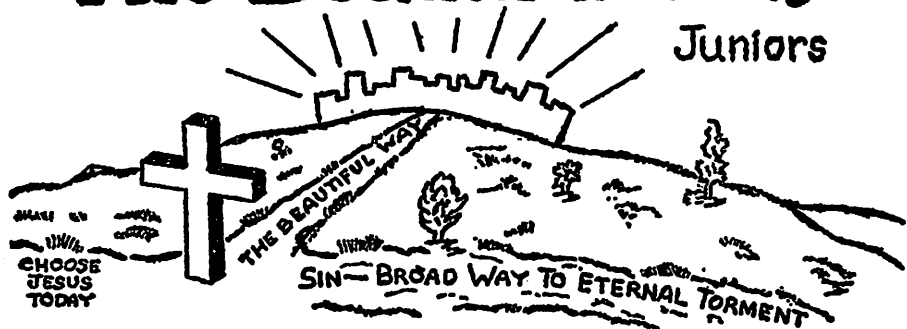


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Part One

Jan. 2

Have Faith in God

Have faith in God, believe He is
The Lord of earth and heaven,
That pow'r to bless is truly His—
Thus life and breath is given.

Have faith in God, believe His Word
For us that's been appointed
For not one soul hath e'er been heard
Who has been disappointed.

The pow'rs of evil 'round about
Seek well our faith to plunder;
But let us triumph over doubt
And shout our faith like thunder!
—Leslie Busbee

Have Faith in God

God has always had men and women of faith. Our lesson today tells about one man of faith who was not afraid to trust God. When we trust God we let Him do with us as He pleases. Maybe He will choose to let us die for Him, rather than to spare our lives, if He sees it is best. We can trust Him regardless of what

might come. We know that God does all things right. We can never question God. God delivered Paul many times but there came a time when God let him be put to death. He still was a man of faith.

I would like to tell you about a man and woman who had faith in God. They lived in Nova Scotia, God called Bro. and Sister G. N. Gordon to go to an island, far from their home, and tell the people there about salvation. They did not know that Jesus could save them from their sins. They worshipped stones and idols of various kinds. God blessed Bro. and Sister Gordon in a special way. A large number accepted Jesus as their Saviour and were living at the Mission Home helping to carry on the good work there.

Before the Gordons went to this island the people had a plague of measles and many of the people there died. They did not know how to take care of themselves. Some would jump in the water trying to get relief from the burning fever. This would mean instant death. Others would dig a hole in the ground and it would feel

cool for a while to their fever-ridden bodies but soon the ground would be hot again. They would get others to help them dig the hole a little deeper, until they would have dug their own graves in which they died. Some traders came to the island and they blamed the missionaries for the people being sick and dying. This caused some of the natives to hate the missionaries. They were determined to kill them.

Sister Gordon played a harmonica. The women loved to hear her and she would tell them about Jesus. They learned to sing God's praises. To get her to play and sing, the women would go to the brush and cut the long grass to be used to hurry the work on the printing office so the Scriptures could be printed in their own language. Bro. Gordon worked hard putting the roof on the printing office. He would send the Christian lads to the brush to bring back the long grass to finish thatching the roof.

One day while the making of the printing office was going on, some men who hated the missionaries and blamed them for so many deaths in the island, were watching from behind some brush. When they saw all the Christian lads leave, they sent two of their men to the Missionary to ask for some material. The Mission home was some distance from the place where they were making the printing office. The missionary started out to go with the two men to get the material for them. He asked the men to walk before him but they would not. He started out and just as he got to a small stream one of the men hit at him with a tomahawk which he caught in his hand. The other one hit him, also and he caught it, too, but later it was taken from

him and they killed him. The other natives rushed from the bushes and danced around him in glee. Sister Gordon came out of the mission home when she heard the noise. One of them ran to her and when she asked what was going on, she was told that nothing was wrong, that the boys were amusing themselves. As she turned she also was struck with a tomahawk and killed. Thus a man and woman of faith gave their lives for the sake of the gospel. By them standing true and giving their lives, many others were brought to God. One life of faith is like seed sown in the ground. It will grow and cause others to come to Jesus. To those who have faith, dying is a great victory. They are gone to a world so much better than this one.

—Marie Miles

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"I Fear No Evil"

There was a dreadful storm on the sea, dashing the high waves over the small ship, which seemed to be in great danger. The ship's crew cursed, prayed, and lamented. The captain, however, went about his duty and did his work without any fear, as if the storm and the high waves did not concern him.

When he entered his cabin, his wife, surprised at his composure, said, "My dear, how can you be so calm? Do you not see the danger in which you are?"

The captain smiled, and a moment later drew out his sword and pointed it at the breast of his wife. She followed the motion of her husband with astonishment, but remained calm.

"How can you be so calm?" said the

captain; "do you not see the danger in which you are?"

"Why should I fear?" she replied; "I see the sword in the hand of my husband, whose love I know."

"Well," said the captain, "I also see the dreadful storm and the furious waves in the hand of my God, whose love I know; in His time He will command the storm and the waves to be quiet."

He was right. An hour later the storm had passed, and the sea became calm.

How blessed is the Christian who believes and knows that his whole life is in the hand of his Heavenly Father! He may say with the Psalmist: "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me."

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Some might say that if Jesus were here on earth and they could see Him they would believe that He would do what they asked Him to do. But our lesson teaches us that the servant of the centurion did not see Jesus. His master asked Jesus to heal him and told Him that He need not come to his house, but just speak the word and the man would be healed. We need not see Jesus today with our eyes, but must see Him through the eye of faith.

Our lesson tells us that we understand by faith that God created the world and all that is in it. We were not there when the world was made but we see it now. God has told us in Genesis how the world was made and we believe it. We do not doubt it. We do not believe as some do that it came into existence little by little, but we believe it was created just as God has told us in the Bible. We must have faith in God.

Today many are losing their faith in God. Boys and girls, it is a dangerous thing to not believe God. Whether you believe Him or not, you are going to have to deal with Him some day. God will always be God whether people believe in Him or not. Some people in their lifetime said they didn't believe there was a God but at death they called out that they wish they had lived differently. They changed their minds then but it was too late for many of them. We must have faith in God.

Our lesson tells us that we cannot please God unless we have faith in Him. When we come to God we must believe He is. We must believe that God is the God of all creation. We must believe that He is all-powerful, all-wise, and can see everything and is everywhere. We must believe that He will help us when we earnestly ask Him. Sometimes we must ask again and again before we receive because God is testing our faith. Maybe we will have to ask until we get in earnest about it.

Down through the years and since time began God has blessed those who have loved him and had faith in him. Boys and girls, you, too, can be blessed if you will always hold your faith in God steady.

To be ready for heaven we must have faith in God. We must believe that Jesus died on the cross for our sins. We must believe that when we are sorry with a godly sorrow for our sins and ask God to forgive us that He will do it. This will bring a blessing. Then we must believe that God will give us the Holy Spirit when we meet the conditions. We can be healed from all of our diseases today when we believe that God will heal us when we ask him to. Many blessings are given to us through faith in God.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 1, January 2, 1966

WHAT IS FAITH?

Matthew 8:5-13; Heb. 11:1-6

Matt. 8:5 And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion beseeching him,

6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.

7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.

12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

Heb. 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Memory Verse: But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. John 1:12.

Central Thought: Faith is believing God from the heart that he will do as he has promised.

QUESTIONS:

1. What kind of a disease did the servant of the centurion have?

2. How did the centurion treat his men that were under his authority?

3. Did Jesus feel the centurion did not have any faith?

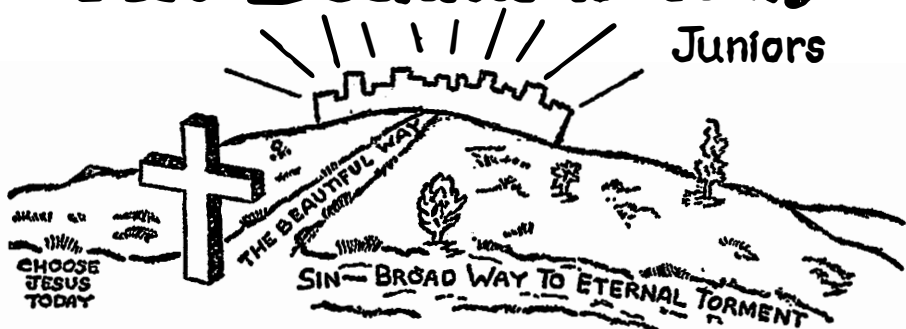
4. What elders were mentioned in our lesson who were men of faith?

5. What two steps mentioned in verse six must we take to get a reward from God?

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Part Two

Jan. 9

Jesus, Our Rock

Jesus is our Rock unfailling,
Captain of our faith and trust,
While amid life's woes prevailing
He will guide our lives of dust.

For our hope of life forever,
And a triumph over sin,
He alone our refuge ever,
We can safely enter in.

For His blood our ransom paying
We are reconciled to God
Who delivers us from straying
As we pass beneath His rod.

—Leslie Busbee

Beautiful Feet*

"Mother, in our lesson today we read about preachers having beautiful feet," Della said as she rode along in the car with her parents, on their way home from services at the chapel. "I don't think Bro. G— has beautiful feet and he preaches."

*parable

"Do you remember when you missed your school bus and mother wasn't able to take you on to school?" said Mother. "You remember how you cried and then how glad you were to see Bro. G— drive up and take you?"

"Yes, I remember that," said Della.

"Then don't you remember how Uncle John was drinking so much and how often Bro. G— visited him and talked to him about getting saved and changing his ways?" said mother. "Then remember how happy all of us were when he gave his heart to the Lord after Bro. G— had prayed and worked with him for nearly one whole night. Wasn't that beautiful?"

"Oh, yes, it was," said Della. "Aunt Bessie just looked beautiful when she told us about it, too."

"Couldn't you say then that Bro. G— has beautiful feet when they take him around to do so many nice things for God?" said Mother.

"Oh, yes," said Della, "I understand now."

"And, my big girl, you can have beautiful feet, too, did you not know that?" said Mother.

"I can't preach or do all the things Bro. G— does," said Della.

"No, you can't do all the things Bro. G— does, but you still can preach and have beautiful feet," said Mother. "I think you were preaching the other day when I heard you tell little Robin that Jesus would take away his hurt when he fell. Then you kissed him and led him back to his yard and his mother came and got him. Your feet were beautiful when you helped him. You were doing the same thing that Bro. G— does when you told Robin that Jesus loves him."

"Well, I will try to remember that and always keep beautiful feet," said Della. —M. Miles

Two Little Boys

A man came walking along a street. On a wall sat two little boys. He came up to them and held out his arms and said, "Jump." One little boy jumped. A bystander, watching, asked: "Why did not the other little boy jump?" "Oh," replied the man, "it was my little boy who jumped!" Faith knew, and faith acted because of that knowledge. So the first element of faith is knowledge. Another is will. We must act.

During the war, men had to go aloft in captive balloons for observation work. These balloons were often shot down by enemy planes, and the men were compelled to hastily jump out with their parachutes to save themselves. One man experienced some difficulty in learning to get out of his balloon fast enough. His teacher pushed him out several times, and finally solved the problem for him by telling him to look off and not down when he went out. It was looking

down that confused him and caused him to hesitate. Keep the eye fixed on the horizon, keep the eye, oh, Peter, on Christ, and not on the waves beneath your feet, and you will walk safely!

The little child holds to the mother's neck with tiny hands, but it is the hold of the mother and not the hold of the baby that keeps the little one safely. We hold on Him with affection, He holds on to us with salvation. —Selected

"Go, George, Go"

There was a boy who never learned to obey his parents. When they told him to do something, he would just waste time and was never quick to obey. As he grew older he still would not be quick to obey or do what he was supposed to do.

He was taken into the air force. It seemed that he still was slow to obey. One time he was in the airplane and it was hit with enemy fire. His captain told him to jump from the airplane. George thought that it might not be necessary to jump so quickly. His captain said to him, "Go, George, Go!" But George was slow to obey. Finally he jumped but he was a little slow. His parachute caught in the trees and dragged him into some barbed wire. He was so slow that his captain didn't have time to get out of the plane before it was too late.

This taught George a lesson. He grieved much over this. He had loved his captain. He knew that if he had jumped when told to and not waited that they both would have had time to get out.

Boys and girls, it doesn't pay to be

slow to obey. When your parents or teacher tells you to do something it is best to do it right away. Don't wait because it might cause you trouble.

—Sister Marie Miles

Sapulpa, Okla.—Dear Saints, I am nine years old. I want to thank the Lord for taking the warts off my arms and hands. I had 74 warts on one hand and arm. Mother requested prayer for God to remove them and he did almost instantly.

I also want to thank God for blessing my brother, Dennie, when he fell out of my dad's pickup in April. He had a fractured skull and was in critical condition. It is God's mercy that he lived. He is just fine now. The doctors said it was a miracle.

God is good to us. Please pray for my brother Randy that can hardly hear.

—Deborah Kay LaFaver

Dear Boys and Girls:—

If someone told you that while you were out of town visiting at your grandmother's house that the governor of your state had come to your town, would you believe it? Perhaps if just one person told you about it you would doubt it. You might ask someone else or perhaps three or four others. If they all told you that he had been there, then you would surely believe it, wouldn't you? In other words you would have faith in their word. You would believe it so much that you probably would mention it to your grandmother when you wrote her thanking her for the nice time you had at her house.

Now our lesson tells us that "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." So your faith is built up by hearing or reading the Bible. We believe that Jesus one time came here

from heaven and was born into this world just as all boys and girls are. You don't have to take just one person's word for it but there were a lot of people who saw him. A lot of people saw him even after he arose from the grave. They tried to make his grave safe as they were afraid some men would come and take his body away. They put a governor's seal on it. They placed soldiers around it. But man could not hold his body in the grave. It came forth. The soldiers fell down as dead men. Jesus arose and is alive forevermore. A number of witnesses saw him arise up into the cloud out of their sight.

So many today are like poor doubting Thomas that our lesson tells us about. He just couldn't believe that Jesus had risen. Others told him about it but he said that he just must see for himself those nail prints and that side that had been pierced by the sword. Jesus loves to help those who have a hard time believing, so one day he appeared unto Thomas. How glad Thomas was to know that his precious Saviour, whom he loved so dearly, had arisen. He saw him with his own eyes. But Jesus said, "Blessed are those who believe, yet have not seen me with their eyes." Boys and girls, we are blessed because we do believe that Jesus arose from the grave and is our Saviour today even though we have not seen him with our natural eyes.

Our lesson teaches us that all who will call upon the Lord and confess their sins will be saved. Have you been saved? Do you know that your sins are all forgiven? If not, I beg you in Jesus' name today to call upon the Lord. With tears, tell Him how sorry you are that you have sinned against him. Ask him to forgive you. He is ready to do that. He will wash away all your sins and you will be made happy and free. Then you can help others.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 2, January 9, 1966

WHAT FAITH IS BUILT UPON

John 20:24-31; Romans 10:8b-15, 17

John 20:24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

30 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

Rom. 10:8b The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

9 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.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Memory Verse: 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. Matthew 16:17.

Central Thought: Jesus is the rock upon which we build our faith and his words.

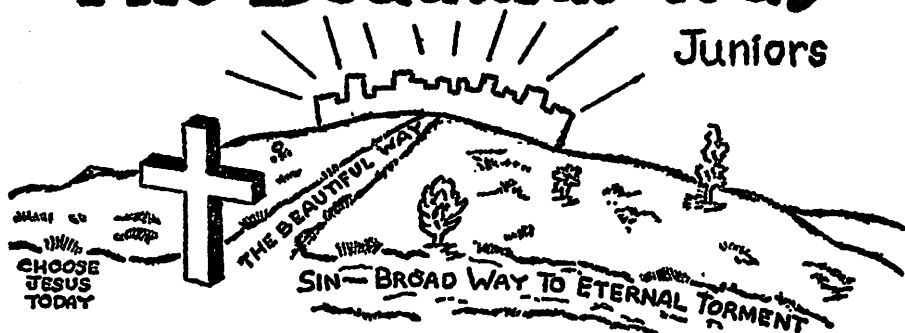
QUESTIONS:

1. What do we build our faith on?
2. Did doubting Thomas believe Jesus arose after he saw him?
3. Tell what Jesus said about those who believe and have not seen Jesus with their eyes.
4. How do we get saved?

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Part Three

Jan. 16

Praise To Our Creator

Praise Him! Praise Him! Heed His call!

Give Him worship, honor, all,
Render to Him faith and fear,
Make His law and statutes dear.

He is God, unseen but true
Watching us the long day through;
Seeking e'er Himself to show
Strong and able, men to know.

How so few His mercies love
Ever flowing from above!
Let us then as children dear
Worship Him without a fear.

—Leslie Busbee

Dale's Lesson*

Dale was reared in a Christian home. His father arose early and went to work. When Dale and his brothers and sisters arose their mother fixed their breakfast and after they had eaten she read to them some

of God's word or told them an account of some person who was blessed by God or read them a story that had a good thought in it. She wanted to be sure that each day they received some good thought or some of God's Word so they could grow spiritually strong. She then had prayer with them.

One morning Dale hurried out of the house after eating breakfast. His mother called to him that she was about ready to have prayer with them. He said that he was in a hurry and didn't have time. This grieved his mother. She prayed with the other children and prayed earnestly for Dale.

At noon Dale came bounding in and stopped real short as he looked at the table. He generally saw it set with a good lunch. He hunted up his mother and she was sitting at her sewing machine, sewing right along. She did not seem to notice him when he came in. "Where's the chow?" asked Dale still not understanding it all.

"Oh, are you going to eat?" said his mother. "Are you sure you have time to eat?"

*parable

"Why, yes, I can't live without eating," said Dale.

"You seem to feel that it was all right to not feed your soul this morning," said Mother. "Your soul is more important than your body."

Dale got the point. He hung his head and quietly walked out of the room. His mother followed him. She handed him the Bible and asked him to come into the kitchen while she took hot food out of the oven and put it on the table for them. Their aunt had come and taken the other children home with her for the day. "I want you to read Philippians 4:4-7," said Mother.

"Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus," read Dale.

"Now, what did you read?" asked Mother. "Tell me."

"Well, we are to rejoice all the time because the Lord is near," said Dale. "Then we are to not be careful for anything except in everything through prayer let our requests be made known to God with thanksgiving. Doing this will give you such great peace that it will be beyond your understanding through Christ."

"That is good," said Mother. "The most important thing in life is to put God first. Regardless of what you do, if you don't have peace of mind and heart, it will not bring happiness. You have to ask God daily for help to keep this peace in your soul. Your lunch is ready, now, but don't forget

that from now on you must take time to pray and thank God. God is so great, mighty and wise that we must have his help to live right in this world and be ready to go to heaven."

—Marie Miles

Telling Mother

A group of young girls stood about the door of the schoolroom one afternoon, whispering together, when a little girl joined them, and asked what they were doing.

"I am telling the girls a secret, Kate, and we will let you know, if you will promise not to tell anyone as long as you live," was the reply.

"I won't tell anyone but my mother," replied Kate. "I tell her everything, for she is my best friend."

"No, not even your mother, no one in the world."

"Well, then I can't hear it; for what I can't tell mother, is not fit for me to know."

After speaking these words, Kate walked away slowly, and perhaps sadly, yet with a quiet conscience, while her companions went on with their secret conversation.

I am sure that if Kate continued to act on that principle, she became a virtuous, useful woman. No child of a Christian mother will be likely to take a sinful course, if Kate's reply is taken for a rule of conduct.

As soon as a boy listens to conversations at school or on the playground, which he would fear or blush to repeat to his mother, he is in the way of temptation, and no one can tell where he will stop. Many a man dying in disgrace in prison, or on the scaffold, has looked back with bitter remorse to the time when he first

listened to a sinful companion who came between him and a pious mother.

Boys and girls, if you would be respected and honored in this life and form characters for heaven, make Kate's reply your rule;

"What I cannot tell my mother is unfit for me to know."

No other person can have as great an interest in your welfare and prosperity as a true, Christian mother.

Every girl should always remember that a Christian mother is her best earthly friend, from whom no secret should be kept.

A MAN CAME TO LIFE

"And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet." 2nd Kings 13:21.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson today is about God. That is a big subject, isn't it? When you say the word God and try to think about Him, you can almost get lost in trying to think of His greatness. God is everywhere. God is all-powerful. God is all-wise. God never makes a mistake. God is pure and holy. God has always been and always will be.

In everything that you look at, you can see God. I was driving down the highway last fall and looked at the leaves on the trees that had turned to beautiful colors. I thought about the beautiful colors God had made. There were the beautiful green wheat fields lined with the red, yellow, gold, brown, and

bronze trees. I don't know if the greatest artist could put on his canvas the beauty that I saw. In that beauty, I saw God's power and wisdom. Can you make a leaf grow on a tree? Can you think of enough different ways to make a leaf? No two leaves are alike. So we can see the greatness of God in the trees. We can see God in the clouds, rain, thunder, water, dirt, and too many things to number. Then just feel your hand and flesh. God made you. God made everything.

The princes, captains, stewards, officers and all the mighty men of Israel had gathered together to hear King David's last message. David had asked the people to give to Solomon that he might be able to build a house for God to dwell in. The people had given generously. David was so happy that the people had listened to God and had given. The first part of our lesson is a prayer that King David prayed to God. David thanked God for everything. He said that God was great, powerful, and had all glory and majesty. He said that everything that is in the heaven and earth was God's. God is exalted above everything in the earth. King David knew that everything that he had been able to accomplish had been made possible by God. Can you name some of the things that David did?

The second part of our lesson is a vision that John the Revelator had. He saw some of the glories of heaven. He saw four living creatures who continually praised God, who was sitting on a big throne. Day and night they were saying, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come." Then he saw 24 elders take off their crowns and lay them down before God as they knelt before Him. They gave praise to God who had created all things.

The last part of our lesson is by the elder Paul. He was giving praise to the Lord in this gospel age. God had moved out of the temple David's son, Solomon had made and through Jesus our Redeemer has moved into our bodies when we become sons of God. Paul could not seem to find words enough to praise God for His greatness and neither can we.

Aunt Marie

Lesson 3, January 16, 1966

GOD IS HOLY

1 Chronicles 29:10-13; Revelations 4:8-11
Romans 11:33-36

1 Chron. 29:10 Wherefore David blessed the Lord before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel our father, for ever and ever.

11 Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.

12 Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.

13 Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.

Rev. 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat

on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

10 The four and twenty elders fell down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Rom. 11:33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

Memory Verse: They rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. Rev. 4:8b.

Central Thought: God is worthy and it is our privilege to praise Him.

QUESTIONS:

1. Can you explain what and who God is?

2. Name some of the things that you can see God in.

3. Name some of the things that King David said God was.

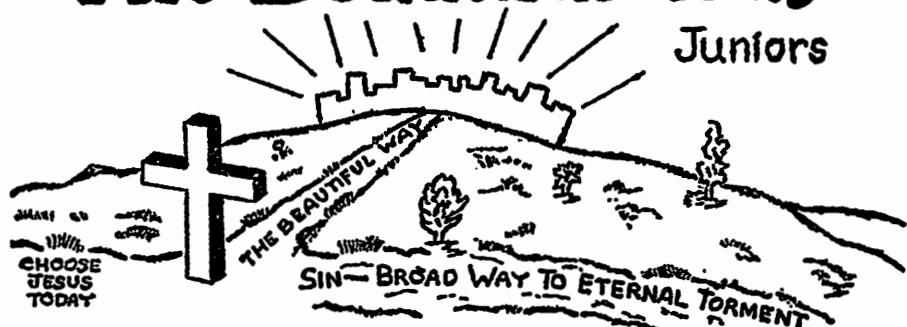
4. Tell the vision that John had about God.

5. Tell what Paul thought about God.

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Part Four

Jan. 23

What God Is

God is holy, let us fear;
God is great, then let us pray;
God is good, let us draw near;
God is just, let's keep His way.

He's our Lord, let us obey;
He's our King, let's honor Him;
He changes not, let us not stray;
His light eternal cannot dim.

Sweeter than all other thought;
He is our Father ever true;
We're His children, how we ought
To be faithful life's way through.
—Leslie Busbee

Prayer in the Sky

High over the China Sea, somewhere between Hong Kong and Tokyo, an airplane streaked through the night sky. Inside, most of the passengers were asleep. But Robert Baker, who was twelve, sat beside his mother and thought of the future. He had already made up his mind to be a flying missionary when he grew up.

But meanwhile there was plenty to do for the Lord at Singapore where his parents were preaching the gospel.

Suddenly there was a sputtering sound and one of the plane's starboard engines conked out. Then another engine quit.

The airliner bucked like a bronco as another engine sputtered under the extra load. The clock indicated it would be three hours before they could reach land.

Things didn't look good. Robert buckled on his safety belt and thought of his Bible, but it was locked in his suitcase. He prayed and kept repeating Psalm 91:11, "He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."

"Weren't you scared?" someone asked him later.

"I was real scared at first," Robert admitted. "But after praying and saying the Psalm over I was no longer afraid."

Since Robert was already a Christian he wasn't praying that he would be saved. "I asked the Lord to help the pilots keep calm and unafraid so they wouldn't make a mistake. Most of

the people on the plane were asleep. I prayed for them, too. I knew we were all in the Lord's hands."

When the plane finally limped into Tokyo Airport, Robert didn't forget to thank God for His help. "I thanked the Lord good and hard," he said.

If your heavenly Father has helped you when you were in danger, did you remember to thank Him? If not, will you do it right now? —Sel.

HONORING GOD

Charlie was going home with his uncle. All night they were on a boat that was furnished with tiny beds on each side of the cabin, called berths. When it was time to go to bed, his uncle said: "Hurry and jump into your berth."

"May I first kneel and ask God to care for us?" asked Charlie.

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

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

Charlie's uncle had nothing to say to that, so Charlie knelt down, just as he did at his bed at home, and asked God to care for them through the night. That was honoring God. It took courage, but Charlie set a good example.

A Girl's Song

At the time of the terrible accident at the coal mines near Scranton, Pa., several men were buried for three days, and all efforts to rescue them proved unsuccessful.

The majority of the miners were Germans. They were in a state of intense excitement. Sympathy for

the wives and children of the buried men, and despair at their own fruitless efforts, had rendered them almost frantic.

A great mob of ignorant men and women assembled at the mouth of the mine on the evening of the third day, in a condition of high nervous tension which fitted them for any mad act. A sullen murmur arose that it was folly to dig farther—that the men were dead. And this was followed by cries of rage at the rich mine owners.

A hasty word or gesture might have produced an outbreak of fury. Standing near was a little German girl, perhaps eleven years old. Her pale face and frightened glances from side to side showed that she fully understood the danger of the moment.

Suddenly, with a great effort, she began to sing in a hoarse whisper which could not be heard. Then she gained courage, and her sweet, childish voice rang out in Luther's grand old hymn, familiar to every German from his cradle, "A mighty fortress is our God."

There was silence like death. Then one voice joined the girl's, and presently another and another, until from the whole great multitude rose the solemn cry:—

With force of arms we nothing can,

Full soon are we o'erridden.

But for us fights the godly Man,

Whom God Himself hath bidden.

Ask ye His name?

Christ Jesus is His name.

A great quiet seemed to fall upon their hearts. They resumed their work with fresh zeal, and before morning, the joyful cry came up from the pit that the men were found—alive. Never was a word more in season than that child's hymn.

"IN GOD WE TRUST"

The motto, "In God We Trust," was created for the United States during the terrible years of the Civil War.

James Pollock, the governor of Pennsylvania between 1854 and 1857, probably originated the idea which led to "In God We Trust" being inscribed on pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters, as well as on other coins.

It is a national duty to recognize God as the leader of America in peace and war, Mr. Pollock believed. Therefore, since money is so much a part of every one's life, he wrote to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States and told him of his plan.

Soon, a bill to place the words on all coins large enough to bear them was introduced in the United States Congress, and it was passed by both the Houses. In 1886, the first coins bore our national faith, "In God We Trust."

—Selected

THE WEAKEST SAINT

Little Mary knelt every night at her bedside and prayed. Mother stood nearby. One night little Mary prayed longer than usual. Finally she arose. "Mary," asked Mother, "why did you pray so long tonight?" Said little Mary, "Today in church we sang a song that said, 'Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees.' I wanted to make him tremble longer."

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson speaks of Israel which was all the Israelites, who were God's chosen

people. Today they are called Jews. Of course, since Jesus has come, all who have salvation are spiritual Jews. The people who were Jews rejected Jesus as their Saviour. Today whosoever will may come to God and be saved and become one of God's chosen people.

God called all the Israelites his sons. He was their father. He did great things for them. Can you tell how he brought them out of Egypt where they were treated cruelly by their taskmasters? It was a great deliverance. They should have loved Him dearly but they turned away from God time and again and worshipped idols as their neighbors did. This grieved God, their Father.

Jesus tells about a certain man who had two sons. One asked for his inheritance and he gave it to him. He went into a far country and there he wasted his money. As long as his money lasted he had a big time and many friends. He became hungry. He asked a man if he could feed his hogs. While there in the hog pens he was hungry enough to eat the husks that were given to the hogs. One day he began to think of home. He thought that his father had servants who lived better than he was living. He humbled himself and decided to go home. He would not go home as a son, but just as a hired servant. He felt unworthy since he had lived shamefully and wasted his money. He put his thoughts into action and started home. The father, no doubt, shaded his eyes against the sun as he looked far down the road anxiously waiting his son's return. How happy he was when he saw his son coming home. The son fell on his father's neck and said, "I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight and am no more worthy to be called thy son." His father kissed him and brushed away his tears. He called

his servants and prepared a great feast. He was so happy to have his son home safe again. (Luke 15:11-24).

Boys and girls, that is the way God does when we have wandered away, deep in sin. When we come to ourselves and know that we are not wise and have grieved our heavenly Father we arise and start back home. God is looking for us. With outstretched arms, he embraces us and forgives us when he sees that we are truly sorry and have become humble enough to obey him. He is greater than any earthly father. He is kind, loving, and full of pity toward us. Boys and girls, love your heavenly Father and please Him. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 4, January 23, 1966

GOD IS FATHER

Hosea 11:1-4; John 14:6-11 2 Cor. 1:3, 4

Hosea 11:1 When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.

2 As they called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to graven images.

3 I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arm; but they knew not that I healed them.

4 I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love: and I was to them as they that take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat unto them.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew

us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

2 Cor. 1:3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

Memory Verse: But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all the work of thy hand. Isaiah 64:8.

Central Thought: God, our heavenly Father loves us more than our earthly fathers.

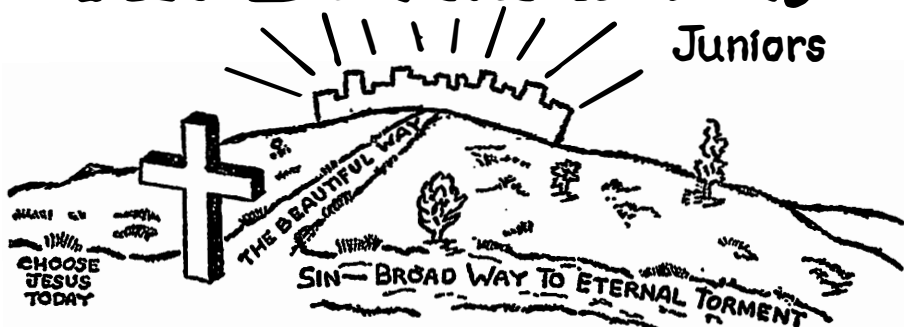
QUESTIONS:

1. What did God call the Israelites?
2. Tell about how God brought them out of Egypt.
3. How can we come to the heavenly Father and through whom do we come?
4. How did Jesus answer Philip who wanted to see the Father?
5. Tell about the son who wasted his money and came back to his Father's house?

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Part Five

Jan. 30

REDEEMED

Redeemed! how blessed is the thought
From sinful bondage I am bought.
Redeemed to life and holiness,
To peace with God and happiness.

No good have I this grace to claim,
But in the blessed Saviour's name
Who shed His blood on Calvary
A sacrifice for you and me.

Thus will I testify and sing
In love and praise to Christ, my King;
I'll serve Him 'til my work is o'er
In His embrace forevermore.

—Leslie Busbee

Vicarious Punishment

This is the term applied to such punishment as that which Christ bore when he suffered on the cross, the just for the unjust. You do not quite know what it means, do you? I think I hear you say, "Oh, we do not want to know what such long words mean."

But stop a moment, I have a story to tell.

It was a warm summer afternoon; a lazy breeze stole through the windows of a little district schoolhouse, lifting the curtains, and rustling the leaves of the copy-books that lay open on all the desks.

Thirty or forty scholars of all ages were bending over their writing, quiet and busy; the voice of the master, as he passed about among the writers, was the only sound.

Perhaps you might not have thought it possible, but I assure you that this hot little schoolroom has its heroes and heroines as certainly as many another place which might have seemed far more pretending.

The bell rang for the writing to be laid by; and now came the last exercise of the day, the spelling, in which nearly all the school joined. At the head of the class was a delicate little girl, whose bright eyes and attentive air showed that she prized her place, and meant to keep it.

Presently a word which had passed all the lower end of the class, came to Eunice. The word was **privilege**. "P-r-i-v, priv-i, privi-l-e-g-e, lege, privilege," spelt Eunice. But the

teacher, vexed with the mistakes of the other end of the class, misunderstood and passed it. The little girl looked amazed, the bright color came into her cheeks, and she listened eagerly to the next person, who spelled it again as she had done.

"Right," said the teacher; "take your place."

"I spelled it so," whispered Eunice partly to herself; the tears springing to her eyes as she passed down. But too timid to speak to the master, she remained in her place, determining soon to get up again. But her trials were not yet over.

Many expedients had been tried in the school to keep out that arch-enemy of all teachers—whispering. At length the following plan was used:

The first whisperer was stood upon the floor in front of the teacher's desk. Here he acted as a monitor; as soon as he detected another whispering, he took his seat, and the next offender kept a sharp lookout to find someone to take his place; for, at the close of school, the scholar who had the whisperer's place was punished very severely.

This plan appeared to operate very well; every one dreaded to be found last on the floor; but, though it secured an orderly school, many of the parents and scholars doubted its justice.

The boy who was on the floor when Eunice lost her place, was an unruly, surly fellow, who had often before smarted for his faults; and as school drew near its close, he began to tremble. The instant Eunice's whispering complaint reached his ear, his face brightened up; he was safe now. And when the class was dismissed, he said, "Eunice whispered, Sir."

Eunice rose, and in a trembling voice related what she had said; but the teacher saw no excuse in it, and she was called to take the place of the ungenerous boy who had told of her.

The books were put away, and the waiting school looked on in sorrow as Eunice left her seat to take the dreaded punishment. She was one of the best scholars; bright, faithful, sweet-tempered, and a general favorite.

Everyone felt that it was unjust; and many angry glances were cast at the boy who was mean enough to get a little girl whipped. Overcome with shame and fear, she stood by the side of the desk crying bitterly, while the teacher was preparing to inflict the punishment.

At this moment a tall boy stepped out of his seat, and going to the desk, said:—

"Are you going to whip Eunice, Sir?"

"Yes, I never break my rules!" the teacher answered.

"We will not see her whipped!" said the boy in an excited voice; "there is not a boy here but **that** one, who would see her whipped! Whip me, Sir, and keep your rule, if you must, but don't touch this little girl!"

The master paused; the school looked on tearfully.

"Do you mean to say you will take her punishment?" asked the teacher.

"I do, Sir," was the bold reply.

The sobbing little girl was sent to her seat, and without flinching, her friend stood and received the punishment that was to have fallen upon her. The school was dismissed, and the boys paid him in admiration and praise for all he had suffered.

This was vicarious punishment—one suffering from his own free will

the punishment that was to have been borne by another.

You see, do you not, that this is just what He did who bore our sins in His own body upon the tree—the Saviour of men? What He suffered we cannot know in this life; but God laid on Him the iniquity of us all; and this He willingly bore to save us from death. With His stripes we are healed. How great the gratitude each of us owes such a Friend.

“Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.”

“Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.” Luke 6:38.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Our lesson says, “all have sinned.” What is sin? Read some sins that are named in Rom. 1:29-32. One of those sins is “disobedient to parents.” Did you know that was wrong and a sin? When you disobey your parents deliberately and knowingly it becomes sin to you. You not only have disobeyed them but you have also disobeyed the Bible and God. Sin is a terrible thing. But, boys and girls, God has made a way that sin can be forgiven. Through Jesus Christ we can come to God and ask His forgiveness and find peace to our souls. The devil is working hard on everyone. But if you learn to obey your parents then it will be better for you in life. My father used to tell me that if I learned to obey him it would not be hard for me to obey God. Obedience is a wonderful thing. Maybe you can discuss some of the other sins mentioned in these

scriptures. We need to know what sin is so we can avoid it.

The second part of our lesson talks about the old tabernacle that God had the Israelites make. That was before Jesus came. It was a type of Jesus bringing salvation to the world. Do you remember how the tabernacle had two rooms? One was called the holy place and the second room was called the most holy place. Only the High Priest could enter into the most holy place. But when Jesus came he did away with that temple worship. The tabernacle had served its place. Today Jesus is our High Priest. When He died on the cross the veil in the temple that separated the holy place and the most holy place was torn in two. Read Matt. 27:51. Now through Christ we all can have forgiveness of sins and enter right into the presence of God through the Holy Spirit.

The last part of our lesson teaches us that God chose us to be saved even before the foundation of the world. God knew that Adam would sin, therefore he had the plan of sending His Son Jesus Christ, to redeem us back to Himself. But, boys and girls, we must choose God. He has chosen us but we must choose Him. Have you chosen Jesus as your Saviour? You need not stay in sin. Jesus loves you and God wants you to be redeemed and be in harmony with Him. Oh, the great mercy of God! How He loved us and wanted us to come to Him. He wants you. He wants you to love Him. Only in this life do you have a chance to choose Jesus. If death overtakes you in your sins, you are lost, lost forever in eternal night. It is a terrible thing to go to that place called hell. It was prepared for the devil and his angels. But those who do not choose God nor heaven will also land in that terrible place. How awful to think of being in eternity with

the devil and his angels and all the wicked people of the world. Turn to God today, won't you? —Aunt Marie

Lesson 5, January 30, 1966

GOD IS REDEEMER

Romans 3:21-26; Hebrews 10:19-22
Ephesians 1:3-8

Rom. 3:21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Heb. 10:19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

21 And having an high priest over the house of God;

22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil con-

science, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Eph. 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence.

Memory Verse: In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace. Ephesians 1:7.

Central Thought: God had mercy upon us when we were lost in sin and sent a redeemer, Jesus Christ.

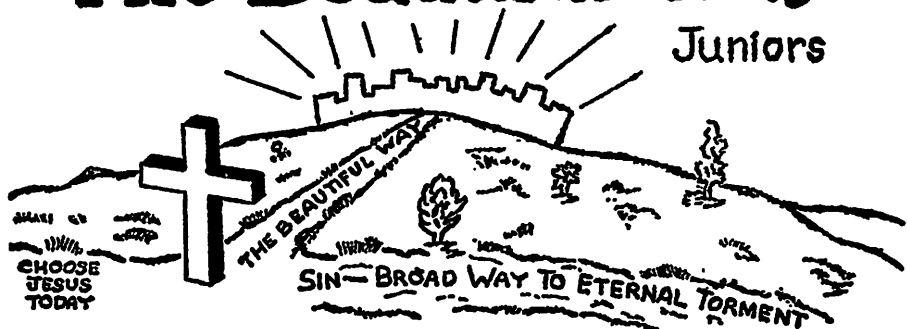
QUESTIONS:

1. Did only a few people sin?
2. Name some of the sins that will keep us out of heaven.
3. When was the temple worship done away with and who is our High Priest today?
4. When did God choose us to be saved if we willed to?
5. Through whom are we redeemed back to God?

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Part Six

Feb. 6

The Blessed Spirit

Dear children, who have found the Lord,

There is a gift He wills for you
That greater blessings will afford
Of pow'r and grace to live and do.

It is the Holy Spirit giv'n
To all who will the truth obey
To guide us in our quest for heaven
Upon the straight and narrow way.

Oh, praise the Lord! for He hath said
"I will not leave you comfortless,"
We yet can by His hand be led,
His Spirit is our righteousness.

—Leslie Busbee

Jesus Gives True Riches

A housewife in Glendale, California told police that her twice-a-week maid accidentally threw away jewelry valued at \$30,000! It seems the housewife put on some of her finest gems, including a 6½-carat diamond ring, valued at \$16,000 and attended a party. After the party, she placed

the jewels in a waste basket in a closet of her home.

She intended later to put them in a wardrobe dresser—but she forgot. A month later she looked in the basket—and the jewelry was gone!

The basket had been emptied by the maid into the garbage can, and that was taken by the garbage collector to the city dump.

Dump officials said it was virtually impossible to sift through the mounds of debris and recover the jewels.

Now, before criticizing the housewife and maid, stop and ask yourself if you are not carelessly, or deliberately, throwing away that which is worth much more than \$30,000.

Have you not heard, or read such expressions as: "the riches of His grace," "the riches of His glory," and "the unsearchable riches of Christ?" If not, you will find them in Eph. 1:7, 18, 3:8.

Do the words mean anything to you? It is impossible to explain the verses in such a brief space. But they include these facts:

Since the death of Christ for our sins, and His resurrection, God can

grant a believer the forgiveness of sins when he confesses his sins and turns away from them. He will also give him the Holy Spirit. He can enjoy the things of God. He will help him to live joyously in this life and to "rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

He will bring that person into a happy relation with Himself and make him an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ (Romans 8:16, 17).

Who can estimate the wealth of a person who is an heir of God and a joint-heir with Christ?

Are you going to turn your back on an inheritance in heaven? We cannot stop you; but we can—and do ask you to give this matter some serious thought.

Do not be more careless, or forgetful, than the housewife and maid, who together threw a small fortune in jewelry into the garbage.

Stop and think what this message will mean to you, if you will believe it: "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich" (2 Cor. 8:9).

"For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

A Dishwasher With The Soul of a King

A Matanusa Valley, Alaska dishwasher was awarded the Carnegie Hero Medal for unusual bravery and devotion exhibited in sticking with an exhausted friend through an Alaskan

blizzard, instead of pushing on to safety alone. He is Roy (Slim) Tipton, a colonist in the government's resettlement experiment in Alaska, and his bravery cost him heavily, for he lost both feet, the use of one arm, and suffered permanent disfigurement of his face, all from the freezing.

The man whose life he tried to save was George Martin of Seattle, who died later from exposure, but not until a rescue party had taken him and Tipton out of the Valdez glacier where they were found. If Martin had lived we presume that every little while he would have looked upon Tipton who lost both feet and an arm for him. He would have looked upon the face of Tipton, a face forever horribly marred and scarred because of love for him. Then he would not have been able to see at all for awhile because of the hot tears gushing from his eyes.

There are a great many marred and scarred people in this world who gave all they had to the people they loved. And supremely there is Jesus: "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." —Sel.

A Guiding Voice

A touching story came to us one winter from Minnesota. A farmer, living on the edge of one of the many lakes of that state, started to cross in a small sailboat one evening after dark.

The wind changed and a gust overturned the boat when he was in the middle of the lake. The surface of the water was covered with large masses of floating ice.

The farmer was a good swimmer, and struck out boldly toward the part of the shore where he thought his house stood, but he grew confused in the darkness. The ice formed rapidly over the whole lake.

He was in a small, quickly-narrowing circle, in which he beat about wildly, the chill of death creeping over his body. He gave up at last, and was sinking in the freezing water when he heard a sound.

It was the voice of his little girl calling him, "Father! Father!"

He listened. The sound of her voice would tell him which way home lay. It put fresh life into him. He thought "If she could only call once more. But she will be frightened at the dark and cold. She will go in and shut the door."

But just then came the cry, loud and clear: "Father!"

"I turned," said the man afterwards, in telling the story, "and struck out in the opposite direction. I had been going away from home. I fought my way; the ice broke before me. I reached the shore and home at last. But if my dear little girl had not persisted in calling me, though hearing no reply, I should have died there alone under the ice."

The story of many a man's life is like that of this voyage. We need the guiding voice of the Holy Spirit to guide us to our heavenly home. —Sel.

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

In John 4:24 it says, "God is a spirit." God is real. God is a person. God is able to be everywhere and anywhere.

Our lesson tells us about the Comforter, or the Holy Spirit which was to come into the world to dwell in the hearts of men, women, boys and girls

who sought for Him. Jesus had just told the disciples about the things they were going to suffer and then he added that it was better for him to go away so the Holy Spirit could come. I am sure that it was hard for them to believe this but today we are glad that we have the Holy Spirit.

After Jesus was crucified and then arose from the grave He appeared to the disciples and many others. But one day after He finished talking to His disciples he arose straight up into the air and went out of sight. The disciples went back to Jerusalem and did what Jesus had told them to do. They waited in the upper room until the Holy Spirit came upon them. Our lesson tells about His coming. The Holy Spirit was just as real as Jesus had been to them. They knew when He entered into their hearts to take up His abode within them. They rejoiced and praised God mightily. God wanted the world to know about it, too. There were seventeen different nations represented there on the day of Pentecost. God so wonderfully worked that all of them, through the "gift of tongues" heard the gospel preached in their own language. Wasn't that wonderful? They spoke a language and not just a jabber. It was understood by those who heard it.

Let us think about some of the work of the Holy Spirit. First it is the Holy Spirit that talks to people about their sins. It is the Holy Spirit that makes people know what sin is. When anyone reads the Bible he can know that the Holy Spirit is the one who helped it to be written as "men of old spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." 2 Pet. 1:21. The Holy Spirit was with God in the beginning when the world was created. The Holy Spirit will guide those in the right who let him dwell within their hearts. The Holy Spirit will be

our teacher. When we pray we don't always know how but the Holy Spirit will take our words and intercede for us to God.

The Holy Spirit will come into a heart that has all sins forgiven. A car won't go and isn't much good without some power in it. A life without the Holy Spirit will not be a life for good for God. Boys and girls, you need the Holy Spirit in your life. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 6, February 6, 1966

GOD IS A LIVING SPIRIT

John 16:7-11; Acts 2:1-4; Romans 8:9-14

John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;

10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with

other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Rom. 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Memory Verse: Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. 1 John 4:13

Central Thought: The Holy Spirit ever seeks to enter your heart.

QUESTIONS:

1. Are the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit called the Trinity or three in one?

2. When did the Holy Spirit come into the world to live in clean hearts?

3. Were the disciples happy when the Holy Spirit came into their hearts?

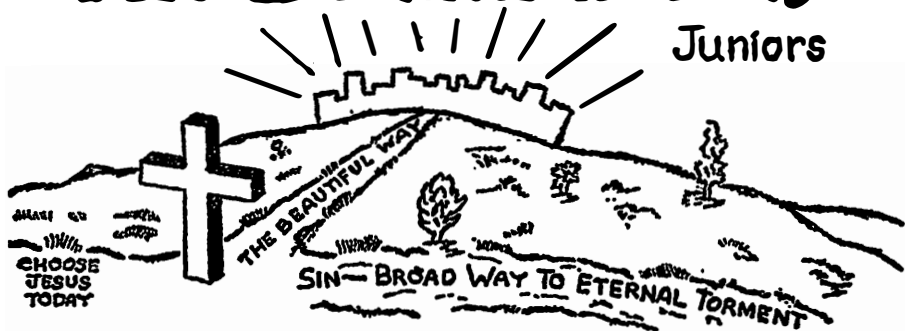
4. What is the work of the Holy Spirit?

5. Will the Holy Spirit live in a heart that is rebellious?

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Feb. 13

Created Man

Man is dust, of God intended
For His glory and His praise,
With His breath divinely blended
To live holy all his days.

Like his Maker man was fashioned
In an image pure and true
Love and life for God's creation,
Blessings rich and ever new.

Crowned with glory and with honor,
Earth was subject at His feet
Sweet communion with his Maker,
Man enjoyed all things complete.

—Leslie Busbee

Little Things

Polly had a very bad habit. She borrowed all sorts of things and very often forgot to return them. Her mother spoke to her many times about it, but Polly soon forgot her mother's words. Sometimes it was brother Jack's red pencil, sometimes it was sister Phyllis' hair ribbon, but always Polly forgot to return them.

It made a great deal of trouble for her, but somehow Polly could not break herself of this unfortunate habit.

"Oh, they are just little things, Mother. They don't amount to anything," she said when Jack was cross about her borrowing his new pen and spoiling the point.

"But little things grow into big ones Polly, dear," her mother warned. "One day you will borrow a really valuable thing and lose or destroy it, then trouble will begin."

Polly thought a lot about that. And she thought about the really valuable thing she had borrowed from Mabel Lee. A big story book with beautiful colored pictures in it. She had borrowed it a long time ago and now she had forgotten where it was.

"I hope Mabel has forgotten about it," she said to her brother as they walked to school one morning in early February.

"Well, she hasn't. She asked me the other day if you were through with it," Jack said.

"Oh, dear, here she comes now!"

cried Polly. "What shall I do if she asks me for it?"

She was so embarrassed that she hardly spoke to Mabel who did not ask about the book. Mabel was eating a big red apple and she stopped just long enough to say "Hello."

"My, I am glad she didn't ask about it," Polly said when she had passed. "After all, it is just a little thing. Mabel has lots of books."

When Jack and Polly reached school they found the room decorated with flags and red, white and blue streamers hanging from the picture of Abraham Lincoln. It was Lincoln's birthday.

When the arithmetic lesson was over, the teacher told her class she would read some Lincoln stories to them. Everyone was glad.

The very first one she read was how Lincoln had always been honest in the smallest things. No mistake was too little for him to make it right. He once walked miles to return a few coppers to a man for whom he had made wrong change!

"He earned his name, 'Honest Abe,' by being strictly honest in the smallest things," the teacher explained.

Polly had been listening eagerly to the story of the great American. Her cheeks burned as she remembered how she had thought a borrowed book, or pen, or toy "a small thing," and had never bothered to give back. That was no way to live up to the standard Lincoln had set! She resolved to turn over a new leaf right away.

As soon as school was out Polly ran straight home. She delved into her box of toys and books. At the very bottom she found Mabel's book. She also found Jack's ball and a tennis racket she had borrowed from

the girl next door. In another box she found a ribbon and a handkerchief that belonged to Jean. She pressed them neatly and put them in her sister's dressing table. Then she took the story book and hurried over to Mabel's house.

"Thank you, Polly. You may have another book of mine if you like," Mabel offered.

Polly shook her head. "No, thank you, Mabel. I want to learn to take better care of things before I borrow anything else," she told her.

When she got home she gave Jack his things and said, "I won't borrow a single thing until I know I can remember to return it!"

"Why, whatever has come over our Polly?" Mother asked, smiling.

"I just found out how important little things are, Mother. If a penny was so important that Mr. Lincoln walked miles to give it to the man it belonged to, then I guess there isn't anything small enough to be forgotten."

"That is right, Sis," Jack agreed. "And you are welcome to any of my things; if you feel that way I know you will take care of them and give them back!"

And ever after that Polly remembered about the "little things."—Sel.

A SMART WORM

A worm named "One-eyed Pete" once went to college. Or rather, he was taken to college by scientists, who wanted to study the worm family. One-eyed Pete was put in a box that had two holes cut out of the side. Pete could crawl in and out through them.

Across the path outside one hole was a wire lightly charged with elec-

tricity. When the worm crossed that wire, he got a shock.

Three times the worm crawled through that hole. Then he got wise. He tried the other hole—and there was no live wire there. From that time on he used the second hole.

The path of sin always leads to trouble and disappointment. Eventually it leads to death—"the wages of sin is death." And yet, there are many people who have never learned to turn away from that path.

How about you? Have you turned from the path of sin to the right way? Jesus Christ told us, "I am the Way."

GOD'S LIGHTS

Are you afraid at night? One time a girl asked her mother if the moon was God's light.

"Yes," her mother answered.

"Will God ever blow out His light and go to sleep?" she wanted to know next. And her mother said, "No, God's lights never go out, for God never sleeps. Even when we cannot see His lights, they are shining just the same."

"Well, then while God's awake I'm not afraid," was the girl's answer.

Are you ever tempted to be afraid? It will help you to remember that God is always awake and that He has said, "Certainly I will be with thee." Exodus 3:12.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson teaches how God created man in the beginning. We were made in the image of God. We were made higher than the animals, and lower than the angels. These are the two facts in our lesson.

What do you know about the training of animals? In some places there are schools to teach a person how to train his dog. It is very interesting. We are told that animals are all different and have to be handled differently. Parents find that this is also true in dealing with their children. Animals are very smart but there is a great gulf or difference between animals and man.

Our lesson brings out in the 12th verse that Jesus asked the question, "How much better is a man than a sheep?" In other words it points out that man is much higher than the animals. Animals do not have a soul and they go back to the dust when they die. Man has a soul and his soul leaves the body in death and goes to God who gave it to await the resurrection day. Of course, our bodies go back to dust until that great day when we will put on a new body.

Can you tell about Adam and Eve in the garden, how God created them and then how they sinned? The last part of our lesson brings out the fact that Jesus took on the form of man and lived in the flesh. He was willing to be made a little lower than the angels, so he could bring us back to God. Oh, how we ought to praise the Lord for being mindful of us when we were lost in sin! He left that beautiful home in heaven and came to this world to live and die for our salvation. He suffered greatly yet he did not sin and neither was guile found in his mouth. He suffered for our sins.

Our lesson brings out also how Jesus is able to heal our bodies. He healed the man who had a withered hand. Jesus is able to heal us today. I am glad that I find him to be my healer today. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and forever! Jesus is the same today as

He was when He was here on the earth. Jesus healed them and He heals today. Oh, how we do love and praise Him for it!

Boys and girls, live so you can enjoy all the blessings that the Lord has for you. We can trust Him for both soul and body and it is a wonderful privilege.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 7, February 13, 1966

GOD MADE MAN

Gen. 1:26, 27; Matt. 12:9-14; Heb. 2:5-9

Gen. 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Matt. 12:9 And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue:

10 And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him.

11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?

12 How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.

13 Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.

14 Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

Heb. 2:5 For unto the angels hath he put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.

6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?

7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:

8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Memory Verse: So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. Genesis 1:27.

Central Thought: Man is kin to God, rather than the animals.

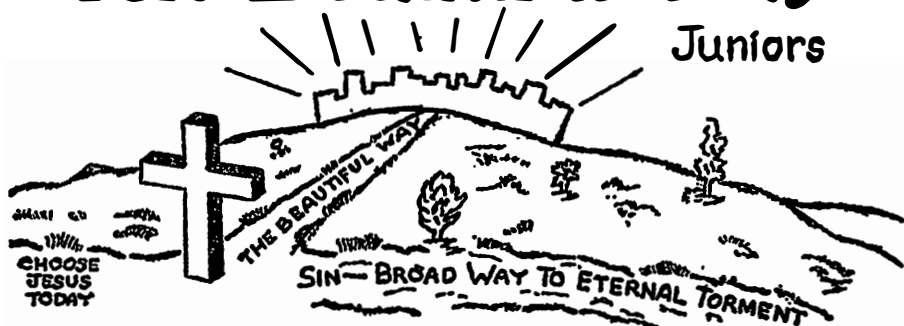
QUESTIONS:

1. How did God make man?
2. What is the difference between man and the animals?
3. What did Jesus say about man and the sheep?
4. How was Jesus made higher than the angels?

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Feb. 20

Spoiled By Sin

How the bliss of man was blighted
By the clouds of sin that day,
How his path was so benighted
When he chose to disobey.

Driven from the garden weeping
He must toil in sweat and tear,
Life and all its watches keeping
'Neath the shade of death and fear.

Oh, the woeful tale is written
Of the history of man,
By the wrath of God thus smitten,
Spoiled His gracious will and plan.
—Leslie Busbee

Susie's Prayer

It was a half holiday. The children were gathered on the green, and a right merry time they were having. "Come, girls and boys," called out Ned Graham, "let's play hunt the squirrel."

They were all eager for the game, and a large circle was formed with Ned Graham for leader because he was the largest.

"Come, Susie," said one of the boys, to a little girl who stood on one side, and seemed to shrink from joining them.

"O, never mind her!" said Ned, with a little toss of his head, "she's nobody, anyhow. Her father drinks."

A quick flush crept over the child's pale face as she heard the cruel, thoughtless words.

She was very sensitive and the arrow had touched her heart in its tenderest place.

Her father was a drunkard, she knew, but to be taunted with it before so many was more than she could bear; and with great sobs heaving her bosom, and hot tears filling her eyes, she turned and ran away from the play-ground.

Her mother was sitting by the window when she reached home, and the tearful face of the little girl told that something had happened to disturb her.

"What is the matter, Susie?" she asked kindly.

"Oh, mother," said Susie, with the tears dropping down her cheeks, as she hid her face in her mother's lap,

"Ned Graham said such a cruel thing about me," and here the sobs choked her voice so that she could hardly speak; "He said that I wasn't anybody and that father drinks."

"My poor little girl," Mrs. Ellet said, very sadly. There were tears in her eyes, too. Such taunts as this were nothing new in that family.

"Oh, mother," Susie said, as she lifted her face, wet with tears, from her mother's lap, "I can't bear to have them say so, and act just as if I had done something wicked. I wish father wouldn't drink! Do you suppose he'll ever leave it off?"

"I hope so," Mrs. Ellet answered, as she kissed Susie's face where the tears clung like drops of dew on a rose. "I pray that he may break off the habit, and I can do nothing but pray, and leave the rest to God."

That night Mr. Ellet came home to supper, as usual. He was a hard-working man, and a good neighbor. So everybody said, but he had the habit of intemperance so firmly fixed upon him that everybody thought he would end his days in the drunkard's grave. Susie kissed him when he came through the gate, as she always did, but there was something in her face that went to his heart. A look so sad, and full of touching sorrow for one so young as she!

"What ails my little girl?" he asked as he patted her curly head.

"I can't tell you, father," she answered slowly.

"Why?" he asked.

"Because it would make you feel bad," Susie replied.

"I guess not," he said, as they walked up to the door together. "What is it, Susie?"

"Oh, father," and Susie burst into tears again as the memory of Ned

Graham's words came up freshly in her mind, "I wish you wouldn't drink any more for the boys and girls don't like to play with me, 'cause you do."

Mr. Ellet made no reply. But something stirred in his heart that made him ashamed of himself; ashamed that he was the cause of so much sorrow. After supper he took his hat, and Mrs. Ellet knew only too well where he was going.

At first he had resolved to stay at home that evening, but the force of habit was so strong that he could not resist; so he yielded, promising himself that he would not drink more than once or twice.

Susie had left the table before he finished his supper, and as he passed the great clump of lilacs by the path, on his way to the gate, he heard a voice and stopped to listen to what she was saying.

"Oh, good Jesus, please don't let father drink any more. Make him just as he used to be when I was a baby, and then the boys and girls can't call me a drunkard's child, or say such bad things about me. Please dear Jesus, for mother's sake and mine."

Susie's father listened to her simple prayer, with a great lump swelling in his throat. When her prayer ended, he went up to her, knelt down by her side, and put his arm around her.

"God in heaven," he said very solemnly, "I promise tonight, never to touch another drop of liquor as long as I live! Give me strength to keep my pledge, and help me to be a better man."

"Oh, father," Susie cried, her arms about his neck, and her head upon his breast, "I'm so glad! I shan't care about anything they say to me now,

for I know you won't be a drunkard anymore."

"God helping me, I will be a man!" he answered, as taking Susie by the hand he went back into the house where his wife was sitting with the old patient look of sorrow on her face—the look that so often rested there.

I cannot tell you of the joy and thanksgiving that went up from that hearthstone that night. I wish I could, but it was too deep a joy which filled the hearts of Susie and her mother to be described.

Was not Susie's prayer answered?

EVERY DAY A LITTLE

Every day a little knowledge. One fact a day. How small is one fact! Only one. Ten years pass by. Three thousand six hundred fifty facts are not a small thing.

Every day a little self-denial. The thing that is difficult to do today will be an easy thing to do three hundred sixty days hence, if each day it shall have been repeated. What power of self-mastery shall he enjoy who, looking to God for grace, seeks every day to practice the grace for which he prays!

Every day a little helpfulness. We live for the good of others if our living be in any sense true living. At home, at school, in the street, in the neighbor's house, in the playground, we shall find opportunity every day for usefulness.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

I have a box of apples. This morning I looked in the box and there was a bad apple. Do you know why I took it out quickly? Yes, if I had left that bad

apple in that box it would have ruined the whole box of apples. Sin is like a rotting apple. It spoils everything that it touches. Sin is a terrible thing. It grows and spreads. We must get rid of sin or it will become worse and worse.

Our lesson names a few of the sins that come out of people when they have a heart that has sin in it. What will evil thoughts do? I have been around boys and girls who would say little naughty words. Oh, how terrible for them to say such! They come from evil thoughts. There are boys and girls who will hear a dirty joke and repeat it. That is so terrible. Boys and girls, keep your minds clean. Don't let others tell you stories like that. When I was your age my mother told me not to listen to them and I didn't. Now I am so glad that I didn't. I love to see a boy and a girl with a clean mind.

Can a person be a murderer without hating? Boys and girls, murder will begin with a little ill-will and then that will grow into hate. Hate is a terrible thing. Not too long ago a boy went home and got his gun and killed his teacher because he punished him. Oh, how terrible that was! I feel that it is terrible when we hear of so many boys and girls who are killing others today. I am afraid that they see so much killing on their television sets. How sad for them to look at so much murder. Boys and girls, I don't feel that you should look at T. V. and all that murder, do you? How does it affect you? May the Lord help you.

One of the sins mentioned is theft. Stealing is a terrible thing. The devil will make you covet something or desire it and then you will steal it. Can you tell about Achan in the Bible who stole the golden wedges and some Babylonish garments? He hid them in his tent. God was displeased and it caused the Israel-

ites to lose a battle. Finally, God showed Joshua who had taken the things that God had told them not to take. Can you tell how they punished Achan and his family? Yes, Achan and all of his family and all that he owned were taken out and burned. If you have been guilty of taking something that didn't belong to you, you should hurry and ask God to forgive you and take it back to where it belongs. All of these sins will keep you out of heaven. Sin is a terrible thing. But thanks be to God, the last part of our lesson tells us to confess our sins and God will forgive us. Boys and girls, have you done that? —Aunt Marie

Lssson 8, 1966

MAN IS A SINNER

Mark 7:20-23; Romans 1:18-21;

1 John 1:5-10

Mark 7:20 And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.

21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

Rom. 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things

that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

1 John 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Memory Verse: If thou, Lord, should'st mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared. Psalm 130:3, 4.

Central Thought: Sin separates man from God.

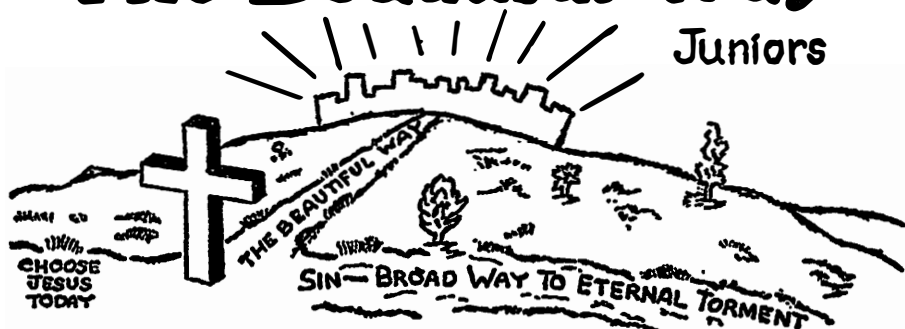
QUESTIONS:

1. What is sin?
2. Tell some of the sins that are mentioned in our lesson.
3. What is the "wrath of God?"
4. Has all man sinned?

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That Stolen Ring

When I was a girl I was visiting in the home of a friend. We were in the parlor looking at some pictures (I can just see that little corner yet). In the box with the pictures was a gold band ring with fancy engraving on it. I knew I had no right to the ring, still in my heart I desired it. And instead of getting away from the temptation, I lingered, waiting for a chance, to slip that ring into my hand without anyone's seeing me. I forgot that God would see me.

Well, I finally slipped the ring out of the box and hid it about my person, but what to do with it I did not know. Oh, that I had had the courage to take it back! But I was afraid, afraid to let anyone know I had it, so I kept it hidden away until it was finally lost.

The time came when God spoke to me about giving up my sinful life and living for Him. I yielded to the call, but many a fall I had until I knew that if I went back on God again there would be no more opportunity

given me. Oh, the awful places Satan got me into, then he would laugh at me; never once did he offer to help me out of all my troubles. Many a time when I thought no one knew (except a few) how sinful I was, I would find out more than a few knew. You can't be a sinner and keep it a secret.

After I was saved I did my best to make things right with the folks I had stolen the ring from. I wrote to them several times, but no answer came and the letters were not returned to me. I feel I have done all I could to make amends for stealing the ring, but the thought often comes, "Oh, that I had not yielded to the temptation!"

When you steal once, it is easier to do so again, and as I grew older I stole money from my mother and grandmother, sometimes several dollars at a time. When living with an aunt I wanted money to buy some candy so I took less than a dollar from her. Among other things I bought some white grapes. As I was eating the grapes I began to feel sick, and then I got much alarmed, think-

ing the grapes must have been poisoned, so I threw them all away. I believe now it was my guilty conscience.

When a person steals they usually have to lie afterward. That is what I did. How bold I would be! I could look right at the person and say I did not do the thing. Oh, how one sin leads to another! If only I had not stolen that first ring I might never have become a thief and a liar.

I do praise God that at last I yielded to Jesus and have done my best to square up the past. Remember God can see you when you are all alone, in the blackest night. Jesus is coming soon. Be ready. Jesus loves everybody and it is not His will that any should perish, but if you will not come to Him and do His will, He will have to let you go your own way.

Quentin's Change

Rupert Jarret picked up the paper his wife had handed him, and read the title of an article on the first page, "Able to Save—Able to Keep."

"Thank God, He is able to do both!" he exclaimed, a note of conviction in his voice. "If anyone should doubt it, Quentin Kerr is a standing monument to the truth of that statement."

"Tell me about him," said his wife, putting down her glass of milk. "I am interested in that man. He looks as if he had suffered much."

"He has, indeed, and but for the grace and keeping power of God, I do not know where he would be today. Many years ago, when I first came to these parts, he found himself in Barlinnie prison because of his sin. He was given to drunkenness, became a sot, and grieved the heart of his god-

ly mother. After serving his term of imprisonment, he found his way back again to his old home, and the mother who loved him, pleaded with him to sign the pledge. But like the honest man he was, he said, 'Mother, I have signed enough pledges to paper the wall: I need something more than a pledge.'

"But she said to him, 'Quentin, perhaps if you sign it this time it may help you.' Having a pledge card near at hand, she urged him to sign the paper once again. But he refused again, saying, 'No, Mother; I am not going to sign. I need a power that can make me a sober man and change my life.'

"Growing desperate, his mother took a knife, and with it opened one of her veins, and dipping a pen into her flowing blood, said, 'Quentin, sign it with your mother's blood, and that may help you.' With the tears streaming down his face, the poor wretch took the pen, and signed his name. But even the blood of his mother could not keep him from the power of drink. Before the week was out, poor Quentin had broken his pledge, and once more well-nigh broken his mother's heart.

"Then one day, I know not how, nor shall know in this life, there came on him conviction of sin, in its old-fashioned form—a sight of how richly he deserved the wrath of God, and being banished from Him forever. With almost a fire in his brain he went to his mother, and with God-given wisdom she led him to the feet of Jesus. As by spirit-sight he saw the Lamb of God upon the Cross of Calvary, and knew that He and only He could save and keep him from the punishment and power of sin.

"I heard him tell his story one

night before a crowded audience, and never shall I forget the look on his face as he said: 'What the blood of my dear mother could not do, the blood of Jesus Christ has accomplished. No matter how far you have traveled from God, no matter how that life of yours has been stained by iniquity, the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, can cleanse you from all sin, and keep you from falling in the hour of your deepest and strongest temptation.' Yes, indeed, Quentin Kerr is a miracle of grace—once a besotted slave of drink and vice, but now cleansed and kept by the power of God, and spending his life in preaching the gospel of his Redeemer!"

Mrs. Jarret had been listening to her husband's story with great interest. "No wonder Quentin Kerr is such a power for good in Glasgow!" she exclaimed, when he paused. "A man whose life has been so radically changed must carry more weight with those who knew him as he was, than any number of sermons from another man. Yes, truly, God is a wonder-working God, and He certainly is able to save and able to keep!"

Do not let others lead you into lying or stealing. Remember there is a reaping day.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

There is not anything that is sweeter than a little new born babe. Oh, how innocent it is and so sweet! The babe just wants to sleep, eat, and grow. All of you were little babies one time. But our lesson today is about a second birth. Your first birth was a physical birth but our lesson is about a spiritual birth.

One day a ruler of the Jews, whose name was Nicodemus came to Jesus. Something was troubling this ruler. He had read much in the Bible but he still had many questions to ask. He knew that Jesus could answer them. Nicodemus thought a long time before he came to Jesus. He knew that many of the Jews that he associated with hated Jesus. He wanted to keep their favor so he decided that he would come to see Jesus at night. When he came to Jesus he said, "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher that God has sent because no man could do all of these wonderful miracles that you do unless God was with him." Now Jesus knew what was troubling Nicodemus. He knew that Nicodemus was wanting deep down in his heart to know just how he could be saved and get into the kingdom of God. So Jesus just plainly told him that unless a man be born of the water and the spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. Jesus made Nicodemus know that one time he was born in the flesh but that God is a Spirit and he must be born of the Spirit. Nicodemus no doubt looked very puzzled. Jesus told him not to be surprised nor puzzled that he had told him, "Ye must be born again." Nicodemus wanted to know how these things could be. Jesus explained to him that he could not see it being done. Jesus said that the wind blows and you hear the sound of it but you can't tell where it comes from nor where it goes. But you can feel the wind.

Boys and girls, it is a wonderful mystery. When you confess your sins with godly sorrow and ask God to forgive you he will do that. Your heart that was stained with sins is made clean and pure again. Only through the mercy of God are you saved. Salvation is a gift of God. Our lesson tells us that it is not by works. You can't buy it

nor work it out. The only way you can get it is to just believe that when you obey God's Word that it will come to pass. You will be born again by the spirit of God. Our lesson tells us that we are created in Christ Jesus. We are made new creatures. You do not live as you did before. You want to do that which is good and want to please the Lord. You don't want to steal, nor lie, but live for the Lord. It's truly wonderful, isn't it? —Aunt Marie

Lesson 9, February 27, 1966

BE BORN AGAN

John 3:1-12; Ephesians 2:8-10

John 3:1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

Eph. 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

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

Central Thought: God in His mercy will forgive us through Christ.

QUESTIONS:

1. What was the name of the man who came to Jesus by night?

2. What was troubling him?

3. How did Jesus explain to him about being born again?

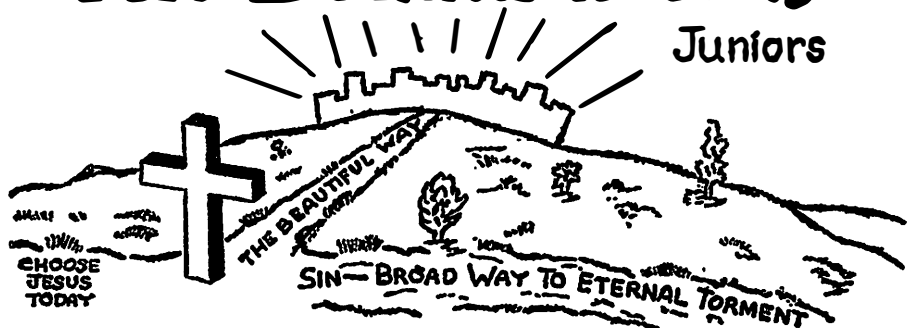
4. Is salvation worked for?

5. Tell about when you or someone else got saved.

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Talking With God

Once again as men of old
Joy again we can behold
For our hearts to hear again
God who speaks in love to men.

Let us then in silence wait
Watching daily at His gate
That we might not miss a word
When His gracious voice is heard.

Only those with hearts sincere
Will His gracious whispers hear;
Those who humble to obey
All the precepts of His way.
—Leslie Busbee

“The Thing”

“The Thing” terrorized residents of a Nashville (Tennessee) suburb for several weeks. Its presence was first noticed by a housewife, who watched the creature kill her dog and a neighbor's dog and devour parts of them.

“It's a black panther,” she told police. “It's about knee-high, is black,

and looks like a cat. It has a long tail, and makes a weird whining noise.”

A goat was the second victim. The dangerous killer was then reported seen in woods behind a well-settled residential section. An all-day hunt took place. Seventy-five men—one even armed with a machine gun—were out to kill.

They never saw it. Meanwhile, the following morning, the carnivorous beast attacked two colts in a field near a main highway. The farmer, in trying to avoid hurting his livestock, was unable to do more than wound the beast in one leg when he did shoot at it. His description was slightly different: the head was large and shaggy, he said, and the tail was rather short.

Citizens were warned: “Keep your pets locked up; keep your children in the house. Be on guard at all times when you must be out of doors after dark.” Even strong men glanced apprehensively in all directions before hurrying from porch to car.

What it was, no one found out for sure.

An even more vicious, more destructive creature is running loose to devour everyone who is not on the alert for him: "Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Pet. 5:8).

"The Thing" killed and devoured other animals. Unless people were vigilant, it might have killed some children, or even adults.

A far worse danger is the adversary who is out to destroy, not bodies, but souls. While the devil is compared to "a roaring lion," his presence is not announced by this petrifying sound. On the contrary, he will come as "an angel of light" (II Cor. 11:14). Instead of the repulsive, frightening beast from which people would flee, he appears as an attractive creature.

The "roars" are often whispered suggestions. "Everybody's doing it." "Nobody will know." "Don't be a sissy." They sound so logical, so reasonable. The victims are lulled to sleep, instead of being terrified.

"Be sober, be vigilant," Christians are warned (1 Peter 5:8). The quiet suggestions of the devil, if followed, would lure them into a place of uselessness or despair.

"Not today—there's no hurry." "You're good enough like you are." "Don't be a fanatic." These whispered falsehoods can lull an unsaved soul into the never-ending spiritual death. It's Satan's business to do that.

More dangerous than an animal whose whine or roar might give warning, the enemy of souls is to be resisted by constant vigilance. "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (James 4:7).

—M. M. C.

Trust God

A Christian family who had but very little of this world's goods, and were giving their entire services to the Lord, and at the time were receiving no salary, determined that the Word of God should be fulfilled in them, and He was under obligation to supply their needs. At first there were some very severe tests. At one time the wife was ready to do a washing and had no soap, neither had she any money to buy with, and did not wish to borrow as she had nothing with which to repay; consequently, she decided to go and ask the Lord to furnish her some soap. While on her knees praying, a lady called at her door and handed her a cake of soap. At another time they were out of thread and had no money with which to buy. The Lord was besought regarding the same and in a little while some one came and handed the children some pennies, and the children ran to the parents with the money to be used in buying their thread. For this they gave God much praise and glory. It was a very small matter, yet it was much to them in time of need. Some time ago at a faith home where they were trusting God for their daily needs, as well as for spiritual help, the last bit of coal was placed in the stove, and as that was about gone and the fire began to go down and the rooms get cold, those in the home gathered together for a little prayer meeting for the special purpose of asking the Lord for coal. It was coal that was needed and coal was what they prayed for. And as they referred the Lord to his promises in His word, and His word says (Matt. 18:19), "That if two of

you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven," they believed, and it was coal they received. They did not have the money, and knew not where to get it; but they sent their petition up to the Lord, and in a short time a man drove up with a ton of coal, and left it for them to use, stating that a merchant in another part of the city had sent it. This merchant knew nothing about the prayer that had been offered up, only as the Lord moved upon him to send the coal. It is when people get in great need of a thing that they can grasp the promise.

—Selected

BLIND MAN HEALED

"And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way." Mark 10:51, 52.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson is on prayer. Do you know what prayer is? It is talking to God. Sometimes when you are troubled and you talk to your mother, you ask her just what you should do about your problem. She listens and will try to help you. That is wonderful. Boys and girls should always talk to their mother and daddy about their problems. But they might not always know how to help you, but God can always help you. When you in prayer tell Jesus all about

your trouble and then ask Him to help you out and you can know that He knows just exactly how to help you. He never makes a mistake. You tell Jesus, then you just wait and trust Him to help. Prayer is a wonderful thing. It is talking to God. God will talk to you.

God made Adam and Eve in the beginning and put them in the garden of Eden. The Bible tells us that in the evening when it was cool God came down and talked to them. That was wonderful, wasn't it? I know that Adam and Eve looked forward to that. But boys and girls, something awful happened. Adam and Eve sinned. They hid themselves from God. Sin separated us from God. But through Jesus Christ we are brought back to God. When Jesus forgives us of our sins then we can talk to God. I am so glad that Jesus loved us so much that he was willing to bring us back to God, aren't you?

In our lesson the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. The first thing that Jesus told them to say was to call God our heavenly Father. Isn't it wonderful to have a heavenly Father? Oh, and such a wonderful heavenly Father he is! He is all-wise, kind and loving. He can do everything. He hears us pray to him just any time and any where. We can call upon him for help just the second that we might be going to have a wreck and he will help us. One time I was riding with my brother and a car came upon the highway. My brother put on his brakes but we were skidding right into the car. I prayed quickly and said, "Lord, help us!" The Lord did help us. We were able to miss the car just by a little bit. So it is wonderful to have a Father who can help us at all times.

In our lesson Jesus brought out how our earthly father would help us. If

we asked for some bread would our father give us a stone? If we asked for a fish would he give us a snake? If we asked for an egg would he give us a scorpion? Now we know that not one of you has a father who would do such a thing. Then how much more our heavenly Father would give us good gifts than would our earthly father. Boys and girls, we must believe that God loves us and will help us. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 10, March 6, 1966

MAN TALKS TO GOD

Luke 11:1-4; 9-13, 1 John 1:1-3

Luke 11:1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

Luke 11:9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

1 John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

Memory Verse: Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. John 15:4.

Central Thought: We talk to God through prayer and God talks to us through His Spirit and His Word.

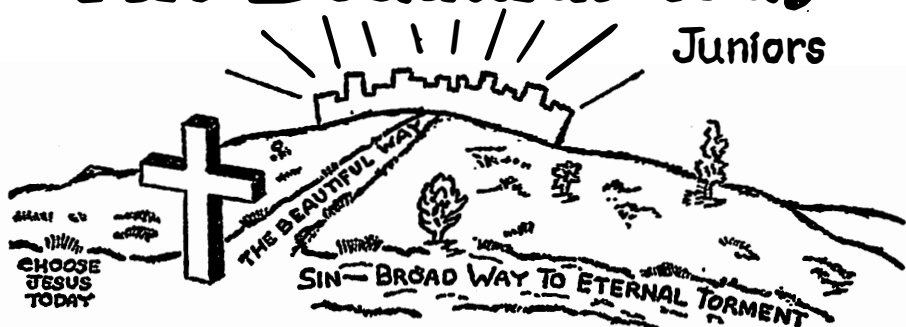
QUESTIONS:

1. What is prayer?
2. What caused Adam and Eve to not be able to talk to God anymore?
3. What are we to call God?
4. Name the things in the prayer that Jesus taught us to ask God for.
5. Tell what Jesus said about our earthly father and our heavenly Father and what they will do for us.

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Mar. 13

Christian Virtue

Spreading cheer to souls around
Christ does in the soul abound
With the fruits of righteousness
Others to restore and bless.

What a miracle of love.
What a wonder from above!
Man in sin transformed to be
Blessings for humanity.

Not of us, but vessels we
Filled with Christ, set forth to be
Profit for His sacred cause:
Pattern of His sacred laws.

—Leslie Busbee

They Took Me In

"Who is she?"

"Couldn't say. She is a stranger here, I think."

"Yes, she lives in that little house down by the bridge, you know, girls, that tiny bit of a house covered with that white rose."

"Where we always got lots of flowers to decorate with because no one

ever lived there. Why, the house is almost tumbled down. How can anyone live there?"

"No one would if they were not very poor. Of course you can tell by the girl's clothes that she is poor."

"Come on, girls, never mind talking about her," said one of the number impatiently. "What difference does it make to us who she is? We will be late," and the troop of merry girls passed on down the street.

Meantime the subject of this conversation was hurrying in another direction, her eyes blinded by the quick tears that had sprung unbidden to them when the wistful glance she had cast at the girls had been met with only those of cold curiosity.

"It is hard to be so alone," she murmured, "but I must not let mamma know."

The girls went on their way, unconscious of the wistful look, or unthinking that they had been in any way unkind.

Nellie Ross had noticed, however, and she was thoughtful all the afternoon. How must it feel, she wondered, to be alone among strangers. As

they were returning home toward night, she whispered to her particular friend:—

"Do you know, Mabel, I cannot help thinking of that girl we met this morning."

"What girl?" asked Mabel Willis, with a slightly puzzled air.

"Why, the one that Margaret said lived in the little cottage you know."

"O yes. What about her?"

"Why she looked at us so wistfully, and I never see her with anyone; she must be lonely."

"Well?"

"You know what the Bible says," slowly: " 'I was a stranger and ye took Me not in.' This girl is a stranger and don't you think we might apply that?"

"Just what are you thinking of, Nellie?"

"I was thinking that we might call on her and ask her to join our Sunday school class, and that might open the way."

Mabel laughed. "You always were a regular missionary, Nellie; but I hardly believe I care to go with you," with a shrug of her shoulders.

Nellie was disappointed, but she said no more for she had learned the uselessness of arguing with Mabel, so she determined to make her call alone.

Nellie felt a little timid as she presented herself at the tiny home the next afternoon. The girl herself answered her rap, and invited her into the wee living room. In an easy chair at one side of the fireplace reclined a delicate, sweet-faced woman.

"My name is Nellie Ross, and I have noticed you and thought you were a stranger here," began Nellie in the winning way that had always won her many friends, "and so I

thought I would call and ask you to join our Sunday school class. We have such good times, and Mrs. Allen, our teacher, is so interesting."

"I would like to go," the girl faltered; "but they are all such strangers to me, and"—

"That will not matter," declared Nellie. "I will come for you and will introduce you to the rest of the girls."

"I thank you, my dear," said the woman, before the girl could answer again. "I am sure Edna will be glad to go. It has been rather a trying time for her, I fear, since we came here, although she has never complained, for fear it might worry me."

"She was always a regular attendant at Sunday school at home. But my health failed and I thought a winter here might save my life."

"My husband could not come with me, for he must work at home to get money to pay our expenses, so Edna gave up her school and everything to come with me. We are compelled to live very cheaply, you see, but I am getting better, and I think I shall get quite well, if only Edna can be contented here," with a fond glance at her daughter.

"Of course, I shall be contented, Mamma," replied Edna.

"I'm sure she will like the Sunday school very much," said Nellie, earnestly, "and I will come for her tomorrow."

She did so, and Edna went with her, although she felt a little shy, but the warm welcome given her by Mrs. Allen, and the friendliness of the girls, soon made her feel at home. It was not until the school joined in singing the last song, that she so far forgot herself as to join in the singing. Then the girls were astonished. She sang alto beautifully.

"Really," cried one of them as soon as they were dismissed, "you must join our singing group, will you? We often sing for shut-ins and need an alto so badly."

From that time on, Edna had no cause for loneliness, for she was one of the girls, and her mother smiled and grew better.

The father of one of our presidents, Calvin Coolidge, once said: "When Calvin was a boy on the farm, if I was going away and there was anything I wanted him to do, I would tell him. But when I got back, I never thought of going to see if he had done it. I knew it was done."

Can your father and mother depend upon you like that? Can God?

Morning is a good time to pray. The psalmist David thought so. He said, "My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee." If you do not pray every morning, why not begin tomorrow? You will find the day will be a happier one.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

The attitude that some might have about doing as they please or the thought that they do not care what others think of them is a wrong attitude. The Bible teaches us that we are to care if we hurt or harm others. Anything that you do affects someone. If you lie, it affects others. If you cheat it affects others. If you get angry, steal, or have respect of persons it affects others, but, boys and girls, it affects you most of all. Did you not know that all of this grieves God, too? Be sure and watch your thoughts about others and see that they

are kind thoughts. God will help you if you will pray to him. Our lesson tells us not to give any place to the devil.

There is one kind of cheating that I want to talk to you about. It is becoming a great concern to school teachers. That is cheating in the classroom. This is the same as stealing. You are stealing your grades and stealing others' answers which are not your own. This is a serious thing. It would be better to take a low grade than to cheat. I know that some boys and girls have to study more than others, but don't you be lazy. Just get after yourself real good when you feel like being lazy and not studying. It is good to study because it makes your mind grow to be active. God needs active minds to use in His service. It is a shame that some schools have to have a person walking up and down the rows watching to see that no one cheats. Boys and girls, don't ever cheat.

We want to think about drinking strong drinks in our lesson today. We feel that you need to know the bad effects of strong drinks while you are young so you can guard yourself against it. Some might say that just a little won't hurt but, my boys and girls, that is what the drunkard said when he first started. He didn't intend to drink so much that he would lose his job, cause his family to suffer and be a public nuisance. Many wrecks are caused by drink. Not too long ago we saw a car that had hit a bridge and was torn nearly in two. The back wheels were off and the man severely injured, possibly dead. He was drinking. The Bible says that drunkenness is a sin. Read Prov. 20:1; 23:29-32. Strong drink will destroy you both body and soul. Can you tell about someone you know who has let drink be his master? "Touch not" the cup of strong drink.

Think a little about what our lesson

says about respect of persons. Boys and girls, God loves everybody regardless of their color. God wants you to love them, too. It is a sin to show respect of persons. I know some precious colored and white saints. I have been in the Church of God most of my life which is over half a century. The colored and whites have always worshiped together in the Church of God. God bless you.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 11, March 13, 1966

MAN AND OTHERS

Eph. 4:25-32; James 2:8-10, 14-17

Eph. 4:25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.

26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

27 Neither give place to the devil.

28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the things which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

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

James 2:8 If ye fulfill the royal law

according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

9 But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.

10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works; shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

Memory Verse: Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another. Romans 12:9, 10.

Central Thought: We are to give others faith, hope and love.

QUESTIONS:

1. Can we live a life that doesn't affect others?

2. How can we give place to the devil?

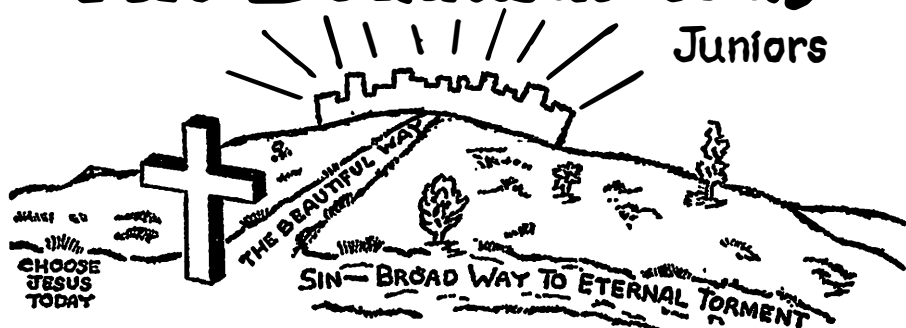
3. Name some of the things that our lesson said was wrong.

4. What does it mean to show respect of persons?

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Mar. 20

Half-Hearted

Half-way to the goal in view
Is a miss; ah, this is true.

Half a promise is not sure,
Half a heart cannot endure.

Half a person cannot live,
Half a gift you cannot give,
Half a hope is hope deferred,
Half a word is not a word.

Half a task is finished not,
Half a life is but a blot;
Thus half-hearted men for God
Find their portion 'neath the sod.
—Leslie Busbee

All For God's Glory

Sarah's face was usually one of the happiest in her Sunday school but today the smile did not come so easily as usual. Sarah was just eleven years old, but she loved the Lord and tried to keep happy for Him and to make others happy. Sometimes it was hard; for Sarah's family was poor, and the five children could not always have

just the things they wanted.

Sarah was fond of pretty clothes, especially pretty coats. When the wind blew hard, and the air was cold, she thought that pretty warm coats seemed to laugh at the cold weather and cause those who wore them to laugh, too. Sarah had never had a brand new coat or a very pretty one for herself. Some winters she had worn her sister Jane's old coats; once she had had only a big, heavy sweater; at other times she had worn coats given her by her friends.

Since she loved the Lord, she knew that it was He who took care of her and sent her what she needed—coats as much as everything else. She felt selfish to pray for an especially pretty coat for herself when some people had no coats at all. But how she hoped that some winter the Lord would send her a warm, beautiful new one!

On this Sunday, Sarah was in Sunday school and was trying to look happy, but away down inside she felt sad. She had somehow believed that this winter the Lord would send her the kind of coat that she had wanted

for so long. However, when the cold days came, she had only an old coat which Jane had outgrown after wearing it two winters. Sarah wouldn't let a shabby coat keep her from going to Sunday school, so she went on, wearing the much-mended, faded brown coat. She felt as if everyone were looking at her and thinking how ugly her coat was.

She thought so much about her coat that she heard scarcely a word of her Sunday school lesson. During the preaching service which followed, her mind was still on the coat until the preacher announced his text: "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

"I wish," thought Sarah, "that that verse meant everything that I do—even wearing old coats." As the preacher continued his sermon, she suddenly realized that he was talking about everything that people do—wearing clothes or anything else. Then suddenly she had a happy idea. "I can wear this coat for God's glory," she thought. "I prayed for a coat, and He sent this to me, so I can wear it just because it is the coat my Father gave me, and I am glad that He did. It keeps me warm enough to come to His house, whether it is pretty or not."

For several weeks Sarah remembered this and wore the old coat quite cheerfully. Then one Sunday she noticed that her Sunday school teacher looked and looked at her a great many times. Then Sarah's thoughts about the coat started again. "I'm sure she thinks this coat is horrid," she thought, "and wonders why I don't wear a better one. Since I have to wear this old coat, I do wish that

other folks could not see how ugly it looks."

After church her teacher came to her and said, "Sarah, dear, I have been watching you and my daughter Belle together, and I believe that you are just a bit smaller than Belle. Aren't you? If you have time tomorrow, I wish you would come down to my house for a moment. I have something to show you."

When she entered the teacher's home the next day, Sarah saw a beautiful, dark red coat, brand new, lying on a chair. "How pretty it is! I hope some day I can have one almost that nice," Sarah said to herself.

Much to her astonishment, when her teacher entered the room, she slipped the beautiful coat on Sarah. "There! it's a perfect fit," she said. "Belle's aunt sent it to her; but since Belle has one nice coat, and this one is too small for her anyway, I would like for you to have it. Do you think you could use it?"

Sarah thanked her many times and hurried home with the new coat. "Mother, Mother," she cried, when she entered the house, "just see the beautiful new coat that the Lord sent me! I tried to wear the old one for His glory, and I am going to try harder than ever to live for Him each minute while I wear this new one."

—Selected

A SENSIBLE CHOICE

John Nelson, the Yorkshire mason, who was a co-worker with John Wesley, possessed convictions and earnestness that should characterize every Christian of today.

When threatened with dismissal because of his refusal to work on Sunday, he said: "I would rather

have my wife and children beg their way barefoot to Heaven than to ride in a coach to Hell. I will run the risk of wanting bread here rather than the hazard of wanting water hereafter."

It is interesting to relate that Nelson's employer admired his earnest steadfastness so much that he increased his wages and stopped all work on Sunday.

THE LORD HATH NEED

"Nobody seems to want me," said a young girl forlornly. "I'm a cripple and in everybody's way."

As she spoke to herself, she chanced to be passing a book shop. Her eyes fell upon the words, "The Lord hath need."

She repeated the words a number of times so she would not forget them. When she reached home she looked them up in her Bible.

"Jesus once needed a donkey," she said. "Perhaps He wants me—a cripple. I'll ask Him."

Forty years later a lame Bible woman died—mourned by hundreds of people. That woman was once the little lame girl.

It does not matter who you are, the Lord needs you. If you will give your life to Him, He will use you for His glory in just the place where you can serve Him best. —Selected

Dear Boys and Girls:—

God wants us to love Him with all of our hearts. I think about Zaccheus. (Luke 19). He wanted to see Jesus. He climbed up in a sycamore tree because he was a small man. How anxious Zaccheus was to see such a wonderful

person as Jesus! Jesus had shown love to everyone. He had healed the sick comforted the sad and forgiven the sins of those who had sinned. Finally Jesus and the crowd came by the tree. Zaccheus was surprised when the crowd stopped and Jesus looked up into the tree. Jesus said, "Zaccheus, make haste and come down; for today I must abide at your house." Oh, how happy Zaccheus was! Jesus was coming to his house! Zaccheus received Jesus into his house joyfully. In the presence of Jesus, Zaccheus saw all the sins that he had committed. He felt very sorry. Zaccheus said to Jesus, "Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold." Jesus was happy that Zaccheus was sorry that he had done wrong. Jesus was happy that Zaccheus wanted to make his wrongs right. He was glad that Zaccheus wanted to give Him his all. Jesus said, "This day is salvation come to this house. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Zaccheus is our example today. He gave his all to Jesus. Our lesson today brings out how a man told Jesus he would follow him. Jesus told him that the birds and foxes have places to stay but that Jesus did not have a place to lay his head. Boys and girls, you have a home and you should be thankful but if Jesus should call you away from it to work for him when you grow older you should be willing to go. We are to put Jesus first in our lives.

There are many excuses that people make for not putting Jesus first. Can you name some reasons why some boys and girls do not come to Sunday School? Sometimes they are too sleepy. Sometimes their friends come to see them or their relatives. What do you think

about these excuses? Some boys and girls think that their clothes are not nice enough. But that is not a good excuse. We want them to come if they do not have nice clothes, don't we? Jesus wants them to come, also.

Jesus said in our lesson that if a person started out to live for the Lord and then turned back, he was not fit to be in the kingdom of God. We do not want to look back. We have left the crowd and all the worldly things and have decided to go to heaven, haven't we? God will bless you if you leave all and give your all to Him. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 12, March 20, 1966

GOD WANTS OUR ALL

Luke 9:57-62; Col. 2:20-34

Luke 9:57 And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

58 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.

62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

Col. 2:20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

21 (Touch not; taste not; handle not;

22 Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?

23 Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Memory Verse: I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Rom. 12:1.

Central Thought: We must serve God with all of our heart, mind, soul and strength.

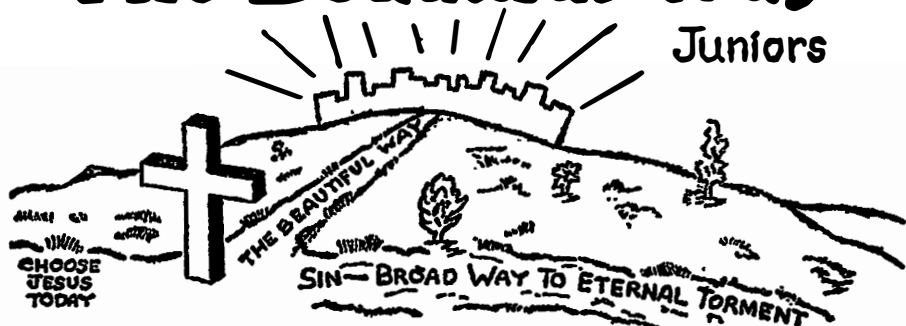
QUESTIONS:

1. Tell the story about Zaccheus.
2. What did Jesus say about where he lived?
3. What were some of the excuses that some gave to wait to follow Jesus?
4. Where are we to put our affection?
5. How can we give our all to Jesus?

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Part Thirteen

Mar. 27

God's Church--Man's Church

One came down from heaven,
The other sprang from earth.
One has entrance given
By the second birth.

But the other searches
For the praise of man
Gives an entrance merely
By the preacher's hand.

One shall stand forever,
Heaven made sublime,
But the other fadeth
With the mists of time.

—Leslie Busbee

"Our Building Is Fine"

"Daddy, I think we ought to build a new church building," said Edward. "That old building doesn't look too good."

"Well, son, that would be a great undertaking," said Daddy looking up from reading his Bible. "How much money do you have to put into a new building? And our building is big

enough to take care of all that come."

"Well-I-I, I don't have any money," said Edward, getting up and sitting in another chair. "But it doesn't look like we love God very much since our building isn't very nice."

"What does loving God have to do with the building?" asked Daddy. "It is just a place where we go to worship God. The building can't love God. It is the people in the building who love God."

"Anyway, Randy's mother said that the Bible taught that we should have a nice big building. She said that Solomon's temple was a big place and was the best building that could be built in that day and that God told them just how to build it," Edward said.

"Oh, I see now what you are talking about, son," said Daddy. "Why did Randy's mother tell you that?"

"I asked Randy to come to our Sunday school and he said that he didn't want to because we did not have a big building," Edward said. "He said that he went to a big church and that they love God more than we do. I told him that I thought we could love

God in a small building. Then his mother came out on the porch and when she knew what we were talking about she told me that the Bible said we should have a big building."

"Now, son, Randy's mother doesn't understand the scriptures clearly that tell about the building of Solomon's temple and its purpose, nor what God did to change that when He sent the Holy Spirit into the world after Jesus ascended into heaven," said Daddy. "Now when Moses built the tabernacle in the wilderness it was to be a tent home or dwelling place for God to dwell by His Spirit among the people. Then when David built a big fine house to live in he wanted to build a house for God to dwell in, too. He got the materials together and Solomon, David's son, built the fine temple that we read about in the Bible."

"Yes, it was a big building and had a lot of gold in it," said Edward.

"Yes, it was a fine structure," said Daddy. "But now, Edward, when Jesus came he tried to get the people to accept him as their Saviour or the Messiah that they were expecting but they would not. He told them that their 'house would be left unto them desolate.' Then you remember when Jesus died on the cross the 'veil of the temple was rent in twain from top to bottom.' (Matt. 27:51.) God's spirit moved out of that building. The people had turned away from keeping God's commandments and they would not accept his son Jesus. Now, son, today God's spirit dwells in our bodies when we are saved and sanctified. Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, just as Solomon's temple and the tabernacle that Moses built was the temple or place that God's spirit dwelt in in the old Bible times."

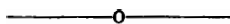
"You mean that God's Spirit dwells in our bodies now like it did in Solomon's temple?" asked Edward. "I did not know that."

"Yes, when we are saved and filled with the Holy Spirit our bodies are the temple of God and He dwells, by his Spirit, in our bodies," said Daddy. "Let me read to you from the New Testament about that. Here in 1 Cor. 6:19 it reads, '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?' So the church building or the chapel is only a place where God's people meet together. The Spirit of God is not in the building except when those who have the Spirit of God within them come into that building. The building is not important except as a place to meet together. How big or fine the building is does not show how much we love God."

"Why, I think our building is all right," said Edward. "I don't think we need another unless it gets too small to hold those who want to come."

"It is sad today because people do not see the truths in God's Word about these things. They glory in their large building and feel that they can show that they love God. Some things that go on in those buildings are not even in accordance with the word of God and I don't feel that God even meets with them," Daddy said. "We need to pray that they might be able to understand God's word better."

—Sister Marie Miles



Bad books are poison to the mind as poison is to the body. Only read those things that will help you to be better.

Better Whistle Than Whine

Two small boys were on their way to school. The smaller one tumbled, and, though not badly hurt, began to whine in a babyish way—a little cross whine. The older boy took his hand in a fatherly way, and said:

"Oh, never mind, Jimmy; don't whine; it's a lot better to whistle." And he began in the merriest way, a cheerful boy-whistle. Jimmy tried to join in the whistle. Again and again he would look at the older boy, and each time, he made another attempt to whistle just as he did.

"I can't whistle," he complained.

"Try again."

"But I can't whistle like you, Charlie."

"You did the other day."

"My lips won't pucker up good."

"Oh, that's because you haven't got all the whine out yet," said Charlie. "Try a minute, and the whistle will drive the whine away."

So he did; and the last I saw or heard of the little fellows they were whistling away as earnestly as if that were the chief end of the day.

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson today is about the church. In the Bible the word church means the people who are born again. But today in the dictionary it also means a building. But let us talk about what the Bible teaches the church is like.

Our lesson compares it to the body. The body has one head. The hands and feet do what the body tells them to do. They work together. The hands are kind to the body. When you have a head ache your body feels the pain. You take care of your head. Now this compares

to the body of Christ which is the church of God in the world today. Those who belong to God love everyone else who belongs to God. When one person is sick the others try to help that one out. The body of Christ works beautifully in the world today.

We are born into the family of God. We talked about being born again in one of our lessons. When you are born into your father's family you took his name, didn't you? Well, when you are saved you are born into the family of God. So you take the name of God. Therefore you are called Church of God. Paul tells us about this. He said, "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." Eph. 3:14, 15.

Now God keeps the record of those who are born into the family of God. In Psa. 87:5, 6 we read "The Lord shall count, when he writeth up the people that this man was born there." Then Jesus one time told the disciples to "rejoice because your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:20. Now when we sin our names are blotted out of the book of life. Exo. 32:32. So we want to be careful that we do not sin so our names will be there in the judgment day because that is when the books will be opened. We will all be judged out of those books. If our names are not there we will be cast into the lake of fire. Rev. 20:11-15.

Our lesson tells us that Jesus is the chief corner stone of the building. We are all lively stones in that building. Each has a place. Sometimes there are big stones and small stones in a building. Sometimes some stones are not seen from the outside but they are really important. We each have our places in that building and it is an important place. We want to fill our place well.

We are a chosen people of God. We are peculiar and precious to God. We are different from the world. We are kind, loving and helpful. We do not do evil things. God loves his church. Boys and girls, be careful to please the Lord so you will be ready when he calls.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 13, March 27, 1966

THE CHURCH OF GOD

1 Cor. 12:12, 13, 27; Col. 1:18-20;

1 Peter 2:4-10

1 Cor. 12:12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

Col. 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

1 Pet. 2:4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,

5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, accept-

able to God by Jesus Christ.

6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner.

8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Memory Verse: 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. Matthew 16:18.

Central Thought: The church of God is made up of each member that is saved.

QUESTIONS:

1. How does the body of Christ compare to our body?

2. Who is the head of the church of God?

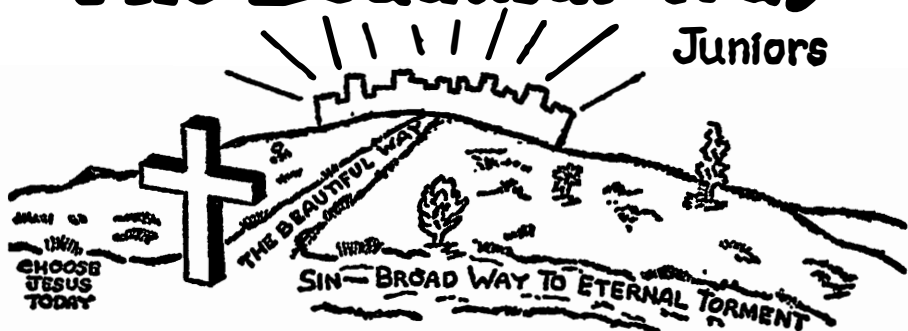
3. How do you get into the church of God?

4. What puts you out of the church of God?

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Part One

April 3

Triumphant Jesus

Up to heaven He ascended,
Christ, the Lord for sinners slain,
While the Church as He intended
Spread the tidings of His reign.

There at Father's side He's seated,
Praying for His loved and own
Who are in the conflict heated
Gospel tidings making known.

Soon in power and great glory
And the clouds of heaven fair
He'll return, O wond'rous story!
He'll reward us over there.

—Leslie Busbee

Only A Glass of Water

Martha Culbreth was spending her vacation at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, last summer. On one of the hot days of that period, an elderly woman from Newton, Pa., asked for a glass of water in the hotel lobby. Martha got it for her. A conversation followed, and they became good friends. Martha also met the woman's

son, Thomas M. Baker, a Philadelphia realtor.

Months passed by, and Martha was sitting at the piano in the Andrew Tola's music store at Fayetteville, N. C., where she was employed. In walked Thomas Baker, and handed her \$7500 as a "birthday remembrance" from his mother.

"I thought he was making fun of me," said the blond, nineteen-year-old Martha, "when he explained that it was because I'd been kind to his mother."

Still thinking he was twitting her when he asked: "Is there something else you would like?" she jokingly said: "Why sure—the store!" At that Mr. Baker asked the proprietor to set a price, and bought it on the spot, in his name and Martha's.

Then Martha recalled an almost forgotten incident, that of giving Mrs. Baker a glass of water on a hot day.

"It's just like a dream," said Martha. "I wake up in the morning wondering if it's really true."

Other persons have been handsomely rewarded for a drink of water. There is the case of the uncrowned

king who fled to a cave to elude his enemies. He exclaimed: "Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem!"

Three men immediately took their lives in their hands and went to Bethlehem—an armed camp of an enemy—drew water from the well, and brought it to the thirsty king. He looked upon the water as the blood of the brave men that brought it and could not drink it; but when he came to the throne, he rewarded the men with positions of honor and trust in his kingdom (1 Chron. 11).

A greater than David has said: "For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in My Name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward" (Mark 9:41.)

The despised and rejected and uncrowned Lord Jesus Christ (save with a crown of thorns) when dying for our sins, cried: "I thirst." Someone took a sponge, dipped it in vinegar and raised it to His parched lips. He cried: "It is finished," and bowed His head and dismissed His spirit (John 19:30).

Some day He is going to abundantly reward even a cup of water given to one who belongs to Christ! One "belongs" to Him when he places faith in Him and acknowledges Him as his Saviour and Lord.

It is an inestimable honor to belong to Christ, and additional honors shall be conferred on such as do things in His worthy Name!

If folks read this who are living under the guilt of secret sins, we would urge you to heed these thrilling words: "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though

they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isa. 1:18).

Make Christ your Saviour by faith; be forgiven; and live a life glorifying to God and helpful to man. —Sel.

An Honest Boy

A man stood at the corner of a vacant city lot one day, watching two boys in a race. One was a street boy and the other a vigorous school boy. They were about the same age and weight, and very well matched. When they came to the corner lot, however, the school boy stopped short, while his companion took the short cut across the lot instead of going around the square. The watching man was interested.

"Why did you stop the race so soon, my boy?" he asked. "It seemed to me you were a step or two ahead just as you quit."

The boy lifted an honest face and said, "Don't you see that sign?" pointing to "Trespassing Forbidden" on a small, plainly written board. "I'm no law-breaker."

"Who owns this lot?" the man asked, very much interested.

"Oh, Mr.—. He is in California for the winter."

"And this is Maine! Why, how could he know?"

"Maybe he couldn't, but I would know," was the simple answer.

Later this man sent this very boy, then eighteen on an errand of trust and much importance to them both. "I picked him out," he explained, "because I never knew him to do wrong even when it seemed he might not be found out. He is honest to himself."

—Selected

MAKE A GOOD BEGINNING

If you never begin you will never come to an end. The first weed pulled in the garden, the first seed set in the ground, the first dollar put in savings, the first mile traveled on a trip, are all important things; they make a beginning, a hope, a promise, a pledge, an assurance that you are in earnest with what you have undertaken. If your youth is trifled away without becoming strong in courage and improvement, manhood will probably not be enjoyable and old age miserable.

Dear Saints,

I am eleven years old and I'm saved and encouraged. I want to testify to the healing of my side after the Pacoima, Calif. campmeeting. I had a place come on my side, a very small thing but it turned into a boil. It was very painful. It was so bad I had to wear my belt and jeans below it so not to put pressure on it.

One day while I was in school it was hurting and I rubbed it and it opened. I didn't know it but Mother had felt impressed to pray for it to open and it did about the same time she was praying. Praise the Lord!

I had others come until there were five of them but the Lord helped me and I didn't have to miss school because of them. They were all close together but the first one had two deep openings. The Lord healed them all. I'm thankful the Lord is a mighty God. Pray for me as I have many trials and tests in school.

Your Brother in the Lord,

—Samuel Miles

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Can you tell me what an ambassador from this country to another country is?

Yes, it is a person who is appointed to represent the United States in another country. For instance, we send a man from this country to England and if there is anything we want England to know about, we have that ambassador tell them. If England has any questions about the United States they talk to the ambassador and he tries to answer them or help them to understand what our government will do.

Our lesson tells us that the church, which is made up of all "born again" boys, girls, men and women, is an ambassador for Christ here in this world. The work of the church is to bring a lost world back to God. The church has a high calling, don't you think? Just think now that you are taking Jesus' place in the world. What did Jesus do when he was here? He was kind, loving, and tender. He comforted the sad, weak and needy. He healed those who were sick. He went about doing good. He taught the people about God. He told them to repent of their sins. He reproved sin and wickedness. He told those who were claiming to do right and did not do right that they were hypocrites. He spoke to them in parables so they could understand deep truths. A parable is a story that brings out a truth. In the "Beautiful Way" we tell parables so you can understand some truths. That makes things that are right to do simple and plain. Remember how Jesus spoke of the ravens, lilies, servants, the man who gave a feast and many other things in story form so they could know deep truth. Now we are ambassadors for Christ. We, who have been made new creatures through repentance and forsaking of our sins, are to help others find God. We have a great work. We want to tell others about Jesus and His saving power. We are representing Jesus in this world.

The first part of our lesson was to the Corinthian church. The last part of our lesson was a letter written by Paul to the Ephesians. He says he is the least among all, but was made a minister to the Gentiles. Can you tell what happened when Paul told the Gentiles about Jesus and some of his troubles? Read about some of them in Acts 16:15-36. Study our memory verse, also.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 1, April 3, 1966

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

2 Cor. 5:16-21; Eph. 3:7-12

2 Cor. 5:16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Eph. 3:7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace

of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.

9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

Memory Verse: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Matt. 28:19, 20.

Central Thought: We want to be a true representative or ambassador of Christ in this world.

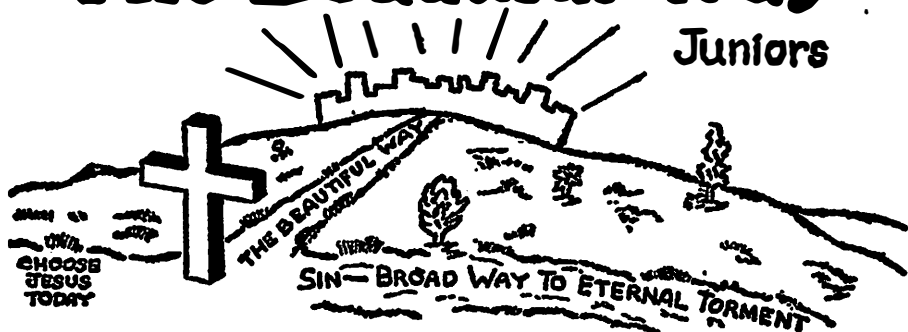
QUESTIONS:

1. What is an ambassador?
2. Tell what Jesus did when he was here on the earth.
3. Who is in the church?
4. What did Jesus tell the church to do in our memory verse?
5. Can we be lazy and stay in the church of God?

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Part Two

April 10

VICTORY

Hallelujah! Christ is risen
From the grave, a Conqueror!
Over death a triumph given
To the faithful evermore!

Let us sing, rejoice forever,
In His grace divinely live:
Let us be discouraged never!
Heart and life so freely give.

Of His triumph and His glory
We can surely share with Him
If we'll love His gospel story,
Sing it through earth's shadows dim.

—Leslie Busbee

He Is Risen

Bishop Thoburn was once asked by an unbeliever, "Surely you do not accept the theory that a Jewish Teacher, dead for nearly two thousand years, is alive today?"

The bishop quietly but confidently replied, "I know He is, for I have been talking with Him this morning."

To him the most convincing proof of the resurrection was daily communion with the living Saviour.

Jay S. Stowell tells of a man who was "window shopping" in a large city at Easter time. Through the plate glass of a department store window he was looking at a large painting of the crucifixion of Jesus. Suddenly he was aware of a street boy standing at his side.

"That's Jesus," remarked the boy.

The man made no reply, but the boy volunteered further information, pointing to certain figures in the painting. "Them's Roman soldiers."

After a moment he added, "They killed Him."

Surprised at the boy's enthusiasm, the man asked, "Where did you learn that?"

"In the little mission Sunday School around the corner," was the reply.

The man turned and walked thoughtfully down the street, but he had not gone far when he heard the boy calling after him.

"Say, Mister."

He came to a stop and waited until the youngster caught up.

"Say, Mister," said the boy, "I wanted to tell you that. He rose again."

That part of the story, which the boy had nearly forgotten, is the message that has been coming down to us through the ages. It is the message of the triumph of life over death. "He is risen; He is not here." —Sel.

Marie Learns About Easter

Anne came rushing in from school with pigtails flying, and her sweet little face all smeared up with dirt and tears.

"Mamma!" she cried.

"Whatever is the matter?" asked her mother, drying her hands on her apron.

"It's Marie!" Anne wailed. "She's going to have a new dress and new socks and new shoes and new everything!"

"Why, Anne," Mother said, "I think that's fine. Aren't you glad Marie is going to have nice things?"

"Yes, but — Yes, but—"

Mother found a hanky to wipe the tears away.

"She's going to have them all to wear on Easter Day. And I won't have any! And she laughed at me! And—and she said that's what Easter is for! And — and—"

"Poor Anne!" Mother said. "Marie has got you all mixed up, hasn't she?" "She's mean!" wailed Anne.

"No," Mother said, "I don't think she's really mean. She's just got Easter backwards. Sometimes we have new clothes for Easter, but Easter is not especially for wearing new clothes."

Anne dried her tears and washed her dirty face.

"I tell you what," Mother suggested. "You ask Marie to come to supper tomorrow. Then we'll get Daddy to read about the Easter story for our devotion."

The next day everybody was seated around the supper table with bright faces and clean hands. Daddy put on glasses and cleared his throat. He opened the big Bible carefully, and started to read about Easter.

Anne smiled at Mother and Marie sat very quietly to listen. She loved stories.

When he had finished reading, Daddy closed the Bible and began to pray. "Dear Father in heaven, look down on us tonight, and bless our little family and our little friend. Thank you for this food You have given us. Thank you, too, for Jesus who died in our place. Help us to love Him as much as we should and to keep his Easter with all our hearts. Amen."

After supper Marie and Anne went out to play, but Marie didn't say anything about the Easter Story. Anne was disappointed. But that night when Marie went home, she told her mother:

"I had the most wonderful time, Mother. Before we ate supper Anne's father read a story in the Bible and said a prayer, just like in church. And you know what? Easter isn't for candy, toys and new dresses at all! Easter is because Jesus died in our place and then arose. The story is right in the Bible!" —Beams of Light

A Mystery

We should not wonder so much about just how we will be resurrected. It seems a mystery but there are many mysteries all around us. The

butterfly goes through four different stages before it becomes a grown-up butterfly. It is interesting to watch. You look at the little egg and it hatches into a worm or larva. As you look at that worm it seems a mystery to you that it will turn into a beautiful butterfly, but it does. The worm or caterpillar grows, sheds its skin several times, and at last forms a case around itself. It is now called a pupa. The pupa changes to a grown-up butterfly. Many other insects follow the butterfly plan of growing up.

Then it should not be such a mystery that our house of clay or body can be planted or put into the ground and some day come forth a new body. Did you know that science claims that every seven years our body has undergone a complete change? But we do not lose our identity for we still are Bill, Joe, Susan, or Anna. When Bill or Susan becomes a teen-ager there is not one particle of the same body that composed them as a baby. A complete change has taken place in the whole body. It is a big mystery, isn't it? Then when they get to be middle-aged they are completely new and also in old age. But they still are Bill or Susan. The old particles are thrown off and are replaced by new skin, bones, etc. The change is very gradual and you do not notice it very much.

We need not try to understand how our bodies will come forth from the grave and have a new body but only believe it because it is true. Jesus told those who did not believe, "Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God." —Marie Miles

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our hearts are filled with thanksgiv-

ing and joy today as we think about our precious Lord and Saviour who arose from the grave. We are serving a living Saviour. He is now sitting on the right hand of God.

I am sure the disciples were bewildered when Jesus was put in the grave. As they saw the soldiers guarding his grave they could not seem to let their faith take in that He would arise again, although he had told them about it before he died. The women that came to the tomb early that morning were sad, also. No doubt they did not sleep any that night. But when they arrived, something unusual met their eyes. The big stone had been rolled away and they saw an angel sitting on the right side as they entered the sepulchre. They were surprised to hear the words of that angel when he said, "He is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him." (See Mark 16:1-8.)

Jesus appeared to many before he ascended up into heaven. Today we can pray to him and he hears and answers our cries.

Our lesson tells us that because Jesus arose, we, too, will arise. Adam sinned and brought spiritual death to the soul. Now through Jesus we are made alive. Through Jesus we all shall be restored to life. Praise the Lord. When Jesus comes bursting through the clouds in that last day, those who are in the graves will come forth with a new body. We, who are alive will also be changed. All will have a new body, one that will never decay.

The last part of our lesson is a scene that John the Revelator saw in a vision. He saw a multitude that could not be numbered of people from all nations, kindreds, people and tongues, standing before the great throne of God. They were clothed with white robes, which means they were all saved. They were

waving palms of victory with their hands. These people who made it into heaven came up through much suffering and great trials but now they were happy. There were no more tears, troubles, nor trials. They were safe in heaven. This is the victory of the church or the kingdom which Jesus, in the end, will give to His Father (ver. 24). Boys and girls, love the Lord and be willing to suffer here if needful, so you can be ready to go to heaven when you die. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 2, April 10, 1966

THE VICTORY OF THE CHURCH

1 Cor. 15:20-26; Rev. 7:9, 10, 13-17

1 Cor. 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterwards they that are Christ's at his coming.

24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

Rev. 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands.

10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Memory Verse: And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. Rev. 11:15.

Central Thought: Because Jesus arose we, too, will arise at the end of time.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who was the firstfruits of them that slept or had died?

2. What will Christ do in the end of time? (verse 24)

3. Tell about the resurrection of Jesus.

4. What vision did John the Revelator see?

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Part Three

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A True King

"He that ruleth over men
Must be just," the scripture said.
He who rules in pride and sin
By the wrath of God is fed.

He that ruleth must in love
All His subjects' peace secure,
Knowing that the Lord above
Makes a Kingdom safe and sure.

Such a King is Christ the Lord
Reigning in our hearts today,
And His might does well afford
Grace to walk the heavenly way.
—Leslie Busbee

Jennie Browning

The light of a beautiful Sunday was fast fading, and the last golden gleams fell softly upon the form of a light-haired little girl who sat by a cottage window, her head leaning upon her hand as if in deep thought.

The sun had departed like a grand old monarch, leaving behind him a glory of purple and gold more beau-

tiful than his own full splendor. Yet the little girl saw nothing of all this beauty. She was thinking of the story in the Sabbath school book she had been reading—the story of a child's life; and she wondered if all that happened in the story could be really true.

Jennie was pondering in her troubled brain a question which the reading of the book had brought. What could it be? Evidently it was not to be answered easily, for her face only grew more clouded, until at last she resolved to ask the help of some wiser mind.

Fortunately, Jennie knew that she had but to make her perplexities known to her mother and they would all be explained in the clearest way; so, seating herself in her rocking chair by her mother's side, she said:—

"Mamma, I want you to tell me something."

"Well, dear, what is it?"

"I've just finished a Sunday school book, you know, and it's just perfectly lovely; all about the sweetest little girl; only she was always doing so many kind things for everybody; and

I've been trying to think what's the reason little girls in books always have so many chances for doing good, and little girls like me, who are out of books, don't have any at all."

"Not any at all?" questioned the mother. "Is that really so?"

"Well, no, not quite, I suppose," said Jennie, "but then they are just nothing but the tiniest little bits of things. There's never anything big and splendid for real little girls like me to do.

"Now, Susy Chrystie, in the story, took her little sister May out for a walk, and just while they were crossing a bridge, May pulled her hand away from Susy's, and tried to walk on the edge, just as close as she could, but in one second her foot slipped, and she would have fallen off into the water if her sister hadn't jumped right to her, and caught hold of her dress, and pulled her back all safe.

"Now just think, mamma," said Jennie, her blue eyes opening widely as she spoke, "Susy Chrystie saved her little sister's life; wasn't that a splendid, big something to do?"

"Yes, my dear, that was a brave thing for a little girl to do, for even an older person might have been too frightened by seeing the danger May was in, to act quickly; but if my little Jennie will always try to keep quite still, and never scream when any sudden fright comes to her, she too may be able to think quickly of the best way in which to help herself or others."

"But, mamma, you know that nothing ever does happen to me; and besides, I haven't any little sister or brother."

"Never mind, my child, if you will do carefully everything you do understand, and obey cheerfully even when

you cannot see why you should, you will please your heavenly Father and give me comfort and pleasure, and perhaps some day you may have a chance to do something brave."

Jennie's face grew brighter, as it always did when she had confided her griefs to mamma, and for many days she watched and waited anxiously, thinking that at any time something might happen.

And so it did; for one day a letter came from Jennie's aunt, Mrs. Graham, saying she would come and spend a few days with her sister, and bring with her little Willie, a boy about two years old.

Of course, they were very welcome, and Jennie greatly enjoyed playing with her cousin. He was a charming fellow, but very fond of having his own way; and one of his great enjoyments was to plunge two chubby hands into Jennie's thick, light hair, and pull it with all his might.

Of course this was a short-lived pleasure when any older person saw him, but when they were alone, Jennie would endure the pain patiently until she could coax the little fellow to let go.

She never gave him a cross word, and when the nurse would say impatiently, "Indeed, there, Miss Jennie, it's a wonder you don't just slap his hands!" she would answer gravely, "Oh, no, he's so much littler than I am."

Yet Jennie was not perfect, and though she generally tried to do what was right, sometimes, like the rest of the world, she wanted to do what she knew was wrong.

One bright afternoon, when she was playing in the yard, her mother called her:—

"Your aunt and I must ride to the station directly, to meet uncle and your father, and I would like to have you go quietly into the nursery and sit there until Maggie returns from an errand; it will not be long."

"But Willie is sound asleep, mamma he doesn't want me," said Jennie, who was anxious to stay out of doors.

"Yes, dear, I know it, but we shall feel safer to have some one in the room, even if he is asleep; something may happen if he is alone."

(Continued in the next issue)

WHITE LIES

"Say, Bill, how about me borrowing your hammer?" yelled Jack across his back fence.

"I am going to use it," Bill yelled back. "I just told Jack that because I don't like for him to use my hammer. He never brings it back."

"But Bill, that is a lie," said Ronnie who was sitting with Bill on the back steps.

"Oh, maybe it was a little white lie," said Bill. "White lies are all right."

"The preacher said last Sunday that there was not any such thing as a white lie," said Ronnie. "A lie is a lie."

"Well, maybe so," said Bill. "I guess I had better get the hammer for Jack."
—M. Miles

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson is about a proud, rich king who wanted his own way and refused to take counsel from those who were older and wiser than he. None of us get too old that we cannot learn from another. I was glad not too long ago to

hear a young man say that he liked to talk to older people because he learned much from them. This young man will be a wise person if he continues to respect the wisdom of those who have had sad experiences and he can profit by their mistakes.

King Solomon had died and now one of his older sons was made king. Solomon had reigned for forty years and Rehoboam was 41 when he became king. King Solomon had forsaken the ways of the Lord in his old age. He had let his many wives turn his heart away from God. (1 Kings 11:3). He also had made the taxes heavy upon the people. He had a great household. For one day's provisions he had 30 measures (about 323 bushels) of fine flour, three score measures of meal (about 645 bushels), thirty oxen, 100 sheep, besides roebucks, fallowdeer and fatted fowl (1 Kings 4:22, 23). This was a lot of food. It cost a lot of money just to feed them, besides the maintenance. He had a large army, 30,000 horses in his calvary, and a large fleet. He also had many huge buildings. The people were made sad because of the heavy taxes upon them.

God had showed Jeroboam that he was going to punish Solomon's household because he had disobeyed God. He was going to divide the kingdom. He told him he would give him ten of the tribes of Israel but would keep two for Solomon's son because of David. Jeroboam was in Egypt when Rehoboam became king. He came back and went with the congregation of Israel to ask the king to take off some of the taxes. The king told them to come back in three days. During this time the king asked the older men of his kingdom what to do. They told him to make the taxes lighter. He then talked to the younger men about it and they said to make them higher than before. This was a sad mistake. The

ten tribes refused to pay more and they stoned the man who collected the tribute or taxes. King Rehoboam left the place with speed. There was only two tribes who stayed with him. Judah and Benjamin. The other ten made Jeroboam their king.

Division is a terrible thing. People who are stubborn and proud cannot get along with others. Boys and girls, take advice from those who are spiritual and can tell you what the Bible teaches.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 3, April 17, 1966

THE KINGDOM DIVIDED

1 Kings 12:1-5; 16-20

1 Kings 12:1 And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king.

2 And it came to pass when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, heard of it, (for he was fled from the presence of King Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt;)

3 That they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying,

4 Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee.

5 And he said unto them, Depart yet for three days, then come again to me. And the people departed.

16 So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we

inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents.

17 But as for the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18 Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

19 So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

20 And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

Memory Verse: And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. Mark 3:24.

Central Thought: Greed, stubbornness, and pride will bring a great harvest of trouble and division.

QUESTIONS:

1. How many wives did Solomon have and what did they do?

2. What kind of a man was Rehoboam?

3. Where was Jeroboam when Rehoboam became king?

4. What did the prophet Ahijah tell Jeroboam? (1 Kings 11:30, 31)

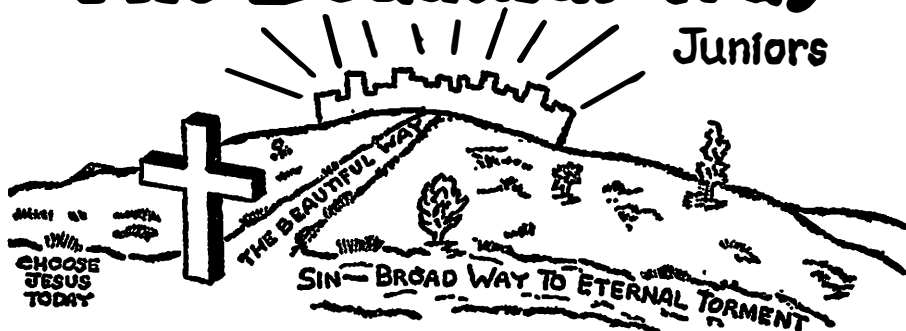
5. Whose counsel did Rehoboam accept? (1 Kings 12:14)

6. What causes trouble between families, boys and girls, and countries?

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Trust in God

Trust in God thy ways to be
Sure, established, men to bless;
Utter not a vain decree,
Reap not pride's dark bitterness.

To retain a portion fair
Do not from His precepts stray
Lest the judgment ye shall share
Of the wicked on that day.

Trust in God, my son, and when
Sacrifice is made thy lot,
Rather than partake of sin
Let your name be made a blot.

Trust in God, He'll bring you out
To a wide and wealthy place
Far beyond the realm of doubt
In the fold of His embrace.

—Leslie Busbee

Am I A Protestant?*

"Daddy, what is a Protestant?"
asked Ricky. "The teacher asked me

if I was a Protestant or a Catholic. I knew I wasn't a Catholic and then she said that I was a Protestant. I never heard you say that you were a Protestant so I knew she was mistaken somehow."

"The name 'Protestant' started when people years ago protested against the Roman Catholic church," said Daddy. "Protestants include Baptists, Presbyterians, Methodists, and a great number of others. But, son, we belong to the one and only church that Jesus built. Jesus said 'I will build my church.' (Matt. 16:18) Only blood bought, born again saints, who live each day without sinning are in that church. It stands out high and pure and without spot or wrinkle. It protests against the sins that are in all the so-called churches regardless if it is Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, or any other. There is so much vain, false religions in the world. We do not belong to any of them. We belong to that church that Jesus built. Protestantism will not save anyone. Catholicism will not save anyone. No church can save, but Jesus Christ can save."

*parable

"Daddy, that is just what I believe," said Ricky after listening attentively to what his daddy had said. He had also heard the same thing taught by his minister and his Sunday School teacher but he got confused when his school teacher had said he was either Catholic or Protestant.

"Any time anyone asks you if you are Catholic or Protestant, you tell them that you belong to the Church of God," Daddy said as he put on his hat getting ready to go to work. "Only those who are saved by the blood of Jesus are in the Church of God. There are thousands of Protestants and thousands of Catholics who are not saved. They have taken Christianity but they have never accepted the Christ of Christianity. It takes more than shaking hands with a preacher and saying that you take Jesus as your Saviour when you do not have a change of heart. It means more than confessing to a Catholic priest."

"I am glad that I had a change of heart," said Rickey. "When they ask me again I can tell them plainly that I belong to the Church of God and I am not a Catholic nor a Protestant."

—M. Miles

JENNIE BROWNING

(Continued from last issue)

Jennie, however, was so unwilling to sit quietly in the house that even these familiar words did not attract her, but with slow steps and a sullen face, she obeyed her mother's wishes.

She knew quite well how slight a thing she had been asked to do, and although at another time she would not have objected, just now, when she wanted to do something else, it did seem very hard to give up her own will.

Her conscience was so disagreeable, too, for it would keep saying all the time, "I am ashamed of you, Jennie Browning! Can't you do this for your kind mamma, even if you do want to do something else?" How tiresome it all was, and how she wished she could "just do as she liked!"

Thoughts like these were filling Jennie's mind as she stood looking out of the nursery window; but all at once she was aroused by the strong smell of burning woolen.

Turning quickly, the child grew almost rigid with fear as she saw, just in front of her, a small flame burst out from the rug before the fire, and not far from the crib where Willie lay sleeping. In an instant, however, the thought "What shall I do?" was followed by the remembrance of what her mother had often said, "If in any way your dress should ever take fire, you must try to smother it at once; never run away, but throw yourself down, or wrap yourself in anything to be found."

Remembering this, she hastily caught up the other end of the rug, which was large and heavy, and threw it over the flame. This quite extinguished it, for it had only just started into life when Jennie saw it; but in her zeal she tore off the bedspread and blankets, crowning all with two large pillows upon which she seated herself, for by this time the child was so confused that she hardly knew whether it was the rug or her own dress which had taken fire.

Now she wanted to see somebody, and, not daring to move, she began to scream. This wakened Willie, who added his voice to the uproar, and soon brought the bewildered nurse to the rescue.

In less than an hour the carriage returned, and Jennie was kissed and praised more than she had even been in all her happy life, by her parents and her aunt and uncle; for they saw quickly what had happened, and trembled to think what might have been.

That night as Mrs. Graham bent to give Jennie her goodnight kiss, she whispered, "May God bless you, my thoughtful little niece, for you have saved your cousin's life today!"

"Why, did I really?" thought Jennie; "how glad, how glad I am; for if I hadn't been there, the fire would have caught the crib, and oh, that would have been awful!"

Then as memory brought the scene more clearly before her, and she recollected how her conscience had fairly pushed her into the room, her little face grew red with shame, and she softly said, "I will never fight with conscience again, for if I had had my own way, I could never have saved poor Willie's life."

Children disobeyed their parents in the days of Noah. God sent a flood. Today children are disobeying their parents and many grown folks are doing evil. One of these days God is going to destroy the world with fire.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

There are many religions in the world today. The only religion God accepts is the true religion. Jesus spoke of a vain religion. That would be one that was false. True religion is a religion that is based on all of the Bible. God has only one church. (Matt. 16:18). To get real, true religion, a person must, with godly sorrow, repent of his sins

and become a new person. After that, they must keep all of the Word of God and His commandments. We can't say that the Bible doesn't mean this or that and then not obey it.

Our lesson today is about Jeroboam. You remember that in last Sunday's lesson we talked about how ten of the tribes of Israel pulled away from the new king because he would not make their taxes lighter. The ten tribes were called Israel. The other two were called Judah.

Jeroboam was afraid that if the people of the ten tribes (Israel) went down to Jerusalem where the temple was, to worship, that he would lose them. But what should he do? He knew that the only true worship that God had given them through Moses was kept in the holy city of Jerusalem. When Solomon had the temple finished the Spirit of God came down in great power and filled that temple. God promised to bless all who prayed looking toward that place. Jeroboam did not seek the will of God in his decision. He took things in his own hands. How sad! It always pays to go God's way.

One day he called all the people together and they saw two golden calves put up on a high altar. Jeroboam said, "Behold thy gods, oh Israel, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt." You remember how the true and living God worked great miracles to get king Pharaoh to let the children of Israel leave Egypt. Can you name some of the 10 plagues sent to them? How awful for Jeroboam to tell the people such a lie and get them to sin by worshipping a golden animal. He even appointed some priests who were not even Levites to take care of the burning of sacrifices to these calves. He made a feast which probably was like the feast of Tabernacles for the people to keep. This was in direct disobedience to God's command-

ments. This truly was a false religion.

Today God has taught us how to worship him from our hearts. We want to worship him in a right manner. We, too, will be punished as Jeroboam was, if we try to pattern after a false religion.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 4, April 24, 1966

JEROBOAM'S NEW RELIGION

1 Kings 12:25-33; 1 Kings 13:33, 34

1 Kings 12:25 Then Jeroboam built Shechem in Mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built Penuel.

26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David:

27 If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their Lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.

28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

29 And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan.

30 And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan.

31 And he made an house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi.

32 And Jeroboam ordained a feast in

the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Bethel, sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made.

33 So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Bethel the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel; and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.

13:33 After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but made again of the lowest of the people priests of the high places: whosoever would, he consecrated him, and he became one of the priests of the high places.

34 And this thing became sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the face of the earth.

Memory Verse: Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Gal. 6:7.

Central Thought: We will be punished if we lead others astray or follow those who do not follow God.

QUESTIONS:

1. Name some other reasons that people want to broaden out religion besides money, popularity, and not wanting to obey God's word.

2. What was the name of Jeroboam's new religion?

3. Is one church as good as the other?

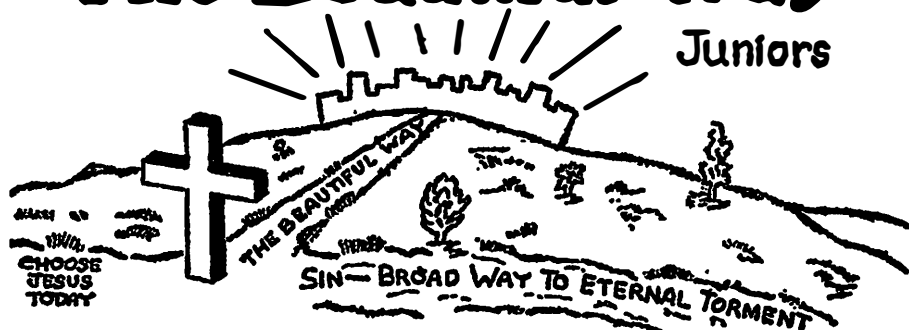
4. Why did Jeroboam set up a new religion?

5. What is a false religion?

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Part Five

May 1

That Which Is Your Own

To every person by the Lord
A fact is surely known:
No wealth possessed can peace afford
But that which is your own.

Your neighbor's gold may glitter fair
From out his gracious store,
But in your bosom it will bear
Dishonor evermore.

The world is void of peace and light
And evil works are shown
Because so many in their might
Distrust the wealth they own.

But happy is the man who knows
The life of simple tone,
From out his meager fare there flows
The knowledge: " 'Tis my own!"

—Leslie Busbee

Our Memory Verse*

"What three things does our memory verse tell us that we are to do?"

*parable

asked Sister Miles of her Sunday School class. "All right, you tell me, Merrill."

"Do justly, love mercy, and — and" stuttered Merrill.

"Walk humbly," quickly spoke up Ellen.

"Let us think about each one of these things that God requires of us," said Sister Miles. "What does it mean to 'do justly'?"

"Being fair to everyone," said Dale.

"Yes, boys and girls, God requires us to be fair. Do you remember the three people that Jesus told us to deal justly with in the greatest commandment?" asked Sister Miles. (Matt. 22: 37-39). Some looked puzzled so she said, "We are to deal justly with God, with our neighbor, and with ourselves. We are to love God with all of our heart and love our neighbor as we love ourselves. We cannot 'do justly' unless we have love in our hearts. First, we are to love whom?"

"God!" spoke up Ralph.

"Whom are we to love as we love ourselves?" asked Sister Miles.

"Our neighbors," said Ellen.

"If we love our neighbors, which

means everyone we know, we will treat them fairly, and return to them good for evil. So, boys and girls, God requires you to 'do justly.' "

"God requires us to show mercy," said Sister Miles. "If Big Bill, who inside feels so little that he thinks it is fun, knocks your little brother down, should you hit him? Now, Remember, God tells us to 'love mercy.' "

"He deserves to be hit," said Ralph. "That would be justice. I don't like big bullies."

"But Ralph, would it be loving mercy if you hit him?" asked Sister Miles. "I know that it is wrong for him to shove a little fellow down and make him cry, but we must forgive him or we will not be showing mercy. I trust that each of you will understand this. Its so important to forgive or we cannot show mercy, and that is what God requires."

"Who is going to punish Big Bill if I don't?" said Ralph. "He will just keep on knocking down little boys."

"That is God's business," said Sis. Miles. "God tells us in His Word that He would repay those who do wrong. Look it up in Romans 12:19. When we try to punish others for wrongs, we are trying to take God's place. Just comfort your little brother and show mercy to Big Bill and God will bless you."

"There was a boy who kept fighting me on the way to school. Mother told me to ask him to come to our house and eat supper with us one day. He hasn't ever fought me again," said Raymond.

"That is loving mercy, isn't it?" said Sister Miles. "Now our memory verse tells us to 'walk humbly.' What would that mean?"

"Not to be proud," spoke up Ellen. "We are not to be proud," said Sis.

Miles. "Walking humbly would be just the opposite of walking proudly. What do we have to be proud of? We were just made out of the dust of the earth. We were in sin and could not help ourselves, but Jesus helped us by taking our sins and bearing them away. We do not have anything to be proud about, do we? We are just servants of God. We were purchased with a price, which was the blood of Jesus Christ. So when we walk or live in this world we should live as a servant of God. We should take our place and be obedient to God. God will bless us."

"I told Della the other day that she did not need to be so stuck up because she was made out of dirt," said Raymond. "She was all painted up like the Bible said Jezebel painted. (See 2 Kings 9:30) She just made a face at me."

"Well, Raymond, it probably would have been better to pray for her than to speak to her in that manner," said Sister Miles. "We can help others by walking humbly with God and in God's ways. We then can show them a better way which is the way from earth to heaven. Boys and girls, always remember there are some things that God requires of us. We must do that to get to heaven." —M. Miles



"How old does one have to be to die?" asked a girl of her mother. Her mother gave her a string and told her to go to the cemetery and measure the graves. She put a knot after measuring each grave. When she came back her string was full of knots. Her mother then asked her at what ages did people die and she answered, "One can die at any age." So boys and girls, we must always be ready for we know not when we might die.

HE KNOWS YOUR NEED

Your father nearly always knows what you need. You never need to have a care about your food and clothing, or anything else you need. You know that your father will see that you get what you need.

Now Jesus says, "How much more will He (your heavenly Father) clothe you."

Do you love God the Father? Do you love Jesus His Son? If you do, I know you can trust Him to always care for you, and give you what you need. He loves you dearly.

A Chinese schoolboy, ten years old, let his light shine at home. He was always ready to run errands for the neighbors, and they trusted him to return the right change. One day a woman who was not a Christian said to one of her neighbors, "Why did you put money into that little boy's hands?" The neighbor answered, "Oh, he is a Jesus' church boy, he does not cheat."

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson today is about a wicked queen and king. King Ahab did wrong when he married a girl who did not worship the true and living God. She was a willful girl. She brought her god, called Baal, with her to the king's home. She insisted that he build her a temple to put her god in. This brought sorrow to the people of Israel. God proved to the people that Baal was not the true God when He had Elijah build two altars on Mt. Carmel. One altar was to the true God and one was for Baal. Baal's prophets could not bring fire down from heaven and burn up the sacrifice as the true God did when Elijah called on Him. But this did not convince Jezebel, the wicked queen.

Our lesson tells about King Ahab asking Naboth for his lovely garden. Naboth had inherited this land and it was worth more than any money that the king could give him. He refused the king when he asked to buy it. King Ahab went home and lay on the bed and pouted. Did you ever see anyone pout? How do they act? Do you think it looks nice or helps things any? Pouting got Ahab into trouble although for a while it seemed to get him his way. Queen Jezebel found out what was his trouble. She told him to eat his dinner and that she would get the garden for him. She sent letters written and sealed with Ahab's royal seal for Naboth to be brought up before false witnesses and then stoned to death. How terrible! When she received word that he was dead she told Ahab to go and take the vineyard. Ahab quickly went. He was walking up and down in Naboth's garden feeling very happy when Elijah appeared with a message from God. Boys and girls, we can't do wrong and get by. Others might not know about our deeds but God does. He has ways of letting others know too, and therefore evil is punished; if not in this life, then we will meet it at the judgment. Remember, you can't do wrong and get by.

Elijah found Ahab enjoying the garden and probably making plans. He did not seem sorry about the terrible crime that was committed to get it. The blood of Naboth cried unto God. Ahab may not have been the one who had it done, but by him accepting the crime that his wife had done, that made him the murderer, also. He was guilty.

God put off for a while the punishment of Ahab because he seemed to be sorry, but we find that Jezebel was thrown from a window and was trampled by the horses. (2 Kings 9:30-37). She did not seem to feel badly in doing wrong.

Boys and girls, always remember, you can't do wrong and get by. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 5, May 1, 1966

KING AHAB SINS

1 Kings 21:1-7; 17-20, 27

1 Kings 21:1 And it came to pass after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

2 And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house: and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money.

3 And Naboth said to Ahab, The Lord forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee.

4 And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

5 But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread?

6 And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee another vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard.

7 And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of

Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

17 And the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

18 Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which is in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it.

19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the Lord, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the Lord, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.

20 And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee: because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the Lord.

27 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.

Memory Verse: He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good: and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? Micah 6:8.

Central Thought: God will not let us go blindly into a wrong cause, but will reprove us.

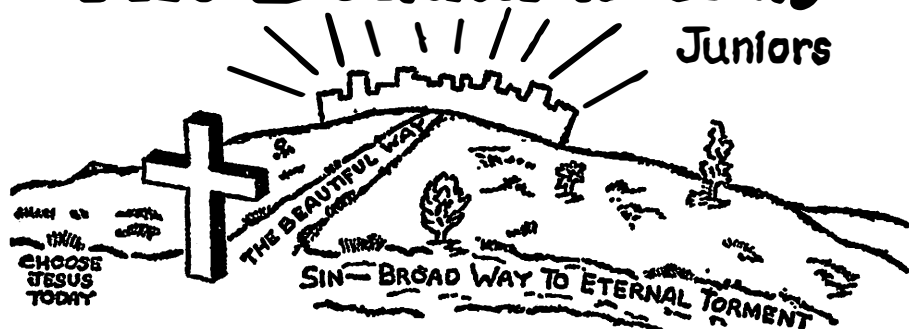
QUESTIONS:

1. What were the names of the king and queen of our lesson?
2. Why did Ahab pout?
3. What happened to Naboth?
4. Were Jezebel and Ahab punished?
5. Can we do wrong and get by?

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May 8

MOTHER

I love to think of Mother dear
And all she's done for me,
How oft she filled my heart with cheer
And made me good to be.

When tempted evil to pursue
Her pray'rs helped me to stand;
And when I knew not what to do,
She lent a helping hand.

And when I face life as a man
With lessons hard to learn
My mother's love will bridge the span
When others from me turn.

Through years of time her love will be
A challenge to my soul;
Her guiding hand in helping me
At last to win the goal!

—Leslie Busbee

Mother's Gift*

"What is the trouble?" asked Sis. Smith, who was Judy's Sunday School

*parable

teacher. She had heard that Judy had the measles and she came to see her. When she came in she saw that Judy had been crying.

"Oh, Mother's Day is ruined," she said as soon as her mother left the room to see about baby John who had awakened from his nap.

"I had planned to make Mother real happy. I saw something in town weeks ago that I knew she would really like. I have saved my money and wanted to buy it. Daddy could buy it but that would not be like me getting it for her," Judy said, feeling real sad.

"Oh, my dear, I know you do feel unhappy about not being able to go to town," said Sister Smith as she laid her hand on Judy's head. "But you will make yourself sicker by troubling about it all. That will not help Mother, either. That makes your mother feel badly to see you feeling worse."

"I can't even help Mother in the kitchen," Judy said. "I don't know why I had to have the measles. I can't do anything for Mother."

"Now, Judy, the Bible tells us that

all things work together for good for those who love God," Sister Smith said. "Now I know that some good is in this for you. Maybe the Lord wants you to be more patient."

"Doesn't Jesus want us to do something for our mothers, too?" asked Judy.

"Why, yes, He does," said Sister Smith. "But now since you can't go to town, why don't you write her a letter telling her that you love her. Tell her you like her cooking and thank her for all that she does for you. I believe she will like that."

Judy worked on her letter on Saturday. Daddy was home and he stayed with Judy while her mother went shopping. He helped her with the spelling. He thought it was a good idea. Judy remembered to thank her for taking her to Sunday School, too. The next day she gave it to her mother.

"Oh, Judy," said her mother after she read the letter, "this is the best Mother's Day gift you could give me."

Judy was very happy with her gift for her mother. —M. Miles

Confide in Mother

The moment a girl hides a secret from her mother, or has received a letter she dare not let her mother read, or has a friend of whom her mother does not know, she is in danger.

A secret is not a good thing for a girl to have. The fewer secrets that lie in the hearts of women at any age, the better. It is almost a test of purity. She who has none of her own is best and happiest.

In girlhood, hide nothing from your mother; do nothing that, if discovered

by your mother, would make you blush. When you are married, never conceal anything from your husband. Never allow yourself to write a letter that he may not know all about, or to receive one which you are not quite willing that he should read.

Have no mysteries whatever. Tell those who are about you where you go, and what you do—those who have the right to know, I mean, of course.

A little secretiveness has set many a scandal afloat; and much as is said about women who tell too much, they are a great deal better off than the woman who tells too little.

The girl who frankly says to her mother, "I have been there, I met so-and-so. Such and such remarks were made, this or that was done," will be sure to receive good advice and sympathy.

If all was right, no fault will be found. If the mother knows as the result of her greater experience, that something was improper or unsuitable, she will, if she is a Christian mother, kindly advise her daughter accordingly.

You may not always know, girls, just what is right or what is wrong—for you are yet young and inexperienced. You cannot be blamed for making little mistakes, but you will not be likely to go very far wrong, if from the first, you have no secrets from your mother.

To thy father and thy mother

Honor, love, and reverence pay;
This command, before all other,
Must a Christian child obey.

Help me, Lord, in this sweet duty;

Guide me in Thy steps divine;
Show me all the joy and beauty
Of obedience such as thine.

Teach me how to please and gladden
Those who toil and care for me;
Many a grief their heart must sadden,
Let me still their comfort be.

Help Your Minister

There are many ways you can be of help to your minister during the coming year. Here are a few suggestions:

Pray for him and his family every day.

If you learn of new people moving into your community, tell him about them. Offer to go along to visit them, especially if there are boys and girls about your age in the family. Invite them to Sunday School and services.

Offer to care for his children sometimes so that he and his wife may be free to visit someone sick or in a hospital.

Offer to help him in any way you can. He will be grateful to know that boys and girls, as well as adults, are eager to help in his important work of spreading the Gospel. —Sel.

The Pilot

Joan's Uncle Jack was a pilot of a great ship. He was home from a long trip, and in a week he would start another. As he and Joan were walking along the coast they noticed the huge and jagged rocks. Joan knew what would happen to Uncle's ship if it should hit one of them.

"Uncle Jack," she said, "do you know all the rocks along the coast?"

"No, Joan," replied the pilot, "it is not necessary to know all the rocks. It is only necessary to know the safe channel. And that's the way it is

with life. We don't need to know all about its dangers. What we need to know is the safe channel. By obeying Jesus we can be kept in safety."

—O. P. Boys and Girls

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Today is the day that we are to show special honor to our mothers. We should show respect and love to her every day. One of the commandments is for us to "Honor thy father and thy mother." It is wonderful and it makes me appreciate a boy or a girl more when I see them doing the things that their mother tells them to do. Just stop and think about this. Your mother has so much to do that she can't do it all without your help. Then your mother isn't young anymore. She works many, many times when she doesn't feel like it. Why does she do it? Because she loves you and her family. Then you should love her and help her. I hope that all of you at least make up your beds in the morning. I am surprised sometimes when I know of boys and girls who don't even do that. Now this helps mother and it also helps you. There is a good feeling within a person when he is helping. It might be just helping make things look nicer as well as helping Mother and others. Even Jesus came to this world to help others. He gives us great joy when we follow in His footsteps. Always remember your mother loved and cared for you when you were a tiny, helpless baby and could not help yourself. Now you can help yourself and you should be willing to help Mother, also.

Jehoshaphat (Je-hosh-uh-fat) was one of the best kings ever to rule the southern kingdom. He was rated with Hezekiah and Josiah. Can you tell something about these kings?

Our lesson tells us that he went out among the people, city by city, and brought them back to God. What a wonderful work. How bold and brave he was. People were worshipping the idol Baal. He destroyed the places built to worship this god. First Jehoshaphat gave himself to God. Then he could help others. Boys and girls, you can do that, too. Don't be discouraged if others may make fun of you or will not listen. Remember you are doing God's service. Be kind just the same and do good.

We are glad that many listened to the king. He set up judges over them. Our lesson tells us what he told them to do.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 6, May 8, 1966

THE KING WANTS JUSTICE

2 Chronicles 19:4-11

2 Chron. 19:4 And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and he went out again through the people from Beersheba to mount Ephraim, and brought them back unto the Lord God of their fathers.

5 And he set judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city,

6 And said to the judges, Take heed what ye do: for ye judge not for man, but for the Lord, who is with you in the judgment.

7 Wherefore now let the fear of the Lord be upon you; take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with the Lord our God, nor respect of person, nor taking of gifts.

8 Moreover in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat set of the Levites, and of the

priests, and of the chief of the fathers of Israel, for the judgment of the Lord, and for controversies, when they returned to Jerusalem.

9 And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the Lord, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.

10 And what cause soever shall come to you of your brethren that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, ye shall even warn them that they trespass not against the Lord, and so wrath come upon you, and upon your brethren: this do, and ye shall not trespass.

11 And, behold, Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of the Lord; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler if the house of Judah, for all the king's matters: also the Levites shall be officers before you. Deal courageously, and the Lord shall be with the good.

Memory Verse: Wherefore now let the fear of the Lord be upon you; take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with the Lord our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts. 2 Chron. 19:7.

Central Thought: We should be honest, fair and kind in all our dealings with others.

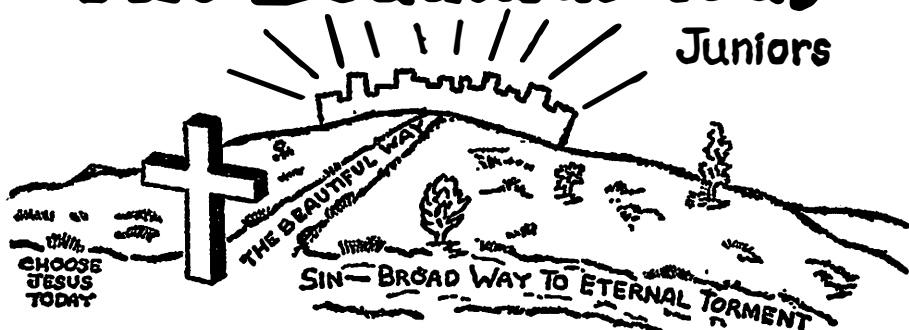
QUESTIONS:

1. What is the name of the king who caused others to turn to the Lord?
2. How did he do it?
3. Who did he set over the people?
4. How did he tell them to judge others?
5. What does the last sentence in our printed lesson mean?

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Father To A Child

My child, if thou wilt ever be
Submissive to the Lord and me
No greater blessings thou shalt know
As down the path of life you go.

A secret from the proud is kept:
A willing heart from sin is swept,
Obedient children soon will prove
'Tis best at Father's word to move.

Rare precious things in store I hold
Worth more than silver, gems, or gold
'Tis thine, my child, if thou wilt be
Submissive to the Lord and me!

—Leslie Busbee

Poor Little Emma

In the history of El Hogar, Cuba, a sad case of contact with spiritualism is noted. It is the case of little Emma. Some Christian workers in Cuba were passing a house when on their way to some Christian activity when they heard the weeping and moaning of a little child. They reached the house and looked in through the iron

bars of the open window. In the darkened interior, they could discern the form of a little girl of about eight or ten years.

"What is the matter, little girl?" they called in.

"I am very hungry," answered the child.

"Come to the window, and we will give you a little money to buy bread."

"I cannot come, I am fastened to this bed," she replied.

There was conference, and the men went after a policeman and also an influential man of authority, and they forced their way into the house and found the child chained to the post of an iron bedstead in the room. She had been there several months, living like a cat or dog. Her pan, which was for food, was set on the floor, and she had lived in this fashion for several months absolutely alone. She had been placed there to be offered, when the time came, as a sacrifice to the evil spirits.

She understood the awful purpose of her imprisonment and was left without care, living in constant fear of death, clothed in dirty rags and

chained like a dog. She was freed and brought to a Christian home, but for weeks afterward, it seemed impossible to actually bring her back to civilization. She had been alone so long and her childish mind so warped with the wild fear of the future and her loneliness so terrible that she had become as wild as a little animal of the forest. She would hide behind the furniture and climb out of sight like a monkey when people approached her.

Only with time and infinite patience was she enabled to take her place among the other children in the Home. In the end, only the story of Jesus told to a little child in its beautiful simplicity at last captured and held her, and she lived several years in happy security among the other children, and often they would, under her leadership, get in a group for prayer when such need came up in the mission.

How good it would be if we could say that this was the end of her troubles and close this case, but it is not so. As she continued through the next few years to remain in the shelter of the Home where she was loved and cared for and where she learned to sing songs of praise and to pray, she began to enter into girlhood. The sad time of her experience a living death, and the awful impression made on the child-mind began to take its toll, and she began to do very strange things and later to run away and after much prayer and after everything was done that could be done, it was found necessary to see her safely in a place where the mental cases can be kept until God either heals or takes them home.

What a terrible sacrifice to this false religion, but she is one and only

one of the victims rescued from the rites of this awful belief, but rescued too late. —Highways and Hedges

A Valuable Secret

"Sarah, I wish you would lend me your thimble. I can never find mine when I want it."

"Why cannot you find it, Mary?"

"If you do not choose to lend me yours, I can borrow of somebody else."

"I am willing to lend it to you, Mary. Here it is."

"I knew you would let me have it."

"Why do you always come to me to borrow when you have lost anything, Mary?"

"Because you never lose your things and always know where to find them."

"How do you suppose I always know where to find my things?"

"I am sure I cannot tell. If I knew I might, perhaps, sometimes contrive to find my own."

"This is the secret. I have a place for everything, and after I have done using anything, it is my rule to put it away in its proper place."

"Yes, just as though your life depended upon it."

"My life does not depend upon it, Mary, but my convenience does very much."

"Well, I never can find time to put my things away."

"How much more time will it take to put a thing away in its proper place, than it will be to hunt after it, when it is lost?"

"Well, I'll never borrow of you again, you may depend on it."

"Why? you are not offended, Mary, I hope!"

"Oh no, Sarah. But I am ashamed

that I have been so careless and disorderly, and now resolve to do as you do, to have a place for everything, and everything in its place."

"Well, Mary, this is a good resolution and will be easily carried out, if you bear in mind that, 'Heaven's first law is order.' "

Blessings Without Number

It was a cold night. A father and his little girl were walking home. The stars were shining brightly.

Looking up at the stars the little girl said, "Father, I am going to count the stars!" Father replied, "Very well." So the little girl started counting. By and by, Father heard her counting, "Two hundred and twenty-three, two hundred and twenty-four, two hundred and twenty-five." Then the little girl sighed, and said, "O dear, I had no idea there were so many stars. I don't believe I can ever count all of them!"

Father laughed and said, "My dear, you can't count all the stars. They are just like God's blessings. God showers us with His blessings every day. There are so many blessings that we can never count them all!"

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Last Sunday we studied about Jehoshaphat. He was a good man but he did one thing which was unwise. He let his son marry the daughter of Jezebel and Ahab. Boys and girls, you are not old enough to think about getting married, but you want to be sure that when that time does come that you choose a companion who loves God. Athaliah (Ath-uh-lye-uh) worshipped Baal as did her wicked parents. She brought that kind

of worship with her. This was wrong.

Athaliah and Jehoram had a son named Ahaziah. (A-huh-zy-uh). He only reigned in Judah for one year when he was killed. Athaliah, his mother, seized power by killing all her other grandchildren or step-children. How terrible! But there was one son who was not killed. His name was Joash. He was just a baby and the High Priest, Jehoiada and his wife hid him.

Our lesson is about Jehoiada. (Je-hoy-uh-duh), the High Priest. For seven long years he hid this baby. He took a big risk for God. If at any time someone had told the wicked queen, Athaliah, that he had an heir to the throne he would have been killed. Jehoiada knew he was doing the will of God so he dared to take this risk. God had promised that there would always be an heir of David on the throne. Jesus was to come from the family of David and now he is the king that is ruling God's people. We are glad that Jehoiada had the courage to guard this little boy. Today my heart goes out to each one of you boys and girls. Oh, how I want you to love the Lord! There is so much you can do in your life for God. I, too, would like to guard you from evil just as Jehoiada did little Joash. He taught him about the true and living God. The Queen was getting others to worship Baal. What a wonderful man Jehoiada was to help Joash grow up to love God!

One day the plans that Jehoiada had made came to pass. The wicked queen was killed and Joash took his place as the rightful ruler. Jehoiada continued to help him to rule rightly. He also helped him pick out two wives. When Jehoiada died they buried him in the city of David among the kings because he had done good, both to his house and for God. What a wonderful life he had lived! Boys and girls, you, too, can live

for God and do right. Because you do right, you can help others to do right.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 7, May 15, 1966

JEHOIADA SAVES THE HOUSE OF DAVID

2 Kings 11:4, 9-12, 17-19; 12:2

2 Kings 11:4 And the seventh year Jehoiada sent and fetched the rulers over hundreds, with the captains and the guard, and brought them to him into the house of the Lord, and made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of the Lord, and shewed them the king's son.

9 And the captains over the hundreds did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that should go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest.

10 And to the captains over hundreds did the priest give king David's spears and shields, that were in the temple of the Lord.

11 And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, round about the king, from the right corner of the temple to the left corner of the temple, along by the altar and the temple.

12 And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and gave him the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him and they clapped their hands, and said, God save the king.

17 And Jehoiada made a covenant between the Lord and the king and the people, that they should be the Lord's

people; between the king also and the people.

18 And all the people of the land went into the house of Baal, and brake it down; his altars and his images brake they in pieces thoroughly, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priests appointed officers over the house of the Lord.

19 And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the captains, and the guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of the Lord, and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings.

12:2 And Jehoash did that which was right in the sight of the Lord all his days wherein Jehoiada the priest instructed him.

Memory Verse: But Jehoiada waxed old, and was full of days when he died; an hundred and thirty years old was he when he died. And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God, and toward his house. 2nd Chron. 24:15, 16.

Central Thought: We should be willing to risk our lives for that which is right.

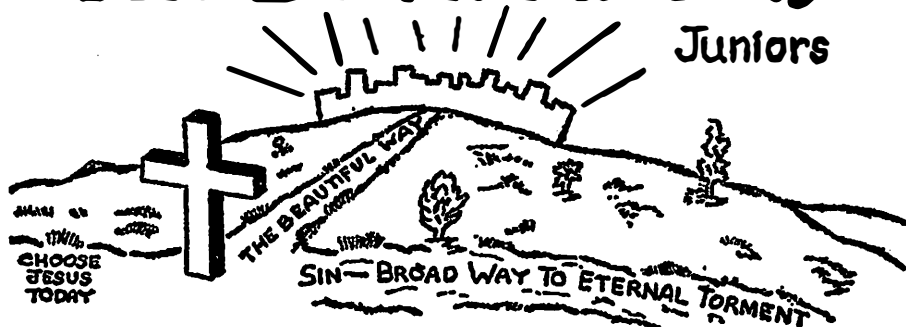
QUESTIONS:

1. Who was the father and mother of Athaliah?
2. How did she take the throne?
3. What was the name of the man who hid baby Joash?
4. What was his purpose in hiding him?
5. How can we today help others by doing right ourselves?

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May 22

True Happiness

True Happiness! O golden quest!
The object in each mortal's breast:
Yield now to me thy secret grace
And tell me of thy dwelling place.

" 'Tis not in wealth my grace ye find,
Nor ease nor pleasure is my mind;
In fame and honor I'm not found,
Look not for me upon such ground!

"But in the love of Christ divine,
In Him my rays of light will shine;
In faith and pure simplicity,
Look there, oh thirsty heart, for me!"

—Leslie Busbee

Marie's Pride

"Marie, you must tell Sally that you are sorry," Mother said firmly. "I didn't do anything," Marie said, holding her head high. "It was all her fault. She should have been holding her old vase tighter. I didn't now she was behind me."

It was Sally's birthday and a group of her friends had given her some

gifts. One of the gifts was a pretty little thin glass vase. Sally was holding it up and looking at it. She thought it was so pretty. About that time Marie had dodged Linda, who laughingly hit at her. In doing this Marie had knocked the vase out of Sally's hand. Everyone seemed to make such a big ado about it getting broken and all looked at Marie in such a way that she felt as if they thought she had done it on purpose. This made her temper rise up inside her. She decided she would just hold her head high and act like she didn't care. She didn't help pick up the pieces and did not say a word. Her mother was ashamed of her. She felt that she should at least tell Sally she was sorry.

"I think we had better go home," Mother said as she arose from her chair. Marie grabbed her purse and walked straight out the door and got into the car and slammed the door as hard as she could. Her mother told Sally's mother that she was sorry for Marie's actions and thanked her for the nice refreshments. When they arrived home Marie got out of

the car and went to her bedroom. She was feeling real miserable inside. She sat down on her bed for a while and then she burst into tears. The more she cried the more she felt like crying. "Why did I have to lose my temper? Oh, why didn't I tell Sally that I was sorry? Now I have made Mother feel badly. I won't have any friends. They will all hate me now." These were Marie's thoughts as she lay on her bed, crying. Soon she heard a knock on the door. "May I come in?" asked Grandmother. Now Marie loved her grandmother. She did not want her to see her crying but she couldn't tell her no so she told her to come in. She dried her tears as fast as she could and sat up. She offered Grandmother a chair and tried to smile sweetly.

"My dear, what is the trouble?" Grandmother said. "I saw your mother in the garage as I came over and I asked where you were. She told me you were in your bedroom. I didn't know you were in trouble."

"Oh, Grandmother, why do I have to be so stubborn?" Marie said as she started crying again. Marie could always tell Grandmother everything. She always understood. Marie laid her head in her grandmother's lap as she sat at her feet, and told her the whole story. Her grandmother put her hand on her head and said, "The Bible says, 'Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.'" (Prov. 16:18. "It is so much better to be humble. Just look how much better it would have been if you had just said you were sorry. But you were too proud. You wanted to justify yourself in what was done through just a mistake. You didn't intend to knock the vase out of Sally's hand but since you acted as

you did, they will think you did it on purpose. You are sorry now and have been real miserable. You could have saved yourself all of this trouble if you had been humble. You are real humble now but it came a little late."

"Oh, Grandmother," Marie said as she lifted her tear-stained face up and looked pleadingly at her grandmother. "Do you think Jesus can forgive me and help me to make it all right?"

"Yes, Jesus will forgive you if you will just ask him and tell him how sorry you are that you have acted this way," said Grandmother.

Marie and Grandmother prayed together. Marie was so happy after Jesus took the load from her heart. She went right to her mother and asked her to forgive her for being so rude. Then she phoned Sally and told her she was sorry. The next day when she went to school she saw some of the girls and she told them also that she was sorry about Sally's vase and that she didn't mean to knock it out of her hand. She told them she was sorry she had acted rudely. The girls assured her that she was forgiven. I am sure Marie would have felt real good if she could have heard the girls talking later. They thought she was a darling to apologize. One of the girls made the remark that Marie was a good example for them to follow when they said things they should not have said.

Marie was happy again and she was careful to be humble from that day on.

—M. Miles

Be thankful. When the baby chick takes a drink it lifts it head up toward heaven. It makes me think about how we ought to lift our voice in praise up to God for all the good things He does for us.

The Cause of His Interest

While traveling down the Ohio River on a steamboat my attention was called to the pilot who was a coarse-looking man. The captain informed me that three weeks ago, as the boat was going through the rapids, the pilot called him to take the helm. He had just seen a boy struggling in the water. He sprang into the boiling waters and saved the boy. I went up to the brave man and spoke to him.

"Do you ever see the boy whom you saved?"

"Yes," he answered, "at every trip he comes down to the boat to see me."

"And how do you feel when you see him?"

"More than I can tell you," he replied. "More intense interest than in any of my own seven at home, for whom I have run no such risk."

Thus there is "joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance." Thus Jesus will regard those whom he has saved with more interest than the angels.

—Selected

Dear Boys and Girls:—

There is a mistaken idea among many boys and girls today that money will bring happiness. But happiness is not something that can be bought with money. I have heard some boys say that they would be so happy if they had a bicycle. They get a bicycle. Then they want a better one that will go faster. Soon it must be a Honda or their happiness just can't be complete. But when they get the Honda they long for a car. So, boys, happiness just can't be bought.

Many girls feel that they must have a certain dress to be happy or a certain kind of coat. Maybe they want to have a certain hair-do. God lets people have many things because they are determined to have them but they are not blessed by God. They are not happy. The only true happiness a boy or girl can have is to have Jesus in their hearts.

Our lesson today is about King Jeroboam II. The Bible does not call him the II but that helps us to know which one we are talking about. You remember we studied about the first Jeroboam some Sundays ago. He is the one who was chosen king of the ten tribes of Israel that pulled away from the king who would not make their taxes lower. That Jeroboam set up the worship of the two golden calves. Now today we will talk about Jeroboam II who did evil also. They conquered other cities and lived in ease. God was grieved because they did not honor him but he still wanted to deal with them. He had chosen to bring Jesus to the world through them. He was very patient with them.

During the reign of the second Jeroboam, the prophet, Amos, warned the people of their evil doings. He warned them against their rich living and being at ease. He told them that their selfish ways and mistreatment of the poor would be punished. Amos tells how they were at "ease in Zion" lying around upon beds of ivory, drinking bowls of wine and listening to soft music. They felt at ease because they had the best of the flocks, the best of the vineyards, and were not troubled about having forsaken the true and living God. They were a proud, selfish people. They had forgotten God. Their king had forgotten God.

Today our nation needs to beware. So

many have forgotten God and are living at ease. People need to awaken before it is too late or our nation will be punished.

Amos, the prophet, arrived at the town of Bethel where the calf worship was observed. He told the priest, Amaziah, that God would punish them. He said that Jeroboam would die by the sword and Israel would be led away captive. The priest wanted him to go back to his own home and not bother them. We find that this came to pass in the reign of Jeroboam's son's time. It does not pay to forget God. —Aunt Marie.

Lesson 8, May 22, 1966

A KING FORGETS GOD

2 Kings 14:23-29; Amos 7:10-12

2 Kings 14:23 In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, and reigned forty and one years.

24 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord: he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

25 He restored the coast of Israel from the entering of Hamath unto the sea of the plain, according to the word of the Lord God of Israel, which he spake by the hand of his servant Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, which was of Gathhepher.

26 For the Lord saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter: for there was not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel.

27 And the Lord said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from

under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

28 Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, which belonged to Judah, for Israel, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

29 And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, even with the kings of Israel; and Zachariah his son reigned in his stead.

Amos 7:10 Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel went to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.

11 For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land.

12 Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there:

Memory Verse: Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Proverbs 16:18.

Central Thought: When one forgets God, riches will not bring true happiness.

QUESTIONS:

1. Will things of this earth bring real satisfaction and lasting happiness?

2. What did Jeroboam the second, and the people worship?

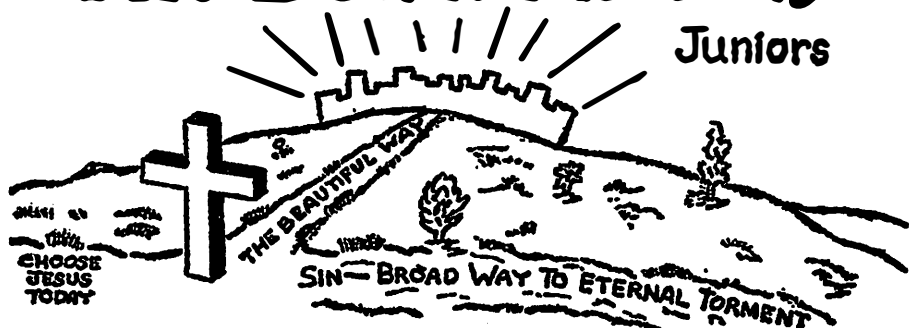
3. How did the people live at this time?

4. What was the name of the prophet who warned them to change?

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Sin Will Find You Out

There is a truth revealed of yore
Without mistake, beyond a doubt;
Such warning dire to men it bore:
Be sure your sin will find you out!

The path of error leads astray,
It matters not how sure its route;
Dear reader, think of this today:
Be sure your sin will find you out!

The fate of many verify
This fact, a warning to the stout:
Beneath the Lord's all-seeing eye
Be sure your sin will find you out!
—Leslie Busbee

The Witch Doctor

The witch doctor had arrived. Jane was frightened. Her parents were working in the garden. Soon they came hurrying to the house. They found the witch doctor bending over their little girl. When they came up they heard her say, "I can fix it. There is an evil spirit in the knee."

Poor little Jane had fallen and hurt

her knee. She could not run about and play as the other children did. This made her sad and also her parents. They did not believe the witch doctor could help her but the witch doctor said a man had sent her there. When they told her they did not want her because they knew she would charge, she put her hands on her bony hips and told them that she would have to be paid for walking such a distance on a hot day.

Finally they decided to let her treat Jane since she was there. The witch laughed a weird, hideous laugh and told them she would not charge much. When they were in the house she asked for an egg. The witch doctor took an oily red rag out of her satchel and wrapped the egg in it. She waved it over and over Jane's knee. Then she carefully placed it on the window sill. All this time she was chanting some weird, strange sounds which could not be understood. She took out a few ashes from the stove and spit on them and sprinkled them on the child's knee. She then took a feather from her satchel and touched it with her tongue. Then she tapped the

window with it several times, and ran out into the garden and buried it.

When she returned she said that when the feather in the ground had gone back to the bird from which it was taken and the egg in the window disappeared, the evil spirit would turn the joint loose and Jane would be well. "And now for my pay."

Weeks passed by and the egg still stayed in the window. Jane still limped around. Four months passed by and the egg was still in the window. Jane's parents did not feel that the witch doctor had done them any good. They wished they could take the egg away but Jane's grandparents begged them to leave it alone. They were sure it would help.

One day Jane's aunt came to play with her and help her with her lessons. She was only a few years older than Jane. She was curious about the egg and wanted to peek to see if it was still there. She was told by Jane that Grandma Russell had said that would break the charm. But in playing about the room, Jane's aunt accidentally bumped the egg. A pop was heard and a terrible sickening odor filled the room.

Jane's mother told her to pick it up and get it out of the house, which she did. Jane's mother cleaned up the terrible mess. She was glad the thing was out of the house. She didn't believe in it at all.

Boys and girls, there are many in the world today who believe in witch doctors. It is a terrible deception. We know that they are not of God. Aren't you glad that you know about the true and living God who can do all things? You are truly blessed to know about Jesus who is able to save your soul, heal your body and take you to heaven when you die. Don't

ever let anyone turn you away from Jesus. —M. Miles

How The Sailor Took His Bearings

Sailors have very practical ways of expressing themselves whether they speak of sin or salvation. A case in point was recently mentioned by Archibald G. Brown when speaking at one of the meetings of the Seamen's Christian Friend Society. He said: There came to me here one day a grand looking fellow. I had not to ask whether he did business on the water, for the sea breeze had kissed his brow so often that it had left its mark there. I said, "Where did you find the Lord?"

In a moment he answered, "Latitude 25; longitude 54."

I confess that rather puzzled me. I said, "Latitude 25; longitude 54! What do you mean?"

He replied, "I was sitting on the deck, and out of a bundle of papers before me I pulled one of Spurgeon's sermons. I began to read it. As I read it I saw the truth, and I received the Lord Jesus as my Saviour. I jumped up off the coil of ropes saved. I thought if I were on shore I would know where I was saved, and why should I not know on the sea? And so I took my latitude and longitude. That's where I found the Lord—latitude 25; longitude 54."

The sailor knew that he needed a change. In his anxiety he picked up one of Spurgeon's sermons, so clear as to Man's utter Ruin by the Fall and God's Glorious Remedy through the shed Blood of His Son. The Gospel, which declares that "Christ died

for our sins, was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (I Cor. 15:1-5), was there and then believed, and there and then he was "saved."

The Saviour had died, the sailor had believed, the Scriptures gave the assurance of a present and perpetual salvation (John 5:24). Sailor-like, he took his bearings and found the spot of his salvation—latitude 25; longitude 54.

Ask yourself If I am saved, when was I saved? Where was I saved? How did I get saved? HyP.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Don't you wonder sometimes at the patience of your mother or daddy? Mother tells Jane to get the dishes washed, but Jane just sits there. Mother is working all the time and so much needs to be done. Daddy has told Jack four times to get the lawn mowed or to hoe in the garden. Jack just sits around. Daddy keeps working and is anxious to get things done. How many times would you tell Jane or Jack if you were the mother or daddy? Everyone has to work together to make a home run smoothly. Anyway it seems after telling them four times, it is time for a little punishment to make them know their parents mean for them to do just exactly what they tell them to do. If boys and girls were allowed to disobey their parents they would not learn to obey God. God has certain laws that people must obey to get to heaven. God is merciful and long-suffering but it is better to punish those who disobey than to let them go on and land in torment.

Our lesson today is sad. We have been studying about how God had warned the people to change their ways and

repent or they would be punished. God sent the prophets, the seers, and in many ways made the people know that they should turn from their evil ways and keep his commandments but they would not. Our lesson tells us that they did "secretly those things that were not right against the Lord their God." Some might feel they have some secret sins. Those sins might not be known to others but they are not a secret from God. How we live before God is what really counts. It is said that the ten tribes of Israel worshipped images, golden calves, Baal, and all the host of heaven which would be the stars, moon, and sun. None of these could speak to them, and they had no laws or a heaven for them. They even caused their little children to be put to death to appease their gods. History tells us that they have now uncovered cemeteries at the site of a grave where they worshipped an image. There were three thousand children sacrificed between the ages of one month and four years. The burial jars were in neat rows. Oh, the heartbreak and the horror of child-sacrifice! No wonder God looked down upon those who were once His people with great displeasure. Verse 18 tells us "the Lord was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was only the tribe of Judah left." They were a rebellious people.

History tells us how the Assyrians came with their army and invaded Israel and took their capital city, Samaria. The once-quiet cities were now burning. People were lying dead in the streets. Long lines of people were being led away as slaves. The land that God had helped them conquer was no longer theirs. They were leaving the land of promise. The prophet Hosea (13:9) said, "Oh Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself." Boys and

girls, we must always remember that everyone of us will have to give an account to God for all we do. It is better to obey Him and have His pleasure resting upon us than to disobey and be punished.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 9, May 29, 1966

THE FALL OF SAMARIA

2 Kings 17:9-18

2 Kings 17:9 And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right against the Lord their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

10 And they set them up images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree:

11 And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as did the heathen whom the Lord carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the Lord to anger:

12 For they served idols, whereof the Lord had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing.

13 Yet the Lord testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.

14 Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the Lord their God.

15 And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their

fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning the Lord had charged them, that they should not do like them.

16 And they left all the commandments of the Lord their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal.

17 And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger.

18 Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.

Memory Verse: Who is wise, and he shall not understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein, Hosea 14:9.

Central Thought: We should always remember that it pays to serve God and obey Him.

QUESTIONS:

1. What did the people do secretly?
2. Name some of the things that they did openly.
3. Did God warn them that they would be punished?
4. Did it pay them to be stubborn and disobedient?
5. How were they punished?

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June 5

A Perfect Heart

Honest in one's toil and aim,
Every day be found the same
In the multitude, alone,
Whether famous or unknown.

Every motive backed by love,
Vision bright for things above,
Hiding nothing, knowing well
God is watching, He can tell.

With a perfect heart and mind
Happiness, success we find;
In the will of God we're led,
With His manna we are fed.

—Leslie Busbee

POWER

In New York City there are over 200 miles of underground trolley cars that are run by electricity. Without this power they could not go. One day in November, 1965 the cars were full. When they would stop at the different underground stations some would get off and others get on. It was at the rush hour and many were off work,

trying to get home. The cars were full and some were standing up. All of a sudden the lights in the cars and underground tunnels grew dim and then went out. The car coasted a little farther and came to a stop. What was the matter? The brakeman knew right away that the electricity had gone off. There was no more power in the cars to make them run. Finally after a lengthy wait, they were told that it would be hours before they could get electricity.

Some people were coming down from the skyscrapers on the elevators. They stopped all of a sudden. The pumps that took water up to the top apartments in the tall buildings were still. The lights in the stores and on the streets were gone out. The traffic signals stopped. It caused a big traffic jam and caused many to be stranded.

Boys and girls, something worse than this could happen as we all know. But I want you to think with me a minute about the power of the Holy Spirit that each of us need in this life to be able to go for God. Jesus told His disciples when He left them

that He would send them power after they received the Holy Spirit. Acts 1: 8. This power is great and mighty. It is wonderful to think that God would give us some of His power through the Holy Spirit. We can have power to live a life that is without sin; a life that is pure and clean.

One boy was living a good life and loved the Lord. But he was tempted and yielded to that temptation to do wrong. His power was gone. Did you know that it seemed so easy for him to do the things he used to do before he was saved? Others were so surprised when he later got cleared up with the Lord and confessed that he had told some lies. It was because his power was gone. He couldn't go straight for God. He was in darkness and the Bible says "how great is that darkness."

Boys and girls, be sure you keep in touch with God. Keep the power of the Holy Spirit in your life. You need power to live right for God.

—Sister Marie Miles

"What do you feel is the reason that you are so greatly blessed in your old days?" Grandmother was asked. She answered, "Because I obeyed my parents."

The Offending Finger

This morning I stuck my finger into my eye. Of course, it was an accident, and immediately every member of my body began to sympathize with the hurt eye. My uninjured eye directed my hand to treat the hurt member, to soothe the pain, and do such things as would repair any damage to the unfortunate member. Even the finger which carelessly caused the pain went to work in co-

operation with the other seven fingers and two thumbs to do its part. Such is God's system of co-ordination for the physical body.

How much more should the spiritual body of Christ, which is the church, care each member for the other!

A child might conceivably continue to poke his finger into his eye after his first experience, but if an adult should do so, everyone would think that he was a subject for the insane asylum.

I have just read the twelfth chapter of Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth, in which he allegorically compares the physical body to the spiritual body—the church. He carries the same figure through in Col. 1:18 and 24.

There is a right sense in which we should love ourselves. Jesus indicated that this self-love should be the standard by which we love our neighbor. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." My love for the church carries with it a deep concern for every member in the church; when I injure or hurt any other member, I injure and hurt myself. It is just as consistent for me to continually punch my nose with my fist and glory in a blood-spattered face as I look into the mirror as it is for me to glory in taking a verbal poke at a brother or sister or fellow minister over some controversial non-essential.

Such conduct does three things. It wounds the member who is being attacked. It hardens the heart, and calouses the soul of the one making the attack. And worst of all, in the eyes of the onlooking world, it gives the lie to all that the gospel stands for. Jesus said, "By this shall all men

know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:35.

Real Christian love is the answer. Genuine, wholehearted, sympathetic, co-operative love! —Selected

Dear Boys and Girls:—

I trust you are remembering that the 12 tribes of Israel were separated. Ten of the tribes were called Israel. The two tribes, which included Benjamin and Judah were called Judah. Last Sunday we studied about the ten tribes who were called Israel. They were punished and taken away captive because of their sins. The next few Sundays we will be studying about Judah.

You need to read the 28th chapter of 2 Chronicles to see how far from God the people of Judah had gone. Boys and girls, it is important to know how God dealt with those people many years before Jesus came. We are serving the same God today. God is requiring more of us today because we understand more. But in those days before Jesus came, God required them to keep His commandments.

We find that the Assyrian army threatened Judah. The king Ahaz went further from God. We read where in the time of distress he trespassed against God. He said that he would worship the gods of Syria because they had helped them. But they were the ruin of him. He gathered together the vessels of the house of God and cut them in pieces. He shut up the door of the temple in Jerusalem. He would not let others worship the true God. This was the conditions of things when Hezekiah came to the throne.

With swiftness Hezekiah changed things. He was 25 years old when he

began to reign. He did that which was right in the sight of the Lord. The very first month he opened up the temple of God. He opened the doors and repairmen were called and they began to clean it out. They brought the filthiness out of the holy place and carried it down to the brook, Kedron. They relit the lamps and restored the worship of the Lord. They began to call upon the Lord. The Levites again took care of the worship of God. All the vessels were cleansed according to the word of God. The Levites cleansed themselves and shew bread was again put upon the table. I am sure God was pleased with Hezekiah, the new king. He was pleased when he saw the priests killing the sacrifices and offering them up to Him as He had commanded them. The Lamb was offered as a type of Jesus, who was the Lamb of God that was slain on the cross for our sins. God did not want them to forget this, as that was for the atonement of their sins.

What a great rejoicing it was when the day came and all the rulers of the city and the people went up to the house of God and worshipped him with sacrifices! God blessed them. They made a covenant with the Lord and his fierce wrath was turned away from them.

Later when the king of Assyria came against them the Lord helped them out. (Chapter 32) The king of Assyria sent his servants up to Jerusalem and they tried to get the people to turn against Hezekiah. Hezekiah and the people cried unto the Lord. God sent an angel which cut off the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. The Bible said he returned to his country with "shame of face." So God helped his people because they turned unto him.

—Aunt Marie

HEZEKIAH, THE GOOD KING

2 Chron. 29:1-11, 35b, 36; Isa. 30:15

2 Chron. 29:1 Hezekiah began to reign when he was five and twenty years old, and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah.

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that David his father had done.

3 He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the Lord, and repaired them.

4 And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east street,

5 And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the Lord God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place.

6 For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the eyes of the Lord our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the Lord, and turned their backs.

7 Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy place unto the God of Israel.

8 Wherefore the wrath of the Lord was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he hath delivered them to trouble, to astonishment, and to hissing, as ye see with your eyes.

9 For, lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daugh-

ters and our wives are in captivity for this.

10 Now it is in mine heart to make a covenant with the Lord God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us.

11 My sons, be not now negligent: for the Lord hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister unto him, and burn incense.

35b So the service of the house of the Lord was set in order.

36 And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people: for the thing was done suddenly.

Isa. 30:15 For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not.

Memory Verse: For if ye turn again unto the Lord, your brethren and your children shall find compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for the Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him. 2 Chron. 30:9.

Central Thought: We should be strong in God and stand firmly against wrong.

QUESTIONS:

1. Tell about the king and his evil doings before Hezekiah came to the throne.

2. What were the ten tribes called? The two tribes?

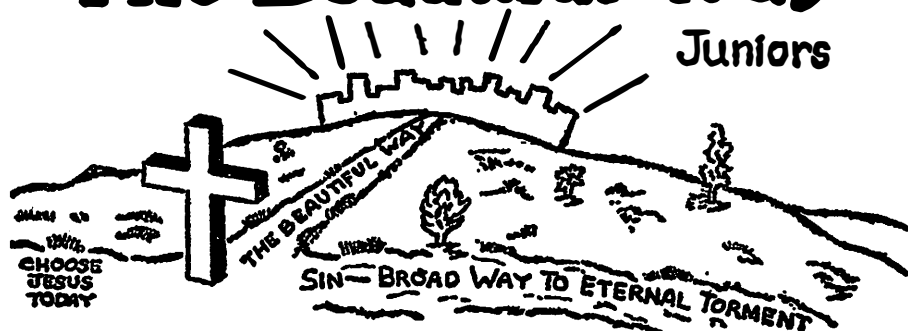
3. What did Hezekiah do the first thing when he began to rule?

4. How were those punished, in our lesson, who turned away from God?

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INFLUENCE

The one you may mislead today
Tomorrow will be still astray;
Though you repent and pardon seek
He might be still astray next week.

A year from now that soul might be
So close to long eternity,
Unmoved by efforts of your own
He will not bow before the throne.

So early seek the narrow way,
And wield an influence good today;
Be not the cause of others' sin,
But help them come and enter in.

—Leslie Busbee

Won't You Help Them?

One day a man walked along the muddy banks of one of India's muddy streams. He saw a mother coming with a beautiful little girl in her arms. By her side was a little child that was nearly dead from starvation. As the man passed them he saw that the little one who walked by her side would not live long. The man went

on up the stream to see a family. Later he came back the same way. Much to his horror he saw the little starved child struggling along by his mother's side. But the healthy child had been thrown into the river. She had been sacrificed to the river gods. The huge fish were fighting over her body. The mother had been told by the Hindu priests that if she sacrificed her healthy baby she would have peace. Oh, how sad! She had sacrificed her healthy child and probably the next day the other one would die from disease and the mother would have no children, and no peace. This is the tragedy of millions in the world today who worship the three million gods of India. Many of the heathen villages in India have not heard about the Lord Jesus Christ who will bring peace to their souls.

In the Caribbean Island there was a girl who became a Christian. But she had backslidden. She then got mixed up with some pagan groups on the island. She began to work with their high priests. This group mixes the Christian truth with their pagan worship. The girl was given a piece

of cloth and was told to put a drop of red mercurochrome on it. She now sells this to members of the pagan group and tells them that this is a drop of the blood of Jesus which heals their diseases and cleanses their sins. Oh, how sad that these people are in such a deception!

In Africa drums beat through the night. They thunder until dawn. Sacrifices had been made to the animal spirits by the witch doctors. Trouble was brewing. Somebody would be murdered before nightfall.

One missionary writes from the Congo, "I had spent two weeks deep in the African bush. I came to a village where all the children had been terribly mutilated and great welts running in tattooed designs marked their scrawny bodies. I saw a young child, not quite six, where great sores had broken out on those welts.

"Yes, the juju priests take the children when they are young, cut designs into their bodies. Then they sprinkle ash, mixed with a secret concoction, into the cuts. And when they heal, that is if they do, these welts are the results." Everywhere a person went, he saw the children with those terrible welts. Many children died from this terrible practice. In one village they had been Christian for five years. There were only welts on the older children and none on the younger. The missionary said that when Christ is brought to a heathen village in Africa the pagan superstition and customs give way before the power of Christ.

Boys and girls, you should be glad that you live in a country where you are taught about the precious Saviour, Jesus Christ. The above accounts are what is happening today.

These things did not happen years ago but are happening today in these countries. I hope that each of you are saving some of your nickels and dimes to give to missionaries so they can teach these people about Jesus Christ. You can send any offering that you have to Faith Publishing House and we will see that it is sent to missionaries who are working to bring these heathens to Jesus Christ. Won't you help them?

—Sister Marie Miles

EVERYTHING

There is no trouble too small to tell God about. "In everything," says the Bible, "let your requests be made known unto God."

This includes lessons and examinations, and temptations to do wrong. If you are ever tempted to copy a sum instead of working it, or to save yourself trouble by cheating, send up a little prayer to God that He will keep you honest. It is better to get a sum wrong than to cheat about it.

If you find a lesson very hard, ask God for His help. He may not make it easy, but He may instead give you help to master it; and this will be better, because it will strengthen your character. God will give everything for our good if we ask Him in Christ's name. "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" So let us never be afraid to ask God to help us over our smallest troubles.

"Flattering Lips"

"I think you have on the prettiest dress," said Jane to Gladys as she met her in the hall at school.

"Thank you," said Gladys as she walked on down the hall.

"I wouldn't wear a dress like that!" said Jane to Mary who was walking along with her. "It's horrible!"

"Why did you tell her it was pretty?" asked Mary.

"Oh, I had to say something that she would like," said Jane. "Gladys helped me with a problem the other day. I had to be nice to her."

Mary didn't say anything until Jane said, "A penny for your thoughts. You might as well get after me. I know I shouldn't have said it."

"Well, it just came to me what my memory verse last Sunday said," said Mary. "It was, 'The Lord shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things.'" (Psa. 12:3). "I am sure it means that God is displeased with us when we flatter people. So you should be careful."

—M. Miles

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

Don't you enjoy days when things go smoothly? Those are the days when you do as your parents tell you and everyone is happy. But sometimes it seems you listen to that voice that causes you to disobey. Sometimes you are punished and the day is spoiled. It think it is wiser to do as you are told without having to be punished first. In the end you have to do it anyway, don't you?

Our lesson is about a king who did wrong, who was punished, and then he did right. But oh, the trouble and heart-ache that it caused. He also caused others to do wrong.

Manasseh began to reign on the throne of Judah when he was 12 years old. We do not know too much about him at that early age, but our lesson tells us he did that which was evil in the sight of

the Lord. He was the son of the good king, Hezekiah. Maybe because he started to rule so young he did some things rashly. A boy or girl who is twelve still needs guidance. Do you remember what Jesus did when he was twelve years old? But then he obeyed his parents and went with them.

Manasseh did not follow in the right paths of his good father. He rebuilt the altars of worship to Baal, as did the wicked king Ahab of Israel. How terrible for him to follow the example of one so wicked! It would have been so much better for him and for others if he had followed the good example of his father. It would have saved him a lot of trouble. Boys and girls, be sure that you follow the example of those who are good. It always pays to do right.

Manasseh even "shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another." (2 Kings 21:16). How terrible! He consulted with witches and soothsayers. He burned his own son as an offering to a god. (2 Kings 21:6). During this time God sent prophets to warn him of his wickedness and that he and the people would be punished, but he continued right on doing evil. Did you ever see any boys and girls like that?

Manasseh found out that he could not do wrong and get by. God permitted him to be bound with fetters and carried away to another country. (2 Chronicles 33:10, 11). I am sure he was ready to listen while being a prisoner. We find that he did repent of his sins. He humbled himself before God and prayed. Oh, the mercy of God! God heard his cry and forgave him. He restored him to his country and throne. Our lesson tells us "then Manasseh knew that the Lord he was God." He tried to renew the true worship. How much better it would have been if he had followed good

examples and he would have saved himself a lot of trouble. —Aunt Marie

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MANASSEH LEADS JUDAH INTO SIN

2 Kings 21:1-4, 9-15; 2 Chron. 33:12, 13

2 Kings 21:1 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hephzibah.

2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, after the abominations of the heathen, whom the Lord cast out before the children of Israel.

3 For he built up again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made a grove, as did Ahab king of Israel; and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.

4 And he built altars in the house of the Lord, of which the Lord said, In Jerusalem will I put my name.

9 But they hearkened not: and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than did the nations whom the Lord destroyed before the children of Israel.

10 And the Lord spake by his servants the prophets, saying,

11 Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, and hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, which were before him, and hath made Judah also to sin with his idols:

12 Therefore thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Behold, I am bringing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle.

13 And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down.

14 And I will forsake the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies: and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies;

15 Because they have done that which was evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day.

2 Chron. 33:12 And when he was in affliction, he besought the Lord his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers,

13 And prayed unto him: and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord he was God.

Memory Verse: Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin. James 4:17.

Central Thought: Trouble awaits all who do evil in the sight of the Lord.

QUESTIONS:

1. How old was Manasseh when he began to reign?
2. Whose example did he follow, Hezekiah or Ahab?
3. What terrible wicked thing did he do?
4. How was he punished?
5. What did he do while he was a prisoner?
6. Did God permit him to be brought back to his throne?

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The Lost Book

Doing service in the temple
In an effort to be just,
Once a priest in actions simple
Found a book o'erlaid with dust.

Reading from its sacred pages
Found they precepts for the right,
Though neglected for long ages
Shone therein a precious light.

Say! there's yet a Volume hidden
Stained by dust of man's neglect.
Get it out, its message bidden
Life and honor to expect.
—Leslie Busbee

Two Ways of Reading The Bible

"Would you lie another chapter, Lilian dear?" asked Kate Everard of the invalid cousin whom she had lately come from Hampshire to nurse.

"Not now, thanks; my head is tired," was the reply.

Kate closed her Bible with a feeling of slight disappointment. She knew

that Lilian was slowly sinking under incurable disease, and what could be more suitable to the dying than constantly to be hearing the Bible read? Lilian might surely listen, if she were too weak to read for herself.

Kate was never easy in mind unless she perused at least two or three chapters daily, besides a portion of the Psalms; and she had several times gone through the whole Bible from beginning to end. And here was Lilian whose days on earth might be few, tired with one short chapter!

"There must be something wrong here," thought Kate, who had never during her life kept her bed for one day through sickness. "It is a sad thing when the dying do not prize the word of God." "Lilian," said she, trying to soften her naturally quick, sharp tones to gentleness, "I should think that now, when you are so ill, you would find special comfort in the Scriptures."

Lilian's languid eyes had closed, but she opened them, and fixing her soft, earnest gaze upon her cousin, replied, "I do—they are my support; I have been feeding on one verse all

the morning."

"And what is that verse?" asked Kate.

" 'Whom I shall see for myself,' " began Lilian slowly; but Kate cut her short—

"I know that verse perfectly—it is in Job; it comes just after 'I know that my Redeemer liveth;' the verse is, 'Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.' "

"What do you understand by the expression 'not another'?" asked Lilian.

"Really, I have never particularly considered those words," answered Kate. "Have you found out any remarkable meaning in them?"

"They were a difficulty to me," replied the invalid, "till I happened to read that in the German Bible they are rendered a little differently; and then I searched in my own Bible, and found that the word in the margin of it, is like that in the German translation."

"I never look at the marginal references," said Kate, "though mine is a large Bible and has them."

"I find them such a help in comparing Scripture with Scripture," observed Lilian.

Kate was silent for several seconds. She had been careful to read daily a large portion from the Bible; but to "mark, learn, and inwardly digest it," she had never even thought of trying to do. In a more humble tone she now asked her cousin, "What is the word which is put in the margin of the Bible instead of 'another' in that difficult text?"

"A stranger," replied Lilian; and then, clasping her hands, she repeated the whole passage on which her soul had been feeding with silent delight:

" 'Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not a stranger.

"O Kate," continued the dying girl, while unbidden tears rose to her eyes, "if you only knew what sweetness I have found in that verse all this morning while I have been in great bodily pain! I am in the Valley of the Shadow—I shall soon cross the dark river; I know it: but He will be with me, and 'not a stranger.' He is the Good Shepherd, and I know His voice; a stranger would I not follow."

"Oh," continued Lilian, "in the glad resurrection morn, it is the Lord Jesus whom I shall behold, my own Saviour, my own tried friend, and 'not a stranger;' I shall at last see Him whom, not having seen, I have loved."

Lilian closed her eyes again, and the large drops, overflowing, fell down her pallid cheeks; she had spoken too long for her strength, but her words had not been spoken in vain.

"Lilian has drawn more comfort and profit from one verse—nay, from three words in the Bible, than I have drawn from the whole book," reflected Kate. "I have but read the Scriptures—she has searched them. I have been like one floating carelessly over the surface of waters under which lie pearls; Lilian has dived deep and made the treasure her own."

Won By Kindness

"Be ye kind."—Eph. 4:32

Professor Stuart Blackie, of the University of Edinburgh, was hearing a class in which one man rose with his book in the wrong hand. He began an explanation, and the professor said quickly, "Take your book in the right hand, and be seated."

The student held up his right arm, and it was off at the wrist.

The great man hesitated a moment, then he went to the student and, with tears streaming from his eyes, he said, "I never knew about it. Will you forgive me?" It ended in the conversion of the young man.

The story was told afterwards at a Bible conference, and after the meeting a man came forward and raised up his right arm; it ended at the wrist. He said, "I am the man Professor Blackie led to Christ, but he never would have done it if he had not put his arm around me, and made the wrong right." —Sel.

There are eighteen poisons in the smoke from one cigarette.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Today is the day that we are to show some special honor to fathers. Sometimes fathers are taken for granted. They are only thought of when a boy or girl needs some money. But fathers are real important. If your father loves God he is a very special father. If he doesn't love God, he is still special and we want to love and respect him. My father loved God. I can never remember when he didn't. He always gathered us together every morning and every night for family worship. When we were young he would read to us every night out of the Bible Story Book. We would beg him to read more. Then we knelt and prayed. All of us prayed, from the youngest to the oldest. Those were wonderful days because we felt sure that God was taking care of our home and all was well. When we would get sick we called for our father to pray for us. God always healed us. When I was small I had the smallpox but wasn't very sick

with them. I had some fever and a few sores. God healed me. Some people die with smallpox. I loved my father and I didn't want anyone to say anything against him. When I looked at him as he lay still in death I was so glad I had no regrets. I had done all I knew to please him and make his life happy in his old age. I was also glad that he could say many times that I had never given him and mother any trouble when I was a child and as a teen-ager. Now boys and girls, God can help us to bring joy to our parents. If you will do that and be careful to obey them you will be so glad that you did when you are grown and look back over your life.

Do you have a Bible in your house? Were you ever in a home where there wasn't a Bible? Some people have one in their home but it is on the shelf with dust on it or it is safely put away in a trunk.

How happy the high priest, Hilkiah (Hil-ky-uh) was when he found the Book of God. They found it among the rubbish in the temple. Hilkiah gave it to Shaphan (Shay-fan) and he read it. He was happy that they had found it so he rushed to the king. The king wanted it read to him. When he heard that he and all the people had not obeyed the Bible the king was troubled. He rent his clothes and called the wise men together. He told them to inquire of God concerning all the word of the book that was found. He saw that he and his fathers and the people had not obeyed the book. According to the book, God's wrath was against them. Oh, how wonderful it would be today if the rulers of our land and the people would be troubled because they are not obeying the Bible. The wrath of God is against those who disobey unless they repent. The king gathered all the people togeth-

er and had the book read to both small and great. He wanted the children to hear it, too. Boys and girls are supposed to obey the Bible.

They fixed up the temple and started to do as God had commanded. They promised to obey all the words of the law and love the Lord with all their hearts. God was pleased with them. God is pleased when boys and girls do as God commands them. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 12, June 19, 1966

GOD'S BOOK FOUND

2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3

2 Kings 22:8 And Hilkiyah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord. And Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

9 And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the Lord.

10 And Shaphan the scribe shewed the king, saying, Hilkiyah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.

11 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes.

12 And the king commanded Hilkiyah the priest, and Ahikan the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king's saying,

13 Go ye, enquire of the Lord for me, and for the people, and for all Judah

concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the Lord that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.

23:1 And the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.

2 And the king went up into the house of the Lord, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the Lord.

3 And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.

Memory Verse: Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. Psalm 119:9.

Central Thought: We should read the Bible and know that it is God speaking to us.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who found the Bible and where had it been lost?
2. Who read it to the king and what did he do?
3. Did they repair the temple?
4. Who had the book read to all the people?

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Part Thirteen

June 26

Be Established

Oh, let your life upon this earth
By God established be
By fearing Him, esteeming worth
His word and sure decree.

Oh, put Him first, don't run ahead
In paths that prove unsure,
But by His hand of wisdom led
Embrace a life secure.

For godly fear gives promise true
Of present life and then
When earth and life below is through
Eternal life we win.

—Leslie Busbee

Company Manners

"Well," said Bessie, very emphatically, "I think Russel Morton is the best boy there is, anyhow."

"Why so, pet?" I asked, settling myself in the midst of the busy group gathered around in the firelight.

"I can tell," interrupted Wilfred, "Bessie likes Russ because he is so polite."

"I don't care, you may laugh," said frank little Bess; "that is the reason—at least one of them. He's nice; he don't stamp and hoot in the house, and he never says, 'Hallo Bess,' or laugh when I fall on the ice."

"Bessie wants company manners all of the time," said Wilfred. And Bell added: "We should all act grown up, if we wanted to suit her."

Dauntless Bessie made haste to retort. "Well, if growing up would make some folks more agreeable, it's a pity we can't hurry about it."

"Wilfred, what are company manners?" I questioned from the depths of my easy chair.

"Why—why—they're—it's behaving, you know, when folks are here, or we go a visiting."

"Company manners are good manners;" said Horace.

"O yes," answered I, meditating on it. "I see; manners that are too good for mamma but just right for Mrs. Jones."

"That's it," cried Bess.

"But let us talk it over a bit. Seriously, why should you be more po-

lite to Mrs. Jones than to mamma? Do you love her better?"

"O my! no indeed," chorused the voices.

"Well, then, I don't see why Mrs. Jones should have all that's agreeable; why the hats should come off and the tones soften, and 'please' and 'thank you,' and 'excuse me,' should abound in her house, and not in mamma's."

"Oh! that's very different."

"And mamma knows we mean all right. Besides, you are not fair, cousin—we were talking about boys and girls—not grown up people."

Thus my little audience assailed me, and I was forced to a change of base.

"Well, about boys and girls, then. Can not a boy be just as happy, if, like our friend Russel, he is gentle to the little girls, doesn't pitch his little brother in the snow, and respects the rights of his cousins and intimate friends? It seems to me that politeness is just as suitable to the playground as the parlor."

"Oh, of course; if you'd have a fellow give up all fun," said Wilfred.

"My dear boy," said I, "that isn't what I want. Run, and jump, and shout as much as you please; skate, and slide, and snowball; but do it with politeness to other boys and girls, and I'll agree you shall find just as much fun in it."

"You sometimes say I pet Burke Holland more than any of my child-friends. Can I help it? For though he is lively and sometimes frolicsome his manners are always good. You never see him with his chair tipped up, or his hat on in the house. He never pushes ahead of you to get first out of the room. If you are going out, he holds open the door; if weary, it is Burke who brings a glass

of water, places a chair, hands a fan, springs to pick up your handkerchief—and all this without being told to do so, or interfering with his own gayety in the least.

"This attention isn't only given to me as the guest, or to Mrs. Jones when he visits her, but to mamma, or Aunt Jenny, and little sister, just as carefully; at home, in school, or at play, there is always just so much guard against rudeness.

"His courtesy is not merely for state occasions, but it is like a well-fitting garment worn constantly. His manliness is genuine loving kindness. In fact, that is exactly what real politeness is; carefulness for others, and watchfulness over ourselves, lest our angles shall interfere with their comfort."

It is impossible for boys and girls to realize, until they have grown too old, easily to adopt new ones, how important it is to guard against contracting careless and awkward habits of speech and manners. Some very unwisely think it is not necessary to be so very particular about these things except when company is present. But this is a grave mistake, for coarseness will betray itself in spite of the most watchful care.

It is impossible to indulge in one form of speech, or have one set of manners at home, and another abroad, because in moments of confusion or bashfulness, such as every young person feels sometimes who is sensitive and modest, the every day mode of expression will discover itself.

It is not merely because refinements of speech and grace of manners are pleasing to the sense, that our young friends are recommended to cultivate and practice them. Outward

refinement of any kind reacts as it were on the character and makes it more sweet and gentle and lovable, and these are qualities that attract and draw about the possessor a host of kind friends.

"WHAT KIND OF SORRY?"

Two boys were playing, when the larger one did something very unkind to the other. Right away, the smaller one went over and sat down on the other side of the lawn.

After a while the larger boy, tired of playing alone, called out:

"Say, George, come back; I'm so sorry."

But George asked, "What kind of sorry? The kind so you won't do it again?"

When we are sorry for our sins we must be sorry enough not to do them again. —Sel.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

I wish you could see a picture of the beautiful temple that Solomon had built in Jerusalem. It was a place that was honored by God. God's presence filled the temple and God promised to bless all who looked that way and prayed. But God had told the people that if they forsook His commandments and served other gods and worshipped them that He would "pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight ... And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to everyone that passeth by." (2 Chron. 7:16, 22) The prophet Isaiah also said, "Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire; and all our pleasant things are laid waste."

(Isa. 64:10, 11) The prophet Jeremiah pled with them to "Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings" but they went on in their wickedness. Oh, the mercy of God! But boys and girls, judgment will fall. God's mercy always goes before justice. Sin always will be punished.

King Zedekiah was twenty years old when he began to reign. He decided that he would rebel against Nebuchadnezzar who had taken the country captive some time before. He expected Egypt to help him because Egypt was an enemy of Nebuchadnezzar, the Babylonian. Jeremiah the prophet pled with the king and the people not to do this. He told them that they sought for the help of Egypt in vain. He told them that Judah would not stand against Babylon. He told them that the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar would come against the city and burn it with fire. (Jer. 37). They would not listen. They even put Jeremiah in a prison and into a dungeon. It was so sad to see how the king refused to listen. Jeremiah wept because the king and the people would not listen. He knew they would be punished and he begged them to repent.

One day King Nebuchadnezzar arrived with his army. He decided he would destroy the city of Jerusalem. They had given him so much trouble. Egypt did not help them. He burned the houses and tore down the great walls around the city. He burned the temple of God and tore it down. Fires burned for days throughout the city. The people were killed. Many were taken back to his land as slaves. King Zedekiah's sons were killed before his eyes. They put out Zedekiah's eyes and took him bound back to Babylon. Oh, how sad this was! I am sure he wished he had listened, but it was too late. Boys and girls, be sure

that you obey God. God may wait for a long time, but punishment is sure and will come.
—Aunt Marie

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THE FALL OF JERUSALEM

2 Chronicles 36:11-21

2 Chron. 36:11 Zedekiah was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.

12 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord his God, and humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet speaking from the mouth of the Lord.

13 And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto the Lord God of Israel.

14 Moreover all the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathen; and polluted the house of the Lord which he had hallowed in Jerusalem.

15 And the Lord God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place:

16 But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, till there was no remedy.

17 Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man or him that stooped for age: he gave them all into his hand.

18 And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon.

19 And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof.

20 And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia:

21 To fulfill the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfill threescore and ten years.

Memory Verse: For the Lord will not cast off forever: But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies. Lam. 3:31, 32.

Central Thought: Disobedience always brings punishment.

QUESTIONS:

1. What was the name of the king who was ruling when Jerusalem was destroyed?

2. Against what prophet did the king rebel?

3. Who arrived with his army to destroy Jerusalem?

4. How long were the people kept in captivity according to Jeremiah the prophet?

5. What have we learned always happens when a person or nation disobeys God?

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