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Juniors



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Part One

Jan. 5

Angry Words

Angry words, oh, let them never
From thy tongue unbridled slip;
May the heart's best impulse ever
Check them e'er they soil thy lip.

Love is much too pure and holy.
Friendship is too sacred far,
For a moment's reckless folly
Thus to desolate and mar.

Angry words are often spoken,
Bitt'rest thoughts are rashly
stirred;
Many links in life are broken
By a single angry word.

Please Help Us!

Foreword

Do you appreciate your everyday blessings as they come from God's bountiful hand? Is it possible that we, as Americans, take our blessings too much for granted? As you read the following, compare the description of conditions there with the conditions around you, especially your salvation.

One morning about 11:00 in El Alamo, Baja Calif. Mexico, Ruby Marken and I were making a dress for Diamantina, our native worker's wife, when two Indians from Santa Catarina, Loreto and Sam, knocked on the door. They immediately made known the purpose of their coming, asking us to take them and all of their families to Arroyo Leon, as a sister-in-law of one of these men had died. Ruby's jeep pickup was being used in the work in El Alamo for gathering up the people for services and the Indians wanted us to take all of them in the jeep; otherwise, only those who could go on burros would be able to go and that would take precious time as Arroyo Leon was sixty-five miles distant.

We changed clothing, putting on every warm garment we could find as we knew it would be necessary to stay over-night. I put enough food together for the two of us for the period of time we thought we would be gone, and we were on our way to pick up the other members of the families east of Santa Catarina, and soon again on our way to Arroyo Leon.

About thirty miles south and east,

after passing through Llano (Yano) and El Rodeo (Row-day-o) there was a steep decline into Valle de La Trinidad (Valley of the Trinity). This is a narrow valley between two mountain ranges. There is quite a lot of cultivation in Valle with irrigation, but it is hardly ever without much dust in the air, and is always windy. We went east in the valley for about fifteen miles, then turned south again through a canyon between mountains. For several miles of Baja desert with many kinds of cacti lining both sides of the road, plus the Mexican mesquite bush, we turned every direction over very rough and rocky roads. Almost as far as one could see, there were mountains filled with rocks of all sizes and shapes.

Before telling of our arrival there, I would like to tell a little of the thirteen-month-old baby boy who rode on his mother's lap in the cab of the pick-up with us. These people have not known the cleanliness of a home such as we have here in the states, but live in poverty and filth. This child had beautiful large brown eyes, coal-black hair which probably had never been washed. He wore only a little tee shirt which is the custom of the Mexicans and Indians until boys are about three. His bare brown feet were encrusted with dirt, even on top, and were wrinkled as old leather.

After about four and one-half hours of driving, Sam, Raymunda's husband who was in the seat with us, knocked on the cab and told us we would all have to walk the rest of the way, which was between a quarter to a half-mile. Ruby drove the jeep off the "road," and parked it in the midst of a clump of mesquite bushes. On alighting from the jeep, each of them

picked up a small package—a little clothing tied in a scarf, a quilt, a bottle of coal-oil, etc., and carried it as we all went to the house. There were several steep inclines and declines before coming in sight of the house. On coming over the top of the last "colina" (small hill), we saw their horses tied and several of the boys who had ridden them were sitting around talking. We came next to the "ramada," which was their open-air kitchen, though used the year around. It was built of uprights at the corners, which were tall slender tree trunks between which had been placed stalks from the mescal cactus, two feet apart, and between them, fine willow branches, close together, tied at intervals of one foot with the skin of the yucca cactus. This was done when they were green and as they dried they shrank, pulling the stalks and branches closer together. From about waist high on up the kitchen was completely open, then the roof was made up of overlapping desert grass with the grass still held together by part of the sliced-off bulb root. Inside the kitchen were some poorly made shelves on which were a few broken dishes and granite pans which lacked most of the granite. In the center, the "cook stove" was made of adobe bricks and an old car top on which to set the vessels of food for cooking. A wood fire was built inside this and the smoke escaped through the openwork of the room. Tortillas were laid directly on the car top for cooking.

(To be continued)

Do you need a friend to tell all your troubles to that will not tell another person about them? Then you need to talk to Jesus.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a shoreline. Place two toothpick men at the edge of the water and label one John the Baptist and the other Jesus. Put a dove on the head of Jesus. Make an opening in the sky with short lines running down to the men. Write words coming from the sky saying, "Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Underneath the drawing write, "Repent and believe the gospel."

Dear Boys and Girls:—

This is the first Sunday in a brand new year. This time last year you did not know what the year held for you, but just think of the many, many things that happened last year. You are a little taller and maybe you weigh a little more. You learned many things last year that you did not know before. But there is one thing about last year that is very important and that is that you have learned more about Jesus and God, your heavenly Father. You know that He is a God of love. He loves you too much to want you to go to hell, the place prepared for the devil and all those who choose not to love God and to prepare for heaven. You understand that heaven is a pure and holy place because God is pure and holy, therefore you must have all sin removed from your soul and heart so you can go to that pure place. If you love God, He will help you to be ready to go, but if you do not choose Him for your master, then the devil is your master, and he brings you many heartaches and troubles. He will make things look wonderful, which is his famous trap. When you believe him and follow his suggestions and get into trouble, he will just laugh at you. For instance, he will try to get you to steal some money so you can buy something you want real bad.

If you do it you are pretty sure to get caught. Trouble comes your way and the devil laughs. I don't know why boys and girls choose Satan for their master, do you? This year we are going to love Jesus and obey Him, aren't we?

Our lessons for this quarter are in the book of Mark. If God would speak out of the heavens to mankind today, just what do you think He would say? Some might say that He would tell us how wicked this old world is, and it is wicked. But we know that, don't we? We see sin and evil all about us. We need a message from God that will help us. When Jesus went to John the Baptist and wanted to be baptized, God did speak out of heaven. He brought hope to the hearts of the people. He spoke words of comfort. He showed them a way out of their sins and made them know that they did not have to sin anymore. For many years they had been looking for the Messiah, or the Christ, to come. They knew that when He came He would be their helper and save them from their sins. So that day as Jesus stood on the river bank, the heavens opened. Oh, what a wonderful sight! The Spirit from heaven floated down in the shape of a dove and sat upon Jesus. Then the wonderful, loving voice of God spoke and said, "Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Many times, no doubt, God had looked down upon mankind, but there was not one that was without sin. He was not pleased with any of them. Now He sent His only Son to live in a fleshly body like ours. He was without sin. Now He could help us. He could die for our sins. Our lesson records the beginning of the ministry of Jesus. He gives the world the great message that the time has come that the kingdom of God is to be preached and all must repent and believe the gospel, which means "good news." —Aunt Marie

Lesson 1, January 5, 1969

THE WORLD INTO WHICH JESUS CAME

Mark 1:1-15

Mark 1:1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;

2 As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

5 And there went out unto him all the land of Judea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.

6 And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locust and wild honey;

7 And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.

8 I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

9 And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.

10 And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:

11 And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

12 And immediately the spirit driveth him into the wilderness.

13 And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

14 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

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: True repentance brings the soul in contact with God and enables one to get ready for the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

QUESTIONS:

1. What does the word "gospel" mean?
2. Read verse 2 in our lesson and then Malachi 3:1.
3. Who was called a voice?
4. What did John the Baptist preach?
5. How did John dress?
6. Who was to baptize with the Holy Ghost?
7. How was Jesus baptized?
8. Who spoke out of heaven? What did He say?
9. How long was Jesus tempted in the wilderness?

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Part Two

Jan. 12

NOW

If you have kind words to say,
Say them now;
Tomorrow may not come your way;
Do a kindness while you may,
Loved ones will not always stay;
Say them now.

If you have a smile to show,
Show it now;
Make hearts happy, roses grow,
Let the friends around you know
How you love them ere they go;
Show it now.

Please Help Us!

(Continued from last week.)

We stepped through the door which was neither tall enough nor wide enough to admit us without our bending over and going in sideways. We stood inside the door as some of the family of the dead woman spoke to us, others were talking, some crying. As Raymunda, sister of Juanita, (the dead girl) entered the door, her moth-

er, Victoria, began to chant and cry and Raymunda did the same. This chanting was repeated over and over while they were either standing by the body or bending over it smoothing some of the folds in the clothing. None of the men ever chant, just the women. After about forty minutes Raymunda sat down on the floor (ground) weeping. No matter how many were chanting, and sometimes there were ten, each chant was different in tone and rhythm. Victoria's chant was the only one which made a real tune and had a definite rhythm.

Several of the Indians were seated around the corpse and talked quite a bit in Pai-Pai after which Victoria got up and greeted us and another Indian woman got us a bench together. As we sat there, I began observing all that was going on around us and the contents of the house. It was built just like the kitchen except that the walls were solid though they were not more than four and one-half feet high but the ceiling rose at an angle to the center which was six feet high. There was a center post in each room to keep the roof from sagging. There were

two rooms with a low four-foot doorway in the side wall of the back room for a back door and it was covered by a piece of sacking. Mud was packed for several inches up the side walls to keep out rain, etc. The entire house had a dirt floor. Actually, the only pieces of furniture in the house, if one could call them furniture, were a mattress, and the bench on which we were sitting. In the center of the room was an open wood fire on the ground and in the night when it was quite cold (it sleeted a little) the fire really felt good. The smoke escaped between the patches of grass on the roof. I don't believe anyone had ever bothered to sweep down the soot from the fire, and it had formed in drapes over the entire center of the ceiling. Through a narrow passage-way was the other room, another fire was in the center of the floor and one of Juanita's sisters lay in there dying of the same disease. Ruby went over to her the next morning as opportunity was made and talked to her concerning her soul. Her expression didn't change and she seemed as a stone, hard and cold, toward the gospel. She died two days later.

About sun-down while they ate their rice and tortillas, we went up to the jeep and ate of the lunch we had taken. We took our own food as we didn't know from what disease Juanita had died. Later we were thankful we had, as she had died of tuberculosis. This family had no silverware, but used their tortilla for a plate and spoon. Some of the smaller children were given some broken plates to use, and during one meal while we were there, one of the little boys had his rice on his plate and had put the tortilla on the **ground** beside it. A little

dog ran by and grabbed the tortilla. The little boy jumped up, grabbed the dog by the leg, took his tortilla away from the dog and ate it. I tell this only to further show you we are a blessed people.

Ruby and I chose an empty corner in the room where the corpse was, placed an over-stuffed cushion which we had brought with us in the corner, two quilts on the ground from the corner each direction, then taking off our coats, we went to bed, putting our coats over us for cover. I prayed: "Lord, you know I don't sleep too well on a good bed, and I know if I sleep tonight, it will be You who gives it to me." We slept, praise the Lord! There were at least twelve Indians, some men, some women, sitting on the ground around the room, talking, some sleeping, the corpse on one side of the center post, the log fire on the other. About every two hours they would waken us with chanting after which we would sleep until it started again. It was already known that all were definitely Catholics and did not desire our help in spiritual things.

About 11:00 p. m. a reader came in and many took part in the "mass" for Juanita. One could almost feel the presence of the enemy of honest souls, as it pervaded the room.

The only bed we saw in the house was the one mattress which had stood all day propped up to the wall of the house, in the room with Dominga, the dying girl. Five children, among them a four-month-old baby, were put in a corner of the same room with old clothing for both bed and cover. This was within a small square on the ground. The baby woke up crying, and since he had never had a taste of milk and there would not be any

more rice-water until after "desayuno" (breakfast), he cried for three hours, or until he went back to sleep.
(To be continued)

Christ promises me that if I open the door, He will come in. Therefore, if I have opened my heart's door, He has come in. It is not that I hope He has, or that I think He has, but that I know He has!

Be kind, loving and tender to everyone. God will bless you for this.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Make a list of the things Jesus included in His day's work. Here are some of the things: (1) Preached in the synagogue. (2) Delivered man possessed of unclean spirit. (3) Went to Peter's home. (4) Healed Peter's mother-in-law. (5) The whole city came to Peter's door. (6) Healed many that were sick and cast out devils. Can you add any more to the list?

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Notice that the word "authority" is mentioned twice in our lesson. When one speaks with authority, he has received it from some source. Your parents can speak with authority because God holds them responsible for you until you are of age. Your teachers and the officers of the law speak with authority which has been given to them. Jesus spoke with authority because God gave Him power over the devil, sin, and the souls of men. Jesus had been in eternity with God. Jesus is the Truth.

Everyone must have been surprised when, as Jesus was teaching with authority the doctrines of the Bible, a man shrieked out telling everyone that Jesus was the Holy One of God and had come to destroy "us," meaning the devil with-

in him. Probably they were all afraid. Wouldn't you be? But Jesus was not afraid. He had authority over the devil that was living in that man. It was an "unclean spirit." Boys and girls, you need to guard your hearts and minds. Unclean spirits today would like to move into your heart. I feel sure that many of the terrible crimes committed today are done by those who are possessed of an "unclean spirit." There are many filthy comic books, novels, movies, and TV shows that come from the same source. Have you ever been around anyone who liked to tell dirty stories all the time? They are yielding to an unclean spirit. God has made all things pure and holy. Man has made them impure by his misuse of them.

I am sure that many were glad that day that Jesus was there. He spoke with authority and rebuked the unclean spirit and the devil came out of the man. Notice how the devil mistreated the man. He tore him. The devil is a hard taskmaster. I don't want to serve him, do you?

Our Lord also has authority over diseases. He came to Peter's house and his wife's mother was sick with a fever. He healed her. How wonderful our Lord and Saviour is! We want to love and serve Him. He loves us and wants to be our helper in this life. We must not disappoint Him, but give Him our hearts and our lives.

Jesus still heals today. Have you read any of the testimonies that we have in a book printed here at the office entitled, "Divine Physical Healing"? It has many instances of how God has healed. I am glad that not only can God heal our bodies, but He can save our souls also and take us to be with Him when we die. Jesus died on the cross for our salvation and He bore those stripes for our healing.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 2, January 12, 1969

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF JESUS

Mark 1:21-34

Mark 1:21 And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.

22 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

23 And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,

24 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.

25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

26 And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.

27 And they were all amazed, inasmuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

28 And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee.

29 And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

30 But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her.

31 And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately

the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

32 And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.

33 And all the city was gathered together at the door.

34 And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.

Memory Verse: Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Heb. 13:8.

Central Thought: There is healing for both soul and body in the atonement of Jesus.

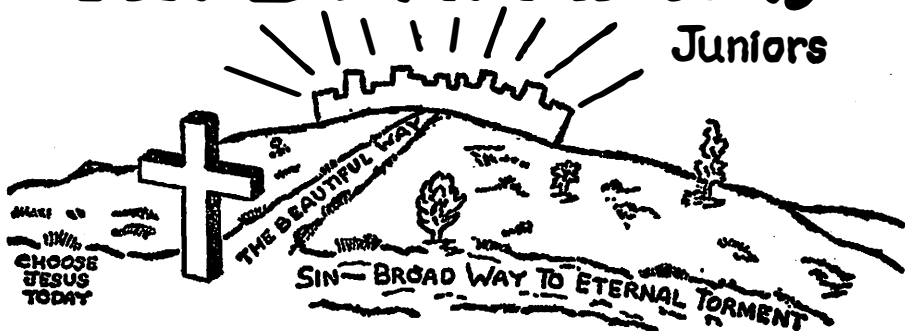
QUESTIONS:

1. Which day is the sabbath day?
2. Were the people surprised at the teachings of Jesus?
3. What kind of spirit would a person who has a filthy mind be obeying?
4. What did the man who had the unclean spirit do in the sabbath services?
5. Did the devils know who Jesus was?
6. What does James 2:19 say?
7. Does Jesus have authority over the devil?
8. What did the devil do to the man before he came out of him?
9. Tell about Jesus going to Peter's home.
10. Does Jesus still heal today?

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Part Three

Jan. 19

WANTED

Wanted! young feet to follow
Where Jesus leads the way
Into the fields where harvest
Is rip'ning day by day;
Now, while the breath of morning
Scents all the dewy air,
Now, in the fresh, sweet dawning
Oh, follow Jesus there!

Wanted! young hands to labor;
The fields are broad and wide,
And the harvest waits the reaper
Around on ev'ry side;
None are too poor or lonely,
None are too weak or small,
For in His service holy
The Master needs them all.

Wanted! young ears to listen;
Wanted! young eyes to see;
Wanted! young hearts to answer
With throb of sympathy,
When on the wild waves' sighing
The strange, sad tale is borne
Of lands in darkness lying,
Forsaken and forlorn.

Please Help Us!

(Continued from last week.)

During the night, besides the sound of chanting, we could hear the sound of a dull saw, which several of the men were using to make the casket. Friends had provided 1 x 12's and they worked all night and up until 11:00 a. m. finishing it. Measurements were taken by two of the men, over the body, with a string for length, width, and depth. The cover was made separately, and nailed on after the body was put in. When the casket was finished by the men, the women made up a cooked flour paste and covered the entire outside, including the lid, with white material, making a black cross on either end with possibly ashes mixed with the paste.

About 1:30 p. m. the other men (having taken six-man relays) returned from digging the grave. It had been necessary to pick-axe the entire grave as it was in solid rock. This was on Tuesday and they had been digging since Juanita died on Sunday.

From time to time different members of the family had raised the sheet and had thrown a garment on the corpse. These were their choices of clothing to be buried with her and which were used to put under the body, one being rolled up and put under her head.

On arising from bed the next morning, we experienced another rather unusual ritual. Each of the women and girls got on their knees with their backs to Victoria and she cut their hair straight across the bottom, wrapped it all up together in one cloth and put it beside Juanita to be buried with her. I later learned that their belief was that if their hair was cut the spirit of the dead girl, if it returned, could not get such a good hold to drag them to death.

After the casket was completed they seemed at a standstill, waiting for something. As this was my first such experience I asked Ruby what they were waiting for, and she said, probably for us to go outside. We went, and they immediately began tearing out a corner of the house, brought the casket in, placed the clothing, package of Juanita's hair which they had already cut, in one place, and the package of hair belonging to the women and girls in another, placed her body in and then nailed the cover down tight. During the process of this we slipped back in and watched as it was so different from our ways. All the women were chanting.

We then walked up to the jeep and soon we heard them coming, Victoria still chanting. (This did not stop again until the body was in the ground, a period of about three and one-half hours.) The casket, tied to two rafters by a rope, was carried on the

shoulders of six men. Ruby said it was their custom to walk all the way to the cemetery, so we had intended to follow the procession in the jeep, but this time they came up back of the jeep and placed the casket in it for as far as the jeep would go. They had said the cemetery was about a mile distant. We drove about three miles then Sam knocked on the cab and said: "Turn here." Ruby answered that there was no road, but he said: "No le hace, vuelvate" (that doesn't matter, turn here.) She did, and drove about another mile, zigzagging around the cactus and mesquite bushes until she told him she could go no further. They proceeded the rest of the way as they had come out of the arroyo from the house.

Before finishing the story, I would like to say that we returned two weeks later to take Raymunda back to Santa Catarina and about two miles before the destination of our first trip, Sam said: "Turn here." There was no sign of a road but we went between the cactus and mesquite for some time, then it was plain to see that the rest of the way would be made "a pie." (on foot). The family had waited for the death of the other girl; the night she died they had burned their house to the ground so that the spirit could not find them and moved about two miles and were living under some bushes in the open. Originally they had had a lovely spring of water for their needs, but here, even in the spring of the year, they were living by a tiny spring which was only a trickle. This had to be their home even in the cold, until the girls built another house.

After the burial, we left for home in El Alamo, eating of the little bit of candy we had left for food, arriving

about 10:00 p. m. with grateful hearts that the Lord had seen fit to draw us to Himself, give us salvation through His Son, permit our being Americans with the comforts of a home, and many more such blessings that would be beyond numbering.

Though our mission in Mexico was to save souls, on finding those who did not desire salvation, the Lord granted us the privilege to show His love to them.

—Opal Kelly

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a house with a lot of people around it. You may use marks for the people. Make the roof flat and put some marks up there. Write below, "Jesus preached to the people and healed the sick man."

Dear Boys and Girls:—

A number of years ago people were alarmed when some of their friends in the neighborhood had polio. We lived in California at the time and my boys were young. They would come home from school telling about different ones who had polio. One day my younger son told me that his teacher had it. We were saddened when she died with it. It was a dreaded disease. It caused the arms or legs to be drawn or other parts of the body to be affected. One day my older son began to complain with a hurting in his legs. We were very concerned. He couldn't walk and stayed in bed. We began to pray and called others to pray. His friend in the neighborhood came over to see him and was surprised that we did not call a doctor. The Lord healed our boy. Later this same neighbor boy took polio and was taken to the hospital for treatment. We were concerned and had prayer for him. We sent him flowers and gifts.

We can understand how concerned the four friends in our lesson were when their friend was sick with palsy. We are told that palsy was undoubtedly what we call paralysis. This causes the loss of the use of muscles or sets of muscles. The affected part will wither or dry up. There is much pain with this. These four wanted their friend to be well. They had heard of Jesus so they took him to Him. Jesus had healed many who were crippled, blind, and lame. If they could just get him to Jesus! they thought. Can't you picture them carrying him on a bed? When they arrived, so many people were in the house and all around the door and were so eager to get to Him that they would not move one inch to let the men through. But these men were not easily turned away. They just went up on the roof of the house and when they couldn't get their friend down through the trap-door, they took off part of the tiles and let him down in front of Jesus. I am sure this touched Jesus as He heard a noise and looked up and saw a bed with a man on it being let down by ropes. Our lesson said that Jesus "saw their faith." Jesus also saw the man and knew his thoughts and heart. Here he was in front of the Saviour of the world! He, no doubt, thought of his sins because when evil comes into the presence of good, it shows itself. Jesus was pure and holy and sin is condemned in His presence. Jesus spoke words that caused the man to know his sins were forgiven and then He healed him. What a wonderful Saviour we have! He is the same today and will save and heal those who will come to him with faith. —Aunt Marie

A little child should learn to submit to his parents. As soon as he is old enough he should be taught to submit to God. From then on God helps him resist sin and learn his lessons for life.

Lesson 3, January 19, 1969

WHAT PEOPLE THOUGHT ABOUT JESUS

Mark 2:1-12

Mark 2:1 And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house.

2 And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them.

3 And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.

4 And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

6 But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,

7 Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?

8 And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?

9 Whether is it easier to say to the sick of palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?

10 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to for-

give sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)

11 I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.

12 And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

Memory Verse: For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. 1 Cor. 1:18.

Central Thought: Faith in the mighty power of Jesus will bring results.

QUESTIONS:

1. Were many people interested in hearing Jesus when He came to Capernaum?

2. Who brought a sick man to Jesus?

3. How did they get him to Jesus?

4. Complete the following verse: "When Jesus _____ their _____, he said unto the _____, Son, thy _____ be _____ thee."

5. What did the scribes sitting by think about Jesus?

6. Did they believe Jesus to be the Saviour, or the coming Messiah?

7. Could Jesus read their thoughts?

8. Complete the following: "The Son of _____ hath _____ on _____ to forgive _____."

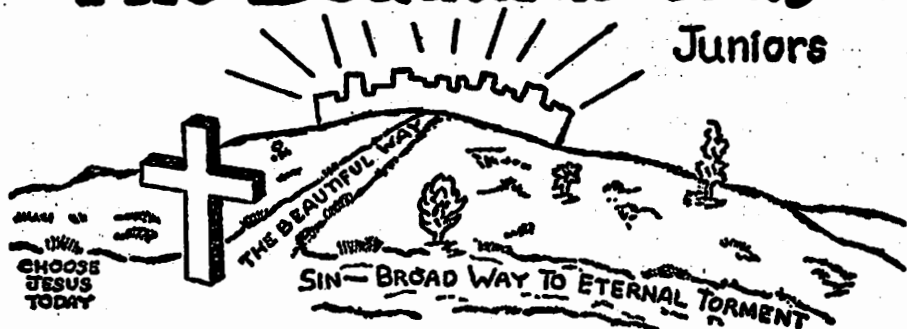
9. What did Jesus tell the sick man?

10. Can Jesus heal today?

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The Lad and the Loaves

When Jesus was upon the earth,
A little lad of humble birth
Presented to the Master true
Five tiny loaves and fishes few.

For Jesus had a need that day,
Before He sent the crowd away—
To feed them, for He pitied so
The hungry ones who had to go.

So Jesus used the little lad,
Who gave to Him, yea, all he had;
And Jesus multiplied the bread;
So thousands on that day were fed.

Oh, little children, give your all—
Although it may seem very small—
To Christ, the tender Shepherd true,
And He will bless and honor you!

The Sparrow

There are little feathered friends
that stay by us all year, when the rest
have flown far away to the sunny
southland. These little friends are
always so cheerful and happy and

friendly, and they don't seem a bit
afraid. They say, "We are your
friends. We'll stay with you in good
and bad weather." We need to learn
this lesson from them. A real friend
is one that does not go away when
bad weather or trouble and sorrow
come.

There are many people who dislike
sparrows. Sometimes they ruin gar-
dens, but so do other birds. Sparrows
are so common, like dandelions, that
we don't appreciate them. But can
you imagine winter without their
chirping? No matter what we think
about these birds, Jesus considered
them important. He used them to
teach us some of the most important
truths we learn in our Christian life.
Jesus said, "Are not two sparrows sold
for a farthing? and one of them shall
not fall on the ground without your
Father. But the very hairs of your
heads are numbered. Fear ye not
therefore, ye are of more value than
many sparrows." Matt. 10:29-31. Now
a farthing is one and a fifth cents, so
we see how cheaply they were sold,
and yet, just think of it. Jesus Him-
self, with His very own lips, said that

not one single one of the many, many sparrows that there are all over the world could fall and die without the heavenly Father knowing it! Then He went on to say that we have NO RIGHT to worry, for God has numbered the very hairs of our heads. You are much more valuable than many sparrows.

There was once a little girl who loved the Lord Jesus very much. She had Christian parents who had taught her about Jesus from the time she was able to understand anything. They had made Jesus so real to her before she was five years old that she had opened her heart wide to the Saviour. When the little girl was eight years old both her parents went to be with Jesus. There was no one left to care for her, as there were no relatives. So the Juvenile Court was going to send her to an orphanage. When the child heard that she was to go, she cried and cried because she wanted a mother more than anything else. One day she hid behind the garage so they wouldn't find her to take her away. There she cried bitterly. But as she looked up through her tears, she saw one of our feathered friends, the sparrow, close by and he was chirping for all he was worth. The child thought of what her mother had taught her to sing: "His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me." She dried her tears quickly and began to sing the song. How silly of me, she thought, when Jesus has promised to take care of me. The child got down on her knees and said, "O Jesus, please send me a mother. You said your eye was on the sparrow, and I know you care for me, too." By this time all tears were gone and the little girl was singing at the top of her voice as she walked down the

road. She walked on and on, and as there were few cars she didn't think much about looking out for them. Suddenly a big car whirled around the corner and knocked her unconscious on the road. The car stopped and a lady came out, white as a sheet and stooped over the child. She gathered the limp form in her arms and took her to the hospital. The child opened her eyes and saw the lovely lady. She said, "Goody! Jesus sent me a mother. I knew He would for His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me." Then she lost consciousness again.

The lady's eyes filled with tears for those words went straight to her heart. When she learned the child was an orphan, she thought of her own little girl who had gone to be with Jesus, and it seemed to her that God had sent this child to fill the place of the little girl she had lost.

After the kind lady found out about the child, she went to the Juvenile Court and obtained permission for the child to be her own.

We can be cheerful and friendly as the sparrow and all of us can sing of our heavenly Father's love and care. The sparrow tells us: "Don't worry, God cares, trust in Jesus. God will take care of you."

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Said the Robin to the Sparrow,
"I should really like to know
Why these anxious human beings
Rush about and worry so."
Said the Sparrow to the Robin,
"Friend, I think that it must be
That they have no heavenly Father
Such as cares for you and me."

—Selected by Margaret Cable

THE MOST IMPORTANT

A roving reporter stopped six people on the sidewalks of New York and asked: "What was the most important happening in history?" Five replies, from two gentlemen and three ladies were varied as might be expected:

"The settlement of Jamestown by the English."

"The defeat of the Saracens at Tours."

"The splitting of the atom."

"The defeat of the Japanese."

"The invention of the wheel."

It remained for the sixth person, a fourteen-year-old schoolboy, to give the correct answer:

"The birth of Jesus Christ."

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a house. Pile some boxes up by the door and label each one. Name one lying, another stealing, another hatred, etc. Put a toothpick man lying on the ground in a heap. Write over the house these words: "Jesus lives here now." Underneath write: "Jesus bound the devil and threw out his goods from my heart."

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Do you like for other boys and girls to be nice to you? Don't you enjoy being at home with your family when everyone is nice to one another? If your brother gets the rocking chair first, you must be contented to sit on a straight chair, or if your sister gets a new pair of shoes, you are glad she did. When everyone thinks of the other person instead of themselves it makes a house happy and a pleasant place in which to live. I am sure you would not want to live in a place where everyone is quite unpleasant and

fusses about every little thing. It hurts when Mother and Daddy are cross to each other. Many times when homes are like that they break up. Some go one way and other members of the family go another way. Isn't that sad? Boys and girls, that is the devil's work. He knows how to break up homes. Now for a home to be a pleasant place to live, there have to be rules and Mother and Daddy have to be the ones who make them. They are the rulers of the home. A child can't rule the house, nor can two children—there needs to be just one who has power to rule the house or it will fall. Jesus tells about a house to bring out the lesson that only one can rule a house. If another wants to rule it he has to bind the man that lives there and spoil his goods before he can do it. Our heart is that house. The devil is the master of the house, or heart, of the sinner. When we confess our sins and ask Jesus to come to our house He doesn't move in and try to live with the devil. Jesus is stronger than the devil so he binds him and puts him out with all of his goods. Then Jesus lives in our hearts. Jesus won't live there unless he can be the master of our lives. We can't have two masters. We must choose between Jesus and the devil. Of course, the devil is stronger than we are so it takes Jesus to bind the devil and put him out. He does not even leave any of the devil's goods in our hearts. We can't have any of the devil's hatred, ill will, or any of his evil ways. All must go or Jesus just won't live there. Jesus plainly tells us that if a house is divided against itself it will fall; it won't stand.

Some of the people wanted to say that Jesus was of Beelzebub, whom they called the prince of devils, and that he cast out devils by him. Jesus asked them a question—"How can Satan cast out Satan?" What good would that do?

The last part of our lesson is precious. I want to do the will of my Father so I can be His sister. It is precious to be kin to the Lord, isn't it? —Aunt Marie

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Lesson 4, January 26, 1969

JESUS IS GREAT

Mark 3:20-27; 31-35

Mark 3:20 And the multitude cometh together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread.

21 And when his friends heard of it, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He is beside himself.

22 And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils.

23 And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan?

24 And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

25 And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

26 And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end.

27 No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.

31 There came then his brethren, and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him.

32 And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee.

33 And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren?

34 And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!

35 For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

Memory Verse: He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. Matt. 12:30.

Central Thought: Many people misunderstand Jesus today, but those who yield to the Spirit of God know the way He is leading.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why was Jesus too busy to eat?
2. Were His friends troubled about Him? What did they do?
3. By whom did the scribes say Jesus cast out the devils?
4. Can a house or kingdom divided against itself stand?
5. Tell what happened to the strong man's house when a stronger man came.
6. Who is stronger—Jesus or Satan?
7. What kind of goods does Jesus throw out of our hearts when He comes in to be Master?
8. Who did the people say had come to see Jesus?
9. How did Jesus answer them?
10. How can we be a relative of Jesus?

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Feb. 2

I Only Know He Did

I stood beneath a mighty oak
And wondered at its size,
How from an acorn it could grow,
I never could surmise—
I only know it did.

How God could make the heavens,
The water and the land,
The animals and vegetables,
I cannot understand—
I only know He did.

I do not know how God could come
And cleanse my heart from sin
Through Jesus Christ, His blessed Son
Whose love abides within—
I only know He did.

“His Name Shall Be in Their Foreheads”

“How will God write it, Papa?”
asked little Eve.

“Write what?” asked her father,
looking up from his reading.

Eve got up from the low stool

where she had been sitting with her book and came across to him.

It was Sunday evening, and these two were keeping house while Mother was at church.

“See what it says,” said she, resting the book on his knee and pointing. Then she read it out: “And His Name shall be in their foreheads.” “You see, it’s out of the Bible,” added she, “and I know it means God, because of that big H. How will God write it, Papa?”

Her father put down his book and took her on his knee. “God will not write at all,” said he.

“Not write it!” exclaimed Eve in astonishment. “Then how will it come there?”

“Some things write themselves,” said her father.

Eve looked as if she did not understand. But, of course, it must be true, since her father said it; so she waited for him to explain.

“When you look at Grandfather’s silver hair,” began her father, “what do you see written there? That he is an old, old gentleman, don’t you?”

continued he, as Eve hesitated. "Who wrote it there?"

"It wrote itself," said Eve.

Father nodded.

"Right," said he. "Day by day, and year by year the white hairs came until at last it was written as plainly as if somebody had taken pen and ink and put it down on paper for you to read. Now, when I look in your mouth, what do I see written there? I see, 'This little girl is not a baby now, for she has all her teeth and can eat crusts.' That has been writing itself ever since the first tooth that you cut, when Mother had to carry you about all night because it pained you so."

Eve laughed.

"What a funny sort of writing!" said she.

"When little girls are cross and disobedient," her father went on, "where does it write itself? Look in the glass next time you are naughty and see."

"I know," said Eve. "In their faces doesn't it?"

"And if they are good?"

"In their faces, too. Is that what the text means?"

"That is what it means," said Father, "because if we go on being naughty all our lives, it writes itself upon our faces so that nothing can rub it out. But if we are good the angels will read upon our foreheads that we are God's. So you must try, day by day, to go on writing it." —Sel.

The Raven

In Genesis 8:6, 7, we are told that Noah opened the window of the ark and sent forth a raven to see if the water had dried off the earth so that

it would be safe to leave the Ark. He sent the raven out as a scout, back and forth several times, to find out when they could leave. The raven can give us different points in things we need to know as Christians. He shows us by his example that we must obey our leader, who is Jesus Christ, and go where He sends us, even if it is over dangerous waters. Anywhere He sends us we must go. Instead of bringing back a message, we must go with a message to those who need Him. The raven is on the order of a scout. There were scouts sent out to the land of Canaan and also to investigate Jericho in order to take it. We must go scouting and find out those who do not know our Saviour and bring them the good news of salvation. If we do not tell others of Him and what He has done for us in saving us, we will not be true and faithful scouts on whom Jesus can depend. A scout is one who lends a helping hand to anyone in need. A Christian should always be ready to lend a helping hand to anyone who needs it, for Jesus our Master went about doing good and helping all who came to Him.

In the days of the prophet Elijah, the people of Israel had sinned dreadfully by forsaking the living God and were worshipping idols. Elijah delivered a message from God, to the king, which made King Ahab angry. Elijah's life was in danger, so God told him to go down to the brook. He obeyed and God sent the ravens down to do a good scout deed—to feed him. (1 Kings 17:6) God can use any creature or person to help His children when they are in need. Luke 12:24, "Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God

feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?" God sent the raven down to feed Captain Eddie Rickenbacker when he prayed. It lit right on them. That is how God kept them from starving.

—Selected by Margaret Cable

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a field and put a path beside it with some rocks and weeds. Show the four kinds of soil that are compared to the hearts of boys and girls. Write under it this verse, "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only." James 1:22.

FILL IN THE LINES

"For God so loved the _____, that he _____ his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16).

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Perhaps some of you know a great deal about sowing seed in the ground so it can grow and produce, but perhaps some of you have never planted any seed. Some of the classes in school in the larger towns have a special project of planting a seed to watch it grow. I have found it an interesting thing to watch things grow. When I plant something I watch it eagerly as it begins to break the ground and come up. Then it begins to put on leaves and then a little blossom will begin to appear. It gives me great joy to be able to pick the first flower or fruit from my plant. The growth of a little seed into a plant that will produce fruit is a miracle that only God can perform. In the beginning God put life in a tiny seed and the ability to reproduce after its own kind, and today we still see it as God first created it. A seed con-

tains the same kind of life as its parent plant and it is able to reproduce that kind of life. Apple seeds make apple trees which produce apples, etc.

Perhaps Jesus was thinking of that life in the seed when He compared it in our lesson to the Word of God. There is life in God's Word—eternal life. Take for instance the verse, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9). If we will do that it will bring eternal life to our souls. Thus you see there is life in God's Word just as there is life in the seed. If we accept God's Word it will produce the kind of life from which it came. God is eternal and can give salvation from sin and eternal life in heaven. When you accept and believe His Word, then you have salvation and eternal life in heaven if you obey the Word until death takes you out of this world.

Our lesson is about the different types of soil the seed fell in. Some of it fell on hard ground and the birds took it away. Some fell on stony ground and didn't have much soil and soon withered away. Some fell among thorns and the thorns choked it out. Then some fell on good ground and bore fruit. Jesus compared the different kinds of soil to the different kinds of hearts of people who hear the Word of God. Boys and girls, hearing is very important. Today you hear many things over the air from many places of the world. You can shut your eyes when you do not want to see something, but it is harder not to hear something that is going on around you. It is important what you hear and what you remember of what you hear. Above all the babble of voices you should listen to God's Word. It is the most important of all. If you listen to it and obey it, it will mean eternal life in heaven after death.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 5, February 2, 1969

JESUS TALKS ABOUT THE KINGDOM

Mark 4:14-20, 30-32

Mark 4:14 The sower soweth the word.

15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;

17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

18 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word,

19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

20 And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

30 And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?

31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth:

32 But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and

shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.

Memory Verse: The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it. Luke 16:16.

Central Thought: The kingdom of God is a spiritual kingdom and we can be in it and have it in our hearts.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who is the sower in our lesson and what does he sow?

2. Name one kind of soil that the seed fell upon and what kind of heart it is compared to.

3. Name another kind of soil and the kind of heart it is compared to.

4. Name the third kind of soil and compare it to a heart.

5. Name the fourth kind.

6. Are you bothered with the deceitfulness of riches? How do you use the money you have?

7. Do you have any opposition at school because you love God?

8. Is the kingdom of God compared to a mustard seed which grew into a tree?

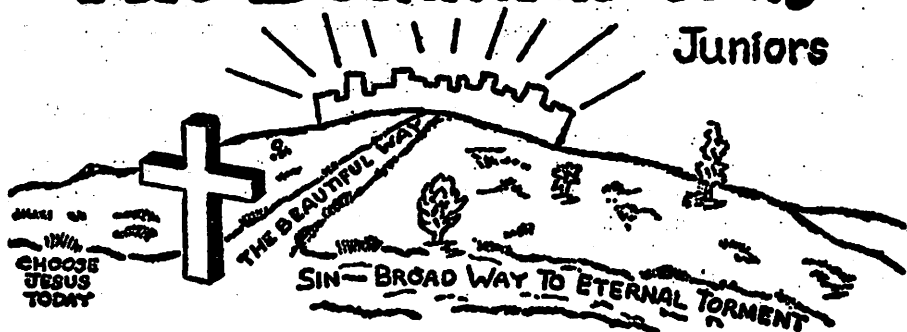
9. Can you tell about the first disciples and then the number there were after Pentecost? (Acts 4:4)

10. Are we to help the kingdom of God to grow by telling others about Jesus?

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Part Six

Feb. 9

THE SAME BOOK

Great Grandma went to Sunday school,

So very long ago,
She didn't look a bit like me
Or like the girls I know.

Great Grandma says if I had gone
With her, my pretty clothes
Would have seemed queer to all her friends.

And that's true, I suppose.

But the texts and Bible stories
My teacher tells us now
Are just the same Great Grandma
learned
In her school long ago.

The Leper Girl

Louise Markel was born in South America. Her parents were missionaries. She spoke both English and Spanish. That was because her parents spoke English at home, and the natives talked to her in Spanish.

When Louise was only four years old, her parents returned to the United States for a vacation. When they returned to South America, they went to live among some Indians who had never heard about Jesus. The Indians worshiped idols of wood and stone.

"Louise, you must never leave our yard unless Daddy or Mother is with you," Mrs. Markel warned.

"Why, Mother?" Louise asked.

"Because you might get lost in the great forest. Also we don't know these Indians yet. There's no telling what might happen to you."

Louise stayed in the yard and played with her dolls. She soon grew tired of playing alone. How she did wish she had a playmate!

One day while Louise was putting her dolly to bed, she heard someone say, "Hello."

She was frightened and looked up. She saw a little Indian girl near the trees of the forest. She was about Louise's age—six.

"Hello," Louise answered. "Who are you?"

"I don't have a name," the little girl answered. "They call me the leper girl."

"Why do they call you the leper girl? And why don't you have a name? Didn't your mother give you a name?"

"I don't have a mother. I don't have a home. I live in the woods and I eat berries when I am hungry. Nobody loves me because I am a leper girl. I am sick with leprosy."

"When I am sick, my mother puts me to bed and takes good care of me. Why doesn't someone take care of you?"

"Because a leper girl is not allowed to be around anyone. They made me leave the Indian village. I had better go now."

"Don't go yet. Did you ever hear about Jesus?"

"No. Who is Jesus?"

"He is God's Son. He came to this earth and died on a cross for our sins. When He was on earth, He healed all the sick people if they just asked Him."

"Do you think He would make me well if I asked Him?"

"Of course He would. And He will forgive your sins, too, and take you to heaven some day if you will ask Him."

Louise and the leper girl prayed together and asked Jesus to heal her and save her.

Soon afterward, Mr. Markel decided to leave the Indian village because no one would listen to the story of Jesus. Louise told the leper girl goodbye. She didn't see her for a long time.

About two years later, Mr. Markel decided to visit the village again. They hadn't been in the village very long when Mr. Markel came running in the house shouting, "Something wonder-

ful has happened! The whole village has accepted Jesus as their Saviour!"

"What happened to make them believe in Jesus?" Mrs. Markel asked.

"A little leper girl was healed and saved. She came to the village and told them about Jesus."

"But who told the leper girl about Jesus?" Mrs. Markel asked.

Mr. Markel put his arms around Louise and hugged her and kissed her. "Our little Louise did," he said. "I'm so glad you did, Louise!" —R. W. N.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

During the Civil war, Abraham Lincoln was very busy, yet he took time to visit the hospitals where there were many wounded men. Coming to the bedside of a youth, he said to him, "Is there anything I can do for you?" The youth replied, "Yes. Will you kindly write a letter to my mother?" Then Lincoln wrote what the lad dictated and signed the letter. When the young fellow saw the President's name, he apologized for troubling him. "It's all right," said Lincoln. "I will do anything for you." The lad looked into the strong face of Lincoln, and with a trembling voice said, "I cannot last long. Will you see me through?" This appealed to the heart of the President, and putting his arms around the pain-wracked shoulder, he sought to help this broken body. Two hours later the lad passed away. Lincoln had seen him through. The duties of the State were not more important than the interruption which called him to see this lad through.

—Selected.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw two ships. Write under one,

"Satan is the captain of this ship." Under the other write, "Jesus Christ is the captain of this ship." Label the sea as "The Sea of Life." Then draw in the distance two ports and label one, "Heaven," and the other, "Hell." Underneath the picture write, "Which ship are you going to sail on?"

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Did you ever see a sailboat? In the days when Jesus was here on earth there were many sailboats on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus had been sitting in a ship so he could be a little ways from the many people who had thronged him on the seashore. When He had finished teaching them, He told His disciples, "Let us go to the other side." So they set sail with other little ships for the other side of the Sea. Jesus must have been very tired for He was soon asleep. When the storm arose the disciples awakened Him and He spoke to the sea and there was a great calm. What a wonderful Saviour we have!

Boys and girls, let us now think of life as being a sea. You are about to get on a ship. There are two ships at the shore and you have your choice which one you want to sail in on the sea of life. Of course, there are two ports where these ships will dock. One will dock in the "Haven of Rest" which is heaven, and the other one is bound for eternal hell. The ship that is going to hell is decked out with dazzling streamers of many colors which reflect the brilliant lights as they wave in the breeze. Jerky, meaningless songs are sung to the accompaniment of blaring instruments. Shrieks of laughter ring out occasionally and nearly nude girls dance with boys as they both reel from too many strong drinks. But there is a place on this ship where those who do not want to partake of this kind of life can ride. This place is for those

who want to live a good life but still want to do as they please. They just don't want to give their lives to Jesus and obey Him. Sad to say, all are on the same ship bound for the same destiny—eternal damnation—with the devil as their captain.

We said there were two ships you could choose from. The other ship is snowy white and glistens in the sun. As you listen you can hear the strains of beautiful music sung by those who are in love with their captain, Jesus. Once in a while you can hear a joyful "Praise the Lord" ring out. Everyone on board is full of love and kindness. They are all dressed in modest clothes and of course they do not have any strong drinks nor tobacco on board. Jesus heals them when they get sick and He answers their prayers. They are the happiest people in the whole world. A blood-stained banner is waving overhead and those on board are anxious that more will choose to go with them to heaven. When a storm arises they have Jesus to speak to the storm and they are safe and secure. They are at rest and have sweet peace in their hearts. I am glad that I have chosen the ship of Zion that is bound for glory and I hope that all of you boys and girls will choose it, too.

Is it wonderful to have faith in Jesus so He can heal us when we are sick. He will heal us today just as He healed the woman who had "suffered many things at the hands of doctors" and had spent all her money for them. Notice Jesus said, "Thy faith hath made thee whole." Boys and girls, have faith in Jesus for the healing of your bodies. If He doesn't heal as soon as you ask Him to, just wait and believe. He will come. While you are waiting, think about how you have been living and ask God to help you to live better.

—Aunt Marie

THE MIGHTY POWER OF JESUS

Mark 4:35 And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.

36 And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.

37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

40. And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

Mark 5:25 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,

26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,

27 When she heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.

28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

29 And straightway the fountain of

her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.

34 And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

Memory Verse: And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 2 Cor. 12:9.

Central Thought: By faith we approach Him, by love we are united to Him, and by prayer we commune with Him.

QUESTIONS:

1. How did Jesus come to be in a ship by the seaside?

2. What happened on their voyage after they set sail?

3. Where was Jesus? What did the disciples ask him to do?

4. What did He do?

5. What did Jesus say about their faith?

6. Can we compare our life to a voyage in a ship? How?

7. What ships are waiting at the shore for all people to board?

8. What is the destiny of each ship?

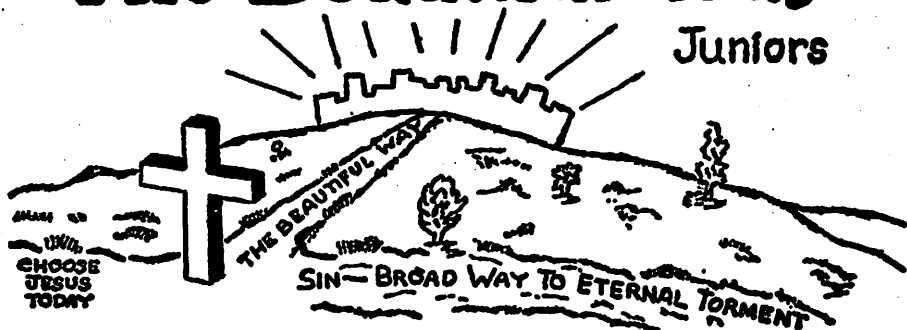
9. Tell about the woman who came to Jesus for healing.

10. What did Jesus say about her faith?

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Feb. 16

Be Brave

Be brave to witness for the Christ,
To relatives, friends or foe.
Telling all of Jesus' love
Everywhere you go.

Be brave to take a stand for God
When tempted to be quiet,
Always standing for the truth,
Willing to say, "I'll try it."

Be sure to witness for the Lord
At home or school or play,
To please your loving Saviour
In all you do or say.

Jeanie and Her Pup, Penny

Jeanie was very happy when her father brought the little brown and white puppy home. She named the pup Penny, because it had two round brown spots on its back. "They look like pennies," she told her mother.

Penny was full of play and Jeanie had a great deal of fun romping with the pup. It was not long before Mother discovered that Penny was

full of tricks, too. She would tear the paper, pull books from the low shelves, chew the slippers and the rugs, and tear the curtains. So Mother told Jeanie that she would have to keep Penny in the big, warm basement, until she learned better manners.

Jeanie did not like to do this. She wanted to play with her pup all over the house. When she left the basement Penny would cry for her.

Mother went shopping one afternoon and bought a new hat for Jeanie and one for herself. Mother and Jeanie were going to take the bus to spend the weekend with Grandmother in the country and they were going to wear their new hats. They would go Saturday morning, for big sister Betty would be at home to look after the house and cook the meals for Father and take care of Penny.

Jeanie was quite excited about the trip. She kept thinking about Penny and wishing that she might take her to Grandmother's. While Mother was busy in the kitchen Jeanie went down into the basement to play with Penny. She told the pup about her

new hat. "I wish you could come upstairs with me and see it, and play for awhile. I will carry you upstairs but you must be quiet for Mother will scold us both."

Jeanie slipped the pup under her apron and hurried upstairs to her room. The pup played with Jeanie for a few minutes and was quite well mannered. Then Jeanie heard her mother calling her. "Come here, Jeanie," Mother called. The little girl could not take the pup to the basement and she could not take it to the kitchen. So she left it for just a moment. The door between Jeanie's room and her mother's room was not tightly closed, and as soon as Jeanie left the room Penny ran over and pushed it open. What a time she had. She jumped upon the low bench at the dressing table and was soon in mischief. She saw Mother's new hat. She dragged it onto the floor and shook it roughly. It was soon a sorry looking hat.

By the time Jeanie returned to her room to find Penny gone, the pup had completely ruined the pretty hat.

Jeanie grabbed the naughty pup and stood still in the center of the room. She did not know what to do. "Mother will punish me for disobeying her, and I cannot blame her," the little girl told Penny. After a few moments she had the courage to carry the pup and the hat to her mother and confess that she had been a very bad girl.

Mother was sad about the new hat but she was more troubled over Jeanie and her naughty act. "Put the pup back into the basement Jeanie," she told her daughter.

"Mamma, I am very sorry that Penny spoiled your hat. What will you wear to Grandmother's?" Jeanie

asked. "We will not go to Grandmother's, Jeanie." "Not go to see Grandmother and play in the country," Jeanie cried. "Mamma, you can wear your old hat."

"It isn't the hat that I mind so much Jeanie. I couldn't take you to Grandmother's home until I can depend upon you. You must learn to obey before you can visit away from home."

"Oh-h-h, that bad dog— she is to blame for this," Jeanie sobbed.

"No dear, Penny is not to be blamed. She was playing just as any puppy plays—you see, Penny does not know the difference between a hat and one of her toys. Penny is learning her lesson down in the basement but you must learn a lesson, too. God is not pleased when you disobey. You must learn to obey Father and Mother. Stop crying and come out into the kitchen with me. The delivery boy brought some nice red apples."

As Jeanie ate a mellow red apple Mother explained that God wants little girls to obey their parents and to tell the truth and never try to disobey, thinking that God and Mother will not know about it. —Sel.

BE FIRST WITH GOD

"I want to be first," yelled Bill.

"Let Bill be first," said Mary.

"Say, Randy, you are last," said Sue. "Why don't you try to be first?"

"Well, I am first," said Randy.

"How can you say that?" asked Sue.

"Why the Bible says that the 'last shall be first.' " said Randy.

"I don't understand," said Sue.

"Well, I don't know exactly what it means, but anyway I know that God

is pleased when we let others be first," said Randy. "He doesn't want us to be selfish and that makes us first with God."

"I think it is best to be first with God, don't you?" asked Sue.

"Since I learned that was in the Bible," said Randy, "I have never minded being last because I know I am first with God." —M. Miles

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a round circle and roughly draw North and South America and some of the other countries that would show on a globe. Write under this the scripture text, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Who has the most power in your state? Is it not the governor? But, does he do it all? No, he needs helpers. There are senators, representatives, secretaries, clerks, reporters, engineers, electricians, besides thousands of others. All work together to keep the business of a state operating. Now, some people are against the governor and do not cooperate and that makes his work harder.

There is no other business greater than God's business. This world will not always be here and there are only two places for the people to go and that is heaven and hell. People need to be told about heaven and how to get ready to go. The sad thing about it is that so many of them seem to think they have lots of time to get ready. We need to urge them to hurry and get salvation as death might take them unprepared.

Jesus was not going to stay here on the earth so He called twelve men and taught them daily about the way to live to get to heaven. He wanted them to go out and tell others. He sent them out two by two. Notice that He "gave

them power." Nothing can be done unless Jesus gives us power to do it, or unless Jesus has sent us. We need to go when Jesus tells us to go. They were not to take provisions as Jesus would see that they were supplied. Today we need to help take care of those who are going out, also. Jesus said in Matt. 10:10 "for the workman is worthy of his meat." If they came to a place and they did not receive them nor the gospel they taught they were just to commit them to God. Notice what Jesus said about that city. It would be worse for them than the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Do you remember what happened to those cities? You can read about them in Genesis 18:16-33; 19:1-30. Lot had moved into the city of Sodom and God let Abraham know He was going to destroy it because of the wickedness there. Abraham pled with the Lord to spare it if He could only find fifty righteous people. Then he was afraid they couldn't find that many, so he came down to forty-five, then forty, and thirty, then twenty, and finally ten. The Lord could not find even ten and the angels told Lot to get his family out as God was going to destroy it with fire and brimstone. None would listen to him but his wife and two daughters and as they lingered he took hold of their hands and led them out. They were told not to look back, but Lot's wife did and turned to a pillar of salt.

God blessed the disciples as they went out and many were healed. Jesus taught them many things. Then He took them apart to "rest awhile," but the people followed them. Jesus was touched as he looked upon the people. He said, "They are as sheep without a shepherd." Today many need a friend and to what better Friend can we point them than Jesus. Won't you tell others about Jesus today?

—Aunt Marie

JESUS SENDS OUT HIS DISCIPLES

Mark 6:7-13; 30-34

Mark 6:7 And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits;

8 And commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey, save a staff only; no scrip, no bread, no money in their purse:

9 But be shod with sandals; and not put on two coats.

10 And he said unto them, In what place soever ye enter into an house, there abide till ye depart from that place.

11 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city.

12 And they went out, and preached that men should repent.

13 And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

30 And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught.

31 And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest awhile: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.

32 And they departed into a desert place by ship privately.

33 And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities; and outwent them, and came together unto him.

34 And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

Memory Verse: Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. John 15:14.

Central Thought: If we cannot go, God expects us to help send someone else.

QUESTIONS:

1. Does the Lord need helpers?
2. How many of the disciples went out together?
3. What could they take with them?
4. Did they anoint with oil?
5. What were they to do if the people in a city did not receive them?
6. What happened to the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah?
7. Did Jesus see the need of the disciples resting awhile?
8. Is the work of the Lord hard?
9. What did Jesus think of the people as He looked at them?
10. Are we to love sinners?

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Without the Gate

(Hebrews 13:12)

The Son of God to save the lost
And bring them to their first estate
Shed forth his blood, (oh awful cost!)
Upon a cross without the gate.

Led forth a thief deprived of right,
No judgment given Him to rate;
He yielded to the powers of night
And gave His life without the gate.

Who dares to follow such a One
Must bear at length a likewise fate,
Go forth to Him (with patience run),
Bear this reproach without the gate.

—Leslie Busbee

The Indian Boy's Funeral

"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love . . . serving the Lord . . . Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." Romans 12:10a, 11c, 13, 15.

As soon as we arrived home from a full week end trip, the policeman began asking us to take him and the chief back to El Alamo. "We have no other way to go." I told him we could not go anywhere until we had some rest. He then asked us to loan them the car. I told him the car didn't belong to us but to the work of the Lord. It really wasn't ours to loan. We would have to stand good for any damages, but due to the nature of the trip, permission was granted and we put it in the hands of the Lord. We could go no further.

They left, saying they would only be gone about thirty minutes. We already knew the trip over and back alone would use all of two hours.

Due to being so tired, my thinking evidently wasn't too clear. They had not much more than left the yard when I realized I'd left my purse in the car. This was 6:00 p. m. Due to their helping to take the body from the well, they didn't return until 1:00 a. m. In the meantime, many were my thoughts. I could almost see the Indians pulling my purse out accidentally as they left the car. I had

last put it on the floor by the driver's door. Every cent I had in this world was in it. Much to my surprise, when they returned, the policeman handed me my purse from the car trunk. I really thanked the Lord for His care through this man's carefulness.

At 7:30 a. m. the men were back to borrow the car for another trip to El Alamo. Biatríz wouldn't disturb me, knowing I had retired so late the night before. I also hadn't had but two and one-half hours sleep since Friday morning at 6:00. This was Monday. I heard them arguing with her so I got up. I told them of the responsibility I'd felt the night before for the car. We just couldn't let it go again. As I knew the other workers would stand behind our decision, I did not fear the threat of the policeman to tell them. He and the others got very angry—none of these claim salvation. I had told the Lord our problem and had left it in His hands.

The Lord knew the condition of our bodies. We saw no way out but to take them but He didn't let the car start, even with a change of battery. The Indians finally gave up and left. Shortly, we saw them go over the hill in a truck. They *did* have another means of going and the Lord kept us from having to loan the car or make the trip. How we did thank Him! That afternoon the car started with no trouble.

By the next morning there were about four inches of snow on the ground. We knew that Felicita (Fay-lee-see-tuh) whose boy had drowned would be in Santa Catarina in an abandoned adobe house. A visit was made to see if she had everything she needed. The body of the boy lay on a table in the back room, covered with

a sheet. She had made a fire out in the yard where several stood around it. They had nothing at all to eat so seemed to appreciate our offer of food.

Biatríz had put on a pot of beans to cook early that morning. She made tortillas and spanish rice also and all was appetizing to them as this is their kind of food.

On the second visit, Felicita asked me to come in and pray. All attendants stood around the table during prayer. While there, the following observations were made: Many hours since the death had been spent making paper flowers as there was a profusion of them covering the sheet. There were four candles burning, one at each corner of the table. Each time one almost burned, another was lighted in its place. When the body was taken from the house, the candles were placed on the finished grave. This is a custom which originated with the Catholics long years ago.

Felicita is a timid woman and an Indian. I knew unless we asked her, there would either be a Catholic funeral or none at all. I mentioned to her after prayer about a Christian funeral. Her face lighted up, she cried, hugged and thanked me, and said: "Sí, Hermana, como tu lo quier-es." (Yes, Sister, as you desire it.) Within our own hearts we knew God could have His way. We earnestly prayed that hearts would be touched. Many would be there who never come to services. Though it was our first funeral message, the Lord was faithful. Preaching was made easy and God blessed. We leave the results in His hands.

The men had tried to make a trip to Ensenada for a casket. Due to

the snow they couldn't get through. Together, they made one from lumber.
(To be continued)

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a toothpick boy or girl. Draw lines in different directions and put a circle on the end of lines. Write in those circles the following words and you can add to them: Lies, unkind words, selfish words. Then draw lines going out from hands. Write gambling, drinking strong drinks, stealing, fighting, unkind deeds, and encircle each one. Draw lines from feet. Write shows, circus, evil places. Encircle each.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

If you eat an apple, will it keep you from going to heaven or will it change you from a sinner to a saint? You might think this is a foolish question. In our lesson, the scribes found fault about some foolish things. The Jews or scribes and Pharisees had a ritual or a tradition or an idea that they thought they should live by and that was that they should wash their hands so they would be clean before God. Of course, they did not do this just to get the dirt off, but this was to make them holier. Now we know that just washing the hands will not make the heart clean or make them holier any more than eating an apple would make you holy. We notice that Jesus told them in verse 15 that "nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man." So you see, it is not what we eat nor what we do that defiles us, but it is what is in the heart that causes us to do what we do. Selfishness, pride, and dishonesty in the heart is where the wrong is. These things will come out in our lives and defile us.

People could go to church and sit up real straight. They could say "Amen," and listen to all the preacher says, but then when they go home and do wrong things, they are not right. Just going to church isn't what saves us. We must have a change of heart and live each day pleasing to the Lord. Jesus spoke of those who "worship Him with their lips but their heart is far from me." A person could stand up and testify but unless he lives right every day, he is only worshipping God with his lips. A boy or girl might say he is saved but if he tells lies, steals, or fusses and grumbles and does wrong things, he is not saved. He only has vain worship.

Some people wanted to get free from taking care of their mother and father when they were old. They had some traditions in those days; they could say, "Corban," which meant they would give that money to the temple worship and not have to take care of their aged parents. Jesus said this was wrong. We can't get around God's Word which tells children to care for their aged parents. When people's hearts are right, they will take care of them. Your parents took care of you and saw that you had food when you were helpless. When they get old, you should take care of them. It is wrong not to show respect to your parents. You should love them as they love you, more than anyone else in the world. God will bless you if you will do this.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 8, February 23, 1969

VAIN WORSHIP

Mark 7:1-7, 9-15

Mark 7:1 Then came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem.

2 And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is

to say, with unwashen, hands, they found fault.

3 For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.

4 And when they come from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brassen vessels, and of tables.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 And when he had called all the people unto him, he said unto them,

Harken unto me every one of you, and understand:

15 There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man.

Memory Verse: Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 2 Tim. 3:5.

Central Thought: God's first interest in us is the state or condition of our hearts.

QUESTIONS:

1. Will washing your hands make your heart clean and pure?

2. Should we wash our hands to be clean on the outside?

3. Did the Pharisees have a ritual of washing hands, pots, vessels, and tables, thinking it made them holy before God?

4. Was this called a tradition of the elders that was passed down from one generation to the next?

5. How can a person honor God with his lips and his heart be far from Him?

6. What is vain worship?

7. Did God tell Moses to tell the people that children who dishonored their parents were to be put to death?

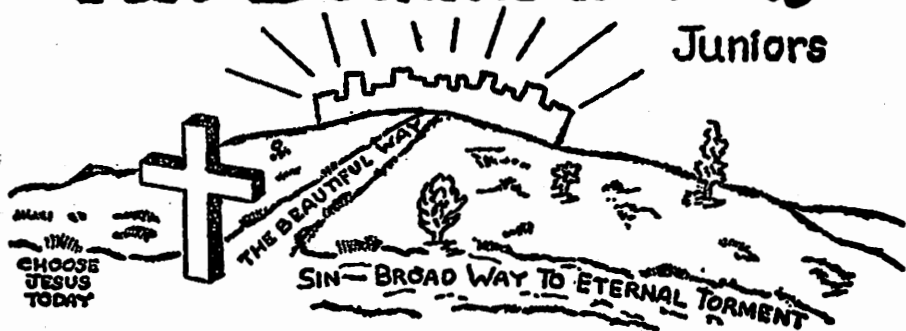
8. How did some try to get by with God and not take care of their aged parents?

9. If the heart is right, will a boy or girl act right?

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Part Nine

Mar. 2

How to Live

Little children, live to be
So humble that others can see
That Christ lives down here in thee.

Little children learn to pray,
And trust the Lord along the way,
In the end you'll find it'll pay.

Live for Jesus the best you can,
Helping others on sea or land,
Build on the Rock and not the sand.

Guard your thoughts, your tongue,
and eyes.

Get God's wisdom, then when you die
He will take you home on high.

—Effie Miller

The Indian Boy's Funeral

(Continued from last week)

After the service at the house, four men shouldered the casket for the march on foot to the cemetery. It was about a mile distant.

Cruz (cross), one of our school boys, aged 11, was in the lead. He

carried the cross marker for the grave. There were several already at the grave when we arrived. Permission had been granted for another short service.

Many of the past villagers are buried there. Felicita's husband and others walked with her to look at other graves while preparations were made to lower the casket. As she returned to the grave, she fainted as she realized they had already nailed down the casket cover. As she came to, she screamed, falling with her arms about the casket. Some men pulled her back where her husband tried to comfort her.

Cruz, at times, seemed to be a serious boy. Now, I observed him looking down into the grave, crying a little. God saw those tears and He alone knows Cruz's heart. I earnestly lifted a petition to God in his behalf.

Many, because of tradition, threw a handful of dirt in the form of a cross on the casket after it was lowered. The men then took turns with the shovels until the grave was filled. They saved back all the rocks. The

custom there is to stay until all is completed. The finished grave is a mound of rocks with large ones for a border. The marker is placed toward the head of the grave, anchored with rocks. One wreath of home-made paper flowers was put around the top of the marker.

Looking from any angle the cemetery is filled with mounds of rocks and crosses.

No one knows how many people are buried in one common grave in this same cemetery. They were made slaves of the Catholic mission there two or three hundred years ago. An outline around this common grave, which is about fifty or seventy-five feet across, is very clearly seen.

This boy's burial was completed about sun-down. By the time we reached home, it was almost dark.

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Job 1:21. —Sis. Opal Kelly

"Katy-Did!"

Katydid undoubtedly derives its name from its song, "Katy-did! Katy-did!" Some folks claim it begins to sing just six weeks before the first frost, but that is not always the case.

Katydid is a great singer and is better known by its song than by its appearance. It is difficult to see because of its protective coloring, which matches that of the leaves of the trees and bushes in which it lives.

Father Katydid loves to sing at night, sometimes all night long; but he is really calling to his mate.

The way Katydid makes his music is rather remarkable. The strange sounds are made by rubbing the forewings together, which causes the lit-

tle membranes to vibrate, thus producing the musical sound. The song sometimes can be heard for a quarter of a mile.

This little insect is of a pale green color and its wing covers are very lacy and delicate, not stiff like those of the grasshopper. It flies well, is a good jumper, and walks more than the grasshopper does.

Katydids do very little harm to vegetation, but rather are to be looked upon as friends of the people. Their songs are a rather homelike sound in the quiet fall evenings. Oliver Wendell Holmes liked them so well that he wrote a little poem about them.

Katydid teaches us a good lesson, too. We have said that its color protects it because it is so like nature in which it lives. If we are Christians and are living close to God our lives will be so like Him that we will be protected from the dangers that otherwise would harm us. We will have so much of the love of Jesus and His Spirit in our hearts that the enemy will not succeed in drawing us away and killing our spiritual lives. Let us remember the lesson of the katydid every time we hear its song. —Selected

God is a person with His own name. He is a personal God to each one. He is concerned with each person on the earth. He knows their thoughts, their sins, their feelings toward Him. We are glad that He is a God of love.

A child who learns to be submissive and obedient to his parents finds it easier to obey God happily. Obedience is more than doing what parents want. It is learning to do what is loving and right, then learning to want and enjoy what is right.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw some clouds and the words Christ in them. Under the word Christ draw several crowns. These are for those who have confessed that Jesus is the Christ. Then draw a musical staff with the notes, etc. Under it write the words to the song, "When He cometh, when He cometh," etc. At the side of this drawing write the words, "When He cometh in the glory of his Father with his holy angels." (verse 38)

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Jesus asks two questions in our lesson that it would be well for you each one to answer personally. The first question is, "Whom do men say that I am?" Now we know that many today are not saying that Jesus can save from sin, therefore are denying that He is the Saviour of the world. We know that God is holy and only those who are holy can go to heaven, but we are convinced that Jesus can save us from our sins. Not only because the Bible tells us so, but because I know that He has saved me from my sins. I do not sin because I am born again. I have accepted Jesus as my Saviour and He has saved me from my sins. Of course there are those in the world and the crowd is growing who do not believe in God or Jesus at all. The Bible tells us that this will be in the end of time. We know that we are nearing the end, therefore we are not surprised that many are not believing in God. What a shame for them to say that God is dead, yet He is dead to them because they do not believe in Him. He will not hear those who do not have faith in Him.

The second question is, "Whom do you think I am?" Boys and girls, this is a question that you will have to answer in-

dividually. Can you agree with Peter who had walked with Jesus several years and watched Him perform many miracles and show love to many troubled people? He saw Him feed the multitudes with a few loaves and fishes. He saw Him cause the dead to come back to life. He saw Him heal the sick, the lame, blind, and suffering. He saw Him cast out demons who had possessed people and again they were sane and well, able to live normal lives. Peter heard Jesus answer the most educated people of that day and saw them shake their heads because they could not understand where He got His wisdom. Oh yes, Peter was convinced. Peter knew who Jesus was. Yes, Peter knew that He was the Messiah, the Christ that was to come to save them from their sins. Peter knew that Jesus was the Son of God. I believe He is too, don't you?

After Jesus was convinced that they knew He was the Christ He then began to tell them that He was going to be killed and put in the grave but He would arise from the dead in three days. Oh, this hurt Peter! No, they could not do that to his wonderful Christ. He refused to accept this, but Jesus rebuked Peter because He knew that Satan was trying to use Peter to hinder Him. Peter could not understand how Jesus could be put to death with all the power He had and Him the Son of God.

Jesus teaches them about losing their lives and getting the life of God. The life of the world and the life of Christ will not mix. We must give up our desires and wants so we can do what Jesus wants us to do. We do not want to be ashamed of Jesus in this world or He will be ashamed of us when He comes in the clouds with His holy angels to take the redeemed home to be with Him forever. I want to be in that redeemed group, don't you?

—Aunt Marie.

JESUS FORETELLS HIS SUFFERING.

Mark 8:27-38

Mark 8:27 And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am?

28 And they answered, John the Baptist: but some say, Elias; and others, One of the prophets.

29 And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ.

30 And he charged them that they should tell no man of him.

31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

32 And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him.

33 But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

34 And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Memory Verse: And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. Mark 8:34.

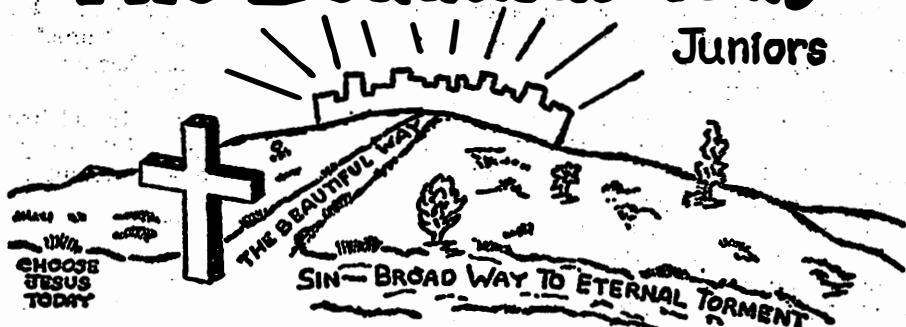
Central Thought: When Jesus shows us the eternal world beyond for us, He loves us too well not to show us that in obtaining it we must bear the cross.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is the first question that Jesus asked His disciples?
2. Who did people say Jesus was?
3. What was the second question He asked them?
4. Whom did Peter say Jesus was?
5. What did Jesus tell the disciples was going to happen to him?
6. Did Peter understand?
7. Did Jesus see that Satan was talking through Peter's misunderstanding?
8. Does it profit us to gain the whole world and then go to hell?
9. How long will we be in eternity?
10. If we are ashamed of Jesus will He take us to heaven when He comes?

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The Boy Jesus

When Jesus was a little boy,
And played beside the street,
I know that when His mother called,
He ran on flying feet.

I know that when He saw a child
Too small or lame to run,
That He would stop His own swift
feet
To help that little one.

I think He played at happy games
As children do today,
And that He played them fine and
fair,
For that was Jesus' way.

And often in His Father's shop,
Among the clean, bright wood,
I know He sang and did His work
The very best He could.

I love Him, I love Him,
Because He first loved me,
And purchased my salvation,
On Calvary's tree.

Polly's Tangles

"I wish I didn't have curly hair,"
complained Polly.

Mother did not answer but went on
brushing Polly's curly locks.

"I wish there weren't such a lot of
it," fretted Polly. "I'd like to have
it all cut off. It's a terrible bother!"

Still mother said nothing. She
was trying very hard to straighten
out a tangle without hurting Polly.

"And I wish it weren't red!"
snapped Polly. "I hate red hair!"

"So do I!" exclaimed Brother Jim-
my. "If your hair wasn't red, maybe
you wouldn't have such a terrible
temper." And Jimmy hurried from
the room before Mother could reprove
him for teasing Polly.

"Oh Mother!" cried Polly, with a
sudden jerk, "that hurts! I wish you
would stop pulling so!"

Mother laid down the comb and
brush. Polly fretted and cried all
through the brushing and combing. It
was not the tangles that hurt her for
Mother was very careful, but the fool-
ish fear of being hurt. Polly made a

great deal of trouble in this way every morning. This morning she had been unusually trying.

"Very well, Polly," answered Mother. "I won't bother you any more. We'll leave your hair just as it is." Then she left the room.

Polly went to the mirror. She saw there a girl with one side of her hair in smooth, shining curls and the other side a bright, tangled mass. How queer and one-sided she looked!

Then Jimmy came into the room. "Hello!" he cried. What's the matter? You make me think of 'Diddle, dumpling my son John.' "

Polly's lip began to quiver. There were worse things, it seemed, than having your hair brushed and combed. Polly never could take teasing happily.

It was terrible to have to appear before people with her hair only half combed. And, oh, how ashamed she was when a neighbor came in! She went to her room and tried to fix her own hair, but it was so long that she failed entirely.

Pretty soon auntie drove up and called her to come for a ride. Then Polly's head went down on the window sill and she began to sob.

Mother came into the room. "Are you ready to stand still and have your hair combed?" she asked.

Polly jumped and ran eagerly to her. She kept very quiet while Mother gently brushed the neglected hair.

"Why, there wasn't a single tangle!" she cried when Mother had finished.

"Of course not," answered Mother. "It isn't the tangles in the hair that hurt you, Polly. It is the tangles in a little temper. They are the serious matter. The tangles in the hair come out very easily. I'll attend to them

and see that they do not hurt you. But only the Lord Jesus can straighten out the tangles in your temper. But He will do it if you ask Him to."

Polly was very much ashamed of herself, but she promised her mother, "I will ask Him to help me."

She did ask Him, and He did help her. He will help you, too, to get rid of the tangles in **your temper**.

WHO IS IT?

"H"—He was a friend of King Solomon and also was a king. He was a lover of David the father of Solomon. He gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees. Read about him in I Kings 5:1-10.

NOTE TO TEACHERS

It would be well for you to order one of our Sunday School Bible Lesson booklets as a help in teaching the Sunday School lessons for each quarter. They are 35c for one quarter, (April, May, June) or \$1.40 for one year.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a cross in the center and write on it "deliverance" and directly underneath write "from the power of sin." Draw a toothpick boy kneeling on the left side of the cross with several chains binding him. At the end of the chains put five circles and in them write sin, stealing, disobedience, lying, and cheating. On the right side of the cross make a toothpick boy running away from the cross. Draw chains and circles behind him to indicate that he has been set free. Underneath write, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." 1 John 1:9.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

I do trust that you love the Lord. He is so good and we should love Him with all our hearts. When we are sick He heals us and when we are in need of any kind we can call upon Him and He helps us out. I would never want to be without my Lord and Saviour. I want to live so He will be pleased to help me, don't you? He is a Friend of all friends.

In our lesson last Sunday we learned that Peter was sure that Jesus was the Christ. In our lesson today we read about a rich young man who was sure, too, that Jesus was the Christ. No doubt, he had been troubled many days about how to receive eternal life. When he heard that Jesus was close by, he ran to Him and, kneeling down before Him, he said, "Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" Boys and girls, if you have not understood what you must do, it is time that you do as this young man did. Make an effort to find out. I trust that today you will understand just what it means to be saved and ready to live with Jesus in eternity.

Now Jesus was touched, and as He looked at the young man, He loved him. He talked to him about the things that he already knew. Now think about it. The young man had not stolen anything from his youth up. That was a good record. When we think of the many today that steal things, it makes us glad that this young man had been so careful. It seems that the devil tries to get boys and girls started stealing very young. One time I was in a group who was taken through the penitentiary and I asked the man there at what age most of these men started on their road of crime. He was showing us the books where they kept the records of each man. He said that most of them got started and were caught when they were around

ten or eleven years old. How sad this is! The devil is so mean to get people started on the wrong road so young. Then Jesus mentioned telling lies or falsehoods. This is an awful habit. Tell the truth if it does mean you will be punished. It is better to take a punishment here than be in hell. Then Jesus mentions defrauding or cheating and then asks the young man if he had honored his father and mother. Do you keep all of these commandments? Jesus felt these were very important. We should show love and respect to our parents. Obey them as they know best. You will never be sorry that you did.

Now Jesus saw that the man loved his riches and we can't love riches or anything more than Jesus. He could not give them up so he went away without eternal life. It might be something else that would keep others out of heaven. If we leave all He will take care of us. Jesus will supply our every need. We will go to heaven in the end. Just being good will not take us to heaven. We must be "born again." We must love Jesus with all of our hearts. We are good because He makes us good and we want to please Him. —Aunt Marie

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FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

Mark 10:17-31

Mark 10:17 And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.

19 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.

20 And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth.

21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

22 And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.

23 And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!

24 And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!

25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

26 And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved?

27 And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.

28 Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee.

29 And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,

30 But he shall receive an hundred-

fold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

31. But many that are first shall be last; and the last first.

Memory Verse: For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. Mark 8:35.

Central Thought: Morality will not take us to heaven. We must be "born again," and leave all to follow Jesus.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why do you think the young man ran to Jesus?

2. What did he ask Him?

3. Name two of the commandments that Jesus asked him if he had kept?

4. What does it mean to keep these two commandments today?

5. Name two more.

6. What do these commandments mean? How are we to keep them today?

7. Name the rest of the commandments that Jesus asked about.

8. Why did the young man go away grieved?

9. What did Jesus tell Peter when he said he had left all?

10. What will we have to do to receive eternal life?

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STEALING

"Tonight we shall talk about Achan. The children of Israel had passed through another body of water on dry ground. It was the river Jordan that they had crossed and the land of Canaan that they had entered. But they had left Moses and all their fathers on the other side," said Mrs. H—.

"Why did they do that?" asked Nellie.

"Because Moses and their fathers did not obey God as they should, they died before this time."

"Didn't Moses obey God?" asked Harry.

"Yes," said his mother, "in most things he did; but once he became angry with the children of Israel when they were complaining, and he did not obey God exactly. Because of this God said that he must let another man lead them into Canaan, and so Joshua did this."

"Was Joshua a good man?" asked Harry.

"Yes, Joshua was a good man, though not so wise as Moses. Still,

God used him. Joshua had many enemies to meet. God commanded them to capture the cities as they came to them. Jericho, a strong city with a high wall about it, was the first to be taken. They all marched around the city once for six days. On the seventh, as the Lord had told them, they went around not only once, but seven times, and then the priests blew a long blast with their trumpets, and all the people shouted. When they did this, the walls of the city fell."

"My!" said Benny, "I should like to have seen that. Did they take all the cities that way?"

"No; the next city was built upon a hill. They had expected to take it in the same way, but instead of that they were driven back," said Mrs. H—.

"That was because Achan had stolen the coat, wasn't it, Mama?" asked Harry.

"Yes; Achan had disobeyed. God had told them to keep nothing that belonged to the people in Jericho. Achan, thinking it would never be found out, kept a rich and costly garment and some gold. These he hid

beneath his tent in the ground. Achan's sin was very great because he not only disobeyed God, but covered up his sin, and confessed only when he was found out and forced to do so. God commanded that Achan and all his family must be punished, after which they were able to march up and capture the city," related Mrs. H—.

"I wonder what made Achan do such a thing?" said Nellie.

"It was sad," returned his mother; "but, dear child, people are often tempted to do things of which others never thought they could be guilty. I will tell you a story of a boy who came to live at my home when I was a girl. His name was Max Akin. Max had run away from a good home because he was jealous of his brother. He thought his parents were doing too much for the elder brother, because they had sent him away to school, and not enough for himself. He went even so far as to tell his father that if he would not give him a college course at once he would run away from home. His father did not think his boy would do such a thing, so took no notice of the threat, and assured him that when his turn came, he should have the same privilege that his brother was enjoying. This did not suit Max, so he quietly slipped away from home one night with a boy who had encouraged him to do it.

"They went to a freight car and climbed on top of it to steal a ride, as they had seen tramps do. They got through several stations without trouble, but finally the brakeman came along and kicked them both off the train. They did not fall in the same place, and as the train carried Max some distance farther than it had the other boy, he became separated from this boy. He did not attempt

to steal any more rides, but he was still sore from his tumble. He was very hungry and tired. Sometimes he thought of home and mother, but then the angry thoughts would fill his mind and he would hasten on. At last he came to my father's home and inquired for work. Father was about to say no, when mother stepped up and said, 'Don't send the boy away; I believe he is in trouble.' She began to question Max, and soon learned why he had left home. Mother thought of my brother and how sad she would be to lose him, so she coaxed father to let him stay. She hoped in some way to make peace between the boy and his parents, and to get him to return home.

"Now, Max was a good boy to work, and we all thought much of him; and he, in turn, loved us all so well that he was glad to stay. Mother often tried to get him to let her write to his mother; but he always said, 'No, I want to make my mark in the world, and then I will go. If you write, I will leave here at once.' So mother kept putting off writing.

(To be continued)

Popular Tom

I read of a little boy—Tom—who would give his last marble; run errands all day and never grumble; give the best place to somebody else, no matter who, and felt so glad in seeing other folks have a good time that he forgot himself. Everybody liked Tom. Grandmother smiled all over when she saw him coming. Aunt Laura, who was a busy woman, smiled at him, and said, "Just in time, Tom; run and—." When Tom went to spend the day with grandmother or

Aunt Laura, the folks at home would miss him. One would say, "Where is Tom? I wish he were at home." And another, "If Tom were only here!" Tom was one of the unselfish helpers. Are there any Toms living at your house? Would you be missed when away from home, as Tom was? —Selected

God remembers His people. He saw Peter asleep in prison. He saw Paul shipwrecked at sea. He saw Elijah in the lonely cave. God answered their prayers. He will hear you if you pray from your heart.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw three circles and number them. In the first one write Christ, then write sin in the second one and Christ in the third one. Underneath write the following: No. 1—"In the image of God created He him." No. 2—Sin marred the image of Christ. No. 3—Christ came to erase sin by His blood.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

It would be good if you would read in class the first 18 verses in the 11th chapter of Mark. Then you can continue with our lesson of today which starts with verse 27 of this chapter and then Mark 12:13-19. This gives you the background as to why the people were so concerned with what authority Jesus had done those things.

We know that it was foretold many years before that Jesus was to come as a king. He was in the lineage of David who was king. Jesus was always to be the King and He is the King today that we love. In Zechariah 9:9 we read, "Behold, thy King cometh unto thee . . . lowly and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt." Most kings rode on an ass when they

were crowned. It was a symbol of peace. Truly our Saviour came to bring peace to this world that is full of sin. People are doing what the devil wants them to do and are not happy. They truly need a Saviour. As He rode into the city of Jerusalem the people cried out, "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: . . . Hosanna in the highest." Hosanna means, "Jehovah (God) save."

When Jesus came to the temple He was grieved because they had brought in animals and sold them to be used for sacrifices right in the temple. He threw over the tables where the money changers changed the money of those who bought, and drove out the animals. Probably, other officials of the big temple church did not like this. They couldn't do anything about it, but Jesus did. So they wanted to know by what authority He did all these things. When they could not answer His question, He would not answer theirs. They knew that He was from God but did not want to admit it.

The coin had gone through the mint and had the image of Caesar on it. Jesus told them, when asked if they should pay taxes to Caesar, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." God gave each of us a soul. In the beginning we read, "In the image of God created he him." God created us in His image of purity and holiness. Sin caused us to lose that image. Now Jesus has come to restamp the image of holiness upon us. The sin that marred the image can be erased by the blood of Jesus. "And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." Ephesians 4:24.

Boys and girls, we should want to be like Jesus. Only those who have been born of God and have the Spirit of God in them will arise in the resurrection day to meet the Lord in the air. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 11, March 16, 1969

JESUS LORD OF ALL

Mark 11:27-33; 12:13-17

Mark 11:27 And they come again to Jerusalem: and as he was walking in the temple, there come to him the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders,

28 And say unto him, By what authority does thou these things? and who gave thee this authority to do these things?

29 And Jesus answered and said unto them, I will also ask of you one question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things.

30 The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men? answer me.

31 And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then did ye not believe him?

32 But if we shall say, Of men; they feared the people: for all men counted John, that he was a prophet indeed.

33 And they answered and said unto Jesus, We cannot tell. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

12:13 And they send unto him certain of the Pharisees and of the Herodians, to catch him in his words.

14 And when they were come, they said unto him, Master, we know that thou art true, and carest for no man: for thou regardest not the person of men, but teachest the way of God in truth: Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not?

15 Shall we give, or shall we not give? But he, knowing their hypocrisy,

said unto them, Why tempt ye me? bring me a penny, that I may see it.

16 And they brought it. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? And they said unto him, Caesar's.

17 And Jesus answering said unto them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. And they marvelled at him.

Memory Verse: And Jesus answering said unto them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. And they marvelled at him. Mark 12:17.

Central Thought: Christ came with authority over all the powers of sin so we could render to God a pure heart that He gave us.

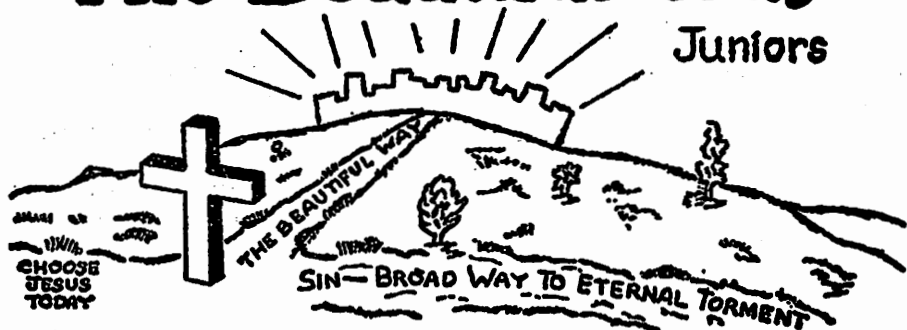
QUESTIONS:

1. What did kings generally ride on in olden days?
2. What did the people say?
3. Is Jesus our king?
4. What did He do to those in the temple?
5. What was Jesus' answer when asked by what authority He did those things?
6. Did the people feel that John was a prophet?
7. Did some want to trick Jesus by asking if they should pay taxes?
8. How did sin mar the image of man?
9. How can sin be erased from our image?
10. What did Jesus mean when He said, "Render to God the things that are God's"?

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STEALING

(Continued from last week.)

"More than a year had passed and Max was still with us. We often went away, trusting him to take care of the house, and he seemed so honest and so careful of things that we had all confidence in him. But finally he made friends with a boy who proved to be an evil companion for him. Max was easily influenced, and one day this friend said, 'Say, would you steal anything?' The question was so new and so shocking to Max that he quickly answered NO. His mother had been very careful to teach him that it would be wrong to steal, and it almost seemed that she now stood before him with a warning look on her face. Then an image of his brother arose in his mind, and he remembered the past. The old jealousy began to flame up in his heart, and he remembered how much he would like to have some money to use for himself. He tried to forget that it was wrong to steal, and he said, 'Well, I might.' This was just what the other boy wanted.

He thought that if he could get Max to steal the money, he could easily get it from him some way. Max could not answer many questions about my father's business, but said he knew that my brother had money and that I had thirty dollars, which I had received a few days before. Then began the plotting. A few nights later the money was taken, and Max and his evil friend disappeared. It was a dreadful shock to us all, but their strange disappearance and the fact that our money had been stolen led us to believe that Max had taken it."

"Oh, Mama, how could he do such a thing when you had all been so kind to him?" exclaimed Benny.

"Yielding to temptation, children, was the cause," said Mrs. H— sadly.

"You can not know how sad we all were. As soon as we realized what had really happened, we set out at once to find the boys; for we knew that to let them go would be the utter ruin of Max."

"And were they caught?" breathlessly asked Harry.

"Yes, Harry; they were caught and

soon put in jail. When Max saw my mother coming to him with some choice fruit from the farm and with his Bible he could hardly speak to her for shame. All she said was, 'Max, dear, when you are asked any questions, be sure and speak the whole truth. May God work this out for your good.' Her words sank into his heart. Max did speak the truth, and the Judge, seeing that he had been influenced to do wrong, pardoned him and let him come home. The other boy was let off on good behaviour."

Did Max come back to your home?" asked Benny.

"Yes," answered his mother. "As father drove into the yard with him, Max said, 'I never knew before that this was such a beautiful place.'"

"Were you not afraid he would steal something else?" asked Harry.

"No, dear, we were not," answered Mrs. H—. "Max had learned too dear a lesson. It is almost bedtime, but I want to tell you the good part about Max. A little story about the boys was put in the paper, and their names published. It happened that one of these papers went to Max's home, and his mother read it. Judging by his peculiar name, she felt sure that it was her boy, and so she set out at once to find him. So, late in the afternoon one day we heard a rap on the door, and Max happened to answer it. Imagine his surprise when he saw his own dear mother and grandfather standing there. You can guess the rest, children, how that he went home and was a good boy after that."

"Did you get your money back?" asked Harry.

"Yes, dear; we got nearly all of the money back, but the thing that pleased us most was that Max was caught in the first act and that he did

not steal any more. But now we must all go to bed, for Ethel is sound asleep already. This has been a long story, and I trust it will impress upon all of your minds the great evil of stealing and of disobeying one's parents."

Don'ts for Young People

Don't turn up your nose in contentment. Turn up your sleeves in determination.

Don't ignore Father. He's had one teacher you never met—experience.

Don't go wrong on books. The Bible is still the world's best seller.

The Orphans' Prayer

One morning some children in an orphan's home went to the dining room for breakfast. There was no food on the tables.

The children had no mother, but they had a kind Christian matron. She loved them and cared for them. The matron said, "Children, there is no food for our breakfast. Let's pray and ask God to send us some. He will hear our prayers and answer them. He is a kind heavenly Father."

The matron and the children knelt and began to pray. Suddenly loud knocking was heard. The matron hurried to the door. There she saw a fine Christian man.

The man said, "I have some money to give to you. I asked where I could best use this money for the Lord. A man told me about your orphan's home. Will you take the money and buy the things that the orphans need?"

How happy the matron and the orphans were! God had sent the Christian man to help them.

God is always pleased when Christians are kind and helpful.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a cross with a cup beside it, and a broken piece of bread. Underneath write the words, "Not my will, but thine be done."

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Jesus had come to the time when He knew His work here on earth was about finished. He knew that His death on the cross was soon to be accomplished. The Passover feast was near at hand. You remember about the Israelites who had stood around the table eating the lamb, which was a type of Christ, the night the death angel passed over their homes and then to the homes of the Egyptians, even to the king's house. All the first-born in every house were killed. Only those who had killed the lamb and had sprinkled the blood on the doorpost were saved. Then the king told them to leave the country and they marched out. Since that time the Jews had kept the Passover feast in memory of what the Lord had done in delivering them from their severe taskmasters and from being slaves. Now Jesus was the Lamb to be killed who was to deliver all from the devil, their taskmaster, and from being his slaves. You can read the verses preceding our lesson which tell how Jesus told the two disciples to go to the city and there they would see a man carrying a pitcher of water and for them to follow him to the house where he entered and ask the owner if their master could keep the Passover in his upper room. This man, Jesus said, would show them a room furnished. It would have seats so they could eat the paschal meal in the custom of that day. There Jesus told them to make ready.

Can you not imagine yourself around that communion table with the disciples that evening? Of whom were they thinking? It was of our Lord Himself. After they had finished eating the Passover supper, Jesus then began to talk to them and there he instituted the Lord's Supper or Communion which we keep. Jesus pointed them to His body that was to be broken. Oh, how that must have touched their hearts! Our Lord and Master's body to be broken? they wondered. How could they stand to think of it? Yet He had assured them that this must come to pass. The prophets of old had taught them the same thing. Then when He passed the cup and said, "This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many," how it must have pierced their hearts! They loved Him and He had done only good. This truly was a love feast. It was to be a sacred memory in their hearts and bring to them hope and a knowledge that they would be with Him again in glory some day. Today we keep this ordinance in memory of Him.

Jesus then went to the Garden of Gethsemane and there He prayed and was sorely troubled. He felt the weight of the sins of the whole world on Him. He prayed alone as the disciples slept. He prayed three times for the cup of suffering to be taken away if possible, but then said, "Not my will, but thine be done." We surely ought to love Him for His great love for us. The King of glory could have been spared this suffering if man had not sinned. Only because He was without sin He was made sin for our salvation. I trust that you truly love Him today with all your heart because He first loved you. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 12, March 23, 1969
JESUS PREPARES FOR HIS DEATH
Mark 14:22-26, 32-41

Mark 14:22 And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body.

23 And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it.

24 And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.

25 Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

26 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

32 And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray.

33 And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy;

34 And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch.

35 And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

36 And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

37 And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour?

38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.

39 And again he went away, and

prayed, and spake the same words.

40 And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer him.

41 And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Memory Verse: And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt. Mark 14:36.

Central Thought: It took the death of Jesus to make perfect our salvation.

QUESTIONS:

1. Where did the disciples and Jesus eat the Passover Supper?

2. After He finished eating the Passover supper, what supper did He then eat?

3. What do the cup and the bread represent?

4. Do we keep the ordinance of the Lord's Supper today?

5. Why do we observe it?

6. When did Jesus say He would again drink the "fruit of the vine" with them?

7. Where did Jesus and the disciples go after eating the Lord's supper?

8. What did Jesus pray about?

9. Did the disciples seem to understand or did He face it all alone?

10. Into whose hands was Jesus betrayed?

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Part Thirteen

Mar. 30

Be Kind and Tender

It gives me much joy to be privileged to write to you and this shall be my first message to you: "Love one another." John 15:17. Your first thought may be that it is a hard thing to do at all times; sometimes it is easy, but at other times it is hard. If that is true, my dear boys and girls, what you need is a new heart. I believe each one of you could tell me who it is that gives a new heart. Yes, it is Jesus. If you realize your need of a new heart, ask in faith believing for it and you shall receive it and then praise Him for it.

I will tell you about a boy I saw some time ago. I am sure he needs a new heart. I was riding in a trolley car in a seat right near the door. As the car neared a stop, a boy about twelve years old came up the aisle. A little crippled boy about seven years old followed him. I do not believe anyone likes to stand in a moving car without holding on to something, because cars stop with a jerk, usually.

As a rule, it is easy for larger persons to take hold of something for support, but it is not so easy for children. Well, this older boy took hold of a rail and his little crippled brother, coming up behind him, took hold of him. What do you think the older brother did? He gave himself a jerk, thus freeing himself from his little brother's grasp. How I pitied the little crippled boy as he stood there, unsupported. His body was so thin and he wore braces on his limbs. Tears filled my eyes. I pitied the larger boy, too, for I knew he was not doing what Jesus would have him do. What do you think happened as the car stopped with a jerk? The little crippled boy came tumbling right into my lap. I was glad, but I only had time to give him a loving squeeze and smile and say a few kind words to him. He had to hurry off after his brother. I haven't seen those boys since, but have prayed for them many times. No doubt the little crippled boy has many trials every day. I do hope he is learning to let Jesus bear all the hard things for him, for I know He wants to. I hope

he is always kind to his older brother so that he may see what Jesus would have him be, too.

So I say again, dear children, love one another. If it is a thing you cannot do, ask Jesus to give you a new heart that you may be able to do so.

To the larger ones I would say, be good and kind to your little brothers and sisters. If you are not, you will cause the hearts of older folks to ache as they look upon your unkindness. Above all else, you will grieve Jesus. —Rosella (Slifer) Scott

The Little Red Dwarf

Have you ever seen a picture of a dwarf? They attract a great deal of attention because they are small.

Each one of us owns a dwarf. He is all dressed in red and lives in a red cave with double doors. The outer door is red and the inner door is white. It is hard to control this dwarf so it isn't wise to open the doors for him. He will get us into trouble if we don't watch out. Have you guessed what we are comparing this dwarf to?

The Book of James in the Bible has a great deal to say about the tongue. It tells us that all kinds of animals and birds have been tamed by man, but that no one can tame the tongue. It also says that if a man is able to control his tongue, he is a perfect man. Isn't it sad how we allow our tongues to run away with us? Before we know it, out darts this little dwarf, and we say something that hurts others.

In Australia there is a plant called "The Stinging Plant." It looks harmless enough, but if you touch it, you will be pricked by the poison spines. At first it causes severe pain. Even

weeks afterward, if water touches the spot, it will mean agony. Luckily this tree has a bad odor so that those who are familiar with it avoid it. Stinging tongues are like that. They produce pain, the effects of which last for a long time. We always avoid such people if we can.

Let us be careful of our words. The best thing to do is to shut both doors quickly and wait till the little red dwarf calms down before he may see the light of day.

The sad thing about it is that if hateful words are allowed to escape, we can never recall them, no matter how much we would like to.

The Bible says, "By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Our friends will judge us by what we say, and we shall have to give an account to God for every idle word we speak.

When Peter was in the court of the high priest at the trial of Jesus, the maid recognized him by the way he talked. She said, "Thy speech betrayeth thee." You and I are known by our conversation whether we belong to Jesus or not.

Let us be very careful to guard this dwarf and keep him in control. We should pray, "Keep thou the door of my lips." Then Jesus will help us to watch our words.

Speak gently if you would at all,
Carve every word before you let it fall.

—Selected

Be a little light for Jesus,

Shine on brightly day by day,
Some one wandering in the darkness

May be guided by its ray.
Think not that it does not matter

If your little light grows dim,
Let it brightly shine for Jesus,

It may lead some soul to Him.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a cross with a door cut through the bottom of the cross and a path that leads up to heaven. Draw a path from the cross down that leads to hell.

Write underneath, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Can you put yourself in the place of one of the disciples that night when they came to the Garden of Gethsemane and Judas walked up and kissed Jesus? Then the men rushed up with swords and staves to take Him. They felt so helpless and shocked to know that Judas would betray their wonderful Master and Friend with a kiss. Oh, they could not let Jesus be taken! It was just too much for Peter, so he grabbed his sword and cut off the high priest's servant's ear. But if you had been there, you would have seen our loving Saviour pick up the ear and put it back on with those loving hands and heal it. I am sure the blood stopped flowing and the ear was sound and well. I wonder just what the servant thought. I wonder if he loved Jesus from that day on. We do not know but I am sure that touch of love would stay with him and surely it changed his heart. They took Jesus and brought Him before the council. But poor Peter let bitterness come into his heart and he became afraid. He no longer had help from God. When he stood beside the fire in the court where Jesus was being tried, he denied that he ever knew Jesus and then a rooster crowed. He remembered that Jesus had told him that he would deny Him three times before the rooster would crow in the morning. He went out and wept bitterly and repented. Jesus forgave him.

If you had been in that crowd that day you would have heard the false witnesses tell things that were untrue about Jesus. But you would not hear Him trying at all to clear Himself. He had committed His all into the hands of God to take care of for Him. But when the high priest asked Him if He was the Son of God, He told him plainly that He was, and notice what else He told that man: "You shall see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven." Boys and girls, every person that has ever lived will see Jesus coming in His power and in the clouds of glory in that last day. We must be ready to meet Him.

Next we see them condemning Jesus to death. Some began to spit upon Him and put their hands over His face and hit Him and asked Him to tell which one did, trying to make fun of His power to know all things. They beat Him and led Him away to the hill to be crucified with two thieves as if He were just like them. Our precious Lord stood among them all with calmness and the greatness of His power, no doubt, was shown out to all. I am sure everyone there felt the force of condemnation upon their souls. As He died, the veil of the temple was literally torn apart by God. God's Spirit moved out of that temple and no longer did He dwell there. Through the death of Jesus we all can come to God. We do not need a high priest to confess our sins for us to God, nor offer a lamb for a sacrifice. Jesus was the Lamb of God that was offered once and for all.

As He died on the cross, there stood by the centurion who had watched it all and he cried out, "Truly, this was the Son of God." We today believe He died for our sins and through Him we can be saved and ready for heaven.

—Aunt Marie

JESUS IS CRUCIFIED

Mark 14:55, 56, 58, 60-65; 15:25, 26, 37-39

Mark 14:55 And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none.

56 For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together.

58 We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.

60 And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? What is it which these witness against thee?

61 But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?

62 And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

63 Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses?

64 Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be guilty of death.

65 And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophecy: and the servants did strike him with the palms of their hands.

Mark 15:25 And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

26 And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING

OF THE JEWS.

37 And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.

38 And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.

39 And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.

Memory Verse: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead in sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. 1 Peter 2:24.

Central Thought: He who conquered death by dying, can conquer stubborn wills of men today who will let the gospel touch their hearts.

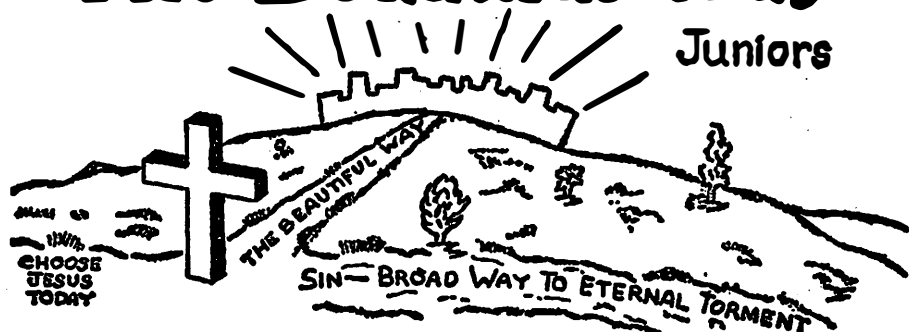
QUESTIONS:

1. Who tried to find witnesses against Jesus?
2. Did they find some false witnesses?
3. What temple was Jesus talking about that would be "built without hands?"
4. Did Jesus try to clear Himself of the lies the witnesses told about Him?
5. What did the high priest ask Jesus?
6. What was Jesus' answer as to whether He was the Christ?
7. Was He condemned to die?
8. How was He treated before they put Him on the cross?
9. What happened to the veil of the temple when He died?
10. What did the centurion say about Him?

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Part One

April 6

Resurrection Morn

Early on that morning,
Filled with grief and gloom,
Mary came with weeping
To the silent tomb.

Seek not Christ, the Saviour
Here among the dead,
For the Lord hath risen,
Thus the angel said.

Go and tell the story,
How from out of the grave
Christ arose triumphant,
Lives with power to save.

Oh, wondrous resurrection morn
Bringing hope to hearts forlorn,
Jesus lives, new hope is born,
On this resurrection morn.

—Harriet Heine

Twentieth Anniversary

Twenty years ago, in 1949, the first
"Beautiful Way" paper was printed.
The Lord has blessed my soul as I

looked to Him to help me write comments for a Sunday-school lesson for each Sunday during the last twenty years. My burden has mostly been for the juniors. I still feel that if they will get these precious truths established in their hearts and minds while juniors it will be a help to them through the difficult teen-age years.

At different times before I wrote material for the first "Beautiful Way" paper, Sister Vera Forbes would talk to me about the need for a paper for our children. I lived in California at that time and would visit her. She lived about 60 miles from me. Her work was among children, which is such a great work. She would go to different neighborhoods and the children would gather in a home or on a porch or in the yard, and she would give them a Bible lesson. Sometimes she would have two or three meetings like this in one day. The children all loved her and called her "Aunt Vera." Only eternity will reveal all the good that will come from those wonderful meetings. She liked to give each one

a paper, card, or something. She would order from different companies and many times there would be some papers in the order that she could not give out because it did not teach according to the Bible. One day I visited her and she again talked to me about the great need and showed me a little paper that she thought would be about the right size and suggested that we should have a Bible lesson in it, a story, and perhaps a poem. I again told her that I was not a writer, and it looked like a big project to me. She assured me she felt the Lord would help me if I would just pray about it.

I left her with the feeling that I could not do it, and thought I would forget it, as in the past. But when I got home, the Lord began to talk to my heart. I got out the little paper that she had given me that she felt would be about the right size. I got some paper and folded it and made what printers call a "dummy." It is a sketch of where the stories, etc. would be put when it is printed. The Lord assured me that He would help me. I wrote to my father, Bro. Fred Pruitt, in Okla., about the need and sent the dummy. I was very surprised when I received his letter telling me to get my typewritten material for thirteen lessons for the papers, which started the second quarter, by the first of April and they would print it. I hadn't expected it to develop that quickly. I only had about a month and a half to do it in, and I didn't even have a typewriter. Again the Lord assured me He would help me. I borrowed an old typewriter that had some letters different to the standard keyboard. So I prayed and typed. I had not typed for about 14 years.

And, of course, I wasn't a writer, either. I would write it, and when I would read it over, I would have to tell the Lord He had done it through me. I just wrote as He brought it to my mind. I sent in my copy to the office and the workers there added to it, corrected it, and set it on the machine. It was printed and Sister Vera Forbes received her 200 papers before she even knew for sure a paper was being prepared. I had been so busy that I never thought about writing her that the Lord had made me know to start the little paper. She was real happy about the papers, and it was a pleasant surprise to her.

I prayed about the name for the paper and the Lord gave me the thought about children walking in the beautiful way to heaven. It is beautiful to see children and juniors obeying God's Word. I sent a sketch of what we wanted for the title page as you see it today and Bro. Arnett Carver drew it.

I moved to Oklahoma in 1954 after my mother died and have been working here in the office since that time.

I want you to know that I have enjoyed writing to you each Sunday for the past twenty years. I am sure that I have received more good from it than anyone else as I have been blessed by the study of God's Word. I trust that you also have been blessed with me. —Sister Marie Miles

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LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw an empty cave, or tomb, as they had in the days of Jesus. Underneath it write, "He is not here. He has risen!"

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Do you know what a miracle is? It is an event or effect in the physical that is not according to the known laws of nature. (Webster's Dictionary.) Never before had the world known of a person rising from the dead with a glorified body. There had been those who had come back to life, but they had their natural body. But it was different with Jesus. The doors were closed, but He appeared in the midst of the disciples, and they could see Him. Then suddenly He was gone. Yet He ate food and they could see the nailprints in His hands.

The tomb was closed and the governor put his seal upon it and set soldiers around to guard it, but God sent an earthquake and an angel descended from heaven and rolled back the stone and sat upon it. (Matt. 27:63-66; 28:1-6) This so frightened the soldiers, or keepers of the tomb, that they fell to the ground and lay as dead men. This was truly a great miracle. Many witnessed these events and wrote them for us so we can know the great truths concerning our precious Lord and Saviour. How would you have known that Jesus died and rose again if you had not been able to read it in the Bible? He is very great and wonderful. We love Him so much, and we do not want to displease Him. Oh, He went through many hard things and great suffering so we could go to heaven. Boys and girls, love Him and seek to please Him. He will bless you and touch your hearts with a sweetness that no pleasure in this world can give.

How would you like to have walked along the path that early morning with the two Marys and Salome as they hurried along carrying spices to anoint the body of Jesus? Just as the sun was rising in all its glory, they walked along, talking about the death and burial of Jesus. They were on a mission of love. Death had brought such sadness to their hearts, and they longed to do just one more act of love for the One who had meant so much to them. They wondered who would roll away the great stone, as they could not. Did you ever have a problem or task too big for you? God knows all about our big problems. He knew about their problem. When they arrived, the stone had been rolled away by the power of God. Can He roll your big problems away for you? Trust Him and believe.

"He is risen: he is not here!" Those are the greatest words and the most wonderful message the world has ever heard! Jesus is alive! Today we are serving a living Christ. While the disciples watched, on the Mount of Olives, Jesus arose right up into the sky. He is at a place that no astronaut can go in his rocket ship. He is in heaven and is alive, ready to answer our prayers and save our souls. Some of these days He will come again, bursting through the clouds. We want to be ready to meet Him, and we, too, will arise right up into the sky to live with Him in eternity. How wonderful that will be!

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 1, April 6, 1969

HE IS RISEN!

Mark 15:42-47; 16:1-7

Mark 15:42 And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath,

43 Joseph of Arimathaea, an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus.

44 And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead: and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead.

45 And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph.

46 And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre.

47 And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses beheld where he was laid.

Mark 16:1 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

2 And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

3 And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?

4 And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.

5 And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.

6 And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

7 But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

Memory Verse: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3.

Central Thought: Christ arose from the dead. He is a living Person. This is the most important fact in the whole world.

QUESTIONS:

1. Was the Joseph who had been sold into Egypt the same one who took the body of Jesus and put it in the grave? What was Jesus' earthly father's name?

2. How did Herod find out that Jesus had already died on the cross?

3. What did the centurion say about Jesus as he watched Him die? (Mark 15:39.)

4. How did Joseph of Ar-i-ma-thae-a take care of Jesus' body?

5. What was put at the door of the tomb, the cave where Jesus was buried?

6. What were the names of the three women who went to put spices on Jesus' body?

7. On what day of the week was Jesus crucified? What day did He arise again?

8. Who was sitting on the stone that had been rolled away?

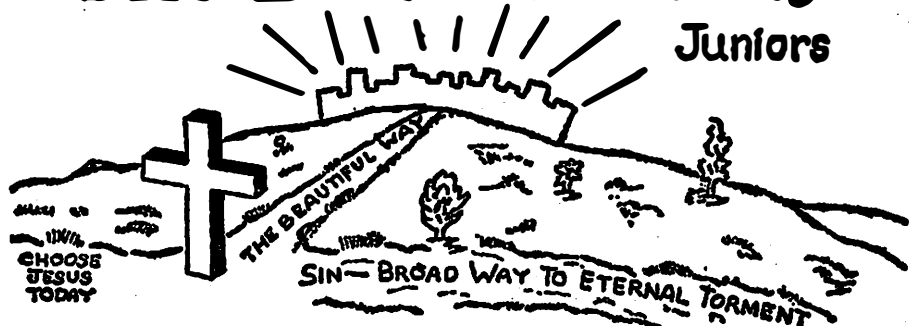
9. What great words did the angel say to the women that has brought joy to people all through the ages?

10. Why did Jesus mention Peter's name?

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Part Two

April 13

God's Book

The Bible is the Book of God,
There's truth in every page,
It is a never-changing Book
That's good for every age.

It tells us of the plan of God,
And how He sent His Son
To be the Saviour of the world,
And redeem us, every one.

It tells us of a heaven above,
Prepared for all His own,
A place of beauty and of love
Where wrong is never known.

Happiness With God and Nature

To My Visitor

Well, now, here I am in Arkansas
this morning in a deeply wooded place.
I am very happy. There are trees as
far as I can see. Many of them are
white plum in bloom. Ah! Smell that
sweet perfume. The sweetest you
would ever care to smell. Over yon-

der just a few steps are redbuds.
Look at them! Aren't they beautiful,
mixed with the white plum blossoms?
Oh, yes, and there are dogwood trees,
too. Beautiful large white blossoms!
And there are pink ones, too. It is
like a garden of Eden.

There is my little home, right there
nestled among that stretch of beauti-
ful trees. It is a log cabin and I have
a nice fireplace in one end. See how
pretty the rocks are that make up the
fireplace! It stands solid and really
keeps my house cozy and warm in
the winter. I think all of the impure
air goes out through the chimney.

We have deer, turkeys, rabbits,
squirrels, and quails in these woods.
Beyond that open space are a lot of
persimmons. I like them when they
are ripe in the fall. They are good.
I knew of a lady who packed them in
sugar in a big stone jar to keep and
have in the wintertime.

And, oh, I haven't told you yet. You
should see our wild strawberry and
blackberry and dewberry patches. The
plants are in bloom now. Some day

I'll show them to you. They are down that slope there.

Do you want to come in now, and we will eat some dinner? After your drive out here and our looking around, you are probably hungry.

Did you see our smoke house out there to the left? We still have some meat left from last winter. We smoked it with hickory wood and it has a delicious taste. I think I will bake some sweet potatoes. We raise some fine ones here. We wrap and store them in paper and they keep very well.

If you like side meat, I'll fry some and make gravy. Do you want to go to the smoke house with me? It is just a few steps. We like the side meat with baked potatoes. See those hams? We have the two left yet and they go well with Irish potatoes, mashed, you know. Now, while things are getting started, I'll make some biscuits. You can heat some spring water out of the water bucket there for me. We have a fine spring of clear cool water over on the other side of the stable. The water is wonderful. I guess I will pour the milk. The salt and pepper are here in the cupboard. Oh! the biscuits are done and I guess everything else is ready, now, too, so after we say our thanks, we will eat. Aren't you hungry?

The children will be home from school soon. They are always happy to run among the trees and go to the spring and drive the cows home. The cow pasture is just anywhere they care to go, around in the woods; but they come pretty close around home in the evening for they know this is where they are taken care of.

Now our dinner is over and the dishes all washed and put back in

place. We might rest a few minutes here in these rockers. My husband is at the sawmill today helping out there. We want to make a good strong chicken house soon so the skunks and opossums cannot get in. We have a very nice flock of young chickens and among them are some real fine looking pullets that we want to keep for winter egg laying. We don't want them caught by the wild animals.

I might take you down to the spring and we will bring back a bucket of cool water. It runs all of the time from out of that big hill and is so nice and fresh. Just revives you to get a drink of it. We bring our washing down here, build a fire, and wash right here. It saves carrying water to the house. It is a clever idea, isn't it? Sometimes we spread the clothes on these pretty green bushes and the sun soon dries them. You know, when God sends the rain, it washes the bushes and they are clean.

Talking of being clean, a wonderful man of God came through these hills about a year ago and made a large brush arbor over there. He preached for three weeks. People flocked in here to listen to the Gospel. My! People after people were giving their hearts to God. They would get so happy that they would praise the Lord for all of our blessings. His salvation is wonderful! We had our baptismal service down there in that little creek. We had such blessed times singing, praying, and preaching. Then we had a big dinner under those trees at the close of the meeting. Now while the weather is warm again, we are having more meetings in the arbor. We do not have a preacher, but the Lord blesses us. We read the

Bible and sing and pray and testify. We sing the beautiful songs of praise to the Lord. We start telling what God has done for us and we get so happy that we really don't need a preacher. There are preachers enough, right there! We have some wonderful times worshipping God. All of us tell what He means to us each day, the blessings we receive at home reading His Word, having family prayer and as we work at our daily tasks.

(To be continued)

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a picture of a big book. Over the book write "Holy Bible." On the pages of the book write, "Jesus is the central theme of the entire Bible."

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Do you think the Bible is a big book? Yes, I agree with you; it is a big book. Did you know that the world could not contain all the books if all were written about what God has done and how He has dealt with every person? Our lesson tells us that Jesus did many things that were not written. Sometimes we think we would have enjoyed knowing more of the things that He did, but if we will just believe what we do have written, we will realize that Jesus, who is at the right hand of God, truly is the Son of God. He was innocent God is His Father, therefore He did not have that sin principle in Him that every human baby is born with today. That is the reason, as our lesson tells us, that He was able to purge our sins by dying on the cross. Do you know what the word "purge" means? Purge

means, "carrying off whatever is impure; remove in cleansing; to purify; to become free of impurities; to free from guilt." (Web.) I am sure you have washed dirty dishes with soap. They can be so dirty and hard to clean, but you can put them in some hot soapy water and rub them and they will come clean and pretty. The impurities will have been carried off by the water and soap. Jesus' blood has power to purge our souls from sin. When we speak of His blood, we think about the blood being the life. That is the reason God told Moses to tell the people not to eat the blood of any animal. (Lev. 17:14; Acts 15:29.) When Jesus died on the cross, His blood was poured out, and His life left Him. As we believe Him to be our Saviour, or Cleanser, from sin, we can say that His blood washed away or purged us of all of our sin as we came to Him and laid all those ugly sins before Him. Boys and girls, it is truly wonderful how Jesus forgives, purges, and takes away all the guilt of our sins.

The Apostle John speaks of Jesus as being from the beginning. In John 1:1 we read, "In the beginning was the Word," and John says that the Word was with God. In John 1:4 we read that the "Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." John refers to Jesus as the Word. Read the first chapter of Genesis and think about Jesus being with God when He made the world. Notice in Gen. 1:25 it says, "Let US make man in our image, after our likeness." Then in our lesson (Heb. 1:2, 3) we notice that Jesus is the one we are to hear in these last days, who "made the worlds," and by the word of His power is upholding or keeping this world here. Don't forget that the word of His power spoke the world into existence and by that same word it will be spoken out of existence.

—Aunt Marie

THE BIBLE—WRITTEN RECORD OF REVELATION

Heb. 1:1-4; 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:30, 31

Heb. 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

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

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

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

4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

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: 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. John 20:31.

Central Thought: The Bible is the inspired Word of God and we will be judged by its contents.

QUESTIONS:

1. Can you name some of the old prophets of God spoken of in the Bible?

2. How has God spoken to us through His Son in these last days?

3. Who is meant when it says, "by whom also he made the worlds," in Heb. 1:2?

4. When we are told that Jesus is the express image of God, does that mean physical or spiritual? (Read Luke 24:39)

5. What does the word "purged" mean?

6. Where is Jesus sitting now?

7. Is Jesus just like the angels?

8. What did John mean when he said, "That which was from the beginning"?

9. To whom does John refer when He said, "That which we have seen declare we unto you"?

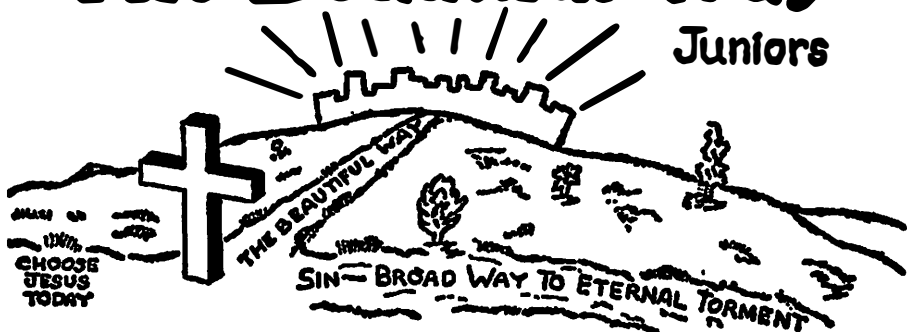
10. What kind of "life" does John mean?

11. Are there things that Jesus did that are not written in the New Testament?

12. How do we get eternal life through Jesus? (verse 31)

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I Love The Bible

(Tune: "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam.")

I love the Bible God gave us,
For every word is true;
I love the Bible God gave us,
I'll read, believe, obey.

The Bible, the Bible,
I love the Bible God gave us;
The Bible, the Bible,
I love the Bible God gave.

Happiness With God and Nature

(Continued from last week)

When the weather was too cold to be in the arbor last winter, we all gathered in someone's home. We don't forget God and He doesn't forget us. Let's have prayer now under the arbor, just you and me.

Well, let's go along now and see the berry patch. It is God's making, and it is beautiful!

You know, when we get together and are telling of our experiences, God comes so near and we are rejoicing in His love, there are those in our midst who are not saved, and they give themselves to Jesus right there.

Look! Isn't that a sight to see? All those beautiful green and white vines, just about like snow on one of those pine trees over there. Isn't it a wonder that God made everything so perfect? After a while those white blossoms will turn and grow into green berries, then red, and finally blackberries. They look so pretty when fully ripe. They are good to keep body and soul together. God surely knew what He was doing when He made this world and everything in it—the fruit trees and vines, bushes, and such wonderful carpets of green grass to feed the animals.

Oh! There is a little fawn over there by its mother. How beautiful! Now, let's go on to the strawberry patch and is it a beauty! Those little vines snuggled down in the green grass are so pretty. They are like

the blackberries and dewberries, pretty little white spots, sprinkled around in the green. There they are! A sight to see! Here! There! All around! Beautiful, beautiful! Just wait until the berries come on and show their little red faces. Then we will be out here picking them, working like ants, laying aside food for the cold winter days.

Would you look at that? A mother turkey over under those trees with her little babies. There must be a dozen. See that tree? It is full of pecans almost every year. There are walnuts and hickory nuts close, too. The squirrels have plenty of food for winter. Right down there is another spring. Would you like a drink before going home?

There are lots of oak trees in these woods. Wild hogs eat the acorns. My daddy used to kill wild hogs, so we would have plenty of meat. He was a good hunter and hunted turkeys, squirrels, and deer, too.

It is wonderful to live in these hills and have so many things already provided for us, like they were in the Garden of Eden. The Bible says the river in Eden was to water the garden. It came out of Eden and it had four heads. One went through Ethiopia, one went into Havilah, one through Assyria, and the last one was the river Euphrates. We have rivers, too, but I don't guess any of these are from the Garden of Eden. But, we are thankful for our rivers and all of God's blessings to us in this beautiful world He has made.

The Spring of Life

We will take a short cut through these bushes over to the other spring for our bucket of fresh water. Edd will be home soon from the mill and I like to have fresh water when he

gets here. He is always tired, and too, we will need water for supper.

The children have been home from school for a little while, I guess. There goes Esther with the cows, but I wonder where Joe is. He could have gone by the spring for a drink. He's a monkey, that Joe is. So very mischievous. When he was born we thought for days trying to decide on a name for him. Finally, we settled on Joseph, and we call him Joe for short.

Here is the spring. Isn't the water cool and refreshing? Well! Now, where is the bucket? I'm sure I set it right there by the spring and I don't see where it could be. But, come to think—maybe Joe took the water on to the house. He usually stops by here for a drink on his way home from school.

Guess we will go along. See that big beautiful tree ahead? Notice how it spreads its arms out and shades the ground all around. How many times we have stopped and rested there from the hot sun! It is such an inviting place! Let's cool off for just a few minutes.

Dena, look up ahead of us. There is Joe and he has the water bucket, swinging it around. I told you that he is a monkey.

(To be continued)

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a big Bible. Write on top of the pages, "Holy Bible." Then write in center of pages, "The Bible tells us who we are and where we are going."

Dear Boys and Girls:—

I am sure that you have heard much about the Bible and prayer being taken

out of the schools. We know that this is a move to cause our boys and girls to think that they are not very important. Perhaps the prayers that were given were not inspired of God, yet the main reason the devil is working through disbelievers to do this is that he is against God and His precious holy Word. I do trust that you will always have a great love for the Bible and for God. As time goes on, others will dislike the Bible and speak against God. They will try to make you feel that you are very dumb and stupid to cling to your belief in the Word of God. Boys and girls, I am telling you this to forewarn you. It seems in these days that so many boys and girls want those around them to like them and approve of them. When it becomes unpopular to believe God's Word, it may become a great trial to you to let others know that you are a Christian. You must hold fast to God's Word. It will mean eternal life to your soul. Remember, you are only going to be here a short time and then you will die. This is a dressing room to get ready for heaven. This old body, which you think so much of, will go back to dust. If you could see the body after the soul has left it, and watch it decay, you would not think it was very important. You would turn your mind more to eternal things.

The Bible says in Eccl 12:7, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return to God who gave it." Then the Bible tells us of a great mystery. It says in 1 Cor. 15:51, 52, "We shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall all be changed." Live to please God so that your new body and your spirit may live with Him forever.

Our lesson today is taken from five different books in the Bible. Keep in mind that our lesson is about the importance of the Bible. Luke wrote the book of Luke and also the book of Acts. Notice that he said he wrote "things which are most surely believed among us." They were like men of today. They had to be convinced that Jesus truly was the Son of God, the Saviour of the world. They believed and wrote about Him and the things He had done. Luke wanted Theophilus, an honorable Christian friend of his, to know about Jesus and His works.

Boys and girls, Paul wanted us to understand clearly that the Bible is to be spiritually understood. Some things you will not understand unless you have the Holy Spirit dwelling within you. But God does reveal some things to you through your mind. Ministers, teachers, Christian parents and grandparents have explained many things to you. Do continue to live as they teach you from what they have learned from the Bible. The Bible was written by men to whom God revealed things. The men did not just figure it out themselves. God spoke to the disciples through Jesus; He spoke out loud to Moses on the mount; and by His Spirit to the prophets. It would be good to make a list of things that God has told us in His Word. Would you know how to shun hell and how to go to heaven if you had not learned about it from the Bible? —Aunt Marie

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THE DIVINE-HUMAN BOOK

Luke 1:1-4; 1 Cor. 2:12, 13; 2 Cor. 4:7;
2 Tim. 3:14-16; 2 Peter 1:20, 21

Luke 1:1 Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a

declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us,

2 Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eye-witnesses, and ministers of the word;

3 It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus,

4 That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.

1 Cor. 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

2 Cor. 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

2 Tim. 3:14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

2 Pet. 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men

of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Memory Verse: But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. 2 Cor. 4:7.

Central Thought: Man did not write the Bible by himself, but he was directed and led by the Holy Spirit, which makes the Book divine.

QUESTIONS:

1. To whom did Luke address his books?

2. Name some of Jesus' disciples.

3. Fill in the blanks: "A declaration of those _____ which are _____ surely _____ among us." (Luke 1:1)

4. Luke said he had a "perfect _____ of _____ things from the _____ first." (Luke 1:3)

5. "That thou _____ know the _____ of those _____ wherein thou hast _____ instructed." (Luke 1:4.)

6. Paul said they had not received the spirit of the world. What spirit had they received?

7. In whose wisdom did Paul speak?

8. What treasure do we have in earthen vessels (our bodies)?

9. Who had taught Timothy about God and what He wanted us to do?

10. Name four things for which the Scriptures are profitable.

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Lucy: "How many gods are there?"

Elsie: "Well, there is the moon, the stars, the angels, cows, and even cats that some worship as gods, but as for me, there is only one—the Creator of all these things."

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April 27

Workers Together

We are workers together, Jesus and I,
Doing the things that He says—
Washing the dishes, doing the chores,
Hoing the corn on hot days.

Dishes are pleasure and sweeping is fun

When Jesus helps with them, too;
Hoing will strengthen and choring
give grace

When God helps with all that we do.

Happiness With God and Nature

(Continued from last week)

Joe, bring that bucket and come down here! We need fresh water. Quickly, now! Your father will want a good drink and I must hurry and get the mush on for supper. We are all hungry as bears.

Dena, let's walk on to the house and let Joe bring the water. Esther, has probably done the milking by now. She puts the bucket of milk

in the water trough to cool it for supper. It is always so cool and fresh.

Home at last! I will get the mush started cooking right soon and then feed the chickens while it cooks.

Dena, would you like to see our pullets? I think we have about thirty-five and they are beauties! A mixture of leghorn and white rocks.

"Should be good chickens, then," said Dena.

"Hello," called a voice.

"Edd, Dena came for a visit."

"Well, that's just fine, I would say," answered Edd.

"Supper is almost ready. I will set the table now. We are having mush, bread and butter and some of the blackberry jam I made last summer. I made about fifty pints and canned berries, too, lots of them. Also, made lots of plum jelly and butter from those beautiful trees we were looking at today, Dena. Esther, have you brought the milk in yet?"

"Yes, and, Mom, Uncle Jake is able to come back to the meeting tonight; and the people at the mill will be there, too. Dena, we always have a

crowd. They are all eager for church night to arrive. We are better off than lots of the communities in these hills. There are not very many preachers and it is hard for them to get around everywhere. A preacher hardly ever came when we first met together, but there are more these days, and I'm glad." Esther spoke with enthusiasm.

"I'm glad, too," smiled her mother. My daddy and mother hardly knew there were preachers, but our country is more settled these days."

"Shall we take our new song books?" asked Esther.

"Yes, I guess we should. They are so pretty. Dena, look at them."

"They are nice," Dena commented.

"Well, I guess we are all ready to go. Joe, get the lantern. We will take a short cut. It will be nearer that way," Edd said.

"Look at the crowd! They are almost ready to start singing. Uncle Jake will probably read a chapter from the Bible. He nearly always does. They are starting now, singing, 'Down At The Cross.' I'm going to ask them to sing 'Sweet Hour of Prayer,' " said Ella. "That is my song."

"My! What singing!" thought Dena. "Where did they learn it?"

One after another started a song, in turn. At last Uncle Jake said, "Let us sing, 'What A Friend We Have in Jesus.' "

Later he read a chapter from the Bible where it says words to the effect that after we have suffered awhile, we would be settled, strengthened and established in the Lord. (1 Peter 5:10) There is our promise. When we are tried by trials on every side, God is standing by. He will see

us through and make us strong, as we should be.

"And behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the children of God." (1 John 3:1)

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you as though some strange thing happened unto you," (1 Peter 4:12) but rejoice and be exceedingly glad with joy.

"Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you." (1 Pet. 5:7)

"But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." (1 Peter 4:13.)

These, and many other wonderful Scriptures were quoted.

Then Aunt Bell prayed, and it seemed like that woman's prayer went right through that arbor roof toward heaven. It was no put-on prayer. It was real and there was power in it. Wasn't it a blessing!

After Aunt Bell's prayer, everyone felt like testifying. Later they sang, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and everyone was happy in the Lord as they went home.

As they walked along Dena said, "Those were wonderful Scriptures."

"Yes, Dena, we find great things in God's Word," Edd answered. "It is a wonderful book—a spring of life to our souls. There are answers to questions we wonder about. God knew the way wouldn't be easy, and He knew just what we would need."

(To be continued)

How quickly do you think the angels obey God? Just that quickly God wants us to obey Him.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a heart and write in it, "dark place." Draw a light or star shining down into this heart without God in it. Label the light "the gospel of Jesus Christ."

Dear Boys and Girls:—

The first part of our lesson teaches us that God has commanded your parents to teach the Bible to you. If they are commanded to teach the Word of God to you, then God expected you to learn it, doesn't He? You see, we should always be eager to know just what God wants us to know. We love our wonderful, great God because He is so good to us and has made a way so we can go to heaven instead of to hell. We do want to please Him because we love Him. Do you know some of the commandments of the Lord? In our lesson He has told how much He wants us to love Him. He wants us to love Him with all our heart, soul, and might. How much would be left to love something else? Nothing is left. We surely want to let God know that we do love Him.

Do you love mysteries? If we did not have the New Testament to tell us how it happened, it would be a big mystery how Jesus could save from sin. God let the prophets of old know just a little at a time about the mystery and they would write it down. They finally understood just about the time that Jesus was coming to die on the cross. God revealed this to Daniel. You can read about it in Daniel 9:2-27. It speaks of weeks, but if you let each day represent a year you can multiply 70 by 7 and that equals 490 years. Now the temple was being built again in the year of 457. Ezra tells about the temple being re-

built in those years. Subtract 457 from 490 and that leaves 33. Jesus was put on the cross at the age of 33. So that is the time when He would "make an end of sins," for all who repented of them and accepted Him as their Saviour. You can look in Clarke's Commentary where it explains the book of Daniel and understand more about the figuring of this. Isn't it wonderful how God made the people know just about when Jesus would come? And it came to pass just as God said it would. The Bible is a wonderful book.

Our lesson was written by Moses, Paul, and Peter. Can you tell something about each one? Moses gave a commandment to parents. If parents are commanded to teach their children, then it is just as much a commandment for children to listen to them and learn the Scriptures. You are to give heed. The real purpose of it all is that God wants you to know Him and to love Him. He wants you to love Him so much that you will keep His laws so you can go to heaven.

Paul tells us about the mystery of salvation being revealed to them in his day. Most juniors love mysteries and secrets. Many things had been kept secret. Those who loved Jesus and accepted Him, understood these secrets.

Peter tells us that the Bible is not a fable. It is not made up. It happened just as it is written. Jesus sometimes used parables to explain deep truths to the people, but He plainly told them it was a parable. Peter tells us that he was a witness when God spoke out of heaven at the mount of transfiguration and told them, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

—Aunt Marie

THE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE

**Deut. 6:4-7; Rom. 16:25-27
2 Peter 1:16-19**

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

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

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

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

Rom. 16:25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

27 To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever.

2 Pet. 1:16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

18 And this voice which came from

heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.

Memory Verse: All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. 2 Tim. 3:16.

Central Thought: Men of the Old Bible wrote with divine authority about things they did not clearly understand, but it came to pass and was revealed to the followers of Jesus.

QUESTIONS:

1. Fill in the blanks: "The Lord — God is — Lord."

2. With what three things are we to love God?

3. What did Moses command the Israelites to keep in their hearts?

4. How were the Israelites to teach their children the commandments of God?

5. What mystery and secret was kept "since the world began" until Jesus came to this world?

6. Is it through "obedience of faith" that we understand and have in our hearts this secret?

7. Did Peter say he had followed "cunningly devised fables"?

8. Did Peter know Jesus personally? What did he hear God say about Him?

9. Was Peter sure about the "word of prophecy" concerning Jesus?

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Part Five

May 4

The Precious Bible

The precious Bible, Word of God,
Read at home and read abroad,
Possessing the old and the new look,
Ever living, never dying, precious
book.

Precious book, the Book divine,
It is yours and it is mine,
It tells of God's great love
And eternal home in heaven above.

The best book you will ever find
It is so loving and so kind,
It promises us eternal life,
Free from hatred, sin, and strife.

Read this great book every day
And you will truly follow God's way,
It will teach you how to do your part,
And from it you will never depart.

Why do some people never take
time for God but always have time
for themselves? I don't know, but
some day God will have to tell them,
"I never knew you."

Happiness With God and Nature

(Continued from last week)

Ella announced, "We are home. Now, for getting to bed. I guess we have all had enough exercise for this day and we should rest well. So, good night, children. See you in the morning." Then Mother made a bed for Dena.

Dena lay on her bed thinking, "My! It is good to be in bed. I've had a busy day. I have been rather active and should sleep well tonight. But there is so much to think about—Aunt Bell and her prayer. It was from the heart, you could tell that. It wasn't just words because it had real meaning and seemed as if there were real power in it. Power—What was it Uncle Jake said about the power of God within us? That is what Aunt Bell has—the power of God within her heart and soul. Real earnestness in the soul. Ella said that the wife of the preacher who helped us make the brush arbor had a

little organ and played and helped them learn some of those pretty songs they sing. The people were happy as birds singing. I guess the birds must sing for Jesus, too. Sounds about that way when you hear a pretty red bird or a mocking bird in the night singing, singing, singing. Oh, I was almost asleep! I can think some more tomorrow if we are not too-o-o-busy b-u-s-y."

The Sacred Arbor

Edd arose early. Ella heard him moving about and she got up, too. He milked the cows and turned them out to graze on the hills. Ella fed the chickens and then started breakfast. She made biscuits, fried some smoked bacon from the smoke house, and made gravy. Then she set out the butter and jelly from the cupboard. It was a good breakfast and everyone was up and ready to eat.

Dena said she didn't think she woke up at all until morning when she heard the others stirring around.

Soon the children were off to school and Edd went to work. Ella and Dena got the house work finished, and then started out to the garden. Things needed to be weeded and hoed.

As they walked along, Ella smiled and said, "We will go this way, Dena. It is almost a quarter of a mile, but it was the best spot for a garden. The scenery is very inviting along the way and there is a good path because we have been this way so many times. There is quite a bit of good shade along the way, too. See those elderberry bushes? I have always loved them. I think they are very pretty with that large bushy head of white blossoms and then the little berries so black. The bushes are so pretty, full of green leaves.

"Over there are some blackhaw bushes. I used to like them when I was young, but now that we have all of the nice berries and plums, I really don't care much for the blackhaws, especially since I am grown, you know," Ella smiled. "I guess you and I are about the same age, aren't we?"

"Yes," said Dena, "I think so. Only I married younger than you did. My sister Lucy was married at 18. She and Jim are happy. They have their own little home and are all settled. His father gave him forty acres and the little house where we all three live now. It has four rooms and is a fair place. I have a room for myself. Jim is like my own child. He even calls me mother and treats me like that. He is a good boy. His folks live at Scottsville. They come down once in a while and seem to be very nice people. He has one brother older than he. A fine young man.

"When Norman got killed, I was so broken up and didn't know what to do with myself for a whole year. Lucy was seventeen then. Jim soon came into our lives and things are going well with us now.

"You have a nice garden, Ella, and some of it is ready for use. Onions and radishes. How nice everything looks."

(To be continued)

One time a judge was to sentence his friend to jail for robbing someone. He felt sorry for him and because his friend couldn't pay his debt, the judge paid it for him and stayed in jail for thirty days so his friend could be with his family. This is just what God has done for us. He sent His Son to die for the sins you and I have committed. He paid our debt.

Do you know why God made us? I'll tell you. He made us to glorify Him, to be happy in Him, and to love Him. Do you love Him today?

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a globe to represent the world. Make lines of smoke rising from it. Beside it draw a book which is labeled "Holy Bible." Write underneath the memory verse, "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away." Mark 13:31.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

The Bible is a wonderful book. We heard on the radio that the astronauts read from the first book of Genesis as they circled the moon. I thought about how they recognized God as they looked at the big world He has made. The Russian astronauts were reported as saying that they did not see God up there anywhere. Boys and girls, isn't it wonderful that our Bible told us all about this big earth before man was even able to fly above it to see it? Our Bible said it was round a long time before Columbus proved it. In Isaiah 41:22 it reads, "It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers: that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in." In verse 12 God says that he "hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand." Our God is great and He has revealed many things about this great world He has made by talking to different ones, and they have written it down for us to read.

In Jeremiah we can read how the Bible was preserved for us. The words were burned by the king, but Jeremiah

wrote them again. Perhaps the king of prophecy that Jeremiah had written thought if he would burn it up, it would not come to pass. Boys and girls, when God speaks, it will stand. God said that Jerusalem would be punished for their sins, and be taken captive for 70 years. They did not want to believe this, but it came to pass. Today people do not want to believe it when the Bible says that this world will be burned up with fire, but it will come to pass. Just ignoring it, or burning up the Bible, or disbelieving it, will not change God's Word.

John wrote much about what Jesus did and said. He ends his books by telling us that this is true and that he was a witness to it all. He saw it and believed it. He tells us that there would not be enough books in the world to hold all the things that Jesus did and said in the three years He taught the multitudes. We are glad that we have some of His words and know some of the things He did. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John tell us many things about Him. Look in a Bible that has all the words that Jesus spoke printed in red. There are a lot of them, aren't there?

The Apostle Peter speaks of Paul's writings. Peter acknowledged before he died that Paul's writings were ranked among "the scriptures." How many books did Paul write in our Bible? In that day, as in this day, people are trying to twist the scriptures to their own destruction.

Notice it says to "grow in knowledge." A baby grows through food, exercise, and love. We can grow through feeding our souls on the Word of God by reading it. Obeying it would be our exercise. Then our love for Jesus, who died for us, will help us desire to obey Him. Don't you think that is right? —Aunt Marie

Lesson 5, May 4, 1969

**HOW OUR BIBLE WAS FORMED
AND PRESERVED**

**Jer. 36:27, 28, 32; John 21:24, 25
2 Peter 3:15b-18**

Jer. 36:27 Then the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying,

28 Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath burned.

32 Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words.

John 21:24 This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true.

25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written.

2 Pet. 3:15b Even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Memory Verse: Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. Mark 13:31.

Central Thought: God has preserved His Word against all opposition to destroy it. Now in this age people are trying to discredit its authenticity.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is the "roll" referred to in our lesson?

2. Who wrote in the roll? Who burned it?

3. Did the burning of the roll cause Jeremiah to quit writing the words of God?

4. Who was the disciple referred to in verse 24 in our lesson?

5. What book in the Bible did he write? Name three other books that contain the words and acts of Jesus.

6. How many books would contain Jesus' words?

7. What did Peter say about the Apostle Paul's writings that were included in the Scriptures?

8. Give the definition of these words: unstable, wrest, beware, error of the wicked.

9. How does a baby grow? (see comments.)

10. How can we grow in knowledge in Jesus?

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Part Six

May 11

Jesus is Calling the Children

Jesus is calling the children,
Calling, yes, calling today;
Oh, will you walk in His footsteps?
Walk in the beautiful way?

Jesus is calling the children,
Those who are going astray;
He wants to lead you to heaven,
Along the beautiful way.

Jesus is calling the children,
Come to Him now while you may;
He'll fill your heart with His gladness,
Walk in the beautiful way.

Jesus is calling the children,
Will you His sweet voice obey?
Come, let Him lead you to heaven,
Along the beautiful way.

—Chorus—

Beautiful way, Beautiful way,
Walk in the beautiful way.

—Ulysses Phillips

Happiness With God and Nature

(Continued from last week)

Ella looked around and then answered, "Yes, we planted a lot of things. We can most of the sweet corn, and we dry some of it, too. We like it both ways. I can green beans and we dry and shell some of them, too, for winter. We also can tomatoes. Edd and the children help when they have time, but Edd is pretty busy with his corn fields. He raises plenty of corn for meal and the chickens and cows. He raises kaffir corn, too. We raise lots of potatoes and put them in the smoke house to let them dry some until winter comes. Then we store them in boxes in the house. Do you folks bury your turnips for winter?" asked Ella.

"Yes, I have helped Jim and Lucy do that," answered Dena. "Look at that beautiful little blue bird. Isn't it darling?"

"Yes, Dena, I think they are so

sweet. The orioles are beautiful, too. And the little wild canaries! They all keep these woods a happy-sounding place, not even thinking of the red birds and mocking birds."

"Ella, I was thinking about them, and their cheerful songs before I went to sleep last night. We have so many of the things God made. He knew we needed all of this and He surely made a beautiful world. Norman used to say, 'If people were just as happy as birds, it would be a happy world.' So we tried to be very happy together. He loved Lucy so much and we tried to bring her up as right as we knew how. We prayed for wisdom and understanding."

"Well, I guess we are through here," Ella said. "We will take some of the onions and radishes home. I think it is about dinner time. The sun seems almost straight over our heads. These shady spots where the trees are will cool us off some as we go along. We will go by the spring and pick up our bucket of cool water. It will freshen us. We can pour water for each other to wash. That will really help, too. We will have the radishes and onions, bread and butter and milk for dinner. There was some of the bacon left over this morning and some plum jelly. I'm hungry! Aren't you, Dena?"

"Oh yes! Who wouldn't be, out here in this fresh air in these hills?"

"Well, here we are. We can wash our garden vegetables now. Will you pour some water over them for me, Dena? I wish Edd had some of these out there to eat with his sandwiches for dinner. He can have some for supper, though. Dena, when we finish eating, before we wash the dishes, I think I will open half a gallon of

blackberries and make a cobbler for supper. We really like them."

"That sounds wonderful. I'm certain it will be appreciated by everyone."

Ella said, "I think we will celebrate tonight and have ham and gravy and mashed potatoes."

"That sounds wonderful, too," answered Dena. "Ella, you have such good things to eat. I really enjoy them."

"I'm glad you do. You know, my mother used to dry some venison meat. I can remember it. And I remember that one time my daddy came home with a lot of apples in the wagon bed. We had a tent and we put the apples in the tent to keep them. And one time I ate too many of them and had a terrible stomach ache. My! It did hurt. I have an idea that my mother dried some of them. I have wondered how people ever learned to do such things as to dry foods and to make and do the things they did. I guess it was just by experience. Doing and learning by themselves. A woman told me a few days ago that she wasn't taught to cook, that she just learned by herself," said Ella. "There are the children already! It seems that time has gone so fast today."

Esther was all excited and burst out, "Mama, Mrs. Larson said they are all coming to the brush arbor for meeting Sunday morning and some of the children from school are coming, too. Maybe some of their folks will come."

"That will be fine," answered Ella. "The more, the better."

"I heard the cow bells way over south. They are poking around about coming home this evening," said Joe.

"Maybe they found some real good

juicy grass and don't want to leave it until they are filled up. We are having something nice and juicy for our supper, too. It is something you both like real well," said Ella.

"Berry cobbler," squealed Esther.
(To be continued)

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a mountain with fire, smoke, etc., coming from it. This is what happened when the law of Moses was written on the two tables of stone. The day the Jews kept to celebrate this was called the Feast of Pentecost. (Ex. 24: 16-18; 31:18.)

Draw tongues of fire on a heart. This is what happened on the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came to abide in the hearts of flesh.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

I wonder if you really know just how much your parents love you. Maybe you think of the scoldings, the punishments, and do not think any further. Do you know that it would be a sure thing they did not love you if they did not punish you when you needed it so you would remember what is the right thing to do? You might say that they just punished you because you did not do as they said, and you didn't think you ought to be bossed around. But, now let us think a moment about that. Do you know that one of the most important lessons that you need to learn is obedience? If you were never taught that, you would have a hard time in life. I have watched many boys and girls grow up, and of course, my own. I have noticed that those boys and girls who were not taught to obey when they were small, or at home, had lots of heartaches in life. They got into

troubles that brought many sad regrets. Now, your parents do not want you to be like that. They can see further ahead than you can. So, dear boys and girls, do not resent being made to obey. It is a lesson you do need to learn. And, furthermore, what does it hurt for you to obey your parents? It is honorable, and God is pleased when you do. Others notice your obedience and respect you for it. No one loves you as much as your mother and father, especially if you have Christian parents. Their love for you is deep. They cared for you when you were helpless, and now it is your turn to show them your love by obeying and loving them. We have to learn obedience before we can go to heaven.

Just before Jesus went back to heaven, He talked to His disciples. He again told them that they would receive the promise of the Father, which was the giving of the Holy Spirit to dwell within their hearts so they could have power to obey God's commandments. Obedience was the only way they could go to heaven. The devil would work hard to keep them from obeying. But when they received the Holy Spirit, they could face wicked men and tell them that they would die before they would disobey God. Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem. We find that 120 of them were in the upper room, waiting. Jesus' mother was there, as were all the disciples except Judas, who hanged himself in despair for his disobedience and betrayal of Jesus.

God wanted everybody to know that Jesus had come as their Saviour, died on the cross, and rose again. He also wanted them to know about the Holy Spirit that would dwell within them. On the day of Pentecost, people from all over the then-known world had come to partake of the feast, or on other business.

in Jerusalem. You can count the different nationalities that were there that day. Our memory verse tells us that "We do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God." So the Bible was written that the different ones in other parts might know all about what Jesus did while here. Paul wrote to different ones to encourage and instruct them in the ways of godliness. We thank God for the Bible. It is a wonderful Book. If we obey it, it will lead us in paths that will take us to heaven.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 6, May 11, 1969

THE BIBLE IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE PEOPLE

Acts 2:1-12

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

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

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

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold,

are not all these which speak Galileans?

8 And how hear we every man in our tongue, wherein we were born?

9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers of Mesopotamia, and in Judea and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia.

10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

Memory Verse: Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. Acts 2:11.

Central Thought: The Bible truths are for all people of all the world.

QUESTIONS:

1. What event did the Jews keep when they celebrated the day of Pentecost?

2. What does it mean when it says that they were "all with one accord"?

3. Describe the sound they heard on that day.

4. As what did the tongues that sat upon each appear?

5. What does the word "cloven" mean?

6. Were all the nations under heaven in Jerusalem that day?

7. Why had all those people gathered at this place?

8. Was not this the gift of languages or as Paul says, gift of tongues?

9. Does the memory verse tell us that each heard them speak in his own tongue?

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May 18

The Magic Key

In every face there is a door
Through which a thousand words or
more

Go dashing every day,
While you're at work or play.
If kindly words should come tiptoe,
Throw wide the door; they're needed
so!

But when cross words would scramble
out,

And bring with them a frown and
pout,

Then quickly turn the key
And very quiet be.

Happiness With God and Nature

(Continued from last week)

"Let's get the cows and do our chores," cried Joe. "Esther, bring the buckets to the lot and I'll have the cows there as soon as I can get them away from the tender juicy grass. They should have waited till tomorrow to find it. Most any other

time they would have been close to home by now."

"Dena, you haven't seen our mother pig and her eight little ones yet, have you?" asked Ella.

"No, I haven't," answered Dena.

"We must go out there. They are about six weeks old and they are fine ones."

"Norman always raised a few for our meat. It surely helps, to have them to butcher when the cold winter days come. How nice!"

"Yes, it is nice," echoed a voice.

"There is Edd," smiled Ella.

"Do you think those pigs will make meat for this winter?" Edd asked.

"I believe there is a good chance of it," Ella smiled. "We have lots of milk for them. Especially since the grass is so good now and the cows are doing real well. The milk will give the pigs a good start. Well, supper is almost ready and the children will be in soon with the milk. I think they are through, now. Yes, here they are. I'll put supper on the table."

In a few minutes Joe said, "I guess we're all here."

Ella smiled, "Esther, get the Bible for your father."

Taking the Bible and holding it gently, Edd said, "I think I will read the thirty-seventh chapter of Psalms. 'Trust in the Lord, and do good: so shalt Thou dwell in the land, and Verily, Thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desire of thine heart,'" and on and on until the chapter was finished.

Then Dena asked the blessings of God upon all, and asked Him to bless the good food to their strength and health. And, "Amen," said all.

"Mother, what a delicious supper!" exclaimed Esther.

"Thank you," said Edd, Joseph, and Dena.

After supper was finished and the dishes done, everyone went out and sat under the starry skies and talked and what a pleasant evening they had!

As Dena went to her bed she thought of the pleasant home and family. If only her Norman could have lived—well, she just must not think and grieve about it any more. "I will just enjoy this wonderful visit. This is a gracious privilege that has come to me and I must be thankful for it and not complain about anything," she thought.

The next morning was the same as the last, except that it was the last day of school. So, Ella and Dena walked with the children almost to the school building. Then they turned to go back home. It was a pleasant walk, not hot yet.

The week end went fast and Sunday arrived. Dena said, "I want to go to the sacred arbor this morning and tonight. Then I must go home to-

morrow. Jim and Lucy will wonder if I have forsaken them."

Sunday was a busy day, with the two services. Everyone enjoyed them very much.

Dena said, "I wanted to hear Aunt Bell pray one more time and I felt that prayer soaring up to heaven again. It was different words, but the same blessed meaning. The blessings seemed to go through the congregation and the new people were there to make it complete. No one could say God had not been there in their midst."

The last song of the evening was:

"We'll work till Jesus comes,

We'll work till Jesus comes,

We'll work till Jesus comes,

And we'll all be gathered home."

And, as they left the sacred arbor, many of them were probably still singing "We'll work till Jesus comes" as they went home.

—Florence Deater

As a man was stooping to steal a watermelon, his son said: "Daddy, someone is watching you!" In surprise the man ran quickly to the car, whereupon he asked: "Who? Where? I don't see anyone!" "You forgot to look toward the sky. God is the one who saw you."



LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a rectangle and put a line in the middle. This is to stand for two rooms. Label one room, "The Holy Place," and

the second room, "The Most Holy Place." Put an altar in front of the outside door leading into the first room, and one in front of the door leading into the second room. Write underneath, "Repent ... in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

The Bible is a wonderful book. The Old Testament had been written before Jesus came to this world. Our lesson tells us that Jesus told the disciples at His departure that when the Holy Spirit came to dwell in their hearts, He would "guide you into all truth." Now we find that the Bereans were eager to know if what had been told them about Jesus saving from sin and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit was true. They "searched the scriptures daily" to find out. I wonder if they studied about the building of the tabernacle that God told Moses to build. It was a true type of the spiritual work in the soul.

In the 40th chapter of Exodus, verses 3 to 7 we read about the tabernacle. It had two rooms. One was called the Holy Room, and the other the Most Holy Room. There were two altars. God told Moses to set an altar and laver before the door of the tabernacle. Then the altar of gold was to set before the door of the second room, or the Most Holy Room. Within the second room was the ark of the testimony with two cherubims wings covering the mercy seat. Inside this chest was the golden pot of manna, the two budding rods, and the ten commandments. In the first room were the table with 12 loaves of bread upon it, and the candlestick, and the golden altar before the door to the Most Holy Room. The purpose of having the tabernacle

was to provide a place where the Spirit of God could dwell among the people. Men who were called priests ministered there and carried out all the rituals that God had commanded. When Jesus came He brought the real thing, salvation, which this kind of worship represented. The worship in the tabernacle was to teach the people about Christ and the work that He would do in the soul.

Now, the two rooms each represented something. They stood for justification and sanctification. Maybe those are big words, so let us break them down. Justification means that you are justified, or forgiven of the sins that you have committed, like stealing, lying, etc. Jesus died on the cross and spilled His blood so those sins that you committed and repented of could be forgiven. But there was still a work that needed to be done in the heart. You were born with a sin principle in your heart. You can't ask forgiveness for it, because you could not help it, yet Jesus' blood was shed for the removal of that seat of sin. In the old tabernacle the priest would put blood on the second altar before the second room. Through Jesus' blood we are sanctified by the Holy Spirit cleansing us. Last Sunday we studied about the Holy Spirit coming after Jesus had gone back to heaven. They were all sanctified and filled with the Spirit. That was the second work of grace in their hearts. Was it not wonderful how God made an example for them to follow? The two rooms in the tabernacle stood for the two experiences in our hearts after Jesus came. Boys and girls, it is needful for you to have the Holy Spirit in your heart. When you have asked forgiveness for all your sins, and they are all gone, then you can come and ask God to send the Holy Spirit into your heart. Our lesson is about keys to understanding the Scriptures. It takes the Holy Spirit to

help you understand the Word of God. I trust that you will ask God to give you the Holy Spirit to guide you through this life so you will make it to heaven.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 7, May 18, 1969

KEYS TO UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

John 16:12-15; Acts 17:10-12,
James 1:22-25

John 16:12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

Acts 17:10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews.

11 These were more noble than those of Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so,

12 Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.

James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Memory Verse: Search the scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. John 5:39.

Central Thought: As the Holy Spirit teaches us and we obey, we are then able to help others.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why didn't Jesus tell the disciples more things than He did?

2. Do these terms mean the same person—Spirit of truth; Holy Spirit, and Comforter?

3. What will the Spirit of Truth or the Holy Spirit do for us?

4. Why is it important to have a guide in this life?

5. Whom does the Holy Spirit glorify?

6. Who went by night to the synagogue in Berea?

7. How did they receive the word?

8. How often did they search the Scriptures?

9. To whom does the Apostle James compare a man who is just a hearer of the Word and not a doer?

10. Who will be "blessed in his deed"?

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May 25

No Substitute

We have substitutes for rubber,
We have substitutes for silk,
And there are some people wearing
Clothing made from coal or milk.

But there's not a man or woman,
Not in all the earth a youth
Who will ever, ever, ever
Find a substitute for truth.

We have substitutes for leather,
And for brick and stone and wood.
Some are worse and some are better,
Some of them are just as good.

But from Iceland to Australia,
And from Dublin to Duluth,
There will never, never, never
Be a substitute for truth.

Linda's Reward

Girls and boys, have you ever run a race and won the prize? Did you know that living for the Lord is like running a race? Jesus tells us

to lay aside the things that would hinder us in running a Christian race. Sin is the one big thing that hinders us in living for God.

One mother gave her children a piece of candy each evening. She told them each time they gained a victory at school they would earn an extra piece of candy. Linda wanted to let her light shine for Jesus. She also wanted to earn the extra piece of candy her mother had promised.

At school, Linda's teacher told the children that she would let them come to the front of the room and dance if they would hurry and finish their arithmetic assignment. The children clapped their hands and hurried with their lesson. Linda had been taught that dancing was something that would lead to greater evils and would hinder her in running the race for God. The Lord helped her to figure out a better way. She spent the time in working her problems then went over them again to check each one, thus taking up all the time in the class. Linda went home from school that afternoon and said, "Moth-

er, I gained a victory today."

"Oh, I am so glad! Tell me about it," said Mother. Linda related the incident to her mother and said, "I spent all of the time on my arithmetic lesson and there was no time left to dance so I gained a victory." Mother was pleased to give Linda her reward. Linda enjoyed the extra piece of candy. And beside that, she made a perfect score on her paper.

The Lord has promised us a reward if we will live for Him. We receive it at the end of this life. Who can tell what it is? It is a home in heaven. The Lord has promised never to leave us, but will help us in our battles. We can have victories and blessings to enjoy along the way and a beautiful home in heaven at the end of this race. Isn't Jesus a wonderful and loving Friend? —Dora L. Beisly

A Ragged Sunday School

The juniors in a Chinese Sunday School had their heads together planning something very important. They were so interested that they did not hear the teacher enter. After a while one saw the teacher and exclaimed excitedly: "Honorable teacher, there are many street children who will not come to our Sunday School because they do not have clothes like ours. We want to tell them about Jesus."

"You make Jesus happy when you think about these ragged children. What do you plan to do?" asked the teacher.

"We want to have a Sunday School for them under the trees," said the speaker of the group. "Look, we have planned the worship service."

The teacher examined the worship

service planned by the boys and girls. "This is very well done," he said, "but what else do you expect to do?"

"We would like you to tell them about Jesus, who died to save all people. Will you please, honorable teacher?" the boy replied.

"I shall be glad to do this," answered the teacher. "How will you call the children to Sunday School?"

"We have planned this, too," the boy said. "We shall go along the streets singing our hymns and the boys and girls will follow us."

This was the way the "Ragged Sunday School" was started. These Chinese juniors were able to bring two hundred children of the streets to their Sunday School under the trees.

WHAT IS SIN?

"What is sin?" asked Raymond during the Sunday School discussion.

"Sin is a transgression of God's Word, or disobeying His commandments," Sister Brown said. "If you know something is wrong and that God doesn't want you to do it and you purposely do it, that is sin. You must be sorry for that sin and ask God in Jesus' name to forgive you or you will not get to heaven."

"I surely want to go to heaven," Raymond said firmly.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a heart and put a bucket of water in it. Then draw lines going up from the bucket and flowing out over the heart. Underneath write, "The water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." John 4:14.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Three hundred fifty years ago some important events took place in our nation. Two of our oldest towns are Jamestown, Virginia and Plymouth, Mass. There are many interesting historic spots on the east coast. I walked over the grounds where the battle of Gettysburg was fought, and also visited in the home of George Washington.

Just as our nation has a background that we can trace, so does the Bible. I hope that you will be able to follow a map along with your lesson today. There are some maps in the backs of Bibles if your teacher does not have a large one. Jerusalem is spread over four hills. The names of the hills are Zion, Moriah, Acra, and Bexetha. The chief, or most important of these hills is Zion. On this hill is where David put the tabernacle of God, and later the temple was built there. The Israelites gradually came to think of God dwelling on Mt. Zion.

You will remember that the land of Canaan was promised to Abraham and his descendants. When the children of Abraham came out of Egypt there were enemies they had to conquer to take the land. This is where God wanted them to live and later He sent Jesus to them as the Saviour of the world. Through them the whole world was to know about the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The setting of our lesson was when Jesus was returning from Galilee and went through Samaria. The Samaritans were an alien race brought there by the Assyrians after they had taken rule of the Israelites. (2 Kings 17:6, 24-29; Ezra 4:2, 9, 10.) The Samaritans were outside the rule of Herod, who had imprisoned John the Baptist just before this. The Samaritans had combined parts of

the teachings of Moses' law with their idol worship. They were expecting the Messiah, or Jesus, to make Samaria His seat of government instead of Jerusalem. That is the reason the woman at the well was talking to Jesus about the right place to worship God. They claimed that Mt. Gerizim, located in Samaria, was the holy mountain of God. This rival feeling between the Jews and the Samaritans had grown and a great bitterness had sprung up between them. They hated each other. We notice that Jesus did not share this bitterness. He loved all people.

Today Jacob's well is still there. It is one of the few places where an exact spot can be connected with the story of Jesus. The well is 105 feet deep, 9 feet in diameter. Notice on your map that Mt. Gerizim can be seen close by and Sychar is less than two miles north-east of Shechem.

Were you ever real thirsty? A good cool drink tasted wonderful then, didn't it? Do you have a deep longing in your heart and soul for something that has not been satisfied? That longing is fully satisfied when you let Jesus come into your heart and you live according to His commandments. Of course, if you live carelessly, that longing appears again and you need to ask Jesus to help you to be careful and live close to Him.

Jesus told the woman about the water of life that would satisfy the soul. It truly is wonderful to have Jesus living in your heart.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 8, May 25, 1969

BIBLE BACKGROUND

John 4:3-10, 14, 19-26

John 4:3 He left Judea, and departed again into Galilee.

4 And he must needs go through Samaria.

5 Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipper shall worship

the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

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

25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

Memory Verse: And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth. Isa. 49:6.

Central Thought: Jesus used the opportunities He had to spread the gospel.

QUESTIONS:

1. Tell some of the historic events of our nation.

2. In what countries did most of the events that are written in the Bible take place?

3. Why did the Samaritans and the Jews disagree?

4. Where had Jesus been when He stopped at Jacob's well?

5. Did Jesus ever get weary?

6. What kind of water did Jesus have to offer the woman at the well?

7. What question did the woman ask Jesus when she knew that He was a prophet?

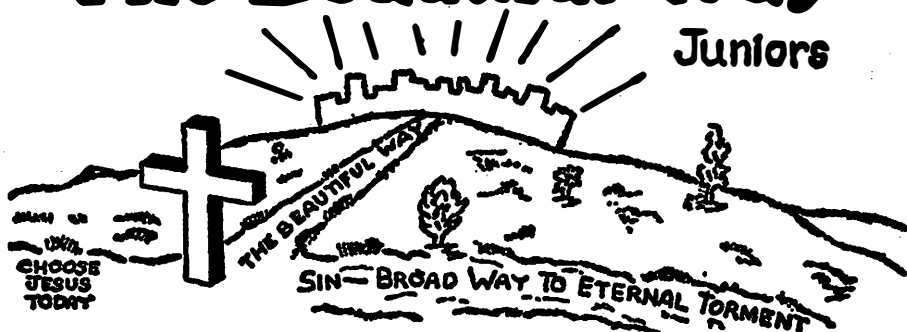
8. How must we worship God?

9. Did Jesus tell the woman that He was the looked-for Messiah?

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Part Nine

June 1

Following Jesus

I heard the Master's loving voice;
"Come unto Me," He said;
And so I gave the Lord my heart,
And followed where He led.

I never have been sorry, for
My heart is free from care;
Whatever comes to me since then,
I know He's with me there.

My heart is filled with gladness
Since the day I lived anew,
For when you follow Jesus,
Joy is sure to live with you!

Waiting on the Lord

"Wait on the Lord; be of good
courage, and he shall strengthen
thine heart: wait, I say on the Lord."
Psalm 27:14.

All of the gospel workers in Mexico had come out to be in the California State Assembly Meeting at Pacoima. I had left Santa Catarina

in company with Violet Cable who had worked there with me for about five weeks. I was reluctant to come out as I feared I would lose my co-worker as Santa Catarina is a long way from home for a young girl, also she wasn't real strong.

Sure enough, she couldn't return with me, so at the end of the Assembly meeting, I saw each of the workers leaving the grounds with a co-worker, but there seemed to be none for me. I had fully submitted it all into the hands of the Lord, and though the devil yelled loud and long, I didn't worry as all was in God's hands. I told the Lord, "I know you have called me to Mexico, and surely somewhere in the earth is a heart to whom you are talking to go with me," and I left the case to Him who never fails.

On Tuesday I saw the last car-load leave the grounds bound for Mexico. I could not help but shed a few tears. In prayer meeting the next night I testified that I believed even then the Lord was dealing with some heart about it.

I was staying with Sister Vera Forbes at the time and on arrival at the house, after meeting, the phone rang. The call was from Sister Virginia Wittenborn saying that Sister Biatríz Sanchez, a member of the Rosarito congregation who had been to the meeting in Pacoima had been burdened to go and work in Santa Catarina with the Indians and would like to go down to help me if I would stop by and pick her up.

Needless to say, Sister Vera and I rejoiced in tears, thankful again for God's mindfulness of, and faithfulness to His little children.

Biatríz, her daughter Juanita, and I lived and worked together for six weeks, having services, teaching school, and doing whatever came our way to do in the service of the Lord. After this, she felt it necessary to return to her home congregation and family. We truly enjoyed each other in His work and the Lord blessed and protected us in many ways.

"Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness." *Psa. 143:1.*

"O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth." *Isa. 25:1. —Opal Kelly*

The Books of the Bible

Do you know how many Books are in the Bible? You once knew, but have you forgotten? Let me tell you one good way to remember, so as never to forget. First write down the words "Old Testament."

Now, how many letters are in the word "Old"? Three. How many in

the word "Testament"? Nine. Put three and nine together and you have 39—the number of Books in the Old Testament.

Next, write down the words "New Testament."

There are also in "New" and "Testament" 3 and 9 letters. Now multiply 3 by 9 and you have 27—the number of Books in the New Testament.

Of course by adding 39 and 27, you have 66—the number of Books in the Bible.

Any boy or girl who will read this over twice will never forget how many Books are in the Bible.

"You don't have a pretty voice, why are you always singing a hymn?"

"I've always felt that God likes to hear the crow as well as the canary."

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

On the blackboard write the words Song, Lamb, and Letter. Write the word Deliverance under each word. Now as you find out from what each of the words brought deliverance, write that under the word "Deliverance."

Dear Boys and Girls:—

I trust that you are serving and living for Christ, our precious Saviour. He is a wonderful Saviour and Master. I don't like the devil for a Master. When you obey him, he makes you feel so awful. He won't let you forgive others for mistreating you, but suggests that you get even with them, and you don't have the power to resist trying. Even if you can't get even, you feel miserable be-

cause you can't, and hatred grows in your heart. Of course, the person who loves Jesus will be mistreated, too, but Jesus will help them to forgive and therefore hatred doesn't grow in their hearts nor a desire to get even. Oh, there is no greater thrill than living for Jesus. It is a thrill doing good to those who hate you and then seeing them act better. But even if they don't, you are thrilled because you have power to do good when someone does you wrong. I read about one girl who had to do a lot of nice things for another girl who hated her before she won her for Christ. Oh, how happy she was when she accomplished what she desired.

Our lesson today teaches us the different forms in the Bible. The Bible is a wonderful book. I do trust that all of you have read the book, "Bible Chain of Truth." It tells you some interesting truths in the Bible and it is written so you will enjoy reading it. Just send 60c to Faith Publishing House, Guthrie, Okla. 73044 and you will be sent one. It tells a lot about the Bible, the first Bibles ever made, and how we got our Bible. It has many interesting things that I am sure you would be glad to know. You need one of these books for your very own.

In the Bible we have history, songs, parables, true stories about people, and how God talked to His people and led them. Today we are going to study about a song in the Bible, a parable, and a letter.

The song in the first verses of our lesson was sung after the children of Israel looked back when they had walked through the Red Sea that had parted for them, and saw the waters close upon their enemies from Pharaoh, the king of Egypt for whom they had been slaves for years and years. How happy they

were that God had sent Moses to lead them out of slavery. We are happy when we are delivered from Satan who is a hard master. Notice in the song that they said of God, "I will prepare him a habitation." Did you know that the Apostle Paul said that your body is the temple or habitation of the Spirit? (See 1 Cor. 6:19; Eph. 2:22.) God wants to live in your heart and be your master.

The parables that Jesus spoke were to teach us of His love for us. Just as the shepherd sought for the little lost lamb in the wilderness and carefully carried him to the fold, just so Jesus is seeking for the sinner, who is lost in sin. How happy the angels in heaven are when a sinner repents of his sins!

The book of Philippians is a letter written to the saints in the church at Philippi. We have a number of letters that Paul wrote in the New Testament. We do love the Bible. We should treasure it as a letter to us from God and live by it so we can go to heaven.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 9, June 1, 1969

LITERARY FORMS IN THE BIBLE

Ex. 14:30-15:2; Luke 15:3-10; 24:44;
Philemon 1-3

Ex. 14:30 Thus the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore.

31 And Israel saw that great work which the Lord did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord, and his servant Moses.

15:1 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the Lord, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

15:2 The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Luke 15:3 And he spake this parable unto them, saying,

4 What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

5 And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

6 And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.

7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

8 Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it?

9 And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Luke 24:44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

Phil. 1 Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellow-labourer,

2 And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, and to the church in thy house:

3 Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Memory Verse: Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. Luke 15:10.

Central Thought: God presented His great plan to bring man to Himself through Christ in various forms.

QUESTIONS:

1. Name some of the forms of literature found in our Bible.

2. From what had God delivered the children of Israel that caused them to sing?

3. In their song of deliverance, what did the Israelites promise to prepare for the Lord?

4. How many sheep did the shepherd leave in the fold when he went to look for the one lost lamb?

5. Who rejoices when a sinner lost in sin is found and returns to the fold?

6. How many coins did the woman lose? How did she seek for it?

7. How careful should we be if we don't want to lose some of the good things the Lord has given us in our hearts and minds? What should we do if we do lose some of them?

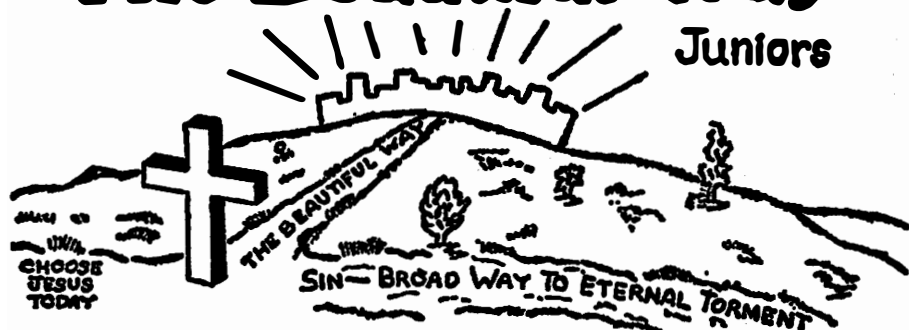
8. What did the Philippians have that the Apostle Paul remembered?

9. Does the Bible call saved people saints? Where is it found?

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The Bible Stands

The Bible stands like a rock undaunted

'Mid the raging storms of time;
Its pages burn with truth eternal
And they glow with a light sublime.

The Bible stands like a towering mountain

Above the works of men;
Its truth by none can be refuted,
And destroy it, they never can!

The Bible stands, and it will forever
When the world has passed away;
By inspiration it has been given,
All its precepts I will obey.

The Bible stands every test we give it,
For its Author is divine;
By grace alone I hope to live it,
And prove it, and make it mine.

The Hawk

In Africa at a mission station called Tusong, which means help, the mis-

sionaries were having a terrible time because something was carrying away their baby chickens. They did not know what it was. But every day when they fed the chickens they would count them and the next day some would be missing.

One day one of the missionaries decided to tie a red ribbon to the leg of the chickens because they wanted to keep up with them. The missionary heard a squawking in the yard and rushed out. There she saw a hawk circling above the yard, ready to come swooping down on a chick. As she watched, it came nearer and nearer until it was within seeing distance of the red ribbon. The hawk must have thought this was a strange kind of chicken, and without waiting further, he disappeared. After that, she found out that those chickens who did not have the red ribbons on were taken by the hawks.

This is a picture of how Christians are saved from the hawks of sin and Satan because Jesus died on the Cross and shed His blood so that we might be kept. Ex. 12:13, "And the blood

shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you."

We can easily let sin come in if we don't do much watching, praying, and reading the Bible in order for the hawks not to swoop us away. The blood of Jesus is with us as long as we love Jesus and do His will.

—Selected by Margaret Cable

The Eagle

Stranger-bird was lying helplessly in a field when a farmer saw it. He picked up the queer-looking creature, turned it over and over, then he walked over and put it in the chicken yard thinking, "When its wings begin to grow we will be able to tell what it is." When the farmer put stranger-bird close to Mother Hen, the baby chicks took refuge by hiding under their mother's wing. Then the mother hen put the birdling under her wing until he stopped shivering. Long ago King David looked at a mother hen protecting her chicks under her wings and he prayed to God, "Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings." Psalms 17:8. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble." Psalms 46:1.

Time went on and the bird grew. The little chickens grew, too, and mother hen could not understand stranger-bird. One day there was a far-away call. As the sound came closer, a huge bird could be seen. Stranger-bird spread his great wings and in a flash he went soaring up and up to the bird in the sky—the eagle. The mother bird spread out her wings under her child and bore him away.

The little chickens could not fly away like that, no matter how hard they tried. The difference was that stranger-bird had the life of an eagle, and not the life of a chicken. The Christian has the life of Jesus—eternal, everlasting life which the Saviour has given him. But the one who has never received the Saviour has only earthly life that has to die some day. If we have the eternal life which Jesus gives us, we, too, can go to be with Him forever. The eagle wanted to be with his own kind. Some day Christ is coming for His own, too, just as the mother eagle did. Acts 1:11, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner . . ." The chickens couldn't go up when the call came because they only had chicken life, chicken nature. They flapped their wings in vain, but stranger-bird did not need to try hard to fly. When the call came there was something deep down in the heart of stranger-bird that answered it. That is the way it is going to be some day when that call comes for you and me. It won't do a bit of good to struggle, or "flap our wings" to try to lift ourselves if we don't have the life of God in our souls.

—Selected by Margaret Cable

THE BOOK OF LUKE AND ACTS

"Is it true that the same man wrote Acts that wrote Luke?" asked Betty.

"Yes, Luke got the story from people who saw it happen and also from things he saw. He wrote it in two books to Theophilus," answered Daddy. "If you read the book of Luke you continue to read the rest

of the story in the book of Acts, which is a history of the early church."

"It was written for us, too, wasn't it?"

"Yes, and we are glad that God caused it to be written. We value it highly," said Daddy.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Write the memory verse on the black-board.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Styles come and go, but those who love the Lord and follow Him do not follow the styles of this world. Those who originate the styles do not go by the Bible. But we are to live according to the teachings of the Word of God. Today our lesson teaches us about our hair, and the woman's place in connection with her husband.

First, we want to get two facts settled in our minds before we study the lesson. We notice by reading it that the Apostle Paul was talking about the customs of that day. And the other fact we notice is that he was teaching about the relationship of the woman to the man.

In that day the woman wore a veil and had long hair unless she was a woman of bad character. It was the custom of the Greeks for a woman to cut off her hair at the time of mourning. The Apostle Paul was bringing us away from customs and teaching God's plan. Verse 15 is the final conclusion: "But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering." She does not need a veil, because her long hair is her covering.

In verse 3 of our lesson we notice that Christ is the head of the man and the

man is the head of the woman, which makes God the head of the woman, also. In the body of Christ, or in the spiritual life, there is neither male nor female. We all stand individually before Christ. In Genesis we read that in the beginning the woman was made for the man, therefore in her social life she is to be in subjection to the man, only in the Lord. Man is to love his wife more than his own body, therefore he would not mistreat her in any way just because she was to be in subjection to him.

Verses 4 and 5 discuss the veil or turban worn in that day. The gift of prophecy was given to women as well as to men on the day of Pentecost. (Read Acts 2:15-18.) When a woman prophesied, which Paul defines in 1 Cor. 14:3 as "speaking to edification, and exhortation, and comfort," she was to be covered. Verse 15 tells us what her covering is—her long hair. She does not need a veil. Many girls and women today have cut off their glory and it is not according to the teachings of God's Word. The Apostle Paul asks the question, "Doth not even nature itself teach you" some things? It teaches us God's plan that a woman is to have long hair and a man short hair. We should leave it like God made it. It is just as wrong for boys to wear long hair as it is for girls to wear short hair. Some of the boys let their hair hang down in their eyes and they can hardly see. Not too long ago a car pulled out from a side parking in front of another car. When the boy got out, his hair was hanging down over his eyes and I knew then why he hadn't seen the car coming up the street.

Let us take the word of God and not have confusion over these things. There is no confusion in the churches of God, because there is no need for a veil. But

there is need for a woman to have long hair because it is her glory and is used for a covering to show her subjection to God and her husband. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 10, June 8, 1969

PAUL DISCUSSES THE HAIR

1 Corinthians 11:3-16

1 Cor. 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.

5 But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.

6 For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.

7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.

8 For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man.

9 Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.

10 For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels.

11 Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord.

12 For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of God.

13 Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?

14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

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

16 But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.

Memory Verse: But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. James 1:22.

Central Thought: It honors Christ for boys and girls to wear their hair as the Bible teaches.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is the lesson taught in Genesis 2:18, 21-24?

2. Was the woman made for man as a helpmeet? (Read Eph. 5:24, 29.)

3. What is the Bible definition of "prophesy"? (1 Cor. 14:3.)

4. Can a woman prophesy, or preach, in the Church of God? (Read Acts 2:18.)

5. What does verse 6 say is a shame for a woman?

6. What does verse 15 tell us is a woman's covering?

7. What does nature teach us about a man and long hair? (verse 14.)

8. How do you think boys and girls should wear their hair? Why?

9. What is the danger in being a hearer only and not a doer of the Word?

10. Are there any customs of wearing a veil in the Churches of God?

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Part Eleven

June 15

A Cheerful Giver

God loves a cheerful giver,
A giver from the heart;
Of gifts given grudgingly
The good Lord wants no part.

So when you give to the Lord,
Be cheerful and be glad;
Remember He's the giver
Of all you've ever had.

"Taking Care of Daddy"

Judy awoke from her dream in a cold sweat. She had dreamed that Mother had hold of her hand trying to pull her into heaven. But she had hold of Daddy's hand and an ugly man was pulling him back.

Suddenly she remembered this was Easter morning. The morning of the resurrection and new life. She peeked out of the window at the beautiful countryside. The Kentucky sun was rising above the horizon.

Everything seemed to be alive—well, everything but Mother. She could see the white church down the

road. The evergreens near Mother's grave were waving in the wind.

She remembered what Mother had said, "I'm going to heaven, Judy. You are a Christian. So some day you must meet me there. Take care of Daddy and bring him with you."

She had been dead a week. Several times this past week she had felt like speaking to Daddy about accepting Christ as his Savior. But where could a little girl of thirteen find the courage to speak to her daddy about such things?

She arose and dressed. Then she brushed her blond hair. She must prepare Daddy's breakfast. She had tried so hard to keep the house clean and to cook Daddy's meals the way he liked them. However, he barely pecked at his food and seemed so far away. She missed the ring of Mother's laughter in the house. They had been so happy before the dreadful cancer started eating away.

At breakfast she said, "Daddy, are you going to church this morning?"

"No, Judy. You may go."

"But Mother would want you to."

She wished she hadn't said it for Daddy choked up and got up from the table without touching his food.

Later she put on her best dress and hat. She noticed Daddy had shaved and was dressed in his best suit. She was so used to seeing him dressed in overalls. He looked nice when he was dressed up. All but that forlorn look in his blue eyes.

"Where are you going, Daddy?"

"I thought I'd walk with you as far as the cemetery."

As they walked outside Judy said, "Aren't the hyacinths Mother planted pretty?"

"I guess they are. I hadn't noticed."

Soon they reached the cemetery and walked on in silence. She could smell the fresh earth. The flowers on Mother's grave were beginning to wilt. Somehow they reminded Judy of the way Mother had wilted away the last months of her life.

Daddy stood there with the tears streaming down his cheeks. Judy put her arm around him and said, "She isn't dead. She's with Jesus."

"Why, oh why, did He take her from me?"

"Bro. Allen said that God wasn't the author of death. He only permitted it. He said the wages of sin is death. He said that Satan caused Adam and Eve to sin in the Garden of Eden. So God had to fix some way for man. He fixed a way to be saved and a resurrection. He said Mother couldn't have stood her suffering any longer. You wouldn't have wanted her to have lived—the way she suffered, would you?"

"No, Judy. But if she could only have been well—"

"She is well. In my dreams last night I saw her standing in heaven.

She had hold of one of my hands trying to drag me into heaven. But I had hold of your hand with my other hand and a dark man was pulling you back."

"That was only a dream, child."

"Mother told me before she died to bring you to heaven with me. But Satan has a hold on you."

Her father looked angry. "Why do you try to hurt me?"

"I was only trying to help, Daddy. You and Jesus are the only ones I have to turn to since Mother is gone."

Her father shrugged. "There you go again."

Judy blinked back the tears. Mother had told her to take care of Daddy. She had tried so hard to take Mother's place. But she had made a mess of everything she had tried.

As they left the cemetery she slipped her hand in Daddy's work-roughened hand. "I'm sorry that I hurt you."

"It is all right, honey. I am so nasty these days."

As they passed the door of the chapel, Judy pulled on Daddy's hand and he followed her inside.

Bro. Allen used Mark 16 for his text. It seemed somehow that his sermon was directed to Daddy. At the close of the message, Bro. Allen made an altar call. The congregation sang, "Jesus Is Calling."

Judy saw her Daddy get up. Her heart sank as she thought, "Daddy is going home." No, he was going toward the front of the building. Suddenly it dawned on her that Daddy was going to the altar. She hurried up the aisle and knelt beside him.

After Bro. Allen prayed for Daddy and explained God's way of salvation, Daddy repented of his sins and asked God to forgive him and

accept him as His child. As Judy threw her arms around his neck she got a glimpse of the happiness on his face. She knew that Christ would ease the loneliness in Daddy's heart, now.

—Selected.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a large heart and write the words, "Let the word of God dwell in you richly" inside it.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Some fathers are not appreciated as much as they should be. Many fathers get up early in the morning and are already at work by the time the children get up. Sometimes he comes home late in the evening so tired that he may soon fall asleep. He may not feel like playing with you very much. Or if your father works at night, you may not see him except on the weekends if you are in school. Did you know that your father loves you as much as your mother does? Of course, there are some fathers who are not good fathers, just as there are some mothers who are not good. The devil works on them just as he does other people to get them to serve him. If you have a good father and mother, you are blessed, and especially if they serve the Lord. Many times the Bible speaks of our heavenly Father and compares our earthly father with our heavenly father. I had a good father, and therefore it helps me know just how wonderful my heavenly Father is. But boys and girls, even if you do not understand your father, or if he doesn't live right, the Bible says that you are to honor your father and mother. You must respect and love them and obey them to the best of your ability. Remember that

you are doing this as unto the Lord. You are obeying God's commandments, and He is the one to whom we must give an account. God will bless you in many ways if you obey your parents. One boy had an unjust father who never spoke kindly to him. He tried hard to please him and prayed much for God to help him, but it was hard. God blessed that boy for his obedience to his father and he grew up to be a wonderful man of God. Did you ever think that it would be nice for you to show your love and appreciation for your father in some special way? Let him know that you appreciate the many things he does for you. Try to think of different ways to show him that you love him and appreciate his hard work in providing you a home, food, clothing, and education.

In the church at Philadelphia there were children, young people, middle-aged ones, and older people. God has salvation for the children, as well as the older ones. When you are born again you are in the church of God. The Bible is our guide to follow. The Bible tells the young people how to live. Notice that you are to be an example in words, actions, purity, and faith. You need to watch yourself and take heed. Thus you will be able to save your own soul, as well as those who follow your example. How beautiful is the boy or girl who shows the kindness and love of Christ to all! They are ever ready to help and quick to sympathize. Can you name some of the songs you like in your hymn book? Where did the author get the thoughts for the words? Yes, from the Bible, the Word of God.

The church of God at Philadelphia had kept the word of God with patience. God said He would keep them in the hour of temptation. He would make them a

pillar in the temple of God. A pillar is one that supports. Others look to that pillar and find an example of steadfastness. The new Jerusalem is the Church of God that came down from heaven. We are saved through Christ who brought salvation down from heaven to us. If we hold fast to God's words, we will receive a crown of life in the end.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 11, June 15, 1969

THE BIBLE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

1 Tim. 4:12, 15, 16; Col. 3:16

Revelation 3:7a, 10-12

1 Tim. 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

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

Col. 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Rev. 3:7a And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that

fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

Memory Verse: He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. Rev. 2:17.

Central Thought: Those who are saved are the body of Christ. It is important that the Bible be given special study to keep the spiritual life healthy.

QUESTIONS:

1. Fill in the blanks: "Let — man despise — — — — —, but — thou an — — — — —."

2. What are some of the ways in which you can be an example?

3. What does it mean to meditate? How do we meditate upon the Bible?

4. Are we to "take heed" to everyone around us? Why not?

5. How can we help others be saved by the life we live?

6. What are we to think of while we are singing spiritual songs?

7. Did the church of God at Philadelphia keep the Word?

8. Who will try to take your crown of eternal life?

9. Who was to be made a pillar in the church of God?

10. Where did the "city of God" or the "new Jerusalem" come from?

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MIRACLES

I couldn't explain a miracle,
No matter if I tried;
But I do know God performs them—
That cannot be denied!

Each sunrise is a miracle,
The golden sunset, too;
So are the white and fleecy clouds
Against a sky of blue.

Each time a planted seed comes up
Through sun-warmed, rain-
drenched sod,
My eyes behold a miracle—
My heart says, "Thank You, God!"

He Knew His Bible

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

"I thank you, sir," said the boy, "but I never drink intoxicating liquors."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"How did you succeed?" he was asked.

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

A FABLE

Once upon a time there was a cave. The cave lived under the ground just like all caves do. It had spent its whole life in darkness.

One day the cave heard a voice saying, "Come up into the light."

The cave replied, "I don't know what you mean. There isn't anything but darkness."

Finally the cave came out of the ground. It was surprised to see light everywhere. The sun was shining brightly.

Looking up at the sun, the cave said, "Come with me and see the darkness."

The sun asked, "What is darkness?"

The cave replied, "Come and see it."

Finally the sun accepted the invitation. It entered the cave. Then it said, "Now show me your darkness." But there was no darkness in the cave when the sun was in it.

There is no darkness in our hearts when Jesus, the Light of the world, enters.

CIRCLE THE ANSWER

1. Whom does God love?
A few people. All people.
2. Whom does God want to help?
A few people. All people.
3. For whom did Jesus die?
A few people. All people.

THE BIGGEST POTATO

The missionary tells of a ten-year-old African lad, bright-minded, and much interested in the "Jesus Way." He treasures his stack of saved up Sunday school picture cards and can explain their meaning. He remains for church in order to learn more. His parents, being Christian, read to him Bible stories. But though Lazarus is very smart and interested, he has not yet yielded his heart to Jesus; hence he has trouble living up to the Bible verses. His hardest one is the Golden Rule: "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." Every week he acknowledges with shame his failure.

"But what is your trouble?" asked the missionary.

"I take the biggest potato," he answered. He knows that a Christian would not take the best for himself and leave the poorest for others.

The whole world suffers because of so many taking the biggest potato. Missionaries expect Lazarus to become a great Christian leader, and are asking readers to pray for his conversion, and that God will call him into service.

—Selected.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a big heart. In it write the characteristics of a Christian, such as, love, kindness, peacemaker, forgiveness, etc. Underneath, write this verse: "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Prov. 119:9

Dear Boys and Girls:—

God spoke to the children of Israel from the mountain of Sinai. They were

afraid and asked Moses to tell them what God said. God gave Moses the Ten Commandments for them. He told them if they disobeyed Him and worshipped idols they would be punished. God had promised them the land of Canaan, but at the time of our lesson they had yet to go over Jordan and take it. God promised to bless them if they would obey Him. He set before them life and death; blessing and cursing. Eternal life is given to us if we obey God's laws, but eternal death awaits us if we disobey. Boys and girls, God is extending mercy to you today. But if you forsake mercy, you will have to take justice. If you reject eternal life then eternal death in hell awaits you. It is wise to choose God today.

The Psalmist David asks a question and then answers it. How can a young man cleanse his heart or change his ways? The answer is by giving heed to the Word of God and seeking God with his whole heart. He must repent of his evil ways and walk according to the Word of God. One boy had given over to an evil way and he had become hard-hearted. He thought he was being tough by being cruel to animals and small children. He didn't know how that would grow on him. He didn't mind at all to kick a cat as hard as he could. At first, a little shame would sweep over him, but he would resist that shame and say to himself that he was going to be a real tough guy. He would deliberately be mean to animals so he could train himself to be tough. Then he would pick on small children. He hurt so many little children and got into so much trouble over it that he began to wish he didn't feel the way he did. He would see a small child and his first thought would be to do something mean to that child. Finally, he met a man of God. For the first time he heard how God could save

him from his sins. He confessed his feeling to that man. The man prayed much for him. The boy was saved and delivered from that terrible spirit to which he had yielded. Boys and girls, it is dangerous to yield to wrong feelings when the devil brings them to you.

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Boys and girls, hide the word of God in your heart. The Bible teaches us to be kind. Hide kindness in your heart and when the time comes for you to be kind, you can be kind. Don't let anything else but kindness be in your thoughts and actions. The devil will bring unkind thoughts to you, but don't let them stay in your mind. Hold fast to the right.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 12, June 22, 1969

LIFE AND DEATH SET BEFORE US

Deut. 5:1-6; 30:17-20; Psa. 119:9-16, 33, 34; 2 Tim. 1:13, 14

Deut. 5:1 And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them.

2 The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.

3 The Lord made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day.

4 The Lord talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire.

5 (I stood between the Lord and you at that time, to shew you the word of the Lord: for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount;) saying,

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

30:17 But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them;

18 I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.

19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

20 That thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

Psa. 119:9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

12 Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes.

13 With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.

14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches.

15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

2 Tim. 1:13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

14 That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

Memory Verse: For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Romans 15:4.

Central Thought: Our only source of hope is through the Scriptures, and we need to realize the need of storing them up in our hearts and minds and living by them.

QUESTIONS:

1. Name some of the statutes or laws of God that we are to keep.

2. How did God talk face to face with the Israelites in the mountain?

3. Who stood between the people and the Lord? (verse 5)

4. What did God say would happen to the people if they served other gods?

5. What choices did God set before the people?

6. How can a young man cleanse his ways?

7. What are we to hide in our hearts?

8. How are we to seek the Lord?

9. What does the word "meditate" mean?

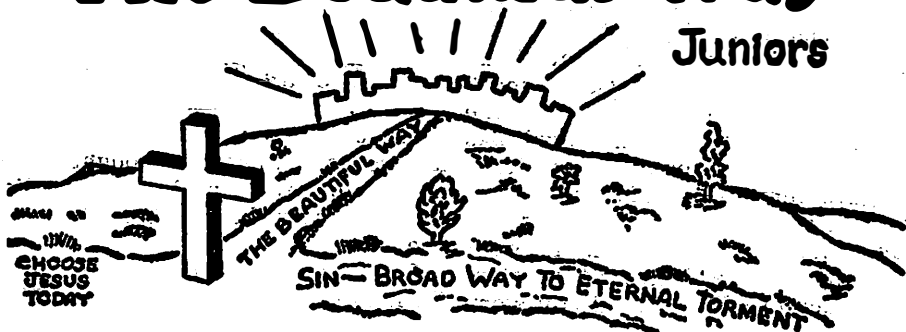
10. How are we to hold to the Bible?

11. What are sound words?

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What Would Jesus Do?

It will always help me
To be kind and true,
If I ask in earnest,
"What would Jesus do?"

When my heart is tempted,
From the truth to stray,
Let me softly whisper,
"What would Jesus say?"

So, when I am working,
When I'm playing, too,
I will always whisper,
"What would Jesus do?"

Richard and Lisa

One time I was asked to baby-sit for a little boy name Richard. He was two years old and his little sister, Lisa was just a year old. Lisa was just learning to walk. She was a sweet, darling baby. Richard was a very smart boy. He knew the names of nearly all the animals in his big animal book. Also he knew the col-

ors of the rainbow and flowers. But he was a naughty little boy and would frown often. He didn't love his sister one little bit. He would throw his toys at her or hit her to knock her down. Over and over he did that. She was afraid of him and would cry when he went near her.

I talked to Richard and told him that God had given him his little sister and that he must love her and be nice to her. But he would only frown. He hurt her so much that I decided I'd have to tie his hands behind his back to keep him from hitting her. Then he began to kick her, so I tied his feet together. At first he thought that was funny, but when he tried to kick, he fell down and couldn't get up. Then he cried and cried. I told him if he would be good to Lisa I'd untie him and he promised to be good. He soon forgot and had to be tied again.

Children, that makes me think of the story of a man named Saul. He was bad, too, and was hurting some of God's people. He even put them in jail and had some of them killed. One

day when he and some of his friends were going on a long trip to get some people who loved Jesus, all of a sudden a great light struck them down. And when he tried to get up a voice spoke to him and said, "Saul, Saul, why are you kicking against me?" Saul asked, "Who are you?" The voice said, "I am Jesus." Saul was very sorry he had been bad and Jesus forgave him of all his sins. Saul became a great worker for Jesus. His name was changed to Paul. He went to many towns and across the waters to islands to tell the wonderful story of Jesus and His love for everyone in the whole world. And Jesus wants us to tell the same story to all we can.

I told Richard about Jesus and then prayed with him but still he was bad. One day after I had been praying, I told Richard it seemed like the bad old devil was just in him to make him be mean. I told him to kneel down and I would pray Jesus to take that bad devil out of him. So we did. We believed Jesus had the power to do just like He did the time He cast the devils out of the poor man who lived among the tombs in the cemetery. All the devils came out of that poor man and all went into a lot of pigs. The pigs all ran into the sea and were drowned.

I'm so thankful I can praise Jesus for delivering Richard of that bad devil. Richard began to be a good boy and to love his little sister. Seven years later their mother brought them to see me. Richard is now nine years old and Lisa eight. I noticed how good he was to her and how much she wanted to be with him all the time. That is just the way Jesus wants brothers and sisters to be—to love each other and be kind one to

another, tender hearted, forgiving one another. That is the way to be happy and there won't be any frowns or cross words. —Aunt Vera Forbes

Words That Hurt

Mr. Jones was a mean man. He always said what he thought. He always told what he knew. He did this even when his words hurt someone.

One day a new family moved into the house next door to Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones found out that the father had once done wrong. He had been in jail. The father was very sorry about doing wrong. He wanted to do right now.

Mr. Jones began to tell everyone about the father. Soon all the people in town knew that the father had once been in jail. The father tried to get a good job. He wanted to make money to care for his family. No one would give him a job.

Mr. Jones did very wrong. He kept the father from getting a job by speaking unkind words. The Bible says, "Speak evil of no one" (Titus 3:2).

—Selected.

Always be courteous. Good manners bring not only honor to you but to your parents and to God also.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a big mouth that is wide open. Make a big circle behind it. Write these words underneath: "Hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, [in evil] shall descend into it."

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Do you wonder why anyone would call good evil and evil good? Our lesson tells us that people do this. If a thing is good and the Bible says it is good and right, why would anyone call it evil? If the Bible tells us that it is wrong to tell lies, steal, etc., then it is wrong. No good can come from evil. But there are those who try to get around a truth stated in the Bible. This is not just among juniors, either. Some grown people think it is all right to tell a lie if it is to shield someone. But a lie is a lie. If your friend asked you if you heard someone say they didn't like him, and you were sure it would hurt deeply if you told him that they did say that, what would you do? You should stop and think awhile, and then, to keep from hurting your friend you could say that you didn't want to discuss their problems. That would be better than saying they didn't say it if they did. Some think it would be all right in that case to tell what they call a little white lie. But there is no such thing as a lie that is good. Telling a lie is evil. Boys and girls, keep things straight and know what is good and what is evil. God is calling for boys and girls who will take the Bible for their code of life.

Our lesson discusses strong drink. Oh, the heartaches that are caused by people drinking! I am sure that you or your teacher know about cases where drink has caused much trouble. A song that I know says, "Touch not the cup." I do pray that God will so stamp a dislike in your very heart and mind for strong drink that you will never touch it. The drunkard in the ditch would never have been there if he had not taken his first drink. But if he would look to God, he could find deliverance. Our

lesson tells us that Jesus said He came to bring "deliverance to the captives." A person who is a drunkard is bound and needs deliverance. He is bruised under the hand of Satan. Jesus said he came to "set at liberty them that are bruised." God is calling mankind to come to Him. Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest . . . ye shall find rest to your souls."

God wants us to love every soul. We mustn't show respect of persons. Do you think more of those who wear the "gay clothing"? Our lesson says that the Lord is displeased with this attitude. In fact, it is a sin for you to "have respect of persons." God created all persons and He wants all to go to heaven. We must show our care and concern for all, like Jesus did. We mustn't shun someone just because they are poor. Think of Lazarus, the beggar. Jesus sent the angels to carry him away when he died, but the rich man didn't love God, and he chose to go to hell. Jesus wanted the rich man to go to heaven, too, but he was proud and didn't care for the beggar who sat at his gate full of sores. Boys and girls, keep a tenderness in your heart for all people. Love them as God loves them. Pray for them and show love to all.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 13, June 29, 1969

GOD'S CALL TO MANKIND

**Luke 4:16-18, 21; Isa. 5:14, 16, 18, 20-23
James 2:2, 3, 9, 10**

Luke 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And

when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

Isa. 5:14 Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

James 2:2 For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;

3 And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and

say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:

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

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

Memory Verse: But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream. Amos 5:24.

Central Thought: Do not let man's wisdom cause you to call evil good. Black is black, white is white. Good is good and evil is evil. There is no such thing as a grey line. Our Bible is our standard.

QUESTIONS:

1. What custom did Jesus follow from His childhood on the Sabbath?

2. What book was delivered to Him when He stood up to read?

3. Do we still have the book today from which Jesus read? What is it called?

4. What mission did Jesus fulfill when He was here?

5. Tell some of the incidents of the fulfilling of His mission.

6. How much has hell enlarged herself?

7. Compare sin to a rope.

8. Give an example of evil being called good.

9. What is pronounced on those who drink strong drinks?

10. How do we treat poor people who come in our midst?

11. Is it a sin to show respect of persons? Why?

12. What happens if we are guilty on just one point of God's Word?

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