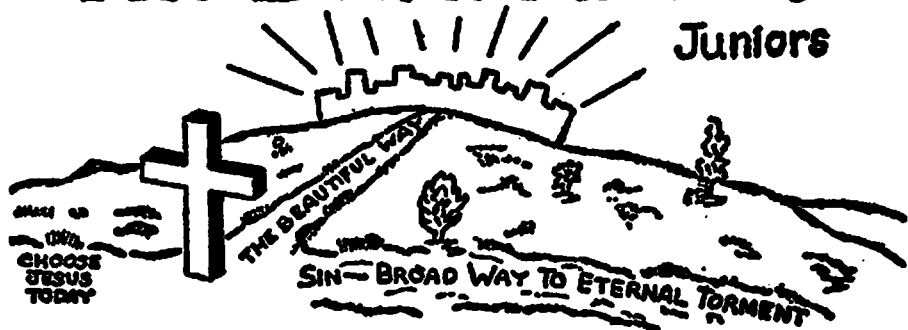


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Part One

Jan. 4

GOD

There is an Eye that never sleeps
Beneath the wing of night;
There is an Ear that never shuts
When sink the beams of light.
There is an Arm that never tires
When human strength gives way;
There is a Love that never fails
When earthly loves decay.
That Eye unseen, o'erwatches all;
That Arm upholds the sky;
That Ear doth hear the sparrow's call
That Love is ever nigh.

—Selected

God's Care

Because of Mrs. Worthington's deep piety, she was able to see the hand of God in everything that befell her, and ascribed praise to Him for it all. After the return of the Worthington family to their home in Chicago the father became very ill. His illness was so severe and so long continued that poverty began to threaten them. Mr. Worthington could not

take the resigned view of their circumstances that his wife took, but often gave way to complaining. But Mrs. Worthington thanked God that things were no worse and even encouraged her husband with the promises that God would provide.

At last Christmas morning came and found them in extreme poverty. Mr. Worthington still weak from his illness, but able to go around a little, came in from his morning walk very gloomy and feeling that his friends were very few. "This is the saddest Christmas I have ever known," he said to Mrs. Worthington. "It is almost more than I can bear to know that I have nothing to give the children today, and barely enough in the house to eat. I did not realize it so keenly until I saw an old man trudging along Thirty-first Street with a large pack upon his back. That man was surely going to surprise some of his friends. How much we need a friend like that!"

"Never mind," said Mrs. Worthington softly, "God has promised to be a friend in time of need, and I be-

lieve He will care for us today."

As she finished speaking, a rap was heard at the door. Mr. Worthington arose slowly, wondering who could be their early caller. When he opened the door, he was greatly surprised to see the aged man with the pack and to find him to be his own father. Mr. Worthington had entered the house too soon to see his father turn the corner and enter the yard.

As the large burden was laid upon the floor and unpacked, there seemed to be no end to the good things. A turkey, cake, pies, in fact, all that was needful for a generous Christmas dinner, as well as a gift for each one. It was a very thankful family that gathered around the table that day.

—Selected

It's Your Turn

When it's your turn to help
Do you ever "lay low"
Till the dishes are safely away?
Learn to stay on the job—
You'll feel better, I know,
And you'll find there is still
Time for play.

Hurt Dog

It was just a few days until Christmas. The day was cold. Henry came in from playing in the snow and said, "Mother, Jack has a new dog he got for Christmas. Mother, could we have a little dog for our Christmas? Please say yes."

"We will see," said Mother.

The other children in the family had heard Henry and they began to beg, too.

"No," said Mother, "Let's not get

so excited about it. We will see."

On Christmas morning everyone was excited. The children were hurrying to the dining room where there were presents for each child.

"Let's take it easy," said Daddy as he opened the door.

There was great excitement as the gifts were unwrapped. There were toys, games, and new clothes for the children.

"Henry," Mother said, "There is something at the door. Will you see what it is?" All Henry could see was a brown paper sack so he went back to his new toys. Then Mother said, "Children, you had better see what is in the paper sack." All ran to the living room where we heard a bark. On the floor was a little brown puppy with a short tail.

"Oh, thank you, Mother!" all the children cried. "You did get us a puppy! What shall we name it? Spot? No, he has no spots. Rex? No, that was our last dog's name."

"Look," said Henry. "Look at his little short tail."

"We shall call him Stubbie," said Mother. And so they did.

One day shortly after Christmas Stubbie was on the street and a car hit him. Henry saw what happened and picked the dog up. He took him to the garage where Mother was and showed her what had happened to their little puppy. Mother put him in his little box. The children took turns feeding Stubbie. Every night the children prayed that the Lord would heal their little pet. Day by day the little dog improved and was soon able to walk around on his two front feet. But his back legs were still hurt. He looked so funny, balancing on his front legs. Soon he

was able to walk normally and run and play like all other dogs.

God answered the prayers of the children and Stubbie lived to be 18 years old. —Doris (Brown) Sorrell

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Write on the board these words: Saul was his Jewish name; Paul was his Roman name. Saul and Paul were the same person.

Dear Boys and Girls:

This is the beginning of a new year and we want to live for God this year. Some of you may have made New Year's resolutions, but you can't keep them unless you ask God to help you. I trust that you desire to live right and have a strong determination according to God's Word. I am sure there are many at school who do not even believe in God, but you must not let them cause you to doubt in the least. God is real and we will all stand before Him in that Judgment Day.

Our lessons this quarter are about Paul who was given the name of Saul by his parents. When he went to preach for the Gentiles they called him by the Roman name Paul. He was born about the time of Christ although he did not live where Christ was. He did not meet Christ. He lived in the city of Tarsus, Cilicia. This was a seaport town where many people came and went. It was a big city and had big affairs. Saul's parents were Jews and lived according to the law of Moses and were strict in teaching Saul those laws. When he was five years old he began to read the Scriptures and at the age of ten he studied the Law of Moses and learned its meanings. By the age of 13 he was sup-

posed to obey the Scriptures. In the services in the synagogue he would sit beside his father and the other men of Israel instead of with the women and children. As a young man he went to the school of Hillel. He studied under Gamaliel, who was a noted man in Israel. The Bible says he was "held in honor by all the people." There he received rigorous training and became an educated man. He spoke both the Greek and the Hebrew language.

He is first mentioned in the New Testament in Acts 7:58b, "And the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet whose name was Saul." This was when Stephen was stoned to death. After this Saul is again mentioned as one who persecuted the church of God. He took men and women into the courts and caused them to be put in prison because they loved Jesus Christ. He felt he was doing God a favor. But this only caused the Christians to scatter and preach the gospel at other places.

We want to do something for Jesus, but sometimes it will be done only through suffering. Some boys and girls may want you to steal or tell a lie. When you refuse they may sneer at you. This will bring suffering, but it might cause some of them in later life (if not sooner), to turn to the Lord. At least, they will be impressed that someone is brave and not a coward. You will be counted as one who will stand up for the right.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 1, January 4, 1970

THE EARLY LIFE OF PAUL

Acts 22:3; 27, 28; Romans 11:1b; Phil. 3:5b; Gal. 1:13, 14; Acts 7:58-60; 8:1-4

Acts 22:3 I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in

Cilicia, yet brought up in this city [Jerusalem] at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.

27 Then the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? He said, Yea.

28 And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was free born.

Rom. 11:1b For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

Phil. 3:5b An Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;

Gal. 1:13 For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it:

14 And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceeding zealous of the traditions of my fathers.

Acts 7:58 And cast him [Stephen] out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

8:1 And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

2 And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.

3 As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women, committed them to prison.

4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word.

Memory Verse: That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed. Gal. 1:23.

Central Thought: Aside from Jesus Christ, no more influential man for Christianity has ever lived than the Apostle Paul. His life of sacrifice and zeal in the behalf of the cause of Christ has been an inspiration to millions.

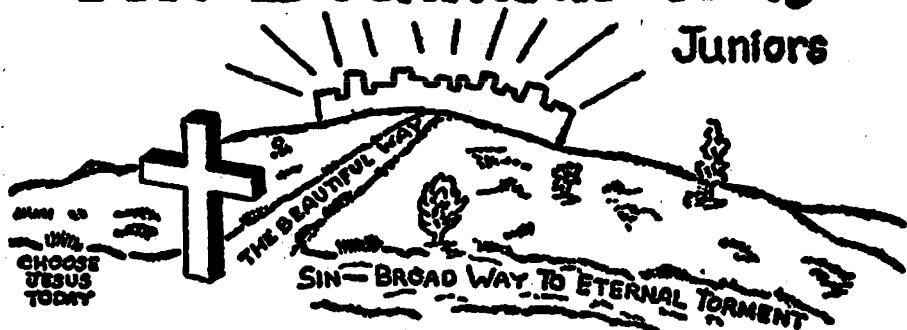
QUESTIONS:

1. Where was Saul (or Paul) born?
2. In what city was he brought up?
3. Explain some of his childhood schooling.
4. From which tribe of the Israelites did Paul come?
5. What nationality was he?
6. What religious belief was he in his childhood?
7. Where is Saul first mentioned in the New Testament?
8. Who was stoned to death?
9. At whose feet did the witnesses lay their clothing?
10. Tell what Saul did to the Christians.
11. What did the Christians do when they were threatened?
12. How do you think seeing Stephen forgive those who killed him affected Paul?

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Jan. 11

Ready Now, the London Street Waif

In the city of Liverpool, not many years ago, on a cold, cloudy morning, the captain of a steamer was coming down the street on his way to the steamer, when he noticed a poorly clad, hungry little boy standing in front of a fine restaurant.

The Captain placed his hand gently on the boy's shoulder and asked, "What are you doing here, my little man?" The little boy, with a piteous look, said, "Oh, sir, I was just standing here looking at the good things they have to eat in the restaurant."

"Well," said the Captain, "I have but thirty minutes to spare before my steamer leaves; but, my little man, if you had on good clothes, a clean face, and your hair combed, I would take you in the restaurant and get you something to eat." The little boy, with a look of love and gentleness, and with tears in his eyes at the Captain's kind words, brushed his hair with his hand and said, "I am ready now." To which the Captain replied,

"Well, my little man, God bless you; come with me into the restaurant and I shall get you something to eat." As the little fellow began to eat, the Captain asked, "Where is your mother, my boy?" "Mother died when I was about four years old," replied the child. "Where is your father?" "I haven't seen Father since Mother died." "And who takes care of you?" inquired the Captain. The boy, with a look of calm resignation, said: "When Mama was sick, just before she died, she told me that Jesus would take care of me. She taught me how to pray and to love Jesus."

The Captain, with tears in his eyes said, "I have just a few more minutes before my steamer leaves, and if you were only dressed real well and had a clean face, I would take you with me on the steamer—you could wait on me."

The little man looked up into the Captain's face and cried, "Oh, Captain, I am ready now!"

The Captain put his arm around the boy, saying, "Come with me, my little man, and you will always be my

boy." They both hurried to the steamer and when on board the Captain introduced the little boy to his men, saying, "He will wait on me, and his name is 'Ready Now.' He is always ready now and you must not call him by any other name than 'Ready Now.' "

The little boy cleaned up after the good Captain had given him a new blue suit of clothes, and he began his pleasant duty of waiting on the Captain, and did so most faithfully.

The Captain learned to love dearly the child. Shortly after the little boy had been on board he was taken sick, and one day he said to the good Captain: "I feel sick. I have awful pains in my breast. O! Captain, I want to get close to you." The kind-hearted man took his little child in his arms and pressed him to his heart. The little one fell asleep and was carried very carefully to his berth. A few days later the doctor said to the Captain, "I have done all I can for that poor child; he is seriously ill and will die." "Oh, Doctor," cried the Captain, "save him; I can't give him up!" But the child continued to grow worse. One day the boy sent for the Captain whom he loved so dearly, and as the Captain looked him in the face, he saw that death was not far away. The little boy, in a low, weak voice, said, "Oh, Captain, I do love you. You have been so good to me. But, say, Captain, I am going to leave you. I am going to where Jesus and Mother are. Oh, Captain, I see my dear mother; she is looking for me! Oh, she looks so sweet; and I see the angels, too! I have heard them sing so sweetly. Yes, Captain, I am going to be with Jesus. Oh, Captain, won't you give

your heart to Jesus? Meet me in heaven. Captain, Jesus loves you. Won't you let Him save you and be a Christian?"

The Captain, with deep emotion and trembling voice, replied, "I have been thinking about it, my little boy."

"But when, Captain?" asked the little boy. "I will attend to it soon," replied the Captain. "But when?" again asked the boy. "When will you be ready to give your heart to Jesus?"

"Well," said the Captain, "I will not put it off much longer."

"Oh, Captain, won't you let Jesus save you? When will you be ready?"

With tears streaming down his cheeks, the Captain fell upon his knees and cried, "I am ready now—ready now."

And there on his knees, with a broken and contrite heart, the Captain gave his heart to Jesus. About a half hour afterward some of the men came to the Captain's room and found him kneeling in prayer, the little boy's arms around his neck—the child cold in death's embrace—the spirit had returned to the God that gave it. He had pleaded with the Captain to the end, and had won—a faithful little worker for Jesus to the last.

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

Dear reader, will you kindly permit me to ask you this question, "Are you a Christian? Do you know Jesus as your own personal Saviour, in the forgiveness of your sins?" If not, I

beg of you to say as the little boy did, "I am ready now—ready now."

"Behold now is the accepted time: behold, now is the day of salvation." 2 Cor. 6:2.

—Selected by Mrs. F. W.

LOOK UP

The smallest plant knows enough to reach up toward the sun, and it does it and grows larger. The weakest soul knows enough to reach up toward God. But unlike the plant, it often does not act on what it knows, and remains weak.

The way to be strong is to look up to God in prayer, and read often in the Bible. To be strong in the Lord in our souls is even more important than to have strong bodies.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

There comes a time when every boy and girl reaches the place where he or she must decide if he or she will serve the Lord or not. Draw a road that divides with one road going up to heaven and the other one going down to hell. Draw a cross where it divides. Saul came to this place. He chose the road to heaven.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Saul had letters from the high priests giving him permission to go into the synagogues and arrest the Christians. He was trying to stop the spread of Christianity. He felt that he was doing God's service to do this. He had not seen Jesus and did not believe that He had arisen from the grave.

As Saul journeyed to Damascus he had time to think. It would take almost

six days to walk the 150 miles. Probably he thought over the whole account of Stephen's death. Maybe he wondered if Stephen really saw into heaven and saw Jesus standing on the right hand of God. This may have troubled him. Could it be possible that Stephen was saved and Saul would be lost? I wonder if he thought of all these things. You know your struggles within are real. God can talk to you by His Spirit and no one else will know about it.

If Saul had been in doubt about who Jesus was, he no longer doubted when Jesus appeared to him suddenly in the glorious light from heaven. Jesus knew Saul's name just as He knows yours and mine. He said, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" When you do wrong to one of God's little ones you do wrong to Jesus. It is a serious thing to make fun of God's people or do wrong to them.

Saul arose from the dust of the road on his way to Damascus a different man. He was blind, helpless, and they had to lead him. He began to obey Jesus. He was told to go into Damascus and there it would be told him what to do. God spoke to Ananias in a vision and told him about Saul and told him that Saul was at Judas' house on the street called Straight. Ananias knew of Saul and the evil he had done to the saints, but when he heard that Saul was praying he was no longer afraid. You don't need to fear a man who is praying. God told Ananias that Saul was a chosen vessel of the Lord and that he would suffer much for Christ's sake. We know he did.

When Ananias prayed for him, Saul received the Holy Ghost and the scales fell from his eyes. He was baptized and lived a different life. He loved the One he had once hated. Salvation makes a change in one's life. —Aunt Marie

SAUL'S CONVERSION

Acts 9:3-9, 13, 15-18

Acts 9:3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.

9 And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose and was baptized.

Memory Verse: This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. 1 Tim. 1:15.

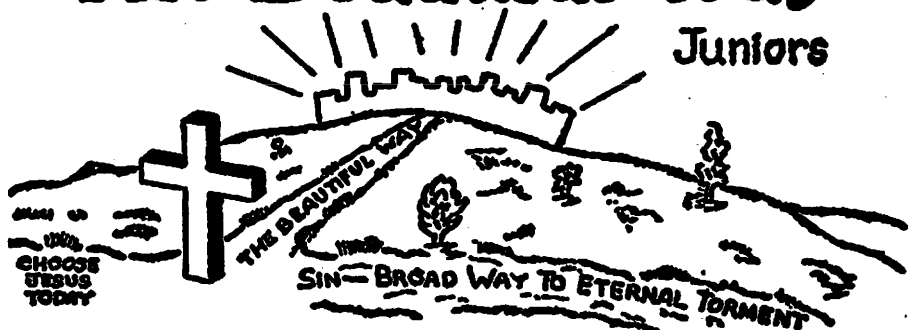
Central Thought: When one's spiritual eyes are opened and Jesus is seen, a change is wrought in the life.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Saul oppose Christianity?
2. What did Saul do after Stephen was killed?
3. Why did Saul go to Damascus?
4. What happened suddenly to him?
5. What were the words of Jesus?
6. What did he do about those words?
7. When Saul arose from the dust of the roadway was he the same man?
8. Whom did the Lord tell to go see Saul?
9. What was God's purpose for Saul's life?
10. What happened when Ananias prayed for Saul?
11. Did he receive the Holy Spirit? Was he baptized?

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Part Three

Jan. 18

Talking to God

Prayer is a conversation,
We talk to God on high,
Then we stop and wait a bit
Till we get His reply.

We tell Him of our trials,
The hard things that we face,
Assured that He will give to us
Of His abundant grace.

God talks to us, if we but wait,
Until He gets our ear,
His tender words of love to us
Will quiet every fear.

—Selected

Doris' Broken Arm

It was Sunday when the Brown family drove into the yard of their home. All were glad to be home again as they had been gone about two weeks on a long trip. Doris and Henry helped Daddy unpack the car while Mother helped Kenneth and Mildred get ready for bed.

Monday morning Daddy went back

to work and all helped Mother do the family washing. After all the washing was hanging on the lines and dinner finished, Mother said, "Let's all lie down for a rest."

We were still tired from our trip and quite willing to rest awhile. "If you wake up before I do," Mother said, "Don't go out of the yard. Be real quiet in your play so the others can rest."

Doris didn't want to go to sleep, so she went outside. She got on her bike and rode out into the street. She said to herself, "Mother will never know I was out of the yard."

This time Doris was wrong. As she rode down the hill a car came up from behind her. She was afraid the car would hit her so she went into the ditch. The bicycle turned over and Doris fell on her right arm. She got up and ran to the house, crying with pain. Mother said, "How did you do that?" Doris told her all about how it happened, and Mother said, "The Lord punished you for not obeying me, didn't He?" Mother took Doris and had her arm put in a

cast as it was broken. The doctor wanted to give her some medicine, but she had been taught to pray. She wanted her mother to call Brother and Sister John Wilson to pray for her. Sister Wilson was sure she would be quite ill so she came to see her. She found Doris on her bicycle riding around in the yard. Bro. Wilson said, "I thought you had a broken arm."

Doris said, "Yes, but the Lord healed it and it doesn't hurt now."

That night it did begin to hurt two different times, and Mother prayed for it. The Lord would help Doris go back to sleep.

The next day Mother removed part of the cast so Doris could use her fingers to eat with and she was even able to play the piano. Wasn't the Lord good to Doris?

It pays to obey your parents. It saves lots of trouble when children are obedient. —Doris (Brown) Sorrell

WON BY LOVE

A schoolteacher had a pupil named Henry. Henry broke every rule in the school. No punishment stopped him.

One day, after school, the schoolteacher called Henry to her desk. She said, "Henry, you did wrong again today. I must punish you but I love you so much I can't do it. Here is the ruler. I want you to punish me in your place."

Henry didn't know what to do. He didn't want to hit his teacher with the ruler. Finally he hit her one time. Then he threw the ruler on the floor and began to cry.

The teacher's love won Henry. After that, he was an obedient boy.

Bill and Joe

Bill and Joe were brothers. They liked to play together, but they often quarrelled. Sometimes they would fight.

One day Mother said, "Billy, what has happened? You and Joe used to quarrel so much. I haven't heard any quarrels for a long time."

Bill said, "Well, Mother, something has happened. Joe told me that he is a Christian now. He said that he received Jesus as His Saviour. At first, I didn't believe him, but now I do."

"Why?" asked Mother.

"Because Joe used to be selfish. He always wanted to be first in all the games. And he wanted to have the best of everything. Now he isn't selfish. He lets me be first. He gives me the best. He even helps me with my work. I am sure he is a Christian. He is so much like Jesus—always doing kind things."

Sambo's Dog

Sambo was a boy in Africa. He was a Christian and he loved Jesus. He had a big hunting dog that he liked very much.

One day Sambo came to the missionary. His face was sad. He said, "Bro. Moffatt, my dog got my Bible and ate some of the pages."

Bro. Moffatt said, "I will give you another Bible."

Sambo said, "But Bro. Moffatt, think of my dog."

Bro. Moffatt said, "A little paper won't hurt your dog."

Sambo said, "That is not the trouble. I was once a bad boy. I hated people. Sometimes I wanted to kill

them. Then I heard about Jesus and believed on Him. I began to learn the Bible. Now I have God's Word in my heart. I no longer hate people. I love them. My hunting dog has some of the Bible in him. He will love the lions and the tigers. He will not be a good hunting dog."

Bro. Moffat told Sambo that the Bible changes only people.

A real leader is one who serves and works himself. He knows how a thing should be done and is able to show others.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw two trees with fruit on them. Write above one, "Good Fruit," and above the other "Corrupt Fruit." You can draw circles on them and write some of the good and bad deeds that boys and girls do. Read Gal. 5:22, 23. Underneath write, "You can choose your fruit."

Dear Boys and Girls:

Aren't we glad we have the Bible? It is a best seller among books. More Bibles are sold than any other book. I like that best-seller book. It tells me how to live so I can go to heaven and not to hell. It tells me about the great love of God. There are many things in this life that hurt and things that we do not know what to do about, but when we have God, He helps us to face our problems and fights our battles for us if we will do as He tells us in the Bible. Of course, sometimes He lets us stay in trouble for awhile because He wants us to learn some lessons. Sometimes we learn lessons better when we have trouble for a while. Spankings teach boys and girls many things, don't

they? Parents who love their children punish them to help them to remember to do right.

Our lesson today is how Saul learned what was right and what was wrong through the law of Moses. How would he have known it was wrong to steal, covet, tell falsehoods, etc., if the law of Moses had not taught him? He tried to obey the law but he couldn't because he didn't have any power to do so. He continued to try to obey the law even after Jesus came to give people power to live right. He realized that the good that he wanted to do he was unable to, and those things that he did, he hated. Were you ever sorry after you had hurt someone when you were real angry? Perhaps you told a lie or took something you shouldn't have and afterwards you were real sorry. You needed power in your life to do right. That is what Jesus came to give us through salvation. Paul said, "I am carnal, sold under sin." Then he cried out, "O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from the power of sin?" On the road to Damascus he found Jesus who gave him power to live without sinning, so he says, "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Now he could have power to do right.

The last part of our lesson is about a man who came to Jesus. He had kept the law, too. He wanted to inherit eternal life, which he knew Jesus could give. He was a good man as he had obeyed the law from his youth, but he lacked one thing. He was selfish and he didn't want to take the humble way by taking up his cross and following Jesus. He was proud. Only the humble can have salvation. Each must make his choice. I am glad Saul chose Christ, but that poor rich young man went away grieved. He would not humble himself. Boys and girls, we must be humble and

willing to obey the Bible to get to heaven.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 3, January 18, 1970

MAKING A CHOICE

Rom. 7:7, 14, 19, 24, 25; Mark 10:17-22

Rom. 7:7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

14 For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am carnal, sold under sin.

19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

24 O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

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.

Memory Verse: For the law of the Spirit of Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. Rom. 8:2.

Central Thought: The law taught us what was right and wrong, but Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, gives us power to live right.

QUESTIONS:

1. Is the law of Moses done away with today?

2. How did Saul know that it was wrong to covet?

3. Could Saul live to all the law of Moses? (See verse 14.)

4. Did you ever want to do right, but you did wrong instead?

5. How did doing wrong make Saul feel?

6. Through whom did he find forgiveness and power to live according to the law of Moses and do right?

7. What did the man who came running to Jesus want?

8. Name some of the laws of Moses.

9. What did Jesus tell the young man he would have to do?

10. Did the man gladly do as Jesus told him?

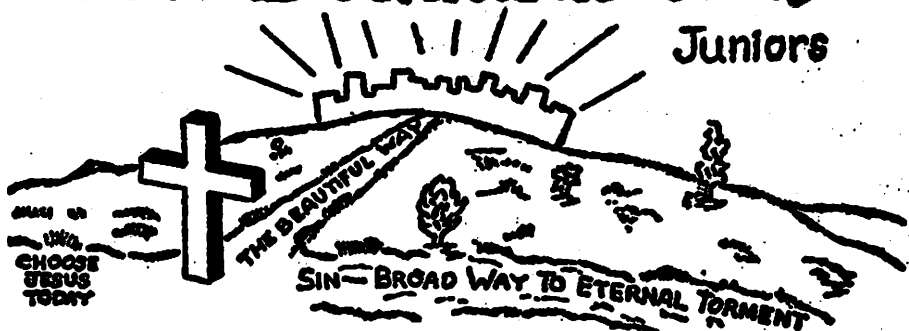
11. Who helps us to live right?

12. Which of the two men do you want to be like? Why?

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Part Four

Jan. 25

Listen, Stars

Listen, stars, up in the sky!
The world is broad and deep and high,
And God who made them all to be,
Loves even children small as me.

Listen, storm, with angry might
That darkens daytime into night,
With one swift work He can erase
You off the good earth's sunny face.

Listen, river, listen, trees,
And sun and moon and birds and bees,
God made you all His work to do,
And I do serve and praise Him, too.
—Jean Leather Phillips

God's Hand is Over His Child

One time as I was returning to Santa Catarina, Baja California, Mexico from Patzcuaro (pots-squaw-row) near Mexicali in the four-door pickup, having let out a passenger, I needed a place to sleep for the night. It was then about 11:00 p. m. I did not feel I could afford to pay a hotel

bill, so I drove around until I saw a large, well-lighted construction project. I drove into the parking-lot underneath bright lights, locked the pickup and lay down in the seat to sleep, feeling secure in that the Lord was with me, as I felt He had led me to a place where there was a night watchman.

I had been asleep possibly ten minutes when I was suddenly awakened by three bright lights in my face. I wasn't at all frightened, but raised up to see who was there. There were three Mexican policemen wanting to know why I was parked there. When I explained to them my situation, they said: "Well, that's fine, Sister, just be sure to roll up your window," and with a "Pasa buena noche" (have a good night), they left and I went back to sleep until morning when I resumed my trip to Santa Catarina, grateful to God for His protecting care.
—Sister Opal Kelly

The time to watch yourself the closest is when you think no one is watching you.

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Always do your share of the work | "I have to live with myself, and so
and never shirk. Doing part of the I want to be fit for myself to know.
work of others will be admired by I want to be able, as days go by,
all who see it. | Always to look myself in the eye."

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a basket and write on it "Kind Friends."

Dear Boys and Girls:

I do trust that all of you are careful to watch and pray. It is a good practice to pray before you go to bed at night and again the first thing in the morning. Perhaps Mother has to call you to get up and get ready for school each day. Why not ask her to call you at least ten minutes earlier so you can have time to kneel and pray? I know that most mothers have prayer with their children before they go to school, but if yours doesn't, you must take time to pray. If this isn't possible, and you have to hurry, then you must pray in silence as you go to school. God hears our prayers anywhere and anytime. Boys and girls, you need to ask God to help you to live right. We must not think we can live for God without praying and asking for help. He has told us to "Ask and it shall be given unto you." He has planned it that way. After we have asked, we must believe that He hears and answers.

Our lesson today continues where our lesson on January 11 left off. Saul had been converted, filled with the Holy Spirit, and baptized. Then what did he do? Did he hide and try to keep it a secret that he had changed? He had treated all the Christians cruelly, and now what would those who believed as he had believed, think? Saul was brave and bold. He went into the synagogues and boldly declared that Jesus was the Son of God and the Saviour of all who would believe. He was convinced. We find that he went down to Arabia and stayed for three years. There he, no

doubt, studied and looked to God to teach him by the Holy Spirit the doctrines that we have in the Bible that he has written. When he came back he went to Damascus and there the people tried to kill him, but his kind friends let him down over the wall in a basket. He went up to Jerusalem and was with Peter for 15 days. Then later he was with some others. They were not sure that he was changed, but later Barnabas helped him out. He told them how Saul had seen the Lord on the way to Damascus and was changed. They accepted him and he boldly preached in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Boys and girls, let us be bold to declare what is right and what is wrong. Don't let anyone try to tell you that God is not real and that Jesus will not save those who repent of their sins. It will mean your making it into heaven.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 4, January 25, 1970

SAUL'S EARLIEST LABORS

Acts 9:19-23; 2 Cor. 11:32, 33; Gal. 1:17-19; Acts 9:26-30

Acts 9:19 (Luke relates) And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

20 And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

21 But all that heard him were amazed, and said: Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests?

22 But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.

23 And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him:

2 Cor. 11:32 (Saul relates) In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me:

33 And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

Gal. 1:17 Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me: but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.

18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.

19 But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother.

Acts 9:26 (Luke relates) And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.

27 But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly to him, at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

28 And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem.

29 And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.

30 Which when the brethren knew, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus.

Memory Verse: 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. 1 Cor. 2:13.

Central Thought: God wants us to be as brave and as bold as the Apostle Paul in declaring that Jesus truly is the Saviour of those who will believe.

QUESTIONS:

1. Tell what had happened to Saul before the first verse in our lesson. (Jan. 11 lesson.)

2. What do you think were some of the questions that Paul asked the brethren at Damascus after he was saved?

3. What subject did Saul use when he preached in the synagogues?

4. Why were they all amazed when he preached? What did they remember about him?

5. Did Saul confound the Jews by proving that Jesus was the Christ?

6. Where did Saul go for three years?

7. What happened to him when he returned to Damascus?

8. Whom did he visit when he went to Jerusalem?

9. Who helped those in Jerusalem believe Saul was truly saved and had changed?

10. Did Saul speak boldly in the name of Jesus?

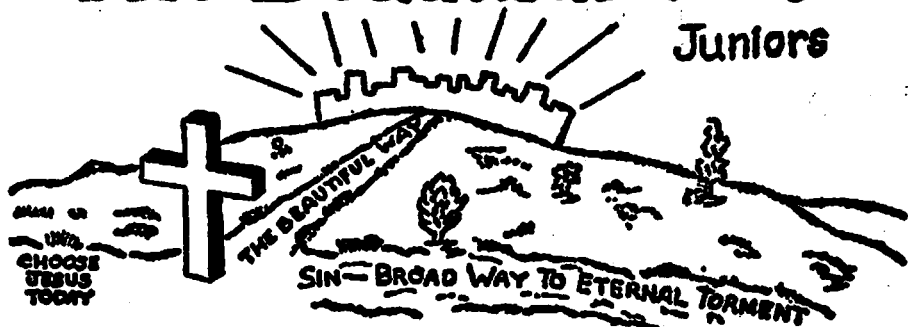
11. Are we to stand boldly for what is right and resist wrong?

12. When we love God will He cause others to help us?

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Part Five

Feb. 1

Glad for Such a Friend

I cannot do a thing that's right
In my dear Saviour's loving sight
Unless I trust Him every day
To help me do what He may say.

Oh, I'm so glad for such a Friend,
Who'll love and keep me to life's end!
I want to please Him every day,
Until I go with Him to stay.

—Selected

A Five-Legged Donkey

A man once asked some people, "How many legs would a donkey have if you called his tail a leg?" They promptly answered "Five." "No," said he, "it would have only four—calling a tail a leg doesn't make it one." Sin is sin, no matter what people call it.

Always remember that where there is sin there is suffering—sin and suffering God has joined together. You can never separate them. A city boy, while staying in the country, once saw a lovely insect with a bright

red body fly past him; he put out his hand to catch it and it stung him, for it was a bee. The little fellow said, "You are a very pretty creature, but you have a very hot foot!" How like sin—you can never touch it without it hurting you.

"Do your parents have to make you bad?" was once asked a boy. "No," said the little fellow. "But you have to be made good, don't you?" said the teacher. "How do you explain that?" The little boy said, "It is because a fellow is born crooked." "Yes, that is it, we are born in sin." Now, God's Good News tells us how we can be made straight. God says, "Come now, and let us reason together," let us talk the matter over, in other words, "though your sins . . . be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Let us say softly to ourselves:

"There is a green hill far away,

Without a city wall,

Where our dear Lord was crucified
Who died to save us all."

Yes, there was only one way by which we could be saved from the

guilt and the power of sin, and that was by the death of the Son of God. When man sinned in Eden, God said the soul that sinneth it shall die. When Mercy wanted him to live, Justice said to Mercy, "I must be satisfied before you can grant pardon from sin." Mercy said, "Yes, Justice, you shall be satisfied." God's Son who always lived with the Father and who is the Author of life, loves these sinners and will satisfy you and His Father. He will pay the penalty due for these sins and He will one day lay aside His glory and assume a human body, that as the God-man, He may die for them. So He was born into this world that He might pay the penalty for sin. And He has done it by dying on the Cross. So He can save any boy or girl who comes to Him.

"Sin shall not have dominion over you, Oh, what a glorious message and it's true!"

God hath said it—it must stand:
Pass it on, it's simply grand:
Sin shall not have dominion over you."

Sin is strong and very powerful and we are bound to go under unless we invite the Lord Jesus into our hearts. He has promised to come and make us more than conquerors! Do ask Him to come into your heart and save you and then you can be sure of His mighty power to overcome sin. —Selected

THE FRIEND OF CHILDREN

"Look, there's Jesus!" said some mothers who were going along the road with their children one day. "How wonderful it would be to have Jesus take our children in His loving arms and pray for them! Let's go to

Him now and ask Him to pray for our children."

The mothers and children came near the place where the big crowd of people were listening to Jesus. How eager the boys and girls were to see Him! They squeezed in among the grownups. The mothers carried the very little babies and followed after them.

Workers Needed

Some boys and girls feel quite important and grown-up when they are given special jobs to do. Did you know the Lord Jesus needs workers? You are not too small to begin working for Jesus today. He wants you to tell others about His love for everyone and wants everyone to know that He died for their sin. He is depending on us to tell the Gospel message. Some boys and girls have never heard about the Lord Jesus. It is our privilege to tell others that Jesus loves them. Can Jesus count on you to work for Him today?

F. Y.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Write the word "Christian" on the board. It means "Christ-like." Write some of the things that we need to be so we will be Christ-like.

Dear Boys and Girls:

We will now call Saul by his Gentile name which is Paul. We are going to take up the story of Paul where Luke left off in chapter 9:30. Luke wrote both the book of St. Luke and Acts. He wrote about Jesus in St. Luke and then he wrote the acts of the church after

Jesus went back to heaven in the book of Acts.

Paul left Caesarea and sailed to Tarsus, his home town. He had been gone from home about three years. We do not know much about him for the six or seven years while he was at Tarsus at this time. Later we know he visited the churches in Cilicia (Acts 15:41) so we suppose that at this time Paul labored for God among the people. We know that he was full of zeal and love for God and Jesus Christ, his new-found Friend and Comforter. I wonder how his parents and relatives took the great change in Paul when he went home. No doubt they marvelled greatly at the change. We do not know anything about their thoughts or actions. No doubt he longed for them to be saved. When we have something wonderful we want to share it and see others enjoy it. That is the way with salvation. It is so wonderful that we want everyone to be saved. Oh, the Lord is so wonderful and good! I love Him, don't you?

After Stephen's death the saints at Jerusalem scattered. This caused them to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to other places. A great revival broke out in Antioch of Syria. When the saints heard about it in Jerusalem, they sent Barnabas down there to see what was going on. He was happy to see those who were newly saved, but found that they needed help. He thought of Paul so he went to Tarsus to find him. Paul came back with him. His calling was to go to the Gentiles, so I am sure he put his heart in the work there and labored faithfully for God. He labored there about one year. The people were first called Christians in Antioch. The word "Christian" means "Christ-like."

The last part of our lesson happened about this time. Paul said it was 14

years before, so we know that was the time he came to Antioch in A. D. 43. (A.D. means Anno Domini, or "In the year of our Lord.") We started counting time with the birth of Christ. Jesus died in A. D. 33. That was a wonderful experience Paul had when he was caught up into Paradise and there saw things he couldn't find enough words in the language to explain. He was convinced there was a wonderful place for the soul. I am sure that from that time on he was not afraid to die. He knew where he was going. We can know, too, if we are saved from our sins. We notice that verse 10 tells us what Paul's thorn in the flesh could have been.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 5, February 1, 1970

BARNABAS FINDS SAUL

Acts 11:19-26; 2 Cor. 12:2-4, 7-10

Acts 11:19 Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.

20 And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus.

21 And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.

22 Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.

23 Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

24 For he was a good man, and full

of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

25 Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul.

26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

2 Cor. 12:2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell; God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.

3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

9 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.

10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Memory Verse: But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Phil. 3:7.

Central Thought: As we study the life of Paul we clearly see that he truly was a chosen vessel of the Lord to bear Jesus' name to others. He firmly believed in living so he could live again and take as many as he could with him.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Acts 8:3, 4 and then the first verse in our lesson today. How are they connected?

2. What did the saints who left Jerusalem at the death of Stephen do?

3. What did they preach or teach?

4. What did it mean when it says, "the hand of the Lord was upon them"?

5. What word was received in Jerusalem about the revival in Antioch?

6. Whom did they send to Antioch to see what was going on there?

7. What kind of man was Barnabas?

8. What did Barnabas tell them when he arrived and saw that many believed?

9. Whom did he get to help in the great work for God in Antioch?

10. What were the saints first called in Antioch?

11. Where did Paul go when he was "caught up"?

12. Could he describe what he saw?

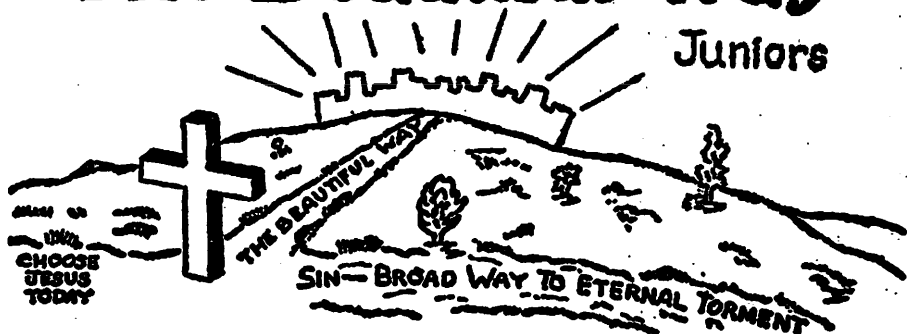
13. Do you think verse 10 tells us what Paul's "thorn in the flesh" was? Why do you think this?

14. What does it mean when we use the letters "A.D." with a date?

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Part Six

Feb. 8

The Peacock

The peacock is a symbol of pride. There are three kinds of pride: face pride, race pride, and place pride.

FACE PRIDE

Sometimes we see children standing before the mirror spending a lot of time trying to be beautiful. There is nothing wrong about looking our best. This honors God. It is no glory to God for His children to go around looking dirty. Even the birds preen their feathers and take a walk in the pool of water. They preach the little sermon of cleanliness by their example. But folks who spend far too much time trying to make themselves beautiful on the outside ought to spend more time before the mirror of God's Book trying to beautify their souls, for God looks on the heart. Some remind us of the peacock. He walks around and spreads his tail as if to say, "Look at me; am I not the most beautiful bird in the world?" We have no right to be proud about our face for we did not make it. Worse than this, we must not look down on

anyone because he or she was born ugly. Tell them about the love of Jesus and how He can make them beautiful. The features of the face remain the same, but a heavenly beauty comes into the face, and when people look upon it, it is no longer sad, but with Jesus in the loving eyes, and smiling through the lips, a lovely life shines through which makes others think of the Lord Jesus. He said He would beautify the meek with salvation.

RACE PRIDE

How many of you are glad you are an American? We have a right to be glad. But we have no right to think we are better than people of other nations just because we are Americans. Some people are proud of the color of their skins, too. They do not like to have anything to do with people who have a different colored skin. This is race pride. This is one of the causes of much unrest and unhappiness. God created of one blood all nations and we have no right to look down on people of other nations. There was a famous African

who came to our country. He wanted us to help each other and to understand each other better. He said something we should always remember and tell other people when they are being unkind to people of other races. He said, "The black and white races are like the black and white keys of a piano—we need both to play good music."

Each race has a special place in the plan of God for the world. Rev. 5:9 says, "Thou art worthy to take the book and to open the seals thereof; for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation."

PLACE PRIDE

Now we come to the last kind of pride of which our peacock reminds us. There are several kinds of place pride. It is a temptation to feel proud of ourselves when we have reached first rank in our class. But this spirit will not please the Lord Jesus, and will be harmful to you and to your playmates. When you are tempted to feel proud, just remember this: God gave us the intelligence we used to get in first place, and our parents and teachers helped us, so we would be very foolish indeed to praise ourselves for it, or get proud over it. What could we have done without God and our parents and teachers?

Three children were playing together. There was an argument going on. "My parents went to a prince's ball and shook hands with the Queen of England," said a little boy. "That is more than any of yours ever did."

"My dad has more money than any of you," put in another little boy, "he could buy out the whole lot of you!"

"When my dad went to Italy before the war he kissed the Pope's ring. That's more than yours ever did," said a little girl eyeing the two boys haughtily.

Just then a little girl from a poor house at the end of the street came up and joined herself to the group. The one girl nudged her and asked, "Who are you? Did your parents ever shake hands with a king, or kiss the Pope's ring? Just look at your house! Your folks must be real poor! I'm glad we live in a nice house. If my dad earned as little as yours, I'd be ashamed!"

By this time the little girl was in tears. She didn't have a single thing that she could talk about and of which she could boast as the others did. When she went home she told her mother all about it. Then her mother took her aside and told her some things that made her dry her eyes. The mother told her, "We are richer than any of those boys and girls. Why, we have the Lord Jesus, the Son of God Himself, for our very own Saviour. We have a mansion up in heaven waiting for us. Their hearts are full of that ugly black monster called PRIDE. Their riches and their boasting can fly away overnight, but ours are safe in His keeping."

Now what kind of a spirit was in their hearts? Their hearts were full of that ugly sin called pride. If they can see their hearts as they really are in God's sight they would come to Jesus and ask Him to take away that Place Pride, and all other kinds of pride in their hearts. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above." James 1:17. Let us remember and be thankful for all of His wonderful blessings. Let there be no

room in your heart for pride, but let your heart be full of praises to our heavenly Father.

—Selected by Margaret Cable

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a wooden gate. Let us call this "The Gate of Mercy." Now write on each board of the gate these words: love, giving, kindness, joy, helping, etc.

Dear Boys and Girls:

I trust you are enjoying our study about Paul (or Saul). Our lesson begins with Saul and Barnabas being selected to take relief to the saints at Jerusalem who were suffering greatly from the famine that the prophet Agabus had prophesied would come to pass. Notice that the saints at Antioch "gave according to his ability." You might just have 50c, so the Lord would only require you to give of that as you are able. I read about an Indian coming to a missionary and offering him 50c. The missionary inquired if that was all he had, and when he found that it was, he hesitated to take it. Another Indian standing by whispered to him that the Indians didn't give like the white man. They were willing to give their all. Boys and girls, one time Jesus commended the widow who gave the smallest amount as giving more than the rich men. It is not how much you give that counts with God, but if you give it from a love for Jesus. Jesus tells us that when we give to others we are giving to Him. Read Matt. 25:40. Oh! don't we love Jesus with all our hearts? We are to show it by doing for others with what we have. It is not always just in giving money, but it could be a kind word, a smile, a helping hand or in praying and telling

others about Jesus' great love.

We notice in our lesson the great love that the saints had for Peter when he was put in prison. They had an all-night prayer meeting. They prayed without ceasing. God heard their prayer and sent His angel down to wake Peter and then the angel led him out and opened the great gates. We are told it took twenty men to open them. The angel did not pay any attention to the four quaternions of soldiers (sixteen men) who took turns watching the prison, but he took Peter right out into the street. A young girl named Rhoda (which means rose) was watching at the door of Mary's house. Mary was the sister of Barnabas. They had reason to be afraid as there was a great persecution and trouble for the saints. The Jews wanted to cause them to give up their belief in Jesus Christ the Saviour of the world. Rhoda loved Jesus. She watched the door while the saints prayed. Boys and girls, there is something for you to do, too, for God. But you must not be afraid. I am sure Rhoda asked God to help her to be brave. Some girls are quite afraid, but you need to have faith like Rhoda. She was so happy when she saw Peter that she forgot to open the door, but ran back and told them that Peter was there. Peter just kept on knocking. Did you ever do something similar to what Rhoda did? Boys and girls were the same in those days as they are today. God can help you as He helped Rhoda not to be afraid.

—Aunt Marie

February 8, 1970

SHOWING MERCY TO OTHERS

Acts 11:27-30; 12:1-3, 5, 9, 11, 12, 17
24, 25

Acts 11:27 And in those days came

prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch.

28 And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be a great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.

29 Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judea:

30 Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Acts 12:1 Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church.

2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

3 And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.)

5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

9 And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.

11 And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

12 And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.

17 But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared

unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go shew these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place.

24 But the word of God grew and multiplied.

25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministry and took with them John, whose surname was Mark.

Memory Verse: As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:10.

Central Thought: When one member suffers all suffer with that member. Suffering with one causes you to do something about it whether in actions or laboring in prayer.

QUESTIONS:

1. What was the name of the prophet who came to Antioch from Jerusalem to see Paul?

2. What did he tell them would happen in the days of Claudius Caesar?

3. How much were the saints to give?

4. Who took the "relief" to the saints in Jerusalem?

5. Who was put in prison?

6. While they were there in Jerusalem what happened?

7. Were there two disciples named James? What were their fathers' names?

8. What did the church do while Peter was in prison?

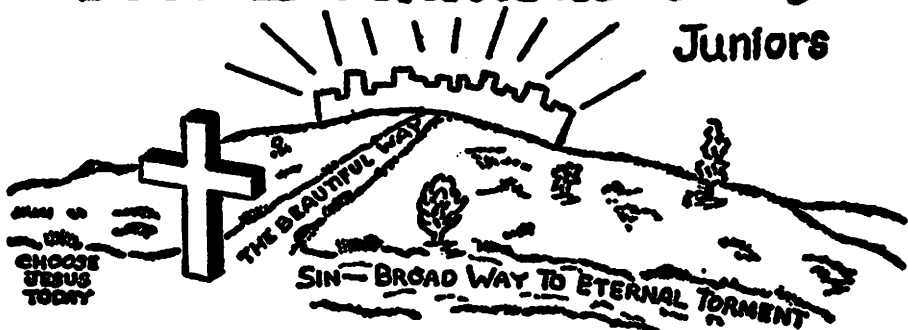
9. Tell how he was freed from prison.

10. Who watched the door at the home of Mary, the mother of John Mark?

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Feb. 15

Little Things

A seed is but a tiny thing;

But in its heart it holds

A life which grows into the plant,

And leaf and flower unfolds.

A word may seem a tiny thing;

But God can bless it so,

That it may fall in many a heart,

And like a seed may grow.

—Selected

Be A Worker

Just picture how many children must have listened to Paul and heard the truth for the first time! Many had probably heard false accusations against Christ, but through the preaching of Paul were able to know Christ as their Saviour.

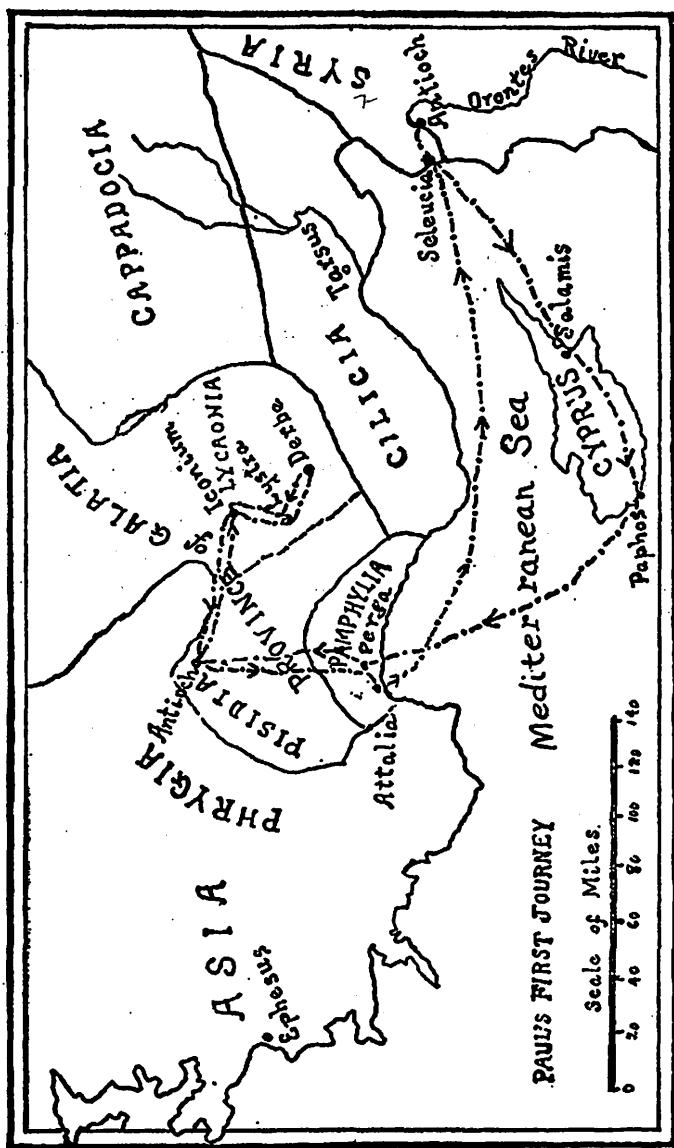
Do you know there are many juniors in the world today who have never heard the truth about Jesus?

Jesus wants others to hear His call, and go into all the world to teach people that Jesus came and died for

all sinners, that they might be saved, and live for Him and with Him through all eternity.

God wants to begin to prepare workers while they are still young, so He might be able to teach them His precious truth and fill them with His Spirit and Word. This is the greatest vocation one can have in life—dedicating and consecrating one's life and person and all talents and possessions to the work of God. It far surpasses all other ambitions. Statesmen, kings, presidents, authors, engineers, scientists may seem to accomplish a great deal—but to win one soul to Christ is far more than a lifetime spent in other pursuits.

Mary Slessor was a missionary that God called to His work while she was still a little girl. She began by lining sticks in a row, calling them her little heathen children, and pretending to teach them. Later God used her in a wonderful way to teach about Jesus in dark Africa. God may want to use you. —V. Wittenborn



LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Use your map. Notice Antioch in Syria. Paul and Barnabas left Antioch of Syria and crossed the Mediterranean Sea and went to the island of Cyprus. They preached at Salamis and then journeyed through the island to Paphos.

Be sure and keep this map to refer to, unless you have a larger one.

Dear Boys and Girls:

The church at Antioch was a church that had a missionary spirit. They wanted others to know about Jesus and His saving power. Five of the prophets and teachers fasted and prayed and the Holy Ghost made them know that Paul and Barnabas should go to other places and tell the people the gospel story. Then the whole church fasted and prayed about it. The elders laid hands upon Paul and Barnabas and ordained them for the work God had called them to do. They were sent forth by the Holy Spirit. It would have been useless to go without the power of the Holy Spirit because as soon as they arrived in Cyprus and began to preach in Paphos a man named Bar-jesus (also called Elymas) tried to hinder the deputy of the country whose name was Sergius Paulus from hearing the Word of God. It is a dangerous thing to hinder others from loving God or living for Him. You will be held accountable before God if you get others to sin or do wrong. I have thought about those who talk to someone during an altar call, thus hindering them. They will surely have to give an account to God some day for it.

Notice how Paul, being full of the Holy Ghost rebuked this sorcerer or false prophet. He told him he was full of deceit and a child of the devil. How

terrible for one to give himself over to the devil to work his wickedness! He said this man was an "enemy of all righteousness." He was against right. Paul told him that the "hand of the Lord was upon him" and he would be blind for awhile. Immediately someone had to lead him. We need to note that God is a God of severity and also a God of goodness. (Romans 11:22.) Afflictions come from Satan, or from natural causes, or may be permitted or come directly from God. But we can look to God who "healeth all of our diseases." In James 5:13-16 he tells us that if we have committed sins they shall be forgiven us if we confess them, when we call for the elders to pray for us when we are afflicted. Can you name some sins that need to be forgiven?

It will be well for you to keep this paper that has the map in it so you can trace the missionary trip Paul took. He left Seleucia, the first city on the coast of Syria, coming from Cilicia near the place where the river Orontes pours itself into the sea. Cyprus is a well known island in the Mediterranean Sea. They went through the whole island preaching the gospel.

They took with them John Mark to help in the work. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 7, February 15, 1970

"SENT OUT BY THE HOLY GHOST"

Printed Portion Acts 13:1-12

1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen. which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work

whereunto I have called them.

3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

5 And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to their minister.

6 And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Bar-jesus;

7 Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.

8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.

9 Then Saul (who also is called Paul) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,

10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

12 Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

Memory Verse: Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith,

charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 2 Tim. 2:22.

Central Thought: It is a dangerous thing to resist the Holy Spirit. We are living in the Holy Ghost dispensation which is the last before the end.

QUESTIONS:

1. Name the five prophets or teachers mentioned in our lesson.

2. Whom did the Holy Ghost make them know was to be sent out from Antioch as missionaries?

3. What did they do before they left? Is this called ordination?

4. To what island did they sail?

5. Whom did Paul and Barnabas take with them to help?

6. What was the name of the false prophet or sorcerer who hindered the deputy Sergius Paulus from hearing the word of God?

7. Whom did this false prophet withstand and seek to turn the deputy from the faith?

8. If Paul had not had the Holy Ghost to help him, would the deputy have been saved?

9. What did Paul say to the false prophet Elymas?

10. Is it a serious thing for us to hinder anyone who is wanting to live for God and do right?

11. What happened to the false prophet Elymas?

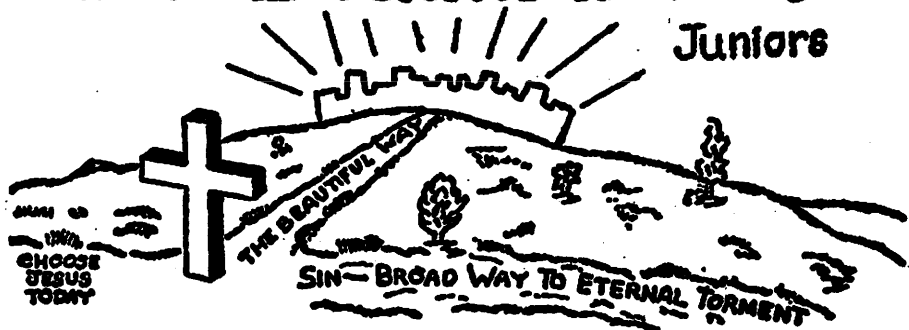
12. Does God sometimes punish people by afflictions?

13. From what other sources do afflictions come upon people?

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Part Eight

Feb. 22

A Strange Week End

"Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass." Psalm 37:3, 5.

Sister Biatrix and I were sitting at the table, each doing her own work. It was 8:30 p. m. Friday. There was a knock at the door. Margarito, a man of the village of Santa Catarina, asked if we would take his wife to Ensenada to a Sanatorium. As it was not our custom to use our time nor truck for any trip to a doctor, we told him we couldn't go. In a short while he returned with the Indian chief. He explained that the trip was to obtain blood transfusions only and no medicine. We decided after prayer that we would go. There was much quick preparation to be made. We packed the truck from the floor to the level of the back seat so as to make a comfortable bed. Quickly it was fixed for Herlinda (Air-linda) and Josefina sat at one end holding Herlinda's head in

her lap. Biatrix, her daughter, Juanita, and I were in the front seat. There were eight Indian men in the back of the four-door pick-up. (We later learned that all officers of the tribe with others as witnesses went, supposedly in the event she would die.)

It had rained all day. We normally needed four hours to go to Ensenada. The roads were slippery and though we didn't realize it, it would be six hours to Ensenada with cargo and truck not in the best working order. We had to make the entire sixty-five miles in low gear, both for the sake of Herlinda's comfort and the mud. Since we were leaving Santa Catarina at 10:00 p. m. that meant we would arrive at 4:00 a. m. About the only sound along the road was Herlinda's groaning, or the Indian men carrying on a conversation in Pai-Pai. All else was quiet, except the motor in low gear. I might add that the road included many steep hills and many curves. Surely the Lord was watching over us as we had only one headlight working.

On our arrival at the Sanatorium,

Margarito gave us money for a motel for the rest of the night. After we left all the Indians there, we decided to find a place under lights and sleep for a couple of hours in the truck and save the money he gave us for breakfast. I later told him and tried to return the change but he would not accept it. We parked by a construction project and all tried to sleep. The Indians had asked us to be back by 9:00 in the morning and we needed to eat yet. (Our breakfast consisted of scrambled eggs served with lettuce and tomato salad, re-fried beans, tortillas, and hot sauce.)

After we slept and ate, we hurried back to the Sanatorium where we learned that Herlinda was so low that we needed to wait. Meanwhile, we were praying. Incidentally, the evening before we had gone to her house and prayed for her and felt the Lord heard prayer. The Indians have not known the Lord as we have. They are learning little by little to trust Him, but their faith couldn't seem to take this in.

We waited a good part of the day, when Margarito came out and said, "Sister Opal, Herlinda is so low the doctor says we must bring her parents here as quickly as possible. We don't have any way to go unless you take us." They lived in Mexicali, which was a six-hour drive. I leaned heavily on the Lord for strength to go. By 10:00 p. m. we had eaten tacos and a cold drink and were on our way back to Ensenada with Herlinda's parents. I bought some chicharrones (pig cracklings) to eat so I would be sure to stay awake. I continually said: "Please talk to me," as that also helped. (I had actually slept only thirty minutes that morning at

the construction project.) By the time we got outside Mexicali, I said: "Margarito, will you please drive? I believe I'll lie down in my sleeping bag in the back of the pick-up and try to sleep." It hadn't entered my mind to ask him if he had a driver's license. We got along fine, and even though I didn't sleep, I did rest. As we were coming into Tecate, there was a policeman coming up with siren turned on and red light flashing. After much discussion, I realized that Margarito had been driving without a license. We went to the station, although we had already told the officer of the need to get Herlinda's parents to Ensenada. He handed us three tickets; one for \$16 for Margarito driving without a license, one for \$20 to me for permitting him to drive our vehicle without a license, and one for \$3 for having just one headlight. As we left the Police Station, (he didn't require immediate payment), I felt impressed to go back in and ask if an emergency trip wouldn't make a difference? He said: "Está bien conmigo, si está bien con el jefe." (It's all right with me if it's all right with the chief.) Biatriz then asked him: "Where is the chief?" (It was then 1:30 a. m.) "He's at home in bed." As soon as he finished his paper work he put Biatriz and me in the patrol car and took us to the chief's house. Needless to say, we prayed earnestly all the way. After much knocking and conversation between him and the chief (we were praying), the chief completely dismissed all charges but said that I must drive. All praise goes to our God for being mindful of His children!

(To be continued)

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a land line and an island of Cyprus. Paul sailed to another part of the land to Perga and then went 120 miles through robber-infested, rugged country to Antioch in Pisidia, where he preached this wonderful sermon.

Dear Boys and Girls:

On the map you saved, begin to trace the first missionary trip that Paul made. What a wonderful message he had to bring to those people! Just think—they had not heard that Jesus had come as a Saviour as the prophets had foretold in the Bible. You see, they only had the Old Bible in that day. God told in it about Jesus coming and about His death on the cross and that He would be raised again from the grave. How wonderful today that we know this came to pass! By believing on Jesus Christ we can be saved and ready to go to heaven. We have confessed our sins to Him and He has forgiven them because He promised He would.

Paul left the island of Cyprus and sailed to Perga in Pamphylia. Here at this place John Mark left them. They then went to Antioch in Pisidia. Now, remember there are two cities name Antioch that we have talked about. Paul and Barnabas were sent out from Antioch in Syria. Now they are in another Antioch at another place and here they went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day.

It would be well to read from your Bibles the whole sermon that Paul preached that day when he was asked by the rulers of the synagogue to speak to them. It is a wonderful sermon. He spoke to those who feared the Lord. Can you tell about how God brought the

Israelites out of Egypt into the Canaan land? Wasn't it wonderful how God worked miracles for them! When they faced seven great kingdoms God fought their battles for them. He then had the land divided among them. God had promised this land to Abraham many years before. Those people worshipped idols and God waited until they were so wicked that they needed to be punished. They refused to do right. Sin must be punished. The only way out is through believing on Jesus Christ. Boys and girls, you must believe this or your soul will be doomed to eternal hell. Paul wanted those people at Antioch to believe in Jesus, too. He told them how that through David's family Jesus was to come; and He had. He also said David had foretold that Jesus would rise again and that, too, came to pass. Paul told them in thunderous tones, "Through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins . . . by him all that believe are justified from all things." Boys and girls, today this is still true. We are glad that some believed in Jesus after hearing this sermon. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 8, February 22, 1970

PAUL PREACHES SALVATION

Acts 13:13-17, 19, 22, 23, 26, 27, 37-40

Acts 13:13 Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia; and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem.

14 But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down.

15 And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogues sent unto them, saying, Ye men

and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.

16 Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience.

17 The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an high arm brought he them out of it.

19 And when He had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, He divided their land to them by lot.

22 And when he had removed him [Saul], he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all my will.

23 Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:

26 Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent.

27 For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath day, they have fulfilled them in condemning him.

37 But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.

38 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

40 Beware, therefore, lest that come

upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets.

Memory Verse: Be it known unto you therefore men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins. Acts 13:38.

Central Thought: Those who reject Jesus as their Saviour are accepting the judgments of God upon their souls.

QUESTIONS:

1. What island did Paul leave? Where did his ship dock?

2. How much further did he go? What kind of journey was it to Antioch of Pisidia?

3. Was this the same place that he had left? Explain.

4. What was the first thing we read about him doing in this town of Antioch?

5. To whom did he talk?

6. Can you tell something about the Israelites being brought out of Egypt?

7. How long were they in the wilderness? How many nations did they drive out of the land of Canaan by God's help?

8. How were they ruled before God permitted them to have a king? Who was the first king of Israel?

9. Who was to come to the world through the family of David, according to God's promise after he gave the kingdom to David?

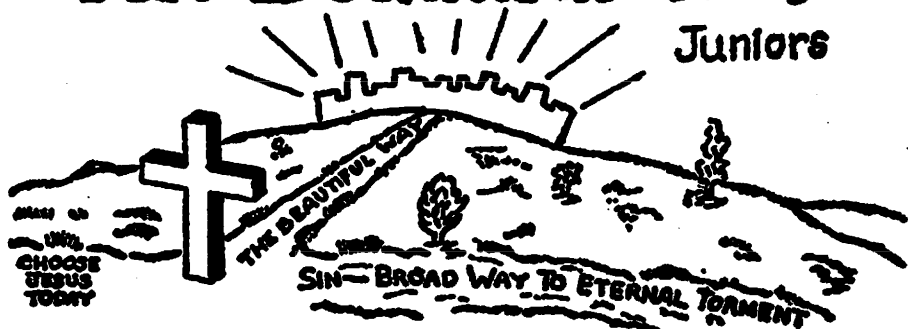
10. According to Paul, who had come preaching repentance? What did he say about Jesus?

11. What did the rulers in Jerusalem do to Jesus? What happened after He was put in the tomb?

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Part Nine

Mar. 1

Good Advice

Work while you work
Play while you play;
That is the way
To be happy and gay.

All that you do,
Do with all your might;
Things done by halves
Are never done right.

One thing at a time,
And that done well,
Is the best of rules,
As many can tell.

—Selected

God Talks to Children

Luciana was a little Indian girl from the village of Santa Catarina. She loved to go to Sunday school and to the services in the mission home. She loved to sing the gospel songs, and she had such a strong voice that many times she led the adults in singing. But little Luciana had a

great grandmother who was teaching her to steal. Grandmother never did come to services, so she knew very little about God. But Luciana was learning a great deal about God and as she learned about how good and kind and loving God is, she also learned that there is much we must learn to remember about right and wrong in order to please God and do His will.

One day she went to school, and went back in the teachers' rooms and took a dress that belonged to Lois, who was just the same size as Luciana. She never did wear the dress to school, but wore it to the store and around the other Indians. Lois and the missionaries didn't say anything to Luciana about the dress, but they prayed often for her. Many lessons were taught about God's commandments, especially, "Thou shalt not steal."

Luciana became a very unhappy little girl, and the missionaries knew that God was talking to her heart. She did not come close and hug them as she used to do, and she did not

laugh and play as she used to do. God was convicting her heart of having done wrong.

One night after prayer meeting we found that Luciana had left the dress on the bench, all rolled up.

Luciana once more became a happy little girl. She had asked God to forgive her, and He did! Afterwards the missionaries gave her some dresses that she found pleasure in wearing, as she never had the stolen dress.

We must listen for the voice of God talking to us, for He will always let us know when we have done wrong.

V. Wittenborn

Elsie: "Please don't pull my hair, Arthur. I still have two of my problems to work. I know they aren't right, because I have a list of the answers."

Arthur: "Well, then, why don't you just set down the answers and no one will be the wiser?"

Elsie: "Oh, no! that would not be honest."

The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." Prov. 15:3.

A Strange Week End

(Continued from last issue)

Cracklings and conversation helping again, we arrived once more in Ensenada at 5:00 a. m. thankful to the Lord for His goodness. After taking the Indians to the Sanatorium, we parked in front of a friend's house and slept a couple of hours. In all that trip we either had to keep the truck in low or high gear, for if we got it in second we couldn't get it out.

At 9:00 a. m. Herlinda was much improved though she needed to stay in

the Sanatorium and rest, and we were ready to start back to Santa Catarina. Our police chief was with us so I asked him to take the wheel after we got out in the country. I got in the back again, and tried to sleep.

We met Bro. Harland Smith in the road after the police chief forgot and put the truck in second gear. He advised us to go back by the way of El Alamo (an extra hour's drive) and trade cars. He wanted us to leave ours so Luis Mesa could work on it when he returned the next week with the parts.

It was raining again so we were glad that the rest of the trip could be made in a closed car.

When we arrived in El Alamo, we received some sad news. A little six-year-old boy whose mother came to church services, had drowned in their well while she was gone. The taco he had been eating was found with one bite gone out of it.

This brought up a new situation. It was necessary to get the police chief home so he and the Indian chief could come back. They were to begin filling out papers concerning the boy's death as his mother was an Indian woman originally from Santa Catarina.

Our missionaries to Mexico have many different experiences. Many of them take in much more than bringing forth the gospel message. Still, our main purpose is to point them to Christ.

We can look back over that trip and see many ways that God blessed us. He went with us all the way as is His promise to His trusting children. Praise His precious name!

"I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." Hebrews 13:5.

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in his way. Psalm 37:23.

—Sister Opal Kelly

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw two paths, one leading up and the other leading down. At the entrance draw a cross. Write the word "believers" on this path. Write the word "unbelievers" on the downward path. Which path are you traveling?

Dear Boys and Girls:

I do hope that each of you are loving the Lord and serving Him. Oh, how good He is to us! We owe our whole lives to Him. He took our sins and bore our punishment so we could have eternal life. We can never repay Him for His great love.

I do trust that you are following on a map the course that Paul took on his first missionary journey. Last Sunday we talked about him preaching a sermon to the saints in Antioch in Pisidia. Today we are going to talk about how the people took that sermon.

There were Jews in the group who kept the law of Moses. When they heard Paul's sermon telling them that the Messiah had come, they did not believe it. They would not accept Jesus as the Messiah for whom they had been looking according to prophecies in the Old Testament. But the Gentiles were rejoicing because Jesus Christ had come and they, too, were permitted to have salvation. They begged Paul to preach to them again the next Sabbath. This pleased Paul and Barnabas because the Gentiles believed on Jesus Christ. They talked to them and persuaded them to

keep loving God and to continue in keeping the whole Word of God. The next Sabbath the whole city came together to hear the Word of God. A great revival broke out. This caused the Jews to be filled with envy. They did not believe Jesus to be the Saviour of the world and they didn't want others to believe that He was, either. They began to argue with Paul and say bad things about him. How sad for them to refuse to accept Jesus! I am sure this grieved Jesus very much. Paul and Barnabas boldly told the Jews that since they did not appreciate the gospel nor accept Jesus they would preach to the Gentiles. Paul told the Jews that God had told him he was to be a light to the Gentiles. In other words, he was to tell them about the great plan of salvation. The Gentiles rejoiced to hear this good news. Paul and Barnabas were glad to see them believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved.

The angry Jews stirred up the devout and honorable women of the city. Those were women who, no doubt, had husbands in authority in the town and they had a riot and put Paul and Barnabas out of the town. Paul and Barnabas shook the dust off their feet as Jesus had said for them to do if the people rejected the gospel they brought, and left the place. God blessed them and they rejoiced in Him.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 9, March 1, 1970

GENTILES GLORIFIED GOD'S WORD

Printed Portion Acts 13:42-52

Acts 13:42 And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath.

43 Now when the congregation was

broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

44 And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.

45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

46 Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

49 And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.

50 But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts.

51 But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium.

52 And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.

Memory Verse: He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that

believeth not shall be damned. Mark 16:16.

Central Thought: God chooses those to be saved who choose Him.

QUESTIONS:

1. What group of people wanted Paul to preach to them the next Sabbath?

2. What did Paul and Barnabas speak to those who followed them after the congregation was broken up?

3. What kind of crowd did they have the next Sabbath?

4. How did the Jews feel about it when they saw the crowd?

5. How did they talk to Paul and Barnabas when the Word of God was given to them?

6. Were Paul and Barnabas bold to speak to the people about their wrong feelings?

7. What does it mean for a person to judge themselves unworthy of everlasting life?

8. To whom did Paul and Barnabas turn to teach about God?

9. How did the Gentiles feel when they knew that they, too, could be saved?

10. Was the Word of God kept quiet, or was it published throughout the whole region?

11. Whom did the Jews stir up against Paul and Barnabas?

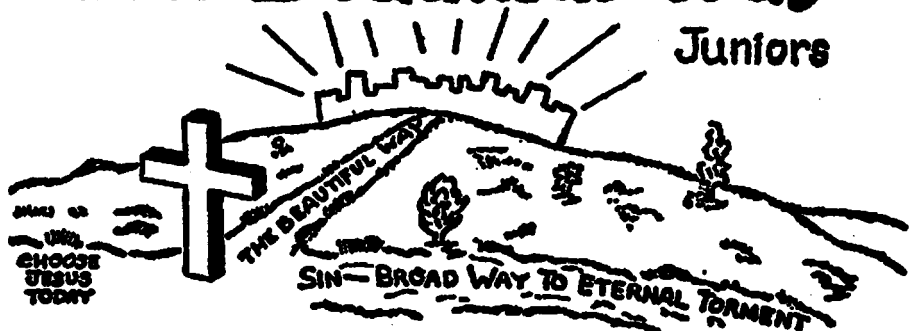
12. What did the people do to them?

13. How did Paul and Barnabas react to their treatment?

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Mar. 8

God's Word

"Be not drunk with wine
Wherein is excess"— Eph. 5:18
Be filled with the Spirit
And pure righteousness.

"Children obey your parents
In the Lord, for this is right"
Honor father and mother, Eph. 6:1
Keeping humble in God's sight.

"With good will, doing service
As to the Lord and not to men."
Eph. 6:7.
Keeping true and faithful
Until this mortal life shall end.
—Effie Miller

Go and Tell Them

I was living alone at Santa Catarina. It was about five weeks before the day we term Easter Sunday. I was ill all week and couldn't have school, nor services. I felt so bad to think I was supposed to be a missionary and wasn't able to do anything. It was an ordinary thing for several

of the Indians to come to the house during the week to visit. I went earnestly to the Lord in prayer. I asked Him what He would have me to do? He impressed me that I should talk to each person who came alone to the house to visit that week about the Lord. I told Him I would be happy to do this. The first to come was the policeman. I was tinting some pictures for later use with the children when he came. The pictures were from Bible stories. This man had never attended services while I was there. The Lord made opportunity and I talked to the man about the Lord. I knew this man gambled, smoked, drank, cursed, etc. He said he loved the Lord and was living for Him.

The next to come was a young girl. She had attended services but had never been saved. She had never shown any special desire to serve the Lord. She gave me the same answer as the policeman had.

Next came a young woman. It had been several months since she had attended services. I received the

same answer.

On Saturday a mother of some of my school children came. I'd heard she was a strong Catholic and never to mention the Lord to her, but I wanted to obey God. She had never attended services. She gave me the same answer the others had given. I then asked her why she didn't come to services. She shrugged her shoulders and said she didn't know. I asked her if she were Catholic. She said she didn't know what she was. Before leaving she promised that if nothing happened she would be in services the next day. (Her mother-in-law was gravely ill the next morning and this lady asked that I come in and pray for her. I thanked the Lord for this was a big step for her.)

After she left, I went to the Lord, weeping. Each had said he or she loved and served the Lord, yet they showed no fruit and were no help nor encouragement to others. I said, "Lord, you sent me to teach them but if they won't come to services, what can I do?"

The Lord definitely impressed me to get up right then and type some Scriptures from the next days' lesson, with some heart-searching questions, run them on the Hecktograph (jelly board) until I had enough copies for every family. The next morning as I started out to pick up the people for services I delivered a copy to each family in Rincon, Escondido, and Santa Catarina. I continued doing this each week I was there. I believe those people have had a taste of the gospel whether they came to services or not.

"And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not . . . until the land be utter-

ly desolate." Isa. 6:9, 11.

—Sister Opal Kelly

Sowing Seeds

Mabel dropped a few flower seeds into the ground, and the little leaves soon began to peep up and grow; they liked the air and sunshine so well that they were big in a month or two. Then came buds and beautiful flowers. And the flowers blossomed all summer long, and the old ladies over the way had a bunch of flowers to brighten their rooms every day.

Mabel's mother kept dropping kind word-seeds into everybody's heart. Mabel watched these seeds grow. They blossomed into comfort and love and bright faces and smiles and thanks.

"I'll plant kind word-seeds, too," said Mabel, "I think the flowers are lovely!"

Every Day a Little

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

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

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

we shall find opportunity every day for usefulness.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a road with two ditches across it. Name one ditch "honor" and the other ditch "dishonor." Now draw a bridge across the ditches. Call this God's bridge of power over the ditches that the devil puts in our pathway.

Dear Boys and Girls:

I am sure that you are glad for the warmer days so you do not have to be bundled up with heavy coats. Spring is a wonderful time of the year. The smell of plowed ground and the budding of the trees bring thoughts of good fresh garden vegetables. Fresh vegetables are so good! The Lord planned that you and I eat a variety of foods so our bodies will be strong. How good God is to us! Today our lesson tells us about the fruitful seasons that God gives us so the earth will bring forth food when He sends the sunshine and the rain.

Paul had come to Iconium as we read in last Sunday's lesson. He and Barnabas went into the Jewish synagogue to speak. A great multitude heard him and believed. But some of the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and caused them to turn against Paul and Barnabas. They kept testifying of God's great love to mankind and many signs and wonders were done by them. Finally the Jews got a riot started and Paul and Barnabas were mistreated and stoned. They left the city and went to Derbe and Lystra which were small towns not far away. Here they continued to preach the gospel. They did not let being stoned and mistreated cause them to quit. Sometimes boys and girls can't take little

sneers made because they dress modestly and stand for right. I do wish we had more people who would be like Paul and Barnabas. They did not think of self, but thought about pleasing God.

How wonderful it is to know that some will listen to the Word of God! While Paul preached, a man was listening and his faith was so inspired that he could trust God to heal him. Paul saw it as he looked at him. We do not know if his face beamed, or if he smiled and nodded to the Word, but Paul just had to speak to him to obey the Spirit's call for him to accept healing. He did and leaped and walked. Oh, how wonderful it is when God heals! This man had been born a cripple. When the people saw this they were excited and deeply moved. They believed that the gods had come down to them. They wanted to do honor to Paul and Barnabas who refused to let them. They wanted God to be honored. This was surely different from the way they had been treated in Iconium. God had healed the man and they wanted God to have the praise. We should not accept praise from anyone. If we can do anything good, it is because God has caused us to do it.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 10, March 8, 1970

FACING PERSECUTIONS AND HONOR

Printed Portion Acts 14:3, 5-18

Acts 14:3 Long time therefore abode [Iconium] they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

5 And when there was an assault made both of the Gentiles, and also of the Jews with their rulers, to use them despitefully, and to stone them,

6 They were ware of it, and fled unto Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and unto the region that lieth round about:

7 And there they preached the gospel.

8 And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked:

9 The same heard Paul speak: who steadfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,

10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

11 And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.

12 And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker.

13 Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people.

14 Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out,

15 And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:

16 Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways.

17 Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and

gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

18 And with these sayings scarce restrained they the people, that they had not done sacrifice unto them.

Memory Verse: For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. 2 Timothy 1:12.

Central Thought: Man should not take the praise and honor that belongs to God, our Maker.

QUESTIONS:

1. How did Paul and Barnabas speak in Iconium?

2. Did God work signs and wonders there?

3. How were Paul and Barnabas treated?

4. Where did they go when they left Iconium?

5. Who was listening intently to Paul as he preached?

6. What did Paul see that this man had?

7. What did Paul say to him?

8. What did the people say about this?

9. Whom did they think had come to visit them according to their heathen belief?

10. What did they want to do to Paul and Barnabas?

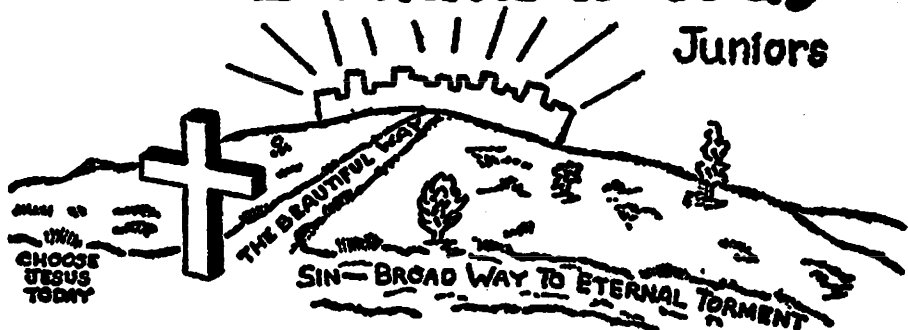
11. What did Paul and Barnabas do about it?

12. How did Paul tell the people God had shown His love to them?

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Part Eleven

Mar. 15

God Makes and Cares for All

Something very real and precious happened at our house recently and I just want to share it with you.

One morning very early (about May 12) Ruby Marken, standing at the open front door, whispered, "Opal, come look! See what's happening!" As we peeped out the door, there was a cardinal with a bit of straw in her beak, beginning to make her nest just outside my bedroom window in the topmost forked branch of a forsythia bush. She had laid a piece of white paper in the crotch of these branches and had a few twigs already laid just so as to begin her round nest in which she would lay three tiny brown and tan speckled eggs. She worked all day and as we came and went from the Print Shop by the back door so as not to disturb her, she finished her work that night. Her mate chirped encouragingly to her. Then she laid her eggs, and next came the long period of sitting. Rain, shine, wind, or hail didn't drive her from her nest as she had three precious

jewels underneath her and she would guard them regardless. We had much rain during this time. In fact, there were at least two days during this time when there was hardly a letting-up of a real downpour. We also had hail one night, about the size of marbles. She sat and sat. At times she would leave the nest only for a moment in search of a morsel to eat, but most of the time she sat, and her mate brought her food.

About the 29th of May we noticed she was off the nest, so we tiptoed up and looking in, saw three tiny nestlings with mouths open for food. As the nest and branches moved, they thought their mother had come with worms for them to eat. This was on Thursday morning. At each opportunity we watched through the bedroom window to see them eat and hear them cry for food before it was put into their mouths.

On the following Monday evening (the baby birds were only four days old) we saw a blue jay swooping down toward the nest to get the babies. The mother chased him away but she knew he would be back and that her babies

were in danger. Later that evening (at dusk) we thought we could see only two nestlings reaching for food. By the next morning there was only one left in the nest. Our fears had mounted with each disappearance, as we felt certain the blue jay had been successful. Later in the morning we saw this last one up on a limb only a few inches above the nest and "mama" was in another tree and "papa" in still another. Both were chirping loudly at him. They would not bring him anything to eat. We began to put it all together in our thoughts. They had so far succeeded in getting two of the three out of the nest and were encouraging the last baby to fly. We could imagine we heard one or the other say: "Come on, you can do it. Hurry! Try!" The little bird would ruffle up his little feathers (what he had) then settle down again; he would raise his wings and scratch (anything for an excuse) but soon after much more urging by "papa" and "mama" he flew. Surely they must have rescued all three and hid them somewhere else until they could be big enough to leave the nest. None of them ever returned to the old nest.

This blue jay makes us think of the devil in our Christian lives. He would take us out of the hands of God if he could, but as the mother did the best she could to protect her babies, so does God protect us from the enemy if we will only look to Him and obey Him. Sometimes, too, we have to be urged in order to grow in the Lord. In Him there is safety.

Now, how did this "mama" cardinal know to make a nest? how to make it? how long to sit? How do the baby birds know to open their mouths for food when there is a swaying of their nest? How did the mate know to

bring food to her? Why was she so faithful to her post of duty? How were they able to talk to the babies and how could they understand them? The answer to all of these questions is GOD. How precious that we can look upon even a little bird (a very pretty one, too) and realize that GOD did all these wonderful things. He gave them knowledge how to do all they do, yet their lives are as a hairsbreadth compared to ours, so how much more has He been mindful of us! He knew us long before we ever came to this world and has kept constant vigil over us ever since. He not only gave us knowledge as to how to live and make our way in this world, provided us a language or way of communicating with each other, but He also provided a means whereby we can live eternally with Him through the gift of His own Son, Jesus. It is precious to think about His love to us! Let us look around us—God is everywhere!

The trees of the Lord are full of sap . . . where the birds make their nests. Psalm 104:16, 17.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom thou hast made them all: the earth is full of thy riches. Psalm 104:24. —Opal Kelly

Road to Irreverence

I met a man; and the music of God had gone out of him. With great honesty he told me how the glory had departed. First, he had disliked a preacher's style of preaching. Then he grew to dislike the preacher himself. Irreverence for the minister and his message expanded in the man's heart. Finally he found himself feeling irreverent toward the

church where the man spoke Sunday after Sunday.

You see how it is? It is all a sad pattern. We cannot lose reverence for things spiritual without losing reverence for the Author of spirituality—God.

The road to irreverence usually does not begin with disrespect toward God, but disrespect toward the things of God. —Selected.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw two paths. Put a cross on one path leading toward heaven. Write the words, "Fear God" over the cross. Draw another path downward. Write the words "Fear Man" over that path.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Did you ever have someone like you and then for no reason that you could see have them turn against you? Well, that seems to be in human nature. They change their minds about people at some slight thing they hear. True friends are valuable and hard to find. They will not let others change them concerning their care for you. They believe that you are good and true. They believe you are honest and want to do right. They will not let others make them think differently. They will stand by you.

Paul and Barnabas had some hard experiences. God healed the crippled man and the whole town wanted to honor them. The people did not know that God had done this. They only looked at man and considered that it was his power. But as we studied last Sunday, they refused to accept honor from the people. Now today in our lesson we find that some Jews came up from other

towns and stirred up the people against Paul and Barnabas. How quickly they changed the peoples' minds! Now we find them stoning Paul and chasing him outside the city. They left him as they thought he was dead. The brethren stood around him and I am sure they were praying. God touched him and he arose from the ground. Now what do you think he did? He went back into the city. In whom did he trust? He had his trust in God and feared Him and not man.

The next day he and Barnabas went to Derbe and preached the gospel there. They did not quit but kept telling others of God's love. They forgave those who had hurt them and prayed for them. Many believed on Jesus and in many cities Paul established churches. Timothy lived in Derbe. We have two books in our Bible which are letters written to young Timothy. At this time Timothy, his mother Eunice, and grandmother Lois all loved the Lord as a result of the labors of Paul and Barnabas.

Instead of going to Antioch of Syria which was about 200 miles from where they were, or to Tarsus, Paul's home, they retraced their journey to see about those who had believed on the Lord. You might think they would want to run from those places, but they feared God and not man. They knew God would take care of them. If He took them to heaven, they were ready to go.

In each town they ordained elders to take care of the church and preached the Word to all. Finally they arrived in Antioch where the congregation which had sent them forth was waiting for them. They told them all about their trip and how God had opened the door so the Gentiles could be saved.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 11, March 15, 1970

FEAR NOT MAN BUT FEAR GOD

Acts 14:19-22; Matt. 10:28;

Acts 14:23-28

Acts 14:19 And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.

20 Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,

22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

Matt. 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Acts 14:23 And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

24 And after they had passed throughout Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.

25 And when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down into Attalia:

26 And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which

they fulfilled.

27 And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.

28 And there they abode long time with the disciples.

Memory Verse: If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. John 15:18.

Central Thought: Great faithfulness is exhibited not so much in the ability to do as to suffer.

QUESTIONS:

1. What did the Jews from Antioch and Iconium do to the people of Lystra?

2. In last Sunday's lesson what did the people think of Paul and Barnabas?

3. What did they now do to Paul?

4. Did they bury Paul there in Lystra?

5. Where did Paul go when God healed him?

6. Where did they go from Lystra?

7. Paul was close to his home now. Did he go home?

8. Where did he go from Derbe?

9. What did they do in each city?

10. How did Paul say they would get into the kingdom of God?

11. Where did they sail to from Attalia?

12. What did they tell the waiting congregation in Antioch of Syria?

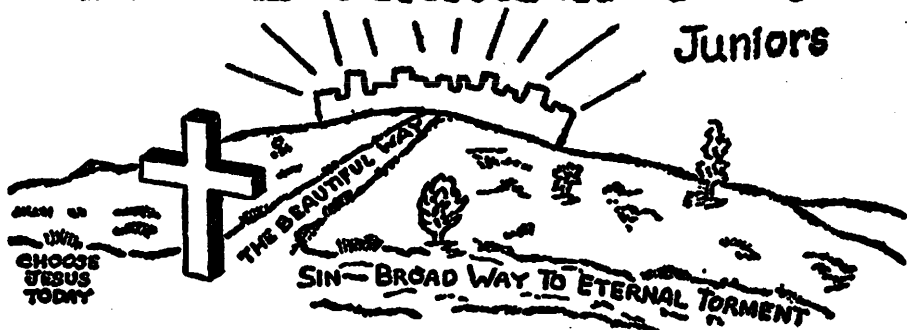
13. What kind of door was opened to the Gentiles?

14. What missionary trip did this conclude?

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Television

What is wrong with it for the Christian?

The Word of God says the Christian abstains from all appearance of evil. 1 Thess. 5:22. You touch not, taste not, handle not. Col. 2:21. All who preach the truth from the holy, inspired Word of God, preach against Hollywood and all movies. How can anyone preach against movies and not preach against television? They are the same. The only difference is that you do not have to go to the theater to see the movie now as Hollywood, the liquor industry and tobacco companies have moved right into your homes with television.

Television is a rival of schools and churches, the feeder of lust, a perverter of morals, a tool of greed, a school of crime, a betrayal of innocence. It glorifies impurity as love; pictures murder as entertainment; exalts nakedness and indecency as beauty; shows drink, reveling, gambling, revenge, and gun fights as proper and legitimate. Television ruins the in-

fluence of a Christian, debauches the minds of children, inflames the lusts of youth, and hardens the hearts of sinners.

The Word of God says that every born-again child of God is a witness for Christ. Matt. 10:32, 33. That we should let our light so shine before men, that they may see our good works and glorify our father which is in heaven. Matt. 5:16. Certainly a Christian could not be obedient to this command of God and have a television in their home that glamourizes all types of sin. The Word of God commands a Christian not to have fellowship with professing Christians that are guilty of covetousness and idolatry, the sins you permit when you bring TV into your home. Read what the Word of God says in 1 Cor. 5:9, 10, 11. I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters, for then must ye need go out of the world, But now I have written unto you not to keep

company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolator, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner, with such an one no not to eat.

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. Prov. 14:12. —JC

TRY IT EVERY MORNING

The fishermen of Brittany always offer this prayer in the early morning before they begin their hard and unsafe day of fishing: "Keep me, O my God! my boat is so small and thy ocean is so great." The world is so terribly large and we are so small, but don't you believe God will keep us safe if we ask Him to each morning?

Open Mine Eyes

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law" (Psalm 119:18.)

This is a prayer for those who read the Bible. There are only two kinds of people—saved and unsaved. When the unsaved read the Bible, their prayer should be "Open thou mine eyes," (Psa. 119:18) because they have blind eyes, blind to the things of God. They must be born again before they can understand the Bible (1 Corinthians 2:14).

When you are saved, you are a child of God. You also pray "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law." God wants to teach His children how to live and act. He wants His children to be strong for Him. He knows it is hard to fight the devil, so God

wants to teach us how to be strong to overcome the enemy.

Without a God

Two little girls were talking together. One of them said something about God.

"There isn't any God," said the other. "My papa says so, and he knows."

"But there is," said her companion. "My papa says there is, and he knows. But maybe your papa hasn't a God, and that's why he thinks there isn't any." Then she went on to tell the other about her papa's God.

"That's nice," said the little girl whose father said there is no God. "I wish my papa had a God."

Her father—the man who had no God—heard the conversation between the two children, and began to think the matter over as never before. Without a God; he felt alone in the world, and friendless, when the full meaning of the words struck home. Had he been mistaken? Night and day he thought about it. Was there a God, after all?

"I'm in the dark," he cried. "If there is light, let me find it." And he did find it.

The other day he heard his little girl say to her friend, "Oh, I'm so glad! My papa's got a God, too, now!" He thanked God for the childish words that had set him to thinking.

ASKING GOD'S BLESSING

Charlie was going home with his uncle. They were on a steamboat all night. It was furnished with little beds on each side of the cabin.

These little beds are called berths. When it was time to go to bed, Charlie undressed himself.

"Hurry and jump into your berth, boy," said his uncle.

"May I not first kneel and ask God to take care of us?" he asked.

"We'll be taken care of fast enough," replied his uncle.

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

Uncle Tom had nothing to say to that, so Charlie knelt and prayed, just as he had done by his own little bed at home. God's blessings and grace are yours every day, my children, but never take them without first asking for them. —Sel.

Others First

An accident occurred in a coal-pit in which several lives were lost. But a man and a boy, catching hold of a chain hanging by the side of the pit, were saved from death. As soon as possible a man was sent down with a rope to help them. He came first to a boy named Daniel Harding. On his reaching him, the boy cried out, "Don't mind me, I can still hold on a little. But Joseph Brown is a little lower down, and he is nearly gone. Save him first."

Joseph Brown was saved first, and then Daniel was drawn up to light and life. That's the kind of spirit Jesus gives those who follow Him. He wants us to put other first. Are you doing it? Jesus will help you. and bless you for doing it.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw two hearts. Put the words, "unclean heart" under the black heart

and "clean heart" under the white heart. Above write, "The blood of Christ will cleanse the heart."

Dear Boys and Girls:

Paul and Barnabas went from city to city and preached the gospel. Today we are going to leave our account of Paul in Acts and study about some of the things that Paul taught the people to whom he preached. Our lesson is part of the letter written to the saints in Rome. Paul named some of the sins people commit and told them that he was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is able to cleanse from every sin. Today many need that same cleansing power of God. You might say that you do not commit any of these sins, but unless you have salvation and have been cleansed by the Holy Spirit, you have within you that element that will cause you to commit these sins. The wise thing to do is to flee to God and be saved.

Fornication includes every species of uncleanness, especially that which is out of the bounds of lawful marriage. Covetousness is the intense love or lust for gain. Maliciousness implies a temper which delights in hurting another. Full of envy would be one who feels pain at the sight of excellence or happiness of another. Murder is taking the life of another. "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer." 1 John 3:15. Debate means contention. Deceit means lying or falsity. Malignity would mean having evil thoughts about others, desiring to injure such as ascribing the best deeds as being from the worst motives. Whisperers would be secretly defaming others under pretended secrecy. Backbiters are false accusers or slanderers. Haters of God are scorners and having contempt for sacred things.

Despiteful would be abusing the character and persons over whom they have power. Proud are those who exalt themselves and depress others. Boasters are those who are self-assuming and have vain glory. Inventors of evil things are those who invented destructive customs, rites, and fashions that are hurtful to others morally and physically. Disobedient to parents is strictly against God's laws. Without understanding are those destitute of capacity for spiritual things. Covenant-breakers are those who break promises or agreements which are bound in the presence of God. Without natural affections are those who do not according to nature love those near to them.

Implacable are those who will not make reconciliation either to God or man. Unmerciful are those who will not show mercy. And those who take pleasure in any of the above things or those who do them shall face the judgment and give account to God. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 12, March 22, 1970

THE CLEANSING POWER OF THE GOSPEL

Romans 1:16-18, 29-32

Rom. 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

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

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness, full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity, whisperers,

30 Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 Without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Memory Verse: For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. Romans 1:16.

Central Thought: Only through the the blood and cleansing power of God can a person be made a new creature and able to live a pure and holy life which is acceptable to God.

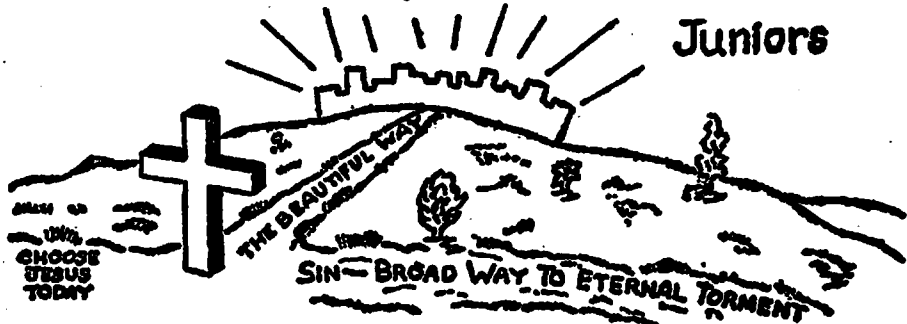
QUESTIONS:

1. Was Paul ashamed of something? Explain.
2. What does the word "gospel" mean?
3. What is God's wrath against?
4. Let each one name a sin mentioned in our lesson and explain it.
5. What happens to those who commit these sins?
6. What happens to those who take pleasure in those who commit these sins?

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Mar. 29

Love for the Risen Saviour

He is risen who was dead
Who has suffered in our stead,
He's alive who sorrows bore,
Yes, He lives forever more!

He's ascended up on high;
Yes, He rules the earth and sky.
He has promised to return;
For this day we hope and yearn.

All our treasures are above
Kept secure by His great love;
Soon we'll claim their lasting worth,
When we leave this fleeting earth.
—Leslie Busbee

It Was Dawn

"Mommy, I want my daddy." The cries of four-year-old Nancy penetrated the silence of the night.

"Nancy, dear," came the answer from the tiny but courageous mother, "some day Jesus will come to get you and Mommy, and then we'll be with daddy again."

"Oh, Mommy, I hope Jesus will come soon!"

Nancy's daddy had died suddenly of a heart attack. Often he had romped with her in her child's play and held her on his knee. Suddenly death came and Nancy's little heart was broken. Every new day she asked for her daddy; every night her tears wet the pillow.

But one night the crying ended, her mother related. That was the night she suddenly perceived that some day she could see daddy again. Oh, how she hoped that would be soon, that Jesus would not delay His coming! From that moment it was dawn in the heart of the child.

Mary Magdalene, almost two thousand years ago, had also been saddened by death. She, too, was weeping—outside the tomb where Jesus lay. Then suddenly she saw Him. For her too, it was dawn.

Through another season we have thought of our Lord's death—from His entry into Jerusalem to the crown of thorns; from the Last Supper with His disciples to death on a Cross;

from the agonizing cries in Gethsemane to the glorious resurrection and the ascension on the Mount of Olives.

During the short time that Jesus walked on earth, He was followed by crowds up to the very time of His death. On the day of His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, some had spread their garments on the road and had strewn branches before Him. Voices shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David." Less than one week later many of those who had praised Him joined the throngs who shouted, "Crucify Him!"

Not so Nancy who looked for His return.

Not so Mary Magdalene who loved Him. Not so the woman who had known His power when she had been healed of the issue of blood which had ravaged her body for twelve years. She had come close enough to touch Him! To know His power!

Again this season some people have worshipped the Lord Christ. Many have joined the crowds to praise Him. Some have touched Him with a mighty touch of faith. These have known His resurrection power even today. To such, Easter means the dawn of a new day.

These are they who "with great joy" will be "continually praising God." These are they who "are clothed with power from on high." These are they who like Nancy, and Mary Magdalene, and hosts of others will see Him in all His resurrection power on Easter morning and will pray, "Come, Lord Jesus, come."

—Selected

If you really believe the Lord Jesus is alive and loves you, you will also love Him.

Who Is To Blame?

The story is told that in a village not far from Quebec, there lived a baker who bought the butter he used from a neighboring farmer. One day he became suspicious that the butter was not the right weight, and for several days he weighed the butter and found that the rolls were gradually diminishing in weight, and had the farmer arrested for false dealings.

At the trial the judge said to the farmer: "I presume you have scales?" "Yes, of course, your honor." "And weights, too, I presume?" "No sir." "Then how do you manage to weigh the butter which you sell?"

"That's easily explained, Your Honor," said the farmer. "When the baker commenced buying his butter of me, I thought I would get my bread of him, and it is the one-pound loaves I've been using as a weight for the butter I sell. If the weight of the butter is wrong, he is to blame himself."

The Wonderful Magnet

I imagine you boys and girls all like to play with magnets. You let one get nearer and nearer a nail or a needle until it draws the little iron object to itself. Maybe you will have a chance sometime to see a big magnet at a factory reach down to a huge slab of steel and by its mighty power lift up the slab and carry it to another place.

Do you know that there is a person who is something like a magnet? He said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." John 12:32.

Who said that? Jesus did. He, of course, is the Son of God. What did He mean that He had to "be lifted up"? That means that He had to die on a cross, lifted up between heaven and earth.

Why did He have to die on the cross? He came into this world in order to die for the sins of boys and girls and men and women. Jesus did die like that many years ago, but He rose from the dead (which proves that He is God) and then ascended into heaven. So now He is a Mighty Spiritual Magnet drawing people to Himself.

He wants you to come to Him, to believe on Him, to accept Him as your Saviour and Friend.

Isn't it wonderful to know that Jesus was willing to come to earth and die for us so that we would not have to pay for our own sins?

He loves children. Once He said, "Suffer (allow) little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." Luke 18:16.

Reading this is one way that Jesus, the Wonderful Magnet, is drawing you. Won't you come to Him?

—Selected

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw the tomb of Jesus, or lines for just the floor. Write inside it 14 feet wide, 10 feet deep, and 7½ feet high.

Dear Boys and Girls:

It is all right to have new clothes, but we do not want to think more about them than we do the real meaning of Easter, which is the remembrance of the

resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. When we think of the egg and how marvelously the chicken pecks its way out of the shell we marvel at the greatness of God's mysteries of life. It can't all be explained but we know that God is the author of life. There is also a great mystery of the power of Jesus coming back to life after He had been put in the tomb. It was even hard for the disciples to believe this wonderful miracle. Thomas said he would not believe unless he could put his fingers in the nail prints and thrust his hand in His side. Jesus appeared to him and let him do this. He said, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:25-31.) We know that He arose because we have many witnesses to that fact, even though the power of God is a mystery. Our lesson tells us because He arose we also will arise. Thank the Lord for that hope within our souls. When we put the bodies of those we love in the grave we know that some day they will arise with a new body. This new body will never die nor decay. The soul will be reunited to the body and they will live with God in heaven if they have chosen Him as their Saviour when they were in this life.

We want to be ready when Jesus comes bursting through the clouds in that great day. The Lord will come from heaven with a great shout and the archangel will shout, also. The trump of God will sound and those who died in Christ will arise first; then those who are alive at His coming will be changed and arise to meet Him in the air, and together they will also be taken to heaven. But it will be sad for those who are not saved. They will have a new body but they will be cast into hell fire. We want to be God's at His appearing and we can if we will obey His Word. This is what

Paul taught the Jews and Gentiles on his missionary trip. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 13, March 29, 1970

THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION

John 19:30; Mark 16:6, 9a; 1 Cor. 15:19, 23, 24; 1 Thess. 4:13-18

John 19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Mark 16:6 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.

9a Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene,

1 Cor. 15:19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

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

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

1 Thess. 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of

the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Memory Verse: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made comformable unto his death. Phil. 3:10a.

Central Thought: Because Jesus arose from the grave, we will arise, too.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Jesus say just before He died, "It is finished"?

2. On what day of the week did Jesus arise from the grave?

3. Why would we be of all people most miserable, if in this life only, we had hope in Christ?

4. Why is Christ the firstfruits of those who arise from the dead?

5. Does anyone know when Jesus will come? Read Matt. 24:35, 36.

6. What will Jesus do in the end?

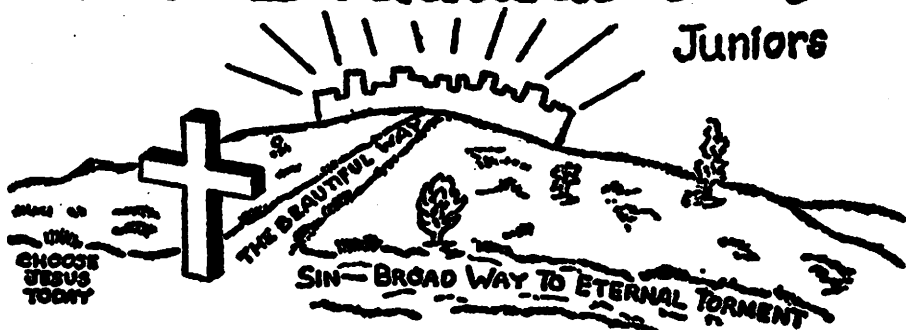
7. Why are we not ignorant of what will happen to those who are asleep in Jesus?

8. Who is coming with Jesus when He comes again?

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Part One

April 5

The Mother of Us All

A city holy Zion is
With bulwarks great and tall;
A Bride that Jesus says is His:
The Mother of us all.

Free from the yoke of doubt and sin,
Before Her men shall fall;
We who are saved shall enter in—
The Mother of us all.

It is for us to here believe
And heed the gospel call;
Let Zion all our faith receive—
The Mother of us all!

—Leslie Busbee

A Mexico Trip

Bro. Leslie Busbee and I left Aug. 4, 1969, for a long trip in Mexico. We went in our Ford Van and traveled a total of 4,400 miles, going down through Arkansas, into Texas, crossing the international border at Brownsville, going into eleven states and the federal district in Mexico, and

returning by way of Laredo, Texas, to Missouri twenty-three days later.

Mexico is a beautiful country, but we did not go just to see its natural or architectural beauties. What draws us there is the call of God and precious souls.

Going down, we did not choose the shortest route to Mexico City, but the most beautiful, through the tropical mountains and small Indian villages of S. L. Potosi. We arrived in Mexico City Thursday, the 7th of August. We quickly found the young couple we had known before in Rosarito. They received us with much hospitality and they again listened to the gospel message. Friday we went about fifty miles south of Mexico City and saw some very interesting sights. Returning to Mexico City we went to pay a visit to Bro. Alvarado's father who works as a doorman in the television studios there, and, as Bro. Leslie said, "What a place it was." The old fellow was very friendly and showed us around this enormous place. He and two directors of programs listened as we witnessed for

our Lord. He said that he is glad his son in Baja, Calif., is serving the Lord in spite of the bad example he showed him.

Sunday, the 10th, we arrived in Rancho Martinez, Gto., about 250 miles northwest of Mexico City. This is the place many of the people from here in La Mision came from originally. It is only about 15 miles from a nice market town. Just this year they are completing an all weather road into this Rancho consisting of about 100 families. They farm the area with oxen or mules. There are a lot of burros here also, but only one tractor and two trucks on the rancho. There is no church of any kind, but we found a few believers who seem to have salvation who first heard the gospel a few years ago when a preacher came through there for awhile, but many have fallen away since he left. There must be 500 children and many young people. For two years now they have had no school teacher there. No one seems to want to put forth the effort to get a teacher. There have been efforts made in digging water wells by hand but without success, so the rancho has water only when it rains enough to fill their earth-fill dams on the side of the hill. In the dry season they go with burros about five miles to bring water in clay pots to their homes. They have a volcanic ash-type soil with lots of rocks. There are rock houses, rock fences, rock pigpens, rocky paths, and lots of rocks to throw! There are numerous ranchos that are similar to this one, without the gospel. We stayed there for six days. One day we hiked over to Rancho Salitre which is the place I visited three years ago with Angel

and Celia Rodriquez. Two young brothers who got saved in La Mision live there. They were glad to see us and we had services with a little group there. It is not advisable for a tourist to go into these ranchos without knowing someone there first.

Another day we went on mule-back up the mountain with two men from Martinez to visit a very poor rancho named "Wide-Rocks." They received us well and tried to give us the best they had. We had to stoop way down to get into the little smoky kitchen that had no windows. The smoke from the open fire is supposed to go out the low roof between the loose tile. The best that they had was beans and tortillas which was very good, the only trouble we had was they had no spoons. A lady here had requested that we bring a Bible for them. We were glad that we were able to deliver her Bible. She is one of the very few there who can read. We had services with them, and Oh! how they did listen. When I asked them to hold up their hands if they wanted to be saved and accept Christ, all of them held up their hands. They said many of the families had hardly anything to eat as there is hardly any work and it is a long time until they harvest their corn, about the only crop they raise. They have a nice spring of water there but don't seem to know how to plan quick-growing vegetables nor how to eat them. Some of the children were very thin and in rags. One ten-year-old boy is deaf and dumb. It seemed to make him happy when we paid special attention to him.

—James Huskey

Speak not evil one of another. James 4:11.

SEVEN GOOD WORDS

"Mother," said a little girl, on coming home from Sunday School, "I want to ask you something."

"Do you know what is my best text?"

"Tell me, my dear," replied the mother.

"Well, Mother, my text has just seven words in it: 'It is time to seek the Lord.' "

—Sel.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a woman wearing a long robe, standing on the moon with a crown of twelve stars on her head. Write underneath these words: A symbol of the church of God.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Let us notice what Paul thought of himself. He said he was "less than the least of all saints." But when we think of the Apostle Paul we think of him as being a spiritual giant. He did not seem to fear anyone, or even a mob of people. He stood boldly for Jesus Christ and His teachings. But, boys and girls, for him to be a spiritual giant, he had to be lowly and humble so Jesus could give him the boldness and power to face others. In one of our lessons we studied about how he was stoned almost to death. But through prayer and the power of Jesus he was brought back to life. He got up and went about doing what God told him to do. He was not proud, but humble, and God blessed and used him. This is the secret of his power with God. It has been said many times the way up is down. Because Paul was humble,

God talked to him and let him know many secrets and mysteries about heaven, the church, and many other precious truths.

Paul taught these precious truths to the Gentiles as he went on his missionary trips. He taught the people that they must be born again to get into the church of God. He bowed his knees to God, the Father, by whom the whole family of God is named. It is called the church of God because it is named for the Father.

We read in the 12th chapter of Revelation a symbol of the church of God. This describes a woman in the heavens with the sun and moon about her. This woman represents the church of God. Those who are saved and born again are in the church. They are people who have been washed from their sins and are pure and white. They obey the Word of God and live clean, pure lives. This woman represents those pure people. She stands out from all corruptness and evil. She is beautiful, without spot or blemish upon her life.

The light of the moon is just a reflection of the light from the sun. The moon stands for the Mosaic law and the sun is the glory of the New Testament teachings which fulfilled the law through Christ. The stars represent the twelve apostles who taught others about Jesus after He went to heaven. The man-child that she brought forth are the new converts who were born into the church of God after the day of Pentecost. We read where 3000 were saved in one day. They lived pure lives in a wicked world and shone as lights to others. God blessed them and they worked to help others to be saved. The church is like a city set on a hill and gives out her light. (Matt. 5:14.) Those who are saved are those lights and are pure in heart.

and in their lives. I am glad I belong to the church of God aren't you?

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 1, April 5, 1970

THE CHURCH AND HER CONVERTS

Eph. 3:8, 9, 14, 15; Rev. 12:1, 5a; Psa. 87:5; John 1:12, 13; Acts 2:41, 47b; Phil. 2:15, 16a

Eph. 3:8 Unto me, [Paul] who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

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

14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

Rev. 12:1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman [the church] clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

5a And she brought forth a man child [new converts].

Psa. 87:5 And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.

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

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

Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

47b And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Phil. 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

16a Holding forth the word of life.

Memory Verse: Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah. Psalm 87:3.

Central Thought: When the church has a burden for the lost, souls are born into it and the church will shine as lights in this dark world.

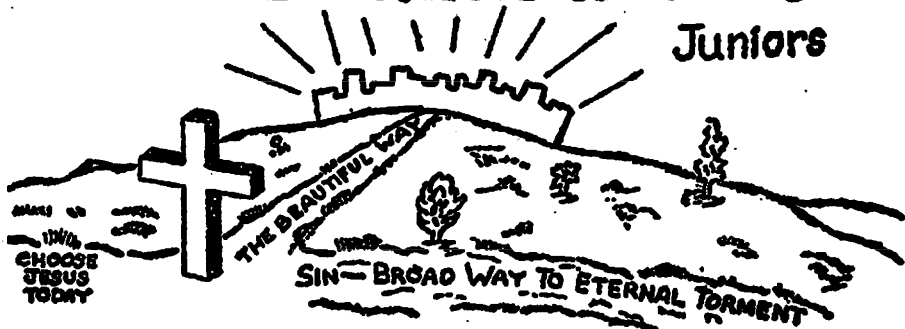
QUESTIONS:

1. What kind of opinion did Paul hold of himself?
2. What did he teach the Gentiles?
3. Name one of the mysteries that was made known when Christ came.
4. To whom did Paul bow his knees? What did he say about Him?
5. What did the woman symbolize?
6. What did she have under her feet? What did it symbolize?
7. What did the twelve stars represent?
8. What did the man child represent?
9. Is it a fleshly birth when we are born into the church of God?
10. How many were born into the church in one day?
11. Who adds to the church daily those who are saved?
12. Who shines as lights in this world?

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Part Two

April 12

Our Weapons

Grasp the Sword and wield it right,
With it put the foe to flight;
Girt with truth your life about,
Practice what you preach and shout.

Let your soul protected be
By the breastplate meant for thee,
Righteousness in Christ our King
Who the vict'ry helps to bring.

Faith will keep the devil's dart
From an entrance to our heart;
Use these weapons every day,
Keep the devil's hosts at bay.

—Leslie Busbee

A Mexico Trip

We came back to Martinez, Mexico, where we had services for two nights in the dark outside as they had no lights that would work outside and no house large enough for over sixty people. We ate and had services at the old sisters' house who had visited

here in La Mision in June and was saved and baptized in our campmeeting then. We were able to give her some needed instruction in living the Christian life as it is so hard for her to break away from old customs and traditions, and too, she cannot read. Her husband received us very well and was willing to let us have services there even though he knew that he might suffer ridicule.

All we visited here treated us well, but there was one act that really touched our hearts. One day we visited a widowed sister's house who showed very much the spirit of Christ. She enjoyed talking of the goodness of the Lord and didn't complain at all. Others told us she has a very hard time. She went out into the yard where we were sitting and caught a chicken, killed it, dressed and cooked it and had us eat before she would let us go. Then she testified how the Lord saved her husband before he died. Pray for this widow indeed.

Saturday the 16th we left Martinez to go to the state of Michoacan and

to see Bro. Irineo Rama. Young Bro. Deci from Salitre made this trip with us. He is very quiet, but firm for the gospel and was much help to us. On our way we thought we would take the shortest route, but as it turned out, it was not the best route. Our last stretch of road started out as good pavement, then good gravel, then good hard dirt, then slick mud, then we went into a hilly narrow road among the tall pine trees, then into a mudhole where we found that we could neither go forward nor backward. We thought the best thing to do was try to go back the way we had come, but we couldn't get back up the hill. And to go back we didn't care to, for back a few miles we had run into about sixteen soldiers who told us they were looking for bandits in the hills and that for our own safety we should not stop on the road. But we were stuck! Would we have to stay here the rest of the night? Would it rain, making it harder to get out? Were we really on the right road? Where were the bandits? We began to think of these things. Bro. Deci and Bro. Leslie tried pushing, but we would go just so far and then back down again. So Bro. Leslie said, "Lord, we have done all we can do. You will have to do it for us." We went into an agreement of prayer. Just as we were praying we saw lights in the trees back up the road. I turned on my lights and blew the horn. A pickup truck stopped and six men came walking down the hill. They assured us that we were on the road to Uruapan and that they would help us out. They helped us and then we stopped and went back to help them get up the hill. Within an hour we were on the paved streets of Urua-

pan. Thank the Lord! This was about midnight, so we went to sleep next to a filling station there. In the morning we went to a bath house to get cleaned up, then went out to the small town to find Bro. Irineo.

—Bro. James Huskey

Gipsy and the Robber

All through the night faithful Gipsy was watching. Father was away. Gipsy, the collie dog, kept guard over the family.

Suddenly Gipsy heard a noise on the porch! She went into Mother's bedroom. Gently she licked Mother's hand. Softly she whined. She seemed to say, "Something is wrong outdoors. Let me out."

Mother awakened. She listened to Gipsy's whining. She knew what Gipsy was trying to say. She went to the door and opened it.

Like a flash, Gipsy ran out on the porch. Then Mother heard loud barking and the sound of running feet.

The man who lived next door awakened. He heard the loud barking. He ran to the window and looked out. In the bright moonlight he saw Gipsy chasing a robber. Gipsy had hold of the man's trousers. The man was trying to shake the dog off.

Mother waited. In a little while, Gipsy returned to the house. She scratched on the door. Mother opened the door and Gipsy came in. Her tail was wagging. Mother put her hand on Gipsy's head. She said, "Good dog, Gipsy! Good dog, Gipsy!"

How happy Gipsy was at the words of praise! She wagged her tail faster and faster. Soon it looked like her whole body was wagging. Gipsy

wanted nothing more than Mother's words of praise!

If we serve God faithfully and well, some day we will hear His words of praise, "Well done!" How happy we will be when we hear these words of praise!

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw two hearts. Put in one "bad heart," and in the other, "Good heart." Around the good heart draw a circle and write inside the circle, "Christ." Underneath write the words, "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb."

Dear Boys and Girls:

Do you know it is better to suffer a little in this life than to be in hell for eternity? Hell is real and we don't want to go there. The devil wants to take all there he can, but we can overcome the devil through Christ. We must use the right weapons, however. We must pray to Jesus to help us. Then we must be willing to tell others that we will not do wrong even if they threaten to harm us. We must love God more than our very life. God will take care of us until He wants to take us out of this world to be with Him in that beautiful place He has prepared for those who love and serve Him.

The Apostle Paul was a brave man because he used these weapons against the forces of evil. The Roman Empire ruled the world in his day. Most of the people in the world at that time worshipped idols of one kind or another. Paul went forth to teach the people about Jesus and the true God. Many of them

believed, but as we have already studied, many of them tried to kill him so they could get rid of his teachings. He did not let that stop him. The first verse in our lesson is what an idol maker named Demetrius said. He was afraid people would no longer buy his idols if Paul continued to teach the people to love God. They would not worship idols anymore. We will study this lesson in the future, but today we are going to study some more in Revelation. This book, as I said before, has many symbols in it. I believe it would be good for you to understand some of them. We talked about the woman being a symbol of the church. Today she has an opposer, or one who fights against her, called the dragon. This dragon is the pagan, anti-God power, or the worship of idols by the people. These idol worshippers fought against Paul and the saints of God. Michael is the archangel and his angels are the ministers. They fought against the dragon or pagan religion. This did not take place in heaven where God is, but in the church heavens or hearts of the people here on earth. They did not use literal weapons, but spiritual weapons. They overcame him and the dragon power lost its hold on the people and Christianity triumphed over the pagan, anti-God power. It was cast down. The accuser of the brethren was cast down and the saints had the victory. Their weapons were through the "word of their testimony" and the blood of the Lamb. They were bold and did not love their lives more than they loved God. Through the power of Christ they overcame. Boys and girls, today we must use the same weapons against the devil and those who disbelieve in God. Many today are fighting Christianity. We can overcome through Christ and make heaven our home.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 2, April 12, 1970

SPIRITUAL WEAPONS USED TO OVERCOME EVIL POWERS

Acts 19:16; Acts 17:6b; Rev. 12:3. 4b,
7-11

Acts 19:16 [Demetrius relates] More over ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands:

Acts 17:6b [People crying said] These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

Rev. 12:3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, [anti-God spirit—Pagan Rome] having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

4b And the dragon stood before the woman [church]

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels

8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down which accused them before our God day and night.

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of

their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Memory Verse: And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony and loved not their lives unto the death. Rev. 12:11.

Central Thought: The preaching of Paul and the apostles was a warfare of truth against error, God against anti-God, the holy against the unholy, and paganism against Christianity.

QUESTIONS:

1. How did Paul persuade the people of his day to turn to Christianity?

2. This war was in the church heavens or in the hearts of men. (True or false.)

3. Read Jude 9 to find out who Michael is.

4. The dragon was a symbol of pagan or idol worship. (True or false.)

5. The woman was a symbol of the true church of God. (True or false.)

6. Where did the fight between the dragon or paganism and Michael and His angels take place?

7. What was the dragon called?

8. The Roman Empire ruled during the time of Paul and the people worshipped idols which caused them to be deceived. This deception was broken by Christianity. (True or false.)

9. What did the voice that was heard say?

10. Who is the "accuser of the brethren"?

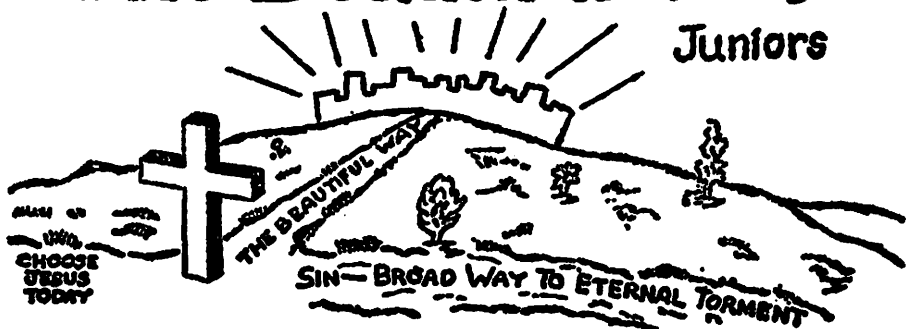
11. Does God have power over the devil and all false religions?

12. How did the saints overcome the devil who worked through the dragon power?

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The Jew and the Gentile

Before our Saviour came to earth
The Jews alone were blessed;
No other race, no other birth
The faith of God possessed.

But when the time was fully come
For Christ to take the throne,
He made it clear His gracious name
Must to the world be known.

In Him there is no Jew nor Greek,
All nations 'neath the sun
Who will His grace and mercy seek
Are brought by Him in one.

—Leslie Busbee

A Mexico Trip

The name of this small Indian village is Caltzontzin (cal-son-sen), in Michoacan State of Old Mexico. We soon found our Brother Irineo Rama and his wife. They were so glad to see us, and could hardly believe we had come. Bro. Irineo's father and mother were dressed in their native

clothing and according to their custom, bowed to kiss our hand. We had some precious experiences here in the six days we stayed. Bro. Irineo had come here two months before from La Mision. The people there are hungry for the gospel. Our brother spends much of his time visiting and telling them of salvation. Therefore he feels that he should not take a steady job as people are coming to his house at all hours of the day, wanting to hear the Word. There is opposition, also. We found that in years past preachers tried to go into this town but were run out every time. Now there are rumors that the Catholics are going to burn their house down. The brother and his family are staying in a little house with his folks until he gets his own house built, which he has started already. Oh, yes, the priest also gave us some publicity while we were there. He announced over his big loud-speaker that there were two American Protestants in town giving away old rotten clothes and bad literature and that no one should listen to what they had to say.

Praise the Lord! Sometimes before we got up in the morning we would hear Bro. Irineo outside preaching to someone who had come to hear and ask questions. We went to the shops where they make cloth on hand-powered looms. The boys there stopped their looms to listen to the gospel. Some would walk in the rain at night to hear what we had to tell them. A young man got saved a few days before we arrived, and we expect others to do so soon.

The people are hungry for the gospel. We had services one night in a sister's house with about 60 attending. She asked us to pray for her sick baby. The next day she testified to her neighbors and all that the Lord had healed her baby. Then many brought their babies to be prayed for. One was right at death's door. We prayed and the baby began to eat, but we left before we saw it completely well. A lady named Margret wanted us to pray for her hand and we told her that she should pray, also. Pray for Bro. Irineo's father who has asthma.

One family wanted to give us two of their pet pigeons and we told them we couldn't take them across the border. They came the next day with a nice salad and two roasted pigeons for us to eat. They are all so very poor. Those who work make about \$8 to \$10 a week. They have a problem in farming their land—in the dry season it is too dry and in the wet season it is too wet. They have not perfected irrigation in many places. This place is about 5,000 feet altitude, in the sub-tropics.

—James Huskey

HAPPINESS CAN'T BE BOUGHT

"Why are you so sad?" Bill asked Lillie. "If I would sell you my pet hen would that make you happy?"

"Oh, yes!" cried Lillie quickly as she brightened.

Mother was listening and she said, "Children, you can't buy happiness. I want you to remember that. Happiness is given to you by God. Happiness only comes through obedience to God's Word. Self is never satisfied, and that is the reason you have to get rid of your selfish desires and get the desires of God which He will give you when you humble yourself before Him and take His ways."

"I never thought of that before," said Bill.

"Lillie would only think she was happy and it would only last a little while. It would not be real happiness. She would soon want something else," Mother continued.

— M. Miles

How to Answer Satan

A famous preacher tells the story of a schoolboy who was brought to trust the Savior through that wonderful verse John 5:24. But when the boy got home, and was sitting on a sofa in a room by himself, Satan began to tempt him to think it was all a mistake, and that Jesus had not really saved him at all. At length the temptation became so fierce that the boy said it seemed as though the devil was actually under the sofa talking to him. For a while the young Christian did not know how to answer Satan; but then he thought of an idea. Opening his pocket Bible, he placed his finger at John 5:24, and reached it down under

the sofa, and said, "There you are, Satan, read it for yourself!" The boy said that it seemed as if at that moment the devil disappeared.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw an open book and label it the Bible. Underneath write, "The answer to every question is found in the Bible."

Dear Boys and Girls:

It was hard for the Jews in the days of Paul to turn loose the laws of Moses which Jesus came to fulfill.

Some men came down to Antioch where Paul had been preaching and wanted the Gentiles there to keep one of the laws of Moses. This was the law of circumcision. When Jesus came, this was fulfilled. These men caused so much trouble that the church gave Paul and Barnabas some money and the things necessary for their trip and sent them to Jerusalem to have the apostles and elders there settle this question. When they arrived, the council was called and they all presented their sides of the question. The sect of the Pharisees was there and they also held that the Gentiles should keep this law. But Peter arose and told them about the experience he had had. He told how he was on the housetop praying when he saw in a vision a sheet being let down from heaven with a vessel in which were all manner of four-footed animals. God told him to rise and eat but he said he was not to eat unclean animals. God then told Peter that what He had cleansed Peter was not to call unclean. After this, some men came from the house of Cornelius, who was a Gentile, and asked Peter to go down and preach to them. He went and God saved

them and gave them the Holy Spirit just as He did the Jews. They had not been keepers of the law of Moses but Peter told the council that God purified their hearts by the Holy Spirit and made no difference between them and the Jews. He did not think they should put this yoke of circumcision on the Gentiles. (See Acts 10:1-36.)

After James the brother of Jesus, had heard both sides of the question, he arose and gave the final answer to the question. He took the Old Testament and read in Amos 9:11, 12 where God had promised to bring the Gentiles to the Lord so they could seek Him. He said they should not trouble the Gentiles with this law of Moses. He said they should be taught not to commit fornication, nor eat things polluted with idols, nor to eat blood nor animals strangled.

God has a way for every question to be settled. You can find your answers in the Bible today. Learn the Scriptures so you can know what is right and what is wrong. We all want to go to heaven but we can't unless we obey the Scriptures and do the right. Regardless of what others think, God's Word is the final answer to every question. Be sure to remember this. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 3, April 19, 1970

A QUESTION ARISES IN THE CHURCH

Acts 15:5-20a

Acts 15:5 But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying That it was needful to circumcise them [Gentiles in Antioch] and to command them to keep the law of Moses.

6 And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

8 And God, which knoweth the hearts bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost even as he did unto us;

9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

10 Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

12 Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.

13 And after they had held their peace James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:

14 Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles to take out of them a people for his name.

15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

16 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who knoweth all these things.

18 Known unto God are all his works

from the beginning of the world.

19 Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God:

20a But that we write unto them.

Memory Verse: Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Matthew 18:18.

Central Thought: Those who are filled with the Holy Spirit can find a solution to every problem in the Word of God.

QUESTIONS:

1. Where did our lesson take place? (Acts 15:4)

2. What did the sect of the Pharisees think the Gentiles in the Antioch church should do?

3. Name some of the men who were at this council meeting.

4. After there had been much disputing, who arose and talked?

5. To whom did God send Peter?

6. Does God know what is in every heart of every person on the earth?

7. Did God put a difference between the Gentiles and Jews, giving the Holy Spirit to the Jews only?

8. What is the work of the Holy Spirit in the heart?

9. What did Peter call a "yoke of bondage"?

10. How will people be saved?

11. Who arose and gave the final answer to settle the question?

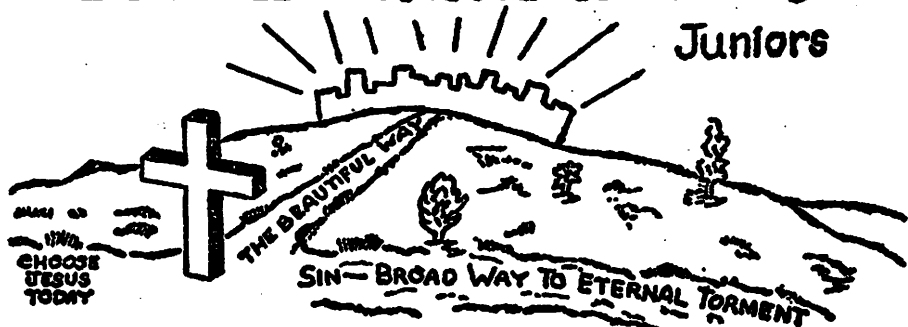
12. Did James say that the experience Peter had agree with the Bible?

13. What did James read out of the Bible that settled the question?

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A Word of Consolation

To hearts in need a letter came,
A troubled congregation;
But just to read the words aflame
Brought blessed consolation.

Thank God, that in this world of care
And growing tribulation,
'Tis ours to win, 'tis ours to share:
The Saviour's consolation.

So many sad and weary hearts
Now sit in sin's dark station;
They are made glad when Christ im-
parts
His grace and consolation.

—Leslie Busbee

A Mexico Trip

As we were leaving Caltzontzin, Michoacan, Saturday, the 23rd, we had prayer with the little group. They were wet-eyed as we told them goodbye. Down the street I stopped to see how the boy we had prayed for was. Returning to the car I was met

by two fellows telling me that the authorities were calling for us and that we should go back with them. We could have driven out of town, but we turned around and went back to see what turned out to be the holding officer and the one who acts as mayor. Bro. Leslie stayed in the car. I walked in and about 35 men followed me into the large room where there were two men at desks. Before they had a chance to talk, I told them we were just leaving and that I was glad they had called us because I had wanted to meet them and at least tell them how nice everyone in the town treated us, and that we wanted to bid them goodbye. We told them we hoped to come again sometime and that there was a possibility that I could bring some kind of help for their town because I had been investigating some of their farming and economical problems. By that time Bro. Irineo had heard about it and he came running in. Then some asked me if I had any other plans and I told them I was going to keep in contact with Irineo. They said, "Well, let him speak." Then

Irineo got right down to the issue. He said he knew there were rumors around town that they wanted to burn down his mother's house and run us out of town. He told them it was because we were teaching against sin. Then he really preached to them. He didn't say anything bad about the Catholics; but preached against sin and that Christ was the answer and salvation. Then the officers told us they had heard rumors also and they wanted us to know that they would act to protect us if anything did happen, but they couldn't assure us that anything would not happen. They said that as far as the law was concerned, they knew that there should be religious freedom. Then they told us that we could go. The old man we figured was the spy for the priest told us as I shook hands with him that it was all right for us to help the town economically, but that they could not have another religion because the people would fight and they wanted peace. I told them that we came teaching that we should love our neighbor as ourselves and those who followed Christ did not fight. So we told them all a cheery "hasta la vista."

Irineo's mother was outside looking troubled, but she seemed to be relieved when I smiled and drove off. We returned to the States without further trouble. —James Huskey

Tony's Picture

(Continued from last week's paper.)

As far back as he could remember, Tony had known neither Father, Mother, nor home. He slept where he could find a sheltered nook, and kindly women gave him scraps from

their own meals to eat. He was a wild little figure when he arrived at the age of nine or ten—Tony could not have told you his age, for he did not know. His hair was unacquainted with a brush, and stood out from his head, a matted mop; he was never really clean, for he seldom washed, and his clothes were other people's cast-offs—things which were too ragged even for the rag-and-bone men to take.

So, when the fever came and seized Tony in its grip, the blue-clad policeman who patrolled his district found him alone and delirious, tossing on some straw in a timber yard. The big man stooped, and gently picking up the little figure, carried him to the gray stone hospital which stood at the corner of Fenchurch Street, and there Tony was received by gentle hands, which had soon undressed him, and tucked him up in a neat, white bed.

Nurse Saunders stood and trembled as she listened to the fearful oaths and curses which came from the lips of the poor sick boy. Then, bit by bit, the sad story of his life of privation and loneliness met her ears, and she sighed as she stroked back the untidy mop of hair. "Poor little lad!" she murmured, as she looked down at him. Then a sudden thought struck her, and hurrying up to her room, she took a picture from the wall above her bed, and returning to Tony's ward, nailed it on the wall opposite his bed.

It was not a very beautiful picture, as pictures go. No artist would have given it a second glance, but it told a story, and told it well. It had for background, a rough stone wall. Above the wall, a leaden sky looked

drearily down on two figures seated with their backs to the wall. A weary girl had dropped there, clasping in her arms a sick boy. And, just in front of them, another Figure stood—a Figure from whom love seemed to shine forth, as He bent tenderly forward and rested His hand gently upon the head of the sick boy. His eyes, so tender, so loving, so true, caught the upturned eyes of the lad, and in the faded eyes of the little sick boy the light was beginning to come back.

(To be continued)

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a Bible. Write in it, "A letter from God."

Dear Boys and Girls:

Do you like to write letters? I am sure you enjoy receiving them. A person needs to write one to receive one.

I enjoy writing to you every Sunday. I hope my letters have helped you a little. I want you to make heaven your home. I love Jesus and I want you to love Him, also. I feel so sorry for those who do not have Jesus to help them in this life. They have troubles just like we do, but they have no one to pray to or to help them bear the problems that arise. I know that the devil might tell you to notice someone who does not live for God and yet seems to be real happy. You can't always tell by looking what goes on inside a person. There are wealthy people who have everything that money can buy but they are afraid. Of course, they try to hide that fear. We who have the Lord should trust Him and not let fear take hold of us. By God's help,

we can rest because we know we belong to Him. If we should die we are ready to go to heaven, which is a far better place than here.

Our lesson today is about a letter that was written. Last Sunday we studied about the council meeting and how they decided the question as to whether the church at Antioch should keep a certain law of Moses. Today we read the letter that they wrote to the church at Antioch telling them that those who had caused the trouble had not been sent by the church at Jerusalem. They had brought certain teachings to them that had not been taught by the Holy Ghost, nor had they been commanded to teach such. The council sent Judas and Silas back with Paul and Barnabas, who also would confirm what was in the letter.

Notice that the apostle and elders at Jerusalem commended Paul and Barnabas for they had "hazarded their lives for the name of Jesus Christ." We remember in our past lessons how they had been mistreated many times for the cause of Christ. One time Paul was stoned and dragged out of the city and left for dead, but the brethren stood around him praying, and he arose and went back into the city. They had faith in God that He would take care of them. If you want some real adventure and to see God work, be willing to get into the work of the Lord.

The saints at Antioch rejoiced when the letter was read and then Judas and Silas preached to them. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 4, April 26 1970

A LETTER TO THE ANTIOCH CHURCH

Acts 15:22-35

Acts 15:22 Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church,

to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, namely Judas surnamed Barsabas and Silas, chief men among the brethren:

23 And they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send greetings unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia:

24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment:

25 It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

26 Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

27 We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth.

28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

30 So when they were dismissed, they came to Antioch: and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle:

31 Which when they had read, they rejoiced for the consolation.

32 And Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words and confirmed them.

33 And after they had tarried there a space, they were let go in peace from the brethren unto the apostles.

34 Notwithstanding it pleased Silas to abide there still.

35 Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch teaching and preaching the word of the Lord with many others also.

Memory Verse: For many walk, of whom I have told you often and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ. Phil. 3:18.

Central Thought: Councils that meet under the direction of the Holy Spirit will bring comfort and consolation to those who are filled with the Holy Spirit.

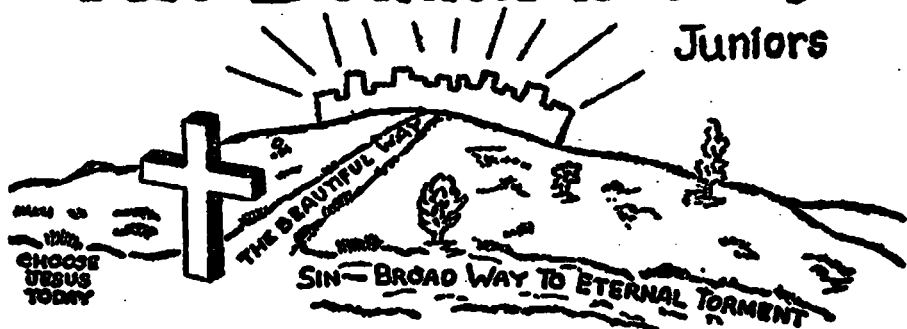
QUESTIONS:

1. What pleased the whole church and the elders and the apostles?
2. What does verse 22 say about Silas and Barsabas?
3. How did they address the letter that was written?
4. How did those who "went out from" the church at Jerusalem trouble the church at Antioch?
5. Did they get this as a commandment from the church at Jerusalem?
6. How had Paul and Barnabas "hazarded their lives" for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ?
7. What part did the Holy Ghost have in settling the question?
8. Name the four commandments they sent to the church at Antioch.
9. How did the saints at Antioch receive the letter?
10. What did Judas and Silas do there?
11. Who stayed at Antioch?

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Follow Christ

Paul, zealous for the truth of Christ
Rebuked his older brother,
And for a season sacrificed
The good will of the other.

Wrong follows wrong, men seek to be
Just like the others fashion
When Jesus says: Come follow me
And flee all sinful passion.

Christ is our pattern, measure here
His rule for life and labor:
Though men despise, be of good cheer,
Like Jesus, love your neighbor.

—Leslie Busbee

Tony's Picture

(Continued from last week's paper.)

With the careful nursing and good food Tony began to grow better slowly, and the doctor said he would pull through. One morning Nurse Saunders came, and pulling up the blind,

let the sunshine stream across Tony's bed.

"Shall I read to you?" she asked, as she saw the look of eager questioning in his eyes. But Tony shook his head; then, pointing to the picture opposite his bed, he asked: "Who is He?"

"He is the Lord Jesus Christ," was the quiet answer, as Nurse Saunders seated herself beside the bed. "Do you know about Him?"

"I know you!" replied Tony, and began to talk of other things. But the next morning he pointed to the picture again, and said: "Tell me more about Him."

How glad Nurse Saunders was to tell him! Her life had been a sad one, but since she had found the Savior, a new joy had come into her heart, and His peace had brought calm and contentment into her life. So she sat and talked about the Lord Jesus, the Savior of boys and girls and of all who put their trust in His redeeming blood. Tony lay very still, and only took his eyes off hers to gaze again and again at the picture opposite him.

At last he said: "You know Him, don't you?"

"Yes," was the reply, "thank God I do. He is my best Friend."

"And He loves boys?" was the next question, put a little anxiously.

"Yes, He loves boys."

"Rough boys like me?" again came the wistful voice.

"Yes, Tony," was the answer, "the Lord Jesus loves everybody, and He died for you! Indeed He loves you!"

But Tony had had so little love in his life it was hard for him to understand how the Savior could really love him—"such a wicked boy," he would murmur, as he lay and gazed at the picture with longing in his eyes. But at last there came a day when Nurse Saunders asked him: "Tony, would you like to have the Lord Jesus for your Savior?"

And Tony nodded his head, with a glad light in his eyes. "Yes," he said, "Tell me how I can make Him my Savior, too."

Nurse Saunders was only too glad to do this and Tony gave his heart to Jesus.

Day by day Tony grew better and stronger, and finally there came a day when he had to leave the hospital, but when he did so, he took with him a Bible next his heart, and the Savior in his heart. And he went to a place where loving hands cared for him, and fed him, until he was old enough to earn for himself.

As the years rolled on Nurse Saunders often thought of Tony, but hers was a busy life, and since he had grown old enough to earn for himself, the boy she had nursed back to life had gone into the country, and she had lost sight of him. Then one day, she was taken ill. The doctors

shook their heads—she had worked far too hard, and she had no reserve strength. As the days slipped by, it became all too clear that the sweet-faced nurse would never leave her bed again to minister to the needs of others.

Many came to see her: old men and women she had nursed in the big hospital, children who loved her because her love had stood between them and death. The white-capped nurses and hard-working doctors all found time to spend with her, for they loved her well, and through her witness many of them had been blessed.

Then one day a young minister was brought into the ward next the one in which Nurse Saunders lay. They asked him to come in and see her and he readily consented. He stood beside the bed and looked down at the calm, sweet face, then his eyes fell on a picture which was nailed on the wall opposite her bed. With a glad cry he threw himself on his knees beside the patient, and taking her hand in his, kissed it reverently, as he murmured: "Thank God I have found you again!"

"Who are you?" she asked, wonderingly, as she looked at his handsome and well-built body.

"I am the boy to whom you told the story of that picture," he replied, pointing to the wall opposite her bed. "My work is with the poor, and I love to tell them of Him who loved me, and gave Himself for me. You told me of His love—you lifted me out of darkness, and showed me His marvelous light, and now I live to lift others, and bring the joy of His salvation to them."

"Thank God—oh, thank God!" murmured Nurse Saunders, a happy light

making her face radiant. "This is great joy!" And closing her eyes, she fell asleep, her hand clasped in Tony's.

—Sel.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a narrow road leading upward, and a broad road leading downward. Put the word "Destruction" at the end of the broad road and the word, "Life," at the end of the narrow way. Write "many" in the broad way and "few" in the narrow way. Underneath write, "Choose which way you will go." Matt. 7:13, 14.

The road to success begins right where you are now.

Dear Boys and Girls:

How do you boys feel when you walk into a room where all the boys are smoking? How do you girls feel when you come into a room where all the girls have on mini-skirts and are dressed in a worldly fashion? I am sure you feel keenly that you are different because you would not think of smoking, and you girls would not want to be immodest nor displease the Lord by disobeying His Word when He has told us to cover our bodies. This might be a time when the devil will come hard against you and try to make you feel embarrassed or ashamed that you are different. As soon as a feeling like that comes to you, resist it and in your heart pray for the Lord to help you, and then be real thankful that you are different. Let pity come into your heart for those dear ones who are disobeying God's Word. You know that unless they change they will not make heaven their home.

The Bible is a great book. It brings out the failures of man as well as his courage and boldness. Peter had been eating with the Gentiles, but when some came from Jerusalem who were Jews and were very strict in keeping the law of Moses, he withdrew himself and would not eat with the Gentiles. Not only did he do this, but he also caused Barnabas to do the same. He had got in the crowd and was swayed by them. This was wrong and after Paul rebuked him openly, we are sure he repented of it, although we do not have it all recorded. It says he had some fear of those who had come, probably of what they might say about him or think of him. Perhaps the devil tried to tell him that it was using wisdom not to eat with the Gentiles while they were there, but how do you suppose the Gentiles felt? God had taught Peter as recorded in Acts 10th chapter that He was no respecter of persons. Under the old law of Moses the Jews were commanded not to marry nor have any dealings with the Gentiles because they worshipped idols, but now since Jesus had come, God sent Paul to teach the Gentiles to turn to God and give up their idols. There is power in salvation to help them do this. But it was hard for the change to take place since for so many hundreds of years they had thought this way. Paul told Peter he was building again the things he had once destroyed. He needed to die out to what others thought about him and be willing to stand for right regardless of how many thought him to be strange, odd, or different. Boys and girls, you must be brave like Paul. He didn't care what those who had come thought of him even though he was a Jew just like Peter was. It takes God to help us to stand for what is right.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 5, May 3, 1970

DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

Galatians 2:11-21

Gal. 2:11 But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.

12 For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself fearing them which were of the circumcision.

13 And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation.

14 But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of the Gentiles, and not as do the Jews why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?

15 We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles.

16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by the faith of Jesus Christ even we have believed in Jesus Christ that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

17 But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid.

18 For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.

19 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.

20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

Memory Verse: For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. Galatians 2:19.

Central Thought: We need to be watchful and careful, and to beware of the manifold temptations that will beset all of us as long as we are living in this world.

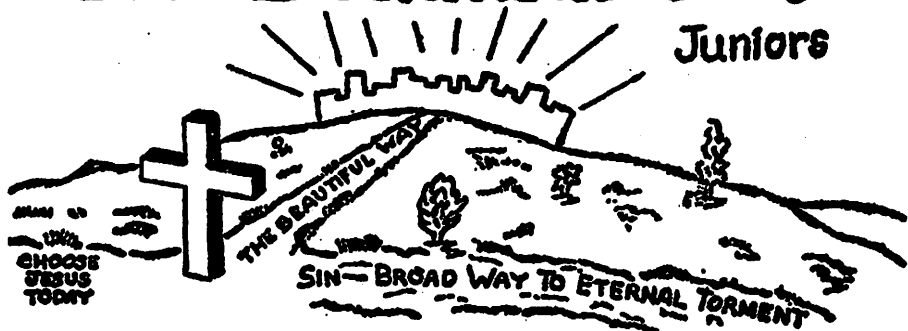
QUESTIONS:

1. What place did Peter go to?
2. Why did Paul withstand him "to the face"?
3. Who else was influenced by what Peter did?
4. What did Paul say to Peter before all the people?
5. Why does God have to help us to be willing to be different from others?
6. Will the biggest crowd of people go to heaven? Why not?
7. Are we accepted before God by our works?
8. If God makes you know you should not do something and then you do it, what are you doing? Read verse 18.
9. How can a person die to self and yet live in this world?
10. Who loved us and gave Himself for us?
11. For whom was Christ's death in vain?

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May 10

Mother's Day

Today I think of Mother—
What does she mean to me?
Do I take her for granted,
Unthankful, vain to be?

Count up her many favors
Bestowed from day to day;
She wants me to be happy
And walk the better way.

Oh, Mother dear, I love you,
And how I want to be
A better child and make you
All thankful, glad for me!

—Leslie Busbee

Jerry and Lucy told Mother a lie. At first they giggled because Mother believed it. Then later Jerry told Lucy that he wished he had not told Mother that lie. Lucy agreed with him. They both felt so sad and they couldn't play very well. Jerry went to mother and Lucy followed. They both cried and asked Mother to forgive them. They felt happy then after Mother prayed for them.

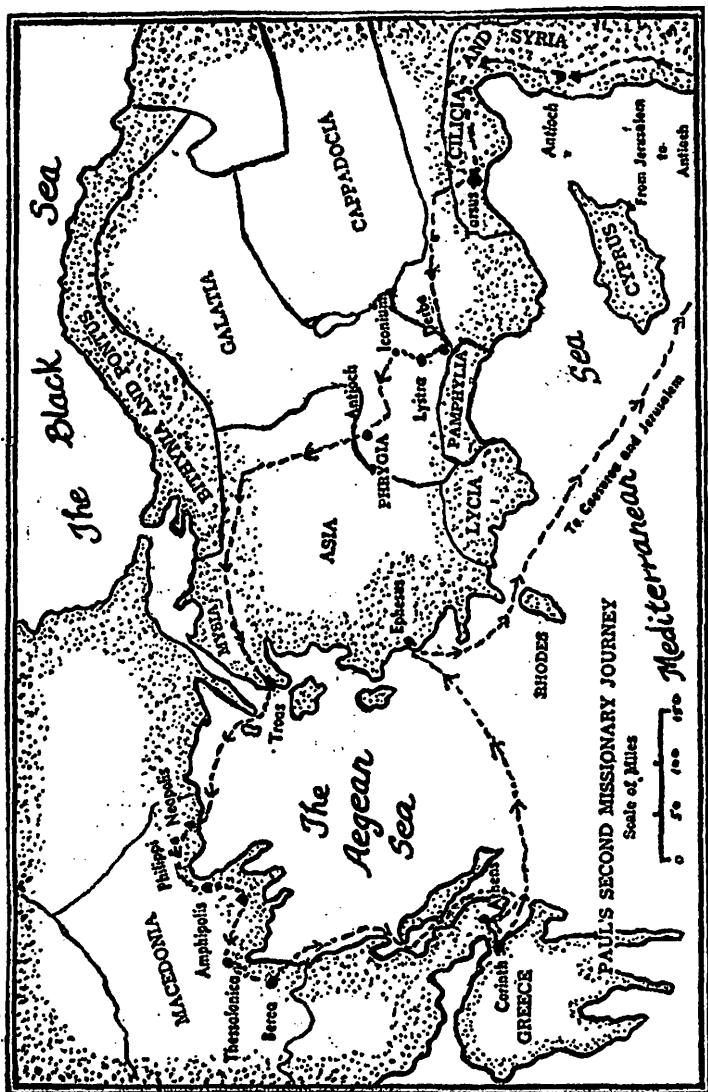
The Bible Is True

"What makes you look so sad?" asked Daddy as he watched James who was sitting on the divan looking out the window.

"Mrs. Smith said the Bible was just a lot of stories that are not true," James blurted out.

"Well, son, many people do not believe the Bible, but that does not change it any," Daddy commented. "Many people would not accept Jesus when He was here on the earth, but that did not make Him any less the Son of God. He died on the cross and arose again and many told that it was not true, that His body had been stolen by His disciples, but He appeared to over 500 people. (1 Cor. 15:6.) That is a lot of witnesses. We know the Bible is true because when we obey it, it works just like it says it will."

"I believe it is true, too," James said brightly. Mrs. Smith doesn't believe it because she doesn't want to obey it."



GOD SENDS APPLES

Little children often agree in prayer when they have been taught the ways of the Lord. Not long ago in a children's home we knew of three little girls, about five or six years of age, who came and asked the matron of the home for an apple. They were told that the apples were all gone, and they would have to go and ask the Lord for some apples. The three little girls went off alone and got down in earnest prayer before the Lord and asked him to send apples, so they could have some to eat. In less than an hour from that time some one came to the home and brought a whole bushel of apples, and the little girls were very happy. Not only did they rejoice because of the apples, but because the Lord had heard and answered their prayers.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

I do hope you have remembered your mother in a special way at this time. Perhaps you do not have much money to buy something with but just a card or note you made yourself expressing your love and appreciation would be a comfort and bring joy to your mother. She has done so many things for you. One time you were a little tiny helpless baby. You could not walk, nor talk, nor even feed yourself. You would have died if someone had not taken care of you. Mother loved to do it, and many times when she was tired and you would cry in the night she would get up and see about you. She was never so sick that she could not think of you and your needs. Now you are big and strong. Mother needs your help. Her duties are many—more than you know. She is not as young as she used to be. Your

help means much to her. Don't forget to be kind to your mother. Remember when she punishes you, it is for your own good. She does not want you to grow up and get into trouble, so she guides you in the right way. Punishing you helps you to remember to be good.

Our lesson today is about Paul talking to Barnabas about going on another missionary trip. In our lesson we see that they each have a different idea about who should go with them. Barnabas wanted to take his young cousin, John Mark. Remember that it was at John Marks' mother's house where the church prayed and Peter was brought out of jail by an angel and he went to this home first. Then later we read about John Mark leaving Paul and Barnabas at Perga. This might have been the reason Paul did not want to take him. He may have felt that he was not strong enough to stand the hardships of a missionary trip. Missionaries have to face hard things sometimes. Remember how Paul was stoned one time? But Barnabas loved his young cousin and had great sympathy for him. This sympathy was not shared by Paul and he refused to take him so they just agreed to disagree. We do not think they were angry with each other but as a result of this disagreement, there were two groups who went on a missionary trip. Paul took Silas and went one way and Barnabas took John Mark and went another. Later however, we read about John Mark being with Paul and of his love for him so we know that neither John Mark nor Paul held any grudge against the other.

Paul felt it wise for Timothy, who was part Jewish, to be circumcised to keep from having some problems. Paul took Timothy with him and Silas on their second missionary journey. Paul loved Timothy as a son.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 6, May 10, 1970

BEARING AND FOREBEARING (Paul's Second Missionary Trip)

Acts 15:36-41; 16:1-5

Acts 15:36 And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.

37 And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark.

38 But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work.

39 And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark and sailed unto Cyprus.

40 And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God.

41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches.

Acts 16:1 Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and, behold, a certain disciple was there named Timotheus the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess and believed; but his father was a Greek:

2 Which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium.

3 Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek.

4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees

for to keep that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.

5 And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

Memory Verse: For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. 1 Cor. 9:19.

Central Thought: We must realize that we do not have all knowledge, but the Bible tells us that we will "grow in knowledge." Experience brings knowledge and understanding in the Christian race.

QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Paul want to go?
2. Whom did Barnabas want to take with them?
3. Why did Paul not want to take this man?
4. Explain how you think Barnabas and Paul both felt about this.
5. Can two people have different opinions about a question and yet not become angry with each other?
6. Where did Barnabas and Mark go?
7. Whom did Paul choose to go with him? Where did they go?
8. Whom did Paul meet in Lystra?
9. What two books in our New Testament are named after this man?
10. Paul had Timothy circumcised because he was half-Jew and he felt it would save them some unnecessary trouble ahead. (True or false.)
11. What did Paul, Silas, and Timothy do as they went through the cities?

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May 17

Be Guided

The airplane flying through the air,
The ship far out at sea,
The car that travels here and there
Must truly guided be.

And every person, young or old,
Who journeys through this life
Needs God to guide them and enfold
Their feet from ways of strife.

The guided ship will reach its port,
The plane its landing field,
The guided soul in Heaven's court
Will find his sorrows healed.

—Leslie Busbee

A Chinese Girl's Prayer

An incident is related by Mrs. Howard Taylor concerning a little Chinese girl whose Mohammedan grandfather was in the habit of beating her for praying in the name of Jesus. The time was one of distress and danger on account of the bandits, and the grandfather had suffered not

a little from one company who had taken up their abode in his premises. So, great was his alarm one day, when walking on the city wall, he espied the same robbers in uniform returning.

Searching in vain for some hope of aid, the grandfather suddenly thought him of the little girl. Why, of course, did she not pray? Hastening home he found her, shook her roughly to awaken her to the seriousness of the situation, and cried—"If ever you prayed in your life, pray now. Those soldiers are coming back. I have seen them from the city wall; they will soon be here. You say God answers prayer. Go into that room and pray. Pray that they may not come to our house."

Suiting the action to the word, he pushed the child into an empty room and closed the door. All alone, the little girl, who was about eight years old, knelt down. Was she frightened, tearful, uncertain? Her mother who was in an inner room, heard her as she poured out her heart to the Lord. "Heavenly Father," she said, "I am

so happy, so thankful because my grandfather has told me to pray. Always before, he beat me or kicked me if I prayed, and was so angry, but now he has told me to pray. Heavenly Father, now's your chance; please show my grandfather that You do answer prayer. Please don't let them come to our house." And her prayer was in the name of the Lord Jesus.

The soldiers entered the city, and came tramping down the very street. The door of the grandfather's house was standing open, for he knew that it would be of no use to shut it. The officer in front of the band drew up and turned his horse's head to go. That was the place he was making for, and the little girl was praying inside—"Don't let them come to our house Heavenly Father. Now's Your chance, please show my grandfather that You answer prayer."

Was that little girl heard and answered? Ah, yes, something happened; perhaps the last thing one would have thought of. Most unaccountably, the horse would not go in. No, it backed and kicked, it shied this way, and that way, and nothing would make it go in. The officer beat it, and dug his spurs into it, but all to no purpose, until at length the superstitious fears that are never far away in China, overcame him, and he turned to his men and said—"Why, this courtyard is full of demons. We cannot see them, but the horse can. Not one of you go in there." And he turned his horse and led his men to another part of town.

What the horse saw or feared we do not know, but we do know what Balaam's ass saw long ago when it turned aside in the way. And we

know it would be just as easy for the Lord to send His angel with a drawn sword now as it was then.

We know also from a missionary in that city that the grandfather came round to the "Mission House" the next day, and when they met, tears were in the eyes of the proud Mohammedan. "To think," he said, "that all the while that little granddaughter of mine was right, and I was wrong. Teach me about the God who answers prayer like that. Teach me to pray."

—Selected

True Blue

"With malice toward none, and with charity for all, let us strive to do the right, as God shall give us to see the right."

So said a man that was True Blue. To him, to be right was of more concern than it was to be President of the United States. Position and policy played no part with this hero. He was President of the United States when he said it; people were criticizing him in a cruel fashion; his enemies were lying about him; some of his trusted friends were deserting him; the newspapers ridiculed him; but he was True Blue; he never wavered from his convictions of right. He would rather die than lie, he refused to play the coward when it seemed so much cheaper to be cowardly than courageous. In one of the darkest hours of American history he said to the American people when it almost seemed as if the cause of slavery would win against freedom: "Let us hold fast the faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us dare to do our duty to the end as we understand it." Loyalty to duty made

him True Blue. This man of True Blue was Abraham Lincoln. He was not only True Blue himself; he helped others to be True Blue, too.

(To be continued)

Learn to control yourself. Look at fear with calmness by looking at it through Christ's power which is yours. Control your mind and desires and temper.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Follow the route Paul took on your map.

Dear Boys and Girls:

It is a wonderful thing to know what God wants you to do and then do it. I have known juniors who wanted to take some flowers to someone, or share their treat with someone, and this brought sunshine to someone's lonely heart. Some have been impressed to give a tract or write a letter to someone and it proved a great blessing. Others have spoken to someone about getting saved or living a good life and it helped that one to change. Boys and girls this is knowing the will of the Lord and being led by the Holy Spirit. You are not too young to be led by the Spirit of God. It will bring a blessing to you that you cannot get any other way.

We notice that Paul and his workers wanted to go one way but the Spirit forbade them and then Paul had a vision of a man calling for them to come over to Macedonia to help them know about God. Notice how they knew what to do. They put everything together and then we read "assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us," they went. They

knew which way the Lord had called them to go. God wanted Apollos to go to Asia first before Paul and several years later Paul did some of his greatest work there for God.

Look at your map and trace their trip. They sailed to Philippi. This was the first time Paul was to preach in Europe. This town was a big Roman town. There they found some women who had met on the river bank to worship God. No doubt the people of that town were very much against the true God. They worshipped idols and were very superstitious. These women must have been very glad to hear about Christ when these four missionaries appeared at their service. It must have been new to them. Lydia wanted to measure up right away. She was baptized and her household who believed. She insisted on the missionaries coming to her house as she wanted to know more about Jesus. What if you had never heard about Jesus? Wouldn't it bring great joy to you to know all about Him? You would be eager to learn all you could.

The girl in the lesson was possessed with the devil. The devil knows who Jesus Christ is and he knows those who serve him. The devil through this girl who did not even know about God, cried out who they were. The Apostle Paul rebuked the devil in the name of Jesus and the girl was delivered. God has power over the devil. It pays to live for God and have Him help us in times of need. We need to have the Holy Spirit in our lives to lead us and give us power over the devil. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 7, May 17, 1970

THE KEY TO DIVINE LEADERSHIP

Acts 16:6-18

Acts 16:6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of

Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.

8 And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel unto them.

11 Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis;

12 And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days.

13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and abide there. And she constrained us.

16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us which

brought her masters much gain by sooth-saying:

17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

Memory Verse: Wherefore be ye not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is. Eph. 5:17.

Central Thought: It is a comfort in times of trial to have an assurance that you are doing the will of God.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who forbade the missionaries to preach the gospel in Asia?

2. Where were they when the Spirit forbade them to go to Bithynia?

3. Where did Paul have the vision?

4. What was the vision Paul had?

5. Where were they to go?

6. What is the chief city of that part of Macedonia?

7. Where did they go on the Sabbath?

8. What was taking place on the river bank?

9. What was Lydia's occupation?

10. Did she believe in God?

11. Who opened her heart?

12. What did she do after she was baptized?

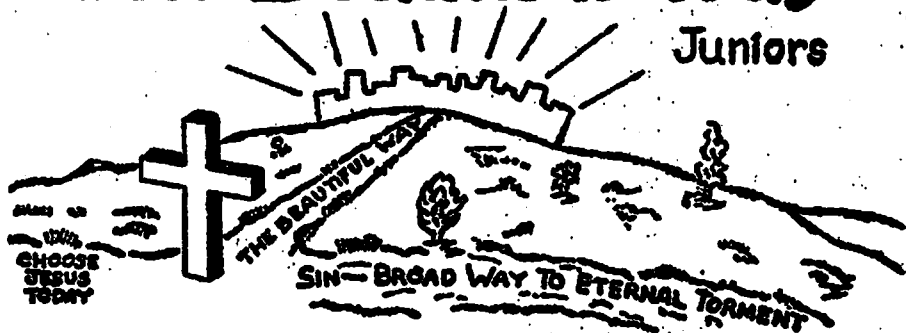
13. What was wrong with the damsel they met?

14. Does the devil know God? Why do you think so?

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May 24

A Song of Courage

At midnight Paul and Silas prayed
And sang the praises of the Lord;
Their hearts and minds were on Him
stayed,
He did the victory afford.

No need to grumble and complain
In times of trouble and distress;
It will not ease the grief or pain
Nor make our woes amount to less.

Just lift our hearts to God in prayer,
Believe that He is standing by;
He's promised all our griefs to bear,
No matter if we live or die.

—Leslie Busbee

True Blue

(Continued from last week's paper.)

Bennie Owen was a farmer boy in the state of Vermont. When Abraham Lincoln sent out a call for volunteer soldiers to help put down the rebellion, called the Civil War, Bennie Owen begged permission of his

father to enlist. After much pleading Farmer Owen gave his consent, and Bennie went to war. With him went Jemmie Carr, a neighbor's son; and these two homes were always filled with anxiety, fearing some evil tidings might come that one or both of these boys had been killed in battle

One morning a telegram was received by Farmer Owen, and this is how it read: "Private Benjamin Owen, — Regiment, Vermont Volunteers, was found asleep at his post while on picket duty last night. The court-martial has sentenced him to be shot in twenty-four hours, as the offense occurred at a critical time."

Mr. Allen, the village minister, had heard of the sad news, and hurried to the home of the Owen family to give them counsel and comfort.

"I thought, Mr. Allen, when I gave up Bennie to his country, that not a father in all this broad land made so precious a gift—no, not one. The dear boy only slept a minute, just one little minute, at his post; I know that was all, for Bennie never dozed over a duty. How prompt and reliable

he was! I know he only fell asleep one little second; he was so young, and not strong, that boy of mine! Why, he was as tall as I, and only eighteen! and now they shoot him because he was found asleep when doing sentinel duty. Twenty-four hours, the telegram said—only twenty-four hours! Where is Bennie now?"

"We will hope with his heavenly Father," said Mr. Allen, soothingly.

"Yes, yes; let us hope; God is merciful."

Blossom sat near them listening with blanched cheek. She had not shed a tear. Her anxiety had been so concealed that no one had noticed it. She had occupied herself mechanically with the household cares. Now she answered a gentle tap at the kitchen door, opening it to receive from a neighbor's hand a letter. "It is from him," was all she said.

It was like a message from the dead! Mr. Owen took the letter, but could not break the envelope on account of his trembling fingers, and held it toward Mr. Allen, with the helplessness of a child. The minister opened it, and read as follows:

"Dear Father:—When this reaches you I shall be in eternity. At first, it seemed awful to me, but I have thought about it so much now that it has no terror. They say they will not blind me, nor blind me; but that I may meet my death like a man. I thought, Father, it might have been on the battlefield, for my country, and that, when I fell, it would be fighting gloriously; but to be shot down like a dog for nearly betraying it—to die for neglect of duty! Oh! Father, I wonder the very thought does not kill me! But I shall not disgrace you. I am going to write you

all about it, and when I am gone, you may tell my comrades. I cannot now.

"You know I promised Jemmie Carr's mother I would look after her boy, and when he fell sick, I did all I could for him. He was not strong when he was ordered back into the ranks, and the day before that night I carried all his luggage, besides my own, on our march. Toward night we went in on the double-quick, and though the luggage began to be very heavy everybody else was tired, too; and as for Jemmie, if I had not lent him an arm now and then he would have dropped by the way. I was all tired out when we went into camp, and then it was Jemmie's turn to be sentry, and I would take his place; but I was too tired, Father. I could not have kept awake if a gun had been pointed at my head; but I did not know it until—well, until it was too late."

"God be thanked!" interrupted Mr. Owen, reverently. "I knew Bennie was not the boy to sleep carelessly at his post."

"They tell me today that I have a short reprieve given to me by circumstances—'time to write to you,' our good colonel says. Forgive me, Father, he only does his duty; he would gladly save me if he could; and do not lay my death up against Jemmie. The poor boy is broken-hearted, and does nothing but beg and entreat them to let him die in my stead.

(To be continued)

Strive to do your best at the very smallest job and then when greater jobs come, you will have yourself trained to do a job well. This will mean success for you.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a locked gate. From behind the gate draw crooked lines going up and write on them the words, "Prayers, songs, joy, faith." Then draw another gate that is open. Write under it, "God opened the gate."

Dear Boys and Girls:

We studied about the big dragon that stood ready to devour the man-child of the woman. The man-child were the new converts to Christianity and the woman was the church. We also studied about Michael, the archangel, and His angels which represented the ministers fighting against the big dragon. The dragon was a symbol of Pagan Rome. The people under the Roman rule worshipped idols. They even had laws forbidding anyone to worship other gods or bring in other religions. Paul and Silas were ministers of God and they were fighting against this pagan religion by telling the people about Jesus and His salvation. They did not use weapons but they just preached the Bible which is God's Word. The people fought against them. The men who were the masters of the girl who had been delivered of a fortune-telling devil, brought Paul and Silas into the market place so they could stir up a riot. The multitudes rose up against Paul and Silas and commanded that they be beaten and put in the inner prison in stocks. Stocks were two pieces of wood with holes in them for the legs to be fastened in. The holes were far apart, which caused great pain. We feel sorry for Paul and Silas and I am sure the devil told them to feel sorry for themselves, but they did not listen to the devil, did they? They did not go by their feelings and emotions. They prayed

to God and sang songs of praise so loudly that they could not hear the devil talking to them. They drowned out any shame that the devil might have tried to bring to them. By doing this the other prisoners heard them and the gospel was preached in song. But the main thing was that their praises touched God on His throne. He brought forth a mighty deliverance to them. It surely pays to have God on your side. God can perform miracles. Man has to stand back when God speaks. Jails and locked doors can't stop God. Doors have to open and locks unlock. Stocks will fly apart and things move when God shakes the earth.

Now, a jailer was to be punished with the same penalty that the prisoner had if he let any get away. No wonder the jailer wanted to kill himself. But when he knew all the prisoners were safe, he wanted to get saved. He wanted what Paul and Silas had. He wanted to know the true God. How wonderful! He was saved and all in his house, and they were baptized. He took them to his house and washed their stripes and gave them food. They all rejoiced together. It pays to belong to God. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 8, May 24, 1970

SUFFERING FOR CHRIST'S SAKE

Acts 16:19-34

Acts 16:19 And when her [the damsel who was delivered] masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the market-place unto the rulers.

20 And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city,

21 And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans.

22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them.

23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them they cast them into prison charging the jailor to keep them safely:

24 Who having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep and seeing the prison doors open he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling and fell down before Paul and Silas,

30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized he and all his, straightway.

34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced believing in God with all his house.

Memory Verse: Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. 1 Peter 4:16.

Central Thought: God can only use that person who is empty of self and fully dedicated to God and His cause.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who caught Paul and Silas?
2. Why did they take them into the market-place to the rulers?
3. How did they trouble their city and laws?
4. What did the dragon of whom we studied represent?
5. What was the dragon wanting to devour? How did the ministers fight against this power?
6. What did the magistrates command to be done to Paul and Silas?
7. Where were they put?
8. What did Paul and Silas do at midnight? Did they feel sorry for themselves?
9. What did God do for them?
10. Why did the jailer want to kill himself?
11. What question did the jailer ask?
12. What was the answer, and did he follow it?
13. How did he treat Paul and Silas after he was saved?

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True Blue

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"I can't bear to think of Mother and Blossom. Comfort them, Father! Tell them I die as a brave boy should, and that, when the war is over, they will not be ashamed of me, as they must be now. God help me; it is very hard to bear. Good-bye, Father! God seems near and dear to me; not at all as if He wished me to perish forever, but as if He felt sorry for His poor, sinful, brokenhearted child, and would take me to be with Him and my Saviour in a better—better life."

A deep sigh burst from Mr. Owen's heart. "Amen," he said solemnly, "Amen."

"Tonight in the early twilight I shall see the cows all coming home from pasture and precious little Blossom standing on the back stoop, waiting for me, but I shall never, never come! God bless you all! Forgive your poor Bennie."

Late that night the door of the "back stoop" opened softly and a lit-

tle figure glided out and down the footpath that led to the road by the mill. She seemed rather flying than walking, turning her head neither to the right nor to the left, looking only now and then to heaven, and folding her hands, as if in prayer. Two hours later the same young girl stood at the Mill Depot watching the coming of the night train; and the conductor, as he reached down to lift her into the car, wondered at the tear-stained face that was upturned toward the dim lantern he held in his hand. A few questions and ready answers told him all; and no father could have cared more tenderly for his only child than he for our little Blossom.

(To be continued)

NOTE TO TEACHERS

Our lesson next Sunday will be about "Searching the Scriptures" concerning the prophecy of Jesus in the Old Testament. Below is a list of Scriptures that may be given out to the pupils to study and bring to class to discuss. Each pupil could take several Scriptures and have

them ready for references of discussion. Notice in the beginning the Scriptures are not so clear, but as time draws nearer for the coming of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, the story becomes more specific and definite. By the end of the Old Testament, most of the entire story of Christ had been written in types, symbols, etc.

1. Gen. 3:15—Jesus to be born of woman without agency of man, virgin birth of Christ who bruised serpent's (Satan's) head.

2. Gen. 4:3-5—The blood offerings as a type of Christ's shed blood.

3. Gen. 12:3; Gen. 49:10, 11—Shiloh (Christ); Blood of grapes, (crucifixion).

4. Exodus 12—Passover instituted. Christ died on the cross at the Passover feast.

5. Lev. 16—Day of atonement. Scapegoat—atonement death of the coming Christ.

6. Num. 21:6-9—Fiery Serpent; John 3:14.

7. Num. 24:17-19—The Star.

8. Deut. 18:15-19—A prophet like unto Moses.

9. 2 Sam. 7:16—David's family should reign forever through Christ. (Matt. 1:17).

10. Job 19:25-27.

11. Psalm 2:6, 11, 12.

12. Psalm 16:10.

13. Psalm 22:1, 16, 18 (written 1000 years before it happened).

14. Psalm 41:9 (Judas John 13:18-27).

15. Psalm 69:21—Matt. 27:34, 48.

16. Psalm 78:2.

17. Psalm 118:22—Matt. 21:42-44.

18. Isaiah 7:13-14.

19. Isaiah 9:1, 2, 6, 7.

20. Isaiah 11:1-10—Predicts the change in hearts of the redeemed.

21. Isa. 25:6-9; 26:1-19—Resurrection.

22. Isa. 35:5, 6.

23. Isaiah 35:8-10.

24. Isa. 40:5, 10, 11—Messiah's tenderness.

25. Isa. 42:1-11—Gentiles.

26. Isa. 53.

27. Dan. 2:44. In 600 years from Daniel to Christ the predicted empires ruled. Jesus was born under Roman rule.

28. Dan. 9:24-27—Exact date of His coming and after three and a half years of public ministry would be cut off in atonement for sin. Daniel predicted this about 600 years before it came to pass. (There is no book like the Bible.)

29. Micah 5:2-5—Birthplace.

30. Malachi (last prophet) 3:1; 4:5. 4:5 foretold of John the Baptist. Matt. 11:7-14.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw two paths. On one path put a toothpick boy or girl. Draw a circle at the end of a line from his mouth. In the circle write hate, lies, grumbling, stealing, etc. Draw another path and put a toothpick boy or girl on it. Draw a circle at the end of a line from his mouth. Write in the circle salvation, kindness, truthfulness, peace, love, etc. underneath write, "Which one is walking worthy of God's love and heaven?"

Dear Boys and Girls:

We have many examples of different lives that people live. There are those who are close to you whom you watch. They have an influence upon your life. They might be older or they might be your own age. It is important that you see the good in all those around you whom you meet in life. If you will watch for this, it will be a help to you. Some boys and girls also men and women, live careless, evil lives. They don't seem to care if they tell the truth or

not. They don't regard God's laws. Then there are those who love God with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength. They are willing to obey the Bible regardless of what others may think, even if they make fun of them, speak evil of them, or just plain ignore them. Now, these are the ones you need to use as examples. They are walking worthy of God and God will stand by them and take them to heaven in the end.

Our lesson tells us that Paul and Silas, and Timothy and Luke walked worthy of God's love and care. Only through Christ were they saved and able to be worthy of heaven. They went to Thessalonica and preached about Jesus. They had just left Philippi where they had been beaten and put in prison, but that did not stop them. They loved God and the souls of people more than their own lives. They were walking through life in such a way that they proved they were worthy of God's love and of heaven in the end.

A riot was stirred up against them. Remember these were heathen people who did not love God. They worshipped idols. It is just the last few years that we have been having riots in our country. Our country has lost its love for God and is going back to heathenism as it was in the days of Paul. Remember our lesson of the big dragon that fought against the woman (church) and the ministers? That symbolized Pagan Rome and the struggle we see here in our lesson of paganism against Christianity. Our lesson tells us how the people cried out in the riot that Paul and the missionaries were turning the world upside down with their preaching about Jesus. So you can see the power of the gospel breaking down the idol and anti-God worship of paganism. The power of the dragon was being weakened by the

power of the gospel as taught by the missionaries. God helped them and they were set free from the rulers and the people who did not want to accept Jesus and the teachings of the missionaries.

The last part of our lesson is a letter written to the church at Thessalonica at a later time by Paul. He reminds them of his suffering and how he taught them the truth. He told them he loved them as a father loved his children. He wanted them to walk worthy of God. On the merits of the shed blood of Jesus and by our loving and serving Him can we be worthy of His love and an entrance into heaven.

—Aunt Marie

Attention Teachers: Be sure to read "Note to Teachers" in this paper.

Lesson 9, May 31, 1970

WALKING WORTHY OF GOD

Acts 16:40; Acts 17:1-10a;

1 Thess. 2:2, 11-13

Acts 16:40 And they went out of the prison and entered into the house of Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

Acts 17:1 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica where was a synagogue of the Jews:

2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

4 And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.

5 But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them cer-

tain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

6 And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

7 Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar saying, that there is another king, one Jesus.

8 And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.

9 And when they had taken security of Jason, and of the other, they let them go.

10a And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night.

1 Thess. 2:2 (Paul's letter to the Thessalonian church) But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention.

11 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children,

12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

Memory Verse: That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God. Col. 1:10.

Central Thought: Paul proved that he was worthy of heaven on the merits of the shed blood of Jesus and being willing to suffer for Christ's sake.

QUESTIONS:

1. Tell, according to the map, where Paul went after he left Philippi.

2. What did he do first in Thessalonica?

3. Why did Paul say it was needful that Jesus suffer and rise again from the dead.

4. "Jesus, ——— I ——— unto you, is ———."

5. How many believed that Jesus was the Christ?

6. What did those who believed not do?

7. Why did the mob cry to the rulers?

8. The angry mob fighting against Christianity indicates to us what period of time in the history of the church was taking place?

9. What was happening to Pagan Rome, or the dragon?

10. What did the rulers do with the missionaries? Who paid for their release?

11. Our lesson in Thessalonians is a ——— from P—— to the Thessalonians.

12. What was Paul referring to when he spoke of being "shamefully entreated" at Philippi?

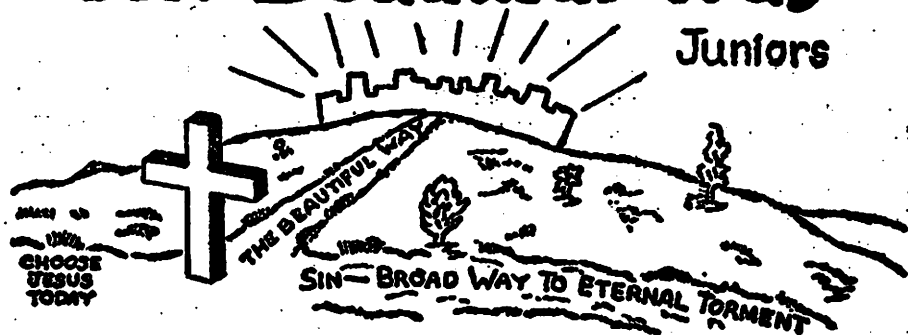
13. What attitude did Paul display?

14. Paul said they should walk ——— of ———."

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Part Ten

June 7

Search the Scriptures

Search the Scriptures, read the Bible,

If ye will life's pathway know,
Like the ones who had revival
Sought to see if it was so.

Don't just take the word of others,
Read and study for yourself;
Be not dull and lifeless brothers,
Take the Bible from the shelf.

Shining on its precious pages
Is a message grand for you.
Like the one down through the ages
Guided others straight and true.

—Leslie Busbee

True Blue

(Continued from last week's paper.)

Blossom was going to Washington to ask Pres. Lincoln for her brother's life. She had stolen away, leaving only a note to tell where and why she had gone. She had brought Bennie's letter with her; no good, kind heart,

like the President's could refuse to be melted by it. The next morning they reached New York and the conductor hurried her on to Washington. Every minute now might be the means of saving her brother's life. And so, in an incredibly short time, Blossom reached the Capital and hastened immediately to the White House.

The President had just seated himself to his morning's task of overlooking and signing important papers, when, without one word of announcement, the door softly opened and Blossom, with downcast eyes and folded hands, stood before him.

"Well, my child," he said, in his pleasant, cheerful tones, "what do you want, so bright and early in the morning?"

"Bennie's life, please, Sir," faltered Blossom.

"Bennie? Who is Bennie?"

"My brother, Sir. They are going to shoot him for sleeping at his post."

"Oh, yes;" and Mr. Lincoln ran his eye over the papers before him, "I remember. It was a fatal sleep.

You see, child, it was at a time of special danger. Thousands of lives might have been lost for his culpable negligence."

"So my father said," replied Blossom, gravely, "but poor Bennie was so tired, Sir, and Jemmie so weak. He did the work of two, Sir, and it was Jemmie's night, not his; but Jemmie was too tired, and Bennie never thought about himself, that he was tired, too."

"What is this you say, child? Come here, I do not understand," and the kind man caught eagerly, as ever, at what seemed to be a justification of an offense.

Blossom went to him; he put his hand tenderly on her shoulder, and turned up her pale, anxious face toward his. How tall he seemed! and he was President of the United States, too. A dim thought of this passed for a moment through Blossom's mind; but she told her simple and straightforward story and handed Mr. Lincoln Bennie's letter to read.

He read it carefully; then, taking up his pen, wrote a few hasty lines and rang his bell.

Blossom heard this order given: "Send this dispatch at once."

The President then turned to the girl and said, "Go home, my child, and tell that father of yours, who could approve his country's sentence, even when it took the life of a child like that, that Abraham Lincoln thinks the life far too precious to be lost. Go back, or wait until tomorrow; Bennie will need a change after he has so bravely faced death; he shall go with you."

"God bless you, Sir," said Blossom; and who shall doubt that God heard and registered the request?

Two days after this interview, the young soldier came to the White House with his little sister. He was called into the President's private room, and a strap fastened on his shoulder. Mr. Lincoln then said: "The soldier that could carry a sick comrade's baggage and die so uncomplainingly deserves well of his country." Then Blossom and Bennie took their way to their Green Mountain home. A crowd gathered at the Mill Depot to welcome them back: and, as Father Owen's hand grasped that of his boy, tears flowed down his cheeks, and he was heard to say fervently, "The Lord be praised!"

Bennie Owen was True Blue. He was true under fire. He would rather die than lie, or be a coward! Would you? Abraham Lincoln was President of the United States and was True Blue. Bennie Owen was a soldier boy and was True Blue. Each was True Blue in his own place. Are you? When you are tempted to lie, will you be truthful? When you are tempted to do wrong, will you do right? When you are tempted to be selfish, will you be unselfish? When you are tempted to be careless about duty, will you be earnest and true? When you are tempted to be a coward will you be brave? When you are tempted to be hateful and disagreeable, will you be loving and kind? When you are tempted to be lazy and worthless, will you be useful? When you are tempted not to care what others think of you, will you try to be an example to others? It means all this to be True Blue.

At play, at work, at school, at home, at church—everywhere, will you be True Blue?

And will you help some one else to be True Blue?

Be True Blue to Conscience

Be True Blue to Christ

Be True Blue to the Church

BIBLE VERSES LEARNED

An Irish boy, under threats, was commanded to burn his Bible. Then he said, "I thank God that you cannot take away the twenty chapters that I know by heart."

" 'Tis by God's Word we live and grow

And learn His promises to know;
It makes us clean from ev'ry sin
And plants His love and light within."

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Here is a good way to remember the number of books in the New Testament. Write the number of books in the Old Testament (39), then put a multiplication sign between the two numbers (3x9) and multiply the two numbers (3x9=27).

Dear Boys and Girls:

The elements of a truly noble spirit would be manifested in giving attention to the most important part of man; and that is his soul. This should be one of the highest and grandest objects of our pursuits. Each one should deal honestly with himself. A person never occupies a more noble position than when he, like a little child, diligently searches the Scriptures with eagerness and a great desire to learn its great truths which will help him choose heaven for his eternal destiny. I can imagine the Bereans listening to Paul and then daily searching "the Scriptures" and judging by them whether the Apostle Paul was telling

the truth. They found his words concerning Christ true, so they promptly accepted Him.

"The Scriptures" in that day consisted of the 39 books of our Old Testament. It is supposed by some and confirmed by the famous early historian Josephus, who was born at Jerusalem in A. D. 37, that Ezra gathered this group of books together. (Nehemiah 8:1-6). Ezra returned from captivity and his labors were about 450 to 500 years before Christ. Josephus says "Although so great an interval of time has now passed, not a soul has ventured to add or to remove or to alter a syllable; and it is the instinct of every Jew, from the day of his birth, to consider these Scriptures as the teaching of God, and to abide by them, and, if need be, cheerfully to lay down his life in their behalf."

"The Scriptures," or the Old Testament, which they are called since we have the New Testament, was repeatedly called by Jesus the "Word of God." In the New Testament there are about 300 quotations from the Old Testament and no other book is thus quoted, with the exception of words of Enoch in the book of Jude. This is proof that Jesus and the Apostles recognized the books that are called "The Scriptures" or "The Word of God" or "The Old Testament." As the writings of the Apostles appeared, they were collected and added by the Christian church to "The Scriptures," but were called the "New Testament." The Apostles wrote many letters to the churches for their immediate encouragement and needs. These were preserved. We believe God watched over them and we thank God for them today. We need the Holy Spirit today to give us the interpretations of them as they were written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 10, June 7, 1970

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Acts 17:10-14; 1 Peter 1:10-12

(Note: See Scriptures under "Note to Teachers" for further study.)

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 in 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.

13 But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was preached of Paul at Berea, they came thither also, and stirred up the people.

14 And then immediately the brethren sent away Paul to go as it were to the sea: but Silas and Timotheus abode there still.

1 Pet. 1:10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

11 Searching what or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven;

which things the angels desire to look into.

Memory Verse: Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. 1 Thess. 5:21.

Central Thought: The Old Testament was assembled and in circulation just as we have it today more than 400 years before Christ was born. We do not worship the Book, but the infallible Author of the Book.

QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Paul and Silas come from by night to Berea?

2. Where did they go first?

3. These were _____ than those in Thessalonica.

4. How did they receive the Word?

5. How often did they search the Scriptures?

6. What is meant by "The Scriptures"?

7. Did any in Berea believe?

8. Who prophesied of Jesus' coming?

9. How did the prophets know of the sufferings and glory of Christ many, many years before it came to pass?

10. Did the angels know about the plan of salvation and what Jesus would do for mankind?

11. Tell about a prophecy in Genesis of Jesus' coming.

12. Tell a prophecy which David wrote in Psalms, about 1000 years before it came to pass, which told of Christ's sufferings.

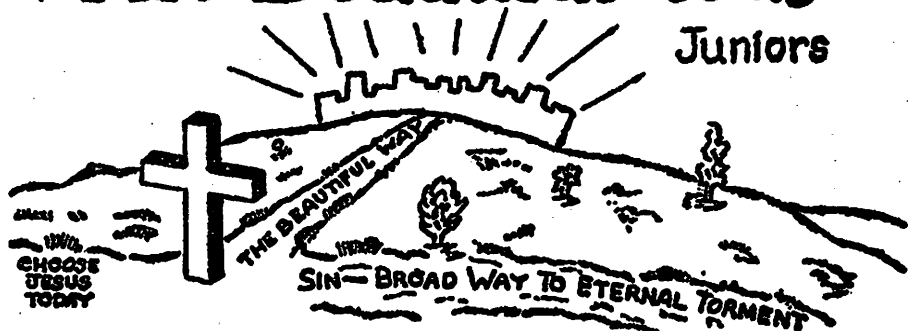
14. Read and explain Micah 5:2-5.

15. How many years before Jesus' coming is it supposed that the Books of the Old Testament or "The Scriptures" were put together?

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Part Eleven

June 14

A Gift on Father's Day

"I was never so humiliated in my life! It was bad enough when you began associating with those fanatical church people; but now you even refuse to go to a social dance. What's the matter with you anyway? Are you going to keep this up until you ruin us?"

Mr. Alvin Montgomery waved his arms as he shouted. Dark-haired, beautiful Jean, his daughter, sat with bowed head, sobbing.

"Answer me! Are you trying to ruin us?"

The angry father stood with feet apart and hands on hips directly in front of her, his eyes flashing fiercely.

"No, Daddy, I don't want to ruin you. I am a Christian now, and in order to—to be true to the Lord I must refuse to do anything that would grieve Him. That's why I don't care to go to the dance Friday night. Why will that ruin you?"

Mr. Montgomery paced as he answered altogether too loudly: "Simply

because everyone I meet asks about you. People over town have heard that you have taken up religion, and I have become the laughing-stock of my friends. I'm ashamed to show my face anymore, and you're the cause of it!"

Jean looked up at her father. "I didn't think you would be angry with me, Daddy, honestly, I didn't."

He assumed immediately that she was softening and continued pleading, but with a calmer voice.

"I know you didn't, dear girl, but now you can see how it has affected all of us. Please give up those foolish notions. Let's make things just like they were before you made this awful change."

He waited for an answer. "Let me think it over the rest of the day," she requested. "I'm so confused in my thinking I don't know what to say just now. Let's talk again tomorrow morning."

It was agreed and the subject was dismissed, but he left her with the assurance that her Christian faith had been broken. She wouldn't do any-

thing that would bring disgrace upon the Montgomery home! They were too well known in the community for that. He went to his office much at ease.

In the meantime Jean was engaged in the battle of her life. Down in her heart she knew that she would never be happy again on the ballroom floor nor with the same old sinful crowd. The sweet, satisfying experience of salvation in Jesus Christ took the thrill out of worldly pleasure. Was it a "foolish notion," as her father had said? Did she make an "awful change"? She had never been really happy before the Lord Jesus Christ became her own Saviour that night four months previously, and she knew that none of her immediate family was happy. They knew nothing of deep, abiding joy. Their home life consisted of dinners, dances, parties, and scurrying to and fro. The name of God was never mentioned except in cursing, and Jesus Christ, God's dearly-beloved Son, was no more to them than a myth. Was it wrong for her to love God with all her heart? Was it wrong for her to permit the Blood of Jesus Christ to wash her sins away and make her God's child? Jean was sure that it was not wrong. The change she had made was not "awful"; it was a glorious, joyous change!

But how was she to face her father? that was the big question. Jean knew that she must remain true to God. That was certain. At the same time, however, she longed to encourage friendship with her father and to eventually win him for Christ. What was she to do?

An hour later, Jean sat in the home of Mrs. Alfred Barnes, her Sunday

School teacher. It was Mrs. Barnes who led her to Christ.

"I'm sorry your father is so set against your being a Christian, Jean. I have been praying for him."

"Sometimes I get so confused," Jean explained tearfully, "that I don't know what to do. Daddy insists that I go with him to that big dance Friday night, and I don't want to go. I just don't enjoy such things anymore. I told him that I didn't care to go and he told me that I would bring disgrace on our family. He even said he's ashamed to let people see his face. I don't want to hurt him, Mrs. Barnes, but how can I keep from it?"

(To be continued)

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

From the comments in the lesson draw what you think Mars' Hill looked like. Above this court draw a shadow of God, the Judge of all, sitting on a seat. Under all write "God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to the gospel." Rom. 2:16.

Dear Boys and Girls:

I am sure you have heard many sermons by different ministers, some of which you remember and some you don't. Paul preached a sermon which is recorded in our lesson today. It is a wonderful message. Let us go with Paul in our minds to Mars' Hill where he preached that sermon.

Paul had come to Athens and while he waited for Silas and Timothy to come he looked the city over. Can you guess what he saw? As one writer said, "A person could hardly take his position at any point in ancient Athens where the eye did not range over the temple and

statues of gods almost without number." What a city! Paul was so troubled over the people being so taken with idol worship that his "spirit stirred within him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry." (ver. 16) He went into the synagogue and down at the market place and began to preach about Jesus and the resurrection. Can you just see how stirred the people were when they heard these strange teachings? They called him a "babbler" and "a setter forth of strange gods." Some philosophers or men who studied many angles of life and tried to figure out how the world, man, etc. came here and where all would end, took Paul before a big council that was held on Mars' Hill. They wanted him to explain his teachings to this council. The Areopagus, or Mars' Hill, was a public meeting place out on a high ridge. If we went with Paul we would have to climb a long flight of stairs hewn out of marble. When we reached the top we could see the judges sitting on seats hewn out of rocks on a platform in the open air. Now we see Paul standing in the midst of them. Notice his first words: "Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you." What a good beginning to get their attention! Then Paul preached about the one and only true God, which is our heavenly Father and the Father of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, whom we adore and love. He told them about God who had made the world and all things in it. He told them this God could not be worshipped with men's hands, and that He is the One who gives to all life and breath. This God made all nations on the earth

of one blood and has appointed them places to live. Then Paul told the people that this God was near to all who seek after Him. All the sermon is wonderful but the people cut him off before he finished, so Paul just left them. I am glad I know the true God, aren't you?
—Aunt Marie

Lesson 11, June 14, 1970

PAUL PREACHES TO THE COURT AT ATHENS

Acts 17:18-34a

Acts 17:18 Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? Other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.

19 And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest is?

20 For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean.

21 (For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new things.)

22 Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.

23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

24 God that made the world and all things therein seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing,

seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things:

26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver or stone, graven by art and man's device.

30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said We will hear thee again of this matter.

33 So Paul departed from among them.

34 Howbeit certain men clave unto him and believed.

Memory Verse: But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them because

they are spiritually discerned. 1 Corinthians 2:14.

Central Thought: Jesus prayed to the Father these words: "I thank thee O Father Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight." (Matt. 11:25, 26.) Let us discard man's wisdom and take God's Word for our wisdom.

QUESTIONS:

1. What does our unprinted portion of the lesson tell us caused Paul to be stirred in his spirit at Athens?

2. What did the philosophers call Paul?

3. Why did they call him these things?

4. Where did they want to take him?

5. Explain what the place looked like.

6. How did Paul begin his sermon to these judges of the council?

7. Did God make only a part of the world and some of the things in it?

8. Can God be worshipped with men's hands?

9. Who gives life and breath to all things?

10. What did Paul say about man on this earth? (verse 26)

11. How can we find God?

12. Whose offspring are we? Is the Godhead like material things?

13. What does God command everyone to do?

14. Has God appointed a day to judge the earth?

15. By whom will it be judged?

15. What was Paul saying when they cut him off?

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A Gift on Father's Day

(Continued from last week's paper.)

Jean dropped her head on one arm and sobbed.

"Do you believe, Jean, that if you follow the instructions of God's Word that He will work out this problem for you?"

Jean was startled. "Why, yes, but does the Bible tell me what to do?"

"The Bible has the answer to every problem, Dear. Shall we find out what it says?"

Together they thumbed through the pages of Holy Writ. "It seems that you are perfectly right in your decision about dancing and worldliness, because of this verse." Mrs. Barnes read 2 Cor. 6:17, 18, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

"And I know the things I used to do are not pleasing to the Lord," Jean added. "No girl can possibly remain pure on the dance floor." She blushed slightly as thoughts of the past haunted her.

"The other problem to solve, now, is the will of your father. Read Colossians 3:20."

Jean read, "Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord." Why, Mrs. Barnes, if I do that I will have to go to that dance. My father will demand that I go!"

"The Bible plainly teaches that children are to honor and obey their parents. If you follow God's instructions, He will take care of you. Do you believe that?"

"Yes, but—what—if—"

Mrs. Barnes laid her hand tenderly on Jean's arm. "I know what you are thinking. If your father demands that you go, then go in the Lord's Name and He will deliver you."

The next morning Jean heard a rap on her door. It was her father. "Well,

Jean, what have you decided?" he asked abruptly.

"I'd rather not go to the dance—" she began hesitantly.

Mr. Montgomery leaped to his feet. "What! Do you mean that you refuse to do what I have asked?"

"I didn't say that, Daddy. I said I'd rather not go. I'm going to obey you, though."

Her father gasped. "Do you—do you mean you will go if I insist?"

"Yes," Jean explained. "I will go if you insist. I don't want to, but the Lord will work it out some way."

He had never seen her that way before. Her dark eyes were wet with tears, but he saw in them innocence, and love. She was so different from the crowd that would be at the dance. A lump formed in his throat, and he swallowed hard. Somehow, he didn't want her to go as much as he did a few hours previously. He didn't want to see pure, loving Jean in the arms of godless, immoral men swinging to the tune of some beastly jazz number.

Like a flash he made up his mind. They could say what they wanted to Jean would not be forced to go with that crowd against her will.

"Jean," his voice broke as he uttered her name. "I don't want you to go. Something tells me that you are far better than the rest of us and I want you to stay that way."

"Daddy!" and she was in his arms crying for sheer joy.

It was early Sunday morning when Jean gave her father the gift for Father's Day. He opened it carefully, and found it to be her own photograph. He saw that it was a perfect likeness. At the bottom was written neatly, "To the best dad in all the

world. Jean, Psalm 116:1." Then she was gone.

"Psalm 116:1," he mused. "I wonder what that verse says. Where's that Bible we had around here?" He found it under a pile of magazines and newspapers, and he read, "I love the Lord, because He hath heard my voice and my supplications."

Alvin Montgomery laid the open Bible on a near-by table and walked softly but deliberately up the stairs to Jean's room. The door was cracked. He heard her voice as she prayed. Without making a sound, he pushed the door aside, slipped in and fell on his knees at her side.

"Oh, Daddy! I didn't know—"

"I kind of surprised you didn't I, Jean? I just came to tell you that I am going to seek Him, too. I figured that Father's Day was a good time to make that decision." —Sel.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw two purses, the kind with a snap on the top. Make them both open. From one draw money falling out and label it "Giving." Draw the other one above this one and write on the money falling from it into the lower purse, "Blessings from heaven." Underneath write, "Jesus said, 'Give and it shall be given unto you.'" Luke 6:38.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Did you remember to do something special for your father today? I hope so. It seems that fathers are left out, sometimes. They work hard on the job. If their work is at night, you might not see them very often. But, remember they love you or they would not work so hard to see that you have a place to live and

food to eat, as well as all the other things you have. They need some attention and love; too. It pleases them greatly to receive any thoughtfulness from you. One boy left his daddy a note on the refrigerator door telling him thanks for all the nice things he had done for him. That father was very pleased. If you have a father who is not saved, be sure you keep praying for him. Love him always and realize that if he mistreats you it is just the devil making him do it. If he loved Jesus and had Him for his master he would not do things that are sinful. Jesus loves him, so you must love him, too.

Paul went to Corinth. Look on your map and see where Corinth is. Corinth was on the Sea and many people came through there, and of course, there was much sin there. Paul worked making tents with Aquila and his wife Priscilla through the week, and then went to the synagogue on the Sabbath to try to convince the people that Jesus was the Christ. Many of them refused to listen, so he left them and went to Justus' house. Many there believed and were baptized. It seems that Paul had many threats on his life from wicked people, but God spoke to him in a vision and comforted him, saying that he would not be hurt for He had many people in that city. Paul was able to bring thousands of people to a knowledge of God. Later he wrote letters to them. We have parts of the letters in our lesson. In those parts Paul was teaching the duties of giving. He taught that the minister was to give the gospel to the people and the people were to give money, etc. to the gospel worker. That is the way the Lord wants it today. Boys and girls, when you feel the Lord wants you to give something to a gospel worker, you need to realize that you are giving to

the Lord as well as to the gospel worker. That is the way we lay up treasures in heaven. While you are young you can only give small amounts and as you grow older, be sure to remember to give of what you have to the Lord. You can't out-give the Lord. He will bless you richly for giving. As you give of your small amount, God will make it grow just as He did the loaves and fishes that Jesus blessed and brake and gave out to the people to eat. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 12, June 21, 1970

CHEERFUL GIVERS

Acts 18:1 (Luke relates) 2-4; 1 Cor. 9:16 (Paul writes) 17, 18, 11, 13, 14; 2 Cor. 9:6, 7; Acts 18:5 (Luke relates) 6-11

Acts 18:1 (Luke relates) After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth;

2 And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them.

3 And because he was of the same craft he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tent-makers.

4. And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.

1 Cor. 9:16 (Paul writes) For though I preach the gospel I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel!

17 For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.

18 What is my reward then? Verily

that, when I preach the gospel I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.

1 Cor. 9:11 If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?

13 Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?

14 Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

2 Cor. 9:6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Acts 18:5 (Luke relates) And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.

6 And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.

7 And he departed thence, and entered unto a certain man's house, named Justus one that worshipped God whose house joined hard to the synagogue.

8 And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.

9 Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision Be not afraid but

speak and hold not thy peace:

10 For I am with thee; and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.

11 And he continued there a year and six months teaching the word of God among them.

Memory Verse: For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. 2 Cor. 8:12.

Central Thought: The gospel worker and the saints have a duty to discharge toward each other and to God.

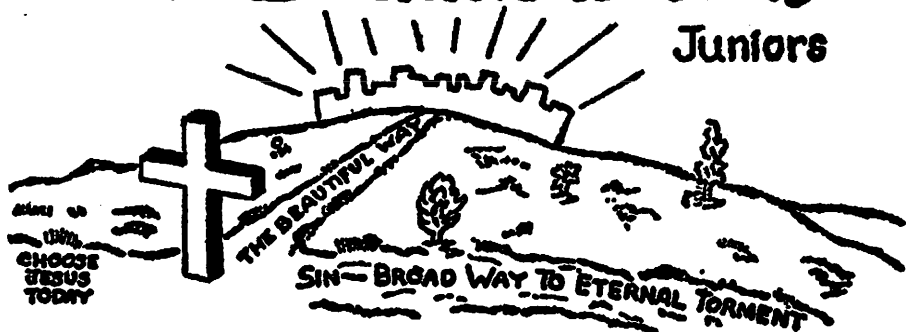
QUESTIONS:

1. From Athens, where did Paul go?
2. Whom did Paul find in Corinth?
3. What was their work?
4. What did Paul do on the Sabbath?
5. What would have happened to Paul if he preached not the gospel?
6. How could he do it to get a reward?
7. Did Paul charge for the gospel?
8. What will be the reaping of those who sow spiritual things?
9. Under the law of Moses the priests who worked in the temple and took care of the sacrifices for offerings on the altar received part of the meat. How did Paul compare this in verse 14 to that?
10. If you give little how much will you receive? (verse 6)
11. What does it mean to give "as he purposeth in his heart"?
12. Verse 7 says God loves whom?
13. How many times is "all" repeated in verse 8?
14. Who opposed Paul? What did he do?

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Eisenhower's Faith

HE WROTE OF ITS POWER

Of the many instances when faith and Christian prayer have sustained me in my life, the first came when I was a teen-ager and marked a turning point in my life.

I had fallen, skinned my left knee and, when a painful infection later became so bad I couldn't do my farm chores, my parents discovered my swollen and discolored leg.

Old Dr. Conklin, the family physician, took one look at the poisoned limb and immediately advised amputation to save any part of the leg or even my life.

When the horror of this prospect swept over me, I raised my 14-year-old frame from the bed and shouted, "Not me! I won't allow it! I'd rather die!"

Later I made my older brother Edgar promise not to let the doctor cut off my leg no matter what happened, and he literally stood guard duty outside my bedroom.

At the same time my parents, probably recalling my River Brethren grandfather and his belief in miracles, began a prayer vigil at my bedside.

First, father and mother prayed, taking turns in leading one another; during the second night, Edgar—and finally my other four brothers—would kneel from time to time and join the prayers; my own midst the fever and torment seldom ceased.

The next morning Dr. Conklin's experienced eye noted that the swelling was going down and the discoloration fading.

Later in the day I was able to sleep soundly.

In two weeks I was out of bed and able to walk.

To me this demonstration of the power of prayer did more than save my leg; it strengthened my faith for life.

Although I have seldom displayed or discussed my religious philosophy with anyone, a deep Bible-centered Christian faith has colored my life since childhood. Devout Evangelical

parents, who loved the Bible as dearly as life itself, made sure of that.

Indeed, before I was 18, I had read through the entire Bible and discussed it, chapter by chapter, with my mother.

Recalling the long years and the cascade of crises through which we have passed, I realize that a strong spiritual experience has literally been the staff of life to me.

Back in Abilene, Kansas, my mother, who was never happier than when reading the Bible, and my father, who balanced his career as a mechanical engineer with the study of Scriptures in the original Greek, stressed one truth over and over again:

Religion, placed in man by God, is most natural to him. How often, both in war and peace, was I to rediscover this changeless truth.

How many materialistic psychologists and smart-aleck professors sneer that men invented God in a childish search for security; yet, I have noticed that these same men in the fox-holes or at the moment of death turn to some higher power for comfort and courage.

Thus it is that I believe there is nothing wrong with America today that the faith, love of freedom, intelligence and energy of her citizens cannot cure.

The Boy with a Queer Name

Little "I Will" was a very small boy with the sweetest face you could wish to see, and under his white blouse with its big sailor collar, beat the sweetest little heart that ever grew.

Of course "I Will" had another name. His "really truly" name, he would have told you, was Louis, but

those who knew him thought "I Will" suited him better.

"Dear," Mother would say, "will you run upstairs and get me the scissors? You will find them on the sewing machine."

"I will, I will," would sing out the pleasant little voice. And in the twinkling of an eye the scissors would be put in Mother's hand.

Or Father would say, "Louis, gather up your toys; it is almost supper time."

"I will," would come the smiling answer.

Dear little "I Will" is a big boy now, big enough to study Latin and all sorts of other things—but the sunshine of his merry baby ways has never faded from his mother's heart.

Wouldn't it be pleasant if there were a little "I Will" in each home?

"I don't think I will sit with Lillie any more in church," thought Betty. She talks all the time and Mother thinks it is I." Later when she refused to sit with Lillie she noticed that Lillie didn't talk as much to Rachel as she had to her. Next time Lillie asked her to sit with her Lillie didn't talk so much. Betty was real glad.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Write the words "Afflictions" and "Glories" on the board. Draw a line between them. On one side make a list of the troubles and on the other the lesson learned from the trouble. Example: Under "Afflictions" write "ignored," opposite that under "Glories" write "humility." Some other pairs are: suffer with Christ—reign with Christ; waiting

—patience; sorrow—tenderness; puzzled
—not in despair; crowded—not crushed.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Our lesson today completes the second missionary trip Paul took. I trust you have been following on your map the way he traveled. Notice that he went to Jerusalem and then back to Antioch. In our lesson today he is still in Corinth. As usual, the Jews were stirred up against him. The Jews are the same as the Israelites. They were called Jews because of the large tribe of Judah. In Bible language there were two groups of people—the Jews and the Gentiles. All people of every race are called Gentiles except those of the Jewish or Israelite nation. The Jews wanted to cling to the laws of Moses and would not accept Jesus, so Paul had a hard time with them. They caused him trouble everywhere he went. Today they brought him up before Gallio. The laws of the Romans allowed the Jews to worship their God and the Romans had a god they worshipped. The Jews brought Paul before Gallio to try to persuade him that Paul was bringing in a new way to worship God, one that the law did not allow. But Gallio was not concerned with their ideas and he did not see any wickedness in Paul, so he drove the Jews out of the judgment hall. It seems after he went out that the Jews beat Sosthenes who was the ruler of the synagogue. Sosthenes must have sided with Paul and become converted to Christianity for in a letter later as is recorded in our lesson Paul calls him brother. It says that the Greeks beat him, but one historian believes that these were Jews born in Greece.

Paul writes to the church of God at Corinth and there he tells them that he is able to comfort them because he has

received comfort. Boys and girls, if you never hurt yourself you would not know how it feels to be hurt. Because you have been, you can feel sorry for someone else who is hurt. If you'd never been laughed at, you would not know how it feels to be ridiculed. Since you do not like to be made fun of, you do not want to cause anyone else that kind of pain. When you see others making fun of someone, you feel sorry for them. If you had everything you wanted, you would never know the joy of longing for years for something and at last getting your wish. Since we all have troubles, we know how to help others who have trouble.

If you ask God to help you when you are punished for wrong-doing that you might see the wrong and remember not to do it again, you will be better than you were before you had the trouble. Paul says our "light afflictions worketh for us a far greater weight of glory." Just think—Paul called all he had gone through "light afflictions." None of us have suffered as much as he did but he was thinking of the glories that await us over there and the lessons we learn through them here. This outweighs our afflictions.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 13, June 28, 1970

PAUL COMPLETES HIS SECOND MISSIONARY TRIP

Acts 18:12-22; 1 Cor. 1 (Paul writes) 2;
2 Cor. 1:3, 4

Acts 18:12 And when Gallio was the deputy of Achaia, the Jews made insurrection with one accord against Paul, and brought him to the judgment seat,
13 Saying, This fellow persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law.

14 And when Paul was now about to open his mouth, Gallio said unto the Jews, If it were a matter of wrong or

wicked lewdness, O ye Jews, reason would that I should bear with you:

15 But if it be a question of words and names, and of your law look ye to it; for I will be no judge of such matters.

16 And he drave them from the judgment seat.

17 Then all the Greeks took Sosthenes, the chief ruler of the synagogue, and beat him before the judgment seat. And Gallio cared for none of those things.

18 And Paul after this tarried there yet a good while, and then took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence into Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila; having shorn his head in Cenchrea: for he had a vow.

19 And he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.

20 When they desired him to tarry longer time with them, he consented not;

21 But bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus.

22 And when he had landed at Caesarea and gone up, and saluted the Church, he went down to Antioch.

1 Cor. 1:2 (Paul writes) Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both their's and our's.

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

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

Memory Verse: Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing as unto a faithful Creator. 1 Peter 4:19.

Central Thought: Only after you have suffered and been comforted are you able to comfort others.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who was Gallio?
2. What did the Jews say about Paul?
3. Do you think Paul was glad he didn't speak?
4. What did Gallio say about the charges brought against Paul?
5. What did Gallio do to Paul's accusers?
6. What did the Jewish Greeks do to Sosthenes?
7. Who went with Paul when he sailed to Syria?
8. What did Paul do in Ephesus?
9. Where did he go from Ephesus and then back to what town thus completing his second missionary trip?
10. What did Paul call Sosthenes in 1 Cor. 1:1?
11. What does it mean to comfort others with the comfort we have received?
12. How can we compare afflictions with the glories we will receive if we are the Lord's and look for the good in all things?
13. Those things you can see with your eye will pass away in the end of the world. What will not pass away?

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