt Jenny faced with the difficulty. Must she go? Was there no hope for her? . . . "Take it to the Lord in prayer!" . . . What was that? A strain from a hymn they had been singing the other night at the service. "Take it to the Lord in prayer." Take rent—and furniture—and—? Well, why not?

"Could you please wait while I pray?" she asked the two men.

"All right, Ma," was the not unkind but slightly amused reply.

And so Aunt Jenny knelt down; this lonely little slum woman was daring to call the great God her Father and to ask Him if He would help her to pay the rent!

But the doorbell was evidently sympathetic, for it suddenly said a very loud "Amen!"

Aunt Jenny went to see who was there. The postman with a letter. A very kind letter from a lady who had heard of her conversion. The lady said she was enclosing a money order. It wasn't a big one, but perhaps Aunt Jenny could use it. Perhaps! Could she!

Do you know the value of this money order? I expect you can guess. It was exactly \$3.00!

And although it was an order on the postoffice, nothing will ever convince Aunt Jenny that it didn't come from heaven!

—Selected

HOLD ON, BOYS

Hold on to your tongue, when you are just ready to swear, lie or speak harshly, or to say an improper word.

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

Hold on to your foot, when you are on the point of kicking or running away 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 about you.

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

Hold on to your good name at all times, for it is more valuable to you than gold, high places or fashionable attire.

—Selected

Dear Boys and Girls:—

When God made Adam and Eve he put within them a right of choice. He made them so that they could choose to do right or do wrong. It would not have brought any honor or glory to God if He had made them to always love Him without any choice to do otherwise. It brings great joy to God when we choose to love Him and obey Him. When your parents tell you to do something and you do it, they are very happy. They know that you love them and want to please them. It makes them sad to have to punish you because you do not obey them. Sin is open rebellion against God. When we know what God wants us to do and we do not do it, it is sin. Adam and Eve wilfully disobeyed and ate of the fruit of the tree.

If a person sins he does not need to stay in sin. God has made a way so we can be forgiven of our sins and again be in favor with God. Only through Jesus can we be forgiven. Jesus bore our sins on the cross. We must believe that He has taken the sin we committed and bore the punishment for it. When we do this we can be forgiven by God through Jesus. Only having godly sorrow will bring real forgiveness.

Our lesson is very plain. David had sinned against God. He saw Uriah's wife and he wanted her for his wife. He had Uriah put at the front of the battle so that Uriah would be killed and he, David, would be free to take his wife. Oh, what a terrible sin that was!

After Nathan told David a story which showed such a terrible sin, David said the man who had done this wrong needed to be put to death. How shocked he was when he was told, "Thou art the man." Boys and girls, we can't do wrong and get by. You might think no one knows what you have stolen or the lie that you have told but God knows. You will have to deal with God about it. David thought he had his sin covered up. He was so surprised when it was made known. Read the 51st Psalm and it will tell you how he cried unto the Lord. He said, "Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God; renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence and take not thy holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free Spirit." (verses 7-13). God heard his cry and forgave him. God has said that a "broken and a contrite heart," he would not despise but would heal and forgive.

Great trouble came to David's house because he sinned.

Boys and girls, if you have not given the Lord your heart, do so today. The devil will get you into a lot of trouble in this world. You need to have Jesus to help you to live right. You never know when your time will come to die. You must be ready to go. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 9, May 30, 1965

SIN BRINGS TROUBLE

2 Samuel 12:1-10

2 Sam. 12:1 And the Lord sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.

2 The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds:

3 But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter.

4 And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb and dressed it for the man that was come to him.

5 And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the Lord liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die:

6 And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.

7 And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the Lord God

of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul;

8 And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things.

9 Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and has slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.

Memory Verse: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. Ex. 20:5, 6.

Central Thought: A life of sin means a life here and in eternity without God.

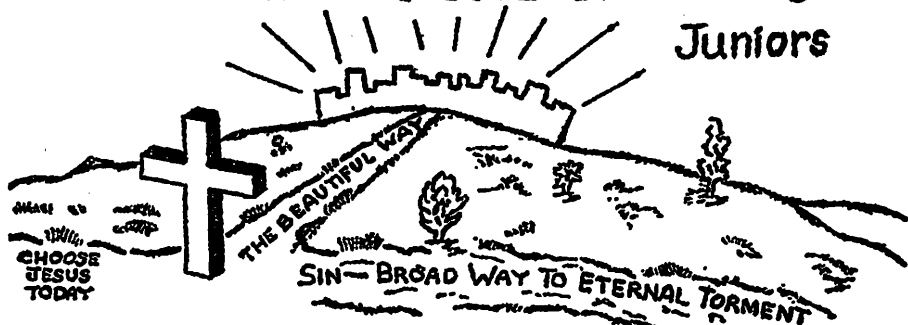
QUESTIONS:

1. What prophet told King David a story?
2. Tell the story he told the king.
3. What did David say was to be done to the rich man?
4. What sin had King David done?
5. What trouble came to David's house later because of this sin?

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June 6

What Will Be Your Story?

Our life is a story
That others will read;
To shame or to glory
Its pathway will lead.

If selfish ambition
We follow today,
How sad our condition:
The price we will pay.

But if we will listen,
The gospel obey,
Our story will glisten
In Heaven for aye.

—Leslie Busbee

A Home for Betsy

Kathy sat on the lawn swing by herself. The swing would have gone more smoothly if someone else had been sitting on the opposite seat, but Kathy didn't care. She wouldn't ask Betsy to swing with her, no, she wouldn't! Betsy didn't belong here, let her go back to the Welfare Office

or Orphans' Home, or wherever she came from! The cross line on her forehead deepened.

Betsy Bonnet's father and mother were dead and she had no close relatives. Kathy's parents had just recently been accepted as foster parents, and Betsy was the first child sent to them. Betsy would be cared for by them until other arrangements could be made for the little orphan girl. She might be placed in an orphanage, or perhaps some kind couple would want to adopt her for their own child.

Kathy's parents had thought that Kathy would enjoy having other children in the home, but Kathy didn't like it, no, not one bit! She didn't like to see Mother's arm around Betsy and she didn't like sharing her pink-and-blue bedroom with Betsy. She—she didn't even like Mother sitting between her and Betsy at church!

And worst of all, Daddy would come home from work, and after kissing Kathy, would look around and say, "Where's my little Blue Bonnet?" just to see Betsy's big blue eyes begin to shine, and a smile come

on the face that had looked so sad when she came. And Betsy even ran errands for Grandmother. Kathy had always done that before. Oh, Kathy was very unhappy.

"Kathy!" It was Mother's voice. "Come in, dear!"

Kathy hurried in and saw Mother dressed for shopping. "I must go to market, dear. Would you like to go with me? I would take both of you, but Grandmother isn't feeling so well, and Betsy said she would stay with her."

A pang of jealousy struck Kathy. "I'll stay with Grandmother myself!" she said stormily. "I always did before, before Betsy came!"

Mother looked surprised. She started to say something, but said instead, "All right, Kathy. I will take Betsy with me." She called Betsy and the two went to the car.

Kathy walked slowly to Grandmother's room. Somehow she did not feel the least bit happy inside.

"Oh, it is you, Kathy?" Grandmother looked up from her book in surprise. "I thought your mother said Betsy was going to stay with me."

A hurt feeling clutched Kathy's heart. "Why shouldn't I stay, Grandmother? I always did before, didn't I?" Tears filled her eyes.

Grandmother laid down her book after a keen look at Kathy.

"Come here, child, and sit on the stool beside me! Now tell me what is wrong!"

Kathy shook her head. "Nothing, Grandmother!" Then she burst out, "Grandma, why did Betsy have to come here? It—it seems so different since she came! It—it doesn't seem like OUR home anymore!"

Grandmother did not seem surprised. Instead, she said quietly, "Kathy, what did you tell me you want to be when you were grown up?"

Now Kathy looked surprised. "Why a missionary, Grandma! You remember!"

"Oh, yes," nodded Grandmother. "That is right. Are you going where everyone is a Christian or where people don't know Jesus as their Saviour?"

"Where people don't know Him, of course! Why do you ask such strange questions, Grandmother? What has that to do with Betsy?"

Her grandmother did not answer. In a minute or two Kathy said slowly, "I—I think I see what you mean, Grandma! You—you think that Betsy needs Jesus, don't you?"

Grandmother nodded her head, "Yes, Betsy needs Jesus, just as every boy and girl, every man and woman needs Him. Do you think that Betsy will want Jesus in her heart if she is watching you today?"

Kathy dropped her head. Tears came into her eyes. "I never thought of that, Grandmother! Jesus wants me to be a missionary right here, and I am acting like a—a heathen! Will He forgive me, do you think?"

"Of course He will, child, as soon as you ask Him! I think He placed little Betsy here. Her home was not a happy one, and if her parents had lived, she may not have found Jesus as her Saviour. I don't think your mother told you but there is a saintly couple making arrangements to adopt Betsy. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could lead Betsy to Jesus first? Then she will be all ready for her new home."

Kathy threw her arms around her Grandmother. "Oh, Grandma, that

would be truly wonderful! And—and if the next little girl who comes here isn't a Christian, we can help her, too, and pray that God will find a Christian father and mother for her!"

Grandmother smiled a loving, sweet smile. "Now you sound like a real missionary, Kathy!" —Sel.

Serving Jesus

A little bootblack shined a gentleman's shoes very nicely and the gentleman said, "Do you think that will please me?"

"I don't know," replied the lad, "but I think it will please my Father in Heaven."

"Then your father is dead, is he?" inquired the gentleman.

"Oh, no!" said the boy. "I don't mean that. My Father in Heaven is God."

"Then," replied the man, "you think that blacking my shoes nicely will please God, do you?"

"Yes," replied the boy, "I think He is pleased to have us do everything the best we can." —Selected

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Last Sunday we talked about how David had sinned and repented but God had told him he would reap what he had sowed. Boys and girls, beware of doing wrong. Remember there is a reaping time coming. The Lord will forgive us of our sins but still there is a reaping. Some older boys and girls marry someone who has been married before and then when they get saved they have to leave that one because they have disobeyed God's commandment. Oh, the sorrow of reaping!

Our lesson today is about one of David's sons who had grown up. He was a

handsome, tall young man. This young man rode in a chariot of his own and had a personal body guard of fifty men. This was done to impress the people. He also would stand at the gate and when the people came to see the king about their troubles he would tell them that if he were the judge things would be taken care of better. The Bible says, "so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel." (2 Sam. 15:6). Many liked this handsome young man and were influenced by him against the king, his father, David.

Finally Absalom felt that he had gained enough support to take the kingdom from David. He asked permission of his father to go to Hebron and offer sacrifices. He went to Hebron where he had been born and sent out spies from there. He worked with a sort of underground group. His secret agents were sent to the tribes and were told that as soon as they heard the sound of the trumpet they were to say, "Absalom reigneth in Hebron." These secret agents were to convince the people that Absalom was the king. The 200 men that went with Absalom did not know what Absalom was going to do. But this was part of Absalom's scheme. He felt that with these men of influence with him that this also would make others feel that the whole kingdom was behind him.

While Absalom offered sacrifices, he sent for David's counsellor, Ahithophel. (A-hith-o-fel). He was the grandfather of Bathsheba, the woman that David took for his wife and sent her husband to the front of the battle to be killed. The terrible sin mentioned in last Sunday's lesson. It seems that Absalom had got Ahithophel on his side to help him betray his father, David. David grieved over this. (Psa. 41:9; 55:12-14). Many came to the feast and felt flattered to

be invited. This helped Absalom in his wicked ways.

A messenger told David about what had been done in Hebron. David hurried to leave the country as he knew his life was in danger. David asked another trusted counsellor, Hushai, to stay in Jerusalem and join the uprising and therefore he could be a help to David. We read that Absalom took his advice rather than Ahithophel which brought a victory to David. Ahithophel knew this, so he hanged himself.

David's army fought and won the victory. In the battle Absalom was killed. David wept. He knew that he was reaping part of what he had sowed. Boys and girls, be careful to do right. Remember the end of this rebellious son. You cannot do wrong and get by. Don't let the seed of rebellion begin to grow in your heart. Even if you do not feel that what your parents require of you is right, remember they are your parents and you must obey them unless they require you to do something that is contrary to God's Word. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 10, June 6, 1965

DAVID AND ABSALOM

2 Samuel 15:10-13; 2 Sam. 18:31-33

2 Sam. 15:10 But Absalom sent spies through out all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom reigneth in Hebron.

11 And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, that were called; and they went in their simplicity, and they knew not any thing.

12 And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counsellor, from his

city, even from Giloh, while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom.

13 And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom.

18:31 And, behold, Cushie came; and Cushie said, Tidings, my lord the king: for the Lord hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee.

32 And the king said unto Cushie, Is the young man Absalom safe? And Cushie answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee to do thee hurt, be as that young man is.

33 And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!

Memory Verse: A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother. Proverbs 10:1.

Central Thought: Rebellion brings trouble, heartache and ruin, unless repented of.

QUESTIONS:

1. What does the Bible mean when it says, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap"? (Gal. 6:8).

2. Was Absalom excused for doing wrong because his father was reaping what he sowed?

3. What does it mean to be rebellious and does it bring happiness?

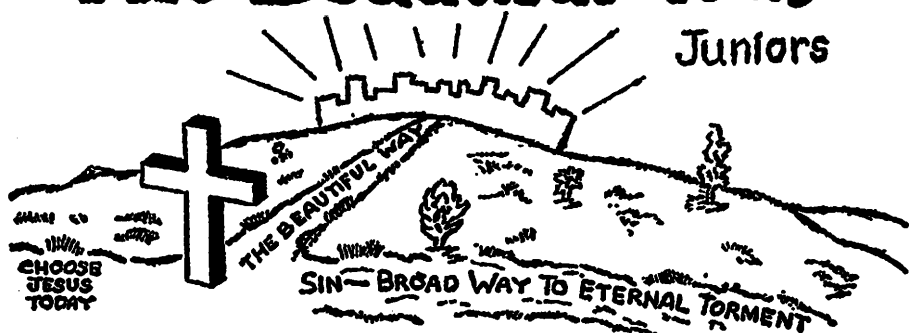
4. Tell how Absalom was able to take his father's kingdom.

5. Was David glad when he heard that his son had died?

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June 13

What God Can Give

Oh, what blessings rich in measure
Are laid up for those who trust;
For the soul God wills a treasure
That will never dim or rust.

In the days of youth remember
Thy Creator and His plan;
Keep a heart toward Him tender,
Serve Him, do the best you can.

You will marvel at the blessing
He will give in rich reward,
Everlasting life possessing
When you follow Christ, the Lord.

—Leslie Busbee

Sin Brings Trouble

I came in contact with a lad two years my senior. We were both full of life and mischief. If either of us suggested something as a banter, it was sure go.

My mother saw that we were so much alike there was no telling where we would land. She tried to break up

our companionship, but failed. We would make excuses to get out together into some mischief. There was a boy in an adjoining neighborhood that we did not like very well. We were passing the house one day and the dog came tearing out at us. We whizzed a rock at it and the rock struck the house. There was a yelling from within that we could not understand, nor did we tarry to find out. We ran on up the road, and as it wound around the hill, we came around above the house where we could almost see down the chimney. The enemy suggested it would be funny to throw a rock down the chimney. Anything for fun, so away went the rock. It missed the mark but struck the board roof and cracked almost like a shot gun. We heard yelling from within but could not understand a word; but it was fun. So away went another rock and more yelling from within; another rock, and so on until it ceased to thrill. Then we went our way up the creek until we came to a nice swimming hole. There we took a plunge, not expecting any backfiring from the lit-

tle fun we had had down the road. But alas, here came two men and placed us under arrest. We looked at each other for comfort, but found none. After giving us a good lecture we were turned loose. Of course we were whipped; but hardly enough. If they had taken us back and made us beg forgiveness of the old lady for our conduct, it might have made a more lasting impression for good. This did not stop us. We soon bought us a deck of cards and with older boys learned to play.

One day a crowd of we boys gathered on the river bank to have a time, playing in the river. I always thought the devil knew I would be lost if he could drown me. So he put it into the head of a young fellow to decoy me in where I would drown. This young man was out in the river treading water just like he was wading. He yelled to us, "Come on in, it isn't deep." So I waded out. The bottom was level for a distance and then it went square off. When I came to the edge, the water was so muddy I couldn't see the bottom. Therefore, I stepped off just like stepping off a scaffold. Down I went, and up and down, until my cousin, George Dills, ran out a hundred and fifty yards, plunged in, and pulled me out. They rolled me on a barrel to get the water out of me. Every mean thing I ever did came before me while I was struggling for life. I realized I was doomed for eternal night if I died then. I thought seriously about my condition for a while. However, I shook off conviction and went on my way.

Since Satan had failed in drowning me, he tried to take my life with typhoid fever. God, however, took advantage of my idleness and weak-

ness to talk to me. The fever weakened me and broke my will power. I looked out into the dark—hope gone. So the Lord had a chance to talk to me, and I became willing to listen. As the weeks rolled by, the people began to shake their heads, looking as if they thought my case hopeless. I not only became willing for God to talk to me, but I began to talk to God; and one day God, through Jesus Christ, spoke peace to my soul. Immediately, I became willing to go to meet Him. So I called all the family out of the field and exhorted them to get ready to meet the Lord. They all thought I was going to die for sure then. I did too; but, oh, I felt so good that I would have been willing to just keep on dying, if that was what they called death. Oh, what a contrast between this and the horror that struck me when I thought I was going to drown. But God was not through with me here in this life and I began to mend and was soon up and around.

—"Sketches of My Life" by Geo. Peek

Charlie's Life

"Mother," said Charles, "Will Harnish says his mother writes books."

"Does she?" said his mother. Then she went on sewing and forgot Charlie who was trying to stand on his head.

"Mother," said Charlie, presently, "is it very hard to write a book?"

"I don't know, I am sure," said Mother.

"I am going to write a book," said Charlie.

Just then the doorbell rang and Charlie's mother went to see who called. When she came back her

boy was sitting at her desk, busily writing.

"Now, Mother," he said, "I'm done with my book."

"No," said his mother, thinking a little while, "you are not done. God has given you a book to write. I hope it is a big, long one, full of beautiful stories."

"What is the name of my book?" he asked, coming closer to her.

"Its name is 'Charlie's Life.' You can write only one page a day, and you must be very careful not to make any black marks in it by doing ugly things. When you pout and cry, that smears your page. When you help Mother, and keep a bright face, and don't quarrel with Reddy, that makes a nice, fair page, with pretty pictures on it."

"And when will I be done writing that book?" asked Charlie.

"When God says that your book is long enough," answered Mother. "He will send an angel to shut its covers and put a clasp on it until the great day when all our life books will be opened and read." —Selected

When Jesus was on earth He helped those in need. Today, too, Jesus helps those who are troubled and need Him. If we call upon Him, He will give us strength and help us to do right.

Dear Boys and Girls:

The last words of a dying person make a great impression. I have been at the bedside of the dying and heard their last words. One mother, on her dying bed, with tears begged her son to get saved. They both wept but he felt he could not yield to God. He never could forget those words, I am sure.

The first part of our lesson are the last words of a father to his son before he died. Why don't you think about this as you read it and try to put yourself in the place of Solomon as David gave his last instructions? They are good instructions. It would be good to study each instruction as you list them. (1) Be strong. (2) Be a man. ("Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." 1 Cor. 16:13). (3) Obey God. (4) Live like God. (5) Obey His commandments. These are good instructions for you today.

David told Solomon that if he would do this and walk in the truth with all his heart that there would always be one of his family sit on the throne of Israel. God had promised David that He would establish his kingdom, which was fulfilled. And "in the fullness of time" Jesus was born who was of the seed of David and He is the head of the kingdom today which will last forever.

The last part of our lesson tells about Solomon feeling his need of help to rule in this great kingdom. He felt very humble and little before God. He felt as a little child in knowledge and understanding and desired to be the right kind of a king to the people. In a dream one night God said, "Ask what you will and I will give it to you." What would you ask if God should let you make a choice of what you would want? Remember boys and girls, your answer to this question will truly show you just where your heart is. Is it on the things of this world or is it on the right kind of things? Which to you are the most important? May the Lord help you to know what is of the greatest value in life. Be wise and choose God. Each day you should ask yourself, "What shall I ask of God today?" And ask it in the most sincere way.

What a wonderful desire Solomon had. He did not ask for riches or comforts of this life but he asked God to give him an understanding heart that he might know the difference between right and wrong. Solomon sought for godly wisdom. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." (Prov. 9:10) The wisest thing on earth to do is to give your heart to God. May the Lord bless each one of you to be filled with wisdom.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 11, June 13, 1965

SOLOMON'S OPPORTUNITY

1 Kings 2:1-4; 3:5-9

1 Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying,

2 I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man;

3 And keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:

4 That the Lord may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel.

3:5 In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

6 And Solomon said, Thou hast

shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

7 And now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.

8 And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

9 Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

Memory Verse: Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying, I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man. 1 Kings 2:1, 2.

Central Thought: If we put God first all the other things in our life will work out right.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is the name of David's son who was to rule after him?

2. Name five things that David told his son to do.

3. If David's son obeyed these instructions, what was his promise?

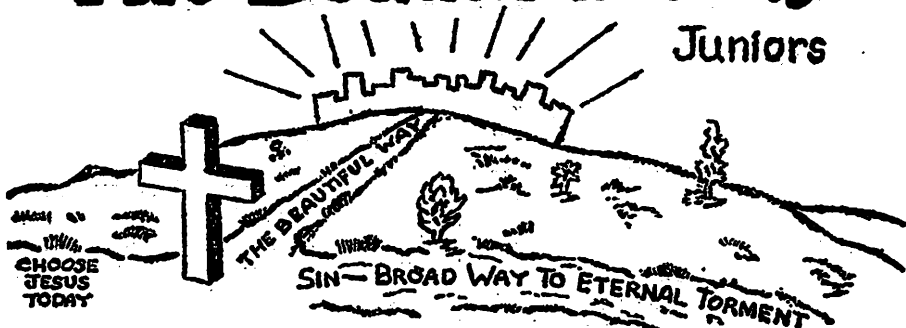
4. How did Solomon feel about ruling the great nation of Israel?

5. What answer did he give when asked in a dream what he desired most?

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When Father Prays

When Father prays he doesn't use
The words the preacher does;
There's different things for different
days,
But mostly it's for us.

When Father prays the house is still,
His voice is slow and deep.
We shut our eyes, the clock ticks loud
So quiet we must keep.

He prays that we may be good boys,
And later on good men;
And then we squirm, and think we
won't
Have any quarrels again.

—Author Unknown

The Tatling Onions

Someone had to plant it.

"Aw, come on, Jerry, go swimming
with me. The water is just right
today."

"Sorry, Dave, but I can't. See all
these onion sets I have to set out.
Dad wants them in by noon." Jerry

slowly, but carefully, placed the sets
in the row.

"Dad told me to have mine set out
by noon, too, but I'm going swimming.
You better come with me," Dave
urged again.

"Dad trusts me to do as he says
and I just cannot go now. But if you
will wait until afternoon I will go with
you." Jerry worked steadily as he
talked. He was very anxious to get
the work done.

"I do not want to wait. Dad trusts
me, too, but what he doesn't know
won't hurt him. Guess I'd better
set out a few onions though. So long."
Dave started off.

"Just a minute, Dave. Don't let
Satan rule your life today. You know
he is tempting you, but God has a
way of escape. Don't do it, Dave,"
Jerry urged seriously.

"Aw, don't preach. You can work
all morning but I'm going swimming."
And Dave ran away before Jerry
could say another word.

When he reached their garden Dave
grabbed the sack of onion sets and
angrily started to plant them. Jerry's
words rang in his ears. "Don't let

Satan rule your life today. Don't let Satan rule your life today."

Slower and slower he worked. Then suddenly an idea struck him. He would put a few sets here, and then farther down the row he would put a few more. In that way he would soon be through and Dad would never know what he did with the others. He'd just drop them in the water. If the whole row did not come up, Dad would think that some of the onion sets were no good. Dave started singing. He would soon be through with his work and no one would ever know. Before long Dave was having a good time swimming in the creek.

Jerry, meanwhile, was happily doing his work. He did not like to garden but the family needed a garden and some one had to plant it. Dad was busy all the time and Jerry was glad to help any way he could. He worked so busily that by eleven o'clock he had all the onions out. That gave him time to plant seed, too, and by noon all the seed that could be planted so early was in the ground.

What a happy report Jerry could give his parents! At the end of two weeks the plants were well up in the rows.

The boys were too busy to notice. A month went by before Jerry went to the garden. How good it looked! The rows looked so pretty with the plants so big and growing so fast.

"Guess I'll see if Dave can go swimming with me," Jerry said to his mother. "Is that all right with you?"

Mother gave her consent and soon Jerry and Dave were enjoying themselves in the old swimming hole. After they grew tired of swimming they started home together.

Suddenly Dave stopped. "Go on, Jerry," he said, "I almost forgot. I have to go and help Dad fix the fence."

"I'll go along," Jerry replied. "I do not have to work until afternoon."

They found Mr. Brown just a short distance away, sweating as he worked hard digging a post hole.

"Hello, Mr. Brown," Jerry called. "Isn't this a hot day to fix a fence?"

"It has to be fixed," Mr. Brown replied. "My cow got out last night and broke the post."

Jerry took the spade and began to fill the hole after Dave had set the post.

"You have a fine garden, Jerry. Where did you get the onion sets and seed?" Mr. Brown asked.

"The same place Dave got his," Jerry replied. "We got them at the same time."

"I was wondering if it was bad seed we had," Mr. Brown spoke again. "Dave's garden has not come up very good."

Dave's face reddened.

"There are always some bad seed, Dad," he said. "It does not all come up, you know."

"I find that true, Dave. But did you notice the nice onions in that little patch by the swimming hole?" Mr. Brown watched Dave very closely as he spoke.

"Guess I'd better confess, Dad. I thought you'd never find out. I threw some of the onion sets in the water and spilled a few at the edge." Dave spoke sheepishly, not daring to look his father in the eye. "I'm sorry, Dad. I've had a terribly guilty feeling ever since. I know I deserve punishment, too."

"Son, you can never hide anything from God. Why do you try? I knew

you felt guilty about something and I hoped you would tell me about it. I had planned to sell the garden produce and give you the money as a reward. Now it seems there will be none to sell."

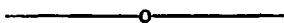
"But, Dad, I can replant and still make some money," Dave argued.

"I'm sorry, son, but it is too late. Always remember that God's Word says, 'Whether therefore, ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.' Never let Satan rule your life in any way." Mr. Brown's eyes were sad as he talked to his son.

Dave's heart was aching.

"That is what Jerry told me. I sure wish I had listened. Pray for me, Dad, I really want to do God's will. I know that is what Jerry tries to do, too."

—Selected



Dear Boys and Girls:

Our lesson today is about the temple that Solomon built. The eighth chapter is Solomon's prayer when the temple was finished. In his prayer he said, "Will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?" (ver. 27). But Solomon pled with the Lord to hear his prayer and the prayers of all those who pray toward the temple and forgive them and help them in all of their troubles. The glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord. (ver. 11) God's presence moved into the temple. God did want to dwell among his people. The temple was His dwelling place on earth until the Jews finally rejected and crucified His Son, Jesus. Then God's Spirit moved out of the temple.

Now boys and girls, I want you to think of today. God still wants to dwell

in a temple. Can you tell me where the temple of God is today? Let us read what the Bible says about it. "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? for ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." (1 Cor. 6:19, 20). So you see today God does not dwell in Solomon's temple or a house built by man but dwells in our hearts.

All of those who have God dwelling in their hearts, which is in the body, make up the Church of God. We read in Acts 2:1-4 where all the apostles or the 120 were gathered together and God's Spirit came upon them and filled them in such a marvelous way. That was the time when God began to dwell in the hearts of people and their bodies became the temple of God.

What happened that day reminds us of the time when Solomon's temple was filled with the presence of God. We read in 2 Chron. 5:12-14 about Solomon's temple being filled with God's presence and it says when the 120 priests who were sounding the trumpets, and the singers were all "as one" that the glory of the Lord filled the temple. That is just the way it was on the day of Pentecost. The 120 were all of "one accord" and the Holy Spirit came upon them. This time it was not a building or in a temple but into the hearts of the people as their bodies is the temple of God now. How wonderful this is!

The Prophet Malachai prophesied hundreds of years before that God's Spirit would dwell in our hearts and our bodies which is the temple of the Lord. In Mal. 3:1 it says some of the same words as in Acts 2:1. The prophet told about John the Baptist who was to prepare the way before Jesus and then later on the

Lord "shall suddenly come to his temple."

Boys and Girls, be careful. We want the Lord to continue to dwell in our hearts. We want to keep our temple clean and live close to God who has bought us with His precious blood.

Lesson 12, June 20, 1965

THE TEMPLE

1 Kings 9:1-9

1 Kings 9:1 And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the Lord, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do,

2 That the Lord appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon.

3 And the Lord said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

4 And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and my judgments:

5 Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel.

6 But if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them:

7 Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight: and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people:

8 And at this house, which is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the Lord done thus unto this land, and to this house?

9 And they shall answer, Because they forsook the Lord their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the Lord brought upon them all this evil.

Memory Verse: And the Lord said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually. 1 Kings 9:3.

Central Thought: Today God is dwelling in His church which is His temple.

QUESTIONS:

1. What was God going to do for Solomon if he would always do right?

2. What was he going to do to them if they forsook him and worshiped other gods?

3. What did God say people would say about them?

4. What is the temple of God today?

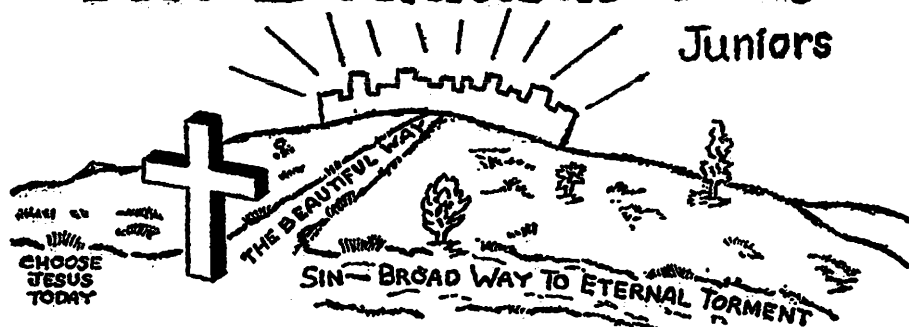
5. When did God's presence first move into the temple of today?

6. How are we to live so God will continue to dwell in His temple?

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Take Heed and Watch

Think not yourself so good and strong
That nothing can you fright;
Beware of traps the way along
And arrows of the night.

For many have been cast away
Who once did serve the Lord,
Because they did not watch and pray
And diligence afford.

Then do prepare to fight the foe
The Victory to win,
Depart from evil, onward go
And press to enter in.

—Leslie Busbee

GUILTY!

Some years ago a number of boys were employed by a large business firm to run errands and do little tasks. Though they perhaps did not realize it, God's all-seeing eye was always upon them. As time went on, one of these boys coveted the money which was put into the cash register

and kept locked. "Oh, if I could only make a dig into that money," thought he. But the register was always locked and emptied each night and the money taken to the main office.

However, there was one small register which contained small change used for little expenses. That was not so carefully guarded and one evening Junior found this register open. He looked about and saw nobody around. Everything seemed favorable, and though his heart was beating fast, he said to himself, "No one will see it; who would miss a dime?" So quietly he opened the drawer and took a dime and slipped it into his pocket.

The next evening Junior found the register open again and feeling bolder, took two dimes this time, and so it went on. As often as opportunity was given, Junior helped himself to two, three, and even four dimes. His conscience had been put to silence, and he never thought about God seeing him, or of the bookkeeper checking up, who could often be seen shaking his head in the morning as he

counted the money. Had he not put so many dimes in the register in the evening, first, one was missing, then two, and now three and four.

A careful watch of the register was made, but the thief could not be caught in the act. So a number of dimes were marked and placed in the register which was again left open. The next morning several of the marked dimes were missing. The manager now called all the boys into the office and said, "For some time money has been stolen from the register of small expenses. One of you boys must be the thief. If the guilty one will confess his sins, all will be forgiven him. Now, who is the thief?"

The boys stood speechless, looking at one another, some with pale faces and trembling, but all denied being guilty. They were then commanded to put their hands to their backs and be searched. Many things were brought out of the pockets, yet one boy after another was placed on the side as not guilty. Junior was under suspicion, so was searched last, although his bold face was so different from the pale faces of the other boys.

"I ask you again," said the manager in a stern tone, "have you not taken the money?" "No," was the bold answer. "Remember, my boy, God knows everything and 'Lying lips are abomination to the Lord'" (Proverbs 12:22), said the manager. "I have not lied," was Junior's reply.

He was now searched; a dime was found, then some more, in all, seven dimes from Junior's pockets were put on the table. But still he lied on, saying he had not stolen them, but got them from his mother.

The manager then picked up two marked dimes which were taken from Junior's pockets and said, "How dare

you tell such brazen lies? Do you see these dimes? They were marked last night to catch and prove guilty the thief. You are the thief."

Junior could not speak a word. As he looked at the marked dimes, he became pale and fell fainting to the floor where he lay unconscious for some time. The manager now turned to the other boys who were deeply touched by all that had happened. "Here you can see," he said, "what a terrible thing it is to lie. Junior's sins have found him out. May it be a warning to you all."

May this story also cause you to realize the truth of God's word: "Be sure your sin will find you out." His holy eye sees all that you do. The Bible tells us that, "All things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do" (Heb. 4:13). Though sin may be hidden for a time from the eyes of men, the eye of God, before whom we have to appear some day, has seen it all. If you have covered up your sins, and they are unconfessed and unforgiven, you will have to appear at the great white throne where the books of God will be opened. You will then be "judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works" (Revelation 20:12) and cast into the fire. —Sel.

I Should Do My Work Well

Mary ran over to Anne's house calling, "Come on out and play. I have finished my work."

Anne came to the door, "I am sorry, Mary, but I am not finished with my work. I had to help Mother clean the house and now I am washing the

dishes. I'll be out as soon as I have finished with them."

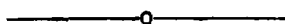
Mary sat in Anne's swing. She did not feel very happy. She had thought it would be so much fun to get out of her house and away from all of the work that seemed to be there and which always had to be done. Mary thought about Anne. She was still working and she seemed happy.

The swing began to go more slowly. Mary was getting more and more unhappy. She could not forget that when she had swept the bathroom and upstairs hall she had put the dirt under the hall rug instead of going downstairs for the dust pan. She wondered when her mother would discover it. And why did she have to remember right now too that yesterday she had given her teacher an arithmetic paper with only half of the problems worked! She had not felt exactly right about that either. But it was too much work to do everything you were supposed to do.

Whenever we want something done we like it done well. It is not much fun to eat a pie which is only half baked. Neither is it much fun to try to ride a bicycle with one tire flat.

But sometimes we skim over things and do them only halfway for other people. Or sometimes we do them very badly when we could do things well. It always makes us feel better when we have tried hard to do things as well as we can do them.

How well do you do the things you are expected to do? —Selected



Are you helping to make your home a happy place to live?

Dear Boys and Girls:—

The Israelites sinned when they asked for a king. Samuel told them that the king would make servants out of them. (1 Sam. 8:11-16). In our lesson, which took place years later, we read how the king raised a levy to build the houses that he wanted and three cities which were to be for fortresses. Today men have dug deep in the ground and uncovered some of the stables of the city of Megiddo. They found places to take care of 450 horses. Other cities besides those mentioned were built. This of course took a lot of men since most of the labor was done by hand. We read in our lesson where they used other people as workers besides those of the Israelites. In 1 Kings 5:14 we are told how the Israelites had to go to Lebanon and bring stone and cedar to Jerusalem. It seemed the Israelites had to serve the king in this way four months out of the year. This brought great discontentment.

We are told that the vessels used were of pure gold. We are told also that Solomon received enough gold in one year to amount to over 16 million dollars. (1 Kings 10:14). It seemed that gold was plentiful and that silver was not counted.

The king also had a big navy at sea. It seems that Solomon had a zoo, also. In fact he was very great in everything. You remember how he asked God for wisdom and God gave him riches and honor also because he had not asked for it. When Solomon was younger and loved the Lord, God blessed him greatly. It would be good if you could read Ecclesiastes, second chapter, about how Solomon was able to get all the things under the sun to try to find happiness in them

but he called them all vanity. They did not amount to anything. Today we cannot get all the things that are mentioned because we are not rich and we need not try. Solomon didn't find happiness in them. The only way we can find true happiness is in serving the Lord. In the beginning God created man in His own image and with a desire to serve and worship Him. When man does not worship the Lord he is out of his place. The fish is not happy out of the water. It flops here and there. Just so we are not happy out of the place that the Lord wants us to live in.

The last part of our lesson is sad. Solomon let his thousand wives draw him away from God. Nowhere does the Old Testament say they can have a lot of wives because God made only one woman for Adam, the man. But it doesn't say that they could not in the Old Testament. It was the custom of the days and it seemed the Israelites did that. But since Jesus came, man can have only one wife until she dies.

It is sad to think that Solomon turned away from God when he was old and was lost. Boys and girls, it is good for you to live for God now and also when you are old. Then only will you be truly happy.

—Aunt Marie

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SOLOMON DOES WRONG

1 Kings 9:20, 21; 10:21, 22; 11:3, 4

1 Kings 9:20 And all the people that were left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, which were not of the children of Israel,

21 Their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of

Israel also were not able utterly to destroy, upon those did Solomon levy a tribute of bondservice unto this day.

10:21 And all king Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold; none were of silver: it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon.

22 For the king had at sea a navy of Tarshish, with the navy of Hiram: once in three years came the navy of Tarshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

11:3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.

4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father.

Memory Verse: For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father. 1 Kings 11:4.

Central Thought: Little seeds of wrong bring big troubles.

QUESTIONS:

1. How did Solomon get his houses, cities and ships built?
2. Did the Israelites become sorry that they had a king?
3. What did the ships bring to Solomon?
4. Who turned Solomon's heart away from God in his old days?
5. Will riches bring happiness?

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