

The Beautiful Way

Juniors



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Part One

Jan. 7

A Prayer

I want the new year's opening days
To fill with love, and prayer and
praise.

Some little things to do for Thee,
For Thou hast done great things for
me.

I want some other soul to bring
To Thee, my Saviour and my King,
Thou wilt not, Lord, my prayer deny,
For Thou canst all my wants supply.

In Jesus' name our prayer we raise,
Whose guiding hand has blessed our
days.

And may we, Lord, in godly fear
Serve Thee through all the coming
year.

Arthur's New Year Resolution

The new year had come, and all
the school children were making reso-
lutions. Arthur decided to make one,

too. He resolved not to be late for
school any more.

"That'll be easy, if I get up when
Mother calls me," he said.

So on Monday morning up he
jumped. He was the first one at
the breakfast table, and Mother let
him eat a second waffle.

Bright and early he started to
school, and Gracie, who was in the
first grade, walked along with him.
Arthur whistled, and took long steps,
playing he was a knight on his way
to kill a dragon.

Suddenly Gracie stopped. "Oh," she
cried, "I forgot my paint box, and
I'll be kept in."

"Run back for it," he said. Then
he remembered how short her legs
were and how long his were. "No,
go on to school," he added. "I'll go
back and get the paints for you."

He ran along the snowy streets,
and rushed indoors. Mother saw
him coming.

"What has happened?" she cried.

"Gracie forgot her paints," he ex-
plained. "She'll be kept in if she
doesn't have them."

He put them in his schoolbag and started on again, walking fast. He had resolved not to be late, and he must not be late.

Before long he saw old Mrs. Perkins, his mother's friend. As she crossed the street she slipped, and almost fell. "Oh, my foot!" she cried.

Arthur stopped. "Are you hurt, Mrs. Perkins?" he asked.

"Not very much," she answered. "I wonder if you would hold my arm, and help me home?"

Arthur liked Mrs. Perkins, and he was sorry she was hurt. "Just lean on me," he answered, "and I won't let you fall on this slick ice."

They walked along slowly to her house. Then Arthur helped her up the three steps that led to her front door. He opened the door.

"Thank you, Arthur," she said. "Come to see me this evening after school, please."

"Yes, ma'am," he answered, and hurried on.

There was not any time to waste now. Arthur began to run, and a boy across the street ran, too. Now he was at the corner of the schoolyard, but it was fenced in, and he had to go around to the gate. Mr. Bibb, the principal, had the bell in his hand. Arthur ran faster, breathing in gasps. He saw Gracie waiting for him at the gate, and she was crying. He gave her the box of paints. Now he was inside the gate. Mr. Bibb raised his arm; the bell rang, "Clang-clang! Clang-clang!"

Arthur dived through the crowd to his line. He took a long breath. He grinned. He had kept his resolution, and he was not late. But it was not so easy as he had thought it

would be. Oh, it was like a game to keep a hard resolution. —Sel.

God Is Love

"Blow it east, or blow it west,
The wind that blows—that wind is best."

Once a man put on the weather vane of his barn the words, "God is Love."

"Do you mean," said a neighbor, "that God's love is changeable like the wind?"

"No, no! I mean that whichever way the wind blows, God is Love."

Our Heavenly Father told the north wind that it must go away and take the snow and ice with it. He has called the west wind to blow away the leaves and sticks and dirt, and to help old Mother Earth to clean up and get ready for spring. He calls the east wind to bring the rain for the flowers and wheat and other things that grow. He calls the south wind to bring warm, beautiful days, and the winds that blow hear His call and hurry to do just what He says.

Naughty Julie

One day Mother baked cookies. The cookies smelled good. Mother gave Jane two cookies. Mother gave Julie two cookies. Then Mother said, "Those are the only cookies you may have until supper."

In a little while, Jane went into the kitchen. She saw Julie getting some more cookies. She said, "You are a naughty girl, Julie."

God is not pleased when boys or girls are naughty. But God loves naughty boys and girls.

Boys and girls do wrong things sometimes. God loves all boys and girls. The Bible tells us so. God does not love the wrong things boys and girls do.

God sent Jesus to be our Saviour. Jesus died on the cross for all our bad things. Jesus will forget about the bad things if we tell Him we are sorry and ask Him to forgive us. That is wonderful!

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LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." John 8:12. He also said, "He that heareth my word, . . . hath everlasting life." John 5:24. Why don't you draw an open Bible, which stands for the words of Jesus, which you obey. Make streams of light going down upon a path where a toothpick man is walking up the path to heaven, where all are going who have been born again and have eternal life in their souls.

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

This is the first Sunday, or Lord's Day, in a brand new year. Last year is gone, but we have many memories of it. I trust you have many pleasant memories of 1967. Last year has been recorded in God's book. It can never be recalled, except through repentance. We trust that you do not have anything wrong to repent of, but that you lived a sweet life for Jesus all year. Maybe you can think of some mistakes. Well, if you can, be more careful this new year and not repeat those mistakes. I am sure you can pray more. Make a practice of thinking about Jesus and talking to him in your mind. No one will know but you and Jesus. Did you ever do that? See if

you can do it right now. Pray in your mind and say, "Lord, help me to do right and love you more," without saying a word or even whispering. Now, say in your mind, "Thank you, dear Lord, for helping me and all the good things you do for me." You can do it, can't you? I feel that you should often talk to Jesus that way and you will find a Friend who will help you and bless you when you praise Him.

Our lessons this quarter will be in the book of John. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are the first four books of the New Testament and they tell us about the life of Jesus while here on earth. Each book has something new to add but it seems that John tells us more things that the others left out. One thing to remember in reading the book of John is that John does not use his own name. In the closing chapter, John refers to himself as the apostle whom Jesus loved. (John 21:24.) Also as one who leaned upon the Master's breast. (John 13:23; 21:20.) In the other books he is named.

In our lesson, verse 14 tells who is the Word. It was Jesus who came to this world and took on himself the form of human flesh and dwelt among men. Was not that a great miracle? Our lesson also tells us that Jesus was with God in the beginning when he made the world. When you read the first verses of Genesis, you read about the Spirit of God, which is the Holy Spirit, and then in verse 26 you read, "Let us make man." There we have the Word, the Holy Spirit, and God all working together. Our lesson tells us that without Jesus there was not anything made. Jesus is also called the Light. John the Baptist came first and told the people of Jesus' coming.

Could there be any life on earth if there were not light? Vegetables have to have light to grow. Men and animals

live off vegetables. The sunshine or light brings life. Just so, Jesus brings eternal life to the soul. People who do not accept Jesus are referred to as walking in darkness. How do people act in natural darkness? They stumble. We can't find our eternal home after death unless we have the Light of Life in our souls which is Jesus. We will live here in this world just a short time but will live forever in eternity. We want to be sure to live for Jesus.

Lesson 1, January 7, 1968

THE WORD MADE FLESH

John 1:1-14; John 20:30, 31

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehendeth it not.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him, the same gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on his name;

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

John 20:30 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

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

Memory Verse: And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John 1:14.

Central Thought: We can safely trust our souls to Jesus because He has lived in this earth and in eternity where we go after death.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who is the Word? Which verse tells us so?

2. Who is the Creator of all things?

3. Who came as a witness of Jesus' coming to this world?

4. Did everyone accept Jesus?

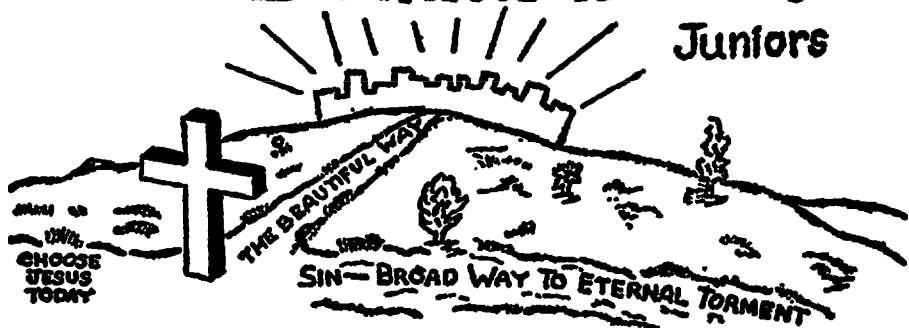
5. What did Jesus come to this earth for?

6. Could anything live in this world without light?

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Part Two

Jan. 14

Eat and Drink That Which is Good

There is a law laid down for men
That through the ages long has
stood,
Transgressing this brings doubt and
sin:
Eat and drink that which is good.

Old Satan seeks to introduce
For carnal, lustful appetites
Things that the heart and mind se-
duce
And to the people woe invites.

Beer, whiskey, vodka, wine, and rum,
Go with the filthy cigarette
To make the noble life a slum
And change rejoicing to regret.
—Leslie Busbee

Testing Time

I suppose if I were to ask you,
What's on your mind? many of you
would answer Exams, and the tone of
your voice would show just how you

feel! Examination time is testing
time in more ways than one.

Jean was writing a literature test
one day. It was from one of the
workbooks used in our Alberta
schools. You know the kind—there
is a story on one page, and when you
finish reading that, you turn the page
and answer some questions without
looking back.

Jean had already read the story
and answered some of the questions,
when somehow her book slipped off
the desk and fell to the floor. As she
picked it up, the page turned, and her
eye caught a sentence which was the
answer to one of the questions. It
was one of the questions that she had
already finished—but her answer was
wrong.

For a moment she battled with her-
self—should she change the answer?
No one would ever know. She had
not looked on purpose—it had really
been a mishap.

Jean, however, loves the Lord Jesus
and I'm glad he won the victory that
day. Jean did not change the answer,
but handed it in as it was, and took

the lower mark. How her daddy rejoiced when he heard the story, and I'm sure that the Lord Jesus Himself rejoiced over the faithfulness of this child of His.

Some of you are saying, "My exams are over and when school is out, I'm going to throw away my books and be done with examinations once and for all." But, listen, it's not as easy as that. All through your life you're going to be put to the test, every day and any day.

These tests may be more like that of a blacksmith in France who was working on a bridge over the river between France and Germany. It was Christmas Eve, and he was tired and cold. He was thinking of his wife and children, gathered around a roaring fire for supper and waiting for him. But still he had a little bit of work to do. There was one more small rivet—an oddly shaped one—to make, and drive in. He felt like skipping it—what difference would one rivet make in such a big bridge!

"Never mind it," said a voice. "Go on home—no one will ever know."

But there was another voice which kept on saying, "Do your job—for all you know, that one rivet may make all the difference to the safety of the bridge."

He went back to the forge, worked on the last rivet until it was as perfect as his skill could make it, and then he drove it in. As he went to his cottage, he was glad that he had done his best.

A year or two later, war broke out, and a squadron of Frenchmen from the blacksmith's own village were fighting a rear-guard action against the enemy. They had to cross this bridge under fire. Everything de-

pended on the bridge holding out until they all got across with their guns and horses. The heavy artillery thundered onto it, and the bridge shook with the weight.

Nevertheless, the bridge stood fast, and they all escaped. So great was the strain that the slightest flaw could have brought the bridge down. For a time everything depended upon that rivet. That cold winter night had been the most serious examination that the blacksmith ever had, but he had been faithful.

Boys and girls, how do you stand the testing time? Do you examine yourselves and remember that God sees you, and will mark you not on your ability, but on your faithfulness? One of His questions to you will be, "What have you done with the Lord Jesus Christ?" Won't you let Him into your heart today, that by His grace you may be found faithful? It's a grand thing to know Him as your Savior and to have Him work in your life.

THE WORM

How does a worm get inside an apple? Perhaps you think the worm burrows from the outside in. No, scientists have discovered that the worm comes from the inside out. But how does he get in there?

Simple! An insect lays an egg in the apple blossom. Sometime later, the worm hatches in the heart of the apple, then eats his way out.

Sin, like the worm, begins in the heart and works out through a person's thoughts, words, and actions. For this reason David once wrote, "Create in me a clean heart, O God," Psalm 51:10.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw six waterpots and write the word **MIRACLE** under them. Then write these words, "Jesus is the same today." On some of the pots write 18 gallons and on others write 27 gallons.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Did you ever go to a wedding? God ordained marriage and weddings are a part of the plan of God. A couple should, if possible, be married by a minister of the gospel with an agreement of prayer that God will bless their lives together. All weddings should be simple and plain. I feel God is pleased when it is carried on in this manner.

Jesus went to a wedding one day. His mother and disciples were also invited. The weddings in those days were different from today. They sometimes lasted for two or three days. They did not have cars so the relatives could drive over for one evening, but most of them walked or rode donkeys which might have taken them two or three days to get there so they stayed several days. There were a lot of people at this wedding.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, found out that all the wine was gone which they had to serve at the wedding feast. She was troubled, I am sure. We do not know all of her thoughts but we do know that she was sure that her son, Jesus, was the Christ who was to come according to the prophets. She knew he could perform miracles, although she had not seen him do it. Mary told Jesus about it and he knew what she meant. He knew she wanted him to perform a miracle. Maybe this surprised him and then on the other hand he might have felt the impact of knowing when he started his ministry that his death on the cross would come close. He said, "Wo-

man, . . . my hour has not yet come." Now the word "Woman" is used by the Greek writers as a title of the very highest respect. Jesus also called his mother "woman" when he asked John to take care of her when he was dying on the cross, which was a tender example for all boys and girls. Always take care of your mother. Talk to her with the highest respect. Godly mothers do not tell you to do wrong things. Listen to them. Jesus listened to his mother. Jesus' mother said to the servants, "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it." That is such good advice to us even today. Jesus has told us many things that we find written in the first four books of the New Testament. We want to obey them and it will work a miracle in our souls and when we die we will go to heaven.

There were six waterpots of stone set out. Some of them held two firkins and some three firkins. A firkin is about nine gallons so some had 18 gallons and others 27 gallons. Can you figure out how many gallons they held altogether? The servants obeyed Jesus and filled them to the brim with water. Then he told them to let the governor of the feast taste it. No doubt, they used long-handled gourds to dip from the jars. How do you think the servants felt? Did the water change as they dipped or was it after they took it to the governor? We do not know, but a wonderful miracle took place. The governor pronounced it the best wine that had been served. Now, boys and girls, the word "wine" used here is translated from the word which is used in the Greek language called "oinos." This can mean the fermented wine or the unfermented wine. Fermented wine is what makes people drunk. Unfermented wine will not make people drunk. We cannot feel that Jesus created anything to make a person act silly

or affect this wonderful body that God has made. Jesus healed many diseased bodies and he surely would not create that which would harm it and know they would drink it.

The governor spoke to the bridegroom and told him that it was the custom at other wedding feasts, not this one, that when the people were full, they brought out the worse and not save the best for last. Jesus' miracle was performed so others would know of his power and his disciples believed on him. —Aunt Marie

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Lesson 2, January 14, 1968

THE BEGINNING OF MIRACLES

John 2:1-11

John 2:1 And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:

2 And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.

3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.

4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee: mine hour is not yet come.

5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

6 And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.

7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.

9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom.

10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

Memory Verse: This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him. John 2:11.

Central Thought: If we will obey Jesus he will take care of every need in our life.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why was Jesus at a large wedding?

2. What does the word "Woman" mean according to the Greek literature?

3. Did Jesus obey his mother when she suggested something for him to do?

4. What did he mean when he said that his time had not yet come?

5. Did the servants obey Mary and also Jesus?

6. Are there two kinds of wine?

7. Would the wine Jesus made cause a person to get drunk?

8. What did the disciples think of the miracle?

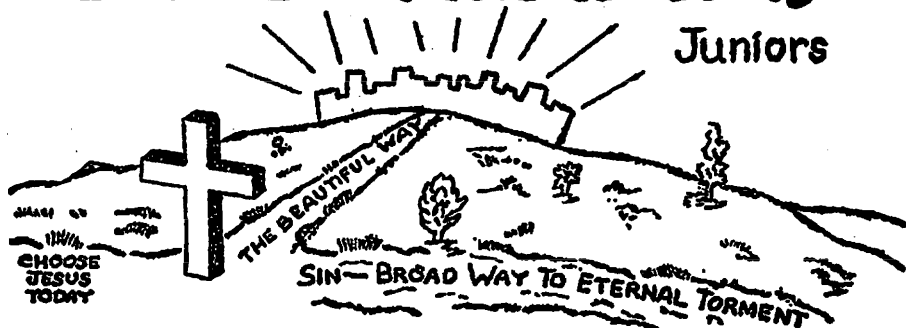
9. Do you suppose others heard about the miracle besides the ones at the wedding?

10. Can Jesus still perform miracles today?

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Part Three

Jan. 21

John's New Birthday

"I'm worried about John," said Mrs. Hughes, as she sat down in an easy chair rather wearily and picked up her sewing. "He doesn't seem very well lately. Something's bothering him. He's as cross and cranky as an old bear. Have you noticed, dear?"

Mr. Hughes lowered his evening paper and said, "Well, no, I haven't, but then I'm not around very much to notice."

"But didn't you see what a hard time I had making him go to bed tonight? He never used to be afraid of the dark. Why, he used to say it was fun to lie there and make castles out of the shadows. But now! He fairly screamed when I put out the light."

The next day was Sunday and Mr. Hughes was sitting in the living room reading a portion of the Bible. John looked in at the hall door and then started to go away. "Just a minute, John," called his father. John came slowly back. "I want to talk to you for a few minutes. Sit down here on

the footstool and let's have a real chat."

"John," continued Mr. Hughes, "it is plain to be seen that something is bothering you. You don't seem as happy as you used to be. Won't you tell me what's wrong?"

"Nothing's wrong!" said John.

"All right, John, if that's the way you want it. But I really do know that you're not as happy as you used to be. And I want to help you. That's what fathers are for."

John studied the pattern in the carpet for a few minutes and then blurted out, "It's that Sunday School teacher!"

"Mr. Cross?" said Mr. Hughes in surprise. "I thought he was doing very well. You used to like him. What's he done?"

"He keeps telling me I'm not a good boy. I am a good boy. I don't do anything wrong."

"I see. Does he tell the other boys the same thing?"

"Sure. He says we're all wrong, and, and—and sinful!"

"I happened to be reading in the Book of Romans, John. Could you find the third chapter and then read the twenty-third verse for me?"

John found the verse and read out loud, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

"Now I know it's not very pleasant to think of, but tell me, does that include you, John?"

"I guess so."

"No, John, it's more than 'guess so.' Does it?"

"Yes, sir."

"Then that's what Mr. Cross means. He's not trying to tell you that you are as bad as bad can be; he's just telling you that we're all sinners in the sight of God. Son, there's nobody here but ourselves. Tell me, hasn't this been bothering you for some time?"

"Yes, Papa."

For awhile father and son were silent. John felt very unhappy.

Presently Mr. Hughes said, "John, when a person is born again it means that the Lord forgives all his sins and accepts him as one of His children. Wouldn't you like to let the Lord Jesus into your heart and know that all your sins were forgiven?"

"Yes, Papa."

Together father and son knelt in prayer and John asked God to forgive him his sins for Jesus' sake and to let him be a child of His. When Mrs. Hughes came in a few minutes later she found them trying to read the Bible together. They were not succeeding very well. They were just too happy.

I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Romans 1:16.

Honor Thy Father

"Harken unto thy Father that be-gat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old." Proverbs 23:22.

One of the most alarming indications of the deterioration of the society is the disrespect of youth for their elders. The writer of Proverbs had a deep regard for his father, David, as may be seen in the numerous admonitions to have respect for, and to honor our fathers. Solomon certainly did not esteem David because he was perfect; he respected him for the simple reason that he was his father. He owed his life to him. His father and mother cared for and protected him when he was a helpless babe. One of the ten commandments is: Honor thy Father and thy Mother. Yes, Solomon knew the Ten Percent of the moral law and was devoted to the honoring of parents.

One of the things I praise God for most is the blessing of having a godly father and mother. My father immigrated from the Netherlands at the age of nineteen. He followed his own father's occupation of cobbling. He never earned more than \$10 a week. Mother was an invalid for years, and father had to do a great deal of house work in addition to putting in a sixty-hour week at his shoe repair bench! But that which impressed me most was that I never heard my father complain. Also, he still found time to pray with us and to teach us God's word. He had very little education but possessed "the wisdom which came from above."

How little we see today of respect for elders. This is the age of youth. Have we come to the time of which Solomon said, "There is a generation

that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother"? Son, today do something for your father and mother. Think what you owe them.

O, look around you everywhere,
There's many a grown-up lad,
Whose voice no longer rings with
pride
When speaking of his Dad.

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LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Make two lists on one sheet of paper. Write at the top of one list **Natural Man**. At the top of the other list write **Spiritual Man**. Under **Natural Man** write the things he does when in sin such as lying, stealing, drinking strong drinks, fighting, hating, etc. Under the words **Spiritual Man** write the words that a person who is saved does, such as kindness, truthfulness, honesty, love, obedience.

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

I know some boys and girls who were very happy when their dog had some little puppies and they saw them one morning in the box. It is a miracle that God has planned to be. It was a miracle when you were born. But our lesson is about a greater miracle of another kind of birth. We call your birth a natural birth but the new birth we are going to talk about is the spiritual birth.

Nicodemus (Nick-o-dee-mus) was a ruler of the Jews. He was one of the seventy men who took care of the law of Moses. Most of these men did not accept Jesus as the promised Saviour of the world, who was to come according to the prophesies of the old prophets in the old Bible. Nicodemus was puzzled about it and wanted to talk to Jesus. He decided to go to him at night. Perhaps he didn't want anyone to know about it.

Nicodemus told Jesus that he knew he was a teacher who had come from God because he had seen the miracles he had performed. Nicodemus wanted to know all about how to get into the kingdom of God. Jesus told him, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." No doubt Nicodemus repeated in his mind the words, "Born again?" He thought about the natural birth and said, How can this be? Jesus told him he was speaking about the spiritual birth. He needed to be born of the Spirit. Jesus used a simple illustration to help Nicodemus understand. Can you see the wind when it blows? No, but you can see the leaves waving, the trees bending over, and the dust blowing. Just as you cannot see the wind, just so you cannot see the Spirit make you a new creature or cause you to be born into the kingdom of God. Then Jesus told Nicodemus if he would not believe natural things about the wind that blows because he could not see it, then he would not believe that the Spirit could cause a person to have a new spiritual birth.

Jesus explained to Nicodemus that he (Jesus) was going to be lifted up as the serpent in the wilderness had been lifted up. Jesus was going to die on the cross for our sins. He was without sin and came from God to live here where he could teach us more about God and how to live. He knew he would die, be buried, and arise again for our salvation so we could have this new birth, or be born again and enter the kingdom of God.

Jesus told Nicodemus that he must believe this so he would not perish in hell but go to heaven and have everlasting life. When a person confesses his sins and ask Jesus to forgive him of his sins, he lives a different life. Such is a new person because his heart has been made clean and pure by the blood of Jesus.

—Aunt Marie

THE MEANING OF THE NEW BIRTH

John 3:1-15

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up.

15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Memory Verse: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16.

Central Thought: The new birth causes people to live different lives.

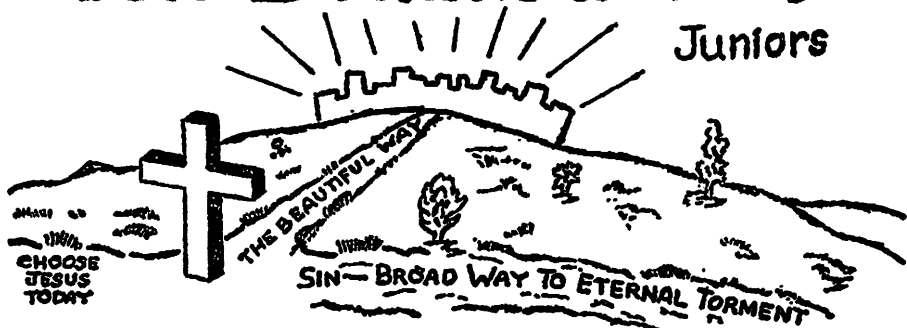
QUESTIONS:

1. Who was Nicodemus?
2. Why did he come to Jesus at night?
3. Did Nicodemus believe Jesus to be the Christ?
4. Fill in these words: "Except a — be — he cannot see the — of God."
5. What two kinds of birth did Jesus talk to Nicodemus about?
6. How are the wind and the Spirit alike?
7. Fill in these words of Jesus: "Ye — be — again."
8. Can you tell something about the serpent being lifted up in the wilderness?
9. How would Jesus be lifted up?
10. Will we perish if we believe on Jesus Christ as our Savior and confess our sins to him and be born again?

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The Runaway Calf

When I was a boy, down on the farm, I had a pet calf named Jeff. That calf would do almost anything I asked him to do—if he wanted to.

Often I hitched him up to a little wagon and drove him around and had a great deal of fun. One day my older brother got the bright idea that we would hitch Jeff to our old buggy. But the old buggy had a tongue which required a team of two.

So I volunteered to be hitched up with Jeff, the pet calf. Brother Wayne carefully harnessed us together. When all was ready he yelled, "Giddap!"

Out into the pasture we went as nice as could be. I thought it was lots of fun, but Jeff had a different idea. He saw the gate leading into the pasture standing open. That silly calf took off on a nonstop flight to the far corner of the pasture. And did he go!

Don't think I wasn't afraid! I didn't know a calf could run so fast. I struggled with all my might to un-

tangle myself, but Jeff and I were hitched up too well.

In his frantic effort to save me, my brother ran like a deer and somehow managed to get hold of the calf's head. Down went the calf, down went my brother, and down I went, too. That calf and I were never good friends after that.

Now listen, boys and girls, for years I was harnessed up to something far more dangerous than an animal. It was Satan. He was taking me for a merry chase across life headed for hell, "a lake of fire burning with brimstone." Rev. 19:20. I finally came to see the danger of being teamed up with the devil. Some people said I wasn't a bad boy, but I knew my own heart, and I knew the Bible says, "There is none righteous, no, not one." Romans 3:10.

But God loved me and wanted to save me. I couldn't handle the devil. He was like that calf, handling me. But God sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to rescue me. My brother endangered his life to rescue me from the calf, but the Lord Jesus gave His

life to save me. "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust," and that means for all boys and girls and men and women), "that He might bring us to God." 1 Peter 3:18.

Not anything you have done or could ever do would save you. Ephesians 2:8, 9. Only the Lord Jesus Christ can save you. And He can save you to the uttermost if you will come to God by Him.

Old Jim

Old Jim had been a faithful horse,
But he was growing old,
So Uncle Lem made up his mind
The horse should not be sold.

But turned out in the pasture land
To roam and feed at will,
Or rest beneath the shady trees,
Down by the waters still.

Lem loved his faithful servant, Jim,
And watched him day by day,
And when he whistled to the horse,
Jim gave an answering neigh.

One day the horse had disappeared,
So Lem went out to see
What had become of faithful Jim—
Where could the creature be?

Lem thought of an abandoned well
Which had uncovered been;
He hurried down the path to see;
Yes, Jim had fallen in!

If he should try to pull him out
A leg might broken be
So he would go and get his gun
And end Jim's misery.

Lem brought the gun but couldn't
bear

To shoot old faithful Jim,
So brought a shovel and a pick
With which to bury him.

Lem took a shovel full of dirt
And rolled it in the well,
It slid down on the horse's back
And to the bottom fell.

As fast as every load was sent
The horse would stamp it down
And as they both thus worked away
At last the well was gone!

Out jumped the horse, all whole and
sound,
Kicked up his heels and ran,
Let's get from out this simple tale
A moral, if we can.

When people try to crush us down,
And cover us with dirt,
Let's stamp it underneath our feet,
And never let it hurt.

Let's be like Jim and rise above
The troubles that beset,
If we are on the side of right,
We'll gain the victory yet.

Accept and trust the Lamb of God,
Jesus Christ! He will cleanse your
heart and make you a lamb. A lamb
does not like mud-puddles. Be a
lamb of God and hate the mud-pud-
dles of sin.

If you read a promise in the Bible
take it like a check and cash it.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw the top of an old-fashioned well.
It has a bar up the sides and over the
top with a pulley in the middle to put the
rope through. Put a bucket on the end
of the rope and set it on the side of

the well curb. Write on the bucket, "Water of life." Then put Matt. 10:42 under it. "And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water . . . he shall in no wise lose his reward." We want to drink of the water of life and then give it out to others as Jesus did.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Did you ever see an old-fashioned well where a bucket was tied on a rope and let down into it to draw the water up again? In olden days that is the way all the wells were. I hope you will read the poem in this paper about Old Jim, the faithful horse. It tells about his falling into a well. Perhaps it was a well that did not have a cover over it. Perhaps at one time it had had a top with a bucket so one could draw water.

Jesus was very weary and while the disciples went into the city to get something to eat, he sat on a well that Jacob had dug many, many years before. It was a historical place to the people around the city of Samaria. While Jesus sat there a woman came out of the city to draw water. Notice that Jesus was weary and thirsty. He knows how to help us when we are weary and thirsty or have any needs. He has trod the way before us. Also notice that Jesus met a Samaritan and the Samaritans and Jews did not have any religious or social relations with each other. There was a great barrier of prejudice between them. Jesus did not recognize those barriers. Today we must not have prejudice of any kind in our hearts. We must love everyone even as Jesus did.

"Will you give me a drink?" Jesus asked the woman. She was surprised that he would ask her for a drink or even talk to her since he was a Jew. She

asked him why he had asked her for a drink since this was true. Jesus had her interest and attention and he wanted to teach her some spiritual truths. He compared the water to the living water which will satisfy the soul of man. He told her that he could give that to her. "You will thirst again when you drink this water from Jacob's well, but if you will accept this living water that I will give you it will be a well of water in you springing up into everlasting life." Boys and girls, it is wonderful to have Jesus in your heart and life. God made everyone with a desire in them to do right and glorify Him. Sin caused man to turn from God and it blinded him. He longs for something but can't find it except in Jesus Christ. But when boys and girls confess their sins and are truly sorry, God will forgive them. As they continue to please God and live for him, they will daily find sweetness, contentment and peace in their souls that only God can give. This is that living water that Jesus is speaking of that satisfies your inner being or soul and you never thirst again.

Last week Jesus talked to one person and today he talked to the woman at the well. She brought others from the town and many believed on Jesus. When the disciples came back they wanted Him to eat but he was so happy that he didn't feel hungry because a soul had found God. It was better than the meat that they brought. He had come here to help souls find God and he wanted to be busy. No doubt he looked at the wheat fields and knew that it would be harvested in four months but he wanted his disciples to know that there was a harvest of souls for God right at that time. Many believed on Jesus through what the woman told them. God wants you and me to tell others the good news that Jesus saves.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 4, January 28, 1968

THE SAVIOR OF THE LOST

John 4:7-14; 31-35

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.

11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

31 In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.

32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.

33 Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat?

34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

Memory Verse: And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy sayings: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world. John 4:42.

Central Thought: We should let Jesus come into our hearts so we can tell others about him.

QUESTIONS:

1. Whom did Jesus talk to in our last Sunday's lesson? Today's?

2. Why was Jesus sitting on Jacob's well alone?

3. Did the Jews love the Samaritans?

4. What did Jesus ask the woman to give him?

5. What did Jesus mean when he said he would give her "living water"?

6. In our unprinted lesson what did Jesus tell the woman about her life?

7. Did she go back to the city and tell others that he was the Messiah?

8. When Jesus would not eat, what did the disciple say?

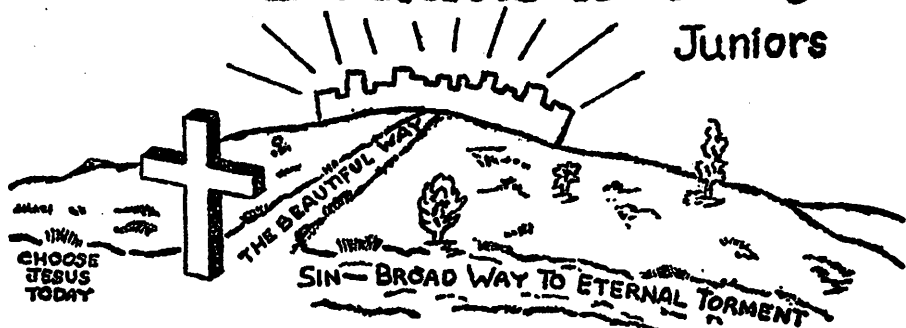
9. What did Jesus mean when he said the fields are white to harvest?

10. Should we, like the woman, tell others that Jesus will save them from their sins?

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God's Children

The world is full of children,
In land of palm or snow,
In home of tent or palace—
No matter where we go.

They're dark or white or yellow,
But God loves every race;
The work of His great kingdom
Gives every one a place.

The world is full of children;
Our God who sent His Son
To be our friend and Saviour,
Defends and loves each one.

He wants us to be friendly,
And help each other, too;
And show our love for Jesus
In everything we do.

Sharon's Dream

A little girl named Sharon came home one day from school and was relating to her mother the happenings of the day. She had got a group

of girls together on the play grounds at recess and told them about Jesus. The girls seemed interested and this made Sharon happy. She said, "Mother, there's nothing I'd rather do than tell others about Jesus and how he can make them happy."

Mother encouraged her daughter to always be bold for the Lord and said, "Sharon, the Lord will always bless you for witnessing to others about His great love."

The girls at school began asking questions. As they learned more about how the Lord wanted little girls and boys to live, some were no longer interested and began to make fun of her. This condition existed until it became a discouragement to Sharon. One morning as she was getting ready for school, her eyes filled with tears as she said, "Mother, I don't want to say anything about Jesus to the children because they persecute me for it. I know Jesus said for us not to be ashamed of him but I don't know what to do."

Mother said, "Well, it is true that Jesus said if we were ashamed of

him that He would be ashamed of us. People made fun of Him when he was living here on earth. He went through these trials before we did and I read in 2 Timothy 2:12, "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us." Now, Jesus said that he would help us bear our burdens. We meet with problems that are too big for us to work out, and we have to tell the Lord all about them. He will never leave us but will always send help. Sometimes he may cause our playmates to be nice and again he might give us grace when they continue to make fun. It always helps to pray."

Sharon and her mother bowed on their knees in prayer and asked Jesus for the help they needed to always lift him up to others and be good examples that they might have His blessings and be happy. The Lord did bless and make lighter the trials for Sharon. A while later Sharon came downstairs one morning and said, "Mother, I had a dream last night. It is so wonderful that I want to tell it to you."

"Was it a good dream?" asked Mother.

"Oh yes!" Sharon said.

"Then I am ready now to hear it," said Mother.

"Well," Sharon began, "I dreamed of being at school, and it was recess. All the children were running and playing in the gym. We noticed it became hot and steamy and smoke began to fill the room. Everyone got hotter and hotter when suddenly I began to rise. When I got to the ceiling, a hole opened just big enough for me to go through, then it closed. The children were screaming and crying and saying, 'Sharon, come and get us!' I said, 'No, I can't. You

have had your chance.' The school teachers and children were on fire, screaming and rolling on the ground, but I kept going higher and higher. The higher I went, the happier I felt.

Mother, you know we have always heard that there were not very many saints, but I looked around and the sky was full of saints. I saw many mothers with little babies. We looked up and saw Jesus and His angels coming to meet us. I heard them singing the song, "When the saints go marching in." It was wonderful! I want to always live for the Lord."

"Yes, Sharon," said Mother, "this should encourage you. The Lord has given you this dream because He knows that you have been discouraged and he is sending you help so you can continue living for Him and be a light for Him." —Dora Lela Beisly

JUNIORS

Some people say Juniors are too young to be saved. If you are old enough to pout and fuss, you are old enough to ask God to help you smile and sing. If you are old enough to steal, you are old enough to know that God wants you to be honest. If you are old enough to lie, you are old enough to know that you can listen to God's Word which says, "Lie not one to another."

Of course, you are old enough to be saved. As soon as you know you are a sinner, that is the time to ask Jesus to be your Saviour!

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a teeter-totter. It takes two on a teeter-totter to make it go up and down. One person on one end of a teeter-totter could sit there all day and it

wouldn't go up and down very high unless another person got on the other end. Now write "Faith" on one end of the teeter-totter and "obedience" on the other end. It takes both of these to bring healing. The nobleman believed Jesus and went home. The lame man believed and obeyed Jesus and arose. He was healed.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

One night recently I awoke in the night and my chest felt tight. After a while I began to shake all over real hard. I didn't know what had happened to me. My husband was away so I called my son and his wife. My brother and his wife and my sister came over and they kept praying to the Lord for me. I shook for over an hour. I kept praying to Jesus. I knew Jesus could heal me and take it all away. I didn't even think of calling a doctor. Jesus is the One who can and does heal. Finally it stopped. How thankful I was that Jesus had taken it all away. Isn't it wonderful how Jesus heals us today? I like the verse which says, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Heb. 13:8. Jesus healed when he was here on earth and he heals today. We must trust him and have faith in him. The devil tries to make you think when you are sick that you will not get well but you must not listen to the devil. He is a liar but Jesus is true. Jesus will heal us. We must pray and wait on him.

My little grandson who is named Lonnie had a hurting in his side. The next morning he didn't want to get up. He said his side hurt. Later his mother looked at it and it was swollen. His appendix was hurting him. He began to hurt so much that he cried. His mother called me at the office. It touched

me so that I couldn't keep from crying. I felt very troubled about him. I asked the other workers at the office to be in an agreement of prayer with me for little Lonnie. We prayed earnestly and cried unto the Lord to heal him. Almost an hour later I went over to see about him. He was up and dressed. His mother said the Lord had healed him. His side was still sore but the swelling had gone down. He looked pale but he wanted to eat. How wonderful it is to pray to Jesus and trust Him to heal! Lonnie looked pale for several weeks but he felt good and ate his food. His side was tender for almost a week but he was healed. That was over a year ago and he is fine today.

Our lesson tells about Jesus healing the son of a nobleman of Capernaum. His son was about to die. This father knew Jesus could heal as we know it today. He begged Jesus to come and heal him but Jesus just told him to go his way because his son would live. The nobleman believed Jesus and went his way. We must be like the nobleman. When Jesus tells us in His word that he heals, we must believe it to be true.

Jesus also healed a man who had been sick for 38 years. Jesus told him to "Rise, take up thy bed and walk." He did that and was well. Through many of these signs and wonders many believed him to be the Savior of the world. God had told the prophets to tell the people that when Jesus came he would do these things. Now he had come and they knew it was the Christ.

—Aunt Marie

P. S. For our next Sunday's Lesson Illustration, bring a small doll, possibly four inches long, a large magnet, and a very small magnet or long nail to class.

Lesson 5, February 4, 1968

THE WITNESS OF CHRIST'S WORKS

John 4:46-50a; 5:2-9a, 17, 18

John 4:46 So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.

47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.

48 Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.

49 The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die,

50a Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth.

John 5:2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is

troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

9 And immediately the man was made whole.

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: But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, I bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me. John 5:36.

Central Thought: Obeying Jesus' words brings faith for healing.

QUESTIONS:

1. Where did the nobleman find Jesus and what had happened there before?

2. What did the nobleman want of Jesus?

3. Did he believe Jesus' words? How do you know he did?

4. Tell about the pool at Bethesda.

5. What kind of people were there at the pool?

6. How long had the man whom Jesus saw lying there at the pool been sick?

7. What did Jesus tell him to do?

8. If he had just lain there, would he have been healed?

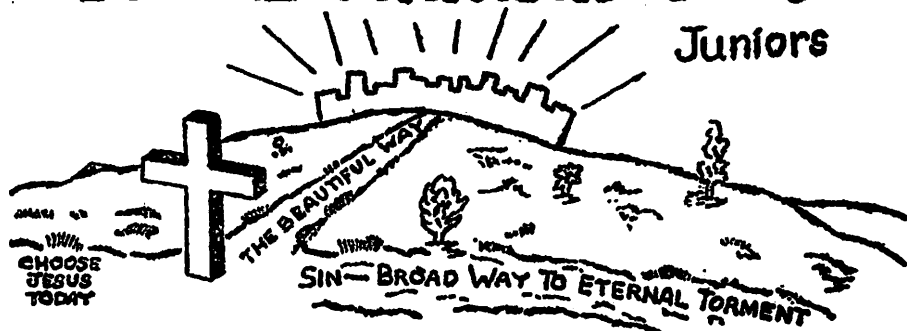
9. What two things must a person have to be healed?

10. Did others believe on Jesus because of his works?

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Feb. 11

Lincoln's Courage

What boy has not many times wished he could be as great as was Abraham Lincoln? Did it ever occur to you that Abraham Lincoln was not always a great man? That he failed in some things which he undertook just the same as other people?

When a young man, Lincoln, with another man, bought a country store; but Lincoln had no money with which to pay for it, so he gave a note, which is a promise to pay later. They failed in the store and sold it to some other men, who also failed and ran away without paying any money to Lincoln.

Then the question came up: What should he do? He had no money and it would take him years to earn enough to pay all he owed—or, should he, too, run away?

He decided to go to all the people he owed and tell them frankly that he would go to work and pay them as fast as he could, and ask them to be patient with him. It took him fifteen years to pay all that debt,

but don't you think he did the right thing? Very often the right thing to do is the hardest and it takes a boy or girl of real "spunk" and courage to play fair. Find Isaiah 50:7 in your Bible and read it every day for one week. If you do not understand all the words, ask someone to explain them to you. —Sel.

The Thief

Kay came into the school hall. She saw Gary take Maxine's lunch. He quickly dropped the lunch bag and started to leave.

Kay called, "Gary, just a minute."

He waited while she came to him. "What do you want?" he asked.

"I saw what you were doing," Kay said. "Why were you taking Maxine's lunch?"

Gary looked at the floor. "I didn't have any breakfast," he said. "All I had to eat yesterday was some mush. Mother is out of work. We haven't had much to eat lately."

"I thought so," Kay said. "Here, I'll share my lunch with you."

Kay gave Gary half of her banana. She gave him half of her sandwich. She gave him half of her cake.

"Are you sure you don't need this?" Gary asked.

"Of course not," Kay said.

"Please don't tell anybody about me taking Maxine's lunch. Please don't tell anybody about me eating some of your lunch," Gary said.

"I won't tell anybody," Kay said.

After recess was ended, Miss Smith said, "Someone has been stealing lunches. That one must be punished. Does anyone know who is taking the lunches?"

No one answered. The teacher said, "If you know who is stealing and you don't tell, you're as wrong as the thief. It is wrong to help a thief."

Gary looked at Kay. His face was red. His eyes asked her not to say anything. The teacher saw Gary look at Kay. She asked, "Kay, do you know who the thief is?"

"Must I answer your question?" she asked.

"Yes, you must," said Miss Smith. "If you don't, you will be just as bad as the thief."

Kay stood up slowly. Then she said, "I know stealing is wrong." But isn't it also wrong for us not to share with those who are hungry? The person who took the lunches was hungry. I shared my lunch with him today."

Miss Smith said, "Being hungry is no excuse for stealing. Who took the lunches, Kay?"

Kay answered, "I will tell you, Miss Smith, but please help him. If someone must be punished, punish me. Let's give him the food he needs."

There was a long silence. Then Miss Smith said, "All right, Kay."

Just then Gary jumped to his feet. "I did it, Miss Smith," he said.

"Gary," Miss Smith said, "I am glad you told us. You will not be punished. Tomorrow we all will bring some food for you and your family."

Lincoln as a Boy

The story of Abe's early life is interesting to us because it was so much like that experienced by millions of American boys. He swam, fished, went for long walks when he wished to be alone, played games—and read.

The last named he simply could not do enough of. At almost any hour of the day he would be found propped up against a tree, his face buried in a book. Even when working in the field he would find time to read. The Bible, "Life of Washington," "History of the United States," "Robinson Crusoe," "Pilgrim's Progress," are some of the titles he enjoyed reading again and again.

But he had to do more than reach up and take down the volume from a library shelf as we can so easily do. He once walked several miles to the home of a distant neighbor on hearing there was a used grammar there. He got the copy and put it to good use, as we discover by the perfect English in his "Gettysburg Address." Another time he had to work in a grain field for three days to pay for a borrowed book which had become slightly wet when rain seeped through the log walls of his cabin.

No one had to tell Abe what the pinch of poverty felt like. Many nights he went to bed after a supper of one or two roasted potatoes. He was poor, mighty poor—but rose to be savior of the nation.

The Bible is the traveler's map, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Attach the small magnet or nail to the little doll so that it will not come off. Lay the doll on a table. This will represent all those who are saved in the last day. Now the large magnet will be Christ who will come bursting through the clouds. Hold the large magnet over the doll so that it attracts the small magnet to itself and pulls the doll up to meet it. This is what will happen in the last day.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

One day Jesus looked at the large company of people who had come out to hear him and he felt sorry for them because they were hungry. While he talked to Philip about it, Andrew told him there was a little boy there who had brought a lunch of five barley loaves and two fishes. The little boy was glad to give his lunch to Jesus. Jesus thanked the Lord and began to break the bread and fishes. The disciples had done as he had told them and the 5,000 people were sitting down upon the grass waiting to be fed. The disciples passed the food out and after everyone was full, Jesus told them to pick up the leftovers. Jesus does not want us to be wasteful. There were twelve baskets full of leftovers. Some were so glad to know that a prophet of God had come to them that they wanted to make him a king. Jesus left them and went up into the mountain to pray. He did not come to be a king of a literal kingdom. The honor of being a king in this world meant nothing to him and he wanted them to know this.

Jesus' disciples got into the boat and started for the other side of the lake. Later Jesus came walking on the water to his disciples who were in a storm, during the night. The people asked him how he got across the lake the next day when they found him in the synagogue in Capernaum. Jesus did not answer them but told them they were trying to get food without laboring for it. Jesus told them to "labor . . . for everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you." John 6:27. Now they wanted to know what work was required of them. Jesus said, "This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." John 6:29. They wanted more proof and mentioned that Moses gave manna in the wilderness and that was a greater miracle than feeding the five thousand. Indeed this was a great miracle. Manna was given from the sky or heavens for forty years to many thousands of people. Jesus then made them know he was the Christ that God had sent from heaven. He said, "For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world." John 6:33. They wanted this bread.

There is a physical hunger of the body and a spiritual hunger of the soul. Jesus will be bread to the soul as natural bread is to the body. How does the body get help from food or bread? The soul longs for God and when one accepts Jesus as his Savior, he comes into his heart. As one reads the Bible and obeys what Jesus tells him, that is strength to the soul like bread is strength to the body.

Our lesson tells us that Jesus will raise up those who belong to him from the grave in the last day. The Apostle Paul tells us "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with

the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first." 1 Thess. 4:16. When we have part of Jesus in our soul, that will cause us to arise at the last day and be with him in eternity. We want to be sure we are saved and belong to Jesus when we die. —Aunt Marie

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Lesson 6, February 11, 1968

THE TRUE BREAD FROM HEAVEN

John 6:35-44, 48

John 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believed not.

37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.

42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?

43 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.

44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

48 I am the bread of life.

Memory Verse: And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. John 6:35.

Central Thought: Christ is that bread that will satisfy all who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

QUESTIONS:

1. How many people did Jesus feed as recorded just before our printed lesson begins?

2. What did the little boy have in his lunch?

3. What did Jesus do with the leftovers?

4. The people wanted to make him a king, but where did he go?

5. How did Jesus get across the lake?

6. What did Jesus tell the people the next morning when they found him? Did they still want food?

7. Who did Jesus say was the bread of life?

8. Compare natural bread and spiritual bread.

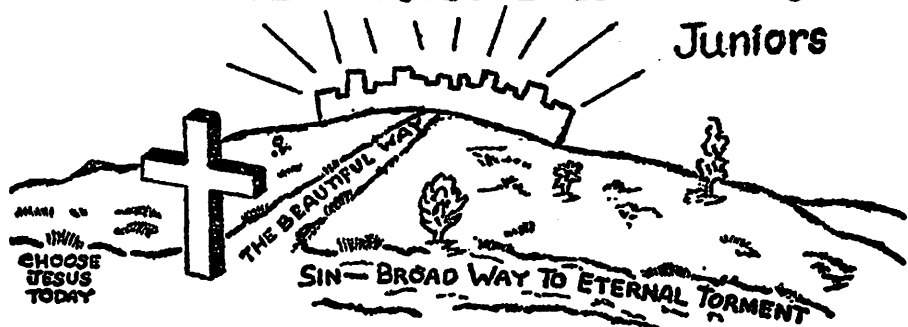
9. What will happen to those who have been eating of the spiritual bread in the last day?

10. Why is it very, very important that we keep saved and ready to die at all times?

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Part Seven

Feb. 18

Follow on to Know the Lord

(Hosea 6:3)

So many turn away from God
When weary seems the path they trod
So many faint when things go wrong
And lose their sweet salvation-song.

Come ye, O weary one, return
Take up your cross, and seek to learn;
Then shall we know if we'll afford
To follow on to know the Lord.

When tempted to give up the fight
And turn again to sinful night,
Take to yourself the Spirit's sword
And follow on to know the Lord.

—Leslie Busbee

George Washington

The father of our country didn't have a country when he was born; for there weren't any United States of America then. He attended school in an abandoned shack several miles from his home. They didn't have school buses, or bikes, or automobiles

then. How did he get to school? On his pony!

When he was 16 years old he went to work, and learned the art of surveying. And he didn't stop studying.

Grown to manhood—strong, brave, courageous—he was chosen to be commander-in-chief of our first American army. He led the troops in the war to gain independence (freedom) from Great Britain.

One winter they were encamped at Valley Forge where they could keep an eye on the British troops stationed at Philadelphia. The men were cold, hungry, and without sufficient clothing. Many were sick. Many died. What an encouragement it must have been to those soldiers to see their General on his knees in prayer—a General who was “not ashamed of the gospel of Christ” (Romans 1:16).

He served as President of the United States of America for two terms. Then he retired to his home at Mt. Vernon on the Potomac River. This is where he was buried.

In our national capital there is a white marble shaft, which is a partic-

ularly lovely sight when the Japanese cheery trees are in bloom. —Sel.

Billy's Gift

Billy could not eat his lunch. This was not because he was ill, for he was very well indeed, but because he was troubled. That very afternoon the boy's class was going to pay a visit to Grandmother Barnes, who was very poor, and they were going to take gifts with them. Billy was one of the class, and it was always fun to make these visits and take gifts to people who were very poor and lonely.

Today Billy had no money with which to buy anything, and there was no time to make her any kind of a gift with his own hands. He could not ask his mother to help him because it was a rule of the class that the gifts they gave must be of their own.

Billy left the table feeling very sad.

"If only it were summer," he said, "I could take her flowers."

Then he remembered the beautiful autumn leaves he had seen in the woods, but he had no way to get them except to walk; there would be no time for that. He might stack wood for her or chop kindling, but older people had already done that.

He sat down beneath a tree. A tear squeezed itself out of his eye.

Just then a little bird, perched up in the bare branches above him began a cheery song. As Billy sat and listened, an idea came to him.

"That's what I'll take her," he cried in delight. When the boys called for Billy he was all ready to go with them.

"What are you taking Grandmother Barnes?" they asked as they started.

"I'd rather you would wait and see," Bill replied. They were puzzled for they did not see a package of any kind.

When they reached the cabin in which Grandmother Barnes lived, they knocked upon the door. They heard the sound of her crutch as she hobbled to open the door.

"We have come to pay you a visit," one of them explained, as she held the door open.

Grandmother Barnes invited them in. They saw that the room was very bare. After they had talked awhile, they began to untie their gifts which they had brought her. One boy had two large rosy apples. One brought a picture which he had painted, another a handkerchief that he had bought with money he had earned. Everyone had something. When their gifts were all arranged upon the table, the boys looked at Billy.

"Now I will give you my gift," Bill said, walking up in front of Grandmother Barnes, and he began to sing a song which his mother had taught him. Remembering how happy the little bird had sung in the bare, brown branches, Billy sang in a clear sweet voice.

"What a lovely gift!" said Grandmother Barnes, when the song ended. "People are so kind to me; they bring me nice things to eat and wear, but no one ever brought me a song before."

When God made the trees, animals and birds, He said they were very good. The vine is for grapes; the wheat for bread; the bee to give us honey and the sheep for wool. Even the cat is good to catch mice. All God's things are good.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Take a light bulb and paste pieces of paper on it on which are written the things that will keep the light of God from shining out in your life, such as: neglecting prayer, speaking hasty words, not reading the Bible, being unthankful, or unkind, or impatient, etc. If there is a lamp handy, put the bulb in it and turn it on to see how the papers hinder the light from shining.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Mother told Mary to wipe the table off after she finished washing the dishes. Mary was in a hurry and she gave several quick swipes at the table and let her dishwater out of the sink and ran outside to play. Later Mother called Mary and asked her why she did not wipe the table. Mary said that she did. When Mother showed her the food scraps and crumbs still on the table she said, "I didn't see all of that!" Well, she may not have seen it, but why didn't she? She was not blind. She had good eyes. The truth is she was not interested and did not look nor take time to do the job well. Do you not know that many people are doing such as that today? The facts are before everyone that hell is their doom if they do not get rid of their sins through the blood of Jesus Christ. On the other hand, Jesus Christ is offering peace to the soul here and heaven in eternity to those who will live for him. Why aren't boys and girls, men and women getting saved? They act as if they do not know these facts. They are going on, day after day, seemingly blinded to these things. I feel most of them are like Mary. They are carelessly turning away from them and running out to partake of the things of the world

around them. They are merely playing and wasting their time, but one of these days death will overtake them, and they will be eternally lost. How sad! It will pay to stop, look, and listen to what Jesus has to tell us now while we are in good health and have the right use of our minds. There was a time when people did not know how to come to Jesus, but now we can know. He is the light of the world. We need not stumble in darkness, but can walk in the light.

Our lesson teaches about two kinds of blindness. One is natural blindness and the other is spiritual blindness. God is able to heal both.

Some seemed to think that the blind whom Jesus healed was born blind because of sin. Jesus told them that he was not blind because of his sin, nor the sin of his parents, but that God should heal him and therefore be glorified. This does not mean that his parents had not committed sin, but that sin was not the direct cause of his blindness. We do not understand all the answers why we are afflicted or have troubles in this life, but we know that we can trust God to take care of all of them. Jesus showed that he had power to heal blind eyes. He said that while he was here in the world he was the light of the world. When Jesus went away he left his disciples to be the light of the world. Now, today, you and I are to help others know about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the way to live to get to heaven.

Notice that the blind man received his sight because he obeyed Jesus. He went his way and washed and came seeing. Boys and girls, obedience will bring blessings to us in many ways. We should always obey Jesus. Some who saw the blind man healed, believed, but many did not believe that Jesus was the Christ, who was the Savior of the world. They even tried to get the blind man not to

worship Jesus after he healed him, but he would not listen to them. They cast him out of the synagogue. This was a big punishment in that day. When Jesus heard about it, he found the man and comforted him. Jesus is a wonderful Savior and we should love him with all of our hearts.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 7, February 18, 1968

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

John 9:1-7; 35-41

John 9:1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.

7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent). He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?

36 And he answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?

37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.

38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

39 And Jesus Said, For judgment I am come unto this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.

40 And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also?

41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

Memory Verse: Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. John 8:12.

Central Thought: It is much worse to be spiritually blind than physically blind.

QUESTIONS:

1. What two kinds of blindness does our lesson speak of?

2. Had sin caused the man to be blind?

3. Why did Jesus say the man was born blind?

4. What did Jesus put on the man's eyes?

5. What did Jesus tell the man to do?

6. Would the man have been healed if he had not obeyed Jesus?

7. Did all the people believe on Jesus when they saw the blind man able to see?

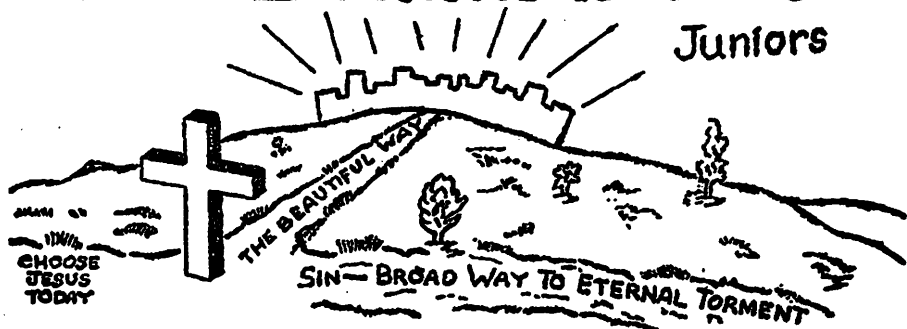
8. What did Jesus say he was to the world?

9. Who are the lights in the world today? How do we let our lights shine?

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Part Eight

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God our Father

There is a law in heaven's sight
That cannot be undone:
A Father who is just and right
Must discipline his son.

The child knows not the way alone,
A hand must lead and guide;
A wiser, stronger One makes known
The laws that must abide.

God is our heavenly Father,
We are children of His hand;
To Him let us submissive be
And follow His command.

—Leslie Busbee

I Will Fear No Evil

Pedro had been a Christian only a short time. He had believed in ghosts and spirits more years than he had believed in the one loving God. It was hard to forget the stories he had always heard about the evil spirits that lived in trees, rocks, and flowing water. It was hard to remember always that he was now a Christian.

Pedro's mountainous part of the Philippine Islands had not been touched when the Spaniards conquered the beautiful green islands in the sixteenth century and sent missionaries of the Roman Catholic Church. Nobody had come to teach a different faith than fear of ghosts and spirits until the Protestant missionaries came.

Pedro had gone to the new church, been baptized, and learned to recite many verses from the Bible. He was glad to be a Christian but sometimes he forgot.

At the time of our story he found himself thinking of ghosts and spirits instead of God who loved him. It was the darkest of dark nights when Pedro had to go on an errand from his own mountain village to another.

You who live among street lights, house lamps, and automobile headlights have no idea how dark the world can be where none of these lights are shining. There was no moon that night. There was nothing but the small flame of Pedro's lantern as he walked slowly, feeling his way along the trail.

Every frightful story he had ever heard popped into his mind. The soft hooting of the owl seemed eerie to him. The hoarse "gek-ko" of the big green lizards seemed like the shrieks of wicked demons. The scratching of one tree limb upon another seemed like wails from another world. The big fruit bat swished close to him, making him jump.

Pedro would have turned about and run for home, but he had gone too far. It would be as bad to turn back as to go on.

"I wish I had the charm I used to carry before I was baptized," thought Pedro. "That was supposed to keep away evil spirits. My new Christian faith has no charms."

Pedro stumbled on, thinking now of the new faith which was supposed to make him strong and brave. He tried to pray but could not think of the right words. He did not know that God hears prayers without words.

Then Pedro began to recite Bible verses. He remembered one about "the valley of the shadow of death." He felt he was in such a valley now.

"The Lord is my shepherd," Pedro recited aloud. He wondered what made that clump of tree ferns sway so hard.

"I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures." He hoped that noise was a big lizard rustling off through the leaves—not a ghost.

"He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul," recited Pedro. This was the time of night when poisonous snakes were about, but he would rather meet one of them than a spirit.

"He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me." That thou meant God, didn't it? Didn't it mean that God was really with Pedro here on the dark mountain trail?

"Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." It was good to think of God walking beside him, taking care of him.

"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies." Enemies? That would mean ghosts or spirits. No, not really! There weren't any ghosts. It would mean the fear of ghosts or spirits. Fear was Pedro's enemy.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

Pedro walked with a lighter step. Suddenly he was not afraid. The psalm was like a prayer to him. It made him feel that God was with him. He looked at the clumps of trees and laughed. He knew wind, shadows, owls, and big green lizards for what they were. There was nothing on that trail at night more frightful than when he ran along it in the daytime.

"The Lord is my shepherd," Pedro began again. He could not tell you how many times he recited that psalm before he came to the neighboring village. But he could tell you that it put courage into his heart and a spring into his walk. —Sel.

A BIG DIFFERENCE

Two sisters had been living in different cities. They had come home on a visit. While away from home, one of the girls had become a Christian. After a few days the other girl said, "I don't know what causes

it, but you are a great deal easier to live with than you used to be."

When Jesus comes in, it should make a difference!

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a door and write CHRIST on it. Put under that the words, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." John 10:9.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Did you ever see a shepherd and his flock of sheep? We do not see that so much these days as was seen in the olden days. Today we have fences to help care for the sheep. In the western states you can still see the shepherd and his sheep. Being alone day after day with the sheep, it is no wonder that he names them and knows them by name. They are his companions and he makes a friend of each one. Did you ever have a pet of your own? Perhaps you have one now. You love it very much. Well, the shepherd makes pets of each one of his sheep. He watches over them and is troubled if they get hurt or stray away. Sometimes the little lambs will wander off and get caught in the briars and thorns. Stickers will get into his wool. The shepherd comes and patiently gets it out of the thicket and takes the stickers, one by one, out of its wool coat. He might gently scold the little lamb and tell it to quit wandering from the path. The shepherd will lead the sheep to the good pastures and then down by the cool water. He takes good care of his sheep.

Our lesson tells us that Jesus is our Shepherd. No shepherd in the world is as good as our shepherd. He loves each one of us who are his sheep. In Psalms 100:3 it says, "We are his people, and

the sheep of his pasture." Jesus knows each one of us by our name. When he calls us, we hear his voice and follow him. Were you ever tempted to do wrong when something inside told you not to do that? Maybe you saw a nickel lying on the table. It had been there for days and you have been wanting a nickel very much. You might start to take it without asking Mother if you could have it, but Jesus calls you by name: "Betty, you must not take that nickel, because that is stealing." You feel real ashamed of yourself for even thinking of doing such an awful thing. Jesus is a good shepherd. He wants to get us to heaven and we must live right to get there.

Jesus is the door to the sheepfold, which is the church. We must come through the door. We must accept Jesus as our Saviour and ask him to forgive us of our sins before we can come into the church, which is God's people, all in one sheepfold. Jesus calls everyone a thief and robber who tries to climb up some other way. They never can get in but they think they will so they keep climbing up some other way.

Jesus loves his sheep. He gave his life for them. He died on the cross that they might have everlasting life. No one told him he had to, but he did it just because he loved us. We ought to love him with all of our hearts for doing that.

Jesus is a good shepherd. He is not like some shepherd who will run when they see the wolf coming, but he takes care of the sheep. He will care for his sheep as long as they live in this life and when death comes he will send the angels to take them to heaven. How wonderful that is!

How many of you can quote the 23rd Psalm? When we have Jesus as our

Shepherd, we will not lack. Our souls will be fully satisfied. When your father and mother are gone or when you are in trouble, Jesus, your Shepherd, will always be there to help you.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 8, February 25, 1968

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

John 10:7-18

John 10:7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

9 I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture.

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

11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring,

and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

Memory Verse: My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. John 10:27, 28.

Central Thought: We should give Jesus, our great Shepherd, our all since he gave his all to save his sheep.

QUESTIONS:

1. Tell something about how the shepherds take care of their sheep.

2. Can you name an old Bible character who was a shepherd?

3. What did Jesus call those who try to climb up some other way into the sheepfold?

4. Does Jesus have a name for each of his sheep?

5. How does he call us and at what times?

6. Who is the door to the sheepfold?

7. How do we go through the door to the sheepfold?

8. Who, if he sees the wolf coming, will leave the sheep?

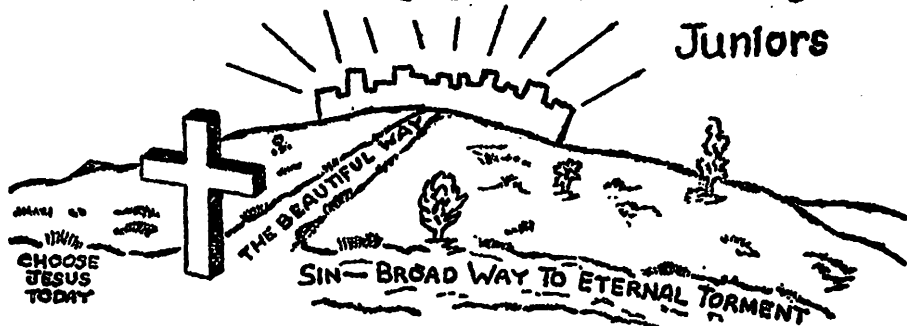
9. Did anyone make Jesus lay down his life for us?

10. Who are the other sheep that were not of that fold?

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Part Nine

Mar. 3

Inside the Gate

My mouth is like a great big gate
Which opens very wide:
When naughty words come out of it,
It's 'cause they've been inside.

Way back behind this open gate
There is a secret room;
I cannot clean it with a brush
Or sweep it with a broom.

My secret room is (can you guess?)
My heart, and now you see,
It's clean through Jesus' blood, and so
My words should always be.

—Selected

A Cowpuncher's Awakening

A cowboy rider, silhouetted against the fading sunset sky, yodels to the girl at the dugout across the ravine. Creeping stealthily from his den, a coyote thrusts his head around the corner of a rock and in weird coyote fashion proclaims to all his tribe that it is time for a nightly hunt. The

blue-black Rockies, far away, gaze solemnly at the rising moon.

Suddenly far out on the windswept plains a light flickers. As twilight deepens, from all directions troops of cowboys, a few autos, farm wagons loaded with men, women, and children ride over the grassy trails toward the light. There is a "meeting" at the school house tonight.

An old cow-puncher sitting on a front seat, his big hat across his knees, listened intently, evidently much enjoying the sermon. Immediately after dismissal, he greeted the minister with a hearty handshake and a broad grin.

"Well, now, Preacher," he drawled scornfully, "You don't expect a fellow to believe that stuff, do you? No, sir, you can't cram none of that down my throat." He laughed hilariously, then rushed on in his mad attack upon God and religion. The minister meekly listened. Men and boys crowded close around, watching intently every move, drinking in every word. Jeff grew louder, more profane. Brother Wendell, a compassionate smile playing at times on his sad face, gave respect-

ful attention—uttering never a word. At last, almost breathless, Jeff demanded, "Aren't you going to get mad, Preacher? I make every preacher mad that comes here."

"What shall I get mad about, sin?" he asked, grasping Jeff's rough hand and squeezing it warmly. A murmur swept over the dispersing crowd as Jeff stammered for want of words, then blurted out,

"Preacher, will you come to see me?"

A few days later Brother Wendell drove out to the little sod house of the cow-puncher. It was pleasant in the car so he invited his host to sit beside him.

"Say, Preacher," Jeff began, "I do not mean to harm your feelings but—but I don't believe anything I can't explain. I live in that old dirt shack yonder, but I'm not so dumb. I went to college when I was young—back East, and I read lots."

As before, the minister listened quietly while Jeff proceeded to (in his way of reasoning) knock all props out of the Bible and Christianity in general.

Finally the preacher asked, "Now, may I have the floor, if you are all through?"

Just then a black cow grazing by the roadside walked opposite the car.

"What's that?" asked Brother Wendell.

"A cow!" answered Jeff. To himself, "Hasn't he ever seen a cow?"

"What color is she?" continued the sober preacher.

"Black," snapped Jeff.

"What is she doing?"

"Eating grass."

"What color is the grass?"

Jeff was all nerves now. Surely this preacher is losing his mind! He an-

swered, "Green," quite nonplussed. The preacher raised calm, patient eyes to those staring down at him.

"Does she give any milk?"

"Yes."

"What color is the milk?"

"White!"

"Ever make any butter from the milk?"

"Sure!"

"What color is the butter?"

"Why, yellow, of course!" Jeff now laughed loudly.

Thoughtfully, slowly, Brother Wendell spoke, "A black cow, eating green grass, gives white milk, from which you say you make yellow butter. You don't believe anything you cannot explain; can you explain that?"

Jeff's countenance fell. As if awakened from a pleasant dream to face life's galling realities, he stammered about for a way of escape. Finding none, he meekly confessed: "You've got me corralled, Preacher, I can't!"

It was a meeker cowboy who, the following night occupied that front seat in the schoolhouse. As before, he drank in every word, but not that he might discredit it. Men marveled, wondered at the change. When the last message had been given and people crowded about Brother Wendell for a last goodbye Jeff pushed through the crowd and with tearful eyes gulped, "Good-bye, Preacher, pray for me." —Selected

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a tooth-pick man. In front of the man draw a casket and write death upon it. Then write the word CHOOSE and make a dash. Above the dash make a small cross and out from that write the words, ETERNAL LIFE. Below the dash write the words ETERNAL DAM-

NATION. Underneath the illustration write the words, "As death finds me, so will the judgment."

Dear Boys and Girls:—

I am sure that you are touched deeply when you know of someone who is sick, and especially someone whom you love very deeply. You want to help them but you might not know how. One thing you can always do is to pray for them.

There was a family whom Jesus loved very much when he lived here on this earth. It was Lazarus and his two sisters, Mary and Martha. Often he went to their home. One time Mary became so interested in listening to Jesus that her sister asked Jesus to tell her to come and help her serve. Another time Mary anointed the feet of Jesus with some very expensive perfumed ointment and wiped them with her hair. This family meant much to Jesus.

Jesus and his disciples were in Perea when word came from the sisters telling him that Lazarus was very sick. He did not go immediately but waited for two days. When he told his disciples that they should go to Judea, they felt fearful because they knew that Jesus had been threatened and he might be stoned. Jesus told them, "Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go that I may awake him out of sleep." They did not understand, so Jesus plainly told them that Lazarus was dead.

The sisters longed for Jesus to come and were expecting him. No doubt someone was watching the highway and as soon as they saw him coming they ran to tell the sisters. Martha went out to meet him but Mary stayed in the house.

"If you had been here my brother would not have died," Martha told Jesus. "Your brother will rise again," Jesus

told her. Martha knew that in the end of time at the resurrection he would arise. But Jesus spoke those wonderful words to her that mean so much to you and me: "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead yet shall he live." Boys and girls, we should believe in Jesus. He holds life in His hands. If we do, we will live again. We will arise on that resurrection morning.

Martha was very sure that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God, which was to come into the world. Jesus asked about Mary, so Martha went to tell her. Mary then came outside the town to see him. When they saw her leave quickly, the Jews who were there to comfort her thought she was going to the grave to weep there. Mary fell at Jesus' feet and wept. The Jews were weeping and Jesus wept with them. How wonderful our Saviour is! He loves us the same today. Even though Lazarus had been dead four days, Jesus told them to roll away the stone from the grave. Jesus prayed to his Father in heaven and then called for Lazarus to come forth. Lazarus arose and Jesus told them to loose him from his graveclothes and let him go. What a wonderful Jesus he was to those dear people! He has the same compassion for us today. We should love and serve him with all of our hearts that we, too, may arise in the resurrection morn.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 9, March 3, 1968

THE LORD OF LIFE AND DEATH

John 11:20-27, 38-44

John 11:20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house.

21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.

23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believeth thou this?

27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord, I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

38 Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.

40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldst believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?

41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they might believe that thou hast sent me.

43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

Memory Verse: Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believeth thou this? John 11:25, 26.

Central Thought: If we do not meet Jesus here in this life as our Saviour we will meet him in the judgment as our Judge.

QUESTIONS:

1. What did Jesus do when he heard that Lazarus was sick?

2. Did the disciples, Mary, and Martha understand why Jesus did not go immediately to him?

3. How did Jesus describe the death of Lazarus?

4. Who went out to meet Jesus when he came near Bethany, the home of the two sisters?

5. What did Martha tell Jesus when he told her Lazarus would arise again?

6. Did Martha firmly believe Jesus to be the Christ, who was to die for our sins?

7. How did Jesus show his love for Lazarus and his sympathy for the sisters?

8. Why did Jesus pray before he called to Lazarus to come forth?

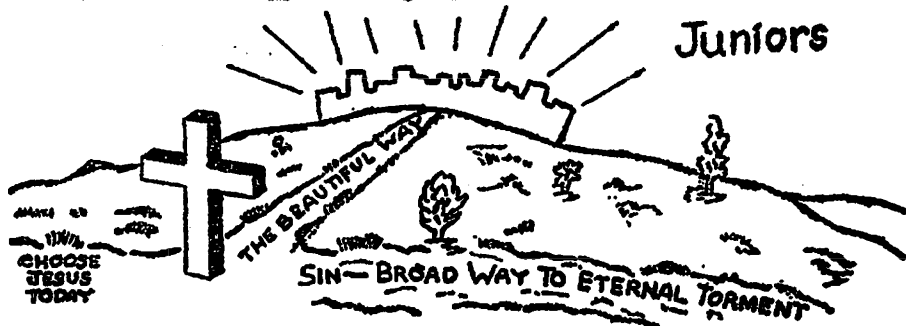
9. When Lazarus arose, what did Jesus tell those around to do?

10. Does Jesus ever call for us as he did Mary? How does he do it?

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Mar. 10

A Wise Teacher

"I am going to pass out some envelopes and then we teachers will go out of the room. The one who took the money can put it in the envelope," Mrs. — said as she gave each child in the room an envelope. "After we come back in we will take them up and no one will know who took the lunch money."

One of the pupils had told the teacher that her lunch money for the week had been taken. It was \$1.35. This grieved the teacher very much as the little girl's parents, no doubt, could not afford to give her more money for the week's lunch. But the teacher was more grieved because someone had disobeyed God and taken the money. She knew that if that child continued to steal he would end up in jail and get in very much trouble in life. She also knew that it was the road that leads to hell and that if he did not repent, that child would end up there. This teacher loved God and taught her children in the school room that there was a God. When

they talked about how the world was made and what the books they had to read taught, also the theory of evolution, this teacher told the children that she would leave it up to them to believe what the books taught but that she, personally, believed that God made the world and created man and all things in the beginning just as the Bible tells us.

There were two classes in this room at that time, and two teachers. The principal was there, too. The teachers left the room and after a while they came back and took up the envelopes but there was not any money in them. Mrs. — talked to the children again and then took her Bible and read the Ten Commandments to them. She began reading Exodus 20:1-18, "And God spake all these words saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath,

or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them nor serve them: for I the Lord Thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me: And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. 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. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. . . . Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal. THOU SHALT NOT STEAL," repeated Mrs.

— Then she continued to read from the Bible. "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife nor his menservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's. And all the people saw the thunders, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off." Everything was very, very quiet in the class room.

"Now," quietly spoke Mrs. — "We are going to pass out these envelopes again. We will leave the room and you can put the money in the envelope."

Again the envelopes were passed out. The two teachers and the principal stepped out of the room. Later they returned and took up the envelopes. As they opened them this time they found a dollar bill in one and in another 35¢. I am sure that those

pupils never forgot that day nor the lesson they learned.

(Told to M. Miles by Sharon B.)

SUPPOSE

If all that we say
In a single day,
With never a word left out,
Were printed each night
In clear black and white,
'Twould prove queer reading, no
doubt.

And then just suppose
Ere one's eyes he could close,
He must read the day's record
through,
Then wouldn't one sigh,
And wouldn't one try
A great deal less talking to do?

And I more than half think
That many a kink
Would be smoothed in life's tangled
thread,
If one-half that we say
In a single day
Were left forever unsaid.

DOING GOOD

Emma, on her way to school, passed a little boy whose hand was through the railing of a gentleman's front garden, trying to pick a flower.

"Oh, little boy," said Emma, kindly; "are you taking that without leave?"

"Nobody sees me," answered the little boy.

"Somebody sees you from the blue sky," answered Emma. "God says we must not take what does not belong to us without leave, and you will grieve Him if you do so."

"Shall I?" said he; "then I won't." He drew back his hand and went away. One way of doing good is to prevent others from doing wrong.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a wash basin, feet, and towel. Write under it the words, "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet: ye ought to wash one another's feet." John 13:14.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

We trust that you do thank God that you live in a land where you can hear about Jesus and know about God. In Russia and countries where they will not let them openly worship God, there are people with hungry hearts. One preacher, who had been tortured and put in prison for 14 years for telling others about God, said that he met many who feel there surely is a higher Being and they try to worship Him but they do not know who He is. One person called God "Nobody." He didn't know anything else to call him. They had been told repeatedly that in heaven there is nobody. Boys and girls, there is something in every person that will acknowledge God if the person will let it. This preacher said that when he told a hungry-hearted Russian about Jesus and how He died on the cross, the Russian sat down and wept. Then when he was told that Jesus arose from the grave and is alive forevermore, he rejoiced and was happy. He gave his heart to God. Hundreds of Bibles and parts of the Bible are being smuggled into Russia by people who know that if they are caught they will be punished severely and perhaps killed. Here in this land we have plenty of Bibles; but do we love the Word of God as we should?

Jesus has taught us to love our enemies as well as our friends. Pastor Wurmbrand tells of a little boy whose parents had been taken from him because they were Christians. This boy took a potted plant to the man who had caused his parents to be taken away, to give to his wife on this boy's mother's birthday. This touched that man and he stood in defense of the Christians. The boy told him that his mother had taught him to love his enemies. Could you do that? No, not unless you had Jesus in your heart. Jesus wants us to show our love to everyone. Keep a forgiving heart toward all.

Our lesson tells us about the ordinance of feet washing. Peter did not want Jesus to wash his feet but Jesus told him that he could not have any part with him if he did not allow it. Peter then wanted him to wash his whole body. He did not want to miss that. Boys and girls, if we do not submit to Jesus and obey him, we will not have any part with him.

Jesus left us an example and said, "Ye ought to wash one another's feet." The Church of God observes this wonderful ordinance. The sisters wash the sisters feet and, in another place, the brothers wash the brothers' feet. It makes us happy because we are obeying God's command. Some people are not that humble. God has a humble people who will have a part with him here and in eternity. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 10, March 10, 1968

CHRIST, THE HUMBLE SERVANT

John 13:1-15

John 13:1 Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his

hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;

3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God:

4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for I am.

14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

Memory Verse: For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth. Luke 22:27.

Central Thought: It brings joy to our hearts when we from the heart obey his commands.

QUESTIONS:

1. Did Jesus wash the disciples' feet before or after the Passover supper?

2. Did Jesus know that his time was near when he would die on the cross for our sins?

3. Who put it in the heart of Judas to betray Jesus?

4. Did Judas have to do as the devil told him?

5. What does it mean when it says that "Jesus arose from supper and girded himself with a towel"?

6. Does it say that Jesus washed their feet or their foot?

7. What did Peter say when Jesus started to wash his feet?

8. How did Peter react when he told him he could not have any part with him?

9. What did Jesus mean when he said, "Ye ought to wash one another's feet"?

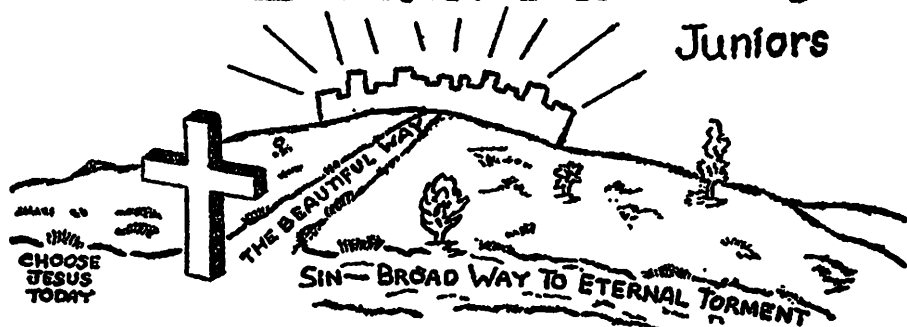
10. What does it mean when Jesus said, "Ye ought to pray and not to faint"?

11. Explain verse 15.

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God's Mercy

God's mercy great I now can see
Upon my brothers young and me
When to the river with our Dad
We went one day, a time we had!

The current swift, the hole so deep,
My brothers from our grasp did sweep
Beneath the surface, out of sight,
Caught in the awful current's might.

Somehow (the Lord was there I
know)
We snatched them from the river's
flow,
And breathed a sigh of sweet relief
Instead of bitter walls of grief.

—Leslie Busbee

Something Better

It was a beautiful day in early spring, and during recess some of the boys decided that it was just the time for a hike. School was out at 2 o'clock on Friday and that would leave plenty of time for it.

"We'll hike down to the spring, then build a fire and roast some potatoes," said Bob Lewis.

All the boys watched the clock until time to rush home for lunch. Ted was so happy that he ran all the way home. Only between gasps for breath did he manage to ask his father if he could go with the boys.

"Who is going?" asked his father.

"Just a bunch of us fellows, Father," said Ted, knowing that all the boys might not meet his father's approval.

"But just who?"

"Well, there's George Gibson, Bob Lewis, the two Stetson boys and Tom Harris," Ted said. His voice faded out until the name Tom Harris was almost a whisper.

Ted's father looked thoughtfully at him. Ted knew what that meant.

"I'm sorry, Ted, I can't let you go," he said.

Ted almost asked "why?" but did not, because when Father said no, he meant just what he said. Not only that, but Ted knew why.

Downcast, Ted turned away and started back to school.

"Well, we're going anyway. We're going to have fun, too. Ah, why don't you come anyway; your Father won't know. If he does, what's the difference?" said Tom Harris.

Ted walked home so slowly that even the dog did not run to meet him. In the house he smelled the spicy scent of baking cookies. Olga was in the kitchen baking, and singing at her work. She was even then taking a piping hot pan from the oven.

"Have a cookie, Ted," Olga said, singing all the while.

The cookie was hot and Ted had to toss it from one hand to the other in order to keep from burning himself. Olga set a glass of cold milk before him and there was a feast for a king! When Ted had finished three or four cookies and the glass of milk, he almost felt like living again.

Olga was still singing, though she was hot and covered with perspiration.

"Olga," Ted said, "what makes you sing so much? You always seem so happy and you work hard. Don't you ever get tired of working for us? You must always get what you want, that must be it."

"Oh, no," answered Olga, "not at all, sometimes things work out just the opposite. I don't always get what I want. But I know my heavenly Father gives me what's best for me, and sometimes it's something better than I wanted."

"That's never happened to me. But tell me about when you got something better than you wanted," Ted said.

"Maybe you haven't noticed, that's all, Ted. I could tell you about many times in my life when the Lord has worked things out just that way. Now take this time. All summer I wanted more than anything to go to Minneso-

ta to see my sister. But no matter how hard I tried I couldn't make it. But near the close of the summer my sister wrote that she was coming to see me! To top it all off she decided to stay here and work. Now we can spend our Thursday afternoons off together, and go to church together on Sunday, too. Now, wasn't that a lot better than all my planning could have ever done?"

"Here's hoping the Lord has something better for me than taking that hike. I surely wanted to go on it," Ted said.

All day long Ted waited for something better to happen, but went to bed disappointed. He was turning off his lamp when his father opened the door and came into the room. Sitting beside him on his bed, he said:

"You know I'm sorry I had to break up your plans for this afternoon, don't you, Ted? But you understand why, too, don't you?"

"I guess I do, Father," Ted answered. "Tom Harris has a pretty bad reputation and I'm not saying it's not the truth, so I guess you were right. Of course I did want to go."

"I know it, Ted, and because you didn't, I have a better plan. I have some business to talk over with your Uncle Phil and I've decided to drive out there tomorrow. Now if you can get your sister and Aunt Annie to want to go, we'll start early tomorrow. How about it?"

Ted was out of bed like a flash, in his robe and almost out the door when he remembered to stop long enough to say to his father, "Say, Father, that's great! It just goes to show that Olga was right when she said, 'If the Lord doesn't give you what

you want, He often gives you something better.' " —Selected

Old things must go from one's life to make room for better things. This happens when we receive the Lord Jesus as our very own Saviour. "Behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:15.

To be truthful is one of the ways of proving a good character.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a fire. Did you ever see your mother hold a needle over a flame before she used it to pick a splinter out of your hand? Do you know why she did that? She wanted to purify it and make it clear of all germs. The fire of the Holy Spirit purifies and makes our hearts and natures clean when he comes in and takes up his abode. Write the words under the fire, "Being sanctified [purified] by the Holy Ghost." Rom. 15:16.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Jesus has plainly told us that if boys and girls love him they will obey him. It is just that simple. You prove your love to Jesus by keeping his commandments. We can't get around this, but have to face it. When you disobey Jesus' words and commandments, you just don't love him. How sad! We all want to go to heaven and all of us need Jesus to help us in this life. We should be very careful to live for Jesus and obey him. Jesus does not ask you to do anything that is too hard for you to do. It might seem hard if you are not willing to obey him but want to go your own way. Jesus himself pleased his Father. Before he went to the cross, he said, "Not

my will, but thine be done." He did not want to please himself, but to please God, his Father. You do not want to please yourself but should desire to please Jesus. Then you will be happy. The devil tries to make you think you will not be happy, but he is a liar and the father of lies.

Jesus told his disciples that the Holy Spirit would come after he had gone away. The Spirit of God would dwell in their hearts and help them, He told them. The Holy Spirit would be with them to give them power to keep his commandments, help them, comfort them, teach them, and guide them into the right path. Don't we all need the Holy Spirit today as we live in this wicked world? We can't go the right way without the Holy Spirit.

After Jesus arose from the grave and ascended up into heaven, there were 120 disciples waiting as he had told them to in the upper room. They were searching their hearts and were in one accord. Love flowed from heart to heart. No one condemned Peter for betraying Jesus. They had forgiven him just as Jesus had. Suddenly there came a sound as a rushing mighty wind. They understood the meaning of the sound from heaven, for at that very time the Holy Spirit came upon them. And they saw, resting upon each other's heads what seemed to be tongue-shaped flames of fire. They also felt it in their hearts and they began to rejoice. They were no longer afraid of their enemies that had put Jesus to death. The Holy Spirit gave them boldness and courage to tell others that Jesus was really the Christ.

Crowds began to gather in the street below. They wondered just what had happened up there in that upper room. In that crowd were people from 16 other countries who spoke that many different languages. God wanted everyone to

know that the Holy Spirit had come. How surprised they were to hear those happy men and women praising God and telling the wonderful news that Jesus was the Christ in their own language.

That day was fulfilled what Jesus was telling the disciples would come to pass in our lesson today. How wonderful it is to have the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, dwelling in our hearts.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 11, March 17, 1968

THE PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT

John 14:15-26

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

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;

17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

25 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

26 But the Comforter which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Memory Verse: And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever: John 14:16.

Central Thought: To love Jesus is to obey him.

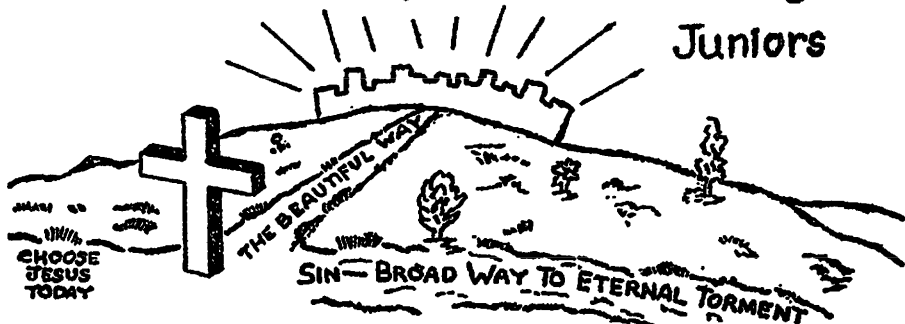
QUESTIONS:

1. How much are we to love the Lord?
2. What does it prove if we disobey his commandments?
3. In whom is the Spirit of Truth to dwell?
4. What does it mean when we speak of the Comforter?
5. What did Jesus say the Holy Spirit would do for the disciples when He came?
6. When were these words of Jesus fulfilled?
7. How did others know that the Holy Spirit had come into their hearts?
8. Where were the 120 disciples when the Holy Spirit came?
9. Why do we need the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives today?

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Best Prize

"There, my Cherry Blossom, sit very carefully so that you won't muss your dress, and don't fall down, I couldn't bear to have you broken!"

With tender hands Patty placed the beautifully dressed Japanese doll beside the stiff blanket-robed Indian. She looked shyly around the room to see if anyone had noticed her whispering to her favorite doll, but all of the other girls and boys were busy with their own hobbies. The school room was filled with long tables, gay with butterflies, stamp collections, shells, and other treasures.

And so many dolls! thought Patty in dismay. Then she brightened. There wasn't another in the room like Cherry Blossom! Of course, Diane had Lucinda. An anxious look came into Patty's dark eyes. Across the room her cousin held a lovely old-fashioned lady—Grandmother's doll! Diane looked at Patty and gave her yellow curls a toss as if to say, "Lucinda's going to win for me—wait and see!"

Patty quickly caught Cherry Blossom up in her arms for comfort. Cherry Blossom had been brought from Japan by her missionary uncle. A rare doll, he had said. The problem was, which niece should have her—Patty or Diane? Grandmother solved the problem by offering her own "Lucinda" to one. Patty was so glad Diane wanted Lucinda, because she had fallen in love at first sight with Cherry Blossom.

"Patty," Diane came over to her table. She smiled coaxingly, showing her dimples, "I'll trade Lucinda for Cherry Blossom."

"No," said Patty, giving her long black braids a shake, "I don't want to trade."

"All right, Meanie, keep your old doll," Diane cried hatefully and gave Patty a shove. Patty caught at the table to keep from falling. Her heart leaped, as she felt the doll slipping from her arms, and then there was a sickening crash as it hit the floor.

She knelt down and began to pick up the pieces, trying to keep back the tears. It seemed to Patty that her own heart was broken in as many

pieces as Cherry Blossom. She heard the children running up, asking what had happened, but she did not look up. Then she heard:

"Patty, I'm so sorry!" Diane's voice was low as she knelt beside her. Patty looked at Diane and saw that Diane's eyes were full of tears. But sudden anger filled Patty. She hated Diane!

The rest of the day she avoided her cousin. She did not want to see the pleading look in her eyes.

"I'll never forgive her," she vowed, "Never!" Diane always got what she wanted, and now with Cherry Blossom gone she would win the prize for dolls easily.

Patty hurried home from school as fast as she could so that she would not need to walk with Diane, who lived next door. Once she was sure she heard Diane calling, but she pretended not to hear and walked faster.

All through dinner she hung on to her anger with a stubbornness unlike her usual forgiving nature.

"I won't forgive her!" Patty gave the cup she was drying an angry twist. For the second time that day her heart leaped sickeningly.

"Mother, Mother," she cried in alarm, "look what happened!" She held out her hands. In one lay a beautiful, fragile cup—a treasured keepsake. In the other the handle. Dimly she remembered hearing her mother caution her to dry it carefully.

"I—I was just drying it and—" She saw the look of disappointment on Mother's face. "Oh, Mother, I'm so sorry! Please, please forgive me!" All of the pent-up emotion of the day burst from her and she cried heart-brokenly.

Mother put her arms around her and held her close. "Don't cry, dear," she said soothingly. "Of course I forgive you! Why, you are worth more to me than many cups. Besides, if I didn't forgive you, how could I go to my heavenly Father in prayer?"

Patty's crying stopped suddenly.

"Mother, what do you mean?"

"Why, Patty, have you forgotten? The Bible tells us that when we pray we must forgive if we have anything against our brother (or anyone), and make it right with him—then we can pray."

"Oh!" Patty was thinking hard. "Mother, may I run over to Diane's a minute. I just have to see her."

Later as Patty snuggled in bed after a wonderful prayer time, she thought of Diane's happy, relieved face when she told her she was forgiven.

"I really am sorry this time and I'll prove it," said Diane.

The bell was ringing as Patty came on the school grounds the next morning. She felt a little hurt that Diane had gone on to school without her.

"I suppose she was anxious to see that she had won the prize," she thought with a sting of remembrance. "Oh, well, it's all right," she reminded herself quickly. "It's nice to be friends again."

She ran to catch up with the line going in her room. All of the children were excitedly talking about the hobby contest.

"Patty, Patty," they cried when they saw her, "you won first prize for dolls!"

"I did?" Patty was puzzled.

"Lucinda won for you," whispered Diane. "I put your name on Lucinda. We'll share her after this. And oh,

Patty, I'm so glad you've forgiven me!"

"That is the best prize," Patty said to herself as she saw Diane's eyes shining with love for her. —Sel.

LEFT HER TO GOD

Over in West Africa there was a school full of boys and girls. Some missionaries had gathered them together and were teaching them to read and write. One day one of the girls hit one of her schoolmates. When the teacher found out about it she asked the girl who was hit, "Did you strike her back?"

The girl answered, "No."

Then, "What did you do?" the teacher asked.

"I left her to God," the girl answered.

Do you hit back—or leave the folks who hurt you, to God?

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a vine growing out of the ground. Put fruit on the branches. Name each fruit as following: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. (Gal. 5:22) Label the vine CHRIST. Write for the soil "Obedience and Prayer."

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Did you ever see a vineyard? In California there are large vineyards. The vines are planted in long rows. They grow out and then a time of pruning comes. All the branches that show no signs of bringing forth fruit are cut off that they will not hinder the good vines from bringing forth good fruit. Then

when the grapes have been gathered, the vines are cut back to almost nothing but the main stem. The man who owns the vineyard knows just how to take care of each vine so it will bring forth good fruit for him. He is careful with each one. But if a vine doesn't bring forth fruit, it is taken away completely. They are stacked in piles where they become withered, and are to be burned up.

In our lesson Jesus is giving us a parable. A parable means a truth beside a story, or side by side. In this parable God is the owner of the vineyard or the Husbandman. Jesus is the vine. The branches are those who have been born again and belong to God. The fruit are the lives of all those who obey God and do his will. They have love for all.

Did you know that hate never helped anyone? Hate never makes friends or helps trouble to vanish. Hate destroys and causes trouble. On the other hand, love touches others. The Apostle Paul tells us what to do to our enemies. He said, "If thine enemy hunger, feed him: if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." Rom. 12:20, 21. Can you do that? That girl who hit you and acted naughty to you,—if you will divide your candy bar with her or even give it all to her, that would be better than mistreating her. Love is a fruit of the branch that abides in the vine, Jesus Christ, in the vineyard of God, the Father.

Long-suffering also is a fruit we need to bear. If the neighbor girl, who always causes trouble, comes over to your house, you still should be nice to her. And you must bear the fruit of long-suffering toward that boy who always gets your ball and hides it or trips you when you are running, or turns your bicycle over. God will be pleased with you if you do.

How can we bear all these fruits? We need to watch and pray. We need to be obedient to God. We need to stay close to Jesus and in his love. Just abide in his love, live under Jesus' love. He has said, "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love." (verse 9.) How much does the Father love Jesus, his son? Jesus loves us just as His Father loves him. We want to keep that close relationship between us, Jesus, and God the Father.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 12, March 24, 1968

ABIDING IN CHRIST

John 15:1-12

John 15:1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

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

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8 Herein is my Father glorified, that

ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

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.

Memory Verse: I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. John 15:5.

Central Thought: The love of God, the Father, Jesus, the Son, and his disciples, brings great joy to all and bears much fruit in the world.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who is the Vine?

2. Who is the Husbandman of the vineyard?

3. Who are the branches?

4. What kind of relationship among the branches does the Husbandman, God, want?

5. Name some of the fruits that those who love God and are prayerful will bear in their lives.

6. Can you tell some ways to show love?

7. How can we be longsuffering?

8. What happens to the branches that do not bear fruit?

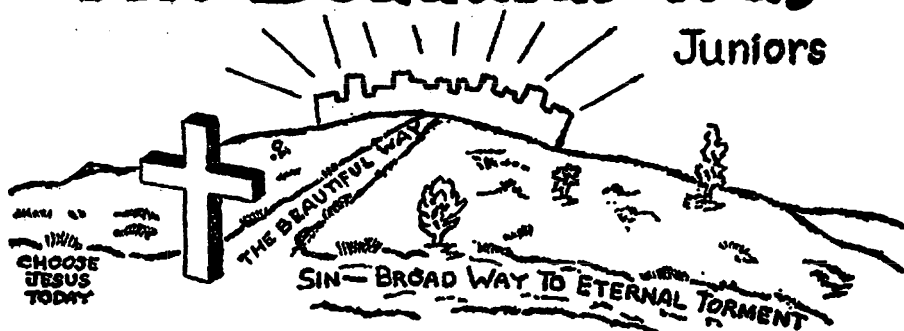
9. What does it mean to abide in God?

10. How can we get our prayers through to God?

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Mar. 31

Miss Modesty

Miss Modesty was a girl who lived in Average Town. She was so sweet and lovely that she had made many friends whom she prized highly, and justly so, a true friend being one of earth's greatest treasures.

However, a great change came over Miss Modesty, a change so gradual that some of her friends seemed scarcely to notice it; in fact, some of them even seemed to share it to no small degree.

Now across the street from Miss Modesty lived her very closest friend, Mrs. Saint, a child of God, who had been very sorrowful of late, for to her the change in her little friend was so very apparent.

For instance, the day when she came home from the beauty shop, her beautiful, bright hair shorn, and laid in artificial waves about her head; lips and cheeks painted a brilliant red; eyes made up to give them a hard, cold expression. Mrs. Saint could hardly believe her own eyes, though she looked and looked until

quite mercifully the tears came to shut out the sight.

The ugly slang that began floating from the dainty curtained windows of the little cottage across the way grew daily worse, until sometimes Mrs. Saint covered her ears, that she might not hear it.

Then came the morning when Miss Modesty, in the company of Mr. World left her home, clothed in the latest sport clothes, a sight which brought a flush of shame to the cheeks of Mrs. Saint.

But all in a flash came understanding. It was the influence of Mr. World and his circle of friends which led Miss Modesty astray. He was a most attractive fellow, perfectly groomed, of pleasing personality, who spent his hours in making money and having a gay time. That he was not at all the honest person that he seemed, Mrs. Saint knew all too well. She knew, too, that one of his favorite pastimes was to cleverly poison every unsuspecting victim that he could lay his hands on, in such a way that their minds could not distinguish between right and wrong, modern

scales grew over their eyes until they could not see the difference between sin and salvation. Their hearing was so affected they could neither hear the voice of conscience nor the knock at their heart's door.

Now there was a Great Physician dwelling in the town, the only living One who had a sure cure for any and every ailment. He had invited the public at large to call upon Him. He would heal them gladly, and there was no charge.

So Mrs. Saint, realizing at last what the trouble really was, went to see Miss Modesty, hoping to prevail upon her to seek out the Great Physician and lay her case before Him. Upon entering the house at Miss Modesty's inhospitable and hesitating invitation to do so, she hardly recognized her surroundings. Current magazines of questionable character, full ash trays, a bottle of wine, filmy evening gowns, spike heeled slippers, all lay about in wild confusion. The girl held a cigarette between her fingers as she faced Mrs. Saint with a hostile eye. Mrs. Saint felt nauseated at the spectacle, but taking a firm hold upon her courage, she remonstrated long with the girl, only to find her bitter and unresponsive.

At last she returned home, disappointed, but not defeated. If Miss Modesty would not consult the Great Physician herself, then she—Mrs. Saint—would intercede for her, determined to hold fast to the Throne of Grace until the very powers of heaven itself were moved in her behalf.

And in a few days a slight change in the girl did indeed take place. The false modern scales began to fall from her eyes, and she saw herself as others saw her. She looked anew on

the face of her old friends where love and respect for her had once shone, but where she could now see only mingled astonishment, sorrow, grief, and distaste. She was deeply stirred and knew suddenly that Mrs. Saint had spoken the truth. She had been, and still was, very ill. There was just the one thing to do, and she lost no time in the doing. Leaving Mr. World and the others far behind, she hurried at once to the Great Physician, dropped on her knees before Him, and with tears of repentance flowing down her cheeks, she besought His help. He touched her, and immediately she became whole.

Returning home, she shed her boisterous manner, washed her face clean, brushed the artificial wave from her hair, and slipping into a pretty little modest frock, she went as of old to the little cottage across the way.

Mrs. Saint welcomed her with tears of joy and open arms as she came in the door, "clothed, and in (her) right mind."

—Sel.

"A Lie Sticks"

"Would you tell a lie for three cents?" asked a teacher of one of her boys.

"No ma'am," answered Dick very promptly.

"For ten cents?"

"No ma'am."

"For a dollar?"

"No, ma'am."

"For a hundred dollars?"

"No ma'am."

"For a thousand dollars?"

Dick didn't answer immediately. A thousand dollars looked like such a big sum. Oh, what lots of things he could buy with it. While he was

thinking about it and trying to make up his mind whether it would pay to tell a lie for a thousand dollars, a boy behind him cried out: "No ma'am."

"Why not?"

"Because the lie sticks. When the thousand dollars are all gone, and the good things bought with them are all gone, too, the lie is there all the same."

God gives perfect peace even in the midst of trouble.

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psa. 122:1.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Make a row of bottles. Write under them this verse: John saw "Golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of the saints." Rev. 5:8. How many bottles of prayers do you have in heaven?

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Prayer is a wonderful privilege. How we need God in this world! This life is full of troubles, heartaches, and joys, and many good things, and we need someone to share them with. Many times during my life when it looked like we were sure to have a wreck, I called on God and He spared us. God is right with us all the time. He is there to help us. How wonderful it is to know this and what a comfort it is! In the dark, God is there. In the rain and the storm, God is there. In the floods and earthquakes, God is there. God is everywhere. Boys and girls, make it a habit to pray to Jesus all the time. You do not have to be on your knees to pray.

You can pray while walking around or riding in the car. You can pray as you sit at your desk at school. You can pray while lying in your bed. Pray anytime and anywhere and God is always awake and listening. But be sure not to neglect getting down on your knees often and talking to God.

Can you remember about different ones in the Bible who prayed? Remember that Elijah prayed when he wanted it to rain. Seven times he prayed, and finally when he saw a cloud the size of a man's hand, he knew it would rain.

Jacob prayed all night one time. Esau was coming to meet him and the last time he had seen his brother, he had planned to kill him. He did not know if Esau would still do that or not. Jacob prayed until God made him know all would be well.

Moses prayed to God one time for the children of Israel who had made a golden calf to worship instead of God. He told God to blot his name out of the Book of Life, too, if he destroyed the Israelites. God told Moses that He would only blot out the names of those who had sinned. Moses asked God to forgive their sins.

Peter prayed for God to bring Dorcas back to life. The people had wept much over the death of this godly woman. They showed Peter all the nice garments she had made for them and told him of all her good works. God brought her back to life and she was able to do more good deeds. (Acts 9:36-43.)

Paul and Silas prayed in the prison and God sent an earthquake and the doors flew open. The jailer was going to kill himself but Paul told him to do himself no harm for the prisoners were all there. The jailer got saved. Acts 16:23-32.

The chief man on an island where Paul and others were after a shipwreck, was

very sick. Paul prayed for him and God healed him. Acts 28:8.

Before Jesus went to the cross he and his disciples were together and he prayed. First, he prayed for himself as he needed help to face all that was before him. He then prayed for his disciples and then for us. We believed on Jesus through the words of the disciples. How wonderful to know that Jesus prayed to God the Father for us. Now Jesus is at the right hand of God praying to him for us. Boys and girls, do not forget to pray. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 13, March 31, 1968

FOR WHOM JESUS PRAYED

John 17:1, 6-10, 20-24

John 17:1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.

8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovest me before the foundation of the world.

Memory Verse: And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: John 17:22.

Central Thought: We should talk to God about ourselves and others, also.

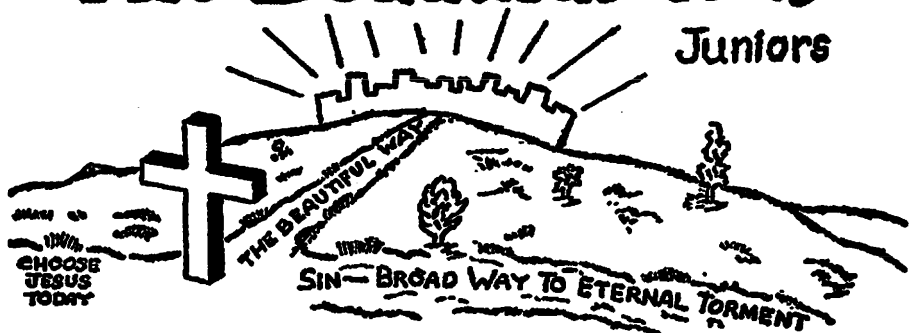
QUESTIONS:

1. What is prayer?
2. How often should a person pray?
3. Where should we be when we pray?
4. Did Jesus pray for himself?
5. Did he pray for his disciples?
6. Did he pray for you and me?
7. Can you tell of others who prayed and had their prayers answered?
8. What did John see that had the prayers of the saints in them?

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Part One

April 7

The Victory of the Cross

Who can know the blessed story
Of the vict'ry of the cross?
Jesus entered into glory
When He suffered death and loss.

Crucified, His heart was broken
As He hung upon the tree;
Truer words were never spoken:
"Sinner friend, He died for thee."

Taken from the land of living,
Yet He lives forevermore,
Life eternal gladly giving
If His name we will adore.

—Leslie Busbee

The Story of Patchy June

(A true story.)

It was on Sunday morning on the 10th day of June that this little baby girl drew her first breath of life on the shores of time. It was a bright sunny morning, they say, and the flowers were blooming and the birds singing and all nature seemed full of joy. As this little girl grew older

she found, however, that it was not always sunny along life's way. Sometimes, it seemed to her, that the birds had lost their song.

We cannot find words to tell you how happy were Mr. and Mrs. Dinsmore. They loved each other more, it seemed, and God and heaven were dearer to them than ever. Now with each other and with God and with little June, their hearts were so full that it seemed there was not room for any more.

The years went by and all was bright and joyous in the Dinsmore cottage among the vines. The Lord prospered Mr. Dinsmore in a financial way. The mortgage on his few acres was paid out, the cows were all paid for and the little farm was improved. These successes, however, seemed to get Frank's mind away from the Bible and from prayer. He began to take too much thought about the things he was gathering around him. He was not unconscious of it, for often he and his devoted wife would talk about them not finding the same enjoyment in their wor-

ship that they had formerly, but they drifted on despite a few feeble efforts to recover themselves. One evening a serious thing happened, and June, though only a little more than five years of age at the time, remembers it today. During the afternoon, Mrs. Dinsmore had a severe headache. She lay down to take a little rest and while lying there, the pain getting less, she went to sleep. While she was asleep the cows broke through the garden fence and getting into the garden ate freely of the nice growing vegetables and broke down a few young fruit trees. In the evening when Mr. Dinsmore came from his work his wife told him what had happened. He, with an angry look on his face, said, "You are getting to be nothing but a lazy thing. I do not see why you cannot keep the cows out of the garden while I am working so hard to get us along." With this he gathered up his buckets and went to milk the cows. Mrs. Dinsmore sat down to cry. Never before had she heard such words from her husband. Little June, coming up and putting her arms around her mother, said, "Don't cry, Mamma, I love you if Papa doesn't." The supper was eaten in silence. After supper Mr. Dinsmore went to the garden to see the damage. He did not find it nearly so bad as he expected. He trimmed off the broken branches from the trees, straightened up the corn and cabbage and it all looked pretty well. When he came into the house, all was in readiness for the family worship. Mr. Dinsmore took up the family Bible to read. On opening the Book, the first words his eyes fell upon were those of Col. 3:19.

(To be continued)

—C. E. Orr

Youth's Advice to Youth

Below are ten teen-age commandments adopted by four thousand high school student delegates at a meeting in San Francisco, later adopted by the Boston school committee for pupils in grades 7 through 12:

1. Don't let your parents down, they brought you up.
2. If you stop and think, you won't smoke or drink.
3. Be smart, obey. You'll give orders yourself someday.
4. Ditch dirty thoughts fast or they will ditch you.
5. Show-off driving is juvenile. If you are immature, try not to show it.
6. Pick the right friends if you would be picked for a friend.
7. Choose a date who is fit for a mate.
8. Don't go steady until you are ready.
9. Love God and your neighbors. Go to church every Sunday.
10. Live right. The soul you save may be your own.

To sum it up: "For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he [God] seeth all his goings." Job 34:21.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a huge V and then draw a cross inside the V.

The cross stands for victory. Victory over sin and death. The Apostle Paul tells us: "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith: who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Heb. 12:2. Jesus could not

have endured the shame and suffering without the strength given Him through the joy of knowing that millions would be saved through the cross. That meant victory.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

I do trust that you are finding a foundation in the Bible upon which to build your life. In this day and age it seems many young people are trying to find comfort other places because their home teachings have not been based upon the Bible. We read of those who have left good homes where they were well provided for, to live in poverty. Possibly many of them were never taught how to build their lives upon a firm foundation. Their parents before them did not know God and did not teach their children about God. So the children, many of them, left their good homes to find the security that their souls were longing for. Of course, we know they went to the wrong place. You should be thankful that you know what is right and what is wrong because you are taught the Bible. You have been taught to believe it and accept it, therefore you have a security and well-being that others do not have. Even if some of you do wrong you know where to go to find forgiveness from that wrong. You have been taught and you understand and believe that there was a man named Jesus who loved you so much that, not only did He say He loved you, but He also proved it by giving His life for you. Witnesses of that day have written about it and it has been preserved down through the years and today we can read about it, believe it, and know in our hearts that it is true.

What do you think of when you think of the cross? Do you think of two

pieces of wood nailed together? Do you think of the reproach and shame that it stood for in that day? It was considered too shameful for a Roman to be put to death on a cross in that day, even if he did commit a horrible crime. Do you think of how terrible those nails hurt when one was nailed to the cross? Do you think of the blood that dripped from that body? Yes, we think of all of these things, but the greatest thought of all is to know that Jesus chose to suffer all of this so you and I could be saved from sin. Oh, how great was His love! This One was with God in the beginning and they created the trees from which those boards were taken; they created the ground that the cross was put in that held the weight of that precious innocent Savior. Jesus was with God when he said, "Let us make man." But man sinned and did not love God nor His Son. They turned away from Him, so Jesus came here, took on a fleshly body and went to the cross to die for our sins. When you think of the cross, think of the great love of God and let it melt your heart for the One who died on the cross for you. Give Him your mind, soul, body and all of your strength. He will love you and take you to be with Him when you die. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 1, April 7, 1968

VICTORY OF THE CROSS

John 19:17-30

John 19:17 And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha:

18 Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.

19 And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.

20 This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin.

21 Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews.

22 Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.

23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.

24 They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.

25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene.

26 When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!

27 Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

28 After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

29 Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth.

30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, IT IS FINISHED: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Memory Verse: And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. John 12:32.

Central Thought: It means more than admiring a cross or wearing a cross to be saved. One must accept salvation from the Christ of the cross.

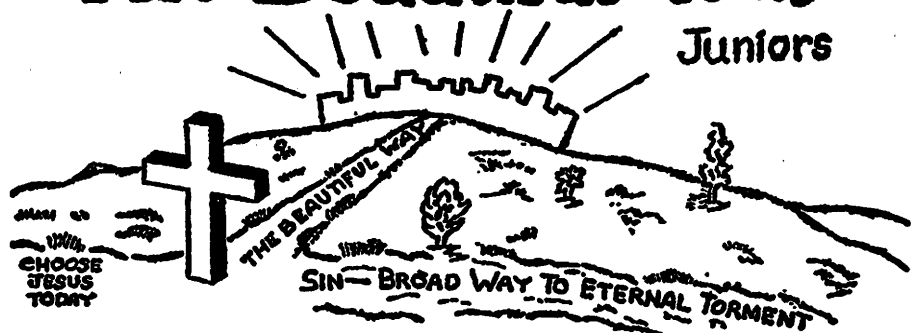
QUESTIONS:

1. Where was Jesus crucified?
2. What was written above His cross? In how many languages?
3. Why did the chief priests want the writing changed? Was it changed?
4. What did the soldiers do with Jesus' garments?
5. Read Psalm 22:18 where it tells hundreds of years before that this would come to pass.
6. Did Jesus' severe suffering make him forget His mother? What did He do?
7. What did Jesus cry out? What was given to Him? (Hyssop is a shrub and a stick may have been taken from it.)
8. Tell what He meant when He said, "It is finished." What do they mean to you?
9. Was there any other way for God to redeem sinners except for Christ to die?
10. Does Jesus still have enemies? Does He have friends?

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Part Two

April 14

EASTER

What does Easter mean to you?
Does it mean fun to do?
Or does it mean Jesus arising,
From His grave after His dying?

An angel came they say,
Rolled the heavy stone away;
He sat on top of this stone,
And the glory of God around him
shone.

Upon the cross for us He died,
Because of His love, He was crucified.
He died for you and me,
To gain for us Eternity.

Easter is a very big word,
And many have not really heard;
How Jesus came and died for all,
So we may live ETERNAL.

—Joan McIntosh

“Who hath sorrow? ... They that
tarry long at the wine; they that
go to seek mixed wine.” Prov. 23:
29, 30.

The Story of Patchy June

For a few minutes the eyes of Mr. Dinsmore rested on the words, “Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them,” and he laid the book on the table and kneeling at the feet of his wife, his eyes filled with tears, he begged her forgiveness. Mrs. Dinsmore, with her arms around his neck, assured him of forgiveness. He promised, by the help of God, never to speak so again, and he never did. Just a year from this time he went home to heaven.

Little June, coming up to her papa, put her arm around his neck and said, “The other day when Bruno pulled my doll out into the yard and I spoke ugly to him, you said that it was the bad man that caused me to talk that way. It was the bad man that had you to talk that way to Mamma, wasn’t it?”

“It was, my child,” answered the father, “and you pray that I may never speak so again, won’t you?” Then Mr. Dinsmore, resuming his seat, read a chapter in the blessed

Book and they bowed in prayer. The Lord came down in great blessing upon that little group at the altar of prayer. Their hearts were united closer to each other and to God than ever. Mr. Dinsmore said afterward that he never saw so much of heaven in his life before.

Only a few days later little June took sick with a fever. Mr. and Mrs. Dinsmore did not know so much about God's healing power then as they did a little later. They called the doctor in to see their sick child. He told them that she had typhoid fever and that she would be very sick and must have the greatest care. That evening at the hour of worship Mrs. Dinsmore read the eighth chapter of Matthew. Little June listened attentively. At the close of the reading she said, "Papa and Mamma, why can't the Lord heal me?" The parents looked at each other for a moment and then said, "I see no reason why He can't, nor why He won't." Faith came into the soul of the child. She asked them to pray for her. The weeping parents bowed at the bedside and with an arm around each other and an arm over June they called upon the Christ that healed the leper and healed Peter's wife's mother of a fever to come and heal their feverish child. The Lord came and touched her and she was made well. She sang with the parents and praised God for a long time that night. The glory of the Lord filled the room almost equal to that of a few evenings before. The next day when the doctor came, little June, with her doll, was playing under the cherry tree.

—By C. E. Orr

God loves the truth,
And that is why
He cannot love
A wicked lie.

So let us tell
The truth each day,
And watch each word
We start to say.

A Solemn Warning

(The following story is told by
Sister Nazworthy of Lakewood, Ill.)

When I read of children smoking cigarettes I am reminded of a certain unfortunate boy. The family's name was Thompson. We knew them well when they lived in Kirksville, Ill. The father was a section foreman on the C. & L.I.R.R. Later the family moved to Findlay, Ill., about five miles from Kirksville. The boy, when about eight years of age, began smoking cigarettes. He was around the railway station a very great deal. His father had now become a watchman at a flag station. An old man, who claimed to be a Christian, lived near them. We knew this old man real well. He often visited us and seemed to be a God-fearing man. He often talked with the boy, trying to show him the evils of cigarette smoking, but the boy gave no heed. One day, both this man and boy were at the depot. The old gentleman warned the boy again against smoking cigarettes.

There were a number of men at the depot. Someone said to the boy, "You will go to hell for smoking cigarettes."

The boy, pulling a cigarette and a match out of his pocket said, "I am going to smoke this one to hell." He jumped from the high platform down onto the track to get out of the wind

to light his cigarette. Just then the fast train struck him and he was instantly killed. Just as he gave his first puff of smoke from his cigarette, he went into eternity.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw three crosses. Write believer under one cross. Write Saviour under the middle cross and unbeliever under the third cross. Write sin on top of the two outside crosses where the thieves hang. Read Luke 24:39-43. One thief put his sins upon Jesus but the other one kept his. One thief was saved, the other thief was punished for his sins. He would not believe that Jesus could bear his punishment for him. Which one do you want to be like?

Dear Boys and Girls:—

We do many things for those we love. Your mother and father love you and do many things for you that you probably take for granted. There are many boys and girls in the world whose parents do not love them. They do not care if they have food, a home, or clothes. They do not take time to teach them what is right, but allow them to grow up and get into lots of trouble. There is something born in every boy and girl that causes them to want to do as they please. God gave them parents so they could teach their children to do right and punish them if they disobeyed so they would remember to do right. This keeps boys and girls from getting into trouble that would lead to jail and worse. Also it helps them to be ready to face life when they are old enough to go out on their own. No one can live in this world and do as he pleases because we have laws to govern us so we can live in peace. When

you do not learn to obey rules and consider others, you have much trouble. It will be hard for you to live for God because you have not learned to obey. No one can get to heaven unless he keeps God's comandments. Your parents love you very much if they teach you to obey, provide clothes, food and a home for you. But God loves you more. Just as your parents want you to love them in return for their love, God wants you to return all of your love to Him. God wants you to show your love to Him by keeping His comandments. He has proved His love to us by dying on the cross and rising from the grave. He appeared to the disciples and others and they wrote it down so we could read it and know it, too. Today we love a Saviour who is alive. He did not stay in the grave. We rejoice with the disciples who saw Him when He arose. He hears us when we pray and helps us when we are in need. We should love Him with all our hearts, minds, and souls.

Our lesson tells about Peter going fishing. Peter must have loved fishing. Jesus had called him away from fishing and asked him to fish for men. Jesus tested his love by asking him three times if he loved Him more than fishing. Today we should love Jesus more than anything else in the world. We should put Him first in our lives.

Verse 18 tells us how Peter was going to die. His story tells us that he felt unworthy to be crucified like Jesus and requested that he be crucified with his head down. He followed Jesus faithfully to his death, being willing to die because he had faith in Jesus and believed in Him.

Boys and girls, do not forget the real meaning of Easter. Some think more of eggs, rabbits, new clothes, and good

times than of the day of Christ's resurrection.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 2, April 14, 1968

OUR LOVE FOR A RISEN SAVIOUR

John 20:19-21; John 21:15-19

John 20:19 Then the same day at evening, before the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

John 21:15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

18 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou was young, thou girdedst

thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not.

19 This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, FOLLOW ME.

Memory Verse: Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. John 20:21.

Central Thought: The plan for our salvation was made complete when Jesus arose from the grave. We need to believe on Him and be saved from our sins.

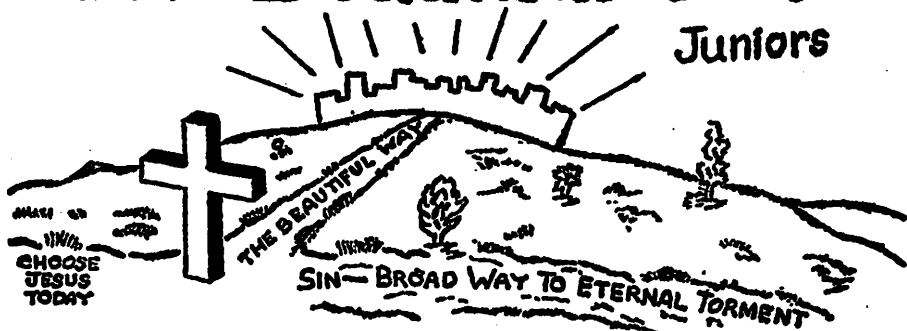
QUESTIONS:

1. What is the "first day of the week"?
2. Is there a better way to honor the Lord than to meet together on Sunday, the first day of the week, and worship Him from a pure heart?
3. How can the Saviour give us peace today?
4. Who had fixed the food for the disciples to eat beside the lake that day?
5. How many times did Jesus ask Peter if he loved Him more than fishing?
6. What did Jesus want to teach Peter?
7. What did Jesus mean by saying "feed my sheep" and "my lambs"?
8. Did Jesus tell Peter about his death?
9. What is the true meaning of Easter?
10. How is Easter kept by many today? How do you keep Easter?

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April 21

The Treasure of Life

In life there is a treasure
That boys and girls should seek,
Great riches will it measure
To all who will be meek.

Long life, peace, joy, and gladness
And hope of life above
With comfort in deep sadness
Is yours through wisdom's love.

Seek wisdom in your living
And you will surely find
The joy that it is giving
To heart and soul and mind.

—Leslie Busbee

The Story of Patchy June

Mr. Mansfield, Mrs. Dinsmore's father had moved to a town, or rather to a small farm adjoining a town some fifty or more miles from where the Dinsmores lived. One evening Mrs. Dinsmore asked her husband if she and June could not go visit her folks. She said she could bake up

plenty of bread and cakes and other things that would keep for a whole week and that he could get along for a few days without them. He told her that they could go. Little June had not seen her Grandpa and Grandma since they had moved. With Mr. Dinsmore's consent, Mrs. Dinsmore and June set about to get ready to go. There were several things that needed to be done. June needed a new pair of stockings, and the old ones needed some mending and she needed a new dress. Mrs. Dinsmore asked her husband to get a certain kind of goods as she wanted to make June a new dress. She told him the kind of goods she wanted, and the number of yards. The next day when Mr. Dinsmore went to town he purchased the goods. Little June was delighted. She thought that the figure was so very pretty. Now Mr. Dinsmore had forgotten the exact number of yards, so when Mrs. Dinsmore came to cut the dress out there was only goods enough for the dress and one sleeve. In no way could she cut it but what it would lack mak-

ing the sleeve, and of course it must have sleeves.

That evening Mrs. Dinsmore asked her husband if he could not get another piece of the same goods large enough to make one sleeve. He said that he would get it the next morning after selling his milk. When Mr. Dinsmore came home from town he said that all of that kind of goods, or of that pattern, had been sold. Little June was much disappointed. She thought for a few moments how they could get the goods for the lacking sleeve. She then remembered how Jesus had healed her. She said to herself, Why can't Jesus get me enough of this same kind of goods to make this sleeve? She went out under the cherry tree and there she prayed, telling the Lord just what she wanted and for Him to please send it right away as they wanted to go in just two more days. Little June became very happy as she talked thus with Jesus for she believed He would hear her prayer. She came to the house and told her mama that Jesus was going to send her a sleeve for her dress. Her mother smiled and kissed her. Little June ran away to play, very happy. Mr. and Mrs. Dinsmore looked at each other for a moment, and Mr. Dinsmore said, "God, give us the faith of a little child." Late that afternoon a neighbor lady came over to the Dinsmore home with a piece of goods from the same bolt from which Mr. Dinsmore had bought the dress for June. This lady said she bought more than she wanted, for it was all that was in the bolt, and she had brought over what was left thinking maybe Mrs. Dinsmore could use it some way. Little June was happy, and could scarcely wait until her papa came to tell him how

Jesus answered her prayer. In two days Mrs. Dinsmore and June were on their way to Grandpa's where a wonderful thing happened.

—C. E. Orr

Gayle Learns a Lesson

Gayle was a very poor little girl, about eight years old, who didn't have a father. Her mother took in washing to make money for their food.

Gayle saw her school mates have pennies to spend at the grocery store for candy. She greatly desired to be able to do the same.

One day Gayle was helping her mother by taking home the clothes which her mother had washed. In a coin purse which her mother had let her use were a lot of small coins. There were so many in it that it fairly bulged. Gayle thought, I could take just a few and they would never be missed. So she did just that. Not, very many, but enough to make about twenty-five cents.

The next day at school when recess came, Gayle, with some of her school mates, went to the grocery store and bought some candy with the money. Gayle divided the candy among her friends. At the time they were in the store, another older girl was there, also, and saw them. This girl lived across the street from Gayle. That evening the older girl told her sister, with whom she lived, about Gayle having so much money to spend. Her sister, being a grown woman, thought it necessary to tell Gayle's mother. Later Gayle's mother questioned her about it. When the truth was told, Gayle was punished for taking the money. From that time on Gayle never took another penny that did

not belong to her. She had learned her lesson very well.

There is a saying that we can't do wrong and get by. Even if the neighbor girl had not told on Gayle, the Lord saw it all and she stood guilty before Him. It pays to always do right.

—M. Kroker

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If you have not already done so, won't you ask the Lord to make you His child? He has promised to receive all who come to Him. Jesus said, "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out."

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a Wisdom tree. Show soil and roots. Write "fear of God" on the soil for the wisdom tree to grow on. On the branches of the tree write happiness, joy, peace, courage, strength, understanding, and honor. Add more words of your own. Write, "She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her and happy is every one that retaineth her." Prov. 3:18.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Perhaps there is someone in your class at school who seems to always know the answers to the questions that are asked by the teacher. You say that person is smart or wise. But they still would not have the wisdom our lesson teaches us of unless they know God and have Jesus as their personal Saviour. True wisdom is not found in school books. One might study all the books of literature, art, and science, and not possess true wisdom. The Apostle Paul was a learned man of his day, or he was well educated. But he counted all those things as loss or worthless for

Christ's sake. (Phil. 3:4-9). He had to turn from his book learning and learn the simple truths from God. Paul calls the knowledge of God "an excellent knowledge." It is a grand knowledge and will bring true wisdom to you. The Apostle Paul also tells us that one has to have the "Spirit of God" within to learn the spiritual things because the natural man or the one who is not saved cannot understand all the deep things of God and cannot have true wisdom. So it is important to know God and seek the true wisdom which our lesson says "is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her." I think of the tree of life in the garden of Eden. Adam and Eve sinned and therefore were driven from the garden. They could no longer eat of the tree of life. Two angels barred them and a flaming sword turned back and forth. God did not want them to eat of the tree of life in a fallen state and live forever. Today we can regain access to the tree of life through Jesus Christ. We can eat of it. Our lesson declares that wisdom is the tree of life. We can again have communion with God through Jesus Christ. By wisdom we can regain what was lost in the garden of Eden by Adam and Eve.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. In other words, you must first fear to disobey God to even start to have wisdom. Many boys and girls today do not fear God nor believe that they will go to hell when they disobey His commandments. They will not let themselves think seriously about things like this. That is not wise. The right kind of fear is brought about through love. You love God so much that you fear to do wrong lest you grieve Him and make Him feel sad.

Our lesson tells about the queen of Sheba hearing of Solomon's wisdom and going to see for herself. When she

looked things over and listened to Solomon, she said, "The half was not told me." When we come to Jesus and read the Bible and seek after true wisdom, we are truly blessed and after much seeking, we can say, "The half has not been told me." —Aunt Marie

Lesson 3, April 21, 1968

WHAT IS WISDOM?

1 Kings 10:1-4, 7, 9, 24; Prov. 3:13, 17, 18; Prov. 1:7

1 Kings 10:1 And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord, she came to prove him with hard questions.

2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

3 And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not anything hid from the king, which he told her not.

4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built.

7 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.

9 Blessed be the Lord thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the Lord loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice.

24 And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

Prov. 3:13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.

Prov. 1:7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Memory Verse: Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. Prov. 3:13.

Central Thought: True wisdom comes from God. After reading God's Word and seeking to know His ways we can say, "The half has not been told me." There is still more to learn.

QUESTIONS

1. Does wisdom mean "the state of being wise"?

2. What kind of wisdom are we to have? Where does it come from?

3. How did Paul compare book learning and the knowledge of God?

4. How can we regain access to the "tree of life"?

5. How are we to begin to get wisdom?

6. How are love and fear connected when we desire wisdom?

7. Why did the Queen of Sheba go to see Solomon?

8. What did she see when she arrived in his country?

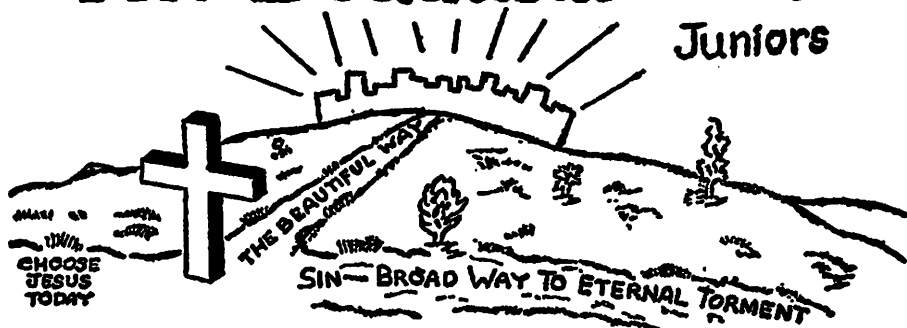
9. What did she say about Solomon and all that God had done for him?

10. Who does our lesson say will be happy?

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The Greatest Need

The greatest need we have today
Is one we often overlook,
And for its loss we truly pay
As written in God's holy book.

For there we find the truth so real
In lives of people long ago
That wisdom will life's troubles heal
And cause great happiness to flow.

Dear children, let us not forget
That wisdom is our greatest need
And 'til life's sun at last is set
For wisdom let us plead.

—Leslie Busbee

The Story of Patchy June

The train left the little town of Clarksburg at seven o'clock in the morning. It was on the morning of the seventh of June when Mrs. Dinsmore and June were going to start for Grandpa's. They were expecting to stay at Grandpa's for one week. Little June's birthday would be while

she was there. She would be five years of age. June was awake early on the morning they were to start. She helped her mother in her childish way, to get things ready. She was sorry to leave her papa, and that morning in her prayer she prayed the Lord to keep him while they were away. June believed that God would answer her prayer and this made her little heart happy. She knew that God would take care of her papa, and keep him from getting lonesome.

Soon Mrs. Dinsmore and her little daughter were speeding through the green fields and leafy woods. They arrived at the town near which Grandpa and Grandma lived about nine o'clock. Grandpa was there to meet them. He had a nice team of horses and an almost new carriage. It was June's first ride in a carriage and she thought it was great. It was not long after they reached the home of the grandparents until Grandma had dinner ready. Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield belonged to church, but they were not the devoted Christians that Mr. and Mrs. Dinsmore were. After din-

ner Grandpa and June went out on the great front porch. Grandpa took his knife out of one of his pockets and a dark something out of another pocket. He cut a piece off from this dark something with his knife and put it in his mouth. June said, "What is that you are eating, Grandpa?" He said that it was tobacco. She asked, "Is it good? Why didn't you have it on the table? Why do you carry it in your pocket? Give me some, Grandpa." The old man was a little embarrassed, but he told her that it was not good for little girls.

Then June said, "Let me take some to Mamma. It is good for Mamma, isn't it?"

"Your Mamma does not like it," Grandpa replied. Then June asked him many questions about this strange thing. She asked why it was not good for her; why anything was good for an old man that would not be good for a child. She asked what it would do for her if she ate some of it. He told her that it would make her sick. This was very strange to her childish mind. When she was alone with her mother she asked her to tell her about that tobacco that her grandpa was eating. The mother explained it to June and told her that it was wrong for her grandpa to use it, but he had used it so long that he could not quit it. This made little June very thoughtful. Her grandpa was doing something that was wrong. She never would have thought it. Her ideas or thoughts about Grandpa began to change. She had been taught that people who did wrong all their life and kept on doing wrong until they died would not go to heaven. This troubled little June. She thought it would be an awful thing for Grandpa to die and not go to heaven.

After supper that evening Mrs. Mansfield got things ready to dress a big sore on Grandpa's chest. Little June did not know he had such a sore on him. It was a fearful-looking sore. June began to ask some questions. Grandpa told her it was a cancer. She had never heard of a cancer before. She asked him if cancers killed folks. He told her that they most always did. He said he had been to the hospital and had it cut out, but that it made it grow faster. Now the doctors told him that they could do nothing for him; that it would in the course of a few months kill him. Little June burst into tears. After crying for a while she ceased and looking up into her grandpa's face she said, "And Grandpa, you are not ready to die." He wanted to know why he was not ready to die. "You are eating that tobacco and it is wrong to eat it and you can not go to heaven if you die doing that which is wrong. Jesus will save you from doing this wrong thing, Grandpa, and make you ready for heaven." No one made a reply. Mrs. Dinsmore took her little girl to her bedroom and after prayer put her to bed. Little June went to bed, but not to sleep. For a long time she thought about that awful cancer that was killing her grandpa and he was not ready to meet Jesus.

—By C. E. Orr

--- The Seed Takes Root ---

Stanley Thomson was a very self-ish boy. He was just about as self-ish as any boy could be. In the school room, on the ball diamond, or at any game he played, Stanley could not

keep this selfishness from showing itself.

Because of this selfish attitude, all the other children avoided him.

Stanley was a very good pupil in school. He always could get his lesson assignments with very little effort. But if one of the other pupils asked Stanley to explain the problem to them or help them with their history, he was never willing to do so.

Because of this selfish attitude, Stanley did not have many friends, either in the classroom, or at play.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw two yard sticks. Label one "The Word of God" and the other "Stature." Write under them the following scripture, "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." Luke 2:52.

Only as we learn God's Word and put it into practice are we wise. As you grow bigger, be sure to grow bigger in the knowledge of God's Word. You should know more this year than you did last year.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Did you ever stop to think that you need your parents, the minister, your Sunday School teacher, your school teacher, and others? Yes, that is right, you need them. You can't get along in this world with all of its problems without them. True, you know a lot of things, but not as much as you think you know. Right now you need to understand how boys and girls of your age think and act. You probably will learn a few more things in the next few years, but when you get to be 19 or 20 you will suddenly realize that you didn't

know as much as you thought you did. And if you study diligently until you are seventy, you will never learn as much as you thought you knew when you were a teen-ager. Don't make the mistake of thinking that you know so much more than you do. It will be a hindrance to you. Others who are older and wiser will look at you with a smile and think, "He will soon grow up and find out that he doesn't know as much as he thinks he does right now."

Another reason you should not think you know so much is that it will hinder you in learning more from others—things that you really should know to help you live right. Any advice given to you by older and wiser persons should be considered. I think it was George B. Shaw who said, "When I get a bit of advice, I chew it forty-seven times. Then it digests all right." In other words, he thinks it over and over. Never reject advice without weighing it out by the Bible and if it matches, accept it. It pays to know who is giving the advice, however. The Bible is full of what is right and good for all of us.

Solomon was a young man and was to be ruler of a kingdom. He did not feel wise enough nor able. He came to God and told Him that he was just a little child and he did not know how to go out nor come in. He felt that the task of being king over God's people after his father David, was too big for him so he asked God to help him. God told Solomon to ask what he wanted and He would give it to him. He did not ask for riches nor fame, but he asked for wisdom. God gave him wisdom, riches, and honor. What a wonderful example that is for us! He wanted to know the difference between right and wrong so he could rule well God's people. Boys and girls, do not trust to your own understanding, but look into

God's Word and find understanding. Take God as your partner and counselor. He will tell you which way to go that will lead you right. Don't be wise in your own eyes, but depart from all evil and go in the ways of the Lord. Value your parents' advice and others who are God's people. They only want to help you to live right. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 4, April 28, 1968

SOLOMON SEEKS WISDOM

1 Kings 3:5, 7, 9, 11-13; Prov. 3:5-7

1 Kings 3:5 In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

7 And now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.

9 Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment;

12 Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

13 And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches,

and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

Prov. 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord and depart from evil.

Memory Verse: If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. James 1:5.

Central Thought: We may know what is right to do but we have to have the power of God to help us do the right.

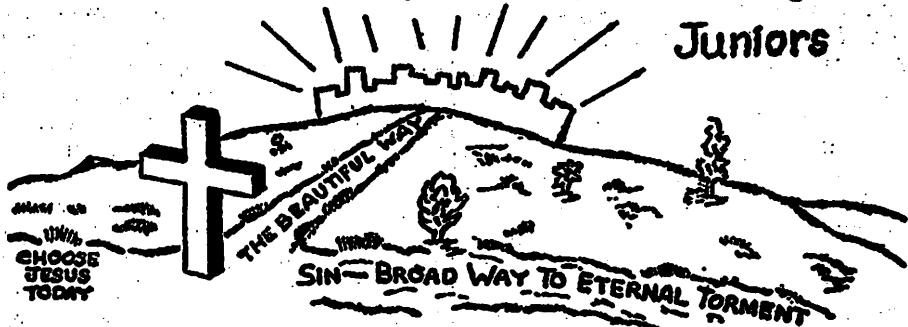
QUESTIONS:

1. Who was Solomon's father?
2. Did he feel well able to rule the people after his father's death?
3. What did God tell Solomon?
4. What would you have asked for if you had been given the chance Solomon had? What did he ask for?
5. What does it mean to "discern between good and bad"?
6. What does having an understanding heart mean?
7. Was God pleased with Solomon's choice? How do you know?
8. How should one accept advice from others?
9. What did Solomon mean by saying, "Lean not unto thine own understanding"?
10. Do many teen-agers do wrong because they feel they know more than their elders?

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Part Five

May 5

My Son, Be Wise

Hear from the Bible words divine,
Let them upon thy pathway shine
And blessings rich will then be thine:
My son, be wise!

The heav'nly Father speaks to thee,
All-wise and just, and kind is He,
Who wills thy happiness to be:
My son, be wise!

Don't be a fool whose end is shame
For cheating in life's precious game
To burn in hell's eternal flame:
My son, be wise!

—Leslie Busbee

The Story of Patchy June

The first thought on awakening in the morning, in the mind of little June was of that cancer on Grandpa's chest and him not ready to meet the Lord. Her little heart was greatly troubled. She very quietly arose from her bed, and kneeling beside it, she prayed. She, in her childlike way,

told Jesus of the state her grandpa was in. She told the Lord about him using tobacco, and about the cancer that was killing him. Her little heart was full of faith and she became very happy as she prayed. That afternoon she and her grandpa were again on the porch. She climbed up into his lap, saying that she wanted to tell him something. He told her that he would be glad to hear her story. She told him about how Jesus had healed her of a terrible sickness and how He had answered her prayer and given her goods enough to get her dress finished.

Grandpa said, "Well, you are a wonderful little girl."

She replied, "No, I am not a wonderful little girl, but I have faith in a wonderful Saviour."

She then talked to him about using tobacco. She said that Jesus did not want him to use it, that it was not a food, but it was harmful to the body. She told him that her mother had explained to her about tobacco, and that Jesus had saved many a one from using it, and He would save

him. Then she told him if he would be sorry for his sins and repent and call on the Lord He would take the appetite for tobacco away from him and also heal him. She talked to him out of the fullness of her earnest soul. As Grandpa listened, the tears began running down his face. He had seen better days in his Christian life. He remembered years ago he was converted, but the cares of this life had choked out the Word and he knew he was not living as he should.

Little June left him and went down into the orchard and there beneath the apple tree she prayed earnestly for her grandpa. She prayed several times that day, and before lying down upon her bed that night she pleaded with Jesus to help her grandpa to see how wrong it was to use tobacco and help him to give it up. The next day she was often in prayer. That evening after supper she and her grandpa were alone upon the porch again. With her arm around his neck and tears in her eyes, she asked him if he would not give up the use of tobacco for Jesus' sake. Looking into her face he said, "My dear little granddaughter, I put away all my tobacco this morning and I promised God that I never would touch it again. I also asked Him to forgive me of my sins and He has done it. I have no desire for it at all. I am sure Jesus has taken it all away."

Little June's joy knew no bounds. She soon found her mamma to tell her what God had done for her grandpa. She came back to the porch and found him still sitting in his chair. She told him that Jesus was able and willing to heal him and take away that cancer as He was to take away the appetite for tobacco. She

asked him if she might pray for him. He said that she might. There on the porch she thanked God for saving her grandpa from the use of tobacco and asked Him to take away the dreadful cancer. She went to bed that night very happy and full of faith. The next morning Grandpa told her that he felt much better. Little June that day was in the orchard several times asking Jesus to heal her grandpa. On the next morning just after breakfast, Grandpa called the folks all together and told them that they were going to have family worship. Before taking up the Bible to read he drew back his shirt to show them what God had done and there was no trace of the cancer. Grandma said that she had noticed the evening before that it was much better. The flesh on his breast was like that of a child's. There was not a scar left. There was great rejoicing around that family altar that morning.

This is what happened at Grandpa's.

—By C. E. Orr

(To be continued.)

Answered Prayer

On a great ocean liner a prominent clergyman spoke one Sunday morning on God's answers to prayer. In the audience was a man whose cynical expression plainly betokened lack of sympathy with the speaker's views.

At the conclusion of the service a friend accosted him with the query, "Well, what did you think of the sermon?"

"Bah, child's talk!" exclaimed the man in disgust.

In the afternoon the clergyman was asked to speak over in the steerage

and most of his morning audience followed him. The skeptic found him self quite alone. Yielding to an impulse he approached the steward and asked for an orange.

"Help yourself, sir," said the steward, pointing to a large bowl of the fruit. Slipping an orange into each of his coat pockets, he sauntered steerageward.

On the outskirts of the motley group sat an old woman on her camp stool, with upturned face and eyes closed in sleep, her hands lying palms upward. Thinking to play her a little joke, he gently laid an orange in each hand. Later, returning he found her eating an orange with evident delight.

"Enjoying your oranges, Mother?" he asked.

"O sir," she responded, "so much! I was very thirsty with the sea-sickness, and I asked Father if He could send me an orange. I must have gone to sleep and when I wakened I found an orange in each hand. My Father is so good!"

Deeply impressed by the incident, the scoffer became a seeker and eventually came to know the prayer-answering God as his own Father.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a whiskey bottle and draw a snake inside it. Write under the bottle, "At the last it biteth like a serpent." Proverbs 23:32.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson today is about strong drink. Do you think that you do not need to study about strong drink, that just older people drink strong drink? Well, I know

of some who started drinking when your age. But how sad it was! One person told me that he started draining all the alcoholic bottles he could find when very young. He became a drunkard and was only delivered by the power of God. Even after he was saved he could not even look at a whiskey or strong drink advertisement. He had a battle to keep from going back to it. He suffered much in his body because of the bad effects it left upon him. Boys and girls, you need to make a strong decision and have a firm determination to never, never touch the cup of strong drink of any kind. When I was a youth in Sunday School we used to sing a song called, "Touch Not the Cup." I never forgot it.

Did you ever go to a museum where there were bottles of frogs, reptiles, or small insects preserved in alcohol? Well, our lesson today has something to do with snakes in bottles. They are hidden snakes. You can't see them in the bottle, but our lesson tells us that strong drink bites like a serpent. Strong drink injects poison into the blood stream and finally ruins the person who drinks it. It causes a person to be unable to think straight.

The wise man tells us that one who drinks will be as one who lies down in the middle of the sea or upon the top of a mast. Just think how foolish that would be! We can see by this that a person who drinks strong drink will do foolish things. Have you ever seen a drunk person lie down in the middle of a busy street? Well, that is dangerous, but they are to be pitied because they do not have the right use of their minds.

Boys and girls, never let anyone tell you that strong drinks are good for you. We are told by those who know that the alcohol in whiskey and beer never helps the body in any way but tears

it down. It is a poison and the body tries at all times to throw it off. Shakespeare said, "O God, that men should put an enemy into their mouths to steal away their brains!" Surely that is what it does and steals their souls, also. God is displeased with any use of strong drinks of any kind. We are not to put poison into our bodies. We are to eat and drink only those things that are good for us and healthful. Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Ghost and we must take care of them.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 5, May 5, 1968

MY SON BE WISE

Prov. 20:1; 23:19-21, 29-32, 34, 35
1 Corinthians 6:10

Prov. 20:1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Prov. 23:19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.

20 Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh:

21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

29 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?

30 They that tarry long at the wine: they that go to seek mixed wine.

31 Look not thou 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.

34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that

lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.

35 They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

1 Cor. 6:10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Memory Verse: He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city. Prov. 16:32.

Central Thought: Do not drink strong drinks. One letter changes "drink" to "drunk" and no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God.

QUESTIONS:

1. Can one be a Christian and drink strong drinks?

2. How does the wise man tell a boy to be wise? (verses 19, 20.)

3. What are winebibbers?

4. Does strong drink make a person sleepy and make him poor?

5. Who has woe, sorrow, contentions, babbling, wounds, redness of eyes? (See verse 30 for the answer.)

6. Does it mean when the wine "moveth itself aright" that it is working or fermenting which makes it a strong drink with poison in it?

7. How does strong drink bite like a serpent?

8. Would a person in his right mind try to sleep on top of the mast of a ship?

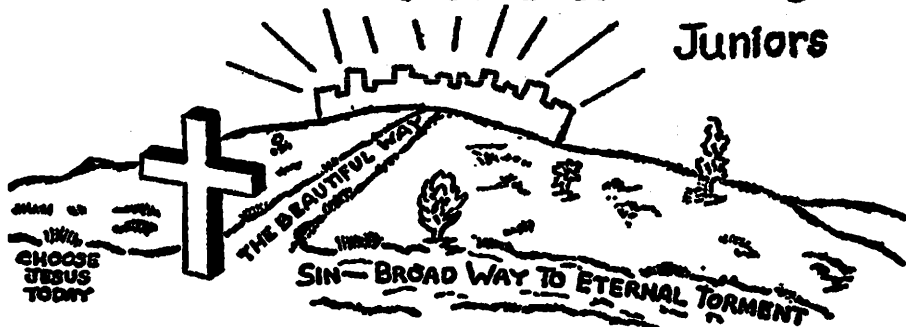
9. Is drunkenness a sin?

10. Is strong drink habit-forming?

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Part Six

May 12

The Wise Family

The father strong who labors well
To earn the family's bread
Who prays to God for strength to dwell
And be the fam'ly's head.

The mother, brave and faithful, true,
Pure, keeper of the home,
Who speaks God's law and lives it, too,
No matter what may come.

The children, faithful to obey
The laws of righteousness—
What have we done and said today
To make our homes like this?
—Leslie Busbee

The Story of Patchy June

The day for Mrs. Dinsmore and her daughter to return home came none too soon for little June. She was getting very eager to see her father. While she enjoyed her visit to her grandparents she had received a letter from her father stating that he

was not well and June was eager to get home to see him. She had prayed for him, but when she prayed she had a very sad feeling which a little girl like her did not understand, only she felt like getting home to be with her papa.

On the train home was a woman who had a sick child, or rather a crippled child. This child had never walked and was now a little more than three years of age. On this morning it was very restless and gave its mother great care. Little June soon discovered the restlessness of the child and, going across the aisle, began to talk to its mother. After talking a while and telling how Jesus had healed her and her grandpa, she asked if she might pray for the child. The lady gave consent, and kneeling there in the aisle of the coach, she asked God, in very simple words, to heal the crippled and nervous child. For the rest of the journey the child was very quiet, for which the mother was very grateful. After being home for about two weeks, Mrs. Dinsmore received a letter from this moth-

er stating that her child was walking. After a lapse of seventeen years June meets a young woman one day who, it was learned, was once this child for whom little June had prayed.

On reaching home Mrs. Dinsmore found her husband with a fever. He was able to meet her at the train and also able to milk his cows, but had some fever most of the time. The fever seemed to increase a little every day. June did much praying, but always felt sad at heart. After about four weeks of much suffering, it pleased the good Lord to take Mr. Dinsmore home to heaven.

—C. E. Orr

WHOSOEVER

A converted lad, in talking to a man who did not believe Christ loved him, got his Testament and said, "Do you see that word marked with red ink?"

"Yes, I see it."

"Well, who is she?"

"It's 'whosoever.'"

"Well, what does that mean?"

"I guess it means what it says, but you see, with me, it is different! I was brought up to do right, my father was a minister, and he taught me to pray and read the Bible. I knew what was right, but with my eyes open I went right into sin, and God can never forgive one who sins against the light."

"Say, read the whole verse," said Jimmie.

"I know it without reading it. I learned it at my mother's knee before I could talk plain."

"Well, get busy and say it then."

"God so loved the world—"

"Loved the what?"

"The world."

"Go on."

"That He gave His only begotten son—"

"Dat's Jesus, ain't it?"

"Yes; that is who it means."

"Go on."

"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever—"

"Who?"

"Whosoever."

"Don't that mean you?"

"I'm afraid not."

"Then this is the way to read it," said Jimmie. "That whosoever, except Dave Beach, can have everlasting life. Not on your life it isn't written that way."

"Well, in another place it says that if you know to do right and do it not, it's sin."

"And that makes you a sinner, don't it?"

"Yes, it does, and a bad one, too," said Dave.

Jimmie put his thumb into his mouth to wet it and turned leaf after leaf. At last he said, "Read that."

Dave took the Book and looked hard and long in silence. Then he read slowly: "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ came into the world to save sinners."

"Are you a sinner?" asked Jimmie.

"Yes, I am a bad one."

"Worse than this man? Read the rest of it."

"Of whom I am chief."

"All right, if He can save the chief of sinners, can't He save Dave Beach?"

And He did. Let Him do the same for you. —Selected

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WHAT COUNTS MOST

"I have learned a dozen Bible verses this week," bragged Joe, as he walked to Sunday school with Ted, another member of the class.

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

"What was the verse?" asked Joe.

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

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

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw two hearts. On one write some of the things mentioned in 2 Tim. 3:2, 3 which teaches us that we are in the last days. Then draw a heart with good things written on it which is a heart that has been kept "with all diligence."

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Today is the day we honor our mothers. When we think of our mothers, some of us have wonderful thoughts about them. But, sad to say, there are some mothers in the world who drink, smoke, and leave their children to run the streets. They are not good mothers but I am sure that most of you have good mothers and you should love and respect them greatly. Even if your mother has not given you a right example and has done wrong, you still should love her and

pray for her. She needs your love and prayers very much.

Boys and girls, there is no one on earth who loves you as much as your mother. She cares what you think and cares where you go. She is very busy trying to make home a good place for you to live. Tell her your secrets and ask for her advice. You will be surprised what a wonderful friend your mother can be, if you have not found out already. She understands you better than anyone else. She wishes the best for you. All Christian mothers pray very much for their children. Many times they wet their pillows in the night with tears in prayer for you. Sometimes they see you doing something or see something in you that they know will cause you trouble as you grow older unless you get rid of it. They pray God to help you and they do all they can to help you, too. Listen to them and love and respect them. Tell your mother that you love her.

There are good instructions in our lesson for you. King Solomon advises you to listen to the advice of your father and forsake not the law of God. He also tells how he had a wonderful father in King David. He said he was loved by his mother. He tells us that his father told him to keep all his sayings and he would have a good life and health to his body.

He tells us to watch our heart carefully and with all diligence because out of it are the issues of life. We want to think good thoughts then we will live out in our life good things. Love God with all of your heart and then you will live out in your life good things. Love God with all your heart and then you will be able to show forth to others kindness, love, mercy, and long-suffering. Don't let hatred, envy, jealousy, get into your heart. It will bring you

trouble. Watch what gets into your heart.

God's laws are as a lamp in your life. They will show you the right way to go.

In the Hebrew home the father was given great respect. The family was close and loved each other. The Mosaic law applied the death penalty to a son who would curse his father or mother. Today we need to honor our father and mother and God will bless us for it.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 6, May 12, 1968

WISDOM FOR FAMILY LIVING

Prov. 4:1-5a, 20-23; Prov. 6:20-23

Prov. 4:1 Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.

2 For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.

3 For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother.

4 He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.

5a Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not;

20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Prov. 6:20 My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

21 Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.

22 When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

23 For thy commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life.

Memory Verse: Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother. Ephesians 6:1, 2a.

Central Thought: Obedience is taught in the Bible. Obeying God's laws brings peace to a person and also to a family.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who took care of you when you were unable to care for yourself?

2. Should you not love your parents for their love and care to you?

3. Name some ways that you can show them that you love them.

5. What did the Law say was to be done with a son who cursed his father or mother?

5. King Solomon had a father who taught him to listen to his advice. What did he tell boys and girls to do?

6. Obeying your parents will bring what to your life? (verse 22)

7. What does it mean to "keep thy heart with all diligence"?

8. What proceeds out of the heart? (Read Matt. 12:34.)

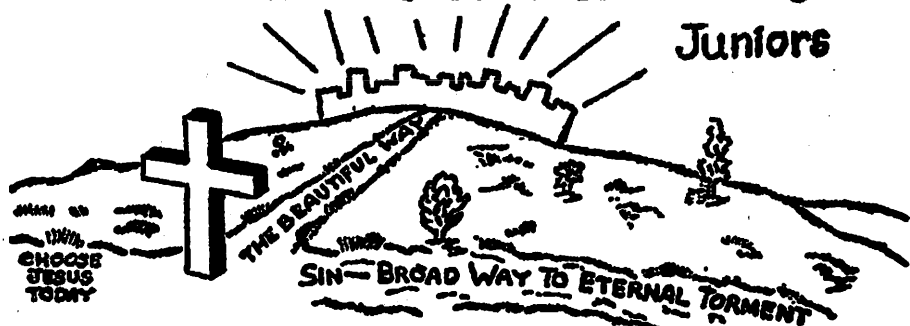
9. What does a lamp do for a person in the dark?

10. How are the commandments of God a lamp to us in this life?

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Part Seven

May 19

The Great Question

Do you ever, do you ever

Ask yourself this question great:
What is life and its endeavor?

Who am I and what's my state?

In the Bible lies the answer,

Search and find it if you will;

You will find the joy of living

All your life with gladness fill.

Life is short, the years are fleeting,

Death is sure the fate of all,

Oh, prepare yourself for heaven:

Heed the gospel's earnest call!

—Leslie Busbee

The Story of Patchy June

It was a sad day to Mrs. Dinsmore and little June when the body of Mr. Dinsmore was laid in the grave. That evening as they sat alone in their humble cottage, June drew up close to her mother and said, "God is good, isn't He, Mamma, even if He did take Papa away?" Mrs. Dinsmore, kissing

her daughter, replied, "Yes, God is good. Heaven will be dearer to us since Papa is there."

While the heart of this widow and that of the fatherless girl were sad and lonely, yet there was a joy, a comfort, a consolation, that only the Christian can know. Heaven was real to them, and they did not think of their loved one being in the grave, but they thought of him as being in heaven.

"Mother," said little June, "it must be awful to have a papa to die that was not ready to meet Jesus. I heard little Bertha Moore's papa cursing his cows a few days ago. How glad I am tonight that God took my papa instead of hers."

"I fear," said June's mother, "my grief would be harder than I could bear if I did not know that your papa had gone to heaven." June looked up into the face of her mother and with a trembling voice asked, "God forgave Papa for talking cross to you that time, didn't He?"

"Yes," answered the mother, "God

forgave him for those words as freely or more so than I did."

"And he never spoke that way to you again, did he?"

"No, your papa never spoke a cross word to me neither before nor since that day. He was always kind to me. He lived a holy life. He loved Jesus and prayed to Him night and day, and now he is with Him."

"Some day we will go and be with him, won't we, Mamma?" asked June.

"He can never come to us, but we can go to him," replied the mother.

They talked for some time about how they would get along in life and whom they would get to milk the cows and a number of things. Mrs. Dinsmore's trust was in God. The way before her was very dark. During her husband's sickness she had had different men milking the cows. Some of them were dishonest; others did not take the proper care of the cows. They had brought her considerably into debt, and now the funeral expenses added to this would take a few of her cows. After sitting for some time in silence, Mrs. Dinsmore reached for her Bible to read a chapter before retiring. Her book opened to the 49th chapter of Jeremiah, and her eyes rested on the 11th verse. This she read to June. "Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let thy widows trust in me." Mr. Dinsmore had some years before had his life insured, but some time after he became a Christian, the Spirit of God had revealed to him as He has to thousands of others that such was a reproachful distrust in God, and he gave it up to the great joy of his heart. He often remarked that he realized a greater nearness to God when this barrier between them was removed. Mrs. Dinsmore's

neighbors had sympathized with her because her husband did not carry a life insurance policy. She told them that she had a trust in God that was far better. These words she read this evening were a great comfort to her. She pitied those who did not know the sweetness of a deep trust in God. The Lord seemed very near to her that night, assuring her of His care. "Some may trust in horses and some in chariots and some in life insurance and other things of an earthly nature," said Mrs. Dinsmore, "but I will trust in God." Then they knelt in prayer, and Mrs. Dinsmore said afterward that the room was filled with the presence of God and an indescribable mellow light which lingered after the electric light was turned out. How thankful she was that she had been shown the life of trust. Before retiring she opened her Bible again and read these words, "Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth, and causeth to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we will be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple." Psa. 65:4. Again her heart was filled with pity for those who trusted in man and did not know the great goodness of God's house. Then she and little June retired to their bed with the presence of Jehovah overshadowing them.

—C. E. Orr

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The Christian fight is not a fight with guns and airplanes or submarines. It is a fight to do the right and stand for God. The Bible tells us, "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against

spiritual wickedness in high places." (Ephesians 6:12).

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" Genesis 1:1.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a Bible and write in it, "The Word of God is not out of date." Under it write, "People today are living and doing wrong things as in Bible times. The Bible can tell us how to find happiness today even as it told them in that day."

Dear Boys and Girls:

Our lesson has many points in it that I feel would be good for each of you to remember and it would be helpful to you as you grow older and face life in a greater measure.

It can be divided into four parts:

Verses 1-3 tell how to act in God's house. In the days when this was written the temple in Jerusalem was the house of God where sacrifices were offered. The instructions were to be careful, "keep your foot," or watch your step. Today when we come into the house of worship, God meets with us because His Word teaches us that where two or three are gathered together in His name, He is there. It would be wise for you to consider this and be careful and not talk during the services, but be a good listener. We are to offer praises to God in song and listen to the word of God with reverence, with a desire to live by it.

Verses 4-7 tell you about making vows or promises. (Read Matt. 21:23-31; Acts 5:3, 4.) God wants us to be careful about making promises. It is better not to make one than to make one and

not keep it. Be careful about quickly making a promise, it might turn into a lie. You might tell your friend that you will give him something or come to his house or meet him somewhere or do something for him and then not be able to keep your word. God is displeased when you make promises carelessly and forget them. Be sure to remember the promise you make and do it or let the person know why you cannot. Is it easier for you to forget the promises you made than those made to you? Right now stop and think if there are some promises you have made and not kept. It would be well for you to take care of each one as you make it for they are made before God, too.

Boys and girls, when you marry, you make some promises, too. It is for better or worse and you must remember you must stay married even if it gets worse. But if you work at it you can make your marriage happy, until death do you part which is according to God's Word.

Verses 8, 9 tell about the poor suffering in court where there is no justice, but our lesson tells us that One who is "higher than the highest" is looking on and knows all about it. God will have the final word.

Verses 10-12 tell about the love of money. Boys and girls, do not seek to hoard and lay up lots of money, but ask God to help you to use your money to help others. Our lesson tells us not to love money because it will not bring happiness. Money brings much care and sorrow to people who love it. If God lets you have some money, don't love it, but be willing to use it for good. "The love of money is the root of all evil." Our lesson tells us that those who labor have rest but those who are rich will not sleep. Money robs them of rest.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 7, May 19, 1968

THE DUTY OF MAN

Ecclesiastes 5:1-12

Eccl. 5:1 Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.

2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.

3 For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words.

4 When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.

5 Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.

6 Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?

7 For the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities: but fear thou God.

8 If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, marvel not at the matter: for he that is higher than the highest regardeth; and there be higher than they.

9 Moreover the profit of the earth is for all: the king himself is served by the field.

10 He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity.

11 When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of them with their eyes?

12 The sleep of a labouring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.

Memory Verse: Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. Eccl. 12:13.

Central Thought: Our relationship with our fellowman has a definite bearing on our relationship with God.

QUESTIONS:

1. What does it mean to "keep thy foot" when you go to God's house?

2. Who is known by a multitude of words?

3. Why is it important to be not "hasty to utter anything" before God and man?

4. How can we be a good listener in the house of God?

5. What is a vow?

6. When we make promises, do we make them before God as well as before others?

7. What about a marriage vow—is it binding before God and man?

8. Can you think of any promises you have made and have not kept?

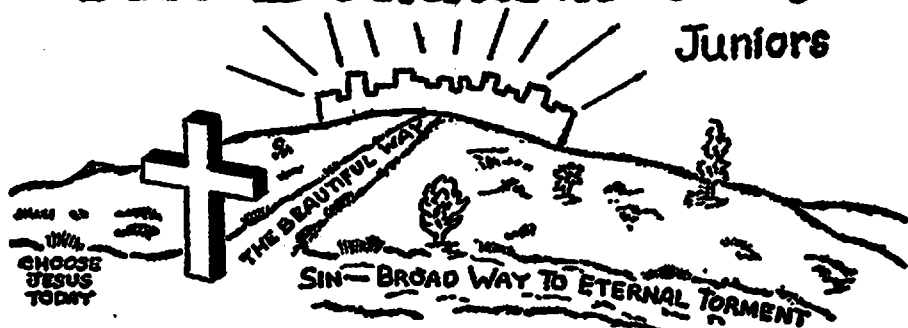
9. Does God take note when the poor do not get justice?

10. What does it mean to love money?

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Remember Job

When things, one after another,
All seem to be a bother,
And you can go no farther:
Remember Job.

When your share of tribulation
Seems to go beyond your ration
Pluck up courage, determination;
Remember Job!

Think not life is easy sailing,
But over sin prevailing
Trust God to keep from failing—
Remember Job!

—Leslie Busbee

The Story of Patchy June

It was a beautiful October morning. A light frost lay on the grass, the trees, the flowers. The birds were chirping merrily. The warm rays of the sun were crumbling the frost-palaces into ruin. Along the broad sidewalk could be seen Mrs. Dinsmore and little June walking up the gentle

slope to the village school. The schools, in those early days, did not begin so early in the autumn as in this present day. This was the 16th day of October and the beginning of the village school.

The first day of school in the fall is a great day to the children. They are usually in great glee on that day. It was not so with June. Her little heart felt a sadness. She would be longer from her mother's presence than ever before in her life. She had not made very close companions of many of the village girls, although she had formed a very close friendship with two of them. June had been praying for several days that God might give her grace to meet, in a Christian way, the things she felt she was certain to meet. While her dress and stockings were clean, they were of the cheaper grade of material and the stockings had a few patches on them and a patch was on the elbow of her dress.

As Mrs. Dinsmore and June came up the walk from the street to the school building, a number of girls

about the age of June were on the lawn romping and playing. Mary Banks, a daughter of one of the few merchants, whispering to the others, said: "Here comes the girl that prays. Won't it be great to have a little saint in our school?" Her whisper was so loud that June heard it. She looked at once to her mother to see if she had heard it also, and felt assured that she had not, for which she was glad. June and her mother passed into the school room where Mrs. Dinsmore delivered her daughter into the care of the teacher and after a few words of conversation she expressed her wish that the teacher would meet great success in her calling and that her daughter would give her no trouble. She kissed little June and returned to her home.

The work of forming the scholars into their respective classes was the work of only an hour or a little more and then the children were given a recess. At the recess time all were out on the playground. June was among the number, although not so active in the play. Very soon one of the girls, Maude Thorn, discovered a patch on one of June's stockings. She said to the others, "Look, she has a patch on her stocking."

Pearl Smith said, "Yes, and see, she has one on the elbow of her dress." And Clara Moore said, "She has patches on both her stockings and has a hole in the toe of her shoe."

Mary Banks said, "Let's call her Patchy June."

Upon this she went to the trembling girl, who had overheard these words, saying very ironically, "Hello, Patchy June. Why don't you pray for a dress without patches?"

These were bitter words and June felt their sting, but she made no re-

ply. From this time on she was called "Patchy" by a number of the girls and boys, but not by all. Ethel Raynor was the banker's daughter. She was a friend of little June. She offered her many an encouraging word. June bore all the taunts and jeers of her schoolmates bravely, never once telling her mother what she had to endure at the school. She loved her mother dearly and many nights at her bedside she would ask God to give her grace to meekly bear all the bitter words of the proud girls and help her not to burden her mother with her troubles.

One day when Mary Banks had called her Patchy June, and again remarked that if she was such a little saint why did she not pray for better stockings, June looked at her and in a very pleasant tone of voice said, "Mary, I am proud of every patch on my clothes. You can see that they are sewed on very neatly. They are sewed on by the hands of a mother who loves me, and a mother that I love. She works hard in her care of me. We have not much of this world's goods, but it is no disgrace to be poor, and patches do not mar the beauty of one's character. Jesus who died for me had less of this world's goods even than I have and He never prayed for more. I am proud of these patches. Every one of them speaks to me of a mother's love, and all you say cannot make me feel ashamed."

These words had a deep effect on all the girls. Ethel Raynor said, "You are a brave girl, June. It is not the fine clothes that make us good, noble, and worthy. I would rather wear patches all the days of my life and have a true and noble heart, than to dress in silks and be

wounding the hearts of the poor. Remember I am your friend. And I want these girls to know that every word they speak against you they speak it against me. Those patches shine like gold medals to me. I honor you, respect you, and assure you of my lasting friendship."

The school days passed by speedily. June was an industrious scholar. She came out in the spring with a better grade than any in her class. She was greatly loved by her teacher. Only a few times after the above instance was she called Patchy June.

—C. E. Orr

Jesus opened His arms wide as the children came to Him. He took the babies in His arms and loved them. He prayed to His heavenly Father for all the children.

Be thoughtful in dealing with others.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Let the class suggest headlines for a newspaper telling the stories of Job's disasters. Be sure to let one read, "Job Still Believes in God!"

Dear Boys and Girls:—

There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. He was perfect, upright, and feared God. He had seven sons and three daughters. He had 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen and 500 she asses. He had a great household of servants and was one of the greatest men of the East. He prayed for his children lest they sin while they were feasting.

One day the sons of God came to present themselves before God and Satan

came, also. God inquired of Satan where he had come from. He said, "From walking up and down in the earth." God said to Satan, "Have you noticed my servant Job, that there is none like him, who is perfect and upright and fears God?"

Satan answered, "You have a hedge around him and have blessed the work of his hands and substance, but if you take away all he has he will curse you to your face."

The Lord said to Satan, "All that he has is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth your hand." Satan then went from the presence of the Lord.

One day Job's sons and daughters were eating and drinking in their eldest brother's house. A messenger came to Job and told him that the Sabeans had killed the servants and had taken all the oxen and asses. While he was yet speaking another servant came and said that fire had burned up the sheep and the servants. While he was speaking another servant came and said that the Chaldeans came and took away all the camels and killed the servants. While he was yet speaking another came and said that a great wind had smitten the house and it fell upon his sons and daughters and they were dead.

Job rent his mantle and shaved his head and fell down upon the ground and worshipped God. He said, "Naked came I into the world and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

Satan again presented himself before the Lord when the sons of man came. The Lord again spoke about Job to him as he had before. Satan said, "Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life." God told him he could touch his bone and flesh but save

his life. Satan smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto the crown of his head. Job's wife asked him if he still loved God. "Curse God and die." Job told her that she spoke as a foolish woman. In all this Job continued to love God.

Today we know God can help us to face trouble. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 8, May 26, 1968

THE STORY OF JOB

Job 2:1-10

Job 2:1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the Lord.

2 And the Lord said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

3 And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

4 And Satan answered the Lord, and said, Skin for skin, yea all that a man hath will he give for his life.

5 But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.

6 And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.

7 So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

8 And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.

9 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

Memory Verse: Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Hebrews 12:11.

Central Thought: We must remember that all we have comes from God and He has a right to do with it as He pleases.

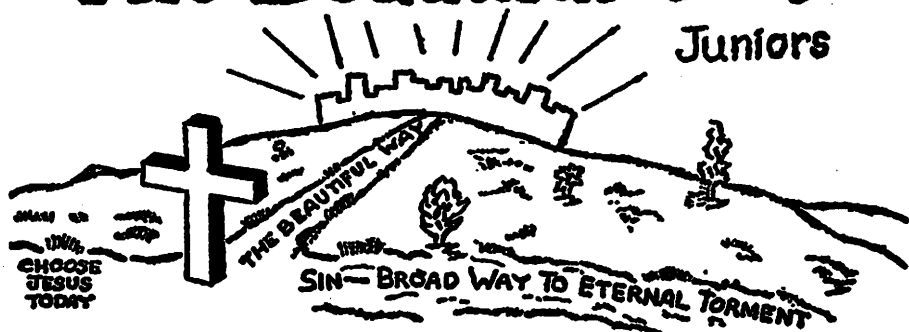
QUESTIONS:

1. What kind of a man was Job?
2. Can God say the same about you?
3. Name some of Job's many possessions.
4. How many children did he have?
5. Does Satan come to meeting when we come to present ourselves before God?
6. Does God permit Satan to bring evil upon us sometimes?
7. How much could Satan do to Job?
8. Why does God chastise us?
9. What did Job's wife say to him?
10. Did Job sin?

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How Much do We Weigh?

When passing by the scales uptown
We often stop to see
Whether our weight is up or down,
Whate'er the case might be.

But do we ever stop to see
How much we truly weigh
Upon the scales of God's decree,
Just how we stand today?

Our weight we know as we behold
The standard of His Word,
If we obey and measure to
The truth that we have heard.

—Leslie Busbee

The Story of Patchy June

Nineteen years have come and gone since June's first year in school in the country village of which we read in the last chapter. In the spring of that year Mrs. Dinsmore lost her home, and she and June moved to a distant state. They had become almost forgotten in the little village. In these

nineteen years the town had grown but little. There was but one church building in the place. A good old man had been the only pastor for the past eleven years. Now he was going away. He announced that on a certain Sunday morning he would preach his farewell sermon. A man had come from a distance, about this time to visit his brother who lived in the village. He told his brother of a young preacher who he thought they could get to come and serve them as pastor in the old minister's stand. The young minister was written to, and asked to come. He was expected to preach his first sermon in the evening of the day the old minister preached his last sermon. The coming of the new preacher was the talk of the town for a few days before his arrival, especially among the ladies of the church. The Sunday morning came for the aged minister to preach his farewell sermon. The house was well filled with the villagers, not so much to hear the old man as to see the young preacher. But the young minister had not arrived.

That afternoon a car drove up before the parsonage and a young man and young lady were seen to alight and enter the parsonage. The news that the new preacher and his wife had arrived spread over the town. That night the church was crowded with the town folks in their best dress. The sermon was very good. Favorable comment was heard on every side, and the ladies thought the preacher's wife sang very lovely and looked charming in her modest dress. On the next Thursday afternoon the ladies' sewing circle met. This afternoon they were to do some sewing for a poor family in the town. Some of the ladies brought some new goods and some brought some old clothing to make over. Mary Banks had become Mrs. Moore, having married a brother of Clara's, and Clara had become Mrs. Banks, having married a brother of Mary's. Maude Thorn had married a man by the name of Murphy, Ethel Raynor was now Mrs. Gibson, while Pearl Smith was still unmarried. These, with a number of other ladies, were at the circle. Mrs. Moore had brought a dress which had been worn by her little three-year-old girl, but one which had had a small hole burned in one of the sleeves. Mrs. Moore thought it would just fit one of the small girls of the poor family and all that would be needed was a small patch on the sleeve. Mrs. Shannon, the young preacher's wife, remarked, "If you put a patch on, the other little girls will call her Patchy like some did little June Dinsmore, the praying girl some twenty years ago, will they not? Mrs. Moore's face flushed red, and all looked in astonishment. At last, Mrs. Gibson ventured to ask if she had met the

Dinsmores. Mrs. Shannon replied, "Little Patchy June is now Mrs. Shannon and has the great pleasure of being with you this afternoon. I am thankful she has grown to be a praying woman and has the same forgiving spirit of twenty years ago."

—C. E. Orr

The End

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Tim and His Lamp

"Enter not into the path of the wicked—avoid it."

The circus was in town. Katie begged Tim to find a way to earn some money so she could go. Tim had managed to slip in, other years, himself. Now it was different. He was trying to please Jesus. What would Jesus have him do? He knew Ellis Holbrook, the minister's son never went. His father taught him differently. Yet there were some respective people who went. Anyhow, he didn't have the money, so the question would settle itself.

Mr. Dewey stood in the door of his market. "Hello, Tim, you're the boy I must have been looking for. If you'll carry packages for me for one hour I'll give you two circus tickets."

Up and down the streets went Tim, busily delivering packages, all the time in a whirl of thought about the circus tickets. When they were placed in his hand he hurried toward home. Passing a bar room of a hotel he saw some of the circus men busy playing cards and drinking brandy. Should good, respectable people go to see and hear such men as these? The conflict in Tim's mind was great.

He went down to his seat under the elm. Taking out his "lamp" he began turning its leaves. He found

his Sunday school verse and then his eyes fell on the words, "Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it and pass away."

"That means them and me," said Tim. "They are wicked. They were drinking, gambling, and swearing, too. I'll take these tickets back to Mr. Dewey."

Mr. Dewey was surprised when Tim handed him the tickets and was more surprised when he gave his Bible reason for not going.

Katie was angry when Tim told her that he could get the tickets but that he couldn't go. He tried to explain why, but she refused to listen.

Tim was comforted though. He knew Jesus was pleased with his decision. After all, what does it matter how others feel and think if His smile is upon us? —Selected

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw some old-fashioned scales with the Bible on one side and you on the other side. Consider how you weigh out by the Bible.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

A few times in my life, when I was a teen-ager, I picked some cotton. We would go down the rows and pull the cotton from the plants and put it in a long sack. When we would get the sack full we would drag it up to the scales and someone would weigh it for us. At the end of the day we pulled up the last sack and it was weighed and the weight added to what we had weighed in before and we would be

paid by the number of pounds we had picked.

Today God weighs us every once in a while to see how we are coming out, but did you know that one of these days we are going to be weighed in for the last time? In the great Judgment we will be weighed by God's scales. We will be on one side and the Bible on the other side. We must be sure that we will weigh out even, because if we do not, we will never get into God's heaven.

In our lesson Job spoke of being weighed so God would know how he stood. Last Sunday we talked about how he weighed out when God let Satan strip him of everything he had. He stood true and loved God just the same. Today our lesson is about another man who was weighed by God, but he was found wanting.

Belshazzar had a great feast and had all of his lords and great people of the kingdom eating and drinking with him. At last, he brought out the golden cups that had been taken from the temple of God, and they drank from them. They praised the gods of gold, silver, and other metals. God was greatly displeased with him. He caused the fingers of a man's hand to write some words on the wall by the candlestick so all could see it. The king was afraid and his knees shook. He did not know what to think of it. Others, no doubt, were afraid also. The king called for the wise men of his kingdom to read the writing, but none could until Daniel was called. Daniel refused his rewards, but he reminded Belshazzar about his father Nebuchadnezzar and how he had become lifted up. God had permitted his mind to leave him until he learned to recognize God as ruler of the universe. Daniel told the king that though he knew this, he did not humble his

heart, therefore he was to be punished. Daniel told him that he praised the gods of silver, gold, etc., instead of the true God. That very night the Medes and Persians took the kingdom from him in fulfillment of the writing on the wall.

Boys and girls, it is a dangerous thing not to live up to what we know, or to disregard God's laws here in this world. When we stand before God we will be weighed by God's scales for the last and final time. We surely want to be living according to God's Word.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 9, June 2, 1968

GOD'S SCALES

Job 31:5-8; Dan. 5:1, 4-6, 13a, 14, 22, 27

Job 31:5 If I have walked with vanity, or if my foot hath hastened to deceit

6 Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity.

7 If my step hath turned out of the way, and mine heart walked after mine eyes, and if any blot hath cleaved to mine hands;

8 Then let me sow, and let another eat; yea, let my offspring be rooted out.

Daniel 5:1 Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand.

4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

5 In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

6 Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another.

13a Then was Daniel brought in before the King.

14 I have even heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods is in thee, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee.

22 And thou his son, O Belshazzar hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this:

27 TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.

Memory Verse: Job was perfect and upright, and one that feared God. Job 1:1b.

Central Thought: It pays to study God's Word and measure our lives by it.

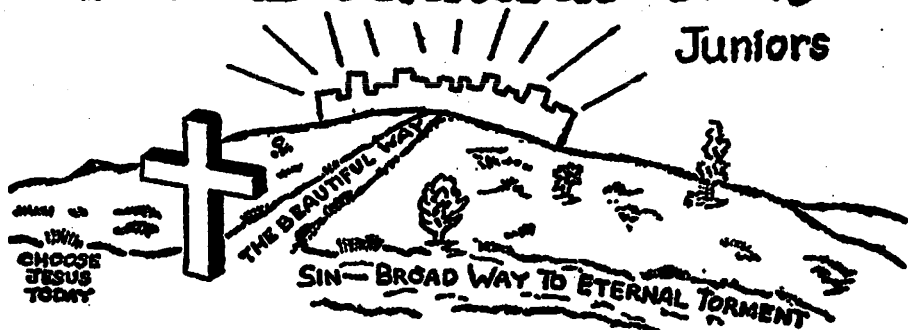
QUESTIONS:

1. What are we weighed by?
2. Did Job weigh evenly with the Bible?
3. What did Belshazzar do that was wrong?
4. What appeared under the candlestick?
5. How did Belshazzar act when he saw the writing?
6. Who was called to explain the writings?
7. How did Belshazzar know how his father, Nebuchadnezzar, was punished when he would not honor God?
8. How was Belshazzar punished?
9. Are we weighed by God at times?
10. When will the final weighing be?

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Seeing God's Greatness

I love to look up in the sky
And see the twinkling worlds on high
The glory of the Lord declare
Down through the cool and quiet
air.

I love to see the morning light
Drive far away the shades of night.
It tells me that His mercies new
Are mine to bless the long day
through.

The earth is full, both far and near,
Of glory to our God so dear;
But who is wise these things to see
But those whose lives are pure and
free.

—Leslie Busbee

Seeing Is Believing

(Adapted from a true incident)

At many times and in many places,
people who believed in the Lord God
have suffered cruelly at the hands of
unbelievers. And children have not

been exceptions. Lisa was a little girl who was taught by her parents about the true God who lives and who always lived. She learned that He made the world and all that is in it. He made the birds, the fish, and every living creature. He made man in the likeness of God. Lisa also learned that because man sinned, God sent His Son Jesus to die for the sins of the world. Jesus, Lisa learned, arose from the dead and is now in heaven, but some day He will return. All this Lisa learned from her parents and from her Bible. Lisa, too, was a believer in God. Most of the neighbors hated Lisa and her parents because of their belief, but they were happy in knowing that God loved them. One night some soldiers came and took her father away and they never saw him again. Lisa and her mother cried bitterly, but they still trusted in God. One day as Lisa's mother prepared to leave for work, she asked Lisa to prepare things for their supper.

"Lisa, dear, soak the beans and boil them when you get home from

school. Make the bread and let it rise near the oven," Mother said.

"Mama, must I go to school? This new teacher is so unkind! He has all of the children taunting me because I believe in God. I dislike to go to school now," said Lisa.

"Ah, but Lisa, you must go—you must learn! If you do not go, the government people will come and take you from me. That must not happen, Lisa."

"Oh, no, Mama, I would never want to leave you! But I don't like school this year. It is so lonely."

"But you have Helga and Maria and her brother. They believe in God."

"Yes," replied Lisa, "they believe, but they won't tell. Mr. Kosten has them so afraid that they won't tell anyone and they won't talk to me."

"Too bad! Too bad!" Mother said, sadly. "But you must learn, Lisa. You must go to school and study hard. Jesus is your friend. He will never turn against you. Learn your lessons well so you can read and teach others of the true God. Some day we will be free to worship our God openly. We must tell others all about Him so they will believe. So go to school, Lisa, and learn well. Tonight we will slip out and meet with the Christians and pray."

"But the children laugh at me, Mama, and sometimes they hit me."

"Did they not do this to our Lord, dear? Remember, Lisa, how Jesus suffered for you. It is little He asks of us. I must go now. Goodbye, I will be praying for you all day."

"Goodbye, Mama. I am sorry I was afraid. I will be brave."

When Lisa came to class that day, she found her teacher in a very bad mood. Mr. Kosten was determined

to prove to his class once and for all that there was no God. The children trembled under his wrath.

"Attention, Class!" the teacher called sharply. "You have come here to learn—to be wise! In order to be wise, you must get all foolish ideas out of your heads. If our country is to be strong we must have strong minds! No foolish notions will be tolerated. We must stop believing fairy tales. No one must even think about a living God! That is all nonsense! Do you agree?"

"Yes," meekly agreed the class.

"Who does not agree?" asked the teacher.

"I do not agree, Mr. Kosten," boldly declared Lisa.

"You what?" said the startled teacher.

"I don't agree that there isn't any God. I know that there is a God," Lisa answered.

"Do you hear that, Class? This silly girl believes that there is a God. She says that she knows there is a God!" The teacher laughed loudly, and the class timidly joined him.

"Have you ever seen God, Class?" asked the teacher.

"No-o!"

"Have you ever seen God, Lisa?"

"No, Mr. Kosten. No one has seen God at any time."

"You have never seen God, but you say there is one. If there is a God, you certainly ought to be able to produce Him! Go out and bring your God in! Come on! Go out and get Him!"

(To be continued)

COUNT YOUR WEALTH

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. —Selected

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a big circle and put a toothpick man in the center. Point out that everywhere man goes or looks, he sees God and will meet God at the end of his days. Write this scripture under it, "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isa. 55:9. Sing or read the words to the song, "How Great Thou Art."

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Man is doing great things. They are landing objects on the moon and transplanting kidneys and hearts from one human to another. They are probing the depths of the ocean and making huge airplanes that streak through the air at terrific speeds. Man can do some pretty wonderful things, yet they look at a blade of grass and wonder at the mysteries hidden there. Man should feel real humble when he thinks of the wonderful things God made.

Job was a very sick man. He had some friends who came to tell him they felt sorry for him and they wondered what great sin he had committed for which he was being punished. Job's friends made long speeches which are recorded in the book of Job, trying to tell him about God. Job himself did not think that the bad things that had happened to him were punishment and he tried to explain about God to his friends, but he miserably failed.

Elihu had just finished a long speech when God broke in on the conversation. He used a whirlwind through which to speak to them. He addressed his speech to Job. God said, "Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?" This was a strong rebuke to Job. Although he had silenced his friends, yet he still lacked much understanding about God. We know that Job later confessed, "I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not." (Job 42:3) Then Job said, "I . . . repent." (42:6) Our lesson continues to tell us just what God said to them about His greatness and the great questions that He asked.

Boys and girls, today man cannot answer these questions, although they can do many great things. Man can only talk about things that they see, but God can go back beyond the beginning of time. No man witnessed the creation, but God did. Just think how He had measured the distances between the earth and the planets. If we were closer to the sun we would burn up, or if we were too far away we would freeze. Who knew exactly where to place the earth and how to keep it there? Only God.

What about the foundations of the earth, or in other words, what keeps it in space and keeps it together? God asked about the stars. Pleiades and Orion are stars or constellations that were well

known in Job's day. Arcturus is part of the group of stars that we call the "Big Dipper." Job could make no reply about who controls the stars. Then God called their attention to the ordinances of heaven—the rules by which the sky has dominion in the earth. Who can send lightning or rain, etc.? (verses 34, 35.) Man has to accept what God sends him.

Job admitted that he knew nothing and that God was too great in His wisdom for him. God told Job's friends to ask Job to pray for them. As Job prayed, God healed Job and blessed him with great riches and more sons and daughters because of His great love for him.

—Aunt Marie.

Lesson 10, June 9, 1968

THE GREATNESS OF GOD

Job 38:1-7, 31-33; 42:2

Job 38.1 Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

2 Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?

3 Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.

4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;

7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

31 Canst thou bind the sweet influ-

ence of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?

32 Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?

33 Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?

Job 42:2 I know that thou canst do everything, and that no thought can be withholden from thee.

Memory Verse: Then Job answered the Lord, and said, I know that thou canst do everything, and that no thought can be withholden from thee. Job 42:1, 2

Central Thought: God, in all His greatness, still loves and cares about "little man."

QUESTIONS:

1. Did Job and his friends really know very much about God?

2. How did God speak to Job while his friends listened?

3. Who, in Bible times, was taken up in a whirlwind?

4. Are men losing faith in God as they increase in knowledge of the universe?

5. If you had been one of Job's friends, what advice would you have given him about his sufferings?

6. How do we know that God has placed the earth in the right position in relation to the other planets?

7. Does man know anything about the world, other than what he sees?

8. Who saw the creation?

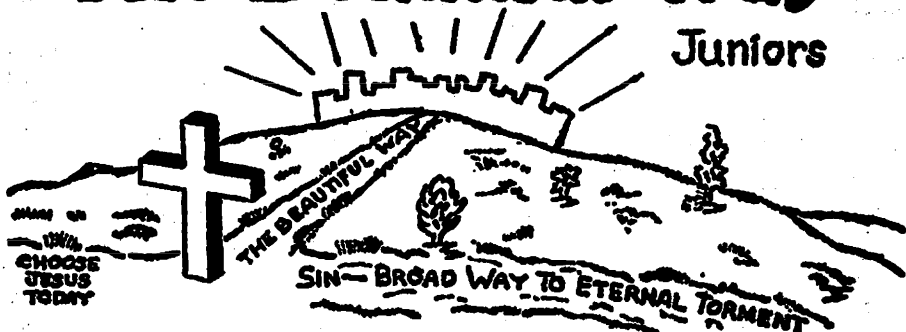
9. What does God say about the stars in our lesson?

10. What happened to Job in the end after he prayed for his friends and confessed his lack of knowledge of God?

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Part Eleven

June 16

Faith Without Works

Remember in your life

Wherever you are led

Throughout this world of sin and
strife:

Faith without works is dead.

Not all who say, "Lord, Lord,"

Shall gain the promised prize;

The faithful who obey His Word

Shall live beyond the skies.

Oh, write upon your heart

What Brother James has said—

Let not this warning from you part,
"Faith without works is dead."

—Leslie Busbee

Seeing Is Believing

Lisa left the room amid the taunts
of the class and teacher.

"Does anyone else know where
there is a God to show us?" the
teacher continued to try to con-
vince the students. Just then Lisa
slowly came back into the room.

"So! You are back already? Where
is your God? I don't see Him! Go
and get Him! We want to see this
God so we can believe there is One.
Go on! Go out and get Him!" the
teacher taunted Lisa.

Again Lisa left the room as the
children laughed at her.

"Perhaps He is lost. She does not
know where to find Him," the teach-
er said as the children laughed.

"It is too bad her head has been
filled with this nonsense. She will
not have a strong mind until she
gets rid of this nonsense!"

Not knowing what else to do, Lisa
returned to the classroom.

"Ha!" said the teacher, "Well, I
still don't see any God! Where is
your God? Tell me, do you still be-
lieve in God?"

"Yes, I do," said Lisa.

"You do? Well, where is He? I
have told you to bring Him here!
What will it take to teach you? Do
you believe we have a janitor here
at school?"

"Yes, I do."

"Well, go get him! Bring him here. See if you can produce him."

Poor Lisa! How troubled she felt as she left the room once more. She could hear the children laughing at her.

In the classroom the teacher said, "It takes some children longer to learn, but we will teach her that there is no God. It is foolishness. She says herself that no one has seen Him. She might as well believe in fairies!"

Just then Lisa came back into the room, bringing the janitor.

"So you have brought the Janitor! Did you have trouble finding him?"

"No, Mr. Kosten."

"Did you want to see me, Mr. Kosten?" asked the janitor.

"Yes, Jules. I am teaching this class to believe in the right things—the things which they can see. Lisa here, believes there are gods which she can't see."

"I believe in one God, Mr. Kosten," Lisa corrected her teacher.

"No matter! You haven't produced Him for us, have you? Here is the janitor. We can all see him. If there is a God, why can't you bring Him to us?"

"Because God is a Spirit and no one can see a spirit."

"Ha! He is a ghost or a goblin? Enough of this! Get to your desk and study truths. Your mind is weak! You may go, Jules," the teacher said angrily.

Then the teacher turned to the class and said, "Start working! Certainly all of you must be convinced by now that there is no God!"

Just then there was a loud knock on the door. Mr. Kosten went to see who was there, but found no one. This happened again and a third

time. Each time there was no one to be seen at the door.

The teacher turned angrily to his class and said, "Someone has time to play games, but I haven't. Let them knock! We will have reading now. Open your readers to page 72. Helga, we will start with you. Stand up, Helga, and read the first paragraph." Again there was heard the sound of someone knocking on the door. "Let them knock! I have no time for hide and seek. We will go on with our reading. Helga, you have the place?" When the knock on the door was heard again, Mr. Kosten walked angrily to the door and flung it violently open. Just then he fell to the floor with a thud.

(To be continued)

THOU GOD SEEST ME

CINDY

Cindy had memorized her Bible verse for Sunday School, and could say it letter perfect, and the reference where it was found in the Bible. Cindy was glad Hagar knew "Thou God seest me" when she was afraid her son Ishmael would die of thirst in the desert (Genesis 16:13).

But Cindy forgot it at school when she had a spelling test. It was so easy to turn around and peep at Andy's desk to steal a look at the word "costume," so that she could spell it correctly. But God saw her do that!

PATTY

As Patty was going down the school steps she caught her heel in the hem of her dress, almost tripping her. Grabbing the banister, Patty prayed, "Lord Jesus, help me." He did help her, and whispered, "The eyes of the

Lord are in every place." Jesus is ready to help you, but always remember, He sees the things that hurt Him and the things that please Him!

You would rather please someone who is ready to help you, wouldn't you? See how often you can do things that please Jesus.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Write these words on the blackboard, numbering each one: "You fed me," "You gave me drink," "You took me in," "You clothed me," "You visited me when I was sick." Under them write, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:40.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Did you ever see a car run without wheels? Maybe I should ask if you ever saw a car run without a motor? You may say that you have because someone pulled it along with another car or truck, or maybe even a team of horses could be used. But it just has to have wheels on which to roll.

Our lesson is about faith and works. You might have works and you might have done lots of good deeds, but it will not count with God unless you have faith in Him. Faith is the motor and works are the wheels. Faith—the motor—caused the wheels—works—to go. Works are good deeds prompted by a deep love for God which comes from faith.

The Apostle James brings it out by comparing to those in need of food. They are starving. They come to you and say, "Please give us some bread because we are hungry." You say to them,

just go along, you will be warmed and be given food, but you do not give them any. What kind of a heart do you have? Would you say a person that would do that has any love in his heart to watch the poor hungry person stagger away, after saying such words? James is telling us that that person doesn't have any faith because his works or deeds do not show it.

A person may say that he believes in God; that there is just one God. The Apostle James tells us that the devil believes there is a God and trembles. The devil knows that his doom is hell in the end of the world, and all that do not believe in God will be there with him, but it takes more than just believing. There must be some works and a clean life must come forth from that belief and faith in God.

God promised Abraham a son when he was a hundred years old. God gave Isaac to him and then tested him. God wanted to see if he still had faith and loved Him more than he did his son. He told Abraham to offer his son as a sacrifice unto Him. We find that Abraham went up into the mountain, bound his son and put him on the altar. He drew back the knife to kill him and God stopped him. God called Abraham a Friend of God. Abraham was accepted. Abraham said he had faith and by his works he proved it. God counted him faithful.

Also Rahab hid the spies that Joshua sent into Canaan to spy out the land. She believed that the God who had brought the Israelites out of Egypt would come and take the land where she lived. Her life was spared because of her works. She had faith in God.

Boys and girls, when you are kind because you have kindness in your heart from God, then you are accepted by God. When you show love because you love God, then God is pleased. We are not

saved by works alone, but when those works are done because we love God, then we are accepted. Next week think of something good to do, and do it, for someone because you love God.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 11, June 16, 1968

FAITH AND WORKS

James 2:14-26

James 2:14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

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

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

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

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

19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe and tremble.

20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteous-

ness: and he was called the Friend of God.

24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

25 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Memory Verse: But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. James 1:22.

Central Thought: We are not saved by works alone but we work because we have faith and are saved.

QUESTIONS:

1. How can faith and works be compared to a car with wheels and a motor?

2. Can a person have faith and be doing the works of God, and yet send a starving person away and not give him food when he has it to give?

3. Does the devil believe in God? Where will he be sent?

4. Is it true that works that are acceptable to God come from a clean heart with faith in God?

5. How did Abraham prove his faith in God?

6. What did God call Abraham?

7. How did Rahab prove that she believed in God?

8. How was her life spared?

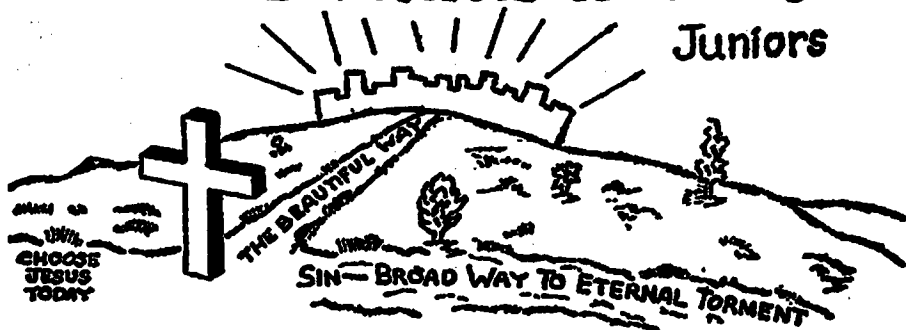
9. Can you be kind and show love and it not be counted by God?

10. Repeat the Central Thought and explain it.

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Part Twelve

June 23

God's Way—Man's Way

Man's way is up;
God's way is down,
Drinking sorrow's cup,
Then wear the crown.

For only when
We lowly be
Will God lift us
To victory.

And so seek not
Yourself to lift—
Have faith in God,
Receive the Gift.

—Leslie Busbee

Seeing Is Believing

When Lisa's mother returned home from work that evening, she found her daughter very solemn and quiet.

"You are so quiet, Lisa. You are not glad to see me?" anxiously inquired the mother.

"Oh, yes, Mama, I am always glad to see you."

"Was school hard today? I prayed for you, Lisa. Always, all day. It was hard?"

"Yes, it was hard, Mama, but I am glad you prayed."

"The beans smell good. The bread is about ready to bake. You did not set the table. You are troubled, Lisa? Tell me, what is troubling you?"

"It is not trouble, Mama. It is God! He is real; very real! Oh, Mama, Mr. Kosten was so angry with me because I still believe in God. He was determined to change my mind. He sent me out of the room to bring my God in so they could see Him. He was there, Mama, but God is a Spirit. He cannot be seen."

"'Tis true, Lisa, 'tis true."

"They laughed at me, the class laughed. Twice he sent me out to bring in God. Then he sent me for the janitor. I brought him. They could see him. Mr. Kosten was so angry with me because even then I still believed in God. He told us to get back to work. Then there was a knock on the door. He opened it and no one was there. It happened

again. The third time he tore the door open and—oh, Mama!—he fell dead!”

“Ah, Lisa, this was hard for you.”

“It was dreadful to see him lying there. The children cried and some said, ‘It was God!’ They believe now that there is a God.”

“It is good. God did not leave you, Lisa. He was there all along. We cannot see the wind, but it is there. We breathe the air which cannot be seen. God will not be mocked. It is too late for your teacher, Lisa, but you must tell the children more about your God.”

“Yes, Mama. I know better than ever that God is real. Some day everyone will know it, won’t they, Mama?”

“Yes, Lisa, some great day every knee will bow to Him.”

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“Does You Love Dod?”

An old ragged unkempt tramp knocked at the door of a New Hampshire home one morning, and asked for something to eat. The mother of the home invited the poor old fellow into the kitchen to rest, and while preparing a good meal for him she learned that at one time he had had a good home and wife and children.

Drink had driven him from one sin to another until his family had deserted him. He then drifted from place to place and deeper and deeper into sin until he had no desire or ambition to do anything but to tramp and to beg. He believed that no one cared what became of him and that it didn’t matter much to himself, either.

A small son in the home sat near the table watching the old man and he finally walked over to the poor fellow and placed his hand on the dirty ragged coat sleeve and looked up at the sin-marked face. “Man, does you love Dod?” he asked. He repeated the question several times and getting no reply said, “Well, man, Dod loves you.”

The tramp’s eyes filled with tears and his hand trembled but he made no answer. The little boy then went to his room and returned with ten pennies that had been given to him for candy. He placed them in the hand of the old man saying, “Man, this will buy some bread.” The poor fellow’s head went down on the table and the tears of years were shed there.

He left the house without saying a word and was unheard of for months. At last a letter in a cramped hand came addressed to the child saying, “Little One, you saved me from hell. After I left your house I walked along the country road and all I could hear was, ‘Man, Dod loves you.’ I fell asleep that night under a tree and dreamed of a fair, curly-haired child with his little hand on my sleeve, saying over and over, ‘Man, Dod loves you.’”

“That was all I could hear for days, until I threw myself down on the ground and wept all the hardness out of my heart. I saw again the man I used to be, the cozy home I had owned, the loving wife and dear children that sin had taken from my side. I thought of all that I had sacrificed to serve the devil and of what he had made me, who had once been as pure and sweet as the little child who brought that message from God

to me. I cried out, 'Oh, God, if it isn't too late, make me a child once more and let me see that little lad in heaven some day, if I never do down here.'

"I have a job now and clothes, and a place to sleep. I'm an old man and I won't be here long, but God bless you. Child, because you led an old dirty tramp back to God. I know when death comes and I reach the cold, dark river, a sweet childish voice will float out to me saying, 'Man, God loves you.' "

HONESTY PAYS

"I have an idea. Let's put some rocks in with these walnuts that we have to sell and they will weigh more. That way we will have more money," Barry said to Bill as they weighed their sacks of walnuts.

They sold several sacks of walnuts with the rocks for added weight and it looked like they were getting away with it as no one said anything about it. But one day a lady had them open one of the sacks so she could see the walnuts before she bought any. And there were the rocks in plain sight for her to see. How embarrassed the boys were as she gave them a lecture on being honest. The boys were so ashamed that they never tried that any more. It pays to be honest.

—M. M.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw two trees. Under one write "Devilish Wisdom" and under the other write "Wisdom from Above." Write in each one the acts mentioned in our lesson.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson today teaches about God's way and man's way. In other words, we want to think about how God wants us to live and then think about how boys and girls live who do not go God's way. We need to read God's Word to find out how God wants us to live.

Our first verse is a question which, if we asked, would be like this: "Who is the wisest boy or girl in this class?" He that is the wisest, let him show us that he is wise by his actions and manner of life which lets us see the wisdom that comes from God. The word "conversation" in the first verse means conduct, behavior, or manner of life. It does not necessarily mean the words you say with your tongue. Your whole life and conduct, including your words, show how much wisdom you have or do not have. Now, the wisest boy or girl would be the one who has wisdom from God. In verse 17 we are told what that wisdom is. It is: (1). Pure. (2). Peaceable. (3). Gentle. (4). Easy to be entreated. (5). Full of mercy and good fruits. (6). Without partiality. (7). Without hypocrisy. It would be good to think about each of these and then ask yourself if you have them in your life. If you are obeying each one, then you have that wisdom which comes from God and you are wise.

How do you act when someone comes up and asks you a question, or asks you to do something? Do you always try to seek peace? Are you full of mercy? Do you show favors to some more than to others? Are you strictly honest about all things, or do you try to cover up some things? There are many more questions you should ask yourself.

Now the wisdom that is of the earth is named in verses 14-16. Oh, boys and girls, never give any place to jealousy

and envy. Be glad that others are honored and help to honor them and point out their good points. Do not be a trouble-maker and cause strife. Be peaceable. These are God's ways.

The last part of our lesson is about a man who only thought about earthly things. He had used God's ground and God's sunshine and rain and God's animals to make money. He did not think of helping others, but only thought of himself and used his worldly wisdom to get along, but he seemed to forget about God. God called him a fool for this and he was surprised when God called for him to leave it all. It would pay each of us to remember God in all we do or say or in the way we act. We will meet Him one of these days. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 12, June 23, 1968

MAN'S WAY AND GOD'S WAY

James 3:13-18 Luke 12:17-20

James 3:13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

Luke 12:17 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?

Memory Verse: I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. Psalm 119:59.

Central Thought: We cannot have heavenly wisdom unless we have Jesus in our hearts to give it to us.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is the difference between God's way and man's way?

2. How can we know what God wants us to do?

3. Do we first have to be "born again" to have heavenly wisdom?

4. How can we tell heavenly wisdom in others?

5. Name four of the ways we will act if we have heavenly wisdom.

6. Explain one of the four ways that was mentioned.

7. What are some of the ways that are earthly?

8. How does a person act when he is jealous of another?

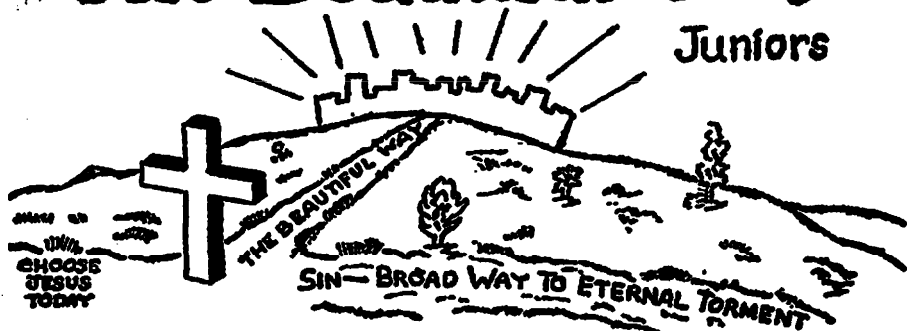
9. What did the rich man decide to do?

10. What did God call him?

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Part Thirteen

June 30

I Learned To Pray

I learned to pray when but a child;
My mother taught me how,
And on my pray'r's the Savior smiled;
I well remember now.

And when I gave my heart to Him
Who died upon the tree,
This sinful world was made so dim,
I prayed to faithful be.

And now life's battles do I face
My weapons, faith and pray'r,
I seek Him in a secret place
And cast on Him my care.

—Leslie Busbee

Janie Bears the Cross

"Mother has lots of things planned for you," whispered Lillie to Janie. "She said she was going to do all she could to make you happy. She said that tomorrow you and I could go to the picture show for the whole afternoon." Lillie waited for Janie to speak as they lay side by side in their

soft bed. But to tell the truth Janie did not know what to say. Indeed, she was sad. Her mother and father had been killed in a car accident and she had been brought home with her aunt to live. It seemed that her world had stopped and all was confusion, yet she kept thinking about the things that her mother and father had taught her. They had told her that heaven is a wonderful place and she had read herself the words of Jesus since her parents had died. Jesus had said, "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you . . . where I am there ye may be also." John 14:1-3. Janie had memorized these verses and they were a comfort to her. She knew her parents were in heaven and she had determined to live so she could be with them some day. But what should she do? Her parents had taught her that it was wrong to go to picture shows. They had taught her of the many evils shown on the screen and felt

that it would cause her to go the wrong way.

"Didn't you hear what I said about getting to go to the picture show?" Lillie spoke again after waiting, it seemed, a long time. She didn't understand why that wouldn't make Janie happy.

"Oh, Lillie, I don't want to go anywhere," Janie finally said as she did not know what to tell Lillie. She did not know what to tell Lillie. She didn't think she would understand if she told her she thought Jesus would not want her to go.

"Oh, I'm sorry," Lillie said as she thought about how hard it must be to have to go away from home and never see your parents again. She put her arm over Janie and said no more. Soon they both were asleep.

Janie dreamed that she saw two roads ahead of her as she climbed up a hill. One road led east and seemed to curve downward. The other road led straight up the hill. When she came to the crossroads she felt tired from climbing. She saw that the road that led up the hill was rough in places but the one that led east and curved downward seemed smoother and easier. Being so tired, she felt tempted to go on the east road, but as she stood there she saw at the top of the rough road the faces of her parents and Jesus in shining garments with a lovely smile upon His face. They were all beckoning her to come up to them. She then awoke with a start. She turned over and realized it was a dream. Again she felt the ache in her heart, yet a comfort came over her when she knew that her parents were beckoning her to come to them. She knew that she could not go be with them if she took the easy road. She made up her mind then to

go God's way. She seemed to hear her mother softly say to her the words of Jesus, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23. Oh, how glad she was that her parents had taught her the Word of God! Now she knew what to do and how to live when they were not close to tell her. She would not go to the picture show, but she would live for Jesus in her aunt's home just like her parents had taught her.

"But, dear, there isn't anything wrong in going to a picture show," Janie's aunt said. "There are a lot of good things to see. I think you will be able to forget your sorrow and be happy. You and Lillie may stop at the popcorn stand and buy a bag of popcorn and eat it while there."

"Please don't feel hurt at me," Janie said as she looked up at her aunt. "My mother told me that there were some good things in a picture show and many bad things to see. She said it was like a garbage can. There might be a good piece of bread in the garbage can, but who would want to take it out and eat it? There would be some bad on it, too. Do you mind if I stay at home and put together the puzzle that Uncle Jim bought me?"

"Well, dear, since you have put it that way, you do not need to go," her aunt said. I imagine Lillie would enjoy helping you work on your puzzle. I am going to make some cookies and I'll bring you some after awhile. Is that all right, Lillie?"

"Well, all right, but I still don't know why Janie won't go to the show," Lillie said in a disappointed voice. As the girls walked into the bedroom together, Janie told Lillie about her dream and how she felt that Jesus would be displeased with her

if she went to the show. Lillie became interested and asked more questions about what Jesus wanted them to do. When Mother appeared with the cookies, both girls had their heads bowed over Janie's Bible. They had forgotten the puzzle. Janie lifted her happy face and looked at her aunt. Jesus had comforted her and she was happy because she had been firm in what she felt was right. She had boldly taken up her cross and followed Jesus and He had helped her. —M. Miles

EASILY BROKEN

A small girl was once punished for wrong-doing. She said, "Oh, those commandments do break so easily!" And it is true that it is very easy to sin. This is the reason we should ask Jesus every morning to keep us from sinning through the day.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a garden spot. Write under it, "The husbandman (or farmer) waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it."

Dear Boys and Girls:—

This world will not be here always. It will be destroyed. It will not just be burned over, but the Bible tells us that "the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, and the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up . . . the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat." 2 Peter 3:10, 12. A trumpet shall sound and time shall be no more.

Surely we need to be ready because we never know when time shall be no more. No one knows but God when the end will come. Not even the angels in heaven know, but we must keep ready because, according to the Bible, it is close at hand.

The Apostle James, in our lesson today, tells us to be patient for the coming of the Lord draws near. If it was near in that day, surely it is closer to the end at this day. We need to be careful and not hold grudges against any because the judge standeth at the door.

James speaks of the farmer who plants his seed and then waits with patience for the seed to come up and harvest time to come. God is waiting for some good fruit from each one of our lives. We know that in times past the prophets who have lived brought forth good fruit in their lives. We can take them for an example. We have studied about different ones. But the Apostle James speaks of Job. Can you tell about how he was patient in his sufferings? Did he fail God? Was God good to him in the end? Can we not see the great pity that God has for each of us?

The Apostle James speaks about what we are to do when we get sick. Did he say to call for the doctor? No, he said to call for the elders of the church and let them anoint with oil and the prayer of faith would save the sick. It is a wonderful privilege to trust God for the healing of our bodies. Have you ever been healed? Perhaps you could tell about it. I have been healed many, many times. I have been healed of goiter, small pox, diphtheria, kidney stones, and many other things.

One time when I was a little girl I was helping my father and brothers pick up the potatoes they had dug. I would get some of the little ones and run to the water faucet and wash them and eat

them. I ate too many and got a stomach ache. I asked my father to pray for me. After he prayed for me the Lord healed my stomach ache. I learned my lesson. I never did that again. I did not know they would make me sick or that I was eating too many of them.

We can confess our faults and ask God to help us and He will. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 13, June 30, 1968

PATIENCE AND PRAYER

James 5:7-16

James 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

8 Be ye also patient; establish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

9 Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.

10 Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.

11 Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful and of tender mercy.

12 But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.

13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Memory Verse: Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16.

Central Thought: We need God for our souls and for our bodies.

QUESTIONS:

1. Tell what will happen in the last day.
2. What will happen to the earth in the last day?
3. What did the Apostle James tell us about the coming of the Lord? Is it near or far?
4. How did James compare our waiting for the Lord with the farmer and his crops?
5. Who was mentioned in our lesson as one who had suffered patiently?
6. What did the Bible tell us to do when we are sick? Call for the doctor?
7. Does the anointing oil heal us?
8. Can we confess our sins and find forgiveness from God?

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