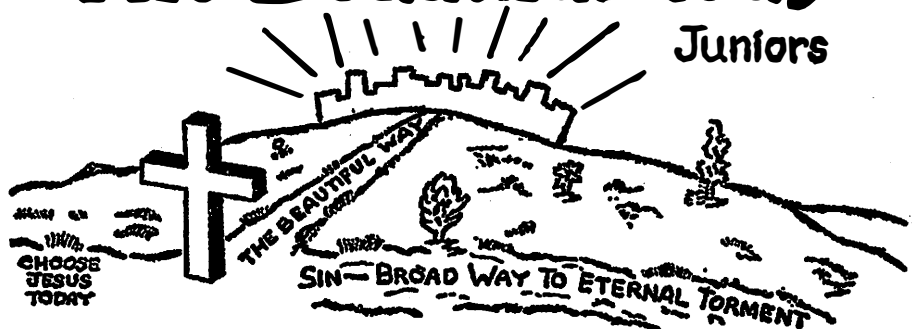


# ***The Beautiful Way***

**Juniors**



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Part One

July 3

## ***God Is Lord***

God is Lord, oh, bow before Him,  
Tremble at His just command;  
For His grace, let us adore Him:  
We were made by His great hand.

God is Lord, to Him belongeth  
The decree of hope or pain,  
Recompense to him that wrongeth,  
Or reward of lasting gain.

He is Lord, the day is coming  
When His judgments great will be  
Dark destruction for the sinner  
Who rejects salvation's plea.

—Leslie Busbee

## ***We Need A Guide\****

"Rules! rules! rules! that's all I hear," said Betty. "I'm going to leave home. I'm tired of rules, rules, and more rules."

"Betty, you grieve your mother. When there are five people living under one roof we just have to have

some kind of order to keep things running smoothly. I don't think I am asking anything too hard for you to do. It doesn't take you but just a little more time to walk over to the hall closet and hang up your coat than it does to drape the furniture with it. You know that our home would look awful if all five of us just left our coats hanging all around on the living room furniture. I don't think it is an impossible rule to have each one hang up his coat."

Betty acted as if she hadn't heard her mother. She went into her room and later slipped out the back door. She would just leave home. She walked down the street. She didn't feel very happy inside. She came to the corner and stood waiting for the light to change. Again she thought of rules and then all of a sudden she thought, "Why, I'm obeying a rule right now." She then decided she didn't have to obey any rules so she stepped out into the street as her anger rose up again. A car had to swerve to keep from hitting her. This caused her heart to beat faster. "Perhaps I had better obey that rule, any-

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way," thought Betty. Her anger cooled down some now. She came to a place where the sidewalk had been blocked off and a sign posted stating for the people to walk around through the passageway. Workmen were at work on the building. She read it and thought, "Why, there is another rule!" She just stepped around the saw-horses that held the board and sign and walked right on down the sidewalk where the construction was going on. About the time she was halfway past the front of the building, a lot of dust and dirt sifted down upon her and she had to hurry to get away from it. Her hair was now full of dirt and she felt some of it go down her neck. Her face was all dirty, too. This upset her. She decided she had better go back home. Just as she went through the passageway and down the sidewalk on the other side, she heard someone say, "Hello, Betty." She didn't want anyone to see her looking like that. She was ashamed for anyone to know how it happened, but before she knew it she was standing face to face with her Sunday School teacher.

"Why, Betty, what happened to you?" said kind Sister Brown, as she looked at her face and hair.

"Oh, some of that dirt from the building fell on me," said Betty as she started to go on, yet she felt ashamed because she liked her Sunday School teacher very much.

"You mean it fell on you when you walked through the board passageway in front of the building? I don't see how that could have happened."

"Well, I guess it's my fault," said Betty. "I didn't walk in the passageway."

"How did that happen?" asked Sister Brown as she looked at Betty closely.

Betty felt that she already knew why and that she was looking right into her heart. She began to cry. Sister Brown put her arm around Betty and walked with her down the street. Betty told her all that had happened. Sister Brown listened until she had finished.

"Well, my dear, I believe you have learned your lesson," said Sister Brown. "There are rules everywhere you turn. But the greatest rules are made by God. He, too, has rules that bring us great joy if we obey them. And, my dear, if you don't learn to obey the rules in your home, in your school, and on the street, you won't obey the rules of God. And, oh, how sad that will be! God wants to take that rebellion out of your heart. He wants to help you to want to obey rules. When you go home, you kneel down and ask God to forgive you and to take all the rebellion out of your heart and put a 'want-to' in your heart instead. He will do that."

"Oh, will God help me to want to obey rules?" asked Betty.

"Yes, my dear, He will," said Sister Brown. "All of us need guidance. None of us knows how to do the right and we would go astray if we did not have a guide. God has left us the Bible to tell us how to live right and get to heaven. God has sent His Spirit here to live in our hearts to be our guide if we will let Him. You must confess your sins to the Lord and get forgiveness. Then you must seek for God to give you His Spirit as your guide."

"I do need God to help me," said Betty.

"I will be praying for you," said Sister Brown as she gave Betty a hug.

Betty went home and in through the back door to her bedroom. She

got on her knees and prayed. God blessed her and forgave her. She felt so happy as she got up and prepared to take a bath and wash her hair. After her bath she ran to her mother and asked her to forgive her for being so naughty and told her what Jesus had done for her. Her mother was so happy and Betty was a changed girl. —M. Miles

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## Now Is the Best Time

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An Indian princess, coming of age, was given a basket and told to walk down a row of corn and pick the finest ears. She was to fill the basket but she could not turn around.

At the beginning of the row were some fine ears, but she passed those in search of even better ones. Still more good ears appeared as she walked further on, but surely, she thought, some ahead would be more perfect.

Then suddenly she reached the row's end—and she had gathered none.

Perhaps you've thought to yourself that someday you're going to work for Jesus. Some day you'll tell others about Him. But some day isn't what Jesus wants. He is giving us opportunity today to tell our friends about Him. There will be no better opportunities in the future, so let's do all we can for Jesus today.

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lessons for this quarter will be about the Ten Commandments and Jesus' comments on them. The Ten Commandments were given to the children of

Israel. The children of Israel could not keep them but when Jesus came He gave us power to keep them. One of the Ten Commandments was given just to the children of Israel and was fulfilled when Jesus came. That was the Sabbath day commandment. We will discuss that in another lesson.

After God had brought the children of Israel out of Egypt in a marvelous way He brought them to Mt. Sinai. There He told Moses to bring all the people to the mountain. He was going to come down into the mountain and speak to the people. The day arrived. The people stood around the mountain. God came down. The mountain shook, the lightning cracked and thunder seemed to roll down the mountain side. A trumpet sounded long and God spoke. The people were afraid. They told Moses that they would listen to him but they did not want God to speak to them. (Ex. 20:18-21). God is mighty and great. He is to be feared and held in holy awe. God created everything in the earth and made mankind. God has a right to command and expect His commandments to be kept. How could a world be run without laws or rules? God wanted a world where people would love and serve Him but so many will not keep His laws. They want to do as they please but they find that it does not bring joy to them.

Moses went up into the mountain and God wrote the Ten Commandments on tables of stone. (Ex. 32:15, 16.) The Bible says they were "written with the finger of God." They were real important. Boys and girls, they are important today.

Our lesson bears out the fact that God brought the people out of Egypt. Can you name some of the plagues that He sent to cause the Egyptians to let them go?

God wants us to love Him so much that we will love to do as He tells us to do. Love is what caused God to send Jesus to this world. We were lost in sin and He wanted us to be saved. He sent Jesus so we could obey Him through the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus told the people that He was in God and God was in Him. He spoke the words of God and did the things that God told Him to do. God has made it so plain and simple for us to know for sure that God is real. We do not need to doubt it. When we stand before God in the Judgment Day we will not have any excuse for not having kept His laws and rules.

—Aunt Marie.

Lesson 1, July 3, 1966

## GOD'S RIGHT TO COMMAND

Ex. 20:1, 2; Lev. 18:1-5; Hosea 11:1, 3, 4a; John 14:10, 15; Matt. 24:35

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

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

Lev. 18:1 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I am the Lord your God.

3 After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances.

4 Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I am the Lord your God.

5 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the Lord.

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

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

4a I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love:

John 14:10 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.

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Matt. 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

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

Central Thought: If we obey God it will bring us joy and eternal life; to disobey, sorrow and eternal death.

## QUESTIONS:

1. Who wrote the Ten Commandments?

2. What did the people in Egypt and the Canaan land do that God did not want His people to do?

3. Whose commandments are we to keep?

4. What did Jesus say would cause us to keep His commandments?

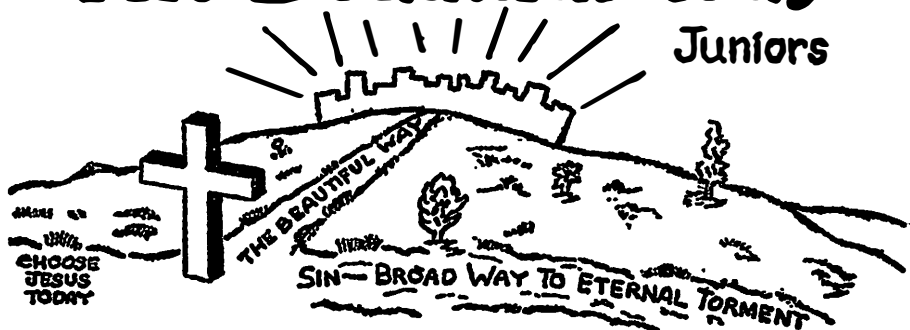
5. Mention the places where there are rules to be kept.

6. Will God's Word stand when the world is on fire?

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Part Two

July 10

## Loyalty to God

Once a lad by sin surrounded  
In a tavern dark and cold  
Mustered courage and confounded  
Wicked sinners, I am told.

When they saw his earnest praying  
From a heart so stout and brave,  
Shame upon their faces straying  
Overwhelmed them wave by wave.

O, for hearts steadfast and loyal,  
Spirits girded for the fight!  
Holding up the standard royal  
In this darkened world a light!

—Leslie Busbee

## A Boy Prays in a Saloon

There was a terribly wicked man who kept a saloon where whiskey was sold and where young men got together at night to drink and gamble. "I was very anxious to get this man's children into Sunday School," Mr. Moody writes. One day he called on the man and said, "Mr. Bell, I want you to let your children come to Sun-

day School." The man was terribly angry, and he said that he did not believe the Bible, school, or anything else, and ordered him to leave the house.

"Soon after," writes Mr. Moody, "I went down again and called on this man, and asked him to go to church, and again he was very angry. He said that he had not been at church for nineteen years, and would never go again, and he would rather see his boy a drunkard and his daughter a bad girl than that they should attend Sunday School. A second time I was forced to leave the house.

"Two or three days after I called again, and he said, 'Well, I guess you are a pretty good-natured sort of a man, and different from the rest of Christians, or you would not have come back;' so seeing him in a good humor, I asked him what he had to say against Christ, and if he had read His life. He asked me what I had to say against a book that Paine, an infidel, had written. I said that I had never read it; whereupon he said he would read the New Testament, if I would read that book, to

which I agreed, although he had the best bargain: and I did so. I did not like it much, and would not advise any person to read it. I asked Mr. Bell to come to church, but he said they were all hypocrites that went to church. This he would do, however: I might come to his saloon if I liked, and preach.

"Here, in this saloon?" asked Mr. Moody.

"Yes, but look here, you are not to do all the talking." He said that he and his friends would have their say as well as I. I agreed that they might have the first forty-five minutes, and I the last fifteen of the hour, which he thought fair, and that was settled.

"The day came, and I went to keep my appointment, but I never in all my life met such a crowd as when on the day appointed I went to that saloon—such a collection of infidels, deists, and reprobates of all kinds, I never saw before. Their oaths and language were horrible. Some of them seemed as if they had come on leave of absence from the pit. I never was so near hell before. They began to talk in the most horrible way, using many curse words. Many used the precious Lord's name in vain which was painful to me. Some of them thought one thing, some another; some believed there was a God, others not; some thought there was a man as Jesus Christ—others that there never was; some didn't believe anything. They couldn't agree, they disputed each others words and very nearly came to fighting with one another before their time had expired.

"I had brought down with me a boy, an orphan, and when I saw and

heard such terrible language and actions I thought I had done wrong to bring him there. When their time was up, I said that we Christians always began services with prayer to God. 'Hold,' said they; 'two must be agreed first.'

"Well, here are two of us, said I. And so I prayed, and then the boy did so, and I never heard a prayer like that in all of my life. It seemed as if God was speaking through that boy. With tears running down his cheeks he besought God, for Christ's sake, to take pity on all of those poor men and that went to their very hearts. I heard sobs throughout the room, and one infidel went out at this door and another through another door.

"Mr. Bell came up to me and said, 'You can have my children, Mr. Moody.' And the best friend that I have in Chicago today is that same Joshua Bell, and his son has come out for Christ and is a worker for Him."

Boys and girls, God can use you if you will give Him your heart and live for Him. He wants to speak through you as he did that boy who was bold enough to pray to His Lord and Saviour in that wicked place. He did not let the wicked lives of those men cause him to want to be like them. It caused him to feel sorry for them. He knew they did not have peace in their hearts as he had. He prayed earnestly to the Lord to give them peace and to save them and not let them go to hell, I am sure. That boy had a great part in the saloon man letting his children go to Sunday School and become boys and girls and men and women who loved God. There is something for each of us to do so we each one must be willing to stand up for Jesus. Love the Lord with all your heart, mind, soul and

strength and He will make you a blessing in this world. —Sis. M. Miles

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## Count Your Wealth

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You are rich indeed—if square dealing has brought you that priceless thing, a clear conscience, if good health is your portion, if your measure of cheerfulness, generosity, and forgiveness is enough to overflow for the benefit of others, if you have earned friendship by showing yourself friendly, if you have the gift of appreciation for “Life’s Extras,” stars, flowers, sunsets; or for a fellow being’s efforts, if you have the inward peace which makes for calm in the midst of storm, if you have the grace of gratitude with which to warm the heart of man and God.

These things money cannot buy, but they make character, and constitute wealth untold, the riches that cannot pass away.

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson is about supreme loyalty to God. Let us talk about some words for awhile. The dictionary says that loyalty means, “state of being loyal; faithful adherence.” Now the word loyal means, “faithful to persons, ideals, etc.” The word adherence or adhere means “sticking fast; to give support to; attached; a supporter.” Now let us take a definition from these for the words, “loyalty to God.” We should stick up for God and His laws by being faithful to God, through obeying them and loving God with all of our heart, mind, and soul.

Can you sing the song, “Stand Up For Jesus”? That means being loyal. Looking at the word loyalty we could

make a lot of words beginning with the letters found in it. “L” would stand for loving God with all of our hearts. “O” could stand for obeying the laws of God because we love Him. “Y” could stand for the youth to love God. “A” could stand for acting out our love for God to others and before God. “L” could stand for eternal life that we receive from God in living for Him in this world. “T” could stand for being true to God every day. “Y” could stand for yielding everything that we have to God because we love Him. I am sure that you can think of other words starting with these letters that will bring out supreme loyalty to God who is so great, wonderful, loving and kind.

Our lesson is the first one of the ten commandments. “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” God wants to be first in our lives and He wants us to worship Him because He is God; the Creator of all things and of all mankind. Jesus also tells us that this is the first commandment and Jesus tells us that we are to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. How can we do that?

The wicked queen Jezebel, who we studied about in a lesson a few weeks ago, had brought 450 priests to the land of Israel and set up the worship of a god called Baal. King Ahab allowed this to go on in the country and many of the people turned away from worshiping God and worshiped Baal.

One day Elijah, the prophet of God, told King Ahab to gather all the people together. Elijah talked to them and asked them why they did not make their decision to follow God and forsake Baal. They did not answer him so he had the priests of Baal to call on Baal to send down fire and burn up their sacrifice. Of course nothing happened. Elijah then built an altar and even had 12 barrels

of water poured over it. He called on God and God sent fire down and burned up the sacrifice and dried up the water around it. The people were convinced that God was the true God. They worshipped Him.

Jesus was tempted by the devil. He offered Jesus the world if He would worship Satan and not God. Jesus quoted Scriptures. God wants us to turn away from worldly things and worship Him. Name some of the temptations today that would lead us away from God.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 2, July 10, 1966

## SUPREME LOYALTY TO GOD

Ex. 20:3; 1 Kings 18:17-21; Matt. 4:8-10  
Mark 12:28

Ex. 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

1 Kings 18:17 And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel?

18 And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord, and thou hast followed Baalim.

19 Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table.

20 So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.

21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye be-

tween two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

Matt. 4:8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

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

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

Mark 12:28 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? (Memory verse is the answer.)

Memory Verse: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. Mark 12:30.

Central Thought: When we truly love God with all of our heart and stand up for His laws, we prove our loyalty to Him.

## QUESTIONS:

1. What does it mean to have supreme loyalty to God?

2. What is the first commandment given Moses by God and by Jesus to a scribe?

3. What are some of the Baals (idols) of today that we oppose which are sins?

4. How was Jesus tempted and are we tempted too, by the same tempter?

5. Name some of the decisions that you made yesterday or today for God.

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July 17

## ***A Jealous God***

God is jealous; undivided  
Must our lives be spent for Him;  
Sin and self must be derided,  
Earth's delights and joys to dim.

Let Him be our heart's dear treasure  
And His will our aim to do,  
And His fulness be our measure  
All our earthly journey through.

Reap therefore His greatest blessing:  
Life and joy forevermore,  
The reward for constant pressing,  
When our work on earth is o'er!

—Leslie Busbee

## **IN MEMORY OF Terry Lane Meek**

I was so happy to hold in my arms my first grandson, born July 21, 1954, to my son and his wife, Roy and Dorothy Meek, at Larned, Kansas. A day or two after his birth, Terry began to choke. It seemed a few times he wouldn't live, but God let us keep him. We loved him so much.

As Terry grew older, God gave him three brothers and one sister. Terry and his brothers loved to visit me in my home at Guthrie, Oklahoma. Often Terry came alone and stayed for weeks at a time. We would have such good times reading about Jesus and praying together. Terry had learned when young, to pray. He had faith in Jesus. As he grew older he would tell his brothers about Jesus and help them to pray and have faith in God. He was a happy little boy. He was tender-hearted and thoughtful of others. He was quick to forgive. He was a peace-loving child. If he was around trouble, he prayed about it. He prayed for those who were not saved.

One time while in Guthrie he enjoyed attending the campmeeting with me. One evening as we went to the ordinance service, he wanted to know what it was all about. I told him this service was for the ones who were saved, had a pure heart, and were living every day a Christian life. Terry said, "Grandmother, I want to be in this service, too. I am saved." He was so happy! Jesus gave him a blessing.

The summer that Terry was almost eleven years old he came and stayed several weeks with me. I took him with me to the Lord's Print Shop and he helped with what work he could do. He loved to be busy for the Lord. Many times he and his brothers would get a song book and sing. Terry loved to sing. He read his Bible often and also other good books.

One evening he got his finger caught in the car door. He ran to me saying, "Grandmother, pray for it." He began to chill. I took him in my arms and prayed. In just a moment he said, "It's all right, now." Many times when Terry was sick or hurt, the Lord healed him.

Terry was saved but he wanted to know more about Jesus. He asked me one evening to explain repentance to him. I said, "Terry, repentance means to be sorry that we ever did anything that was a sin, to be willing to make all of our wrongs right, and to never do wrong again. We are to love Jesus with all of our hearts and forsake all and obey him." We talked until he was satisfied. He then asked, "What does being born again mean?" I told him it wasn't being born like a little baby, but it was to be born into God's family. That would make us free from sin and cleansed with Jesus' blood, which makes us God's child. God writes our names in heaven. We are born of His Spirit and we are His child by a spiritual birth. He then is our heavenly Father. This satisfied Terry and he was quiet. We went to bed and I went to sleep. Terry awakened me and said, "Grandmother, don't you think we need to pray?" I said, "Terry, do you feel like praying?" He said, "Yes, I do." So we got up and prayed. Terry was saved but wanted a deep-

er experience with the Lord. As he prayed, the dear Lord blessed him with a blessing from heaven.

Terry went home to be with his mother, father, brothers and sister on his eleventh birthday, July 21, 1966. Before he left I had some of his friends together and had a nice dinner for him. He also had a nice birthday celebration with his family at home. Later in the summer he came back and stayed with me until his parents came for him to get him ready to go back to school in the fall. However, he made different remarks that made us feel that he felt as if he would not go to school that fall, but would go to be with Jesus.

Terry took sick with what seemed to be a virus. He couldn't go to school when it opened September 7. His pastor and wife, Bro. and Sister Richard Madden, came over and prayed for him. As they would sing Terry would be so happy and would hold his hand up in praises to God. At times he prayed after they had prayed. He would call for prayer again and again as he seemed to suffer greatly.

One time when they got through praying, he said, "Now, Lord, you told us to believe and we would receive. Now, Lord, I'm going to believe it's done." Then he opened his eyes and said, "Aunt Alta, it's done! Amen, Aunt Alta." He then raised his hand and said, "The Lord has touched my body."

The Lord blessed Terry and made him able to bear his suffering. He said so many sweet things to all of us. I stayed by his bedside until he went to be with Jesus. His mother and father did all they knew and had strength to do for little Terry. But Jesus wanted to take Terry to live with Him.

His last night on earth Terry told everyone goodnight as they left for home. He gave us all a sweet smile and was very cheerful at times. As I sat by his bed, he said once, "Help me to heaven." Terry had some rest and sleep for awhile. When he awoke we soon saw that Terry was fast leaving us to go to that beautiful home in heaven to be with Jesus who loved him even more than we did. We went to prayer but Terry slipped away to be with Jesus early in the morning of September 10, 1966 at the tender age of eleven years.

Terry's mother and father and little brothers were right by his side when he left us. Oh, we loved that dear little boy and we believe he is with Jesus and at rest now. It was hard to give him up but we know he is happy in that beautiful home over there.

—His grandmother, Lillian Meek

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson is about the second commandment. God commanded that we are not to worship anything made by man which would be like anything on the earth, or in the heavens above, or in the water or under the earth. We are not to worship anything that is in the heavens or in the water or on the earth. In other words we are to worship the one and only God. No man has seen God but we know that He is because He has spoken to man and He sent Jesus here to tell us about our Father, God. We do not have to know what He looks like to worship Him. We know that He is great and mighty. He is a Spirit. We know that He is powerful and a God of love. Just getting down upon our knees does not mean we are worshipping

although it is good to do that when we do worship the Lord in prayer. Worship comes from the heart. Kneeling is an aid to worship, but having a great love adoration, faith, and feeling our dependence upon God from the heart with a willingness to obey God brings some true worship to Him. In worshipping God we bring our deepest emotions or feelings together into love for our God.

We should set aside a time each day to worship God. Different people have different times and ways but we must daily come in contact with Him by humbling ourselves in our hearts before Him. We should first come before Him with thanksgiving. We should never forget to thank and praise Him for all that He does for us. Then we can let God know our needs. We should read the Bible or try to find out what God desires us to do or how to live so that it will please God. We like to please those whom we love. Just so when we love God we like to please Him.

We do not see too many idols around us today but in some countries they have many of them. Among the earliest objects worshipped was the meteoric stones which fell from the sky. The people thought they were images of gods sent down from heaven. In Bible times the Philistines worshipped an idol called Dagon. It was an image with a head like a human and then ended up with a fish's tail. Today in foreign countries they have images that they worship, also rivers and cows. We are glad that we know about the true and living God. I know he lives because he lives in my heart. He is real because He is real in my life and heart. We want to worship Him with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength.

Can you name some idols? An idol is anything we let come between us and God. Some let playing ball, watching

T. V., friends, money, just resting, etc. keep them from worshipping God. We must put God first in our hearts and make everything else second. We want to love Him most. Anything that we love more than God becomes an idol to us. Look into your heart and see if you are loving God best. It will pay. It means a home in heaven for you or a place where there is torment. Choose God today.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 3, July 17, 1966

## TRUE WORSHIP OF GOD

Ex. 20:4-6; John 4:7-10, 19-23

Ex. 20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

John 4:7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who

it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

Memory Verse: God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. John 4:24.

Central Thought: We must worship God from our hearts and in the Spirit.

### QUESTIONS:

1. What is the second Commandment?
2. Tell the story of our printed and unprinted lesson about the woman and Jesus at the well.
3. How did Jesus answer her question about worshipping God?
4. Does it mean we are worshipping God just because we bow upon our knees?
5. How many times should we worship God in a day?
6. How can we have idols in our life today?
7. Name some idols that people have besides graven images.

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Juniors



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Part Four

July 24

## His Name

The name of God should banish sin  
And set one's heart aright,  
Well knowing that all thoughts within  
Are open to His sight.

His name should quicken faith and  
love  
His Word to know and do  
To lift one's heart and eyes above  
And righteous zeal renew.

Take not His name in vain, my friend  
Lest guilt thy soul befall;  
And wrath and judgment be thy end—  
Heed now the gospel call.

—Leslie Busbee

## Elton's Great Desire

"Elton, come here!" Mother called from the house. Elton came slowly into the house. He knew he had done something wrong again. His mother and father had tried to get him to quit saying bad words. They were so grieved when he would use God's name as a swear word. They

had whipped him and punished him in different ways. Elton really didn't want to use bad words. He knew it was wrong. He especially wanted to quit since he had been going to the Bible class Mrs. Miles had every week. Mrs. Miles had told him how wrong it was to swear. He really wanted to do right. He wished he could quit but it seemed he would say a bad word before he thought.

"Elton, let us go into the living room and talk to Daddy," said his mother. When they got into the room where Elton's father was reading the newspaper, his mother told him that Elton had used God's name in vain again out in the yard.

"Elton, what do you want us to do to help you to quit using bad words?" asked his daddy. "I really feel that you do not want to use them. We have punished you in different ways but it seems you just continue to use them."

Elton stood there for some time and then he said, "I guess you will have to pray for me like Mrs. Miles does." This astonished Elton's parents. It had been a long time since

either one of them had prayed. They went to church when they lived in another town but since they had moved to this town they had not gone to church. They had been so busy. Elton's father taught at the high school which took a lot of time. They had not got acquainted with many of the people in the town yet. Elton's mother looked at her husband and he looked at her.

"Let us go into the bedroom and pray," Elton's mother said. All three of them went into the bedroom. They got down upon their knees. With tears Elton's mother prayed for the Lord to help Elton to quit saying bad words. She asked God to help him to never use God's name in vain again. Elton's daddy prayed, also. Then Elton prayed with tears. Elton got up and went on back outside. He seemed to feel that he would never say bad words again. He felt that the Lord had helped him and given him his greatest desire. He was truly sorry and God forgave him and helped him. After he went outside Elton's parents began to talk about how they, too, had failed God and it was causing their children to fail God. Both of them stayed upon their knees and prayed to God for forgiveness and help.

A few days later Elton's mother called Mrs. Miles and told her she wanted to talk to her. Mrs. Miles went over to her house. She told her about what had happened and with tears told her that they were going to start attending meeting again. Mrs. Miles told them that they should have family worship. She said they should read a chapter out of the Bible Story book and then have prayer with their three boys each day and it would

help them to have strength to live right.

"What Bible Story book do you recommend?" asked Elton's mother.

"I think Egermeier's Bible Story book is best. My father read it to us when we were small every day in worship and I remember as a child I didn't want him to quit reading. We would beg him to read just one more story. And now I read it to my boys in worship each day. They love to hear the stories," said Mrs. Miles.

"Where can I get one of these books?" asked Elton's mother.

"You can order them from Faith Publishing House, (P. O. Box 713 Guthrie, Okla., price \$4.95) but I'll order it for you if you want me to," said Mrs. Miles. She wanted to be sure that they didn't change their minds as it was very important that they have one. She knew that their boys would have a fine knowledge of the Word of God in simple form if they had that Bible Story book in the home to read.

"You do that for me," said Elton's mother as she got her purse and gave Mrs. Miles the money. —Marie Miles

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## Trust Jesus

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A house was on fire, and all the inmates had escaped except one boy. The flames hindered him from escaping by the stairs, so he ran to the window and cried, "Oh, Father, how shall I get out?"

The people below could see him by the light of the fire in the room, but on account of the smoke he could not see them. He could hear their voices, and he called, "Oh, save me!"

The father answered, "Here I am, my son," and he held out his arms for the boy to jump into them. "Here

I am: don't fear. Drop and I will be sure to catch you."

The boy crept out of the window, but held to it. He knew it was very high from the ground, and he was afraid to let go.

"Drop down, my boy!" cried the father. But he answered, "I can't see you, Father."

"But I am here. You can trust me to catch you. I will save you," answered the father below.

"But I am afraid that I shall fall," came the boy's reply.

By this time the boy felt the heat of the flames; and he was sure he would soon be burned. Then he let go his hold, and in a moment he was safe in his father's arms.

As the boy trusted his father for safety, so we should trust Jesus for our salvation. We can't see Him, but He is holding out His arms and saying, "Come, let me save you from your sins."

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### RETURN WHAT YOU STOLE

When Zaccheus got saved he told Jesus that "if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him four fold." Luke 19:8. If he had stolen one dollar from a man he would go to him and ask his forgiveness. He then would give him four dollars for the one he had taken. It would have been better if he had not taken it in the first place. It never pays to steal.

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson is about the third commandment. If we take the Lord's name in vain or live a life that is a sham we will be held guilty before God. A person

who claims to love God and then does not obey Him is living a vain life, a life of sham. They are what we call hypocrites. When we use God's name with dishonor, as a swear word, we will be held guilty. Boys and girls, it is a serious thing to disobey God. It is a sin to swear. There are so many boys and girls in the world today that take God's name in vain. When you are with them a lot of the time, you might, without thinking, say a word like that. You need to feel sorry immediately and ask God to forgive you for not thinking quickly. Some boys who are in the army once told me that they were around swearing so much that they picked it up without thinking. One soldier told me that before they were to go home on leave they tried to break themselves from saying swear words so often. They were ashamed of it and didn't want to talk that way when they were at home. He said that the boys would try to help each other break the habit by giving a kick to the boy who swore. Now that is a good thing to try to quit but it would have been better never to have started. Of course these boys were not saved and did not have the Lord to help them, yet they didn't want to swear. You need to have the Lord to help you to remember that it is a sin to take His name in vain and that sin will make you miss heaven.

Jesus told the people when he was here, "Swear not at all." Now this is a commandment. Some of the Jews thought they could take an oath by God, the heavens, or the earth. Jesus told them that the heaven was God's throne, the earth was His footstool and that they could not even turn one of the hairs of their head either white or black. He ended by saying for them to just say "yes" or "no."

Jesus also taught them about being hypocrites or taking God's name in vain by saying they love God and then do not prove it by doing what He tells them to do. There was a ceremony of the Jews of washing their hands; not because they were dirty. They asked Jesus why His disciples didn't do this. Jesus told them that it was more important to honor God with their heart than to go through a ceremony of outward show of loving God and honoring Him. He called the outward show vain worship.

Boys and girls, we must show great honor, respect and love for God because our lives are in His hands. We have no chance of getting into heaven if we disobey Him.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 4, July 24, 1966

### THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

Ex. 20:7; Matt. 5:33-37; Mark 7:5-8

Titus 1:16

Ex. 20:7 Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Matt. 5:33 Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great king.

36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

Mark 7:5 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands?

6 He answered and said unto them, Well hath Eaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

7 Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

8 For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

Titus 1:16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

Memory Verse: And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Luke 6:46.

Central Thought: It is important to honor and respect God. Sham words and lives will not be accepted.

### QUESTIONS:

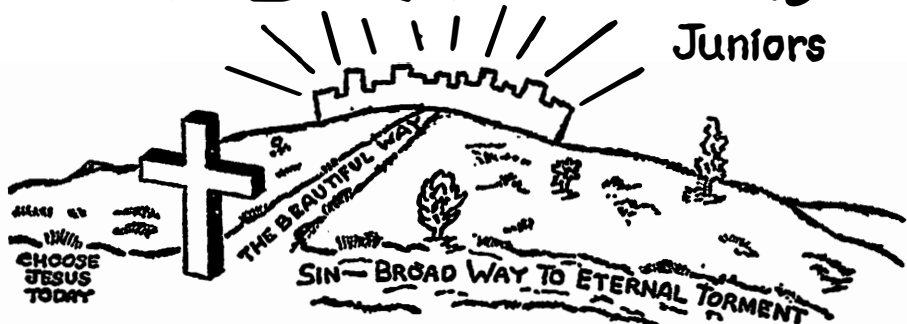
1. What is the third commandment?
2. What two ways can we take God's name in vain?
3. What commandment did Jesus give about swearing?
4. How can people profess to know God but in works deny Him?
5. What is a hypocrite?
6. Will people be punished who say vain words and live vain lives?

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## The Lord's Day

On this day the Lord arose,  
Every Christian surely knows;  
Other days we work and play  
But we worship God this day.

On that bright and early morn  
Comers to the tomb forlorn  
Found the stone was rolled away  
By an angel's hand to stay.

Thus the early Christians met  
On this day, a pattern set,  
This, the first day of the week,  
We, the face of God should seek.

—Leslie Busbee

## Billy Helps Others

"Aren't you ready to go to Sunday School yet?" asked Mother as she saw Billy sitting on the floor without his shoes on. "Hurry up, and get dressed. Your breakfast will get cold. We don't want to be late for meeting."

"I don't know why I have to go to Sunday School," said Billy as he picked up his shoe and gave it a toss.

"Micky doesn't have to go, and Ronnie goes just when he wants to, but me, I have to go every time."

"Billy, that makes me feel badly," Mother said with sadness in her heart. She had been so troubled about Billy. She knew that some parents didn't take their children to Sunday School and she couldn't understand it but she knew it was her duty to see that her children were in Sunday School and meeting. She had prayed about it and asked God to help her to know exactly what she should do. Some of Billy's relatives had told her that she should not make him go and she was very troubled. Again she prayed and asked the Lord to help her to know what to do as she continued to get ready to go. The Lord spoke to her and made her know that she insisted that Billy go to school and eat the proper foods and take care of his body and that she must see that he go to Sunday School and meeting, also, as his soul was the most important part of him. She made her decision. She talked to Billy's father about it and he said he would stand behind her in any decision she made.

She came back through the room and Billy still sat on the floor. He had not put on his shoes, yet.

"I don't have to go to Sunday School today, do I?" asked Billy with a frown. "Mickey never goes."

"Yes, Billy, you have to go," said Mother firmly. "Just as long as you put your feet under our table and eat our food and stay under our roof, you must obey the rules here in this home. One of the rules is that you go to Sunday School every Sunday when it is possible."

Billy sat there for a while and Mother went on in the other room. He knew that his mother meant just exactly what she had said. He had thought that she would give in but now he knew that there was no use to say any more. Then the thought came to him that he should try to get Mickey to come to Sunday School, too. So Billy put on his shoes and was soon at the table eating his breakfast and they were on their way to Sunday School.

Later that week Billy talked to Mickey and asked him to go to Sunday School with him. Mickey did, and then Billy got others to come who had not been attending. Mother helped, too, by having some of the boys to come out to their house to eat with them and to play with Billy. Billy got saved and so did Mickey. They were changed boys and then they loved to talk about the Lord. There were others about their age who got saved. Mother did all she could to help them and encouraged them to get together and do things that they enjoyed doing. Mother decided she would help them keep saved so she started having a meeting with them. God blessed in that meeting and they all loved the Lord. Mother

was happy that she had made the right decision and Billy was glad, too.

—M. Miles

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## Ralph Shares\*

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"Hey, Dad, look what I have!" yelled Ralph as his father got out of his car. He had just come home from work. Ralph ran over to him and pulled something out of his pocket and showed it to his dad.

"Where did you get that fifty cents, son?" asked Dad as he put his arm on Ralph's shoulder and they walked toward the house.

"Mrs. Smith gave it to me for pulling the weeds out of her tomato patch," said Ralph proudly.

"That's fine. Now you can put part of it in the Sunday School offering tomorrow," Daddy said as he opened the door.

Ralph looked a little sad at that and said, "Why do I have to do that?"

"Well, we want to give part of all we make in the week to the Lord. Didn't you know the Bible teaches us to do that?" asked Daddy.

"But this is mine," said Ralph. "I never have much money."

"Well, let us look into God's Word and see what we are to do," said Dad as he sat down in his easy chair and picked up his Bible that lay on the table close by.

"Here it is," Dad said as he read, "Now concerning the collection for the saints, . . . upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." (1 Cor. 16:1, 2). "So you see, Ralph, the Lord has prospered you so you can give part of that. And the Bible al-

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\*parable

so says that if we give to the Lord, He will give more back to us. You can never outgive the Lord."

"All right, Daddy, I am glad to share with the Lord. I will put 10c in the Sunday School box."

—M. Miles

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### THE LAZY MAN

I went by the field of the lazy man, and by the vineyard of the man who did not have understanding. The man's field was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the whole field. The stone wall around his field was broken down. What I saw I thought about for a long time. I learned a lesson from that man. I learned that just a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep will bring poverty and make one poor. I learned that it does not pay to be lazy. (Taken from Prov. 24:30-34.)

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson is about the fourth commandment. The Sabbath is the seventh day which is Saturday. Our lesson deals directly with the Sabbath and the way that Jesus tried to get the Jews to see that it was something more than just the day. God was strict about the Sabbath Day. We read the requirements in the Old Testament. It was a day of remembering the mighty deliverance of their nation from Egyptian bondage and the day of rest after God's creation. It also was a day that they were to keep as a "sign" between them and God that they were His people. A severe penalty was given for the breaking of it. They were to be put to death. Ex. 31:14.

Now when Jesus came He did away with that covenant and established a new covenant. Jesus died on the cross and

we are no longer under the law but under a new day of grace. The Apostle Paul tells us that the sabbath days, new moon, holy days, etc. were nailed to the cross when Jesus died. They were done away with and a better way was given. (Col. 2:14-17) The Sabbath Day was a shadow of things to come. When Jesus came, He gave rest, perfect rest to the soul by taking away our sins. (Heb. 4:3-11)

The Jews tried to find something for which they could put Jesus to death. Jesus knew that His death was to release them of the literal Sabbath and give them a rest from sin, and their own works in the soul. He openly did things that, in their eyes, was worthy of death.

Our memory verse is important as that is the only scripture that is given in our lesson that teaches us about the Lord's Day. The New Testament or early morning church did not keep the Sabbath Day. They kept the Lord's Day. The Lord's Day is the first day of the week, which is Sunday. You must remember that the Sabbath Day is not Sunday.

The first day of the week, which is Sunday, is the day the Lord arose from the grave. I wish you would read the scriptures found in John 20:1, 19. That evening Jesus appeared to the disciples who were assembled together. Then in verse 26 we read that eight days later which would be the next Sunday, they were assembled together again and Jesus appeared in their midst. It seemed they started meeting together right away on the first day of the week in memory of Jesus' resurrection. Then the early church still was meeting together on Sunday 59 years later which is recorded in Acts 20:7. We also see it mentioned in 1 Cor. 16:2 how Paul told the Corinthian Church to take up their offering on the first day of the week which is Sunday when they come together. We

are still meeting on that day today. And our memory verse tells about John, who was on the Isle of Patmos, 66 years after Jesus was resurrected, being in the Spirit on the Lord's Day. Isn't it wonderful each Sunday to meet and worship the Lord on the day which is in memory of Jesus being resurrected? —Aunt Marie

Lesson 5, July 31, 1966

## THE LORD'S DAY

Ex. 20:8-11; Luke 6:6-11; John 5:16-18

Ex. 20:8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Luke 6:6 And it came to pass also on another sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered.

7 And the scribes and Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the sabbath day; that they might find an accusation against him.

8 But he knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth.

9 Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing; Is it lawful on the

sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy it?

10 And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

11 And they were filled with madness: and communed one with another what they might do to Jesus.

John 5:16 And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.

17 But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

Memory Verse: I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet. Rev. 1:10.

Central Thought: Jesus came to fulfill the Sabbath, which means that he gives us perfect, complete rest to our souls. The Lord's Day which is Sunday is kept in memory of Jesus' resurrection.

## QUESTIONS:

1. What is the fourth commandment given to the Israelites?

2. Is the Sabbath Sunday?

3. Did Jesus allow the Pharisees to keep him from doing good?

4. When was the Sabbath done away with and the Lord's Day started? (See John 20:1, 19, 26.)

5. Why do we keep the Lord's Day today and not Saturday or the Sabbath?

6. What does our memory verse tell us that John was in on the Lord's Day?

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Part Six

Aug. 7

## *Honoring Parents*

Give them honor and submit  
To the laws that they commit,  
It will exercise your soul,  
To be fit for God's control.

Honor those whose lives are spent  
For your good, and be content  
With the favors they provide;  
Never murmur or deride.

—Leslie Busbee

## *Sorry—But Too Late!*

I have a true story to tell you, of a disobedient son. The youth, of whom I am about to speak, was the son of a sea-captain. His father had been absent from home on a long voyage. During his absence his child had grown from being an infant into a rough and careless boy. He was becoming restive, under his mother's control; her gentle voice no longer restrained him. He was often wilful, thought it showed a manly superiority, to be independent of a mother's influence.

About this time his father came home; and it was very fortunate that he did return. He soon perceived the spirit of disobedience that was stirring in his son. The boy saw that it displeased his father, although for a few days he said nothing about it.

One afternoon, in October, a bright, golden day, the father told his son to get his hat and take a walk with him. They turned down an open field, a favorite playground for the children in the neighborhood. After talking cheerfully on different topics for a while (said the boy, who gives this history of himself), my father asked me if I observed that great shadow thrown by a huge mass of rock that stood in the middle of the field. I replied that I did. "My father owned that land," said he; "it was my playground when a boy. The rock stood there then; to me it is a beacon, and, whenever I look at it, I recall a dark spot in my life—an event so painful to dwell upon, that, were it not as a warning to you, I should not speak of it. Listen, then, my dear boy, and learn wisdom from your father's experience.

"My father died when I was a mere child. I was the only son. My mother was a gentle, loving woman, devoted to her children, and beloved by everybody.

"I remember her pale, beautiful face her sweet affectionate smile, her kind and gentle voice. In my childhood I loved her sincerely. I was never happy apart from her; and she, fearing that I was becoming too much of a child, sent me to a high school in the village.

"After associating for a time with rude, rough boys, I lost, in a measure, my fondness for home, and my reverence for my mother; and it became more and more difficult for her to restrain my impetuous nature. I thought it indicated a want of manliness to yield to her control, or to appear penitent, although I knew that my conduct pained her.

"The epithet I most feared was girl-boy. I could not bear to hear it said, by my playmates, that I was 'tied to my mother's apron-strings.'

"From a quiet, homeloving child, I became a wild, boisterous boy.

"My mother was very anxious to induce me to seek happiness within the precincts of home. She exerted herself to make our fireside attractive and my sister, following her self-sacrificing example, sought to entice me, by planning games, and diversions for my amusement and entertainment. I saw all this, but did not heed it, until it was too late.

"It was on an afternoon like this, as I was about leaving the dining table to spend the intermission between morning and evening school, in the street, as usual, my mother laid her hand on my shoulder and said, mildly, but firmly, 'My son, I wish you to come with me.'

"She put on her bonnet and said to me, 'We will take a little walk together.' I followed her in silence, and, as I was passing out of the door, I observed one of my rude companions skulking about the house, and I knew he was waiting for me. He sneered as I passed by him. My pride was wounded to the quick. He was a very bad boy, and, being some years older than myself, he exercised a great influence over me.

"I followed my mother, sulkily, till we reached the spot where we now stand, beneath the shadow of this huge rock.

"Oh, my boy, could that hour be blotted from my memory, which has cast a dark shadow over my whole life, gladly would I exchange all that the world can offer me for the quiet peace of mind I should enjoy! But no! Like this huge, unsightly pile, stands the monument of my guilt forever.

"My mother, being in feeble health, sat down, and beckoned me to sit down beside her. Her look, so full of tender sorrow, is present to me now.

"I would not sit, but still continued standing beside her.

" 'Alfred, my dear son,' she said, 'have you lost all your love for your mother?'

I did not reply.

" 'I fear you have,' she continued; 'and may God help you to see your own heart, and me to do my duty!'

"She then talked to me of my misdeeds—of the dreadful consequences of the course I was pursuing. By tears, and entreaties, and prayers, she tried to make an impression upon me. She placed before me the lives and examples of great and good men. She sought to stimulate my ambition.

"I was moved, but too proud to show it, and remained standing in dogged silence beside her. I thought, What will my companions say if, after all my boasting, I should yield at last, and submit to be led by a woman?"

"What agony was in my mother's face when she saw that all she had said, and suffered, failed to move me!"

"She rose to go home, and I followed at a distance. She spoke no more to me until we reached our own door.

" 'It is school time now,' she said; 'go, my son, and once more let me beseech you to think upon what I have said.'"

" 'I shan't go to school,' said I.

"She looked astonished at my boldness, but replied, firmly—

" 'Certainly you will go, Alfred; I command you.'"

" 'I will not,' said I, with a tone of defiance.

" 'One of two things you must do, Alfred. Either go to school this moment, or I will lock you up in your room, and keep you there until you are ready to promise obedience to my wishes.'"

" 'I dare you to do it,' said I; 'you can't get me upstairs.'"

" 'Alfred, choose now,' said my mother, who laid her hand on my arm. She trembled violently, and was deadly pale.

(To be continued next week)

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson today is important to you. I do trust that all of you will think seriously about it. I know that you love your mother and father. But there are many boys and girls today whose parents do not teach them to be obedient.

This makes it hard for you to see why you should obey your parents. But just think of all the heartaches those boys and girls will have in life. They will not have God's blessings upon them. They will not obey the laws of the land nor try to get along with others. God's ways are right, boys and girls, whether you understand it or not. I know when I was young that there were some things I just didn't understand that my parents wanted me to do. They tried to explain to me but I still didn't see why I could not do as I thought I wanted to do in some certain things. But of course my parents demanded that we obey them and we did that as long as we stayed at home. But now, boys and girls, I can look back and see that my parents were right. I am so glad they made me obey them. I am so glad that they didn't let me do the things I wanted to do. They were right. They had been young once and they understood, even if I didn't. So trust your parents to do the right thing for you. Don't contend for your own way. It is not good for you. Most of all you should show love and respect to them. Answer these questions and then I am sure that you will know they are due all of your respect and love.

1. Who fed you when your hands would not even go to your mouth? 2. Who fed you when you could not walk nor get food for yourself? 3. Who covered you up when it was cold and took the cover off when it was warm? 4. Who watched over you daily to keep you from getting hurt? 5. Who kept you out of the street when you did not know the danger of getting run over? 6. Who bought your clothes and food for you? and provides a home for you? 7. Who loved you and cared for you so tenderly to cause you to grow? Did you know that it has been proved that a baby who has never been loved will die before it is

two years old? 8. Who prays for your soul and guides you toward God? 9. Who cares when you get hurt or sick? 10. Who loves you more than anyone else in this world?

I am sure that the answer to all of these questions is your father and mother. How much do you owe them? How can you repay them? They are only asking for your love, respect, and obedience. That is such a little in return for all they have done for you.

Corban means any kind of an offering or vow made to God. This could include money that the son should use in caring for his parents. He was freed from that obligation according to the traditions of the Jews but not according to God's law. Jesus condemned them for giving their approval of sons dishonoring and not caring for their parents through this practice.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 6, August 7, 1966

## HONOR YOUR PARENTS

Ex. 20:12; Mark 7:9-13; Luke 2:51, 52  
Ephesians 6:1-4

Ex. 20:12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Mark 9:7 And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

10 For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death:

11 But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be free.

12 And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother;

13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered and many such like things do ye.

Luke 2:51 And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Eph. 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

2 Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;

3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Memory Verse: And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Eph. 6:4.

Central Thought: Honor, love and respect is due your parents.

## QUESTIONS:

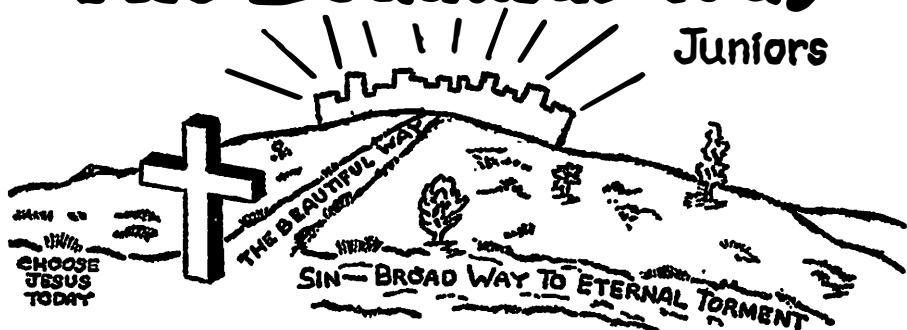
1. What is the fifth commandment?
2. What did they do to the boys and girls who did not obey their parents under the Mosaic law? Read Ex. 21:15, 17; Deut. 21:18-21.
3. What does the word, "Corban" mean?
4. Was Jesus subject to his parents?
5. What is the promise to us if we honor our parents?

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## Sorry—But Too Late!

(Continued from last week.)

"'If you touch me, I will kick you!' said I, in a terrible rage.

" 'Will you go, Alfred?'

" 'No,' replied I, but quailed beneath her glance.

" 'Then follow me,' said she, as she grasped my arm firmly.

"I raised my foot—oh, my boy, hear me!—I raised my foot, and kicked her, my sainted mother!

"Oh, my head reels as the torrent of memory rushes over me! I kicked my mother, a feeble woman, my mother!

"She staggered back a few steps, and leaned against the wall. She did not look at me. I saw her heart beat against her breast.

" 'Oh, heavenly Father,' she cried, 'forgive him! he knows not what he does!'

"The gardener just then passing the door, and seeing my mother pale, and almost unable to support herself, he stopped. She beckoned him in.

" 'Take this boy upstairs, and lock him in his own room,' she said, and turned from me.

"Looking back as she was entering her own room, she gave me such a look!—it will forever follow me. It was a look of agony, mingled with the deepest love. It was the last unutterable pang from a heart that was broken.

"In a moment I found myself a prisoner, in my own room. I thought, for a moment, I would fling myself out of the window and dash my brains out; but I felt afraid to die. I was not penitent. At times my heart was subdued, but my stubborn pride rose in an instant and bade me not to yield. The pale face of my mother haunted me. I flung myself on my bed and fell asleep. I awoke at midnight, suffering with the damp air, and terrified with frightful dreams. I would have sought my mother at that moment, for I trembled with fear; but my door was fast.

"With the daylight my terrors were dissipated, and I became bold in resisting all good impulses. The servant brought my meals, but I did not

taste them. I thought the day would never end.

"Just at twilight I heard a light footstep approach my door. It was my sister, who called me by name.

" 'What may I tell Mother for you?' she asked.

" 'Nothing,' I replied.

" 'Oh, Alfred, for my sake, and for all our sakes, say that you are sorry; she longs to forgive you.'

" 'I won't be driven to school against my will,' I replied.

" 'But you will go if Mother wishes it, dear Alfred?' my sister said, pleadingly.

" 'No, I won't' said I; 'and you needn't say another word about it.'

" 'Oh, brother, you will kill her! you will kill her! and then, you can never have a happy moment!'

"I made no reply to this. My feelings were touched, but I still resisted their influence. My sister called me, but I would not answer. I heard her footsteps slowly retreating, and again I flung myself upon my bed, and passed another wretched and fearful night. Oh God, how wretched—how fearful—I did not know.

"Another footstep, slower and feebler than my sister's disturbed me. A voice called my name. It was my mother's.

" 'Alfred, my son, shall I come in? Are you sorry for what you have done?' she asked.

"I cannot tell what influence, operating at that time, made me speak adverse to my feelings.

"The gentle voice of my mother, that thrilled through me melted the ice from my obdurate heart, and I longed to throw myself upon her neck; but I did not. No, my boy, I

did not! But my words gave the lie to my heart, when I said that I was not sorry.

"I heard her withdraw. I heard her groan. I longed to call her back, but I did not.

"I was awakened, from an uneasy slumber, by hearing my name called loudly, and my sister stood by my bedside.

" 'Get up, Alfred; oh, do not wait a moment! Get up and come with me; mother is dying!'

"I thought I was dreaming, but I got up mechanically, and followed my sister.

"On the bed, pale and cold as marble, lay my mother. She had not undressed. She had thrown herself on the bed to rest. Rising to go again to me she was seized with a palpitation of the heart, and borne senseless to her room.

"I cannot tell you my agony, as I looked upon her. My remorse was tenfold more bitter from the thought that she would never know it. I believed myself to be a murderer. I fell on the bed beside her. I could not weep. My heart burned in my bosom; my brain was all on fire. My sister threw her arms around me and wept in silence. Suddenly, we saw a slight motion of mother's hand. Her eyes unclosed. She had recovered consciousness, but not speech. She looked at me, and moved her lips; I could not understand her words.

" 'My mother,' I shrieked, 'say only that you forgive me!'

"She could not say it with her lips, but her hands pressed mine. She smiled upon me; and, lifting her thin white hands, clasped my own within them, and cast her eyes upward. She

moved her lips in prayer and thus she died.

"I remained still kneeling before that dear form till my gentle sister removed me. She comforted me, for she knew the heavy load of sorrow at my heart—heavier than grief at the loss of a mother, for it was a load of sorrow for sin.

"The joy of youth had left me forever."

My father ceased speaking, and buried his face in his hands. He saw, and felt, the bearing of his narrative upon my character and conduct.

I have never forgotten it; and I would say to boys who spurn a mother's control, who are ashamed to own that they are wrong, who think it manly to resist her authority, or to yield to her influence: "Beware! Lay not up for yourselves bitter memories for your future years."

—The Dangers of Ben-onies  
(You may have this book for 10c.)

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

How often we hear boys and girls telling someone that they hate him. Oh, this is an awful thing to say! Do you know what hate is akin to? Hate is a close relative of murder. Many, many times it happens that a person hates another and that hatred grows and grows into murder. It is better to take a stand against any thought of hatred or bitterness against anyone. It will lead you into terrible troubles. Even if you do not murder it causes you to do and say things that are very hurtful. Jesus is our example. He immediately forgave those who did Him wrong. He taught us to forgive. Don't let your temper be your master. Call on Jesus to help you conquer that temper. When

you get full Bible salvation and are filled with the Holy Spirit you have power over your temper. Many times a person has hurt others severely while in a fit of temper. It will get you into trouble.

I am sure that you have heard of or had read to you from the newspapers of boys and girls killing others. Sometimes it is their parents or their teachers and even their playmates. This is so terrible. Can you give me an answer just why boys and girls would do that? I am sure you would never kill anyone. Of course we do know that sometimes a boy or girl will kill by carelessly handling a gun. That is an accident and not thought of beforehand nor intended. But others think about it which causes their hatred to rise and they kill. There are others who become angry and get a gun and kill on the spur of the moment. But now I wonder if there might be a cause for so much killing being done these days. Don't you think that seeing so much murder on T. V. might be the reason? If you see a picture of people being killed every day, does it not soon get to looking less evil to you? I do feel that that is the reason behind many of the killings. I have a newspaper clipping about two brothers who were looking at their father's gun while they were left alone one night. The gun accidentally went off and one boy was shot. He fell to the floor and was writhing in pain. Then the brother shot him deliberately with the gun. The boy was asked why he shot him and he said that on T. V. they shoot them to get them out of their misery and that is the reason he did it. Oh, how terrible! Now, boys and girls, I feel that God is not pleased with you looking at T. V. with all that murder on it. Do you think so? Why not consider it carefully? I know that sometimes you don't sleep well be-

cause of seeing so much violence on T. V. You are human and it is human nature for you to be touched when you see anyone in trouble. Why see so much made-up trouble and ruin your rest? God bless you to love everyone and be a help to all. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 7, August 14, 1966

## SIXTH COMMANDMENT

Ex. 20:13; Matt. 5:21-24, 43, 44  
1 John 3:15-18; 4:20, 21

Ex. 20:13 Thou shalt not kill.

Matt. 5:21 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

1 John 3:15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that

no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

1 John 4:20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

Memory Verse: Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. 1 John 3:15.

Central Thought: Love needs to be cultivated so it will grow. Love and hate never mix.

## QUESTIONS:

1. Name some of the close relatives of hatred.
2. Who does Jesus say is in danger of hell fire?
3. Are we just to love those who love us?
4. How can we prove our love to others?
5. What are some of the things that might cause boys and girls to kill?

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## PURITY

A pure and spotless heart and life!  
The goal for all I see;  
Without the stain of sin and strife  
Or lust of vanity.

A love for all that's pure and true  
And honor for the right,  
A will to peace and grace pursue:  
The fruit of heaven's light!

So many elements of sin  
Throng now our path about,  
But who will live and seek to win  
The victory to shout?

—Leslie Busbee

## Take God With You

Travellers on land, as well as on the sea, at times, find provisions fail them, and then what terrible unpleasantness is felt in their ways! Years ago a company was fitted out from a United States naval vessel, under the command of Lieutenant Strain, to explore the Isthmus of Darien, and see if it would be possible to make

a canal across it, so that vessels might get from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean without having to go all the way around South America and Cape Horn. They expected to get through, and be back again, in a few days, and only took provisions with them accordingly. But they found the distance many times greater than it had been represented to them. They had to make their toilsome way through a trackless, tangled wilderness. It took them about as many weeks, as they expected to be days, employed upon it. Their provisions entirely failed. They would toil all day on their painful journey and then have nothing to eat at night but such roots or berries or nuts as they might gather on their way. Their way was a way of unpleasantness, because they had no proper provision for their wants. Some of them died of starvation, and they were all wasted away to mere skeletons before they got through. The officers and men engaged in that expedition displayed a degree of brave endurance, and nobleness of character which was perhaps never exceeded, and which reflects

the highest honor on themselves, and on their country. And they would understand, much better than we can, how greatly the pleasantness of travellers' ways depends on having the proper provision for their wants. But those who walk in God's ways have a provision for their wants that never fails. The Bible says to them, "God will supply all you need, out of the riches of his grace, in Christ Jesus." Sunday services are the days which God has for the refreshment of those who are travelling in God's ways. The church is like an inn, which he has fitted, and furnished for their comfort. Here, a constant feast is prepared for them. Here, is the bread which came down from heaven, and of which whosoever eateth shall live forever. Here, are the wells of salvation from which his people draw water with great joy. It is living water which they yield. Those who drink of this water never thirst again, but they carry it with them—"a well of water, springing up unto everlasting life." When David was walking in these ways he said, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters." In another place, he says that others "may lack and suffer hunger, but they that wait upon the Lord"—and this means those who walk in God's ways—"shall want no manner of thing that is good." That is a glorious promise indeed; and it is a precious provision which it makes for all who are walking in God's ways. Truly, there is a proper provision for them, and this makes the ways in which they are walking "ways of pleasantness."

—Sermons for Children

## Lost In The Woods

One day when I lived in Minnesota I got lost. It was winter time. I had walked miles and miles that day, calling at homes along the way to give out tracts and sell Scripture text all-occasion cards. When I started home, it was growing dusk and I had forgotten my flashlight. When I was nearing home, I decided to take a shortcut through the woods. In so doing, I stepped into a meadow. The snow was deep. I retraced my steps to a near fence. By this time it was so dark I could not see the road home. I was chilled and growing colder. Walking in the snow and carrying my case was difficult. I retraced my steps and started in the opposite direction and got near a fence. The snow was knee-deep. This fence was leading toward home but I could not see the road. I turned around and started in another direction. The snow was much deeper and I was headed into the wilderness. I was tired, cold, and felt like settling down in the snow to die. Then I thought of my brother, Tom, who was much younger than I and knew he would feel so sad to find me frozen to death. By this time I could hardly hold my bag. All of a sudden a voice spoke and said, "Cross the ditch." I did and I found the road home, just a little over a quarter of a mile from home. Praise the Lord for the help and safe arrival home. It was a good experience. I told my sister about it and she cried and cried. She said she would have called for help. I was praying to God to take me through, which He did. It is all right to ask for help of man but God comes first. After I got home I was very

cold and could hardly get warm in spite of a large wood heater. I was sick at my stomach but God healed me. All in all it was a wonderful experience to me and I pray that this may be an encouragement to those who read this. Pray for me. I want to be all that God requires of me.

—Sister Amelia Smith

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## A Good Example

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"Hey, Jack, come and join us," yelled Dale. "I have something to tell you."

"It's about time for class," said Jack. "I better go in."

"Oh," said Dale, who was a new boy at the school. "He's the sissy type, is he?"

"There's not a better fellow in the school," said Ralph. "But just let someone start to tell a dirty joke and he gets up and leaves the crowd."

"I think it would be a good idea for all of us to quit some of that kind of talk. Dale, I think you should not tell them, either," Bill said as he started to class. "Shall we quit, boys?"

All the boys agreed to follow the example of Jack.

—M. Miles

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson is very important today. We are living in an age when impurity is prevalent in the world. It makes us feel badly to have to speak so plain, but the Word of God on all lines must be put forth. God is expecting something of boys and girls today. He is expecting them to be pure-minded. There are very few today who are keeping

their minds pure. As boys and girls think in their hearts, so they are in their lives. They might dress neatly and their bodies may be clean, but if their minds are dirty, they are impure and unclean. Jesus brought it out by saying that some "make clean the outside of the cup and the platter but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness." Luke 11:39. We want to be clean inside and out. What we think makes us what we are. If we think evil we are evil. We should govern our thinking. If we think pure thoughts then we are pure. Read Phil. 4:8.

Sometimes boys and girls get together and tell "dirty jokes." This is wrong and God's displeasure is upon it. It has been said that a person who tells dirty jokes hangs a picture on the mind of another which is hard to take down. Boys and girls, don't be a tool of the devil.

Our lesson is the seventh commandment. "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Adultery is intimate relations between a married person and one other than his own companion. God has commanded that the marriage relations between man and wife be holy. The seventh commandment is to protect that blessed marriage which is ordained of God and the sanctity of it. This law was given to the Israelites who were about to go into the land of Canaan where their neighbors would be those who worshipped idols. They did not respect the vows of marriage. God's people were to remain pure. To disobey God's commandment meant that both offending parties were to be put to death. Lev. 20:10. God expected obedience to His commandments. The price of breaking the marriage vows was high.

Our lesson brings out the account of a woman being brought to Jesus who had done wrong. Jesus came to forgive and to cleanse people who had sinned. No doubt Jesus knew the thoughts of

this woman that was brought up before Him. She could have slipped away but she didn't. Jesus forgave her and told her to go and sin no more. Jesus expects boys and girls to quit the sinning business. He wants them to be pure-minded and clean inside and out. When you grow up and marry, He expects you to keep the marriage vows and stay with your companion until death do you part.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 8, August 21, 1966

### BE PURE

Ex. 20:14; Matt. 5:27, 28; John 8:3-11

Ex. 20:14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Matt. 5:27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

John 8:3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,

4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?

6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them,

He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

Memory Verse: Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Phil. 4:8.

Central Thought: The Lord wants pure minds to use.

### QUESTIONS:

1. Can we read indecent literature and keep a pure mind?

2. Should we dress in an impure way?

3. Does God want the marriage of a couple kept pure?

4. Will Jesus forgive the act of impurity?

5. There is an old saying that "We cannot keep the birds from flying over our heads, but we can keep them from building nests in our hair." How can we compare this old saying with impure thoughts?

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Part Nine

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## ***Be Honest***

Be honest and remember  
In all you say and do  
That God Almighty sees it all  
And knows the motive, too.

Deceiving other people  
Is folly, after all  
Be sure your sins will find you out;  
Your judgment sure will fall.

And that which lies in secret  
Shall fall in open light;  
Be honest with your maker,  
He'll lead your path aright.

—Leslie Busbee

## ***The Stolen Orange***

"Mamma will never know," thought Flora Marshall to herself, as she took a large orange from the piled-up dish on the table, and, putting it in her pocket, went hastily upstairs.

She was expecting two or three little friends to spend the day with her, and had been busily arranging the doll her kind mother had given her;

but while lingering about, waiting for them to come, she was tempted to take one of the oranges which had been placed on the table ready for dinner. She hurried from the room, but had not reached the top of the stairs before her brother's voice stopped her, calling, "Flora, Flora, make haste, I see some of your visitors coming in at the gate;" and directly after there was a knock at the door, and she could hear the voices of Kate and Effie Somers.

Flora ran quickly downstairs, but her face was flushed, and she felt miserable and ashamed as she met her young friends, and took them to the parlor to speak to her mamma.

Flora tried to laugh and talk as merrily as any of them, but she could not forget how wrong she had been; and the dish of oranges sitting right before her on the table kept her fault ever in her mind. Besides this, not having been able to eat the orange she had taken, she was in constant fear lest she might draw it from her pocket with her handkerchief, and thus be covered with shame in the sight of her young friends.

Poor Flora! she had sinned against God, and against her kind mother, and had spoiled all her afternoon's pleasure for the sake of an orange. At dinner time she could not raise her head to meet her mother's glance, who saw that something was wrong with her, and who said very kindly, "Flora, dear, you are scarcely eating anything—are you not well?" This made Flora ready to cry with shame and repentance. Her conscience was too tender to allow her to be happy while her fault remained unconfessed.

All the afternoon they had merry games in which everybody joined. They had such fun playing "Hunt the Slipper," and many more such games, winding up with "Blindman's Bluff." After this the little girls went home, and Flora was left alone with her papa and mama while the younger children were getting ready for bed.

Several times she had fancied she had dropped the orange in some of the rough movements of the games, and had gone more than once quietly into a corner of the room to feel in her pocket if it was still there. Yes, it was quite safe enough. "How could I be so wicked and so greedy?" Flora thought; "mama always gives me as much fruit as is best for me, and yet I have made myself a thief, and after all have not eaten the orange, or been able to put it back, and it has spoiled all my pleasure." She sat still, miserable and unhappy for a little longer, and then her resolution was made—she would tell her mama before she lay down to sleep that night.

With a slow step and a beating heart she went toward the window where her mother was sitting. "Well, Flora," said Mrs. Marshall kindly,

"you seem tired and out of spirits tonight; have you come to wish me goodnight?"

"O mama!" sobbed Flora, "I have come to tell you how wicked I have been, and how very sorry and miserable I am;" and hiding her face in the folds of her mama's dress, she told the story.

"Here it is, mama," she said, drawing the orange from her pocket, "and I think I shall never see an orange again without remembering this bad afternoon."

Very gravely, but gently, her mother spoke to her about her sin, and the consequences it had brought upon her. "I shall not punish you, Flora," she said; "your own conscience has been a sufficient punishment. I have been watching your pale, troubled face all the afternoon, and should have wondered what was wrong with you had I not seen you take the orange as I passed the door, which was slightly open. Knowing what you had done, I was not surprised that you seemed unhappy."

"But can you forgive me, mama, and believe that I will never do such a thing again?"

"I will forgive you, Flora, because you have told me of your fault; but remember there is One above whose forgiveness you must seek as well as mine, whose eye is always upon you, and who is grieved when you do any wrong. Go now, and before you sleep tonight ask God to pardon you, and cleanse you from this and every other sin for the sake of his Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ."

With a sorrowful, repentant heart Flora went to her room, and kneeling there asked God to forgive all her sins, and to help her for the future to resist temptation; but it was a long

time before she forgot the stolen orange and how miserable she had been that afternoon.

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## The Wisest Man

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Have you ever pretended that someone told you that you could have anything for which you would ask? What would your wish be?

Some would ask for an airplane, some for lovely clothing, some for splendid cars and houses, some for great wealth. For what would you ask?

One night God appeared in a dream to King Solomon and said, "Ask what I shall give thee." Perhaps you will be surprised to know that Solomon did not ask for any of those things which we have said we might desire. Solomon asked for wisdom to rule God's people correctly. He asked that he might be able to choose wisely between good and evil.

Solomon's request pleased God. As a reward, God gave to the king those things for which he might have asked—fame, popularity, riches and so on. He became very famous for his wisdom, for God made Solomon the wisest man in the world.

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## BEARS TARE CHILDREN

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And he (Elisha) went up from thence unto Bethel: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up thou bald head; go up, thou bald head. And he turned back, and looked on them, and (rebuked) them in the name of the Lord. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood and tare forty and two children of them. (2 Kings 2:23, 24.) It never

pays to make fun of anyone. We will reap what we sow, either now or at the judgment.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

You have often heard the remark that "Honesty always pays." I firmly believe this to be true. There is one thing that each of us will have to do and that is to live with our own thoughts. If you have been dishonest or taken something that didn't belong to you, you will never forget it. It will ever come up before you. When you are quiet, it will come to you with a sting. It will disturb your peace of mind. It cuts you off from God. It will lead to other sins. When you steal, you generally will have to lie to cover it up or else you will live in the fear of someone finding it out. If you are found out and you do not correct it through asking forgiveness you lose the respect of those around you. If continued, it will lead you into trouble with the law and you may end up behind bars. Boys and girls, I plead with you to always be honest. Never take anything that doesn't belong to you. If you have taken something that didn't belong to you, make it right. It is better to do it now. If you do not make those things right you may be tempted to take something else. Making it right will help you to stop and think before you will ever take another thing. It will pay you to make it right at this time. The devil will try to make you think it is too hard, but don't let him be your master. Let God be your master and God will take care of it. In fact, if you make it right, the person will think more of you than he did before. He will say that you surely are trying to do right and be honest.

There are other ways we can be dishonest besides stealing. We can be dis-

honest by purloining. (ver. 10) Purloining means to steal and also means "to delay." In other words it would be stealing time. If someone paid you by the hour to mow their lawn or to clean their living room and you would just fool around and didn't give them a reasonable service, then that would be purloining. You would be stealing time that they had paid you to work for them. Boys and girls, we want to be honest in all things.

Verses 38-40 tell us about those who claim to be righteous before others but they do wrong. They cheat and take advantage of widows and helpless people.

Verses in Amos 8:4, 5 tell us how people are dishonest by cheating when they weigh out things and sell them. Some put the nicest apples on the top and bad ones on the bottom of the sack. Read Deuteronomy 25:13-15.

The Lord will help you to be honest if you will pray. You must not let the devil overcome you. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 9, August 28, 1966

## HONESTY IN ALL THINGS

Ex. 20:15, Amos 8:4, 5; Mark 12:38-40  
Titus 2:7-10

Ex. 20:15 Thou shalt not steal.

Amos 8:4 Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail.

5 Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit?

Mark 12:38 And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes,

which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces,

39 And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts:

40 Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation.

Titus 2:7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

9 Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again;

10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

Memory Verse: Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Eph. 4:28.

Central Thought: Make honesty a real part of you. Be honest in everything.

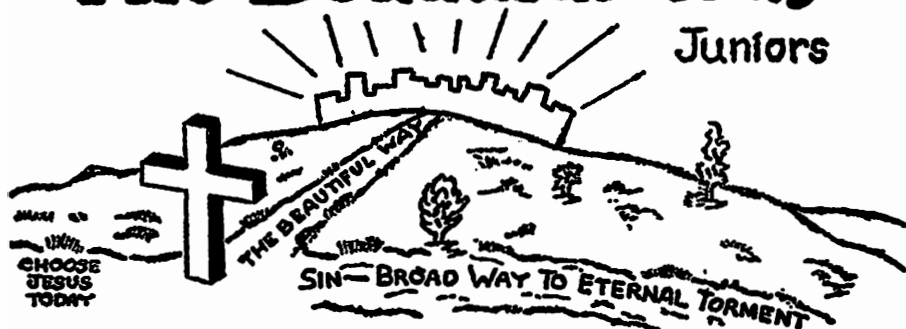
## QUESTIONS:

1. What is the eighth commandment?
2. Tell how a person feels after he has stolen something.
3. Tell some of the different ways a person can be dishonest.
4. How can we be "a pattern of good works?"
5. How can we live so others will "have no evil thing to say of you?"

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## A Word Fitly Spoken

A word fitly spoken;  
What value! what worth!  
To bind up the broken  
And weary of earth!

A gem worth possessing,  
An art from above,  
A heart-spoken blessing,  
A message of love!

'Tis worth our pursuing:  
The words of the wise  
Are gladness renewing  
Enlightening the eyes.

—Leslie Busbee

## God Hears You

A man was at work at a city depot handling baggage. Some of it was very heavy and difficult to manage alone. He lost his patience at last, and began to swear and curse terribly. A little girl had been watching him, and when she heard his wicked oaths she seemed shocked and frightened. She became excited presently

and cried out, "Oh, please, don't talk like that! Don't you know God hears you?"

The man was startled by her earnestness and looked about, as if half expecting to find himself face to face with a listening God. The child's words brought a conviction of his wickedness home to him. "Don't you know God hears you?" kept ringing in his ears as he went on with his work. But he did not swear again that day. He could not rid himself of the sense of God's nearness which the little girl's question had given him.

He went home in a sober, thoughtful mood. He seemed so unlike himself that his wife thought he must be sick. "No, I am not sick," he told her, "but I'm thinking out something."

All that night a voice kept saying over and over again, "God hears you." It was the turning point in his life. He kept on thinking until he saw his need of salvation. The words of the child had made him think of God as he had never thought of Him before.

—Selected

## What Neglect Will Do

Grandmother lived in a country far over the sea. She was a little Scotch lassie, and when very young she went to live with her grandparents. The first work her grandmother taught her was to knit, and she soon learned to form long stockings, socks, and mittens. Every day she had to knit, and she was soon able to do her work well by looking at it only now and then. When she was old enough she was sent to herd the cows in a distant pasture. So each morning, with her lunch, knitting, and old Shep the dog she would take the cows to their pasture for the day and spend the time in the open air. It was very pleasant work, and while the cows ate the soft, green grass, she would sit in some shady nook and knit.

When the summer days came on and the weather grew warm and sultry, she would often get drowsy and sometimes would lie down and take a short nap. Little by little the nap was lengthened, for Shep was trusty and kept the cows from straying too far away. Then she had found that by knitting all the way home she could accomplish nearly as much as she had been doing through the days when she did not sleep. But Grandmother must not know about her naps. There was nothing that displeased that dear old lady more than idleness, or neglect, so the girl carefully concealed the fact from her. There is no harm in sleeping, she reasoned, and no one need know anything about it. Poor little girl! How little she knew that there is always One (God) who knows all that is done; that although she may succeed

in hiding it for a while, her hiding it was doing her harm. Be sure your sins will find you out.

One morning when the huckleberries were ripe, a basket was given her and she was told to fill it with the berries during the day. The task was not a hard one, for the woods were full of the berries; the part that she dreaded was keeping awake when her sleepy time came on. I'll keep awake she thought, and not take my nap today. As she ran along after the cows, she swung the basket in her hand and laughed gaily as she thought of the praise she would receive when she returned with it full in the evening.

With these thoughts still in her mind, she left the cows quietly feeding in the rich pasture lands below and began picking the berries which grew in clumps all through the woods. She had not picked long, however, until she realized that the day was very warm and that she was getting sleepy. The more she tried to resist going to sleep the more drowsy she became. At last she thought, I'll lie down just a few minutes, and I shall still have plenty of time to fill my basket.

Lying on the grass, the balmy air fanning her face, she found it easy to sleep. Now and then the inquisitive sun peeped at her through the openings in the branches of the trees, but she did not see his beaming face, so deeply was she sleeping. Shep now and then growled at a provoking fly, or ran to change the cows from their notion of straying away; but on and on the little girl slept.

Late in the afternoon, just as a fly settled itself upon the tip of her nose for a quiet rest, she frightened him away by opening her eyes and reaching for her knitting. Not until

her fingers touched the basket beside her did she realize that her knitting was not there, and that she had been asleep for many hours.

She was fully awake in an instant, and looking at her nearly empty basket, she wondered what to do. The day was nearly gone. She must soon start home with the cows. What would her grandmother say? Suddenly the troubled look changed to a smile. Springing to her feet, she quickly filled her basket with leaves and covered them with her berries she had already gathered. The little joke might make her grandmother good-natured so that she would not think of punishing her for her neglect.

With her basket on her arm the little girl, the cows, and Shep were soon wending their way toward home. I will tell Grandmother all, thought the little girl, but I'll wait until she empties my basket and finds the leaves. As they were turning into the barn lot her grandmother came out of the house and seeing the full basket upon the little girl's arm, she eagerly reached for the berries. With many tender remarks to her granddaughter she carried the basket into the house. Placing them carefully upon the table, she called in the other members of the family to look at them. As each praised the little girl for her work, her courage sank more and more. Oh! what was she going to do?

(To be continued)

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Do you know who is the father of liars? Yes, the devil is. Jesus told us that the devil "was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When

he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." John 8:44. Now the devil is not satisfied unless he gets you to lie. He will work in every way he can to get you to tell an untruth. He has many ways of doing it. He will get you to tell only a half-truth. That is an awful thing to do. He will tempt you to tell what most people call a "white lie," which is still a lie. It might not hurt anyone but you but it will hurt you. Then there is a way of lying when you tell things to harm or hurt others. You can tell something that happened and enlarge on it and make it look worse and ruin someone's influence. Some people make it their business to always say something unkind about a certain boy or girl that they don't like so others will not like them either. That is wrong. Then there are those careless, unkind words that cause trouble. Boys and girls, we need to watch our words. We need to be careful that we only say nice things about others and words that will help. I am sure you have heard about the man that never said anything unkind about anyone. Someone said that they thought he would have something nice to say about the devil. One day someone asked him if he had something nice to say about the devil. He said, "There is one thing about him and that is that he sticks to his business." And that is true. He works hard trying to get you and me to sin. He never lets up as long as we live in this world. But we are glad that God is greater than the devil and he will help us to do right and not sin.

Verses 18 and 19 compares those who joke and say things that they should not to a mad man who throws firebrands, arrows and causes death. Firebrands are sparks which are costly. You know

about the thousands of acres that are burned just because someone threw down a match. Then of course arrows are sharp and will kill. These are awful things for a mad man who isn't a responsible person to have, aren't they? They bring death and harm. We can't afford to be careless with our words, either. We can cause a lot of trouble and injury. Through words some have caused death. When it is over, the person may say, "It was only a joke," or "I was just having some fun." It is not funny to cause heartache or harm to someone else. Boys and girls, be careful with your words. Idle words will have to be accounted for.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 10, September 4, 1966

### OUR WORDS

Ex. 20:16; Prov. 26:18, 19; Matt. 12:33-37; Eph. 4:15, 29-31

Ex. 20:16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Prov. 26:18 As a mad man who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death,

19 So is the man that deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, Am not I in sport?

Matt. 12:33 Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.

34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Eph. 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

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:

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

Central Thought: Think before you speak. Remember that you will have to give an account to God for those words.

### QUESTIONS:

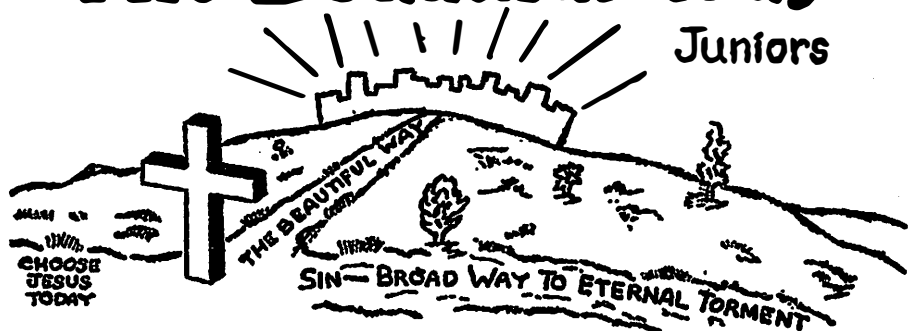
1. What is the ninth commandment?
2. Tell how many ways you can be careless with your words that will hurt you and others.
3. What does our lesson compare a mad man to?
4. Where do the evil things that people say come from?
5. Can we speak idle words and get by?
6. Tell some harm that has been caused by evil speaking.

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## *Covetousness*

"My doll is nice, her dresses fine,  
But still I want another,  
Oh, buy me one of trimmer line,  
Oh, won't you please, oh, Mother!"

"Our house is good, but out of date;  
Let's buy and build a better.  
Thus with the neighbors we can rate  
And be a real go-getter!"

Such talk we hear, but plainer still  
This message, may it break me:  
"Oh, be content with what you have,  
I never shall forsake thee!"

—Leslie Busbee

## *What Neglect Will Do*

(Continued from last week)

Bedtime came at last, and still no one but the little girl knew what the basket contained. She went for a drink and as she passed her grandmother, an affectionate pat on the head was given. As she drew the water from the well, her conscience

whispered, Now is a good time to confess; but her grandfather coming along, she hurried off to bed. She knelt beside her little bed, but her prayer was short. Getting up hurriedly she said to herself, I'll tell her the first thing in the morning. During the night she dreamed about the berries and she was glad when it was time to get up.

Dressing quickly she went down to the kitchen. There sat the basket. The berries seemed like tiny dark eyes looking right into her very soul. Oh, how could she explain! and again she hastened past her grandmother, and took the path leading to the barn. Better go tell your grandmother, sang the saucy rooster from his perch on the barnyard fence. Oh dear! thought the little girl, Everything seems to know it. I wish Grandma knew. At breakfast time she did not engage in her usual merry chatter and she felt a longing to hurry and get started away with the cows before the basket was emptied. Neglecting to tell her fault at once and take the consequences was making it harder for her all the time.

Finally, everything was ready for her to set out for the day, but just at the last minute one of the cows broke away from the rest. Darting past both Shep and the girl the cow ran through the garden. A wild chase followed during which several tender vegetables were trodden down. When at last the unruly animal joined the others the little girl saw her grandmother coming toward her with a stick in her hand. It was easy to imagine what was about to happen. Her grandmother whipped her not only for being neglectful and careless, but also for deceiving her about the berries. It was a real good lesson and one that was not soon forgotten. Her grandmother explained that some harm might have befallen the little girl while she slept, and that the cows might have strayed away. Again the child was given an empty basket which was filled with good berries when she returned.

When we have a duty to do we should always try to perform it as quickly as possible, for we never know what is going to happen. Neglecting one's duty is nearly as bad as not doing it at all; for when we neglect it once we find it easier to neglect it the next time. The first thing we know our time is gone and other duties claim our attention.

Had the five foolish virgins listened to their companions and filled their lamps with oil they would have been able to go into the marriage feast with the others. (Matt. 25:1-12). Had the little girl listened to her conscience and explained everything to her grandmother, instead of trying to deceive her, it would have been very much better for her. Thus it is with us all. Our conscience is given to tell us what to do.

And what is a conscience? It is a gentle little voice within us that speaks when Satan tempts us to do wrong. It does not speak loud or long but it warns of danger as long as anyone will listen to its voice. But as soon as its warnings are neglected it becomes fainter and after a while ceases to speak at all.

Neglect becomes a habit in a very short time, a naughty, careless, wilful habit; so be careful never to neglect your duty. —Selected

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## Sin Is Dangerous, Too

Two Italian boys were returning from a swim. Pietro had picked up a piece of copper wire and thought he would have a little fun with the third rail of the New York Central track, along which they were walking. He poked around the wooden covering of the rail, but nothing happened.

"That's funny," he said, "I guess I didn't touch the right spot."

Then he pushed the point of the wire way down under the covering. There was a sudden flash of blue flame, and a shriek of pain, as hundreds of volts of electricity shot through his body. In less than a moment his clothing was on fire and his hair and eyebrows were singed off.

He tried to drop the wire, as it hissed and sputtered at white heat; but he could not let go. He tried to pull it away, but it stuck to the rail as if it had been soldered there. His little friend tried to pull him away, but was hurled to the ground with a terrific shock.

The brave little fellow then took his rubber coat and threw it around Pietro and pulled him loose. Pietro

started to run, but fainted and fell.

They took him to the hospital, and the doctor said, "He has one chance in a thousand to recover." But after a great deal of suffering, Pietro died.

The boys knew there was something dangerous about the third rail. They had heard their fathers say never to touch it; but they thought it would not hurt to play with it a little.

Just like that dangerous third rail, sin scorches and burns and kills. Do not touch it. Do not trifle with it. Yield not to temptation. —Selected

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### LIVE IT AT HOME

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"Are you still saved?" said Grandma Meek.

"Oh, yes, Grandmother, the fire is still burning down in my soul," Robin said.

"I am so glad that you are still living for the Lord," Grandmother said with a smile.

"Yes, we have to live it at home, don't we?" Robin said.

"Yes, Robin, we want to do right at home and at school and everywhere."

"Sometimes hard things come, but I raise my hand for prayer during meeting and Jesus helps me," Robin said with a pleased look on his face.

—Sister M. Miles

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson is about the tenth commandment. It tells us not to covet. We are not to covet our neighbor's things. He tells grown men to not covet their neighbor's wife. We are not to want or desire anything our neighbor has. We might want something like it, if it be God's will, but not the

things that belong to our neighbor. Boys and girls, God does not want you to be greedy. It seems that man has been tempted along that line since God created him. We find that Eve wanted to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, just because she was not supposed to have it. She was tempted by the devil and yielded. God had told them they could have everything else in the garden. That should have pleased them but they were not satisfied. They wanted the things that they were not supposed to have. How sad!

Boys and girls, it is not good to be wanting so many things. If your friend has something new, be glad that they have it. Don't wish that you had it. That is covetousness. Some people have wanted things that belonged to others so badly that they would steal them. Oh, how sad! Covetousness is the root of many other sins.

Can you think of the different ones we have recorded in the Bible who were covetous? Do you remember how Achan coveted the silver, wedge of gold and the garments that were among the things in Jericho? (Joshua 7:21). He took them and hid them. God caused his sin of covetousness to be found out and he lost his life because of this sin.

Then the servant of Elisha coveted the presents that Naaman had offered Elisha. (2 Kings 5:20-27). When he got them he hid them. God told Elisha about it. The servant was punished. The leprosy that Naaman had, came upon him. Oh, how sad for people to covet things that they should not have. They are greedy. Boys and girls, take warning from others' sins and their punishments and then you will not get into the same trouble.

Jesus spoke a parable in our lesson. A parable about an earthly man to bring

out a heavenly meaning. Jesus wanted us to know that the things of this earth are not the most important things. You can eat only so much, you can use only so much. Be happy and contented with what you have. One of these days we are going to leave it all. We should think about the soul. It is more important. Boys and girls, you need to give your heart to Jesus and put Him and His ways first in your life. Great blessings will come to you if you will. Jesus loves you and will always be your friend in life if you will let Him. Turn to Him today and serve Him. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 11, September 11, 1966

### DON'T BE GREEDY

Ex. 20:17; Luke 12:13-21

Ex. 20:17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Luke 12:13 And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.

14 And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?

15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.

30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.

31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Memory Verse: And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. Luke 12:15.

Central Thought: If you will always put God first in your life everything else will be right.

### QUESTIONS:

1. What is the tenth commandment?
2. What does coveting mean?
3. What other sins does coveting lead to?
4. What is the cure for covetousness?
5. Tell the story that Jesus told about covetousness.
6. What are we to seek for and desire?

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## *The Christian's Cup*

Christ has a cup for all to sup,  
Its contents are life-giving:  
For one to think therein and drink  
Brings pleasures worth the living.

While men I see drink down with glee  
The cup of sinful pleasure,  
And evil art ensnares the heart,  
That seeks in earth a treasure;

For me I'll take (the world forsake)  
The cup of Jesus ever;  
He'll hold my hand and by me stand  
Both now and on forever!

—Leslie Busbee

## *Beware of the First Drink!*

"Uncle Phillip, since the day is fine, will you take a walk with us this morning?"

"Yes, boys, let me get my hat and cane, and we will take a ramble. I will tell you a story as we go. Do you know poor old Tom Smith?"

"Know him! Why, Uncle Phillip, everybody knows him. He is such a

shocking drunkard, and swears so horribly."

"Well, I have known him since we were boys together. There was not a more decent, well-behaved boy among us. After he left school, his father died, and he was put into a store in the city. There, he fell into bad company. Instead of spending his evenings, he would go to the theater and to balls. He soon learned to play cards, and of course to play for money. He lost more than he could pay.

"He wrote to his poor mother, and told her his losses. She sent him money to pay his debts, and told him to come home. He did come home. After all, he might still have been useful and happy, for his friends were willing to forgive the past. For a time, things went on well. He married a lovely woman, gave up his bad habits, and was doing well.

"But one thing, boys, ruined him forever. In the city, he had learned to take strong drink, and he said to me once, that when a man begins to drink, he never knows where it will

end. "Therefore," said Tom, "beware of the first drink!"

"It was not long before he began to follow his old habit. He knew the danger, but it seemed as if he could not resist his desire to drink. His poor mother soon died of grief and shame. His lovely wife followed her to the grave.

"He lost the respect of all, went on from bad to worse, and has long been a perfect sot. Last night, I had a letter from the city, stating that Tom Smith had been found guilty of stealing, and sent to the state prison for ten years. There I suppose he will die for he is now old. It is dreadful to think to what an end he has come. I could not but think, as I read the letter, of what he said to me years ago, 'Beware of the first drink.'

"Ah now, my dear boys, when old Uncle Philip is gone, remember that he told you the story of Tom Smith, and said to you, 'Beware of the first drink!' The man who does this will never be a drunkard."

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### Tad's Pledge

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One afternoon while Tad was waiting in the executive office for his father, President Lincoln, he heard his father talking to a sobbing mother who was pleading with the President to save her son's life.

"He used to be the best boy," she pleaded, "until he got to drinking."

The President had to tell her that he could not interfere in the case. After she had gone out, brokenhearted President Lincoln bowed his head upon the great table and wept in despair. After some time, he sat and repeated those words of Shakespeare:

"O God, that men should put an enemy in their mouths to steal away their brains."

In deep emotion he appealed to his son: "Taddie, lad, promise me that you will never drink liquor or wine or anything of that sort. I want you to promise that you will never drink. Give me your word of honor."

Tad put his small hand in his father's and said: "Father, I won't ever drink anything but cold water."

"From this time forth and forevermore," added Mr. Lincoln.

"Forever," Tad added.

"Now instead of a written pledge, repeat this after me, Taddie: 'The Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another.' "

Tad repeated the words, stumbling but once—instead of absent he said, "abthunt," for he could not pronounce the letter "s."

A smile of content now covered the rugged features of the President as he and his son walked out to a carriage waiting for them. As they drove down Pennsylvania Avenue, Lincoln said solemnly to his son, "Keep that pledge and it will be the best act of your life." —Selected

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### A Rescued Soul

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Many glorious experiences in the saving of souls from unbelief and wickedness, by prayer, have been related. When an inner voice prompts us to do some act in the service of others, we should obey. When we feel prompted to pray, we should never neglect to do so.

Through prayer Fanny Crosby, the great blind hymn writer, helped a young man to get back on the path to salvation. She was speaking at a

religious meeting one evening in mid-summer, before a large crowd of working men, in New York City.

There was a reason for the great fervor with which she spoke. An inner voice told her that somewhere in the great audience there was a youth whom she must reach, lest he be eternally lost!

At the end of her talk, an eighteen-year-old boy came forward in response to her appeal. Weeping bitterly, he poured out his story to her. Her words had bitten deeply into his soul, but he feared it was too late.

"I promised to meet Mother in heaven," he sobbed, "but I am too deep in sin."

"It is never too late," she replied, "provided you accept the salvation offered by Christ."

He knelt as Sister Crosby prayed. The soul of the youth was rescued. When Sister Crosby returned home she remembered that the composer, William H. Deane, had requested her to write a hymn on the theme, "Rescue the Perishing." Her mind was full of her experience earlier in the evening, that of helping to save the soul of a young man. Feeling inspired, she wrote the complete poem before retiring, using the very words, "Rescue the Perishing," as the title and opening words of the hymn. The tune for it was composed the next day by Mr. Deane.

So it is that a prayer breathed to God for a specific purpose, that of saving the soul of an anguished youth, has, through the words and music of that hymn, helped in the saving of many tortured souls.

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"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Prov. 25:11.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Did you ever take a trip in the car on the highway? I am sure you noticed the signs along the way. Some would say that the hill is steep and to slow down. Another sign would say "curve ahead." Maybe another sign would say "yield right-of-way." Another sign would say "stop ahead." Then there are those signs which tell you how many miles to a certain town and the highway numbers. These signs are important to you so that you will arrive safely at the place where you are going.

Boys and girls, there are many dangers ahead in life for you. But God has been good to us and given us many signs and warnings so we can stay out of trouble and finally arrive in heaven. We want to be sure and take heed to them.

Our lesson today is full of warnings. They are very, very important warnings and make us know that we must heed them to have peace in our souls in this life and some real happiness and then eternal life in the end.

Let us notice some of the warnings. The first verse of our lesson says, "Take heed." In other words, watch or be on your guard. Then it tells us what the danger is. Boys and girls it is important that we be watchful. There are those around you who are going on and not heeding the warnings given in the Bible. They will try to get you not to give heed to them, either. We are to take heed or watch that we do not become trapped.

Our lesson mentions drunkenness. I am sure that you never intend to drink alcoholic beverages. I do hope that you never do. But there are those who will drink it and at a very early age. They may never intend to be a drunkard but they finally end up by getting into much trouble and ruining their lives.

Our lesson points out in Proverbs 23:31 that when the wine "giveth his colour in the cup" or when it sparkles or bubbles and "moveth itself aright" or another translation says, "goeth down smoothly" it should be left alone. It doesn't make any difference how good it might taste or how nice it looks, we know that at the last it is worse than a snake's bite. When you think of strong drink I hope you will think of the bite of a snake. Can you tell me how bad a snake bite is?

Some of the other signs in our lesson tell us "Be not unwise," "Be not drunk," "look not upon the wine," "thou shalt not." If we obey these signs it will help us get to heaven. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 12, September 18, 1966

## STRONG DRINKS AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Luke 21:34a; Eph. 5:15-18; Prov. 23:31-33; Deuteronomy 5:16-21

Luke 21:34a And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life,

Eph. 5:15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,  
16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Prov. 23:31 Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.

32 At the last it biteth like a serpent,

and stingeth like an adder.

33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

Deut. 5:16 Honour thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

17 Thou shalt not kill.

18 Neither shall thou commit adultery.

19 Neither shalt thou steal.

20 Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbour.

21 Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbour's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbour's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Memory Verse: And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

Luke 21:34.

Central Thought: Drinking alcohol has caused some to break all the commandments.

## QUESTIONS:

1. Name some of the warning signs that are given in our lesson.

2. What should we think about when we think of wine?

3. Compare a snake's bite to the results of drinking strong drinks.

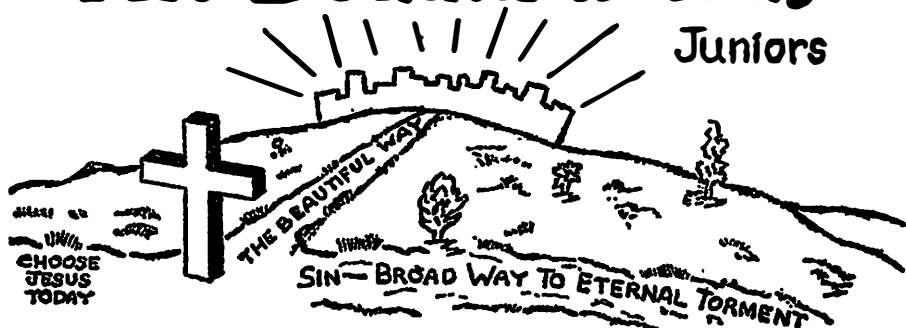
4. Can you name some of the commandments that people break who drink strong drinks?

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# The Beautiful Way

Juniors



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Part Thirteen

Sept. 25

## Love Fulfills The Law

Divine commands are great and high,  
We view their truth in awe;  
But let's remember when we sigh  
That LOVE fulfills the Law.

Our strength alone cannot suffice  
To live without a flaw,  
But love for Christ who paid the price  
This LOVE fulfills the Law.

The bare command could not afford  
Nor service from us draw,  
But through the blood of Christ the  
Lord,  
Such LOVE fulfills the Law!

—Leslie Busbee

## A Piece of Chalk

Della was 10 years old and attended a country school. Her teacher had just bought a new box of chalk. Just as school let out, Della slipped up to the closet where the teacher kept the chalk. She opened the box and took out a piece. Della had always wanted one of those pretty, long white

pieces of chalk. When all the children had to write on the blackboard, Della would often fight to get the longest piece.

Della had never been taught that to covet was wrong. She was not on her guard. So the enemy took advantage of her. Della, of course, knew it was wrong to steal, but she thought she would hide her precious possession and no one would ever know.

It was raining when she walked out of the schoolhouse. She was careful that no one saw her piece of chalk. She carefully hid it under her coat so it would not get wet. When Della got into the house her mother noticed the piece of chalk that she had.

"Della, where did you get that piece of chalk?" asked Mother.

"The teacher gave it to me," Della said. Now Mother knew this was not the truth because teachers don't give children chalk to take home. Della's mother gave her a good spanking. This was a lesson for Della. She is now a grown woman and she never forgot that it didn't pay to tell a falsehood. She was careful to never

take anything else that didn't belong to her.

Boys and girls, Della broke three of the commandments mentioned in our lesson. First, she coveted or desired the chalk. Our lesson said we are not to desire "anything that is our neighbor's." We can desire to have one just like it, but coveting means to want the thing that they have. Then Della stole the chalk. Our lesson said not to steal. Coveting makes one want to steal and unless you pray and ask the Lord to help you, you will steal. Then she broke the commandment that says, "thou shalt not bear false witness." She told her mother a lie. So, boys and girls, sin is like a big chain. It causes you to become bound. Little by little the devil adds one sin to another. When you try to get loose he will laugh at you and say, "It's no use." But, boys and girls, God will help you. He will break the enemy's chain. He will help you to correct your wrongs. Often after a person has made something right, it has been said that they were better thought of than they had been before. The devil is a liar. Come to Jesus today. Repent of your sins. Ask Him to forgive you and He will do that and the load of sin will be lifted.

—Marie Miles

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## How Bess Managed Tom

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Tom's sister Nell was a pretty girl, and being a year older than Tom, wanted to show her authority over him.

The boy was rough and awkward, and just at that age when a boy refuses all meddling with "his rights." He would put his hands in his pocket,

his chair on Nell's dress, and his feet on the window-sill.

Of course, they often quarreled: "For pity's sake, Tom, do take your hands out of your pockets," Nell would say in her most vexing manner.

"What are pockets for? I'd like to know, if not to put one's hands in," and Tom would whistle and march off.

"Tom, I don't believe you've combed your hair for a week!"

"Well, what's the use? it would be all roughed up again in less than an hour."

"I do wish, Tom, you would take your great boots off the window-sill!"

"O don't bother me; I'm reading;" Tom would say: and the boots refused to stir an inch—which of course was very bad of Tom. And so it would go on from morning till night.

But Sister Bess had a different way of managing her big brother. She seemed to understand that coaxing was better than driving. Sometimes when he sat with both hands plunged into his pockets, Bess would nestle down close beside him, with a book or a picture, and almost before he knew it, one hand would be patting her curls, while the other turned the leaves or held the pictures.

If she chanced to see his feet on the window-sill, she would say, "Just try my ottoman, Tom dear, and see how comfortable it is;" and though Tom occasionally growled in a good natured way about its being too low, the boots always came down to its level.

Whenever his hair looked very rough, she would steal behind him and brush it for him herself, in a way that Tom liked so well that it was a temptation to let it go rough, just for the pleasure of having her do it.

Yet for the next three days at least he would take special pains to keep every hair in its place, simply to please little sister.

As they grew older, Bess, in the same quiet, loving way, helped him to grow wise and manly. If she had an interesting book, she always wanted Tom to enjoy it with her. If she was going to call on any of her young friends, Tom was always invited to go with her.

"I can't understand," said Sister Nell, "why you should always want that boy at your elbow; he's rough and awkward as a bear."

"Some bears are as gentle as kittens," declared Bess, slipping her arm through his with a loving hug, while "the bear" felt a warm glow at his heart as he walked away with Bess, and determined to be "gentle as a kitten" for her sake.

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### **STRETCH IT A LITTLE**

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A little girl and her little brother were on their way to a store on a cold morning. They were both very poorly clad, but the little girl had a coat over her, which she seemed to have outgrown. As they were walking along she drew her little brother close to her side saying, "Come under my coat Johnnie. It is not big enough for both, but I guess I can stretch it a little." It is very wonderful how we can stretch things to help those we love. A little can be made go a long way.

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

We have been studying about the laws that Moses gave the Israelites. They tried to live up to them but they could

not. They needed a change of heart. Jesus came and died on the cross. The disciples were forgiven of their sins and after Jesus went back to heaven, they received the Holy Spirit in their lives. We know how Peter denied Jesus but after he repented and on the day of Pentecost was filled with the Holy Spirit he boldly told the people that they had killed Jesus, the Son of God. He told them to repent of their sins. The people tried to stop Peter's preaching by putting him in prison, but he had the power of the Holy Spirit in his heart and was able, by God's help, to do what God wanted him to do.

Jesus came to fulfill the law. He came to give the people power to live up to the righteousness of the law. The law said for them not to kill but Jesus gave them power to not hate. Hatred gets into the heart before a person kills. So Jesus gives boys and girls and everyone who comes to him, repents of their sins and is filled with the Holy Spirit, perfect love for God and for every soul. They don't even dislike others, but love everybody just as Jesus did.

Our lesson tells us that Jesus gave them a new commandment. This new commandment is "That ye love one another; as I have loved you." Now we want to talk about how Jesus loved us. Just think about it for a minute. If a person lived in a huge, wonderful gold mansion and then just because he loved you and could only show that love by coming and living in a little hut, you would think he really loved you, wouldn't you? Jesus lived in a beautiful heaven but he came to this world, which was so tiny and ugly compared to his home. Then that was not all. He wanted you to go to that beautiful, wonderful gold mansion and live with him but you couldn't go unless he died on the cross

for your sins. Because sins could not go there. So he suffered an awful death that He might be able to save us. Oh, such great love! Boys and girls, we really love Him, don't we? Now the new commandment that He has written is for you and me to love others just as Jesus loved us. That is great love and God will help you. If you love others as Jesus did, you will be kind, loving and patient with everyone. You will forgive them and help them all you can. You will pray for them if they do you wrong, and love them anyway. May the Lord help you to always love Jesus and pray to him and He will help you to love others and keep the new commandment that Jesus gave.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 13, September 25, 1966

### CHRIST'S NEW COMMANDMENT

Matt. 5:17-20; John 13:34, 35; 15:10-14

Matt. 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.

18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

John 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

John 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Memory Verse: A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. John 13:34.

Central Thought: The more we love Jesus, the more we will love others.

### QUESTIONS:

1. How many commandments did God give Moses and the Israelites?

2. What new commandment did Jesus give?

3. Tell some things that Jesus did to prove His love for us.

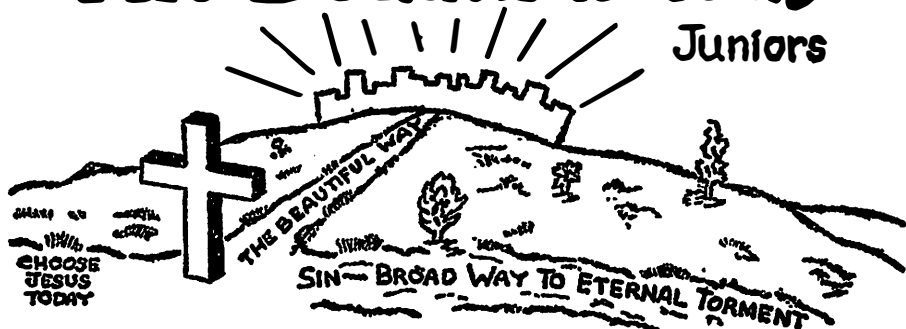
4. How can we prove our love to others?

5. Each of you write the Ten commandments and the new commandment by Jesus and bring it to class next Sunday.

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Juniors



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Part One

Oct. 2

## *Mine Eyes Have Seen*

I bow my heart His will to do,  
His love and praise to sing;  
Each day I yield myself anew—  
Mine eyes have seen the King!

My heart in sin no more shall roam,  
To Christ, my Lord I'll cling;  
And claim His love and grace as home  
Mine eyes have seen the King!

And when He calls to service wield  
This answer will I bring:  
"Send me upon the harvest field"—  
Mine eyes have seen the king!

—Leslie Busbee

## Heed the Calls

"What is that I hear?" asked David of his friend, Ralph. David was spending the night with Ralph. They were in bed talking.

"That is an owl," said Ralph. "He is calling to his mate."

"It sounds so loud at night," said David. "I wonder why everything

outside sounds louder at night than in the daytime?"

"I guess it is because there are so many more noises in the daytime than at night," said Ralph. "The cars and trucks make noises and the factories and many different things to make the daytime noisy."

"Sometimes Mother thinks that I should hear her calling me when I don't and I guess that is the reason," said David. "There are other noises that keep me from hearing."

"Sometimes I pretend that I don't hear Mother when she calls so I can play a little longer," said Ralph.

"Oh, I don't do that," answered David. "My mother isn't well and she needs me to help her many, many times. Sometimes I think I hear her when she hasn't called me, but I go and see anyway."

"Well, I guess I shouldn't do my mother that way," Ralph said, feeling a little guilty. "I know that she has so much to do and at night she is so tired."

"Did you ever hear the story about Samuel?" asked David.

"No, who is he?" Ralph said as he sat up in bed.

"Samuel was a little boy in the Bible. He heard someone calling him one night and he got right up and went to his master, Eli. He lived with Eli because his mother wanted him to help in the work of the Lord and Eli was a priest in God's house. Anyway, Samuel asked Eli if he had called and Eli said he had not. Samuel went back to bed. He heard someone call his name again. He ran to Eli's bed and said, 'Here am I, for thou didst call me!' But Eli again told him to go back to bed as he had not called. At last Eli knew who had called Samuel. He knew it was God. The third time when Samuel heard the call, Eli told him to say, 'Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth.' And that is what Samuel said the next time he heard the call. God told him some things that he was going to do. He told Samuel that he was going to punish Eli because he did not keep his sons from doing evil things." (1 Sam. 3, 4.)

"What did he do to Eli?" asked Ralph.

"Eli's sons were killed in battle and when Eli heard it he fell over dead," answered David. "Then Samuel told the people about God and how to live. So ever since I heard about Samuel and how quickly he answered a call, I try to go when I am called. You never know but what it might be something real important."

"I know I wouldn't want to do like the boy who was in the field and was lonesome. He called 'wolf! wolf!' and there wasn't a wolf," said Ralph.

"He got into trouble, didn't he?" David said as he looked out of the window.

"Yes, and the next time there was a real wolf and the men of the village didn't come with their clubs to kill the wolf and it got some of the sheep," Ralph said as he yawned.

"That's the reason I go when Mother calls, because I know she wouldn't call unless she needed me," David said. "Mother said if I always come when she calls, then I will always go when God calls me."

"I am not going to wait any more as I have been doing," said Ralph. "Mother might be in some real trouble and I would always be sorry."

—Marie Miles

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## God Answers Prayer

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"Would you like to have some fish?" asked Mrs. Brown of her neighbor. "I was given some and I don't feel able to clean it all."

Oh, yes," said Sister Meek. "I would like to have some very much. Charles and I were just talking about what we would eat."

Soon Grandmother had the fish all cleaned and cooked. She took all the bones she could find out of the fish before she gave it to Charles. They were enjoying eating it when Charles said, "Grandmother, I have some of the bones under my tongue." Grandmother tried to get it out for him and in doing so some of the bones slipped down into his throat. Charles began to cry. It hurt him so much. Grandmother gave him some bread to eat, thinking that would take care of it but it didn't help.

Charles' throat hurt so much. He tried to be brave but it felt as if he couldn't breathe very well so he said to his grandmother, "Let us pray." They got down upon their knees.

Charles prayed and then Grandmother prayed. After she finished, Charles got up and said, "It is all gone." He was so happy. Jesus had caused the bone to quit hurting him. He never had any more trouble with it. —M. M.

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### "RIGHT OFF" DECISION

A teacher in a mission school in Africa had just explained the parable of the king who invited people to his feast. One of the smaller boys then said he wanted to follow Jesus.

"Have you felt for some time that Jesus was calling you?" asked the teacher.

"Oh, no! It is only today, but I listened right off when He called," was the small boy's sincere answer.

That was a smart boy.

The Bible says, "Now is the day of salvation."

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lessons for the next few Sundays will be about Isaiah, the prophet who wrote the book in the Old Testament part of our Bible called "Isaiah." The name Isaiah means "Jehovah is salvation." It seems that God showed Isaiah about Jesus, who was yet to come. Boys and girls, you are blessed today to know about Jesus. When Isaiah lived, they knew very little about Jesus. Sometimes God would tell His prophets a little about Him and they rejoiced greatly. We should rejoice today because we know about Him and how He came to the earth, then died on the cross and arose from the grave. Oh, how we love Jesus. He is alive today. He is sitting on the right hand of God in heaven and He asks God to help us when we are in trouble. When you pray to Jesus, He tells the Father, God, about it and

asks Him to help you. Isn't that wonderful?

Isaiah, the prophet, was born about 765 to 760 years before Christ. He was living in the time when King Uzziah (also known as Azariah) was on the throne of Judah. The king Uzziah "sought the Lord" and God blessed him and the people. It seems the prophet Isaiah was greatly touched when the king died. He wanted the Lord to give the people another ruler who loved God and would lead the people to God and teach them how to live right. God gave Isaiah a great vision. A vision is something like a dream, but the person is awake.

Isaiah said that he saw the Lord sitting upon a high throne. Of course, boys and girls, we know that the Bible tells us that no man can look upon the Lord and live, so we understand that he saw the glory of the Lord and it appeared in such a way that Isaiah knew it was the Lord. (Exodus 33:20.) Could you draw the scene that Isaiah saw? There was a big throne and two seraphims or heavenly beings stood above it. These were strange beings. They had six wings, a face and feet. They would cover their faces and feet with their wings. These were bright, shining creatures and we would think that since they had wings they were ready to fly swiftly at the command of God to do His will. They loved God and felt they were not worthy to look upon Him so they would cover their faces with their wings. These seraphims or heavenly beings would sing loudly to each other. Their song was, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of the hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory." Wasn't that a good song? Just think about it. God is pure, and holy and good. As we look around us we can see so much of the things

that God has made and given us.

As they sang, the doors of the posts around the throne moved and the house filled with the presence of God. Isaiah felt undone in the presence of God. He told God about it and God had a seraphim take a coal of fire off the altar and purge Isaiah. Isaiah was then able to work for God when the call came. He said, "Here am I, send me." The Lord sent him to tell the people that they needed to turn to God. When we come into God's presence, we see how much we need Him. God is so great and mighty and we are so weak. But God will help us to be clean, pure, and strong if we will ask Him. —Aunt Marie

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Lesson 1, October 2, 1966

## ISAIAH, THE WILLING PROPHET

Isaiah 6:1-9, 11, 12

Isaiah 6:1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

2 Above it stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.

6 Then flew one of the seraphims

unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips: and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I, send me.

9 And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

11 Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate,

12 And the Lord have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land.

Memory Verse: Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. Isaiah 6:8.

Central Thought: When we see God as being great, pure, and holy, then we can see how much we need Him to help us to be ready for heaven.

### QUESTIONS:

1. What was the name of the prophet who lived in the days of Uzziah?

2. Can anyone see God and live? (See Exodus 33:20.)

3. What was above the throne of God that Isaiah saw in a vision?

4. How did Isaiah feel in the presence of God?

5. Can you tell the Lord you will go for Him when He needs something done?

6. What can you do for God each day?

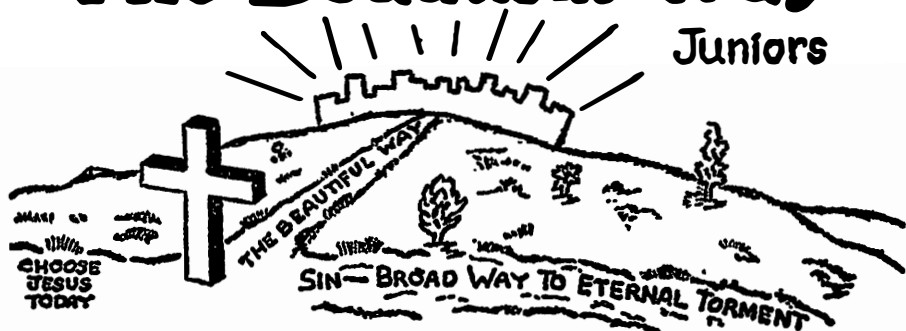
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Part Two

Oct. 9

## *Blessings or Woe*

Blessings fall upon the holy,  
Favors from the Lord on high;  
Grace and peace upon the lowly,  
Comfort, help for those who sigh.

What a contrast to the sinner,  
Who rejects salvation's plea  
Who does pride himself a winner  
In the bond of iniquity!

Hardened by deceitful pleasures  
To despise the grace of God,  
Everlasting judgment measures  
Are the portion of this rod!

—Leslie Busbee

## *Mocking God\**

"Marvin, read the 18th and 19th verses of our lesson," said Sister Brown, who was the teacher of the junior class.

"Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with cart rope: That say, Let

him make speed, and hasten his work, that we may see it: and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it!" read Marvin.

"What do you think about these verses?" asked Sister Brown of her class. They thought for awhile as they read it to themselves.

"It sounds like they have a wagon load of sin and are pulling it with a rope in part of that verse," spoke up Lester.

"Then it seems in the last part of the verse that they are making fun of God and asking Him to come with speed and see their wagon load of sin and see what He can do about it, or at least that is what Daddy thought it meant when I asked him about that verse while I was studying my lesson," said Lillie Sue.

"Yes, boys and girls, we see that the people were wicked and had even come to the point that they acknowledged their sins and then dared God to do something about it so they could see Him do it," said Sis. Brown. "I would say they were mocking God wouldn't you, Dale?"

\*parable

"Last Sunday night our pastor preached about many people saying today that they had heard for years that the world was coming to an end but it hadn't and then he read in the Bible how that people even said that in Peter's day."

"Yes," said Sister Brown, "they had mockers in the days of Jesus and His followers. It is in II Peter 3:3-5 where it says that in the last days there will come scoffers and will be saying, where is the promise of his coming? But we know He will come some day, bursting through the clouds. We surely want to be ready to meet Him in that day. We can know that our sins are forgiven if we have repented and are living each day to please the Lord. We will be ready then to meet Him. But today, as it was in the days of our lesson, there are scoffers or mockers. How can we mock God today? Shouldn't we each one ask ourselves the question, 'Do I mock God?' "

"If a boy or girl uses bad language or swears and then says that they are saved, that would be mocking God," said Bell.

"Yes," said Sister Brown. "How about singing some of the vulgar songs that are suggestive of evil? Wouldn't that be mocking God?"

"The rock and roll music seems to make me feel far from God when I listen to it and sort of join in with it," said Betty. "I think it mocks God."

"I am glad that the Lord has made you feel that way, Betty," said Sis. Brown. The class discussed the right kind of music to listen to and how God was displeased with the popular tunes of today and how they lead boys and girls away from God.

"My mother surely watches the books I read," said Dale. "She tells me that there are a lot of trashy and vulgar books today but I don't get to read any of them. In fact, I don't want to because I want to obey the Bible and have a clean mind."

"That is right, Dale," said Sister Brown. "God wants us to keep a clean and pure mind. Think on good things and thoughts that lift up our spirits to holiness. God is holy and pure and that will make us happy when we are like our Maker and are holy, clean and pure. In fact, the boy or girl who thinks dirty thoughts and does evil things, shows it on his face. You cannot hide all of that evil. You want to have a face that shows forth cleanness, purity, and sweetness. That is how God wants you to be."

"Wouldn't it be mocking God if a professor sneered at the belief in the Bible?" asked Lillie Sue. "My oldest sister who is in college told my mother that there was a professor in the college who didn't believe in God or the Bible."

"Yes, that would be mocking God and it is a fearful thing," said Sister Brown. "More and more people today are turning away from God. Our nation is heading for trouble because of it. I have noticed in the last few years that there are more riots and trouble in our nation and it is because people are not serving God and are becoming infidels. Boys and girls, we need to trust in God and look to Him to help us and live a life that does not mock God. God will let wickedness go on for a time, but be sure there will come a time of judgment when wickedness will be punished. We want to be sure we do not have any wickedness in us or that

we are not living a life of mockery before God. Do not pretend to live for God, but really live for Him and He will bless you." —M. Miles

When Jesus bursts through the clouds in the end of time the dead will come out of the graves. Then those who are alive will all arise to meet the Lord in the air. (1 Thess. 4:14-18) Jesus will not live here on the earth and set up a kingdom. His kingdom has already been set up. All who are saved are in that kingdom. (Col. 1:12-14)

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

It would be good for you to read the first part of the chapter of our lesson which is called the song of the vineyard. God compared Israel to a good grape vineyard on a very fruitful hill. The stones were all gathered out and it was planted with choicest vines. The ground was rich and should produce a good harvest. The vineyard was fenced in and had a tower in the middle of the field. But the owner of the vineyard looked for a good harvest of grapes but it only brought forth wild grapes. How disappointing that would be! The man had worked hard and put a lot of money into the vineyard, but did not make anything back from it.

God compared this vineyard to the children of Israel. God brought them out of bondage when they were in trouble and were having to serve hard taskmasters as slaves. He brought them into the land of Canaan and gave them good homes and many blessings. He felt that they should praise Him for it and keep His commandments, but when He looked for the good fruit of righteous living, He did not find it. Oh, how sad it made the loving heart of God!

The man who owned the vineyard broke down the walls when he could not find good fruit in it. He did not prune the vines, nor take out the weeds. He just let it go to waste. Wild animals probably roamed in the vineyard.

Our lesson tells about the things that God found when He looked for good in the people. He wanted to find some good fruit, but our lesson tells us that he found bad things. This made God sad. The people would have to be punished. He sent Isaiah to warn them that if they didn't repent, they would be punished. He pronounced woes upon them. Our lesson tells us how so many are doing wrong that even hell has enlarged herself and opened her mouth without measure. Just think about hell being so big that one can't measure it! It should cause people to be awakened to their need of living for God even today. But today we have those who drink, trying to drown their thoughts about the wrong things they have done. Many are going to places of revelry and dancing to the hellish music that causes them to want to do evil things. This rock and roll music and silly words sung to a fast beat are leading souls to hell. It is said that the Communists are glad that the young people of America have fallen for this fast beat in today's silly music. They say it causes them to be easily led astray. The Communists want the morals of the young people to be broken down. Those young people who yell and scream when they see the Beatles are not acting like normal people. They are being swayed by their emotions and the silly acts, songs, and the beat they use. Beware, boys and girls, the devil is after you.

I saw a report in our daily newspaper (August 3, 1966) that one of the Beatles said, "I don't know which will go first, rock and roll, or Christianity." The

paper continued to say that "the mop-haired foursome" was quoted as saying that they were "more popular than Jesus." The report continued to say that many were terribly upset over these comments from one of the Beatles and that at different places they were having a "Beatle bonfire." They did not want them nor their records. We know that they are far from God and have been the means of dragging many young people away from God. Boys and girls, cling to God and the ways of righteousness. If you don't face God in this life and make your wrongs right with Him, you will meet Him in the judgment, but it will be too late, then. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 2, October 9, 1966

## JUDGMENT ON UNGODLY LIVING

Isaiah 5:8, 11, 12, 14, 18-23

Isa. 5:8 Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth!

11 Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them!

12 And the harp, and the viol, the babret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operations of his hands.

14 Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

18 Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope:

19 That say, Let him make speed, and hasten his work, that we may see it: and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it!

20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

22 Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink:

23 Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

Memory Verse: But the Lord of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness. Isa. 5:16.

Central Thought: We should see to it that we bring forth good fruit in our lives or we will reap a harvest of the fiery judgments of God.

## QUESTIONS:

1. Tell about the song of the vineyard. (See Isa. 5:1-7.)

2. Compare it to the house of Israel.

3. How can wine "inflame" people?

4. In what verse of our lesson does it make you think that Israel had a cart full of sin?

5. How could one call evil good?

6. What do you think God thinks of the so-called music of the world today?

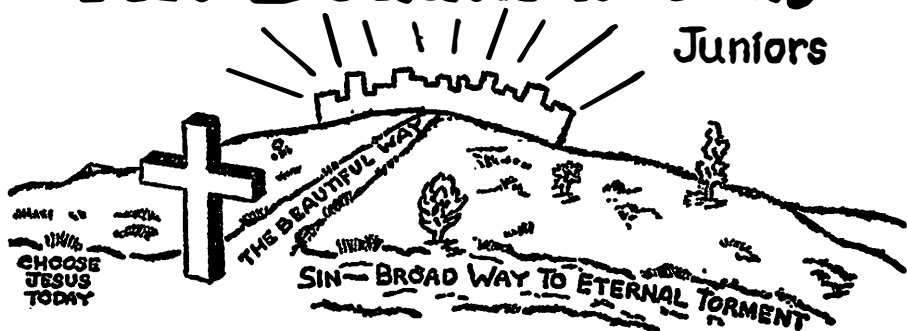
7. What does our lesson tell us has happened to hell?

8. What kind of fruit does God find in your life?

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Part Three

Oct. 16

## Anna Trusts God

"I really do like these little potatoes," Anna said as she washed one and ate it. Anna and her brothers and sisters were helping their father dig potatoes. Their father dug them and the children picked them up and put them in boxes. Ever so often Anna would run to the faucet with some little ones and wash and eat them. Maybe Anna would not have eaten so many but it was in the evening and almost time for supper and she was hungry.

"Here, Irvin, take one," said Anna. "Its clean. I just washed it."

"You are going to be sick, Anna," said Irvin, who was Anna's oldest brother. "You have eaten so many already."

Anna didn't say very much to that because her stomach was feeling bad anyway. Soon the potatoes were all dug and put in the basement. Mother had called them to come to supper. But Anna didn't feel like eating any supper. In fact she had slipped away and gone to bed before supper was

called, while the boys and her father were putting the potatoes in the basement. Her stomach was hurting worse. She hadn't thought about the potatoes making her sick, she had just acted unwisely.

Anna had been taught from a little child to pray. Her father and mother had been saved and lived for God ever since she could remember. Her father called the children together every morning and every night for worship. She loved those times. It seemed that she felt Jesus very close when they would all sing, then read from the Bible something about what God had done or how God had helped others. She loved Jesus and would always pray in worship. In fact all of her brothers and sisters and then her mother and father would pray in worship.

God was not only real to her when they would pray together, but He was also real to her when she would get sick. Many times her father and mother would tell them about how Jesus healed when He lived here on the earth. Then many times she had been healed when she was sick and

her parents prayed for her. Also, she saw others healed. One time Anna saw a boy who was in a wheel chair and was crippled get up and walk after he was prayed for. Another time a man came to their home and she heard her father talking to him about getting saved. He broke down in tears and all of them knelt while her father prayed with him and then he prayed. He got saved. She heard her father tell him that the Lord was able to heal his eyes. The man had not been able to work as he was almost blind and sick in body. She heard her father tell him that God had power to save his soul and heal his body. Later, after the man had gone back home, she heard her father telling her mother about the letter he had received from the man, how the Lord had healed him and he was working again. He was rejoicing and the little town where he lived was stirred because God had done such a wonderful thing for him. So you see, Anna knew how to trust God for her healing. She had firm faith in God because He had done so many wonderful things for her and also for others.

Boys and girls, it is a wonderful thing to be able to trust God to heal your body, save your soul, and help you in the hard places that you meet in life. Sometimes at school you meet hard things, but pray to God and trust Him to help you out.

Where all of the family sat down at the table to eat, Anna's father asked where she was and sent one of the children to look for her. When her sister came to her bedroom, Anna told her that her stomach hurt and she didn't want to eat. Later her father came to her bed and asked her what was the matter. She told him that

she had eaten too many little potatoes and she was sick. He asked her if she believed that Jesus could heal her and she told him she did. Her father got down on his knees and prayed for her. The Lord instantly took away all the pain and she felt well. She got up and went to the table with her father. She ate some, but didn't want very much as she felt full already.

Boys and girls, the Lord is so good and wonderful. I hope you know the Lord as Anna did. I hope that you will always trust in the Lord for the healing of your body and for all the things that you need.

One time Anna had some friends at school who mistreated her. She came home and cried about it but she prayed about it, too. She asked the Lord to help her and to cause them to be nice. She went back to school the next day and smiled at the girls and they were nicer to her. She thanked the Lord for helping her out. It pays to trust in the Lord and do the right and the Lord will never fail you. It might be that He won't answer as soon as you think he should because He has a lesson for you to learn or it might be He wants you to suffer something for awhile so someone else can see Jesus helping you and then they will know that Jesus can help them. You know that we are workers for Jesus here in this world and it might be that we can work for Him by suffering some, too. May the Lord bless all of you to have faith and trust in Him as Anna did and know that Jesus will never fail you. —Sis. Marie Miles

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When we are baptized it is an outward sign that our sins have been forgiven.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson today is about trust. What does the word "trust" mean? The dictionary says it means "firm belief in the honesty of some person or thing; faith; confidence in one trusted."

All of us need to trust in someone. Children should trust their parents. All of us should trust God to take care of us and trust God to let only what is best come to us. Surely a boy or girl is not happy unless he can fully trust in God. We hope that you will put your trust firmly in the Lord and know that He will take care of you. We can't trust in man because man will fail us. Sometimes our friends would love to do things for us but they cannot. But God can do all things and has all wisdom.

You remember in our lesson Sunday before last, how that Isaiah told God, "Here am I, send me"? In our lesson today God had a message for him to take to King Ahaz.

It seemed that two kings, whom Isaiah compared to the tails of smoking firebrands, were going to come up against Judah. When Judah heard about this, the people were much afraid and in the verses preceding our lesson, it said their hearts moved like trees in the wind. They were just plain scared. Were you ever scared about something that was about to come to pass? Maybe a warning of a tornado or earthquake, etc. frightened you. King Ahaz was afraid.

I am sure Ahaz was comforted a little when Isaiah told him that they had taken evil counsel against him and for him to "be quiet; fear not, neither be faint-hearted," but he was not fully persuaded that God would help him. He had already planned to ask the king of Assyria to help him. This was very foolish after God had spoken as He had through the prophet. It seems as foolish as if a little

child would run and ask its toys to help him and not his parents, when in trouble.

The Lord spoke again in verses 10 and 11, but Ahaz refused to ask for a sign like Gideon received. (Judges 6:36-40.) He had a chance to test the promise of God but he lacked faith and trust. He spoke in verse 12 as though he believed God without a sign when he was actually planning on help from the king of Assyria. The king of Assyria defeated the two enemies of Ahaz but made slaves of Ahaz and the people.

When Ahaz failed to trust in God, it caused God to feel weary with His people but He still had a sign to give to all the house of Judah through whom the Savior, Jesus, was to come. (Read verse 14.) Jesus was to be born of a young woman and God was to be His father. The word "Immanuel" means "God with us" in the person and flesh. This was a wonderful truth spoken by Isaiah, the prophet, which came to pass.

Isaiah gave the king a sign, anyway. In the last part of verse 16 he tells of the death of both the kings by saying, "... shall be forsaken by both her kings." When this came to pass, then Ahaz could look back and know that the truth had been spoken.

In the last part of the lesson, God pronounced a woe upon Hezekiah, Ahaz's son, and the people, when they were in trouble and planned to go down to Egypt and ask for help instead of asking God to help them and trusting Him. They listened to God. God helped Hezekiah and the people.

Read Psalm 118:8. It is in line with our lesson today. This verse is the middle verse in the Bible. There are 31,173 verses in the Bible and this one is the middle one.

—Aunt Marie

God's way is the best way to go. It leads to heaven.

Lesson 3, October 16, 1966  
IN WHOM DO WE TRUST?

Isaiah 7:3-7a, 9c-16; 31:1-3

Isa. 7:3 Then said the Lord unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and Shearjashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field;

4 And say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be fainthearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah.

5 Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have taken evil counsel against thee, saying,

6 Let us go up against Judah, and vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set a king in the midst of it, even the son of Tabeal:

7a Thus saith the Lord God,

9c If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.

10 Moreover, the Lord spake again unto Ahaz, saying,

11 Ask thee a sign of the Lord thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above.

12 But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the Lord.

13 And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David: Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also?

14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

15 Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

16 For before the child shall know how to refuse the evil, and choose the

good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings.

31:1 Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the Lord!

2 Yet he also is wise, and will bring evil, and will not call back his words; but will arise against the house of the evildoers, and against the help of them that work iniquity.

3 Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the Lord shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they all shall fail together.

Memory Verse: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isaiah 40:31.

Central Thought: We can trust a God who made the world and us to take care of everything in our lives.

QUESTIONS:

1. Where do we find the saying, "In God we trust" on silver?

2. Think for a while and tell us where you put your trust.

3. Where did Isaiah find King Ahaz and what did he tell him?

4. Why did King Ahaz refuse to ask for a sign?

5. What sign was given him and what does the word "Immanuel" mean?

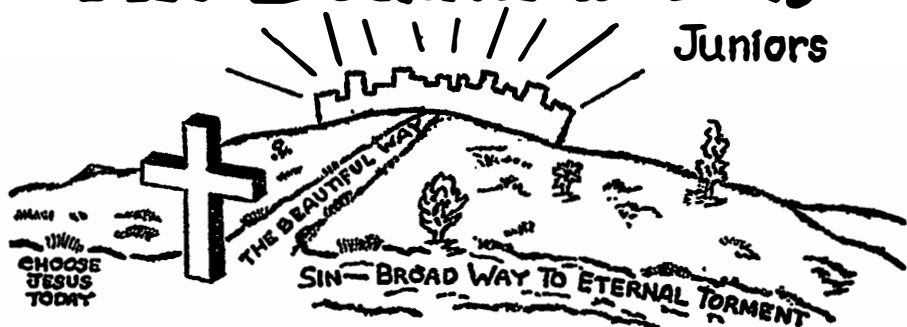
6. Can you quote the middle verse in the Bible?

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Part Four

Oct. 23

## Spread It Before The Lord

Good King Hezekiah, threatened,  
With a heart all sorrow-stored,  
Took his burden to the temple,  
Spread it out before the Lord.

There he prayed in deep contrition,  
"God avenge me of my foes!"  
With respect to His condition  
God in power for him arose.

Here a lesson for the present  
Let us take who thus are bored:  
Go in prayer with all our burdens,  
Spread them out before the Lord!

—Leslie Busbee

## Prayer Changes Things

In the Bible we read about the many times God answered prayer. He is the same today. The Israelites prayed and God sent them Moses. Abraham's servant prayed and Rebekah appeared. Jacob prayed and wrestled with God; Esau's mind was changed after 20 years of intending to kill Jacob. Moses prayed and God forgave the Israelites of their sin of wor-

shipping a golden calf. Joshua prayed and Achan was uncovered of his hidden, stolen treasure. Hannah prayed and Samuel was born. David prayed and his enemies were destroyed. Asa prayed and a victory was gained. Isaiah and Hezekiah prayed and 185,000 Assyrians were dead within twelve hours. Daniel prayed and the lions were muzzled. The three Hebrew children were delivered from the fiery furnace. Mordecai and Esther fasted and prayed and Haman was hanged on his own gallows in three days. Ezra prayed at Ahave, God answered. Nehemiah prayed and the king's heart was softened in a minute. Elijah prayed and a drought that lasted for three years came to pass. Elijah prayed again and the drought ended. Elisha prayed and the river Jordan was divided. Elisha prayed and the soul of a child came back into his body. Peter and John prayed and a crippled man leaped and praised God. The apostles prayed when in prison and the doors opened and they walked out. Saul prayed and he was saved from his sins. Ananias prayed and Paul received his sight. The church

prayed and Peter was brought out of prison by an angel. Paul prayed and the snake bite did not kill him. Jesus prayed for all of us who believe on His name through the words of the disciples that God would keep us from evil.

—M. Miles

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## God Heals

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One time we went to prayer meeting. We very seldom leave our children with others, but there were some older girls there who had some home work to do and we left our children with them. We felt they were in good hands. During the prayer meeting we got a call that we should come home right away because our little girl was very sick. Of course we were very much troubled about this and we asked the saints to pray while we went home to see about it. We did much praying ourselves on the way home. When one of your children is sick, you are naturally troubled.

When we got there we were told that the policeman had just left. We found our little girl resting. One of the neighbor ladies was there. They told about how the little girl was real sick but that before they could get the policeman out there to get her to a hospital, she was better. The Lord had heard the saints prayers and had taken care of all the trouble while we were on our way home. This neighbor lady admitted that God had touched the little girl but she said that if any of them got sick again she would do all she could to get them into a hospital. She didn't have any faith in God to heal. Oh, how sad it is that people think that doctors can do more than God. Of course God can't do much for people if they

won't trust Him. But it is a wonderful privilege to trust in God.

—Told by Bro. C. W.

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## A Soft Answer

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A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger." Proverbs 15:1.

Cathy found this verse to be very true. On the way home from school she usually walked with two sisters, Lucy and Mary. They were next-door neighbors to Cathy. The three girls were talking about going to the library to get some books to help them with their homework. They couldn't decide what time to go, so Mary said, "How about 4:30?" They all agreed that was the best time for all of them.

Cathy went by for the girls at 4:30. Mary had gone to the store to buy some new clothes for herself. Cathy and Lucy went to look for Mary. They couldn't find her so they went to the library without her. When they got home Mary was at home, also. Cathy parted with Lucy at her door and went on home.

Cathy's little sister went to see Louise, a younger sister of Mary and Lucy. When Cathy's sister came home she told her that Mary was angry and was saying untrue things about Cathy and calling her names.

The next morning Lucy and Mary stopped by for Cathy on the way to school. Mary told Cathy that she didn't appreciate them going to the library and leaving her at home. "You said we would go at 5:30," Mary said. Lucy and Cathy both told Mary they had said 4:30 as Cathy had to be home at 5:00. Her father always got home at 5:00 and she wanted to be

there when he got there. Mary was still angry and said that she didn't like Cathy as she didn't tell the truth. Cathy asked Mary to forgive her. She told Mary that the next time she would try to do better. Mary softened her heart at these words and said she was sorry for the way she had acted. She asked Cathy to forgive her. Cathy forgave Mary. All three girls went to school with a good feeling toward each other. —Violet Cable

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The washing of feet is just as plainly taught in the Bible as taking the Lord's Supper.

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

When you were a little child and something made you afraid, or if a strange person would appear who was dressed in dirty clothes and looked like a tramp, you would run and hide behind your mother's skirt. You felt secure and knew that you would be all right because your mother would take care of you. Then as you grew older and someone tried to hurt or harm you, you would run to your home and you still trusted in your parents to help you. That is good because they will do that. But, boys and girls, there is coming a time when you will not have Mother and Father to help you and you need to learn very early in life to depend upon some one who is greater than your mother or father. Learn to trust in one or run to one who has more power to help you than your parents or friends. Can you tell me who that is? Yes, that is God. I wish I could impress upon your minds the great need of your learning how to trust in God. You need Him today, but you are going to need Him worse as the days go by. God is real and God is alive. You can't see God but

you can know in your hearts that He is always there to help you. Our memory verse tells us that David, who was a great king, knew it to be true that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

One time a thousand men came out into the hills where David was hidden, trying to find him and kill him, but God took care of him and they didn't kill him. He surely needed help then, didn't he? Boys and girls, you have an enemy that is greater than a thousand men, that is after you to get you to do wrong and sin so you will not go to heaven, but to hell. You need Jesus to help you resist sin and all kinds of evil. There is that boy or girl who wants to make you feel you will be left out or won't have any friends if you do not do wrong with them. At that time you need a friend like Jesus to make you know that you do not want to do wrong just to be with the crowd, but you want to do right so you can be with the crowd that is going to heaven and are doing right. You can, at that time, run to the Lord for help the same as you did when as a little child you ran to your mother for help when something made you alarmed. Jesus will give you a great feeling of not being left out and a feeling of having a lot of friends so you will be bold to do the right and turn from the evil.

King Sennacherib (sen-nak-er-ib) a wicked king sent a letter to King Hezekiah, who "trusted in the Lord God . . . and the Lord was with him." (2 Kings 18:5-7). He boasted that the God that Hezekiah served could not help him when he would come up with his army to destroy his city. The wicked king named other nations that he had crushed one by one. Now Hezekiah knew that King Sennacherib's armies were strong, but he knew that he served a real living God and that the other nations only served

images. So Hezekiah rushed to God who was his helper and refuge. Now, boys and girls, if a great king felt the need of God in times of trouble and turned to him, you ought to do the same, should you not?

Hezekiah prayed a wonderful prayer, didn't he? God heard that prayer and sent Isaiah to tell him that God would help him. The following verse of our lesson tells us that the angel of the Lord went into the camp of the Assyrians and 185,000 were killed in one night. King Sennacherib went home and years later he was slain by his sons while he was worshipping in the temple of his pagan God. God will help you as he He did King Hezekiah. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 4, October 23, 1966

## GOD, OUR REFUGE AND HELPER

Isaiah 37:14-21a, 33-35

Isa. 37:14 And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up unto the house of the Lord, and spread it before the Lord.

15 And Hezekiah prayed unto the Lord, saying,

16 O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth.

17 Incline thine ear, O Lord, and hear; open thine eyes, O Lord, and see: and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent to reproach the living God.

18 Of a truth, Lord, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations, and their countries,

19 And have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of man's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them.

20 Now therefore, O Lord our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the Lord, even thou only.

21a Then Isaiah, the son of Amoz sent unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel,

33 Therefore thus saith the Lord concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shields, nor cast a bank against it.

34 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the Lord.

35 For I will defend this city to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

Memory Verse: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1.

Central Thought: God knows the sorrows and troubles of today and tomorrow. Trust Him to help you and do not worry.

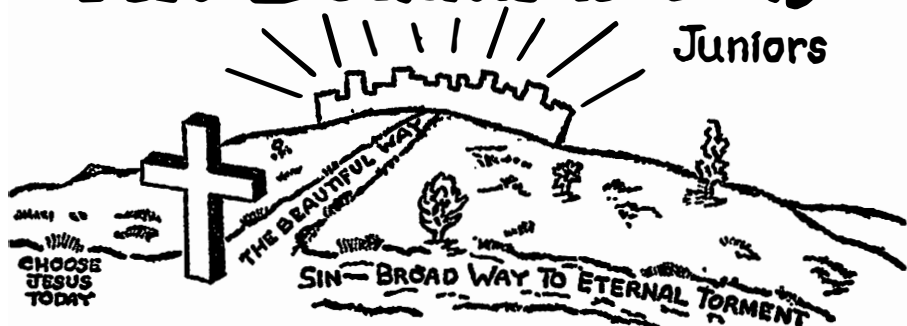
### QUESTIONS:

1. What are the names of the two kings in our lesson?
2. What did King Hezekiah receive from the wicked king?
3. What did he do with it?
4. What did he say in his prayer?
5. What message did the Lord send to King Hezekiah through the prophet Isaiah?
6. What happened to the wicked king?
7. Whom are we to trust in and take all of our troubles to?

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Part Five

Oct. 30

## Success for the Lord

The Lord will give us boldness,  
And help us do His will;  
His presence will enfold us  
Our hungry hearts to fill.

Think not that we are able  
In our own strength to go,  
Our ways will not be stable  
To meet each coming woe.

Lean hard on Him, confiding,  
His promise cannot fail,  
Beneath His refuge hiding  
And by His truth prevail.

—Leslie Busbee

## God Delivers

"Are you sure this is his tent?"  
whispered one member of the mob to  
the other.

"Yes, I saw him sitting in the door  
of the tent reading this afternoon,"  
whispered the third.

"We must get the rope on him and  
make away with him before the camp  
is aroused," someone said.

"What shall I do?" thought Bro.  
D. S. Warner, (who was called Evan-  
gelist Blank in the book). "Does it  
mean that I must suffer death at the  
hands of this mob, simply because I  
preached the truth? Will they hang  
me? Will they choke me? Will they  
stone me? Will they drag me over  
these awful rocks until life is dashed  
out? What meant the gleam in the  
sect preacher Bon's eyes last night  
in the service? What will become  
of my dear wife and boy in Ohio?  
Will I recant? Will I deny my Lord?  
Will I shun to declare the whole coun-  
sel of God?" All these questions and  
many others flashed across Bro.  
Warner's mind like angry streaks of  
lightning across a black cloud.

Through the thin canvas he saw in  
the moonlight half a dozen husky men  
seize hold of one end of a rope, the  
other end of which was arranged in  
a slip-loop.

"When I get the rope on him, make  
for the hills," said one man as he  
began to untie the strings that held  
the door of the tent. Just at this  
instant Bro. Warner slipped under  
the edge of the tent on the opposite

side from where the men were planning their awful deed, and under the edge of Jake Benton's tent, which stood just about two feet from his own. With a quickness of mind that was almost miraculous, he donned a dress and shawl and bonnet belonging to Sister Benton, and stole out of the tent and across the ground toward the arbor in full view of the enraged men as they came out of the tent that he had just vacated.

The men were as much astonished as enraged at not finding their prey. They ransacked Jake Benton's tent and demanded that he reveal the whereabouts of the preacher. Jake flatly refused. Except for his trembling, he stood like a stone wall and faced that score of masked men, thirsty for righteous blood. Really they appeared as so many thoroughbred devils right from the pit. They were masked in a way, not only to conceal their identity, but in a way to make them appear as hideous as possible. The leader of the mob shouted, "Jake Benton, you sanctified hypocrite, if you don't tell us where that preacher is we'll hang your carcass up for the crows to pick."

"Maybe you will, but I'll hang there before I'll tell," poor Jake said in a trembling voice.

"Who was that ole lady who left your tent and went across the ground a while ago with a bonnet on?" shouted one of the mob.

"I never saw an ole lady going across the ground," replied Jake. (In this he was telling the truth, you know.)

"Hang him up to a tree, boys, hang him up, if he won't tell," shouted one of the gang.

"Bring the rope," shouted another as he took hold of Benton's arms.

Just at this juncture the leader of the mob suggested to Jake that if he and his comrades would break up camp and leave the ground immediately, they would not hang him, but would continue their search for the evangelist. To this Jake and the whole party of campers readily agreed. In the light of the moon, the whole ground of campers, consisting of more than a dozen families, hitched their teams to their wagons and made their way over the hills homeward. Before any wagon was allowed to leave the ground it was carefully searched by the mob to ascertain whether or not the evangelist were there. He could not be found.

When old Bro. Bunk and his wife and children arrived home they were alarmed when they saw someone sitting under the poplar tree in their yard. Imagine their surprise when the person shouted, "Praise God, Bro. Bunk, many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth them out of them all!" It was Bro. Warner. He explained to them that he had walked the two miles from the camp through the woods.

The mob supposed that Bro. Warner had made his way from the camp ground to Jake Benton's house. Bro. Benton and his family arrived home about three o'clock in the morning and about a half hour later the mob arrived. They would not be satisfied until they searched his house and then they withdrew into the woods and built a fire to warm themselves and discuss further plans. Jake Benton waited for some time and then he crept out close to the place where the men were gathered, Indian fashion, around the fire. They had taken off their masks and he recognized them. Most of them were prominent

members of Mt. Olivet church. One of them was the pastor and one a deacon. Benton crawled back down the old rail fence and went home.

Shortly after sunrise Bro. Bunk came over and told Bro. Benton that Bro. Warner was safe, and happy in the Lord. They agreed to have meeting that Sunday at Bro. Bunk's house. The saints gathered and they had a happy time together in the Lord. The Lord blessed them and they prayed for more boldness. "Great grace was upon them all." That night the meeting was resumed at the arbor and continued for two weeks longer. Many were saved and they didn't have any more trouble.

—Deacon of Dobbinsville

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Some trust in wealth and some in  
might,

The puny arm of man;  
Some trust their wisdom for their  
light

The woes of life to span.  
To trust in God, we must believe  
And wait His time to act;  
The lessons of His word receive  
And prove His grace a fact.

—Leslie Busbee

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

I do trust that you are praying regularly. Don't forget to pray. You need the Lord to help you. Perhaps you got saved this past summer at one of the camp meetings. Or maybe you gave your heart to God at the chapel where you attend, or maybe you prayed at home and asked God to forgive you of your sins. But you need to pray and read God's Word to keep saved. You want to learn the Bible. You should study it. It is more important than your school books. I feel it is good for you

to read it so you will know whom the Bible talks about, and what God did for them. If God helped people who lived in Bible times, He is the same God today and will help you. I have heard some say that they do not understand the Bible. But just read and try to understand all you can. Don't worry about what you don't understand. That's what makes the Bible so interesting, there is always something new in it. You might read one verse and not understand it, but later, perhaps even years later, you might read it and you will suddenly understand it. But boys and girls, there is a lot in it that you can understand. It is just a trick of the devil to try to get you to quit reading the Bible by saying you can't understand all of it.

Were you ever asked to do something that was hard for you to do? Perhaps your mother told you to go to the neighbor's house and tell them that some boys were taking the apples off their tree back of the garage. Maybe your mother thought they were stealing them but perhaps they had permission. Anyway, it would be hard for you to go, yet you knew that it was only right that you obey your mother and then it was only right that the boys be corrected if they were doing wrong. If they continued to do wrong they would get into trouble, and it would be serious trouble. Maybe you would pray and ask the Lord to help you to do it and God would help you.

Our lesson tells us about Jeremiah. It says he was the son of Hilkiah. You remember that one man named Hilkiah was the priest that found the hidden book of God in the rubbish of the temple. Perhaps he was the father of Jeremiah, as he lived about the same time and Jeremiah was only 20 years old when he was called of God to be a prophet.

God told Jeremiah that before his birth, God had a purpose for him in his life. God has a purpose for all of us in this life. He sent His Son to die on the cross that we might be saved. He doesn't want us to be lost but to be saved and be workers for Him. But sad to say, many do not live up to the purpose that God has for them. They go on in their own way and do wrong or do not obey God.

Jeremiah felt very humble. He said, "I cannot speak, for I am a child." But the Lord touched his lips and gave Him boldness to not be afraid of the faces of people. God said he would tell him what to say. Boys and girls, the Lord will help you to be a worker for Jesus and make you know what to say for the Lord if you will just be willing.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 5, October 30, 1966

## JEREMIAH, THE PROPHET

### Jeremiah 1:1-10

Jer. 1:1 The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:

2 To whom the word of the Lord came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.

3 It came also in the days of Jehoikam the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.

4 Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest

forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

6 Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.

7 But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

8 Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord.

9 Then the Lord put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

10 See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

Memory Verse: Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord. Jer. 1:8.

Central Thought: If God calls you for a duty, be assured that He will go with you.

### QUESTIONS:

1. Tell the name of the person in our lesson today.

2. Who may have been his father?

3. Did God have a purpose in his life and what was the purpose?

4. Did Jeremiah feel able to obey God's call?

5. What did God tell him that He would do?

6. What is the purpose that God has for you in life?

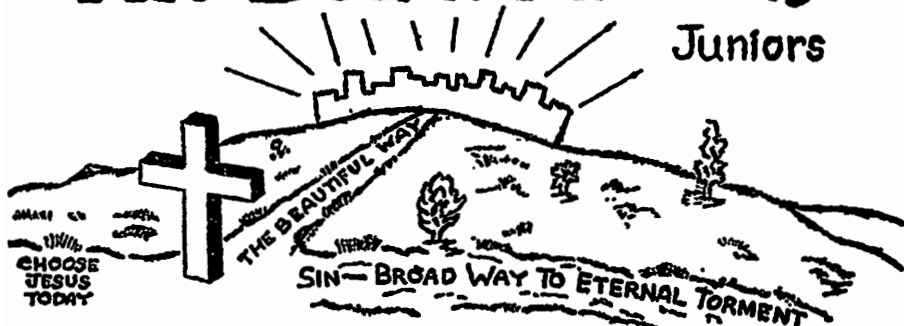
7. Name something that boys and girls can do for the Lord.

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Nov. 6

## True and False Worship

To worship God, obeying not  
His counsel and His voice  
Will bring upon our lives a blot  
And prove our foolish choice.

Respect His word, receive His law,  
And bless His gracious plan;  
Make paths unclouded by a flaw  
Before your fellow man.

The world is cursed by worship vain  
And doctrines taught by men,  
On heaven's name it brings a stain  
Promoting strife and sin.

—Leslie Busbee

## It Works

God is real and when I pray to Him He hears me. One day I came to Him and asked Him to forgive me of my sins. I was sorry that I had sinned against God. I wept and prayed and asked Him to have mercy upon me. You know the Bible tells us that if we confess our sins God will forgive them. (1 John 1:9). I confessed and

asked God to forgive me and He did. God's Bible is true and it works.

I felt the need of having the Holy Spirit in my life. I needed power over the devil and I needed a Guide in this world. I came to the Lord and gave Him my life. I told Him to take my heart, my hands, my feet, my mind and my whole body. I gave Him everything I had. I only wanted to be His completely. The Bible says that God is more willing to give us the Holy Spirit than parents are willing to give good gifts to their children. (Luke 11:13). I believed the Bible and it worked.

I needed to be healed when I was sick. I read in the Bible where it tells us to call for the elders of the church and let them anoint you with oil and the Lord would heal. (James 5:14, 15.) I did that and it worked. God healed me.

Boys and girls, we want to believe the Bible. One time a preacher was preaching and telling people what God would do and how He would save the soul and make them happy. After he got through, a young college boy said to him, "Preacher, I don't believe

a thing you said." The preacher said, "Didn't you hear me read it right out of the Bible?" The boy said that the Bible had been translated so many times that it wasn't true. The preacher looked at him and said, "One time I was a sinner and lived a wicked life. I believed the Bible and did what it told me and the Lord saved me and made a new man out of me. Everyone that knows me knows I am changed. I believe the Bible because I have tried it and it works."

—M. Miles

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## Box of Soap

Mrs. Long was busy cutting out a dress for her little girl when she heard someone come up on her front porch. She waited for them to ring the door bell, but they did not. She looked out the window just in time to see a neighbor boy run off the porch. She watched him and he went around to the next house. About that time her children went to the door and came back bringing a box of soap that had been left as a sample at the door. She told them about the neighbor boy coming to the door and not ringing the bell. Later she saw the boy coming from the neighbor's house with a box of soap and then her children came in and told her that the boys had taken the soap from the door of another neighbor's house. She told her children that was stealing and how wrong that was for him to do that.

Mrs. Long thought about the neighbor boys and how their mother worked and left them alone at home. She thought about how her children played with them at times because they lived close by. She thought about how God was displeased with

stealing and how it would grow on them and they would do more and more of it if they got by with it. She felt that she should in some way help them but she didn't know just how to do it. She prayed to the Lord to help her to help them so they would not get into trouble. Finally she thought she would just call them on the phone since they had run into their house with the boxes of soap. She thought they probably wouldn't come out if she went over to their door.

"Hello," the boy said as he answered the phone.

"Did you take a box of soap from Mrs. Brown's door?" Mrs. Long asked.

"Oh, no!" said the boy. "I didn't take any soap. We got a box of soap at our door."

"Do you want me to tell your mother and daddy that you took the soap?" Mrs. Long asked.

"Oh no, please don't tell her," said the boy. "We'll take it back."

"Don't you know that is stealing and that you will get into serious trouble if you don't be careful? If you steal small things now you will be stealing other things that are bigger and you will soon find that you will be brought up before the judge. It is wrong to steal and God will punish you even if you do get by with it with people. You can't get by with God," said Mrs. Long.

"We'll take it back," said the boy. Mrs. Long did not tell them who she was but she thought they probably knew. Later she watched and the boy took the box of soap and put it back on Mrs. Brown's porch across the street. Later she saw the boys pouring soap on their driveway and then putting water on it and sliding down the driveway. She didn't know how

many boxes of soap they had taken. She asked another neighbor if she had received some soap and she said she had not. Mrs. Long didn't know if the boys took back all the soap they had taken or not. She felt better, however, because she had given the boys a warning about stealing.

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

Do you know what it means to worship God? Real worship is an inward feeling of real love for God that is given an outward expression. Worship is praises to the Lord. Worship is a real thankfulness to the Lord for all His many blessings to us who are so unworthy of any of His love because we sinned against Him. Real worship is more than just words, it is meaning what we say.

When Jeremiah was born, it was at the end of the long reign of a wicked king called Mannasseh. He worshipped idols and even offered his own son as a sacrifice to an idol. God was displeased with the people because they had forsaken Him. Later the grandson of Mannasseh reigned and he renounced the idols and that practice and tried to bring the people back to God. During this time Jeremiah began his work as a prophet among the people. It might have been that he helped the king clean up the land and helped the people turn to God. Even though the idols were destroyed out of the land, the love for them was still in the hearts of the people. As soon as Josiah died and another king ruled, they turned to evil again. The people brought their idols back into the land and worshipped them.

Our lesson begins with the prophet Jeremiah giving out a message from the Lord to the people who were worshipping idols, yet still coming to the

temple to worship the true God. God does not want people to love something else or someone else more than they love Him. He wants to be first in our hearts. These people wanted to worship their idols and do evil, yet come to the temple to keep the feasts and worship the true God. Jesus said one time, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say." Luke 6:46. That was what these people were doing.

It took boldness for Jeremiah to stand there inside the gate or the court of the great temple and talk to the great throng of people. He told them exactly how they had been living. He told them to change their ways and doings. He said they trusted in words and would always refer to the temple of the Lord. They felt that because the great temple was the place of the dwelling of God that nothing could hurt them. They did not seem to be afraid of the other kings who were trying to rule the world and they were being threatened. Jeremiah tried to get them to wake up and know that God would not help them when they were in trouble because they did wrong. They were deceitful. They would steal, lie, commit adultery, swear falsely, and make offerings to idols as other gods, yet they wanted to worship the true God with an outward show. God would not have it nor would He bless them for this. He was going to punish them for their wickedness. They thought just because the temple was there, that God was pleased, but God wanted them to know that He would destroy the temple because of their sins. He told them He would cast them out of His sight if they did not repent. Boys and girls, it pays to do right and worship God from the heart. God knows if you love Him with all of your heart.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 6, November 6, 1966

## WORDS WITHOUT WORSHIP

Jeremiah 7:1-15

Jer. 7:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,

2 Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the Lord.

3 Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.

4 Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, are these.

5 For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour;

6 If ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt;

7 Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.

8 Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit.

9 Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not;

10 And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?

11 Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in

your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, saith the Lord.

12 But go ye now unto my place which was in shiloh, where I set my name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel.

13 And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the Lord, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not;

14 Therefore will I do unto this house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh.

15 And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim.

Memory Verse: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer. Psalms 19:14.

Central Thought: Prove your love for God by speaking true words and worshipping Him from your heart.

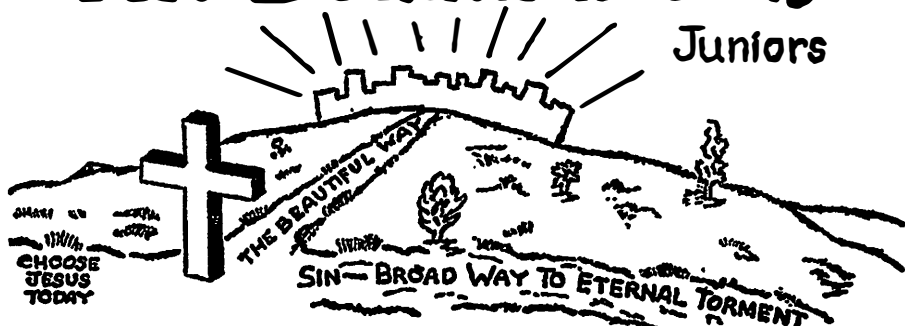
### QUESTIONS:

1. What does the word "worship" mean?
2. Where was Jeremiah standing when he spoke to the people?
3. Why did the people say, "The temple of the Lord"?
4. Name some of the things that they were to do so they could dwell in the good land.
5. What were they doing and then coming to the house of the Lord?
6. What did Jeremiah tell them the Lord was going to do to the temple and the people?

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Nov. 13

## By the Word of God

(II Peter 3:5-7)

At the voice of His commanding  
All the heavens were of old;  
In and out of water standing  
Was the dry land, we are told.

In His wrath the nations perished  
When the waters overflowed,  
And the ark of Noah cherished  
Through the flood its precious load.

Yet today His word reserving  
Heav'n and earth from judgment  
fire—

Let us be His word observing,  
Be His pleasure our desire.

—Leslie Busbee

## The Bible In American History

Historians seeking to discover the major influences which have molded the course of American history find that the Bible has played a significant role. Within the pages of this

greatest of all documents lies the inspiration for the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights and the Four Freedoms.

The Bible was the first textbook of the American colonies. It was the most important factor in the educational system of those years, for, both in private and public schools, the Bible was the chief text. In the New England Primer, used extensively in the elementary schools for more than a century before the Revolutionary War, characters from the Bible were used in teaching the three R's.

Making the Bible better known appeared to be the whole purpose of early American education.

Thomas Jefferson, who was asked to frame the Declaration of Independence, was well-read in the Bible. Much of the beauty and clarity of his prose were acquired through years of reading of the New Testament, which he mastered in Greek, Latin, French and English in order to compile a collection of excerpts covering the life and teachings of Jesus.

Where but in the Bible had he learned that men are equal under God and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights? Jefferson was expressing in immortal phrases the convictions which men had first gleaned from the Word of God.

One of the very earliest acts of Congress was to approve the printing of a large edition of the Bible and officially recommend it to the people of the land. The desire to maintain the Bible's influence in American life led to the formation of the Bible Society movement whose purpose was to make the Bible available to every household in the rapidly-expanding country. Nowadays this function is carried out on an infinitely broader scale by the American Bible Society, founded in 1816, which prints millions of Bibles, Testaments and Scripture portions in many languages and dialects, and distributes them to the populations of teeming cities and to obscure people living in the remotest corners of the earth.

The influence of the Bible on the American life is still in evidence, for each year since 1800 it has been a national best seller. In times of war, it is in greater demand than ever, among the men on the fighting fronts, prisoners of war, and families praying for their loved ones to come home.

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### A BIBLE FOUND

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One day a missionary lady in Italy offered a Bible to a man who was building a stone wall. He refused it, saying he would have nothing to do with it. At last she persuaded him to take it. As soon as she turned

away, he removed a stone from the wall, placed the Bible in the hollow space, and built the wall around it, and laughed to think how he had fooled the lady.

A few years after this the town was shaken by an earthquake, and many of the houses fell down. One dangerous wall was standing. As a workman was tapping it to make it fall, he said, "Perhaps there is a treasure hidden there," and removed the stone. There in a hollow place was the Bible which had been placed there by the mason many years before. The workman took it home and read it, and was led to love it and obey it and to serve God. This was the greatest treasure he had ever found.

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### "I Will Not Go, If—"

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"Cats and dogs are not much seen in China, but the people make great pets of crickets," remarked Father.

"Crickets?" asked Mary.

"Yes," he replied. "It was the ladies of the Royal Palace a long, long time ago who first made pets of crickets. They put them into little cages of gold and silver. During the long winter nights the chirping of the crickets kept the ladies entertained. Today wealthy Chinese have hundreds and hundreds of these pets."

"Do the Chinese children keep crickets, too?"

"Why, yes. The boys and girls have their own crickets. They carry them about wherever they go, and will not go to a school where the teacher does not allow the crickets to come. They teach their pets to do simple tricks, such as throwing up and catching a tiny ball about the size of a pea. Then, on bath nights, they wash their pets in tea!"

Mary was amused, but she thoughtfully remarked, "When you said that no child would go without his cricket, somehow I could not help thinking of the hymn which says:

"Take the name of Jesus with you,  
Child of sorrow and of woe;  
It will joy and comfort give you,  
Take it, then, where'er you go!"  
"That is splendid," Father said.

"We love the Lord Jesus and do not want to be separated from Him, now or ever. When you are asked to go to places which are doubtful, make this your motto:

**"I Will Not Go If I Cannot Take Jesus."** —Sel.

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

The Word of God, which is the Bible, has been preserved for us down through the ages. We are glad for the Book today. How would we know where we came from if the Bible did not tell us? Why, we would not even know about Jesus and how He died on the cross if the men who were with Him had not written about it and told us of His great love! We love the Bible and when we obey it, it brings great joy and peace to our hearts.

The sermon at the temple recorded in last Sunday's lesson stirred many people. They did not like Jeremiah's sermon. The priests and the people took him and wanted to put him to death. (Jer.26:6-8) They did not like it because he had prophesied against the temple and the city. They did not do anything to him that time, but this was not the only time his life was in danger.

It seems he could not go to the temple, for fear of the people, so the Lord told him to write his messages on a scroll. He did this and his friend, Baruch (Bare-

uk) took them to the temple and read them. Jeremiah hoped that the people would repent of their sins and God would not punish them as He had said. So Baruch did as Jeremiah had asked him to do. When the princes heard about the scroll that had been read to the people, they sent for Baruch to come and read the book to them. He read it to them and they were alarmed. They said that they would tell the king all the words that they had heard. They asked Baruch to tell them where he got the book. He told them that Jeremiah had spoken and he had written the words in a book. The princes told him and Jeremiah to go and hide themselves and they would tell the king. When they told the king about the book and what it said, he wanted to see it. He sent Jehudi (Jehew-dye) to bring the scroll from the chamber of the scribe where the princes had laid it. Jehudi read it to the king while he sat in his winter house before the fire, as it was in the ninth month (December) of their calendar year. The king was not alarmed. He did not believe what was written. As Jehudi read it the king cut the scroll with his pen knife and burned it in the fire. It did not bother him that the Lord had told Jeremiah that king Jehoiakim would be killed and the city burned. The three princes tried to persuade the king not to burn the scroll but he would not listen.

After reading the scroll the king ordered that Jeremiah and Baruch be taken. But they could not be found.

God told Jeremiah to write the words again. He fearlessly obeyed the Lord. God's word is true and will come to pass. Boys and girls, we must read the Bible and know what it says. It will come to pass. Jesus said that "heaven and earth will pass away but my word shall not pass away." God has preserved

His Bible down through the years. Others have tried to do away with it. It has been burned many times, but today there are more Bibles printed than any other book. Yet many today are trying to keep it from being read in the schools and trying to cause people to forget God. Even if people do not believe it, that doesn't make it untrue. It will be true and will be fulfilled. God's truth never changes. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 7, November 13, 1966

### **GOD'S WORD CANNOT BE DESTROYED**

**Jeremiah 36:10-18, 31**

Jer. 36:10 Then read Baruch in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the Lord, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphun the scribe, in the higher court, at the entry of the new gate of the Lord's house, in the ears of all the people.

11 When Michaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard out of the book all the words of the Lord,

12a Then he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's chamber: and, lo, all the princes sat there,

13 Then Michaiah declared unto them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people.

14 Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi . . . unto Baruch, saying, Take in thine hand the roll wherein thou hast read in the ears of the people, and come. So Baruch the son of Neriah took the roll in his hand, and came unto them.

15 And they said unto him, Sit down

now, and read it in our ears. So Baruch read it in their ears.

16 Now it came to pass, when they had heard all the words, they were afraid both one and other, and said unto Baruch We will surely tell the king of all these words.

17 And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How didst thou write all these words at his mouth?

18 Then Baruch answered them, He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink in the book.

31 And I will punish him and his seed and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them; but they hearkened not.

**Memory Verse:** The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. Isa. 40:8.

**Central Thought:** By God's Word the heavens and earth were made and it will stand when the world is on fire.

### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Whose words were on the scroll that Baruch read in the temple?

3. What did the princes think about it when they heard about the words of God?

3. Who read the scroll to the king?

4. What did the king do with the scroll?

5. Did the king believe the words of God?

6. Did Jeremiah have the words written again?

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Juniors



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Part Eight

Nov. 20

## Seek the Lord

Seek the Lord as holden treasure  
As a refuge from the storm;  
Seek His grace abundant measure  
All His promise to perform.

Daily seek Him, never weary,  
Find a present help in need;  
Be consoled in hours dreary,  
On His word and Spirit feed.

Soon the shadows will be parted  
And His presence shall appear;  
Ye shall find that grace imparted  
That in faith ye sought for here.

—Leslie Busbee

## Be Thankful

Sang Chao is only nine years old. He lives in Korea. He did not have a home and for many years he begged for the food that he ate. He lived in the depot. He didn't have any place else to live. He would beg for some rags or clothes that were too big for him, to keep him warm in the winter.

One night Sang Chao was very,

very cold. He built a fire to get warm by. During the night he shivered with cold and finally dropped off to sleep. Suddenly he was awakened by fire on one of his trousers' legs. He pulled them off but it was too late. His foot was badly burned. Poor little Sang Chao didn't have anyone to take care of him. He could not get around very well to beg.

One day some kind people saw him. They thought about an orphanage so they took him to it. He was taken in and taken care of. They daily cared for his burned leg. He loves them for their love to him. At first he was afraid. Now he has given his heart to Jesus. He prays and is so glad that he has such a wonderful Friend.

Boys and girls, what if you had been like Sang Chao? No home, no parents, nor anyone to care for you. Sometimes you complain about the food that Mother works so hard to cook for you. What if you had to beg for your food? What if the only food you could eat was snatched from the garbage can before some other boy or girl got it? You say you

would starve first? No, you would not starve first. You would be glad for a little food from the garbage can. People who starve suffer. Can't you be more thankful for your food?

Sometimes you complain because your parents want you to do a few things around the house or help keep the home nice and everything going smoothly. Mother and Dad can't do all the work. When everyone helps, it makes it easier on all. But what if you had no home? What if you only had just the depot in your town to lie down by at night, even in the winter time? I am sure you would get very cold. You do not have to run the risk of getting on fire because you have a nice heater in your house and nice covers for your bed. Can't you be more thankful for your good home, fire, bed, and good food?

Sometimes you are sick. Your mother and father watch over you while your fever is high and you might not know about how much sleep they lose. They never say anything about it because they love you. They pray for you and love you. What if you were like little Sang Chao who didn't have anyone to help him when his foot was burned? Can't you be more thankful to God for all the blessings that you have? and for your parents?

Boys and girls, I feel there is so much you can be thankful for this Thanksgiving time. You should not only be thankful now, but also be thankful to God every day for all the love that you have and for a wonderful Savior, who is the best of Friends. He will never leave you nor forsake you. Even if your mother and father do not understand, tell it all to Jesus for He cares and under-

stands. Do as He teaches you to do in the Bible and you will be happy.

—M. Miles

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### EVER GIVE OUT TRACTS?

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A boy about ten years old and his brother were passing out tracts one day. They went up and down the streets, leaving a tract at every house. Some of the people were nice and said "Thank you" to them, but others were gruff and indifferent. At one house the man became very angry and slammed the door in their faces.

About thirty years later a preacher came to that same town. One afternoon he was asked to call on a sick man. The sick man told him how years before he had slammed a door in the faces of two boys handing out tracts.

"I have been unhappy ever since," he said. "Won't you please tell me, Sir, how to have peace?" And the preacher then and there led him to Jesus.

But if those two boys had never given out tracts that man might never have been saved.

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### THE COMPASS PLANT

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The compass plant in Texas, growing from three to six feet high, has leaves that point north and south, so that the Indian can tell his direction even at night.

This fact was denied, but a careful scientist discovered that the young leaves standing edgewise to the earth always point north and south. The older leaves, however, that are loaded with dust and dew, lose their power and point in all directions.

Every Christian should be as the compass plant, pointing to Jesus

Christ. But you want to be very careful not to let sin come into your life or you will be like the leaves which are covered with dust and dirt. And you will fail to point to Christ.

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

I am sure that you have heard it said that parents punish their children because they love them and you may never have understood that statement. Let us think about it just a little while. Did you know that you were born with something within you that wanted to have its own way? There is something in you that just doesn't like it if you are crossed or if your wants are not satisfied. Now just think about a baby who has that same desire in it, that you have to curb. The baby will crawl toward the hot stove. You might say, "Oh, don't touch that stove!" The baby wants his own way and doesn't like to be crossed, so before you can get to him, he touches the hot stove and is burned. You feel so sorry for him but if he had listened to you he wouldn't have been burned. Perhaps you catch him before he gets to the stove and bring him back. He will cry and fuss because he doesn't like it when he can't have his way. But it is because you love the baby that you don't let him get burned, even if he cries about it.

You might say that you know better than to touch a hot stove, and you do. But there are other things that you don't know about, that your parents know about. And because they do, they won't let you go to certain places or do certain things. It is because they love you that they restrain you. There was a certain girl who went to stay all night with her girl friend. Something happened that night that she cried about for months. She said, "Oh, why did

Mother let me go!" But if Mother had not let her go she might have cried just one night and not many, many months about it. Remember your parents have trod the way before you and know best. Some day you will look back and thank them for being so firm with you and protecting you from many heartaches in life.

The king would not listen to Jeremiah and turn from his wickedness, pride and haughty attitude. He wanted to do as he pleased. The city of Jerusalem was entered by the army of Babylon. The temple was plundered and the treasures were taken. All the noblemen, princes, and craftsmen of Jerusalem were taken captive. Only the very poorest were left. God permitted this to happen to punish the people for their rebellion to His Word. Jeremiah wept much for his people and he was called the weeping prophet.

Our lesson is part of a letter written to the ones who were taken captive. Jeremiah told them that they might as well settle down and build homes and live for God in that country as they would be there for 70 years. He told them that God would bless them if they would seek after Him, and bring them back to their homes some day. It seems that while they were in this foreign country as captives that they truly worshipped God from their hearts. They quit their pretense of worshipping God as we discussed in a previous lesson.

Now boys and girls, God loved those people, didn't He? He punished them and then they did right. They were much happier than they had been going on in their sins and their own ways. A person is always happier when he obeys God and lives right. The chastening of the Lord to the people of Judah was an act of love from God.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 8, November 20, 1966

## A LETTER TO EXILES

Jeremiah 29:1-7, 10-14

Jer. 29:1 Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders which were carried away captives, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon;

2 (After that Jeconiah the king, and the queen, and the eunuchs, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the carpenters, and the smiths, were departed from Jerusalem;)

3 By the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hil-kiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent unto Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon) saying,

4 Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon;

5 Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them;

6 Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, and not diminished.

7 And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the Lord for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.

10 For thus saith the Lord, That after seventy years be accomplished at

Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

14 And I will be found of you, saith the Lord: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the Lord; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

Memory Verse: And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the Lord for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace. Jer. 29:7.

Central Thought: Just as a child needs to be prepared to be an adult and face life, so a person needs to be prepared to live in eternity with God.

### QUESTIONS:

1. What happened to the rebellious people of Judah?

2. What was taken out of the temple of God?

3. What kind of people were left in Jerusalem?

4. Who wrote a letter to the people in exile?

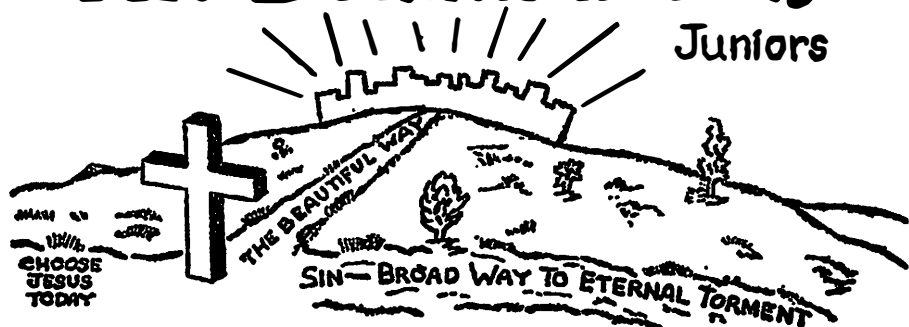
5. What did he tell them?

6. How were they to search for God?

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Juniors



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Nov. 27

## Buy the Field

Buy the field of full salvation,  
It is thine to own and bless!  
Tidings glad to every nation  
In this age of dark distress.

There are treasures everlasting  
In this field for thee to find;  
Earthly pleasures from thee casting,  
To the will of God resigned.

Buy the field, 'tis thine forever  
Though the earth and heavens fade,  
It will be thy portion ever:  
The redemption price is paid.

—Leslie Busbee

## Wee Janet's Problem

Everything small and helpless was once afraid of a certain ragged, barefooted little boy who had recently come to live in the country. His home was the old Perkins' house, in which no one had lived for years; at least no one but wild-wood folks, like birds and squirrels. They didn't stay long after the arrival of Pete and his

family, because Pete threw stones even at the bluebirds.

Wee Janet was afraid of Pete. All the Primer Class children who attended the country school were afraid of the boy. He used to chase them and threaten to cut off their ears; once he whispered across the aisle to Bessie Saunders that he would like to eat little girls, and she believed it.

The teacher said that Pete was a bad boy. There was never a school day when the child wasn't justly punished for something. It did seem as if no one ever said a kind word about Pete. Wee Janet thought that even his mother was discouraged, because he cruelly teased his own brothers and sisters until they were in tears half the time.

No one in the country knew where Pete and his family lived before they came to the Perkins farm. In reply to that question Pete said "None of yer business!" to the Sunday school superintendent.

Wee Janet was much troubled about Pete. "He'll be a dreadfully bad man," she said to her mother, "unless some-

one can make him into a good little boy. The teacher says she can't do it—she's tried. She says it's a big problem."

"I'll tell you what to do, little daughter," said Wee Janet's mother. "Try to think Pete is the lovely boy he might have been if he had been born in the Perkins' house, and dear old Grandma Perkins was his own grandmother."

"But—but my thinker isn't strong enough," objected Wee Janet. "Besides, that wouldn't make Pete into a different kind of a boy."

"No," agreed Wee Janet's mother; "but if you could imagine Pete is lovely, you must treat him in a different way, and it might make him better."

The following day Wee Janet tried her best to do as her mother suggested. The day after she begged all the little girls in the Primer Class to treat Pete as if he were a good boy. At last Wee Janet and the Primer Class gave it up.

"He just gets worse and worse," Wee Janet told her mother. "He says he 'don't care for nuthin' nor nobody,'—that's just what he said."

"Well," replied Janet's mother, "there is one thing you can do, and that is, always be polite and kind to him. 'Overcome evil with good.'"

Days passed. Every night when she said her prayers Wee Janet remembered Pete. Each day she tried to be kind to him in every way known to a little girl eight years old and extremely small for her age. He threw the flowers she gave him into the dusty road and danced on them. He accepted her gifts only to destroy them, every one, and then called her "Cry-baby."

At last the Sunday school superintendent learned that Pete was born and had lived all his life in a tenement house in a great city. His father died in State's Prison. After that it seemed to Wee Janet that there was almost no hope for Pete.

One Thursday morning the little girl's mother asked her to carry a pail of buttermilk to Aunt Nancy. "You needn't be afraid to go by the Perkins' house this morning," she said, "because your father was told that Pete went fishing today."

Wee Janet was half way to Aunt Nancy's when not far up the road she beheld Mr. Mason's red cow eating grass outside instead of inside the fence.

"Oh, the hooking cow!" exclaimed the child, almost dropping her pail of buttermilk.

At that moment the red cow lifted her head. It is possible she thought that Janet was a big clover blossom. Anyway, on came the cow lowing gently. Mr. Mason always said the cow was harmless.

Janet, too frightened to stir, began to scream in terror. That scream brought a barefooted boy running over the fields. That boy was Pete.

"What's the matter, Weejan?" he called.

At that moment Pete looked beautiful to Wee Janet. It seemed to her she never saw a finer looking boy. He picked up a stick and made the cow turn and go the other way.

"Come on, Weejan," called Pete. "I won't let her hurt yez. I'll drive her back in her pasture and lock the gate. See if I don't!"

After the cow was in her pasture Pete insisted upon going to Aunt Nancy's with Wee Janet. "Ye might

see a rattler," he explained, as if such a thing were probable.

"Now I'll take ye home," the boy observed when Wee Janet found him waiting at the gate. "Yer too little to be out alone."

Janet's mother thanked Pete for taking care of her small daughter. Then she gave him a piece of gingerbread. After that she showed him Wee Janet's robin's nest and told him all about how the mother robin worked to build the nest, and how long she sat upon the eggs before the little nestlings were hatched. Father Robin scolded the boy so vigorously Wee Janet was afraid Pete's feelings might be hurt. "You see," she explained, "he knows that you're a stranger. Now, Father Robin, don't make such a fuss. If Pete took care of me, he'd take care of your babies, too. Wouldn't you, Pete?"

"Sure!" Pete replied with a broad grin.

From that hour there was a change in Pete. He told Wee Janet's mother that he never knew anything about birds before; whereupon he was invited to come every day to visit all of Wee Janet's birds' nests and to read her bird books.

Before the end of the year even the little girls in the Primer Class forgot, or appeared to forget, that Pete was ever a bad boy. He is in high school now, in town, and his mother never looks discouraged when she speaks of her eldest son, Peter.

As for Wee Janet, to this day she sometimes wonders how it all came about.

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

We must always have faith in God. In times of trouble, don't forget that

God is greater than any trouble or anything that might face you. Hold your faith in Him. Believe God's Word and stand upon it.

Jeremiah had faith in God's Word to him. God had told him that He would give peace to the land of Judah again. He believed God even if the large army of Babylon was right at the gates of the city.

God told Jeremiah to buy the field of his cousin. It was just outside the city and the birth place of Jeremiah. Jeremiah was a prisoner in the court of the prison. He had been put in a dungeon but had been taken out by the king and he was able to stay in the court. Jeremiah didn't like to see the property pass out of the family so he weighed out the money and bought it. They made out the deed and had witnesses sign it. A seal was put on them and then one was put in an earthen vessel or a pottery jar. This was to take care of it. But boys and girls, just think of the faith that Jeremiah had. An army was at the very gates of the city to destroy it, yet Jeremiah had faith in the word of the Lord so much that he went right ahead and bought the land. He knew that God was going to bring the people back to the land and they would buy and sell again. It was a daring deed, but Jeremiah had faith in the words of God. He believed that God would do as He had told him he would.

After Jeremiah had bought the land, in the face of knowing that the army would take over and take the people back to their land, he rested the whole thing with God. He said, "There is nothing too hard for thee." He believed God would some day bring the people back to their land and Judah again would be a flourishing place.

Boys and girls, keep in touch with God. Read His Word and believe it. If

you have not given Him your heart, God wants you to give Him yourself and your all. Love Him and pray to Him often. You will find a deep peace down in your very soul that will bring happiness to your life.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 9, November 27, 1966

## A DARING DEED

Jeremiah 32:2, 6, 7, 9-17

Jer. 32:2 For then the king of Babylon's army besieged Jerusalem: and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the prison, which was in the king of Judah's house.

6 And Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

7 Behold, Hanameel the son of Shalum thine uncle shall come unto thee, saying, Buy thee my field that is in Anathoth; for the right of redemption is thine to buy it.

9 And I bought the field of Hanameel my uncle's son, that was in Anathoth, and weighed him the money, even seventeen shekels of silver.

10 And I subscribed the evidence, and sealed it, and took witnesses, and weighed him the money in the balances.

11 So I took the evidence of the purchase, both that which was sealed according to the law and custom, and that which was open:

12 And I gave the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, in the sight of Hanameel mine uncle's son, and in the presence of the witnesses that subscribed the book of the purchases, before all the Jews that sat in the court of the prison.

13 And I charged Baruch before them saying,

14 Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Take these evidences, this evidence of the purchase, both which is sealed, and this evidence which is open; and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may continue many days.

15 For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again in this land.

16 Now when I had delivered the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed unto the Lord, saying,

17 Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:

Memory Verse: Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock. Jeremiah 31:10.

Central Thought: Having faith in God in times of trouble will cause others to know that your God is real to you.

## QUESTIONS:

1. Where was Jeremiah when the enemy's armies were at the gates of the city?

2. What did God tell Jeremiah to do?

3. Did it take faith for Jeremiah to obey God and why?

4. How did they take care of buying the property?

5. Why did Jeremiah say of God, "There is nothing too hard for thee"?

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Juniors



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Part Ten

Dec. 4

## *A Change of Heart*

The greatest power ever wielded  
In this world since time did start  
Is portrayed in people yielded  
Who receive a change of heart.

Through the grace of Christ the  
Savior  
Who became for sin a price  
And restoring heaven's favor  
By Himself the sacrifice,

Hearts that once were fierce and  
hardened,  
Melt to true humility  
In the joy of evils pardoned  
By the law of liberty.

—Leslie Busee

## *Patching Up the House*

Gerald had just completed his list of New Year's resolutions. Just why he made the list he was not quite sure, but the most important reason, no doubt, was that the boys next door had just done the same. Gerald looked down his list and began to wonder

how long he would keep some of his promises.

For instance, the list began, "I resolve that I will always get up early in the morning."

"That," he said to himself, "will probably last about a week at the most."

Then there was, "I resolve that I will not tease my baby sister." "That one," he told himself, "will hardly last out the afternoon."

Next came, "I resolve to help mother wash the dishes once a day without grumbling like a bear." "A good resolution," he thought, "but not likely to be kept after school starts."

Next, "I resolve never to read any book or paper that doesn't have Mother's approval on it."

Gerald wasn't too sure about this one, and he wondered what he should do with the comics he had hidden at the bottom of his bureau drawer.

Next, "I resolve that I will never again say a bad word." "Now, I'll be——" began Gerald, pulling himself up short, "why did I make that resolution?"

Just then Mother came in, and see-

ing Gerald so interested, asked if she might read what was written on the piece of paper he held in his hand. Mother smiled and said she was pleased with Gerald that he was turning over a new leaf and planning to be such a good boy. "But I wonder how long they will last?" she said with a smile.

"Oh, not long, I suppose," said Gerald, laughing, "but it was fun making up the list. All the boys around here are doing it."

"I suppose it is a good idea to make these resolutions," said Mother, "but I never had much faith in them."

"Why not?" asked Gerald.

"Oh, well," began Mother, "just because they are seldom kept. To my mind it is like patching up an old house."

"Patching up an old house, Mother!" laughed Gerald. "What makes you say that?"

"Well, I would have to tell you a story to explain exactly what I mean."

"Go on, tell it," urged Gerald, who loved stories above anything else.

"Long long ago," began Mother, "a man went west. He stopped in a fertile valley and built a small shack to live in. Years passed by and others came and soon a little village sprung up, then a city. Others built mansions around the little shack, but the man liked his little home. It spoiled the looks of the whole district. Some tried to buy the place and others tried to get him to change it, but he would not.

"One day two men called at his door and wanted to buy his shack. 'Nothing doing,' said the old man. 'I am going to live here until I die.'

"'But we are willing to pay you a big price for it,' they said. 'See,

here is a check for \$100,000 dollars. If you will just sign this receipt, the check is yours.'

"The old man had never seen so much money in his life so he signed the paper.

"Hardly had they left when the old man's conscience pricked him. He should not have taken so much money as the place wasn't hardly worth a hundred dollars. Look, the door is nearly off the hinges and the windows won't close and the chimney is badly smoked, he thought. So he decided that if he was going to take so much money for it he had better patch it up a little. He took off his coat and went to work. Finally the men returned. The final papers were signed. As they were leaving, the old man spoke up and said, 'I hope you have noticed what I had done to the place since you were here the last time.'

"'Done to it?' they asked. 'What have you done to it? Oh, you shouldn't have bothered. We are going to tear it all down and build a mansion here.'

"And so it is," concluded Mother, "with us and our resolutions."

"But I don't quite see what you mean," began Gerald.

"I know," said Mother, "but it is this way. We keep trying and trying to patch up all that is wrong about us by saying, 'I resolve this' and 'I resolve that,' but it doesn't do any good. You see, Gerald, Jesus has bought the whole property, every bit of it, and He wants to build a beautiful mansion in place of our little shack. All we have to do is to ask Him to come into our hearts, after confessing our sins. Then He will change everything Himself. He will even change our desires, so that we will not want to do wrong things or say wrong words or even hide silly

comics in a drawer, so that Mother won't see them."

At this revelation of the completeness of mother's knowledge of his doings, Gerald blushed all over his face and down his back.

"Wel-l-l-," he began, "er-er-excuse, me, Mother, just a minute. There's something I want to do."

For a moment Mother wondered what it could be that Gerald had so suddenly thought about but as she listened she could hear a drawer being pulled out of a bureau and something being stuffed into a wastepaper basket.

The new mansion was being built already. —Sel.

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## TERRY

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"I wish I could mind God like Terry minds me," said Ted.

Jim asked, "How does Terry mind you?"

Ted reached down and patted his dog on the head as he answered, "Terry always looks so pleased to mind me!"

We should all be pleased to mind, or obey God. When we obey God, He blesses us. When we obey Him, we are happy.

"Trust and obey,  
For there's no other way,  
To be happy in Jesus,  
But to trust and obey!"

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson today was written by the prophet Isaiah 713 years before Christ was born. Before you read the lesson, first read Isaiah 9:6, 7. This is a prophecy of Jesus, the Prince of peace. Jesus

died on the cross that we might have our sins forgiven and the sin principle taken out of our nature and then we can have peace in our hearts.

The first verse of our lesson lets us know from which family Jesus, the prince of peace, would come. Can you tell me whose father Jesse was? Yes, he was David's father. Remember, God promised that David's descendent would reign on the throne forever. That was a prophecy of Jesus. He is a king that will reign forever. "A Branch shall grow out of his roots." Read in Rev. 5:5 and it tells that Jesus is the "root of David." Isn't it wonderful how God caused the prophet to know these things through the Spirit before they came to pass?

Our lesson tells us that when Jesus came, He would have the spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, and knowledge. Verse 3 makes us know that Jesus doesn't have to see or hear things to know them. He knows everything. You can't hide from Him. When Jesus was here on the earth people thought about things and He would answer their questions before they asked them. You can read about the man who was sick of palsy in Matt. 9:1-6. Jesus knew their thoughts about Him telling the man that his sins were forgiven. (Luke 6:8; John 6:64; John 21:17.)

Isaiah prophesied that after Jesus came into the hearts of people, He would change them. One time Jesus spoke of Herod as a fox. It was because he had a fox-like nature. He was sly. In our lesson it tells us that the wolf would dwell with the lamb. According to the nature of a wolf, it would kill a lamb, but when the Prince of peace came, He was to change those who had a wolf-like nature and they could get along with the lamb. Did you ever see a boy or girl

who would snarl and growl when they were asked to do something? Well, when they give their hearts to Jesus, watch and pray, God helps them to not do things like that. They want to be peaceful. The Lord will make those who have a nature like a leopard or lion be so humble that even a little child will lead them. Jesus came to bring peace, didn't He?

In the holy mountain or the kingdom of God there will be peace and all will dwell together in love, harmony, and peace.

Be sure to bring your Bible to Sunday School next Sunday. We will use it in our lesson. —Aunt Marie

#### Lesson 10, December 4, 1966

### PEACE FORETOLD

#### Isaiah 11:1-9

Isa. 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

2 And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;

3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord; and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his reins.

6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice's den.

9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Memory Verse: Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. Isaiah 9:7a.

Central Thought: Boys and girls who growl like bears need to let the Prince of peace come into their hearts.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. How long before Christ was born was our lesson written?

2. Who was the stem of Jesse and the Branch mentioned in verse 1?

3. What does verse 2 tell us that Jesus would have within Him?

4. What does it mean when it says the "wolf would dwell with the lamb"?

5. How can we have the Prince of Peace in our hearts?

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## Reconciled to God

What demands of God were weighing  
Souls of men to reconcile  
Who in paths of sin were straying  
Filled with wickedness and guile.

But His promise thus fulfilling  
One was found who could prevail,  
And the Son of God was willing  
That the promise would not fail.

In His body the atonement  
For our peace and hope was borne;  
By the pain of death was purchased  
Life our spirits to adorn.

—Leslie Busbee

## Only One Life

I slept and dreamed that I was summoned to meet my Maker. I was told to bring with me an offering from my life to present to the King. The prospect of seeing Jesus pleased me, and I felt satisfied I would have a worthy offering. I began collecting my good deeds and commendable qualities, placing them as concrete objects upon

a tray. This I purposed to carry with me when I came before the Lord. I had a splendid assortment and was confident He would be pleased.

But as I stood before Him, holding out my tray for His inspection, some how its contents seemed less and less worth while. Then He stretched forth His hand, touching each object in turn. As His fingers touched them, they suddenly began to crumble, and sifted from the tray like fine sand. Soon they had disappeared. All but one. It remained solid. I looked inquiringly into the Master's face, and He explained, "This that is left represents the time you helped your neighbor for My sake alone."

I awoke, and it was to have indelibly stamped upon my mind the truth of those words:

"Only one life: 'twill soon be past:  
Only what's done for Christ will last."

I thank God for that dream, thank Him that it came in my youth and stays with me.

Only one life! Just one. If it is lived carelessly there is no chance to live it again.

—A. L. D.

The Bible tells us to "lift up holy hands." When we are in services we lift up our hands when we sing because we believe it to be true. We lift up our hands in praise to Him.

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## The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,

The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the  
dearest and best

For a world of lost sinners was slain.

### CHORUS:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down!  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a  
crown.

Oh, the old rugged cross, so despised  
by the world,

Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God left His  
glory above

To bear it to dark Calvary.

In the old rugged cross, stained with  
blood so divine,

A wondrous beauty I see;

For 'twas on that old cross Jesus  
suffered and died

To pardon and sanctify me.

To the old rugged cross I will ever  
be true,

Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then He'll call me some day to my  
home far away,

Where His glory forever I'll share.

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This wonderful song was written by George Bernard who was born in Youngstown, Ohio. He was a minister and worked among the poor and those

who were in distress. He saw much suffering and heartaches. He told many about how Jesus had suffered and died on the cross for their sins. Many took courage and received help from his message.

Mr. Bernard had many troubles and struggles in his life. When he was sixteen years old, his father died. He had the responsibility of taking care of his mother and four sisters. This was a big thing for a young boy. He had many struggles and he, too, knew what suffering meant.

One time in Albion, Mich. in 1913 Mr. Bernard began to write, "The Old Rugged Cross." The melody came to him. One time he had a hard time and trouble came to him. God was with him in this trouble and the words of this song came to him just as we sing it today and it fit the melody so well.

One time he was visiting some friends. He sang the song to them and after singing it he anxiously inquired, "Will it do?" They were so pleased with it that they insisted on paying for it to be put in print so others could sing and hear it, too.

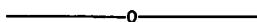
Later a large number of copies of it were distributed and the song was sung at a large Christian gathering. Hundreds carried it back to their own towns and it grew in popularity. It was put on records and sung over the radio. It has been called the best religious song on the radio by its listeners. It is even popular in the jails and among those who are down and out. It has been a comfort and solace to many the world over.

Forty-five years ago I first heard the song and then later learned to sing all of it. It has always been one of my favorites.

One time I was at the bedside of my husband's youngest brother. He had suffered greatly. He had leukemia and other complications. We were talking about the good things of the Lord and he told us also about his many pains, etc. I told him that he had suffered greatly. He said, "I haven't suffered as much as my Lord and Savior suffered for me on the cross. My sufferings have been so small. Oh, how I love Him for all he suffered for me. I intend to see him one of these days." He broke down and began to weep. The Lord brought this song to my mind. I asked my sister-in-law to help me sing and we sang it. He wept through most of the song and we had to fight back the tears. We had to leave him that day. Two days later we got word that he had gone to heaven. It was left up to me to tell his mother about his going. We knew it would be hard on her so I asked the Lord to help me. The Lord brought some of the words of this song to me. So I told her we got word that Curtis had exchanged his cross for a crown. She understood and was comforted. She felt that he was ready to go and she was glad he was at rest.

Boys and girls, Jesus suffered much for all of us. We should not think of it lightly. We should bow low before Him. We should give Him our hearts, life and our all. He gave His all and we are not better than He. If we live for Him we can someday exchange our cross for a crown.

—M. Miles



Dear Boys and Girls:—

I want you to use your Bible today. Seven hundred and thirty five years before Jesus came to this world, God

through His Spirit revealed to Isaiah about His sufferings. Let us compare what God showed Isaiah and what came to pass later. We can call Isaiah the "gospel prophet."

Read Isaiah 54:3 of our lesson and then read Luke 4:17-21. Jesus reads the book of Esaias or Isaiah and says that it is being fulfilled. Now read Matt. 27:36.

The first part of verse 5 has been read about being fulfilled but read Matt. 27:26 to show that "by thy stripes we are healed" was fulfilled.

Read verse 6 and then Matt. 9:36-38 and Luke 15:4-7.

Read verse 7 and then read Matt. 27:29, 30. Then Peter tells what he saw when Jesus was crucified in 1 Peter 1:21-25.

Read verse 8 and then read Acts 3:15, 18, 19. Peter again tells that Jesus died for our sins.

Read verse 9 and then read Matt. 27:57. He was buried in a rich man's grave.

Read verse 12. Read phrase one and then read Phil. 2:9. Read phrase 2 and 3 and then read Luke 22:39-44. Read phrase 4 and then read Mark 15:27, 28. Read phrase 5 and then read John 3:16 or quote it. Read the last phrase and then read Luke 23:34.

You have been reading about the sufferings of Christ. He suffered for you and me. He bore our sins for us because He was innocent. He took our punishment. When God sees that we have accepted the death of Jesus on the cross for our sins and have confessed them, He looks upon us and sees the precious blood of Jesus covering them and then we can come into God's presence or into His favor. He will bless us with salvation. We become His child.

The death on the cross was the most

severe suffering that anyone could go through. They put Jesus on the cross and with large hammers drove nails through His beloved hands and feet. The cross was made of two beams crossed and had a small piece of wood in the middle of the straight up and down beam where the person sat and by which the whole body was supported. After Jesus was nailed to the cross they put it in a hole dug in the ground. Generally a person would live almost three days, dying from their muscles and nerves being stretched, loss of blood, thirst, and starvation. Sometimes it is said that birds started tearing at the bodies before they were completely dead. It was the kind of death they gave to the vilest sort of person of that day. Our precious Lord and Savior suffered all this for us. Oh, how we ought to love Him and thank Him, with humility, for His love for us.

—Aunt Marie

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Lesson 11, December 11, 1966

### JESUS' SUFFERING

Isaiah 53:4-9, 12

Isa. 53:4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 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.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

12 Therefore will I divide his portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Memory Verse: 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. Isaiah 53:5.

Central Thought: We love Him because He first loved us.

### QUESTIONS:

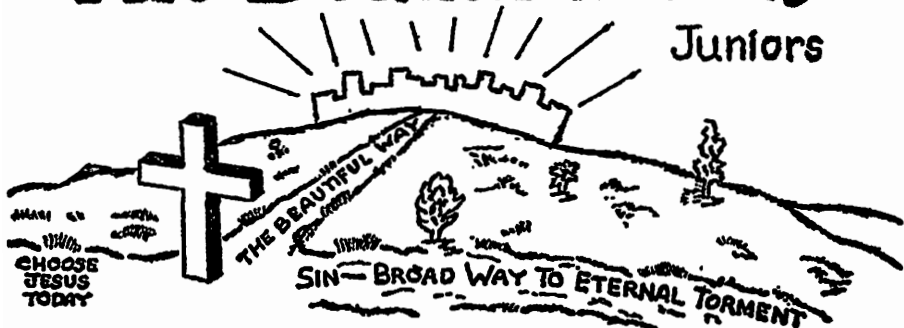
1. How many years passed before our lesson in Isaiah was fulfilled?
2. How was he wounded for our sins and smitten of God?
3. How are we healed?
4. How did He make His grave with the rich?
5. How was He numbered with the transgressors?
6. Tell something about the cruelty of the death on the cross.

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## Prepare the Way of the Lord

Prepare your hearts, make straight  
a way

For Christ, the King of glory;  
His entrance to your life today  
Will prove a wond'rous story.

He comes the Father to reveal,  
To Shepherd us forever;  
From sin and woe our hearts to seal,  
From pain and death to sever.

Amend your life, and come and bow  
And greet His saving power;  
Claim all His wond'rous portion now  
And trust Him ev'ry hour.

—Leslie Busbee

## Trust in the Lord

Ruth lived on a large farm. She liked to ride to town with her father, because he often drove a team of horses harnessed to a large farm wagon. This was more fun, even, than riding in the car or truck. Ruth liked to rattle along behind Dan and Bob, who could run rapidly. What

fun it was to bounce along over the rough country roads!

"Today," said Daddy, "we must take some wheat to the mill and get some flour so Mother can bake bread, pies, and cookies for us to eat."

Of course, Ruth was eager to go along. She climbed into the wagon and took her seat alongside Daddy, and away they went.

It was a clear, crisp day and the horses held their heads high as they trotted along. Once when a tiny rabbit ran across the road they ran to one side, pretending to be frightened. "Come, come, boys," said Daddy. "You're not afraid of a little rabbit."

Ruth laughed merrily. "They're not really afraid, are they, Daddy?"

At the mill, Daddy said, "Ruth, you stay in the wagon and watch Dan and Bob while I go get the flour for Mother."

How big Ruth felt! She knew the horses were very gentle and would stand there quietly without being tied. But she was glad Daddy had trusted her to watch them.

Everything went well until a big red truck came dashing around the

corner, making a great noise. Something inside was bumping up and down. It came so suddenly that the horses were alarmed. They snorted and reared on their haunches.

"Whoa!" cried Ruth. "Whoa, Dan, Bob, Whoa, boys!"

She reached for the reins. But they had fallen to the ground. Now the horses started to run!

Daddy ran from the mill just in time to see Ruth thrown from the seat into the wagon box. Ruth was badly frightened, too.

By this time the horses were badly frightened. Once they almost ran the wagon into a pole. Then it nearly hit an automobile. A policeman, riding a noisy motorcycle, tried to catch them! They ran faster and faster.

Ruth was terribly afraid now. What if the wagon should upset? She might be thrown out—and killed. Then she thought of God. And of Sunday School. A verse she had memorized just last Sunday came back now. **"Trust in the Lord."** She was on her knees, clinging to the wagon box. **"Please, dear God, save me!"** she prayed. **"Please make Dan and Bob stop! Please, in Jesus' Name. Amen!"**

Then suddenly she saw a young man leap at Dan's bridle and hang on. He had risked his own life, but gradually he made the horses stop. Ruth was so glad. She felt safe again. **"Oh, thank you!"** she said to the young man. Then she saw who it was! Her cousin David!

Daddy rushed up now, out of breath and excited. **"Thank you, David,"** he said. **"You're a brave boy!"**

That night Ruth thanked God again for saving her life, and for answering her little prayer. **"And, dear God,"** she added, **"I'll try to do like your Book says—I'll trust you more now."**

She was so glad she had memorized that verse last Sunday. It had come in so handy when she was clinging to that run-away wagon! We never know how soon we shall need some Bible verses to help us, either. One good way to prepare is to memorize at least one each day. After a time we shall have a lot of them stored away in our minds for use any time. —Sel.

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**"The best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your arm."**

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## **The Broken Idols**

A boy who lived in the house of a heathen said to him one day, **"There is but one God—the One who made the earth and the sky and everything. It is He who gives us the rain and the sunshine, and He knows what we do and what we leave undone. He hears us when we pray and He, the eternal One, will punish us if we do wrong and reward us if we do right. He can save us or He can destroy us. But these images that you pray to are only lumps of baked clay. They can't see or hear. How, then, can they do you any good or save you from any trouble? You ought to talk to God's messenger about that."** He meant the missionary.

The heathen paid no attention to him but soon afterwards went on a little journey. While he was gone, the boy took a stick and broke all the images except the largest. Into the hands of the idol he put the stick. When the man returned, he was furious to see what had happened, and exclaimed, **"Who has done this?"**

**"Perhaps,"** said the boy, **"the big idol has been beating his little brothers."**

"Nonsense," said the man. "Don't talk such stuff as that! Do you think I'm a fool? You know as well as I do that the thing cannot even raise its hand. It was you, you little rascal! It was you! And to pay you for your labor of wickedness, I'll beat you to death with the same stick." And seizing the stick, he approached him.

"But," said the boy gently, "how can you trust a god so weak that a boy's hand can destroy him? Do you suppose that, if he can't take care of himself or his companions, he can take care of you and the world, let alone making you?"

The heathen stopped to think, for it was a new idea. Then he broke his great idol and went and kneeled down to pray to the true God. —Sel.

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The church is the people and the people belong to God, so the "whole family . . . in earth is named" after God. (Eph. 3:14, 15.) Therefore the church is called in the Bible, "Church of God." (1 Cor. 1:2) Today we call it "Church of God."

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

One day an aged priest was burning incense in the temple while a multitude of people were outside praying. Zacharias, the priest, and his wife were old people. They had no children, but asked God for a son. They loved the Lord and often talked about the Messiah who was to come.

Zacharias was faithful to do his work well in the temple of the Lord. One time as he burned incense, he saw the angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. He was surprised and stunned. But the angel said to Zacharias, "Thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee

a son, and thou shalt call his name John. You will have great joy and many will be turned to the Lord, thy God through his preaching. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit from his birth and shall make a people prepared for the Messiah who is to come."

Zacharias could not believe what was told him and asked for a sign. He and his wife were real old and it seemed impossible for them to have a son. Because he did not believe the angel of the Lord, who was standing in the presence of God, the sign given to Zacharias was that he would be dumb and not able to speak until all this was fulfilled. It pays to believe God.

Great rejoicing was in the family of Zacharias and Elisabeth when the baby came. Their neighbors and cousins heard about the great mercy of the Lord in giving them a son in their old age and rejoiced with them.

When the baby was eight days old, they were going to name him. Some of the family wanted to call him Zacharias after his father but Elisabeth said that his name should be John. They wondered about that because there wasn't anyone in their family named John. So they made signs to Zacharias as to what he should be called. He asked for a writing tablet. He wrote that his name should be John. Immediately his mouth was opened and he began to talk and praise God. Our lesson tells us what he said. Zacharias was so happy because the Lord was going to send a Messiah. John the Baptist was a fore-runner of Jesus. He was to prepare the way before Jesus. John preached to the people that they should repent and make their wrongs right. He baptized many people. He baptized Jesus. One day when Jesus appeared, John said, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." Many fol-

lowed Jesus that day. Surely we should serve Him because He delivers us from our sins. He will help us to be "holy and righteous all the days of our life." We, too, should help others know about the Lord. There is much that each of us can do for the Lord.

Next Sunday is Christmas day. We want to remember the greatest gift of all to this world and that is Jesus. Our lesson next Sunday will be found in Luke 2:8-20. —Aunt Marie

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Lesson 12, December 18, 1966

## PROPHET OF THE MOST HIGH

Luke 1:67-80

Luke 1:67 And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,

68 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people.

69 And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;

70 As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:

71 That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;

72 To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant;

73 The oath which he sware to our father Abraham,

74 That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,

75 In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

76 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,

78 Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,

79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

80 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel.

Memory Verse: Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. Mal. 3:1.

Central Thought: The Lord wants us to prepare the way for others to come to Him.

## QUESTIONS:

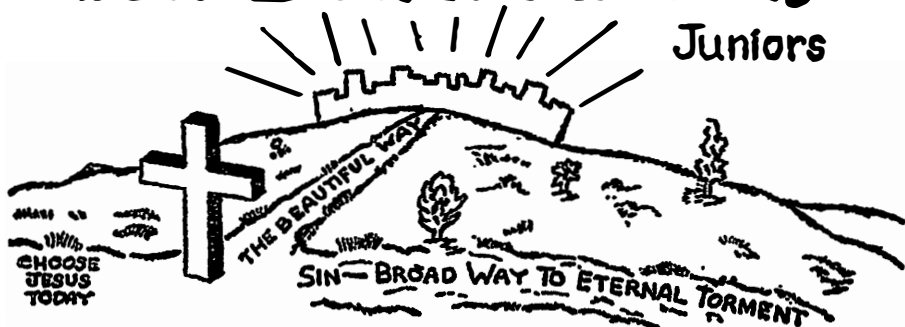
1. Where was Zacharias when the angel appeared unto him?
2. Did he believe what the angel told him?
3. When did he regain his speech?
4. What did he say when he was able to speak again?
5. Tell something about John the Baptist.
6. How can we grow in the spirit as well as in size?

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## The Angels' Song

Glory be to God Almighty  
For His wondrous love to man,  
In His wisdom grace providing  
Deep the gulf of sin to span.

For to mortals He is sending  
Peace and favor strife to still,  
And their sorrow He is mending  
With the tidings of good will!

Praise Him now! the King of heaven  
To His feet thy homage bring;  
By His grace so kindly given  
Ever more His praises sing!

—Leslie Busbee

## The Box of Chocolates

It was Christmas Day, and among other presents Irene had a large box of chocolates given to her. It was a beautiful box tied with rose-pink ribbon. The outside was most attractive, and made one think the inside would be more beautiful still. The top layer was very exciting—rows of tempting chocolates of every descrip-

tion, looking so lovely it was hard to know which to choose! The next layer was plainer, but very nice. The third layer was distinctly disappointing and only partly filled, and one wondered what the fourth layer would contain, for it was a deep box. Alas! it proved to be only paper shavings!

A Christless life is like that. It may be outwardly very attractive with the promise of great things, but as one goes down deeper, one finds less and less.

This is also the way the world packs its delights for us. Its promises are golden—its pleasures often fascinate us, but they are only for a season. God offers us everlasting blessings. His best is always yet to come, and through the years His joys become more real. "O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him." *Psa. 34:8.*

Can you truly say: "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness" (*Isa. 61:10*)? and then God seeing us in that robe can say:

"Thou art all fair . . . there is no spot in thee." And our inward life as well as the outside will be pure and holy.

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## A Trip to Mexico

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Dearest Home Folks,

The five of us left Pacoima, Calif. about 5 a. m. Thursday, September 3, 1963 for Mexico. We passed through San Diego before sunrise. We drove for some time along the coast line. I could see the ocean so pretty, the waves so refreshing-looking with the sea gulls flying.

We left the U. S. and passed over into Mexico at Tijuana, traveled 15 miles to Rosarito where we visited the James Huskey family who are missionaries working there. They have bought a track of land and built a block house near the ocean. They have one large room in part of their house where they have services.

We traveled 65 miles from Rosarito on real good highways to Ensenada. There we got our passports with no trouble, only our birth certificates and six dollars.

From Ensenada we traveled another 65 miles through mountain country and along the coast some of the time through beautiful country until we reached Santa Catarina. Here the Pai Pai Indians live. They gave us land to build this missionary cottage. It is a nice building with four large rooms and a long bamboo porch. We have hot and cold running water, modern bathroom, wood and gas stoves. The bamboo garage and fences are made of long sticks to enclose the flower gardens and garden of vegetables. Morning glory vines are so

pretty running just outside the windows. There are low mountains all around our cottage and huge rocks everywhere. We walked over to a spring of running water over the large rocks, and saw cactus growing all about. Water cress we use in our salad grows in the spring water. The water flows down the mountainside and a cement dam has been built to hold the water to be used to water the gardens. Some of the cactus are used for food. Some make beautiful flowers out here in the desert. Where we are located here in Santa Catarina it is 3,700 feet above sea level and 130 miles from the border. It is a desert land. Indian families live just over some of the hills from us. They lend us horses to ride. The Indian chief does not live far from us, only half a mile. He has a ranch of cattle. The Indian boys ride by and come to visit often.

We held services in a nearby village last night. One of the Mexicans preached, who came here from Rosarito.

Pray for us as we labor here in the work of the Lord, teaching these people about God. —Carrie Sheppard

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## Only One Penny

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The story is told of a little boy who went with his mother into a candy shop. She gave him a penny with which to treat himself. Then she waited impatiently for him to make his small purchase. But he stood before the candy display, first on one foot, then on the other, clutching his precious penny. Every variety of sweets was critically surveyed.

"Hurry, Son, we must be going," his mother urged.

Still he lingered, undecided.

"Come on, spend your penny and be done with it!" she coaxed.

"But, Mother," he replied seriously, "I've only one to spend and I've got to spend it carefully."

Only one to spend! Only one! But it was just a penny anyway. Yet he felt he must spend it carefully.

To you and to me God has given a coin of eternal worth, of infinite value—a life. We've only one each. Are we going to spend it for Him—making the surest, the most abiding purchases? Are we going to spend it carefully? In Jesus' name we will! "Only one life, 'Twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last."

—A. L. D.

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### BOUND BY A GOLDEN CHAIN

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"A friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

A man had found a place for a ragged street boy. He was walking with the boy to it. He was stopped by another man.

The other man said, "You are not walking through the street with that dirty boy, are you?"

"Why not?" said the man. "He is my friend."

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Show love to those who do you evil.  
It will make them ashamed.

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

I am sure that all of you look forward to Christmas. When I was a little girl my folks were poor, but they usually had some fruit or candy for us and sometimes little gifts. And we always enjoyed the sacks with candy, fruit, and nuts that the Sunday School gave us. It was a real treat. We loved to sing

the Christmas carols at school. We were firmly taught and it was held before us that we should love the great Gift, which was God's Son, who came to this world as a little baby. God gave a Gift first, and that is why we give and receive gifts. Boys and girls, don't ever forget why we have Christmas. I know that many of your neighbors seem to have forgotten. They mostly think of decorating a tree, getting gifts, and having a big time on that day. But I feel that it would be very, very wrong for you and me to think of that day in that way. It would be terrible to forget about Jesus, whose birthday we are celebrating. I have always enjoyed remembering someone's birthday and I feel we should enjoy most remembering the birthday of Jesus. Some might say that He was not born on that day but we know that He was born, don't we? Since it is the day when your father is off from work and it is the day that has been set aside by the nation, it is only fitting and proper that we remember that day.

Since today is the day, I trust that you will think seriously about our lesson and what happened on that day. Forget about the toys or gifts that you received and make Jesus happy by talking about Him and the wonderful things that came to pass when He was born. If Jesus had not been born you would not have any toys or gifts. If Jesus had not been born there would be no Sunday School for you to go to. If Jesus had not been born many of the places where people are taken care of would not be there. Jesus brought love and kindness to the world. There are places in the world today where they do not know about Jesus. These people have witch doctors that pour nasty stuff on them and make them do terrible things. The witch doctors sometimes torture

people or have them tortured and even killed because they think they have been the cause of trouble in the tribe. Some mothers throw their babies into the river for the crocodiles to eat. It is a dark, cruel place to live where Jesus is not known. Today, you want to thank God that America knows about Jesus. But you need to pray that they will not forget about Jesus as many are doing today. It makes you sad to see how many do not love Jesus. Our nation will have great troubles, even more than they are having today, because so many are not loving Jesus and accepting the peace and good will that Jesus brought to the world. You can do your part by loving Jesus with all your heart. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 13, December 25, 1966

## BORN THIS DAY A SAVIOR

Saint Luke 2: 8-20

Luke 2:8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the

angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Memory Verse: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11.

Central Thought: Be sure to keep Christ in your Christmas.

### QUESTIONS:

1. Tell where Jesus was born.
2. Why were the shepherds frightened one night?
3. What was the message given to the shepherds?
4. Did they find the Baby as it was told them?
5. What kind of a world would we live in if Jesus had not come?
6. How can Jesus change a person's life?
7. What is more important to you today: Jesus or your gifts?

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