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Part One

July 5

Gifts Unto Men

When Christ ascended up on high
He broke the pow'r of sin,
And giving grace to labor by
He gave gifts unto men.

For His forgiveness we believe;
To save us thus He died,
The Holy Spirit we receive
When we are sanctified.

The Spirit working in the heart
Gives each his work to do;
We all can have an active part
And walk in life anew.

—Leslie Busbee

AN UNFAILING SUPPLY

"Uncle John, how is it that you are never sour and cross like other people?" asked his niece one morning when he came in.

"How is it that you never have sour cream for your cereal at breakfast?" asked Uncle John in reply.

"That is another question—you don't suppose I would serve sour cream when the milkhouse is full of crocks of sweet cream, do you?"

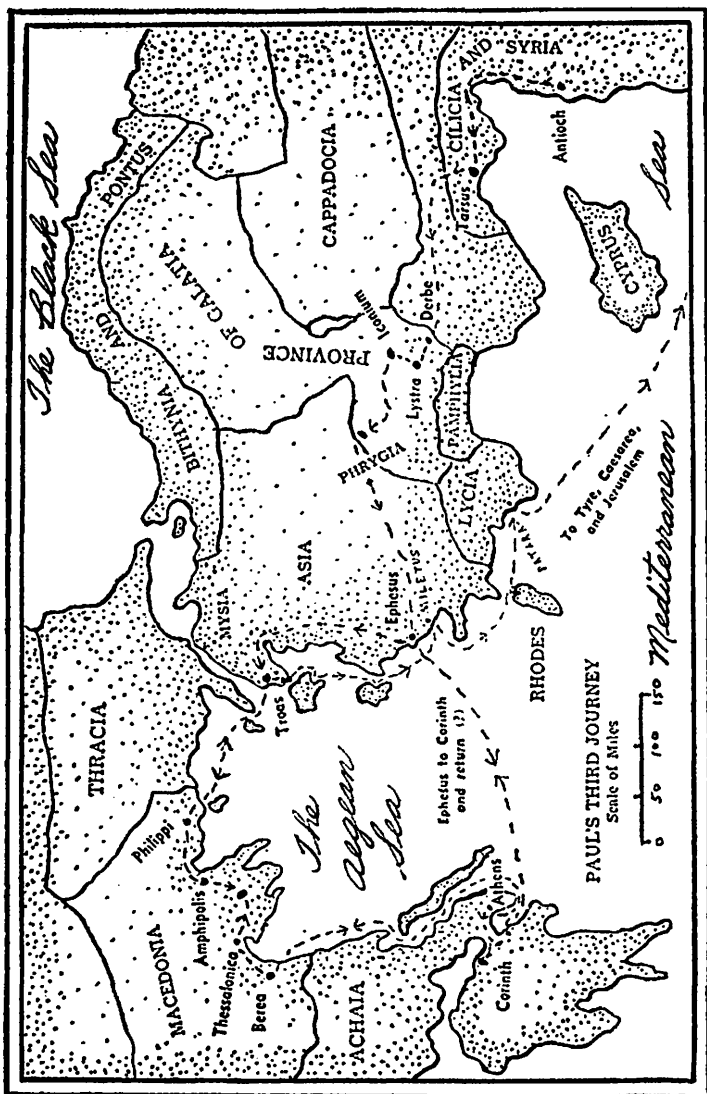
"That is it exactly," said Uncle John. "You don't suppose I am going to treat my friends to sour looks and cross words, do you, when the milkhouse is full of sweet cream?"

"I know just as much as before, and no more," said the niece.

"Well, my dear," said Uncle John, "to be more plain, when I get up in the morning I just fill up my heart with sweet things out of God's Word. When I go to my room at night, if any sour things have dropped into my heart through the day, I just pour them all out at Jesus' feet and start fresh the next day as if nothing had happened."

Try it and see how happy you will be!

"He who seeks to gain something from his fellowmen at the sacrifice of displeasing God certainly pays a high price for what he gets."



Dear Boys and Girls:

We notice that Paul always left from Antioch on his missionary trips. Here is where he was sent forth for the first time by the laying on of hands of the elders there. Now again he went through Galatia and Phrygia to encourage the saints at these places. Then he visited Ephesus where he had gone for a short visit before and promised them he would come again. This time he spent about two years there.

After he left Ephesus, Apollos, who was well versed in the Scriptures, came there. Apollos had heard only the preaching of John the Baptist and this is what he was teaching. How glad he must have been when Aquila and Priscilla took him and told him that the One whom John the Baptist had preached about had come. Then Apollos preached Christ to all. There were some others who had not heard about Christ and the Holy Spirit when Paul arrived. He taught them many truths and they were baptized again. Then they were ready to receive the Holy Spirit.

Boys and girls, we all need the Holy Spirit to have power to live a life that is pleasing before the Lord. First you must ask God to forgive you of all your sins which you have committed. (Name some of them.) After they have all been forgiven, and you understand what it means to be saved, you need to ask God to give you the Holy Spirit. God gives you the Holy Spirit when you give God yourself. You tell the Lord, "Here are my hands, my feet, my mind, my all, and I want to be used by you." Then each day you must really and truly let Jesus have you to lead you into doing the right things. After you give something away, you must not take it back. Neither must you take back yourself after you give yourself to God. You

must say, "Not my will but thine be done."

One person said she was asking God to give her the Holy Spirit when she had a dream. She dreamed that there were a lot of small women in the room with her and it was thundering and lightning outside. Someone said that it was the end of the world and all of a sudden these small women just turned dark and vanished away. All that was left was a pile of ashes where they had stood. She felt happy and blessed, yet was puzzled by the dream. A minister explained to her that he felt the pile of ashes was the Lord showing her He had burned out all the dross in her and she was sanctified. The little women were the little selfish ways she had had. When the Holy Spirit comes in, He takes out selfish desires and causes one to have desires to please God.

Paul had the gift of miracles. Our lesson tells about it. When we give ourselves to God, He helps us to work for Him.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 1, July 5, 1970

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HIS GIFTS

Acts 19:1-6; 1 Cor. 14:3; Eph. 1:13, 14; 1 Cor. 12:4, 28; Acts 19:8, 10, 12

Acts 19:1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance,

saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

1 Cor. 14:3 (Paul says) But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification and exhortation, and comfort.

Eph. 1:13 In whom [Christ] ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

1 Cor. 12:4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

Acts 19:8 (Luke relates) And he [Paul] went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

10 And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus both Jews and Greeks.

12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from

them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

Memory Verse: But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. 1 Cor. 12:18.

Central Thought: We need to be "sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise" so we can keep the sweetness of salvation. Impurities cause spoilage.

QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Paul leave from to go on his third missionary trip?

2. Ask the teacher to read what happened at Ephesus before Paul arrived. (Acts 18:24-28)

3. What question did Paul ask in our lesson about the Holy Ghost?

4. How did the people answer Paul's question?

5. What was the second question he asked? What was the answer?

6. Why did they know only about John the Baptist?

7. What did Paul tell them about what John the Baptist taught?

8. What does verse 5 tell us they did?

9. Does Gal. 3:37 teach us that to be baptized into Christ means being baptized into the fullness of the Holy Spirit?

10. "After ye have _____, ye were _____ with that holy _____ of _____."

11. Being filled with the Holy Spirit gives us an earnest of our inheritance in heaven. (true or false.)

12. What happened to those on whom Paul laid his hands?

13. Name some of the gifts given by the Holy Spirit.

14. Our lesson teaches us that Paul had what gifts?

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Part Two

July 12

The Name of Jesus

The Name of Jesus Christ, the King
Is sent to all the world;
The gospel sound! O let it ring,
His banner be unfurled.

Let all who hear this blessed name
Give welcome in the heart;
Turn from the paths of sin and shame
And seek that better part.

Exalt that name and worthy live
Of all its wondrous grace;
To Christ the heart's devotion give
In all your life a place.

—Leslie Busbee

"But That Would Not Be True"

During a testimony meeting, a woman arose to speak. The leader had suggested that those present tell of the most powerful influence they had found in life, and the one which had definitely led them to accept the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour.

"I think that the first and most powerful influence I met came from a very unexpected source," this woman said, earnestly. "I was a very great sinner. I did not know God and cared nothing for truth or honesty. But I was fond of children.

"One day when walking along the street, I noticed two small boys. One carried a pitcher. The other was scuffling with him and trying to take the pitcher away. Finally the pitcher fell on the sidewalk and was broken.

"The first boy began to cry bitterly. I went to him and, seeking to comfort him in some way, suggested:

"Look, sonny, just tell your mother the storekeeper broke your pitcher. She won't scold you then, see?"

"I'll never forget," the woman went on, "the look the little fellow gave me as he said, 'But that would be telling a lie! If I tell Mother I broke it, she'll know its the truth, and she won't scold me. But even if she did scold me for telling the truth, I'd rather do that than tell a lie!'"

"I have never forgotten the child's words. They made an everlasting im-

pression upon my sinful heart. For the first time, perhaps, I understood the importance of truthfulness. I'm glad that I have learned also to trust the Lord Jesus and from Him to receive strength to tell the truth. But that was the start. I don't know the little boy's name; in fact, I think I have never seen him since, but I pray the Lord to bless him for that wonderful little sermon."

How important even a boy's or girl's words and actions may be! Jesus can use anyone—even a very small boy or girl—to help win some soul to Him.

Speaking the truth at all times is one sure way to please the Lord Jesus, and it will also cause other people to love and trust us as we grow older.

"He is an honest, truthful man," is very high praise indeed.

When Billy Butted

A certain British regiment adopted a goat for a pet. Billy was always welcome in the mess room, and the soldiers shared many dainty morsels with him. One night Colonel Price, just for fun, proposed that the goat should be offered a glass of liquor. He coaxingly held out his cup, and Billy, after a suspicious sniff, drank the contents.

One by one the soldiers offered Billy a drink, and he accepted all their invitations. Finally the large earthen vessel which held the beer at the head of the table was placed upon the floor, and Billy was directed to help himself, which he proceeded to do with such hearty good will that he became helplessly, unmistakably intoxicated.

The next morning Billy was absent from roll call; and no one could tempt him to leave the stable during the entire day. When the second evening's mess began without him, the colonel was requested to bring the deserter before a court-martial of those who had witnessed his tippling.

It was with difficulty that Billy was dragged into the room, which he evidently remembered as the scene of his disgrace. His appearance was greeted with a cheer, but sadly changed were his looks. His once glossy coat had an unkempt appearance, while the once erect head was lowered in shame.

"Come, Billy, take a drink," said the colonel at the head of the table.

The words seemed to arouse the animal. He lifted his head, his eyes lit up, his forefoot beat the floor. With a snort, a rush, and a bound, Billy butted against the large earthen vessel containing the men's evening allowance of ale, breaking it into a hundred pieces. Then with his head once more erect, he stalked indignantly out of the room.

Would that our boys and girls would be as wisely indignant as Billy when someone offers them a cigarette or a drink! Be brave enough to indignantly refuse to be tempted with evil.

—Selected

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a number of books with titles such as "Fortune Telling," "Magic Arts" "Ouija Board" "Witchcraft," "Hypnotism, or the Art of Putting People Under Your Control," "Daily Horoscope," etc. Draw a fire and show these books being tossed into the flames as our lesson tells us the Ephesians burned their books.

Dear Boys and Girls:

I urge you to hold fast to God. Believe God to be great, mighty, and the Creator of all things. There are many people in this world who will try to turn you away from God. Never listen to them. As time goes on, there will be more and more people who will turn away from their belief in God. The devil is working hard because he knows his time is short. Don't let him sway you. Be firm and bold to declare that God is the only God and that you believe Him to be real and true. He is not dead, but alive, and one of these days you will die and leave this world and will meet Him in the Judgment Day. You will not be afraid of Him if you are obeying His Word when you leave this world. Love and serve Him and He will take you Home to heaven. We all must die, and after death, what then? We can know what then—if we love God. It is very important, and it means your life in heaven after death.

Paul preached to the people in Ephesus about Jesus and His great power. Many of them did not even know about Jesus as we do today. They believed in false gods and fortune telling, curious arts and magic. They had hundreds of books worth "fifty thousand pieces of silver" (about \$8,000 to \$10,000) that told them about many arts done by the power of the devil. The devil has power but God has greater power than he has. We hear of people who are full of the devil today and they can make tables walk and tell things that are going to happen, but boys and girls, that is from the devil. Never, never fool with it or you will become tainted with a false spirit. Today there are many who need Jesus to deliver them from these false spirits. We also find there were those who lived in the city of Ephesus who

needed deliverance. We notice in our lesson where some of those filled with devils tried to cast out a devil from a man in the name of Jesus just as they had seen Paul do, but they were not able to do this. The devil power working in the man was greater than any natural man's strength and he overcame them and they fled, wounded and naked. Only God has power over the power of the devil. Those who are filled with His Spirit can overcome the devil's power. Others seeing this magnified Jesus' name. They believed Jesus to be the Saviour and confessed their sins and gave their hearts to Jesus and proved it by their deeds. When a person is saved he will act differently from the way he acted before he was saved. He is a "new creature." The Word of God grew and many believed. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 2, July 12, 1970

MAGNIFYING THE NAME OF JESUS

Acts 19:13-20; Deut. 18:10-12a;
Ephesians 4:14

Acts 19:13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, a chief of the priests, which did so.

15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

17 And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephe-

sus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds.

19 Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

20 So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

Deut. 18:10 There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch.

11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

12a For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord:

Eph. 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.

Memory Verse: [Christ is] Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: Eph. 1:21.

Central Thought: The name of Jesus today is magnified when a born again child of God lives a life in which Christ is seen as ruler of the heart and a conqueror of the devil.

Word Definition: Exorcist is one who through some verbal formula or ritual claims to drive out a supposed evil spirit.

"Vagabond has a very bad acceptation among us; but literally vagabundus signifies a 'wanderer,' one that has no settled place of abode." (Clarke Com.)

Abomination means anything that is hateful and disgusting, loathsome, vile, very bad.

QUESTIONS:

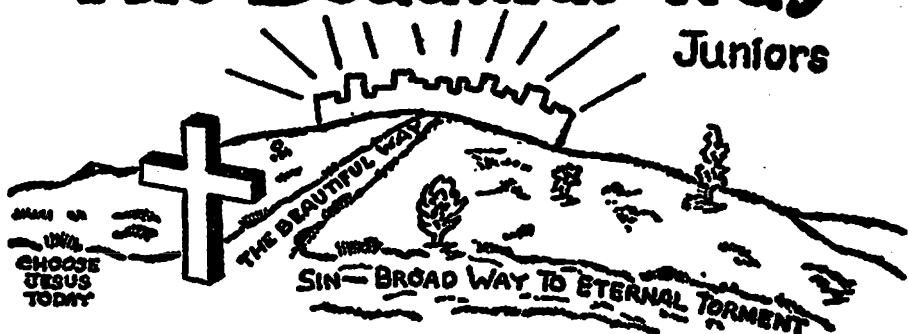
1. What is the definition of vagabond? Exorcists?
2. By whose name did the vagabonds try to cast out the evil spirits?
3. Why did they believe they should use the name of Jesus?
4. How many sons did Sceva, a Jew, have who did this?
5. What did the evil spirit say to them?
6. What happened to those who used the name of Jesus but did not have the power of Jesus in them because they were not living right?
7. Does it pay to claim power that one does not possess?
8. Tell how much power of the devil was shown in our lesson.
9. How did the people react to this incident?
10. What does it mean to magnify the name of Jesus?
11. What did the people do with their false books?
12. What is an abomination before the Lord?
13. Name some of the evil teachings of today that we should avoid.

Give your heart to Jesus; no amount of education will prepare you for life's duties if you are not right with God.

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July 19

The Gospel Message

When sounds the gospel message
forth

So many will oppose:
They fail to see its precious worth
And choose to be its foes.

Their treasures are in things below
That mould and fade away;
Eternal wealth they do not know,
Their hearts are gone astray.

But there are those who will receive
The word with gladness now,
Who from the heart in Christ believe
And to His judgments bow.

—Leslie Busbee

The Story of a Lie

Bessie was a little girl who was not very old. One morning as she stood before the mirror pinning a red rose upon her dress, her mother called her to take care of the baby for a few moments.

Just then, Bessie wanted to go out into the garden and play, so she went to her mother unwillingly. Her mother had her to sit down in her little chair, and carefully placed the baby in her lap, and left the room. The red rose instantly attracted the attention of the baby, and, quick as thought, the chubby little fingers grasped it; so, before Bessie could speak, the rose was crushed and shattered. Bessie was so angry that she struck the baby a hard blow.

The baby, as babies do, screamed right lustily and the mother, on hearing its outcry, ran to see what was the matter.

To save herself from punishment, Bessie told her mother that her little brother Ben, who was playing in the room, had struck the baby as hard as he could.

Although Ben declared his innocence, he received the punishment so much deserved by Bessie. Soon afterward, Bessie went to school, but she was very unhappy. That night, she could not sleep, and as she lay in her little bed thinking of the dread-

ful wrong she had done against her little brother, and against God, she decided to tell her mother all about it the next morning.

However, when morning came, she felt as if there were something in her throat, which kept her from talking, and she could not make up her mind to confess the lie. It did not seem so great a sin as it had the night before, and she thought that, after all, it was not so bad, and her foolish heart made her believe so. As day after day passed, the burden felt less and less to her. She could have fallen into the same sin again if the temptation had come to do so, except for a sad event.

One day when Bessie came home from school, she found little Ben very sick with a sore throat. He had been ill all the forenoon, and continued to grow worse toward evening. The next morning little Ben died.

Poor Bessie! It seemed as if her heart would break. Kind friends tried to comfort her by telling her that he was now happy, and had gone to live with Jesus, who loved little children. They also told her that if she belonged to the Lord Jesus, she would one day go to see him.

"O-o-oh!" cried the child, "I'm not crying because he has gone to heaven, but because I told a lie about him and he got the punishment I deserved!" For a long time Bessie could not be comforted.

Several years have passed, and Bessie is now a woman, but the memory of that lie yet stings her soul. It took less than one minute to tell that lie, but many years will not efface the sorrow and shame and remorse which resulted from it. —Sel.

Doing Things Well

"There!" said Harry, throwing down the shoe brush, "that'll do. My shoes don't look very bright, but no matter. Who cares?"

"Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well," said his father, who had heard the boy's careless speech.

Harry blushed while his father continued:

"My boy, your shoes look wretched. Pick up the brush and make them shine; when you have finished, come into the house."

As soon as Harry appeared with his well-polished shoes his father said:

"I have a little story to tell you. I once knew a poor boy whose mother taught him the proverb which I repeated to you a few minutes ago. This boy went out to service in a gentleman's family and he took pains to do everything well, no matter how unimportant it seemed. His employer was pleased and took him into his shop. He did his work well there, and when sent on errands he went quickly and was soon back in his place. So he advanced from step to step until he became clerk, and then a partner in the business. He is now a rich man and anxious that his son Harry should practice the rule which made him prosper."

"Why, Papa, were you a poor boy once?" asked Harry.

"Yes, my son, so poor that I had to go out to service, and black boots and wait at table and do any service that was required of me. By doing little things well I was soon trusted with more important ones." —Sel.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a temple with the word "Diana" written on it. Underneath write "In Ruins Today." Draw another temple and write the name of Jesus upon it. Underneath it write, "Living Today." Be sure to remember that God's people are the "temple of the Holy Spirit" and that Jesus lives in their hearts. 1 Cor. 5:19, 20.

Cultivate a love for nature; he who lives close to nature may more easily live close to nature's God.

Dear Boys and Girls:

I do trust you are following the journey of Paul on the map. He was commanded by God to take the gospel to the Gentiles. He had a lot of trouble. People worshipped idols and did not want to change, but their souls were lost and they were doomed for hell unless they accepted the gospel. Paul loved their souls and wanted them to know about Jesus who could bring peace and rest to their troubled hearts. He wanted them to go to heaven. He preached earnestly and continued to tell them of the great power of Jesus. Many believed and they burned their books of evil as we studied in last Sunday's lesson.

Demetrius was a business man in the city of Ephesus. He saw that his business of making silver shrines of the temple and goddess Diana was falling off. He took a good look at the situation in a business-like way. He thought about his pocket book. Money will sometimes cause people to do awful things. No doubt Demetrius wasn't as interested in his fellowmen as he made them believe. He was selfish and knew he had to have their help so he could continue with his business and not go broke. He stirred

up the people against Paul and the gospel. He let them know just how effective the gospel was by saying that "Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people." God blessed the labors of Paul and the gospel sent forth by God through him touched the hearts of the people.

Now, the devil tries to stop any work done for God. Our lesson brings out that fact. Just think of the riot that was caused by Demetrius and the other businessmen. The devil worked through them to cause a lot of trouble. The people cried for two hours in praise and honor to just an image. How sad! But where is their god today? The temple lies in ruins and no one worships their god. But what about the Jesus whom they were against? He is worshipped and honored by those who want to go to heaven. Boys and girls, the crowd is not the one to follow. Many will say, "Well, everyone else is doing it, and why not me?" It is never safe to follow the world and their ways that lead away from God. Be brave and stand for what is right. Dare to be different when it comes to doing right when others are doing wrong. Dare to do right and please the Lord. Pray much and ask God to put a deep desire in your heart to do right. Jesus will help you and will work out your problems as He did for Paul and his companions. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 3, July 19, 1970

OPPOSITION AND SUCCESS

Acts 19:24-32, 37-41

Acts 19:24 For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen;

25 Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth.

26 Moreover 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:

27 So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at naught; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth.

28 And when they heard these sayings, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

29 And the whole city was filled with confusion: and having caught Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre.

30 And when Paul would have entered in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not.

31 And certain of the chief of Asia, which were his friends, sent unto him, desiring him that he would not adventure himself into the theatre.

32 Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was confused; and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together.

37 [Ephesian Townclerk said] For ye have brought hither these men, which are neither robbers of churches, nor yet blasphemers of your goddess.

38 Wherefore if Demetrius, and the craftsmen which are with him, have a matter against any man, the law is open, and there are deputies: let them implead one another.

39 But if any enquire any thing concerning other matters, it shall be determined in a lawful assembly.

40 For we are in danger to be called in question for this day's uproar, there being no cause whereby we may give an account of this concourse.

41 And when he had thus spoken, he dismissed the assembly.

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

Central Thought: The workings of the Holy Spirit will stir up the devil whenever it is manifested.

QUESTIONS:

1. What was the name of the business man who stirred up the trouble?

2. What was his reason for doing this?

3. What did he say the Apostle Paul was doing?

4. How could one man cause this much trouble?

5. Why was the temple of Diana so important? Was it called one of the seven wonders of the ancient world in structure?

6. Was this really a battle of right against wrong and truth against error?

7. Whom did they catch and bring into the theatre?

8. Where was Paul during this time?

9. What did the Townclerk tell the people gathered in the theatre?

10. What did he say for the men of God?

11. What was the Townclerk's advice before he dismissed the assembly?

12. Compare the worship of Diana and of Jesus concerning length of duration.

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Asleep in Service

Many lights were in the chamber
Where the saints were breaking
bread,
Paul was also in their number,
And their souls were being fed.

In a window sat Eutychus,
Being fallen into sleep;
Paul was there so long a preaching
And his message was so deep.

From the lofty window fallen,
"He is dead!" their hearts were
sore,
Paul went down and fell upon him,
Jesus did his life restore.

—Leslie Busbee

On Eagles' Wings

The eagle is America's symbol. Its figure is on the back of the dollar bill and some coins and on top of many flagpoles. But many Ameri-

cans have forgotten what the eagle stands for.

The eagle was first proposed as the American symbol to the Continental Congress in 1776. At that time there was much opposition to this suggestion. For instance, Ben Franklin wanted the wild turkey instead. It took a committee a long time to convince the Congress to adopt the eagle as the national emblem.

The committee used several Bible verses in arguing for the eagle. I'm glad that they read their Bibles. One of these was Exodus 19:4, in which God says to His people: "I bare you on eagles' wings and brought you unto myself."

These words refer to the great strength of eagles. Eagles are so strong that they can carry their young on their wings. God is like an eagle because He carries us through our troubles and times of weakness.

In Isaiah 40:31 God says: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up

with wings like eagles." This means that we who trust the Lord can climb above our troubles as eagles soar high in the sky. Notice though we must "wait" for the Lord.

The symbol of the eagle was chosen to remind Americans that strength comes from God. We Christians know this in an even clearer way. God showed His strength by freeing us from sin and death through Jesus. He will also supply the strength we need for our lives. God will give us power to say, "No," to the devil who tries to get us to do wrong.

Whenever we see the U. S. eagle, let us remember that God is our Strength.

This should be our prayer:

Heavenly Father, carry us in Your arms as an eagle carries her young. Help us rise above our troubles by putting all our cares and worries on You. In the name of Jesus, our Saviour. Amen. —Sel.

A Simple Story, But A Great Philosophy

It is a very simple story—the one the preacher told at the weekly prayer meeting service—but it is a story that has in it the right philosophy of human life and of human sympathy.

The little girl went home one afternoon from school, and said to her mother: "Mamma, Mary's mother died last week. Mary has been absent from school a whole week, but she came back to school today. And do you know, Mamma, all she could do was just put her head down on the desk and cry?"

Then it was that the mother asked:

"And what did you do, my little daughter?"

And with childish unaffectedness she gave this simple little answer: "Why, Mamma, I just put my head down on the desk with hers and cried with her."

It is an answer that has in it the philosophy that a broken-hearted old world is in need of today.

For the world needs those with the love of God in their hearts who can cry with us in our sorrows, who can laugh with us in our joys.

The proof of the sympathetic heart is that it can be joyful with the joyful or sorrowful with the sorrowful.

The complexion of the world's griefs would be changed over night if only we would "put our heads down on the desk" with that of our fellow man to shed a tear with him in his grief or to smile with him in his joy.

The Inscription

After a little girl had prayed about what gift would be best for her father's birthday, she felt led to buy a Bible. She wondered what to write on the fly-leaf. "From Maggie" seemed too cold. "From your little daughter" would not do, for her father had said she was getting to be a big girl. Would "From one who loves you" do? Scarcely, for quite a lot of others loved him, too.

Finally she went to her father's library. She found that one of the books had this on the fly-leaf—"From the Author." Later when her father opened his gift and saw "From the Author," he realized that he was not acquainted with the Author of the

Bible. He began to study the Bible was converted, and became a preacher. In telling the story of his conversion, he often held up the little Bible, and told about the inscription, "From the Author."

Let us then accept it, read it, believe it, confess it, and tell others that it is a love gift for them "From the Author." —Sel.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a cup and write on it—the grape juice represents the blood of Jesus. Draw a round loaf and write on it, "represents the body of Jesus." In our lesson this is what is meant when they spoke of "breaking bread." (1 Cor. 10:16.)

Dear Boys and Girls:

I hope you can understand how important it is to guard your soul, heart, and mind. We are living in a day and age when the devil is working hard to destroy faith and confidence in God. Boys and girls, I beg you in the name of Jesus, never yield to doubts. God is real and is our God. There is no other God but our God, who is the Creator of all things including man. It is a fact that you have a soul that will live in eternity somewhere. It is a fact that you can choose the destiny of your soul. It is a fact that you will have to stand before God in the day of judgment and give an account of how you have lived in this life. It is a fact that Jesus came to this world, lived, and died on the cross for your salvation. It is a fact that you can come to Jesus, repent of your sins with godly sorrow and He will forgive you of your sins and write your name in the Book of Life and give you power to live a godly life in this world so you

can be ready to meet Him in death. As death finds you, so will the judgment. Hold fast to these truths or the enemy of your soul will take them away from you and your soul will be lost forever in eternity's night in hell where the devil and all of his imps will be. Hell is real and heaven is real. I know that it pays to live for God. I know that salvation is real because I have experienced it and God is real to me.

After the riot at Ephesus Paul and his company left and went to Macedonia. In the first two chapters of 2 Cor. more is told about Paul's journey at this time. Paul wrote this book, also letters to the Galatians and to the Romans which are recorded in our New Testament.

The first day of the week is Sunday. After Jesus arose the disciples began to meet together to worship the Lord. This was the day that Jesus arose from the grave. Some think that Saturday is the day to worship the Lord and call it the Sabbath, but Sabbath worship was done away with when Jesus came. Sabbath means rest. Jesus came to fulfill the meaning of Sabbath when He gave us rest through salvation to our souls which we have every day.

The disciples also had the Lord's supper on that day. (1 Cor. 10:16; Luke 22:15). This was the taking of the "fruit of the vine" or the grape juice and the breaking of the unleavened bread. This was kept in memory of Jesus' death on the cross for our salvation. God blesses those who obey His Word.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 4, July 26, 1970

A SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Acts 20:1-3, 6-14

Acts 20:1 And after the uproar was ceased, Paul called unto him the disciples

and embraced them, and departed for to go into Macedonia.

2 And when he had gone over those parts, and had given them much exhortation, he came into Greece,

3 And there abode three months. And when the Jews laid wait for him, as he was about to sail into Syria, he purposed to return through Macedonia.

6 And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days.

7 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

8 And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together.

9 And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead.

10 And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.

11 When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed.

12 And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.

13 And we went before to ship, and sailed unto Assos, there intending to take in Paul: for so had he appointed, minding himself to go afoot.

14 And when he met with us at Assos, we took him in, and came to Mitylene.

Memory Verse: Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Heb. 10:25.

Central Thought: Prepare your soul for worship service through prayer, fervency of spirit, and hunger for God's Word.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is meant by the uproar in the first verse of our lesson?

2. Where did Paul go?

3. Where did he abide three months?

4. What books in our New Testament are epistles or letters that Paul wrote at this time to other Christians?

5. Where did he sail to after the days of unleavened bread, meaning the Pass-over?

6. What is the first day of the week? What important event took place on that day?

7. Why do we meet on Sunday instead of Saturday which was the Sabbath Day under the Mosaic law?

8. Read 1 Cor. 10:16 to explain what was meant when they "came together to break bread."

9. How long did Paul preach that night?

10. Luke says there were "many lights in the upper chamber" to make us know there was no mistake about the man being asleep when he fell out of the window. (True or false.)

11. What was the name of the man who fell? Where did he fall from?

12. What did Paul do about this?

13. When did he depart? Where did he go?

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PAUL

Paul was once a raging person
Set to harm the saints of God,
But when Jesus came and saved him
He did throw away the rod.

Now his heart was filled with pity
For the saved and lost of men,
And in every town and city
Sought for Christ their souls to win.

Bore he there so many burdens,
Suffered he great sorrows sore;
But he held the faith of Jesus
'Til his work on earth was o'er.

—Leslie Busbee

God Can Use Everyone

A little church in England wasn't growing very fast. The church officers weren't pleased. Finally they spoke to their pastor. "What are we going to do?" they asked. "We have not gained a new member all year."

"That's true," answered the pastor. "It hurts me also to know we haven't grown. Still we did gain one member, Bobby Moffat. But he's so young I suppose we shouldn't even count him."

A few years later Bobby came to the pastor and asked, "Pastor, do you think I could ever learn to preach? If I could lead people to Jesus, I would be happy. I love Jesus and want to do something for him."

The pastor told him, "Well, Bobby, you might make a preacher. At least you can try. God will be with you."

Robert Moffat believed his pastor. He did try, and he became a missionary to Africa. Years later, when Moffat returned to England, the people gave him a grand welcome. A boy who hardly counted was honored as one of the world's greatest missionaries.

God can use us too, no matter how small or weak we think we are. God used young David to kill a giant and liberate His people from their enemies. Jesus used a boy's lunch of

bread and fish to feed more than 5,000 people.

God promises us in the Bible: "I am with thee . . . I will strengthen you, I will help thee" (Isa. 41:10). Like young Robert Moffat we may not seem very important by ourselves. But we can accomplish great things for God because of His promise to be with us. God's Son, Jesus, has already given us new life by His dying and rising again. God will also give us the strength we need to live this new life for Him. —Sel.

When Chains Are Broken

We have just celebrated Independence Day. There were many displays of fireworks to help us remember that great event of July 4, 1776. We have great reasons to appreciate that day. It was the day America declared her freedom from Britain's rule.

We read in Psalm 126 that when the Lord freed the children of Israel from captivity, they "were like them that dream." The people had been captives as slaves for so long that freedom was almost too good to be true. But then was their "mouth filled with laughter, and . . . tongue with singing." They, too, rejoiced in freedom.

Freedom is a wonderful thing. In some parts of the world, boys and girls of your age are made slaves. How thankful you should be that you live in a land of freedom.

But there is another freedom we want to talk about. Sin—doing wrong things—has bound many boys and girls like a strong chain of slavery. They just cannot help them-

selves. Many do not know that freedom from sin is only experienced when Jesus comes into the heart. Here is good news for all: "The blood of Jesus Christ [God's] Son cleanseth us from all sin." Through Christ the chain of sin is broken and we are free. Oh, what glorious freedom!

Remember, you are not too young to enjoy the Lord's freedom. Open your heart's door and let Him come in! Do not continue to be a slave to Satan. —Selected

God Can Spell

"Do not cry; I'll take you home," said the farmer to the little girl when he found her in his meadow.

"I knew you would come. I was waiting for you," said the child, smiling and snuggling up close.

"Waiting for me?" asked the man. "What made you think I was coming?"

"I was praying you would," answered the little girl.

"Praying?" When I first heard you, you were saying, 'ABCDEFGH.' What was that for?"

The little child looked up again and explained, "I'm just a little girl. I was praying all the letters of the alphabet and letting God put them together the way He wanted to. He knew I was lost, and He knew how to put them together better than I did."

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a path and a toothpick man walking on it. Up ahead of the man write the word, "TRAP." Draw a de-

tour around the trap and on that detour write the words, "Jesus leads." Underneath write, "None of these things move me."

Dear Boys and Girls:

I have heard some big boys say, "I am too big to cry," or "men don't cry." But God loves to see tenderness in all of us. We think of Jesus, the greatest person who ever lived in this life and also the bravest. He willingly let others put Him on the cross because He chose to take our punishment for us. He was full of courage and bravery. He could have called ten thousand angels to help Him, but He refused their help. Oh, how great He was! No man was ever so brave, but He cried. When Lazarus died, Jesus cried. Then one time He looked over Jerusalem, the city that was full of people who rejected His love, and He knew they would be punished because they would not accept Him as their Saviour. He cried and said, "How oft I would have gathered you under my wing as a hen gathers her chickens, but you would not." So you see tears are not a sign of weakness nor a lack of courage and bravery. It is a sign of tenderness and tears will move God on His throne. Did you know that tears are a sign of a broken heart filled with sorrow when a person comes to the Lord to be saved? The Bible tells us that He will not despise that kind of a heart, but will forgive their sins because of the godly sorrow.

We think of Paul as being very brave, but he wept. Our lesson tells us about it. He spoke of serving the Lord with many tears and temptations. Even though he wept he still was not going to let anything turn him away from the Lord nor hinder him from doing the will of God. He said, "None of these things

move me." He wasn't going to let anything change him nor cause him to stop loving and obeying the Lord. Boys and girls, you might have to face some hard things that make you weep, but don't let that keep you from loving the Lord. The devil will set traps for you but you can go through those traps with help from the Lord and you will not be caught. I read how they did when they set traps for animals and for men in the Bible lands or countries in the Orient. They dug a deep hole and put sharp sticks called goads in that deep hole. Then the hole was covered with brush so that no one knew there was a trap or snare on the path. When an animal or man comes along, they fall in the hole onto these many sharp sticks which stick into them in such a way that they can't get out and they soon die unless someone frees them. Now the devil sets traps for you and you might not detect it unless you have the Lord to help you. But if the Lord is with you He can keep you from going the way that leads into the trap. It is important that you take God's way. He will help you miss lots of trouble that could ruin your life. That's the reason Paul refused to go any way but God's way. He said that he wanted to finish his life or course with joy. He knew if he suffered some hard things for Christ that souls would be able to hear the gospel and they, too, would have a chance to be saved and go to heaven with him.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 5, August 2, 1970

PAUL'S TENDERNESS AND COURAGE

Acts 20:17-27

Acts 20:17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.

18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,

19 Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,

21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

22 And now, behold I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:

23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.

26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men.

27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

Memory Verse: My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities

that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 2 Cor. 12:9.

Central Thought: We should be true to the souls of all men, always manifesting a heart filled with love for all.

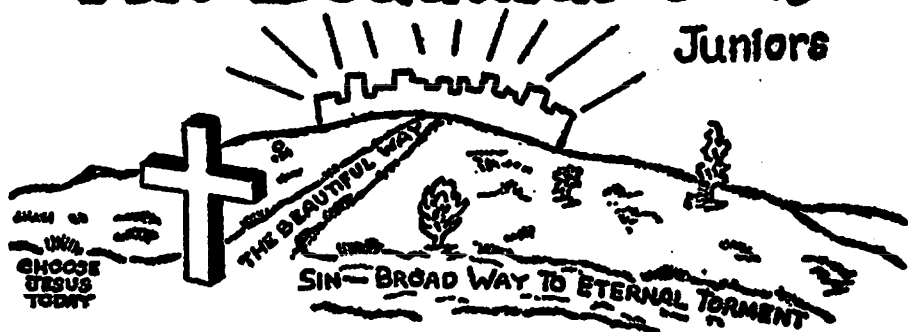
QUESTIONS:

1. Check your map and tell where Miletus is located from Ephesus.
2. Whom did Paul call to come to Miletus from Ephesus?
3. How had Paul conducted himself with the Ephesians from the first day he had come to them and at all seasons and times?
4. Does it show weakness in a man to shed tears?
5. How did Paul serve the Lord?
6. Nearly everywhere Paul went some Jews followed him to stir up trouble. (True or false.)
7. Paul did not keep back anything from the Gentiles that would be of profit to them to help them make heaven their home. (True or false.)
8. Paul testified to the Jews and Greeks, _____, and _____ toward our _____.
9. Paul was on his way to Jerusalem when he talked to the elders of Ephesus and he had no idea of what would befall him there. (True or false.)
10. What did the Holy Spirit reveal to Paul that would happen to him?
11. Was Paul a coward who turned back when he knew troubles were ahead?
12. How did Paul regard his life? How did he want to finish his course of life?
13. Did Paul feel he would ever see their faces again?
14. Why did Paul say he was "pure from the blood of all men"?

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Aug. 9

Paul's Farewell

Taking leave of his dear brethren
For their trueness did implore
Paul the preacher, as He told them:
"You will see my face no more."

Fell they on his neck and kissed him,
Sorrowed they and wept so sore
For the words that he had spoken:
"You will see my face no more."

Words of sadness spoke in parting
Seems we hear them o'er and o'er
But some day in Heaven's glory
We shall meet to part no more.

—Leslie Busbee

The Skinny Horse

Years ago, a poor old woman drove into town in a rickety spring wagon. She tied her horse to a post near the schoolhouse. It was just about as poor looking an old horse as you ever saw. The woman hobbled away with feeble steps to sell a few eggs which

she had in a basket. Just as she was out of sight, the bell rang for the noon hour, and a crowd of jolly, noisy boys rushed out of the school house.

"Ho! ho! ho!" they laughed. "See that horse! Who ever saw such a looking thing?"

"Thin as a rail!"

"You can count all his ribs!"

"Looks half starved! Say, Bony, is there enough left to scare?"

Two or three of the boys squealed in the ears of the horse, and gave him rough pokes. Others jumped in front of him to try to frighten him.

One said, "Let's lead him around to the back of the building and tie him there, so that when the folks he belongs to come to get him, they'll think he ran away."

"Say, boys," put in another, "how about the lesson last Sunday? Isn't a horse worth as much as a sparrow? He looks half-starved — yes, more than half, I'd say, and we know it isn't good to feel that way, since the day we got lost in the woods when we went nutting."

Well, the boys stopped their teasing the horse, and looked at him with different eyes, while one of them began to brush the flies off him.

"Look here, boys, I wish we could give him something to eat while he's standing there."

"Why can't we?"

"A real dinner, such as he hasn't had for a century, by the looks of him."

"Let's do it! I've got a nickel!"

"I've got two pennies!"

More money came in. The man at the feed store contributed a nearly-worn-out bag, and in a few minutes the poor old horse was enjoying a good feed of oats.

By the time he had finished, the old woman came back, her basket filled with groceries, for which she had exchanged her eggs.

The boys helped the old woman into the spring wagon as if she had been a queen, and every boyish heart was happy as the quivering voice and tear-dimmed eyes bore a burden of warm thanks and gratitude as she drove away.

Those were just everyday school boys. There are millions and millions like them, only many of them do not realize what a spirit of loving kindness dwells within their hearts, when awakened to action. —Selected

Sing It — Whistle It

Aunt Mary was not our aunt. She was not the aunt of any of the children who went trooping over to play in her back yard. She did have one nephew. He had grown up, and married, and was a successful business man in another state. The big back

yard he liked to play in continued to be enjoyed by youngsters of the neighborhood, and his Aunt Mary was Aunt Mary to all of them.

She had just one rule that she drew on us when we played at her house. Whenever she heard us quarrelling, she would call out in her even, kindly voice, "Sing it, children, sing it—or whistle it—see how that goes set to music."

Of course, we boys usually chose to whistle—at least we would not have to say the hateful words we had been caught using; but even whistling called for something less sharp in mood.

"Give that here! Stop it, I tell you!" You laugh when you think about words like that being sung to any kind of tune. They just do not go with music. Of course, it makes you laugh. It made us laugh, too; and that was what Aunt Mary wanted. She knew we could not quarrel and laugh at the same time. She knew we could not quarrel and whistle at the same time.

"All the good words can be sung." I've heard Aunt Mary say that many a time. "But ugly tones and scolding words just do not go to music; they will soften in spite of themselves when you try to sing them—try it and see."

Did you ever try it? If you never did, then do it sometime; that is, if you ever have any occasion to. —Sel.

JUST ONE, BUT—

"One drop of rain is not much. Yet the greatest storm that ever raged began with just one drop. One little habit or sin does not seem much to a boy or girl. Yet the farthest

wanderer from the paths of right began with just one little fault." —Sel.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw some sheep or make some round circles to represent sheep and then draw a wolf or a big X for the wolf that has come in among the sheep. Draw a toothpick man with a Bible in his hand. He drives out the wolf who is the false prophet with the Word. The wolf can't stay among God's people when the Bible is read to him and he is told where he is wrong.

Dear Boys and Girls:

You should love and respect the pastor of your congregation as a child of God. God has fixed it so that He gives different ones special places to work. The Holy Spirit is the one who chooses the persons to give gifts to. It is the Lord's doings and not man's. God gives some special understanding to the ministers, teachers, evangelists, missionaries, etc. Each has a place and understands to work in the place God has put them. God does the appointing and then He gives them ability or makes them able to work in that place. It is not the person that we respect or listen to, especially, but the gift that we know God has given to that person and the place we know God has appointed them. In reality we are loving and respecting God because of His workings through the person. God helps ministers or pastors to bring out special thoughts, speak words and explain God's Word in such a way that it is for our good. We must listen to them as God speaking to us since God is really speaking through the person to us. We are to love them for

"their works' sake." We are to "obey them that have the rule over you . . ." they must give an account unto God for you. It is a serious thing to disregard God's ministers. Now boys and girls, there are many who call themselves ministers of God in religious groups whom God has not placed there, but they are what our lesson calls, "grievous wolves." They are wolves in sheeps' clothing. One time at campmeeting a preacher got up who was not clear before God and some boys were talking about it. They were able to tell that he was not a true minister of God. Some of the true ministers talked to the false minister and saw to it that the saints were not led astray. (Read 2 Cor. 11:15.) So we need true ministers to watch for our souls and see that we are not led astray by false ministers. The devil is very slick and tries to work his way in among the saints of God. There is a story that one time the guards were always being killed at a certain outpost and the enemy would get through and do much damage to the armed forces. The captain told the guard to shoot anything that he saw moving. This guard saw a pig coming, eating nuts and grunting. The guard hated to kill a pig, but he thought about what the captain said, so he shot the pig. Out rolled an enemy soldier. He had been dressed in a pigskin. We need someone to guard that will be wise and keep us from being harmed by some false person who would cause us to lose our soul.

Paul wept as he told the people goodbye. He reminded them how he had warned them night and day for three years. He also mentioned how he had worked and taken care of his own needs, mentioning that it was better to give than to receive. But he also taught the-

saints to take care of the minister as he brought them spiritual food.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 6, August 9, 1970

PAUL'S COUNSEL AND FAREWELL

Acts 20:28-38

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.

34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

37 And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him.

38 Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.

Memory Verse: Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Eph. 5:21.

Central Thought: Our aim should be to endeavor to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" and know how "to behave ourselves in the house of God."

QUESTIONS

1. To whom is the minister to take heed?

2. Who put the pastor over the saints of God or the flock?

3. Does it mean by feeding the church of God to give them meat and bread?

4. Where did the church of God get its name? Read Eph. 3:14, 15.

5. Who purchased the church of God?

6. What are "grievous wolves"?

7. Tell the two places from which they will come. (verses 29, 30.)

8. Would "perverse things" mean they spoke things not according to the Bible?

9. How long did Paul watch for the Ephesians' souls?

10. How did he warn them?

11. Would giving the brethren "an inheritance among all them that are sanctified" mean a home in heaven?

12. How did Paul take care of himself?

13. What kind of example did Paul set concerning the care of the weak?

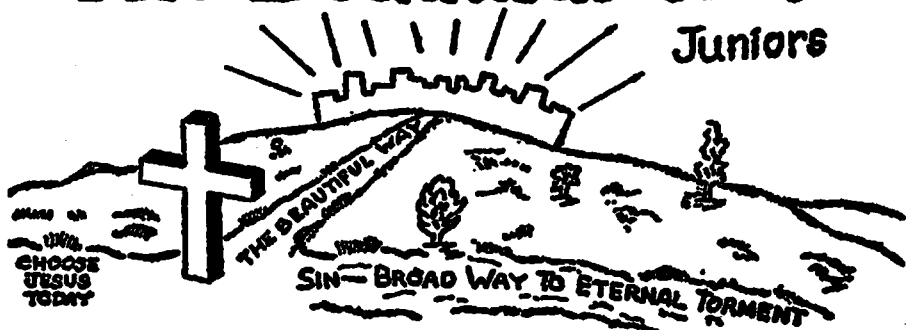
14. Why is it more blessed to give than to receive?

15. Tell about Paul's farewell.

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Aug. 16

Ready for Jesus

Are you willing, are you ready
With a consecrated heart
To lay down your life for Jesus
From all self and sin to part?

Can you say that knowing Jesus
Is the pearl of greatest price
That with Him there's life in dying,
That there's gain in sacrifice?

What a Friend we have in Jesus
What a treasure we can own
Ready for His blessed coming
Loving Him and Him alone.

—Leslie Busbee

Blowing Judas to Bits

Every year during Lent Judas gets "blown to bits" in Mexico. Not really, of course. But here's what happens:

First some workmen build large wooden frames in the shape of a man. Then they cover these frames with

paper and paint ugly faces on them. They call each of these figures a "Judas." Inside each Judas is a big string of firecrackers.

The men hang the Judases over the street, high above the crowds below. When they light the fuses, Judas gets blown to bits.

In this way Mexicans show their anger against the man who betrayed Jesus. Judas was a follower of Jesus even one of His closest friends. But he betrayed Jesus to His enemies for 30 pieces of silver—only a few dollars in our money.

But being angry with Judas doesn't really help us. It may even do us harm. If we criticize the betrayer for his evil act, we may feel proud of ourselves for not being as bad as he was. God warns us in the Bible: "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." 1 Cor. 10:12.

Instead of being angry with Judas we ought to be warned by what happened to him. We betray Jesus, too. We do this when we love something else more than Jesus. We may not love money, as Judas did, but we may

love other things more than Jesus or trust other things more than God.

We can be thankful Jesus doesn't turn against us when we betray Him. He still loves us no matter how great our sins. We can always turn back to our Savior and find forgiveness, for He died and rose again to take away our sin.

If Judas had trusted Jesus, the risen Christ would have returned to forgive him as He did Peter, who denied Him. When we turn to the risen Christ in prayer for His forgiveness, and He richly forgives us even though we also have been Judases. —Sel.

"I CAN"

"I can't do right even when I want to," said John.

"Did you ever hear of a person with aphasia?" asked his father. "Aphasia is a disease that makes it impossible for a person to use words he wants to use. He cannot make his tongue mind him. And have you ever seen a person with rickets?"

"Rickets! What is that?" asked John.

"That is a disease in which the bones soften and the victim cannot walk. His limbs won't mind him. And did you ever see a drunken man?"

"Yes, a few," said John.

"Then you know how they say and do all sorts of queer things. They cannot make their minds or their bodies or their tongues obey them. Now, John, you say, 'I can't.' Do you have rickets or aphasia or drunkenness? If you are a Christian you can go to a great Doctor who will help you to overcome anything that

bothers you or in any way interferes with a happy Christian life. He is our heavenly Father. He will help you. Let us believe that we can do all things through Christ who will strengthen us. —Selected

Count Your Wealth

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

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

Be True

Be true to your ideals. Set them high. You will hardly rise above them. Let them lift you in spite of life's undercurrents. Keep your eyes up, your vision clear, your faith steady.

Be true to your convictions, only test them well. See if they will hold when the strain is heavy, the sky starless, your friends few. If they hold, follow them.

In times of crises the demand is not for men of genius nor men of

worldwide fame, but for those who are true. It is not necessary that we should succeed as the world counts success, but if life be worth the living it is absolutely essential that in all things we should be true.

"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:5).

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Paul had two choices. Write on the board: Save your own life here—hell. Lose your own life here—heaven. Which did Paul choose?

Dear Boys and Girls:

I hope you are tracing the journeys of Paul on your map. Paul was a great man who had much courage. After he told the Ephesian brethren farewell he took a ship and sailed to Coos, an island in the sea. Then he sailed to another island called Rhodes. This was an island that had one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. We studied that the temple to the goddess Diana was also one of the seven wonders. On the island of Rhodes there was a brazen statue of Apollo, so high that ships in full sail could pass between its legs. It took Chares twelve years to build it. It was 106 feet high. But after standing for 66 years, it was thrown down by an earthquake about 224 years before the time of Christ. No doubt Paul thought about this image when he was there, but was glad that he could tell the people that Jesus was the one to worship. They came to Tyre and there is where our lesson begins.

Paul prayed for those who followed him to the seashore before he left. He

wanted them to be faithful to the Lord. No doubt he asked God to bless them for their love shown to him. He didn't know if he would ever see their faces again. He was not ashamed to kneel and pray to his heavenly Father right there in the presence of others who worshipped images as their gods. Maybe it helped some of them to know about God as they asked what was being done.

Paul was entertained in the home of Philip who was one of the seven deacons who were chosen to help take care of the widows and other business and spiritual affairs. (Acts 6:3, 5.) He had four daughters who prophesied. That means they preached or exhorted just as today we have sisters who bring the Word of God.

The girdle that was worn in those days was a belt made of leather or cloth that was worn around the waist by men and women. Sometimes it was used as a purse when the end was turned up. Sometimes soldiers used it to put their spears in. It seemed to be a useful article of outer dress in those days.

Paul was determined to do what God made him know to do. Others were also told by God that Paul would have trouble in Jerusalem. They begged him not to go, but he was willing even to die for the name of Jesus. He refused to disobey His Lord. He loved His Lord and Master supremely. We must love Him, also.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 7, August 16, 1970

READY TO DIE FOR JESUS

Acts 21:3-16

Acts 21:3 We . . . sailed into Syria, and landed at Tyre: for there the ship was to unlade her burden.

4 And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who said to Paul

through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.

5 And when we had accomplished those days, we departed and went our way; and they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till we were out of the city: and we kneeled down on the shore, and prayed.

6 And when we had taken our leave one of another, we took ship; and they returned home again.

7 And when we had finished our course from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais, and saluted the brethren, and abode with them one day.

8 And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him.

9 And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.

10 And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus.

11 And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.

12 And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem.

13 Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

14 And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done.

15 And after those days we took up our carriages, and went up to Jerusalem.

16 There went with us also certain of the disciples of Caesarea, and brought with them one Mnason of Cyprus, an old disciple, with whom we should lodge.

Memory Verse: We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8.

Central Thought: Our lesson shows us some of the inner motives and deep convictions of a man whom it would be well for us to follow as a pattern.

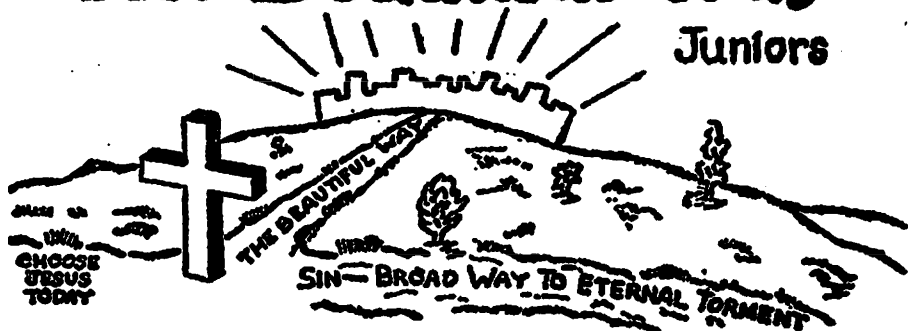
QUESTIONS:

1. How long did Paul stay at Tyre?
2. Did some of the disciples tell him not to go to Jerusalem?
3. What did Paul do when the brethren, their wives, and children followed him to the seashore?
4. How long was Paul at Ptolemais? What did he do?
5. Whose house did he go to in Caesarea?
6. What does it mean when it said that Philip was "one of the seven"? (Acts 6:3, 5)
7. Who was Agabus?
8. Did Agabus bind Paul's hands and feet?
9. What did Agabus tell Paul?
10. What did Paul tell the people when they tried to get him not to go to Jerusalem?
11. What did the people say when he insisted on going to Jerusalem?
12. How did they go to Jerusalem? Where did they lodge?
13. Should we be willing to die for the name of Jesus today?

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Part Eight

Aug. 23

For The Gospel's Sake

Many things along life's pathway
Christians oft are called to do
That the gospel might be better
Held aloft in mortal's view.

Loving those who live about us
Makes us let our light to shine
Peradventure God in heaven
Will reach forth His hand divine.

Of this blessed truth and gospel
Let us never be ashamed
That salvation will be shining
Where the Christ of God is named.

—Leslie Busbee

God's Wonder Bread

Did you ever hear the slogan: "Buy Wonder Bread and be strong" "Eat the breakfast of champions" This cereal will make you jet-propelled"? Food helps our bodies to grow and keeps us strong and healthy. God uses food to keep us alive.

It's really a miracle of God that little seeds grow into great stalks of grain. More wonderful still is the way the bread or cereal made out of the grain works inside us. When we eat food, it gets changed inside our stomach. It goes into our blood, and part of it changes into skin and bones and flesh. Another part of it gives us energy to work and play.

If we didn't see it happening all the time, we would never imagine that food could do such wonderful things. Yet we know it does. It is the way God planned for people to stay alive.

Most wonderful of all is God's plan to give men life with Him forever. Jesus talked about this plan when He said: "I am the Bread of Life" (John 6:35). Ordinary food won't keep us alive forever. Because of sin all people must die. And so we all need a "special food" that will give us life with God after death. That special food, or bread, is Jesus. "I am the living Bread," said Jesus. "If any man eat of this Bread, he shall live forever." (John 6:51)

How can we eat this Bread? To "eat" Him is to trust in Him. When we eat bread, it enters our bodies; when we trust in Jesus, His holiness enters our lives. God looks at Jesus' holiness. He forgives us all our sins.

—Selected

Ah-Fu's Costly Lesson

Everything was very bad in the home of Ah-fu, near the village of "Cloudy Hills" in China. His father was very sick, so his mother and he had to work hard to keep their rice bowls even half full. Ah-fu, whose name means "Much Riches," wished it were true, for even a penny seemed unwilling to come his way.

Yet really the boy was richer than many others around, because his parents were "Jesus-believers," and Ah-fu had recently become a Christian.

He found it hard to understand why so much trouble and sickness should come. He expected the Lord Jesus to protect them and keep them in joy and peace, and he felt disappointed. Ah-fu could not read well and did not know very much of the teaching of the Bible.

One day an old farmer came along, wanting to buy some mulberry leaves for his silkworms, as Ah-fu's father had rather a large tree. But the leaves were all poor and withered so that he would not take them.

"Come in! Come in! and see my father," said the boy. "He is a little better today, though the fever burns like a great fire."

"Not so, not so," said the old man. "I must tell my feet to go quickly on the way." But Ah-fu's mother pulled him into the sick man's room.

"What bad luck this year that we have no good mulberry leaves," the mother sighed to Ah-fu.

"So! So!" he replied, and then suddenly an idea struck Ah-fu. The old man had thrown down his large new bag when going to look at the tree. Why not hide it and pretend someone passing along by the gateway had stolen it? True, it would only bring a few pennies to sell, but still anything was better than nothing. So in a flash Ah-fu had carefully hidden the bag, hoping the old man would forget all about it.

To Ah-fu's joy the old man did forget all about his bag. Next morning early the boy took it and sold it, but somehow his heart would not "lie down in peace."

A day or so later the old man called in to ask about his loss, but Ah-fu declared someone passing must have stolen it.

As summer came on, things were much better at home. Their small rice field was looking well, and his mother was making a little money selling fans. There was simply no reason for Ah-fu not to be happy, yet his merry laugh and gay songs ceased. When his father had family worship Ah-fu felt uncomfortable, and his own prayers were often forgotten or carelessly repeated.

(To be continued)

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw two roads. Draw a toothpick man looking in the Bible, which is the map that will tell him which road to take. Daily we have to make decisions about what we should do. The devil talks to us in a loud voice and tries to push us. Jesus talks gently and gives

us time to think about it and see if the Bible teaches the same thing.

Dear Boys and Girls:

The summertime is hot and I know that some of you are tempted to wear scanty clothing, but I do trust that you will remember that the Bible teaches us to clothe ourselves. We are not to follow the way others do. You won't die from the heat by just wearing clothes. Did you know that the Indians in Arizona and the desert put blankets around themselves in the summer to keep cool? This keeps the heat off their bodies. Then when they perspire a little they open the blanket and the air hits them and cools their bodies. Boys and girls, we should obey the Lord and not want to be like our neighbors who do not care if they please the Lord or not in the manner of their dress.

Our lesson today lets us know that it is possible to make a mistake even if you belong to God. When Paul came to Jerusalem the elders and James were glad to see him, but they knew that during the feast of Pentecost thousands of Jews would be there who would cause him trouble. They had a mistaken idea that Paul was determined to keep people from obeying the law of Moses, when in reality Paul was trying to get people to believe in Jesus Christ as the Saviour of the world who would forgive them of their sins. He pointed them to Christ and those who believed on Jesus soon saw that the keeping of the law did not help them at all.

James and the elders asked Paul to take the vow of the Nazarite with four others who after a time of letting their hair grow, would then shave their heads. James and the elders reasoned that the multitude of the Jews would see this

act and not cause Paul any trouble. Paul did this but he had trouble anyway. Paul felt that in his heart he knew that the keeping of this part of the law did not profit him anything nor did it hinder him. He reasoned that it might help some of the Jews to be saved. We notice that this was their reasoning and we do not have record that they got this from God, nor did they say so. Mistakes will not cause us to be cut off from God, but they must be repented of. We do not find Paul doing this again.

Boys and girls, you can learn from your mistakes. Always repent of them and ask God to help you to "grow in knowledge." As you live for God you will understand better how to please Him.
—Aunt Marie

Lesson 8, August 23, 1970

CHRISTIANS IN A CLOSE PLACE

Acts 21:17-25; 1 Cor. 9:22b, 23;
Acts 21:26, 27

Acts 21:17 And when we were come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly.

18 And the day following Paul went in with us unto James; and all the elders were present.

19 And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry.

20 And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law:

21 And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs.

22 What is it therefore? the multitudes must needs come together: for they will hear that thou art come.

23 Do therefore this that we say to thee: We have four men which have a vow on them:

24 Them take, and purify thyself with them, and be at charges with them, that they may shave their heads: and all may know that those things, whereof they were informed concerning thee, are nothing; but that thou thyself also walkest orderly, and keepest the law.

25 As touching the Gentiles which believe, we have written and concluded that they observe no such thing, save only that they keep themselves from things offered to idols, and from blood, and from strangled, and from fornication.

1 Cor. 9:22b (Paul later writes) I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

23 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partakers thereof with you.

Acts 21:26 Then Paul took the men, and the next day purifying himself with them entered into the temple, to signify the accomplishment of the days of purification, until that an offering should be offered for every one of them.

27 And when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews which were of Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the people, and laid hands on him.

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. Confusion genders compromise, which is never successful.

QUESTIONS:

1. How did the brethren receive Paul and his companions at Jerusalem?

2. What did Paul do the day after he arrived?

3. What did he tell them about the Gentiles?

4. What did James and the elders tell Paul about the thousands of Jews who were in Jerusalem at that time for the feast of Pentecost and what they thought about the law of Moses?

5. What had these Jews heard about what Paul taught the Gentiles?

6. Were James and the elders concerned about the Jews hearing that Paul was there?

7. Did James and the elders have the leadings of the Holy Spirit in what they asked Paul to do or was it just their opinion of what was best?

8. Why did they want Paul to take the vow with the four men? (last part of verse 24.)

9. Do you remember in a previous lesson about the letter spoken of in verse 25 being written? (Acts 15:23, 28, 29.)

10. Did Paul reason that it might help some of the Jews to be saved if he did as he was asked?

11. Did their planning help keep Paul out of trouble?

12. Does our lesson prove that all people can make mistakes sometimes?

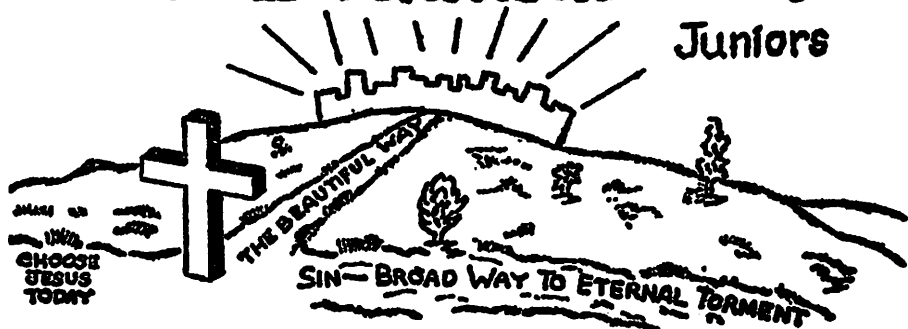
13. What must we do when we recognize that we have made a mistake?

Live in the sunshine; you will live longer.

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Part Nine

Aug. 30

They Supposed

The Jews laid hands on Paul and cried
They saw Trophimus at his side;
"He has defiled this holy place
By him who's of another race!"

How often do faultfinders find
A way to gain their goal in mind
Supposing in their evil thought:
"You have not done just what you
ought!"

Evil surmising is a wedge
Driv'n by a sharpened malice-edge
A bitter root sprung from the heart
Who does not have with Christ a
part.

—Leslie Busbee

Too Proud to Bend Down?

On the high plains of Peru and Bolivia lives a strange long-necked animal called a llama. If a herdsman wants to draw a herd of llamas close together, he first ties a rope to the neck of one llama. Then he walks

around the herd drawing the rope around the necks of the other animals.

This doesn't sound as if it would work. The llamas could duck their heads and get out from under the rope. They could, but they won't. Do you know why? The entire herd will stand with heads held high. They are too proud to lower themselves.

People are often like llamas—too proud to bend their necks in repentance before God. Stephen, the first Christian to lay down his life for Christ, said to some of the people of his day: "You stiff-necked people . . . you always resist the Holy Spirit." (Acts 7:51)

We also are often too proud and "stiff-necked" to confess our sins. We say something that isn't true about a friend, or we do something behind his back to hurt him. And when we're faced up with our wrong, we try to make excuses. Name some other ways of being proud.

God wants us to "bend our necks" and repent of our sins. The Bible says: "If we confess our sins, He is

faithful and just to forgive us our sins" (1 John 1:9). Jesus has already won forgiveness for us by His death. But if we're not sorry for our wrongs, we're not ready to receive God's pardon.

God the Spirit helps us lower ourselves in repentance. And when the Spirit bends our necks, He always lifts them up again. He gives us the joy of knowing that we are forgiven for Jesus' sake. —Sel.

Ah-Fu's Costly Lesson

(Continued from last week's paper.)

Then one Sunday the lesson was all about Achan and the stolen garment, in Joshua 7, and that night Ah-fu had a dream all about a stolen bag. Because he could not forget it he felt troubled, and at last told his father.

"My son, my heart is pained. I know well thou didst take it for my sake, and it seems a very small thing. But it was stealing, and has grieved our Saviour. I will give thee back the money for the bag and thou must take it to Friend Wong at once, humbly confessing thy fault. I will go with thee to share thy shame. I am more sorry because he is not a believer, and will say we are no better than others around who lie and steal."

Ah-fu felt much ashamed. He hung his head, for he simply hated having to go and confess his fault.

Setting out next day, Ah-fu and his father reached the man's house after several hours' tiresome walking. Ah-fu bravely made his confession and produced the pennies.

Nothing is kept private in China, and of course all the family knew about the matter.

"Truly there must be something," they said, "in the Christian religion to make the man lose a day's work to come with his son and confess a fault that had not been found out. They have truly got something in their religion we do not possess."

The old man tried to make Ah-fu gather up the pennies, but he refused until their host said politely: "I have heard it said that your Jesus-Church is in sore need of repair. Take this small gift from me," and he added a silver dollar coin to the pennies.

"My father," said Ah-fu as they went home, "I felt pain within because I was going to confess my sin, but now I feel so happy, as if I had found great joy."

"True, my son, but never forget the cost of that stolen bag. God by grace has forgiven thee and washed away thy sin, but always remember sin has its price and that was paid by the Lord Jesus."

And Ah-fu, looking up at the grave and weary face beside him, felt that his fault had also brought sorrow to his good honest father. —Sel.

LOOK OUT FOR YOUR FACE

"My boy," said a wise father, who knew how to play and be a chum with his son, "You do not own your face."

The boy looked puzzled. He had come to the breakfast table with a frown on his face and had started to eat his food. Everybody felt the shadow of his ill spirits in his looks. His father's words brought him back to life, and he looked with a guilty expression, but did not understand his father.

"You do not own your own face," his father repeated. "Do not forget

that. It belongs to other people. They, not you, have to look at it."

The boy had never thought of that, but he understood, and did not forget.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw two toothpick men. Write under one "talebearer." Under the other write "Peace maker." Which one is happier and makes others happy?

Dears Boys and Girls:

Do you know any boys or girls who tell falsehoods on others? They might not say the person said or did exactly what they are telling, but they acted like they would do it, or said things that made you believe they would do it. Now, the person might not have said or done anything of the kind. It is bad to leave wrong impressions about a person in the minds of others. Be real careful when you tell something that you give the person every benefit of the doubt. Don't enlarge on something you thought they meant. It is better not to tell it at all if you can't tell something good. False tales told on others have caused untold agony and tears. Much suffering has come from lies being told. Be a peace-maker and spread peace around. My mother always told me never to tell anything that would leave a bad thought in the minds of others about another person. Maybe the person really did something wrong, but do you have to tell it?

A man thought he saw Paul take a Greek, who was a Gentile, into the temple. It is said that it was written on the wall of the temple that no Gentile was allowed to enter. So this man shouted out that Paul did wrong when he saw Paul in the temple. He made other accusations, too. This caused others

to believe this falsehood and soon the whole city was in an uproar. This is how a mob will get started. Someone shouts and others take it up. Many will not take time to see if it is true, but will follow the evil one and someone is hurt. Many times many are hurt and much damage is done. It is best to run away from a mob rather than be a part of a group bent on doing evil.

Poor Paul had been warned by the Holy Spirit and his good brethren all along on his way to Jerusalem that he would meet trouble there, and he did. Do you remember he said he was willing to die for the name of Jesus? Paul had brought help for the poor Christians in Jerusalem. He came on a mission of mercy. God heard his cry and rescued him from the mob through the chief captain. But the chief captain thought he was an Egyptian who, some time before with a gang following him, had tried to break into the temple. The gang had been captured, but the Egyptian leader had escaped. Paul explained who he was.

Just as God helped Paul out at this time, He will help us out when we are in trouble. We never know when trouble might come suddenly. The devil does not like those who do right. Bad people get into trouble, also. I would rather be right and have God on my side, would not you?

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 9, August 30, 1970

FALSE ACCUSATIONS CAUSE SUFFERING

Acts 21:28-39

Acts 21:28 (Jews from Asia laid hands on Paul) crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teacheth all men every where against the

people, and the law, and this place: and further brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place.

29 (For they had seen before with him in the city Trophimus an Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.)

30 And all the city was moved, and the people ran together: and they took Paul, and drew him out of the temple, and forthwith the doors were shut.

31 And as they went about to kill him, tidings came unto the chief captain of the band, that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.

32 Who immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down unto them: and when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, they left beating of Paul.

33 Then the chief captain came near, and took him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains; and demanded who he was, and what he had done.

34 And some cried one thing, some another, among the multitude: and when he could not know the certainty for the tumult, he commanded him to be carried into the castle.

35 And when he came upon the stairs, so it was, that he was borne of the soldiers for the violence of the people.

36 For the multitude of the people followed after, crying, Away with him.

37 And as Paul was to be led into the castle, he said unto the chief captain, May I speak unto thee? Who said, Canst thou speak Greek?

38 Art not thou that Egyptian, which before these days madest an uproar, and leddest out into the wilderness four thousand men that were murderers?

39 But Paul said, I am a man which am a Jew of Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city: and, I beseech thee, suffer me to speak unto the people.

Memory Verse: Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! James 3:5.

Central Thought: It is the devil's business to scatter false reports to stir up trouble.

QUESTIONS:

1. As mentioned in verse 28, what did the Jews from Asia who stirred up the people against Paul shout out?

2. What had they supposed Paul had done wrong?

3. Tell where the mob got started and where it first took place.

4. What did the mob have in mind to do with Paul?

5. What did the chief captain hear?

6. What did he do about it?

7. When the people saw the chief captain coming what did they do?

8. How was Paul bound?

9. What was the answer to the question of what Paul had done?

10. How was Paul brought into the castle?

11. What did the people cry out? Did they say the same about Jesus?

12. What did Paul ask to be allowed to do when he was taken into the castle?

13. What Egyptian was the chief captain talking about?

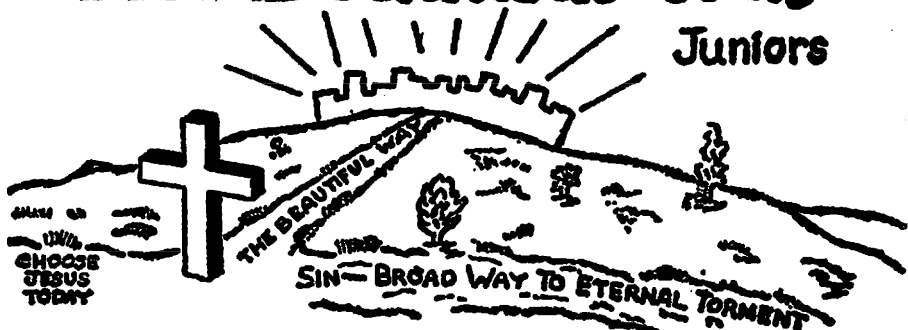
14. What did Paul tell about himself?

15. Should we be careful about telling things that are untrue?

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Part Ten

Sept. 6

Paul Spoke

Paul stood that day upon the stair
And beckoned with his hand;
A heavy silence filled the air
He spoke at God's command.

He stood in Athens on Mars Hill
Where many often met
And witnessed of God's righteous will
When judgment shall be set.

He stood before Agrippa bold
And spoke in tones divine
Of Christ whose riches are untold,
Laid judgment to the line.

—Leslie Busbee

Her Teachers

It was the first visit Aunt Caroline had made in two years, and it was clear that the sight of Eva surprised her. And the surprise seemed to become more pronounced as the time went on. Sometimes Eva was

aware that Aunt Caroline was looking at her with an intensity which made her feel decidedly uncomfortable.

One day she had been busy over a letter and had almost forgotten that Aunt Caroline was in the room, when she looked up to meet that penetrating gaze, fixed upon her as if it were trying to look beneath the surface into the very depths of her heart. Eva blushed.

The blush was too much of a conflagration for Aunt Caroline to overlook. "Why, Eva!" she exclaimed.

"Yes, Aunt Caroline."

"You look so uncomfortable, my dear. Is it—have—" She hesitated as if uncertain how to go on, and at once Eva reached the very sensible decision that she would take steps to clear up the mystery.

"Aunt Caroline," she said, "Is there anything—queer about me?"

"Queer, my dear!"

"I didn't know," Eva said, rather abashed. "But I thought you looked at me as if—well as if—"

Aunt Caroline burst into a laugh, then broke off suddenly. "You dear

child," she exclaimed. "Have you really been thinking anything like that?"

"Well, I thought there was something—"

"There is. Do you know, Eva, you have improved in the two years since I saw you last, in the most astonishing way. As I watch you, or listen to you, I sometimes ask myself if it can be the same girl."

Again Eva blushed, but the brightening of her eyes suggested that her emotions were purely pleasurable. "Do you really think so, Auntie?" she exclaimed. "Then Miss Morton must have been right."

"Miss Morton? Who is she and what has she to do with it?"

Eva moved into an easy chair near to Aunt Caroline. "Miss Morton was my teacher for two years, and I loved her dearly. She was a teacher, and a lot beside. Some times I thought that knowing I didn't have any mother, she tried to help me in some of the ways that mothers help girls, because she didn't stop with teaching me things out of books. If she noticed a fault in me, she would call me to her and talk it over with me.

"Then about two years and a half ago," Eva continued, "Miss Morton resigned. I can't begin to tell you how bad I felt; I cried as if my heart were broken. I told her that now I wouldn't have any teachers who would do for me what she had. She patted my shoulder and said, 'Don't be troubled about that dear. I'm going to leave you in good hands.' "

"What did she mean by that?" asked Aunt Caroline.

"That's what I wondered. But one afternoon she told me to remain after

the other scholars had gone, as she had something for me. And this is what she gave me."

(To be continued)

A little girl made a strange misquotation of a verse, but she told the truth when she said, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save cinders." Yes, He did! He takes the cinders—the clinkers, the ashes, the burned-out hopeless lives, and makes them glorious and new.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a circle high on the blackboard. Inside write the word God. Down below draw a toothpick man on a road and write "Paul" on him. Then over farther on the board draw a lot of straight lines and write on them the words, "mob," and "riot." Now draw dashes in several lines down from the circle to the mob and also to the man. Write on the dashes or lines the words, "The Power of God." Underneath all write, "When God speaks, man stops."

Dear Boys and Girls:

Our country never has seen such a time as it is seeing now. Much hatred is shown by the mob spirit that is ruling so many of our youth. Boys and girls, you need to arm yourselves now with higher motives. Learn by observing the results of such actions. Just recently some youths were killed in a riot. It makes our hearts ache and we are grieved for our youth today. Rioting is contrary to the spirit of Christ. When the soldiers came to take Jesus, who was innocent, in the garden of Gethsemane, He could have called for 12 legions of angels to help Him, but He refused to

do so. A legion is a body of soldiers varying from 3,000 to 6,000. Twelve times 6,000 is 72,000 soldiers. How would that many angels compare to the few men who came for Jesus? But He refused to defend Himself. We are taught to do good to those who spitefully use us and to feed our enemy and give drink to him if he is thirsty. We are to be contented "with such things that ye have." God has said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." Rom. 12:18-21. Boys and girls, never take part in a sit-down or demonstration of any kind. It leads to violence and as we have seen, to murder. This is not God's way for you and me. True, many suffer great injustices in this world, and we will continue to suffer them as long as we live here. We are looking for that home over there with Jesus where all will be peace and love. There will be no sin nor wickedness nor injustices there. We are only here in this life just a little while and we go on. We want to prepare to live in eternity, which has no end, with Jesus.

Only by the power of God could the mob have been silenced. Note the love that Paul had for those who just a short while before had been beating him. He wanted to tell them that they, too, could have a change of heart as he had, and how wonderful it was. He looked beyond their sins and loved their souls. If boys and girls mistreat you, why not overlook it and show them love so they can know that Jesus does change a person and help them to live right and to love their enemies. By doing this, you can prove to them you have something more than they have. Don't put yourself on their level by doing wrong because they have done wrong. You will not be any better than they are.

Note that Ananias told Paul that he was chosen to witness to all men. We have been studying about Paul doing just that. He went all over the then known world telling them that Jesus was truly the Christ and that He would save them from their sins.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 10, September 6, 1970

GOD SILENCES THE MOB

Acts 21:40; 22:1-16

Acts 21:40 And when he [the chief captain] had given him license, Paul stood on the stairs, and beckoned with the hand unto the people. And when there was made a great silence, he spake unto them in the Hebrew tongue, saying,

Acts 22:1 Men, brethren, and fathers, hear ye my defence which I make now unto you.

2 (And when they heard that he spake in the Hebrew tongue to them, they kept the more silence: and he saith,)

3 I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city 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.

4 And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.

5 As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished.

6 And it came to pass, that as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly

there shone from heaven a great light round about me.

7 And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

8 And I answered Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest.

9 And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.

10 And I said, What shall I do Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.

11 And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came unto Damascus.

12 And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt there,

13 Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him.

14 And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth.

15 For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.

16 And now why tarriest thou? arise and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

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

Central Thought: When God speaks, He can silence the mob or stop the man on his road of sin.

QUESTIONS:

1. What caused the "great silence" when Paul turned and spoke to the mob from the castle steps?

2. The Hebrew tongue was the native language of the Jews. (True or false.)

3. How could Paul call them "brethren and fathers" when they had been beating him with the intention of killing him?

4. How are we to treat those who mistreat us?

5. Where was Paul born? What great teacher had taught him?

6. The "law of the fathers" was the law of Moses and the Ten Commandments. (True or false.)

7. "Persecuted this way unto death" meant that Paul brought Christians up to be tried because they believed Jesus to be the Christ. (True or false.)

8. Why did Paul go to Damascus?

9. What happened about noon? What did the voice that he heard say?

10. What did Jesus answer Paul when he asked who it was that spoke?

11. Where did the Lord tell him to go?

12. How did Paul get to Damascus? Whom did he see?

13. What did Ananias tell him?

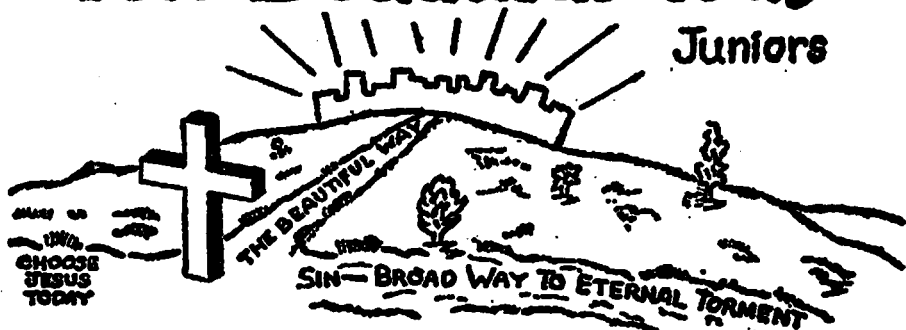
14. Have we studied any about the prophecy concerning Paul coming true? Name some of the places he witnessed for the Lord.

Tell the truth; neither God nor man has any use for a liar.

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Her Teachers

(Continued from last week's paper.)

Eva went to the library table, opened the drawer and took out a little book bound in morocco. "Why, it looks like a Bible," exclaimed Aunt Caroline, adjusting her glasses.

"It is a Bible. Of course I had had Bibles before, but this meant more to me than the others, partly because Miss Morton had given it to me. That wasn't the only reason. For when she put it into my hands, she said, 'Eva, you have been feeling very sad over losing a teacher. Now in this Book you will find a great many teachers, each of whom can teach you an important lesson.' And then she went on to say that she had written a list of names of the teachers she thought would help me most."

Aunt Caroline was turning the little pages of the Bible with an air of interest. "Is it here?" she asked.

"No, it wore out. Oh, long ago; but that didn't matter for I knew it by heart very soon. I remember it

started out by saying, "Go to Joseph to learn the lesson of generous forgiveness. I imagine Miss Morton had a reason for starting with Joseph," added Eva with a gay laugh.

"Why? What was her reason?"

"Well, there was one of my school-mates who was very fond of Miss Morton, too, and I suppose she was jealous of me. And she told Miss Morton a story about me. There was not a word of truth in it, and when Miss Morton asked me about it, of course I denied it, and she believed me. Miss Morton did not tell me the name of the girl who had said this about me, but I suspected who it was, and one day Annie — Oh, I didn't mean to let that out—"

"Never mind," said Aunt Caroline, consolingly, "I'll forget."

"Well, one day the girl who had done it said something that betrayed her, and of course I was angry. For a time we did not speak to each other, and then Miss Morton talked to me, and I made a pretense of forgiving her. But I'm afraid it was a good deal of a sham," laughed Eva. "For

I never saw her without thinking of that affair."

"I can't say I wonder," Aunt Caroline remarked.

"Well, when I began to study Joseph, I had to own that he was a long way ahead of me where forgiveness was concerned. You see his brothers had treated him, oh, any amount worse than that girl had treated me, and yet he forgave them, and even seemed to try to keep them from feeling too bad about it."

"But surely, Eva," exclaimed Aunt Caroline, "you had known about Joseph before."

"Yes, I had, Aunt Caroline, but before I had always thought about Joseph as a lesson, something to study, don't you see? And it made such a difference to think of him as a teacher."

Aunt Caroline looked a little puzzled, but Eva was rattling gaily on.

"Then Miss Morton had written on the list: 'Go to Ruth for a lesson in loyalty.' That set me to thinking right away of Lucy Braddock's mother. When Lucy was alive, two or three of us girls who were Lucy's special friends were there half the time, but after Lucy died we stopped going. When I was reading about Naomi I was thinking all the time of Mrs. Braddock; and after I had finished I went out in the garden, picked a bunch of flowers for her, and took them over. And for two years I have been going there at least every two weeks."

Aunt Caroline did not speak for a moment and then she sighed. "I've read of Joseph a great many times," she said, "and I can't remember that it made any difference in my way of forgiving my enemies."

"Yes, Aunt Caroline, but you never tried Miss Morton's way. You never said, 'Now here is a new teacher, and I must be careful not to miss the point of his lesson.'"

"Nehemiah taught me how silly it was to mind being laughed at. I'm afraid that is one of my worst weaknesses. And Elijah taught me to stand up for what I believed, even if there wasn't a single person to agree with me. And Esther showed me that we ought to do our best to help other people, even if we're not at all sure how it is coming out. And Abraham's lesson was faith, of course, and — but I've told you enough so that you understand."

Aunt Caroline laid her hand on the girl's shoulder. "Yes, I understand," she said. "Understand not only Miss Morton's idea, but why my niece has improved so surprisingly in the last two years. Such an array of teachers as those you have named, could hardly help accomplishing great things."

"And besides," said Eva bravely, "before Miss Morton left I made a complete surrender of myself to Jesus. He is now my Lord and Master. I tell Him about everything that happens and ask Him what He would like to have me do." —Selected

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Put the words, "Reaping what you sow" on the blackboard. Draw a garden which can be crooked lines across and then lines up and down for things growing. Make some small lines for leaves or branches. Make two small gardens. Put a toothpick boy in each one. Under one write "sinner" and under the other write "saved." In the

garden of the saved boy draw a circle with lines going out from it. In the circle write the word, "God." Underneath write, "Reaping eternal life." Under the sinner's garden write, "Reaping eternal hell."

Dear Boys and Girls:

School has started for most of you, I am sure. I hope that you have been to some campmeetings this summer. There you were taught the great truths of God's Word. I am sure that most of you felt your need of being more like Christ. I trust that if you were not saved that you gave your heart to Jesus. You need Jesus as your best Friend in this life. We never know when we will be in trouble and need Someone greater than any person to help us. How wonderful it is when you are about to have an accident to call upon the Lord for help! Then when storms or tornadoes, floods and earthquakes come, you can ask Jesus to help you. Just recently the sirens in town blew, warning us that a tornado was coming toward our town. It was about two o'clock in the morning. I awoke and turned on the radio. Our local station said that the tornado was four miles from our town and headed right for it. I began to pray and to think of a place to get away from the windows where I would be safe. I couldn't seem to find any that I thought was safe, so I just went back to bed and asked God to take care of me. Others in the town were also praying. The tornado lifted up over our town and hit out in the country demolishing a trailer and some barns. The Lord was real good to us. The city about 30 miles away had millions of dollars worth of damage done and some persons were injured. We do need Jesus to help us.

In our lesson Paul needed God to help him. God did work for him. Our lesson is the last part of the speech that Paul made to the Jews in Jerusalem from the steps of the castle after the Jews had caught and beaten him. He was rescued by the soldiers and given permission to talk to them as we learned in our lesson last Sunday. Paul told them how he had been in the temple praying after his return to Jerusalem three years after his conversion when Jesus spoke to him and told him to leave Jerusalem. He said the people would not receive his testimony. Paul reminded the Lord how he had changed and how that when he was unsaved he had consented to the death of Stephen who was stoned. (Acts 7:58) But Jesus told him still to leave and preach to the Gentiles. When he said this the Jews became angry again. They felt it was a terrible thing for Paul to say that their expected Messiah had told him to preach to the Gentiles instead of the Jews. They said, "Away with him," just as they had said about Jesus. He was suffering for Jesus' sake.

The chief captain overstepped his authority. Paul asked to be treated according to his rights by the law.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 11, September 13, 1970

PAUL'S SPEECH AND ITS EFFECTS

Acts 22:17-30

Acts 22:17 (Paul's speech) And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance;

18 And saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.

19 And I said, Lord, they know that

I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee:

20 And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.

21 And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.

22 And they gave him audience unto this word, and then lifted up their voices, and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live.

23 And as they cried out, and cast off their clothes, and threw dust into the air,

24 The chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, and bade that he should be examined by scourging; that he might know wherefore they cried so against him.

25 And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned?

26 When the centurion heard that, he went and told the chief captain saying, Take heed what thou doest: for this man is a Roman.

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.

29 Then straightway they departed from him which should have examined him: and the chief captain also was afraid, after he knew that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.

30 On the morrow, because he would have known the certainty wherefore he was accused of the Jews, he loosed him from his bands, and commanded the chief priests and all their council to appear, and brought Paul down, and set him before them.

Memory Verse: What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31.

Central Thought: Paul's earthly citizenship protected his body and his heavenly citizenship protected his soul.

QUESTIONS:

1. Is our lesson about the speech that Paul delivered to the people from the steps of the castle after the soldiers took him away from the angry mob?

2. What is Paul telling in the first verse?

3. What is a trance? Read Numbers 24:4.

4. Where was he praying and whom did he see in a trance? Read 1 Cor. 15:4-9.

5. What did Jesus say to Paul?

6. What did Paul answer Jesus?

7. Did Paul feel that the Jews would see the change in him and listen to him tell about Jesus, the Saviour whom they had rejected?

8. Where did Jesus tell Paul to go and what did the mob do when they heard this?

9. What did the chief captain do with Paul then? (verse 24)

10. What did Paul tell them when they bound him?

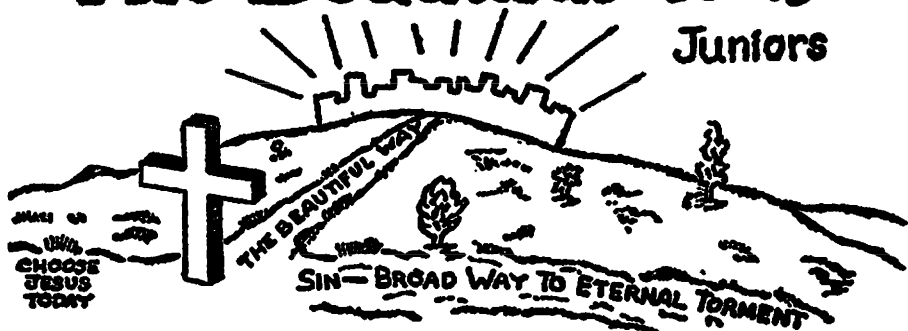
11. Was the chief captain afraid then? What did he ask Paul?

12. How did the chief captain obtain his Roman citizenship?

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The Resurrection

When Paul before the council stood
He saw they were divided,
He spoke and what he said was good;
It left their ranks lop-sided.

For some, the Sadducees, deny;
"There is no resurrection."
Then there arose a great, great cry:
Each pulled his own direction.

"Men, brethren, I'm a Pharisee,
And of the resurrection,
I stand this day, I hold my plea,
I now am called in question."

—Leslie Busbee

Overcoming Evil With Good

"O Mother!" said Beth as she came into the house crying, "Sue and I just had a fight! While we were playing with our dolls, she put one of my prettiest doll dresses on her doll and then said she had to go home. Right away, I told her to give

my doll dress back, but she said someone had taken one of her doll dresses. O Mother, what will I do? Then as Sue walked away, she said she never wants to play dolls with me again. I said, 'All right, neither do I.' "

"I'm very sorry this all happened," said Mother in an understanding tone of voice. "What do you think we ought to do about it, Beth?"

"I don't know, Mother," Beth said, stubbornly. "Why don't you tell Sue's mother to make Sue give back my doll dress? Sue isn't telling the truth."

"Stop right now, Beth. Who is with us listening to you?" questioned Mother.

Beth answered slowly, "The Lord Jesus up in heaven is listening to me. I know I shouldn't get angry."

Beth went to her bedroom and began to cry. She thought: "Sue and I used to be the best of friends — I guess Satan won the battle this time in my life, but I sure do wish Jesus had won the battle. Next time I am

tempted to fight, I'll ask God to put kind, gentle words into my mouth."

Beth asked the Lord to forgive her and make her kind all the time.

Mother also prayed that God would help Beth always to be kind to her friends. She prayed that God would help Beth go and ask Sue to forgive her.

Suddenly the doorbell rang. Beth heard it, and called, "I'll answer it, Mother."

There stood the mail carrier holding out a package. He asked, "Does Beth Andrews live here?"

"Oh, yes!" she said excitedly, "I'm Beth!"

She grabbed the package and ran into the house, and said,

"Mother, it's a package for me! It's from Aunt Jennie. Maybe she's sending me a birthday gift, after all."

Beth tore open the beautifully tied and wrapped box.

"Mother! A beautiful dress for my dollie!" Beth said, all out of breath. "Now this will take the place of the one Sue took from me."

Beth put the new dress on her doll. How lovely the doll looked in that soft yellow dress with the white lace! She ran out of the house and down the block to Sue's house.

Can you guess what she did with her new birthday dress? She gave it to Sue! She was thrilled and immediately gave back the doll dress she had taken. The girls then hugged each other.

That afternoon Mother saw them playing, and noticed that Beth's new birthday dress was on Sue's dollie. Tears rolled down Mother's cheeks, because she was so happy. Jesus had won the battle, and Beth had certainly "overcome evil with good." —Sel.

A Sensible Dog

I once learned a lesson from a dog we had. My father used to put a bit of meat or biscuit on the floor near the dog, and say, "No," and the dog knew he must not touch it. But he never looked at the meat. He seemed to feel that if he looked at it the temptation would be too strong, so he always looked steadily at my father's face.

A gentleman was dining with us one day, and he said, "There is a lesson for us all. Never look at temptation; always look away to the Master's face."

Do not look at temptation. When the thought of doing wrong in any way comes into your heart, however small a thing it is, you may be sure it comes from Satan; so do not look at it, but look up to Christ Jesus, and ask Him to keep you and make you more than conqueror over every temptation, through Him who loves you. —Selected

Unmoved

Paul said, "None of these things move me."

He did not say, none of these things hurt me. It is one thing to be hurt, and quite another to be moved. Paul had a very tender heart. We do not read of any Apostle who cried as Paul did. It takes a strong man to cry. Jesus wept, and He was the manliest man that ever lived. So it does not say, none of these things hurt me. But the Apostle had determined not to move from what he believed was right. He did not count as we are apt to count; he did not

care for ease; he did not care for his mortal life. He cared for only one thing, and that was to be loyal to Christ, to have His smile. To Paul, more than to any other man, His work was wages, His smile was heaven.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw two lines with toothpick men lying down between them to represent the graves. Then draw a big circle in the clouds and write "Jesus" in it. Draw some toothpick men arising up out of the ground going up into the clouds. Underneath write these words: "We will arise in the last day."

Dear Boys and Girls:

A good conscience is a wonderful thing to have. We need to keep our conscience pure. You must watch, or it can be seared as the Bible tells of some. The conscience can be compared to an alarm clock. In the morning it will go off and if you don't get up you will go back to sleep. The next morning you may hear it but will be only half awake. Soon it will go off and you will sleep right on and never hear it. Why? Because you have not heeded its call to get up. When you first realize you have told a lie, you feel bad. But if you keep telling lies, soon you will not feel so bad and your conscience will become seared. You have not listened to it calling you, letting you know that you are doing wrong and will have to give an account to God. Be assured boys and girls, even if you do not feel bad in doing wrong you still will be punished by God. You have overridden God's laws. You must always keep in mind that you can't do wrong and get by.

Paul had been out of Jerusalem for a number of years and he may not have known who the high priest was or who had given the order for him to be smitten. Even though he called the high priest a whited wall, which means a hypocrite, he corrected it because of the respect he had for the office the priest represented. Ananias, the high priest at that time, was a ruthless person. History tells us of his evil rule and how he was finally murdered. Paul corrected his statement, saying he didn't know he was the high priest. Paul had been out of town a long time.

In the council that day there were those who did not believe in a resurrection of the dead. These were the Sadducees. You can remember which sect believed this because this was SAD indeed. How wonderful it is to know that some day we will arise and meet our precious Lord in the air! When we die, if we are saved, our spirits will go to a resting place and our body goes back to dust. The wicked are in torment. When Jesus comes bursting through the clouds at the last day, and the trumpet sounds, those who have died will arise and meet Him in the air and if we are alive and are saved we will be changed in a moment, as a twinkling of an eye, and arise to meet Him, also. How wonderful that will be! I want to be like Paul and have a good conscience and be right with my Lord. I want to live with Jesus in eternity, don't you?

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 12, September 20, 1970

PAUL FACES THE COUNCIL

Acts 23:1-10

Acts 23:1 And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.

2 And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth.

3 Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, thou whited wall: for sittest thou to judge me after the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law?

4 And they that stood by said, Revilest thou God's high priest?

5 Then said Paul, I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest: for it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people.

6 But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.

7 And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multitude was divided.

8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both.

9 And there arose a great cry: and the scribes that were of the Pharisees part arose, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: but if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him, let us not fight against God.

10 And when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul should have been pulled in pieces of them, commanded the soldiers to go down, and to take him by force from among them, and to bring him into the castle.

Memory Verse: For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified; but he that judgeth me is the Lord. 1 Cor. 4:4.

Central Thought: It is a good thing to have a clear conscience when facing foes, friends, or God.

QUESTIONS:

1. To whom was Paul talking in the first verse of our lesson?

2. What is your conscience?

3. What is a "seared" conscience? (1 Tim. 4:3)

4. Should we live by our conscience or by the Bible?

5. The high priest Ananias did not believe that Paul lived a good life. (True or false.)

6. What did the high priest do wrong that Paul rebuked him for?

7. Does verse 5 tell us that Paul did not know that Ananias was the high priest?

8. Would Paul have said what he did had he known that Ananias was the high priest?

9. What does the resurrection mean?

10. Would you be sad if you were like the Sadducees who did not believe in the resurrection of the dead?

11. What happened when Paul said he believed in the resurrection?

12. Who said if an angel or spirit had spoken to Paul that we should "not fight against God"?

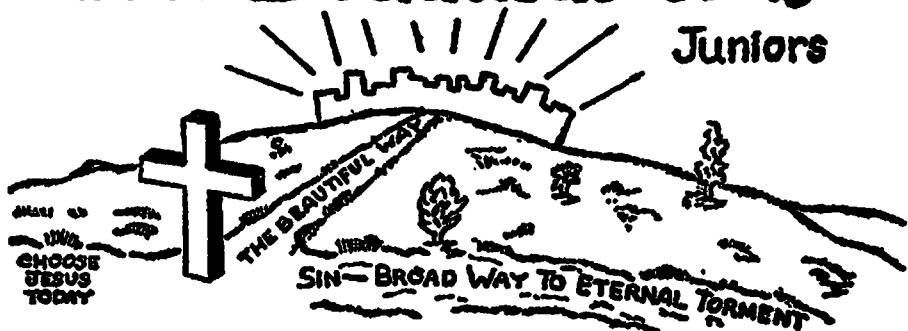
13. Who was pulling at Paul?

14. Who rescued Paul and where was he taken?

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Sept. 27

Paul's Friend

He heard them plotting Paul to kill
Bound with a curse their evil will;
He entered in and made it known,
Paul knew that he was not alone.

The Lord looked down on him, I'm
sure,
And gave him blessings to endure;
No doubt he felt unto the end:
"I'm glad to Paul I was a friend."

Are you a friend? are you a foe?
Which life, which way is best to go?
Be sure that when you be a friend
You'll find a blessing to the end.

—Leslie Busbee

Bumpy Roads

A missionary in Central America did much traveling. Some of the roads he traveled were smooth, paved highways. But most of them were narrow, winding roads full of rocks and holes.

One day the missionary thought of something strange. Almost all the automobile accidents he knew about happened on the good roads, not the bumpy ones. For a long time he wondered about this. Then the answer came to him.

On the smooth, paved roads drivers relaxed and enjoyed the scenery. It was easy for them to get careless and perhaps even fall asleep. This could never happen on the bumpy roads. The sharp turns and jolts kept the drivers awake and alert, with their eyes on the road and hands on the wheel. So the bumpy roads were really the safer ones.

We often complain about the bumps God puts in our way, such as sickness and trouble. But the bumpy road is sometimes the safer one for us, too. If everything goes smoothly for us, we may become careless and think we can get along without God.

The Lord sends troubles and disappointments to remind us that we need Him. He wants to keep us spiritually alert to danger and temptation. Above all, God wants to pre-

vent us from losing the eternal life He has given to us through faith in His Son Jesus.

With St. Paul we can confidently say: "The Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom." 2 Tim. 4:18.

—Sel.

Skiping Hard Places

I was resting on the davenport one Sunday afternoon when someone was practicing a hymn on her mandolin. Every now and then she would skip a note, and throw the whole hymn off beat. Those of our boys and girls who take music lessons would know what that means. It was hard on musical ears to have to listen to such careless playing. But some people have the habit of skipping everything that is difficult whether it is music, words, work, or anything else.

That habit begins in childhood, and sometimes it begins with reading a story. When a hard word comes in the reading, it is skipped over. And a habit thus started in childhood finds its way into all the life. Hard jobs are skipped or put off until another time, which is never convenient to find. The pronunciation of hard words is too great a task, so other words are substituted and thus a vocabulary is stunted. And we are sure our boys and girls can find many other things to add to this list. I did not want to learn to tat because I thought that knot was too hard to tie. But with thanks to a good teacher and one who insisted I learn, the deed was done, and I learned a valuable lesson in patience as well.

In reading through the Gospels we cannot help seeing how patient the

Lord was with those who followed Him, both His friends and His enemies. Jesus did not need to come here to this wicked world to die for our sins, but He did it. He could have stayed in Heaven with His Father. But His great love for poor you and me compelled Him to do the hard thing, leave His heavenly home and live as a poor boy and man in this old world. If Jesus had skipped doing the hard thing—that of dying that cruel death on the Cross, where would our salvation come in? We just would be lost, that's all!

When great-grandmother was a girl she learned patience by doing the hard things. If she wanted a new straw hat to wear to Sunday School she went out to the field, gathered golden colored straw from the wheat field, or from the oat field. Then she took the straw home, soaked it in water, and then began braiding the straw in neat braids. If she wanted a very fine hat, she took three straws and braided them. If the hat was to be coarse, she took more straws to make a thicker braid. But think of the work! All we have to do is skip all this hard work and buy a hat! That's easy compared with great-grandmother's method of getting a new hat.

Do not try to take the easy way in life, boys and girls. Remember much more is learned by doing the hard things rather than taking an easy route through life. Remember, you have not been asked to die for Jesus yet, nor have you been asked to suffer for His sake. But if you are willing to endure a little hardness and difficulties, you will be a better and braver soldier for Jesus.

—Leota L. Knopp

Dear Boys and Girls:

We are living in a time when many do not show respect to their parents. Have you ever seen any of that being done? Did you ever hear a boy or girl talk real hateful to his or her mother or daddy? How did you feel about it as you sat by and heard it? Maybe it was a friend of yours, but I am sure that you felt that wasn't very nice. God is grieved as He looks down upon any scene of that kind. Those who will not obey their parents, and can't be trusted to do right when their parents are not around are boys and girls who will not obey God. It is a sad thing to think that eternal punishment is awaiting them. It makes our hearts ache. But how wonderful it is when boys and girls obey their parents and can be trusted. It is a great and honorable virtue. That boy or girl will be loved by others and also by God. It could be such a thing that a boy or girl might have lies told about them by others and accused of something they did not do. How good it would be if that happened for some neighbor to be able to stand up and say, "I have watched that one and he (or she) obeys his parents and shows respect to me and my property." That would go a long way to help that one not to be condemned for something he (or she) did not do. It pays to do right.

It must have been very comforting for Paul to hear the words of Jesus who told him to be of good cheer. He knew that God was going to take care of him. And right after that forty men vowed not to eat nor drink until they had killed Paul. Isn't it wonderful how God helped Paul? I feel that his nephew was real brave to go to the castle and tell his uncle what was being plotted against him. This young man was not

asleep, but awake and listening. He acted quickly, too. And he was not timid. He did as Paul told him and went to the governor and told him all about it. The chief captain acted quickly and those plotting against Paul were left to sit out their vow. I wonder how long they did without food and water?

It pays to have Jesus on our side. He will see us through. We need to be of good cheer if we are saved. Boys and girls will have troubles and might be ridiculed, but God will help you if you will look to Him. He helped Paul out of his problems and He loves you, also. Do be of good cheer and love Jesus.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 13, September 27, 1970

PAUL'S FOES AND FRIENDS

Acts 23:11-19, 23-30, 34, 35

Acts 23:11 And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.

12 And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul.

13 And there were more than forty which had made this conspiracy.

14 And they came to the chief priests and elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse, that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul.

15 Now therefore ye with the council signify to the chief captain that he bring him down unto you to morrow, as though ye would enquire something more perfectly concerning him: and we, or ever he come near, are ready to kill him.

16 And when Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, he went and entered into the castle, and told Paul.

17 Then Paul called one of the centurions unto him, and said, Bring this young man unto the chief captain: for he hath a certain thing to tell him.

18 So he took him, and brought him to the chief captain, and said, Paul the prisoner called me unto him, and prayed me to bring this young man unto thee, who hath something to say unto thee.

19 Then the chief captain took him by the hand, and went with him aside privately, and asked him, What is that thou hast to tell me?

23 And he [the chief captain] called unto him two centurions, saying, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go to Caesarea, and horsemen threescore and ten, and spearmen, two hundred, at the third hour of the night;

24 And provide them beasts, that they may set Paul on, and bring him safe unto Felix the governor.

25 And he wrote a letter after this manner:

26 Claudius Lysias unto the most excellent governor Felix sendeth greeting.

27 This man was taken of the Jews, and should have been killed of them: then came I with an army, and rescued him, having understood that he was a Roman.

28 And when I would have known the cause wherefore they accused him, I brought him forth into their council:

29 Whom I perceived to be accused of questions of their law, but to have nothing laid to his charge worthy of death or of bonds.

30 And when it was told me how that the Jews laid wait for the man, I sent straightway to thee, and gave commandment to his accusers also to say before thee what they had against him. Farewell.

34 And when the governor had read the letter, he asked of what province he was. And when he understood that he was of Cilicia;

36 I will hear thee, said he, when thine accusers are also come. And he commanded him to be kept in Herod's judgment hall.

Memory Verse: In this world ye shall have tribulations: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. John 16:33b.

Central Thought: God will not permit our life to be taken until He is through with us here on earth.

QUESTIONS:

1. What did the Lord say to Paul when he was in deep trouble and needed a friend?

2. Had Paul ever been to Rome?

3. What did the forty men who bound themselves together intend to do to Paul?

4. To whom did they tell their intentions?

5. What was their plan for carrying out their intentions?

6. Who heard about their plot?

7. Whom did he tell about it?

8. Where was he sent then?

9. What did the chief captain do about the problem?

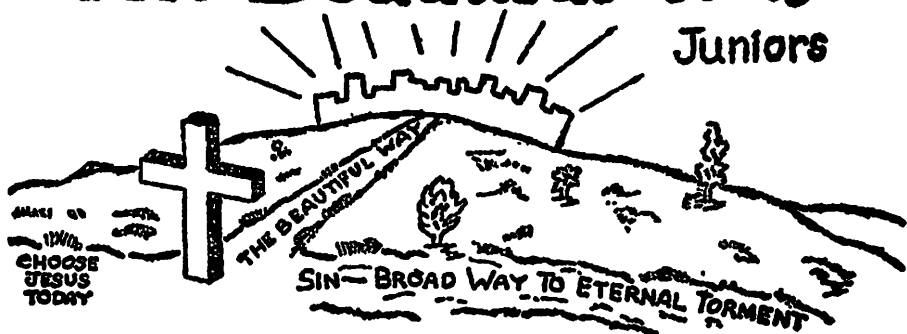
10. What did the letter that the chief captain sent to Felix say?

11. Where was Paul kept until Felix could hear him in court?

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Part One

Oct. 4

Doing As He Pleased

Dan was the worst boy in school. "What makes you so bad?" his teacher asked one day, because she, like everyone else, liked Dan very much in spite of his mischief.

"Dan says he doesn't take orders from anybody," said one of the boys. "He says he's free and nobody can tell him what to do."

"Oh, is that it?" the teacher said with a smile. "Well, then, Dan, for the next week you need not do anything you don't want to do."

Dan looked at her surprised. "Do you mean it?" he cried. "Don't I even have to come to school if I don't want to?"

The teacher shook her head. That afternoon the teacher had a long talk with Dan's mother. As a result, Dan was not told to do anything. He slept in the morning until he felt like getting up. He also played all morning, and when he came in, hungry as a bear, he found that lunch had been eaten and the dishes put away.

"Why didn't you call me?" he asked, hurt, and angry, and hungry all at once.

"You're doing as you please," said sister.

"Well, anyway, I don't have to go to school if I don't want to."

"Maybe you'll be sorry," said his sister with a grin.

"Not a chance," laughed Dan, and went off to find a piece of bread. The next morning he missed his breakfast, but he was on hand for lunch. It seemed strange that neither Father nor Mother said anything about his staying away from school or about the empty woodbox. He had a queer sort of feeling that he was outside the family, and that none of them cared whether he came in to meals or got up in the morning or went to bed. Dan thought he would try reading in bed, something he had been forbidden to do. He took a book with him upstairs when he went to bed, and read until long after midnight, but no one came to tell him to put out the light. The next morning, though, he had a headache,

his eyes burned, and he declared that it was better not to stay up to read.

After a day or two the novelty of it wore off. There were no boys to play with for they were all at school, and it was dull hanging around home; even though he could do as he wanted to. The third day he went to school, and the teacher smiled at him pleasantly, but did not call him to recite or pay any further attention to him that day. He felt left out of everything. He did not seem to belong in the family at home, and he did not seem to belong in his class at school.

On Friday afternoon the teacher told the class a big secret. "Last Monday," she said, "you will remember that I told you all to be here every day with your lessons well prepared and I would have a surprise for you. Well, you have done so well that I can tell you what the surprise is. My brother will be here early tomorrow morning to take you to the county seat in his truck. We shall spend the whole day seeing the sights.

"Whee!" cried one of the boys, and the whole class laughed. Dan did not feel like laughing, though. She had not meant him. He was very miserable when he went home. Without being told, he went to the barn to help his father, and then, somehow, he found himself telling all about it.

Father nodded. "M-m. That is the way it is. There are laws in the family, and laws in school, and laws in the nation, and God's laws and we've got to obey them to be happy. Sometimes we think we are having a good time doing as we please; but we find when it's too late that we have spoiled our chances for something

good. A boy who does not go to school sees other men pass him in positions of honor later on. A man who breaks the laws of his country may not be put in prison, but the things he has done put their stamp on him just the same. Take drinking—that's not right, but a lot of the young fellows think they can do as they please. Then when they need every bit of nerve strength they have, they find they have weakened themselves by using alcohol and smoking, and so they pay the price. It is too bad, Son, but laws are made by people who know what is best."

(To be continued)

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a Judge's seat and write "Jesus, our Judge," on it. In front of it draw a square and write in it, "All people out of every nation." Above all write the words, "The Last Day." Underneath all write, "Are you clear before God and man?"

Dear Boys and Girls:

Did you ever attend a court in session? Sometimes teachers take their pupils to see how people are brought before court to be tried. There will be a Judge who has the final word about the case. The person on trial usually has a lawyer to defend him. There will be another lawyer there who will try to prove that the person is guilty. There will be 12 persons who are called a jury. These people sit and listen to both lawyers and their witnesses. Some witnesses will have something to say to help prove the person is guilty and others will try to prove the person is innocent. After all has been said, the

jury will go into a room by themselves. When they come to an agreement they will come back and tell the judge. The judge then decides and tells the person and the court what will be done with the person.

Today our lesson is about Paul being in court. Ananias, the high priest, and others came down to Caesarea to be at the trial of Paul before the governor named Felix. They brought with them Tertullus, who was their lawyer. In our unprinted portion we notice how Tertullus starts out by flattering the governor. He speaks of his worthy deeds and his wise ruling over the people. This, of course, is not true according to historians. They said he was a wicked, immoral, ruthless person. This lawyer wanted to get on the good side of Felix, so he could persuade him to convict Paul. Then he said that Paul was a pestilent fellow, who stirred up trouble against the government and defamed the Jewish temple. He also said that Paul was a ringleader of the Nazarenes. They supposed Jesus had been born in Nazareth, and therefore His followers as well as Himself were called Nazarenes. Of course, we know that Paul was a preacher of peace and not a trouble maker. Then it was proved in one of our former lessons that Paul did not take a Gentile into the temple as accused. (Acts 21:28, 29) He did not deny being a follower of Jesus who was called a Nazarene.

We have Paul's answer in our lesson. and toward men.

To have the same testimony, children, is the way we must live. One day the judgment will be set and Jesus will be our Judge. Today He is our Saviour, but then mercy will have been past. John, the Revelator, saw Jesus in a vision. He said that He had "eyes as

flames of fire." Those eyes will pierce through your very soul and nothing will be hidden. All the evil deeds done will be made known. Today is the day, while mercy is extended, for you to ask forgiveness of your sins and be clear in that great Judgment Day. As death finds you so will the Judgment. We never know when death will come to us. Just recently four children were killed in an accident. It pays to be ready. Death rides the highways and over the land. It is no respecter of persons. Death takes the small as well as the great. If we are saved we do not fear death. To the saved ones, death will mean that they will go and be with Jesus where all is beautiful and wonderful. Jesus loves us more than our parents, or anyone. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 1, October 4, 1970

CLEAR CONSCIENCE BEFORE GOD AND MAN

Acts 24:1, 5, 6, 10-16, 20-23

Acts 24:1 And after five days Ananias the high priest descended with the elders, and with a certain orator named Tertullus, who informed the governor against Paul.

5 [Tertullus accused Paul] For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes:

6 Who also hath gone about to profane the temple: whom we took, and would have judged according to our law.

10 Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered, Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto his nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself:

11 Because that thou mayest understand, that there are yet but twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem for to worship.

12 And they neither found me in the temple disputing with any man, neither raising up the people, neither in the synagogues, nor in the city:

13 Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me.

14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:

15 And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offense toward God, and toward men.

20 Or else let these same here say, if they have found any evil doing in me, while I stood before the council,

21 Except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them, Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question by you this day.

22 And when Felix heard these things, having more perfect knowledge of that way, he deferred them, and said, When Lysias the chief captain shall come down, I will know the uttermost of your matter.

23 And he commanded a centurion to keep Paul, and to let him have liberty, and that he should forbid none of his acquaintance to minister or come unto him.

Memory Verse: Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after

me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. Matt. 16:24.

Central Thought: There will be one final court held in the last day and you will be there.

QUESTIONS:

1. In last Sunday's lesson we learned that Paul was taken to Caesarea to appear before Felix the governor. (True or False.)

2. Who came down to Caesarea after five days to the trial of Paul?

3. Read the unprinted part of our lesson to verse five and comment on the flattery Tertullus, the lawyer, used.

4. What charges were brought against Paul in verse five?

5. What charges were mentioned in verse four?

6. Read verses 7 to 10 in the unprinted lesson and comment.

7. How did Paul begin when he was given the chance to answer the charges brought against him?

8. How long had it been since he had gone up to Jerusalem to worship?

9. What did Paul tell them they could not prove against him in verses 11-13?

10. Did Paul believe all that was written in the law and prophets?

11. When Paul was in deep trouble, to whom did he look for help?

12. Did Paul believe in a resurrection in the last day of both the saved and the sinners?

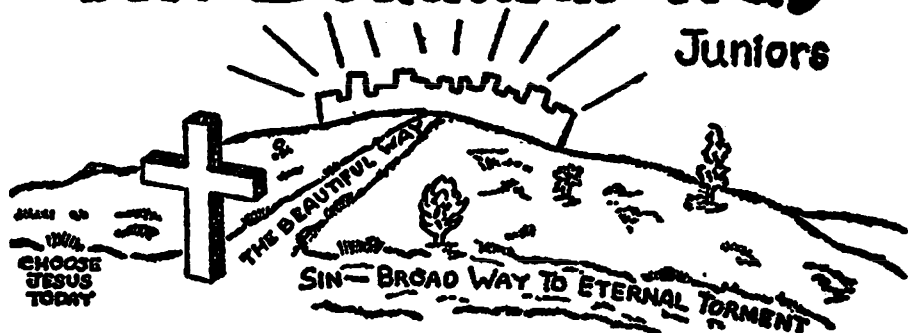
13. What was Paul's testimony concerning his conscience?

14. What was Paul referring to in verses 20 and 21? Read Acts 23:6-8 where there was a division between the Sadducees and the Pharisees.

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Part Two

Oct. 11

God's Rice

"I must go. The time is short. Hinder me not." So said a poor Chinese laborer to his wife.

"But the journey thou goest is long, and what will happen unto us if thou dost meet with danger? The times in China are now so bitter bad." The woman's voice was full of fear.

"Yet, my son's mother, the King-over-all commands me," said her husband. "He surely will supply all thy needs. I believe His promise."

So one morning shortly afterwards Dao left his humble home to begin a long weary pilgrimage to the distant mountain villages, where the people had never heard of Christ. He left all the money he could spare to keep his family, whom he grieved to leave even for a few days, for they were very dear to his heart; but his love to his Saviour compelled obedience. His elder boy, Ming (Brightness), a brave little fellow of twelve, felt quite important now. He must look after his mother and small brother, as well

as poor, old blind granny. He was a pupil at the local mission school, but found times after hours to cut grass on the hillside for fuel, and do many little jobs to help his mother.

Alas his father had not gone more than a week when his mother became seriously ill. "O God," said Ming, "please help me to do all I can and be brave, while the very honorable father is away doing Thy work." Many weeks passed, and soon faith was being sorely tried in that poor little home. No news came from the absent one, for he could not write, and there was, besides, no way of sending letters from those wild mountain regions.

"No news is the best," in China, so his family did not worry, but their money and food were exhausted. The mother's illness continued, and she was unable to weave cloth, and so add her earnings to their scanty store. One never-to-be-forgotten morning the rice sing (measure) was empty, and there was nothing at all in the house but some dried Indian corn, which the poor woman was too ill to

eat. Ming was eaten up with distress. What would happen to them if his mother should die? They had no relations or friends to help them. Ming would not borrow from any neighbor, for his father had made him promise never to follow that universal Chinese habit. He felt much too troubled to go to school, so he hurried out early to try to earn a few cash coins by herding water buffaloes. But to his bitter disappointment no farmer wanted him, and though he searched everywhere not a single job of any sort could he get.

At last hopeless, hungry, and despairing, he crept into a thick bamboo grove to sit down and wonder why God, the great heavenly Father was letting them suffer so. "In truth," said Ming to himself, "He can not be like the Chinese overlords, who press men into their service, leaving their poor families to starve. My father is preaching the message of the God of love 'without money and without price,' and now the neighbors are all mocking at us, and saying he has left us to starve, and the Jesus religion does not help in this life, and why believe it will do so in the next?"

(To be continued)

WITNESS

"Ye shall be witnesses unto Me"
Acts 1:8.

In one of our meetings a little tow-headed Norwegian boy stood up. He could hardly speak a word of English, but he got up and came to the front. He trembled and the tears trickled down his cheeks as he said, "If I tell the world about Jesus, He will tell the Father about me." That was all he said, but I tell you in

those few words he said more than all the rest of them, young and old together. They went straight down into the heart of every one present. If I tell the world—yes, that's what it means to confess Christ. —Sel.

Doing As He Pleased

(Continued from last week)

Dan nodded. His eyes were full of tears, and he did not see the smile on his father's face. When they came to the house Dan went upstairs to wash his hands. When he came down Mother was standing at the telephone with the receiver in her hand.

"It's your teacher, Dan," she said, and gave him the receiver. "Dan," she said, "How is the experiment going?"

"No good," said Dan, trying to keep the shake out of his voice.

"Are you willing to obey and take orders now?"

"You're right, I am"

The teacher laughed. "Well, my first order is: Be at school tomorrow at eight o'clock and go with us."

"Me?"

The teacher laughed again. "Will you be there?"

"Indeed I will! Is there anything you want me to do for you?"

"I'll think about it."

Dan slipped out into the dining room. He was one of the class again.

"Stop kicking the table leg, dear," said Mother gently, and Dan grinned. He was one of the family again, too. It was a grand and glorious feeling! —Selected

Don't forget to kneel by your bed every night and pray.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a path with a toothpick boy and girl on it. Draw a cross in the path and then make the path divide, one going up toward heaven and one path going down to hell. Underneath write, "Which path have you chosen?"

Dear Boys and Girls:

We have already studied that after the riot in Jerusalem Paul was secretly sent to Caesarea by the chief captain, whose name was Claudius Lysias and he appeared before Felix, the governor. After Felix heard his case he could not find any fault in him, so he had Paul kept a prisoner. Paul was given many liberties, plus visits from his friends.

Our lesson today starts with Paul being sent for by Felix and Drusilla his wife who was a Jewess. She was acquainted with the Christian teachings since she was the daughter of Herod Agrippa I, who had been smitten by God and eaten of worms because he took glory unto himself. You can read this in Acts 12:21-23. Probably his tragic end brought serious thoughts to Drusilla and caused her to desire to see Paul. Drusilla had married at an early age to Azizua, King of Emesa, who, in order to marry her had become a Jewish proselyte. Felix desired to have her because of her great beauty, so he engaged and paid Simon, the Jewish magician, to seduce her from her husband. She deserted her lawful husband and became the third wife of Felix, who had formerly been a slave, but had received his freedom and now was the governor of Palestine. Felix was a ruthless person and very immoral. He ruled over Judea for seven or eight years, being recalled by Nero and was succeeded by

Festus who is the one in our lesson before whom Paul was brought for trial.

Boys and girls, the Spirit of God visits every person some time in his life. When Jesus knocks at your heart's door, that is the time to let Him in. We do not know if He will come again. Felix and Drusilla called for Paul and he preached a sermon to them on righteousness, temperance, and judgment when they asked him about the faith of Jesus Christ. No doubt he proved to them that Jesus was the Christ who would forgive their sins. They knew that He was sent from God and could make them pure and clean within. Then Paul told them about temperance, or self-control. They should obey the Bible and God's laws and not do what they wanted to do just to please themselves, or the devil in his evil ways. Last but not least, Paul told Felix and Drusilla that there would be a judgment. Jesus would burst through the clouds in the last day at the sound of the trumpet. Every eye shall see him and all nations will be gathered before Him. Terror seized hold of Felix and he trembled when he knew that all his sins would one day be opened up before all the people and unless he repented he would sink into hell where the fire is not quenched. Just about that time the devil whispered to him, and Felix told Paul, "Go thy way for this time, and when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee." Oh, how sad that he did not repent right then! He put it off and so far as we know, never did find the time to repent. Tradition says that he, his wife Drusilla, and their son died when Mt. Vesuvius erupted. Boys and girls, it pays to live for God while you are young. If you put it off and let many sins pile up on your soul, it will be harder for you to get saved.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 2, October 11, 1970

RIGHTEOUSNESS, TEMPERANCE, AND JUDGMENT

Acts 24:24-27; Acts 25:1, 6, 7, 10-12

Acts 24:24 And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ.

25 And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

26 He hoped also that money should have been given him of Paul, that he might loose him: wherefore he sent for him the oftener, and communed with him.

27 But after two years Porcius Festus came into Felix's room: and Felix, willing to shew the Jews a pleasure, left Paul bound.

Acts 25:1 Now when Festus was come into the province, after three days he ascended from Caesarea to Jerusalem.

6 And when he had tarried among them more than ten days, he went down unto Caesarea; and the next day sitting on the judgment seat commanded Paul to be brought.

7 And when he was come, the Jews which came down from Jerusalem stood round about, and laid many and grievous complaints against Paul, which they could not prove.

10 Then said Paul, I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Jews have I done no wrong, as thou very well knowest.

11 For if I be an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me no man may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Caesar.

12 Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, Hast thou appealed unto Caesar? unto Caesar shalt thou go.

Memory Verse: But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. Hebrews 3:13.

Central Thought: He who deliberately turns from the light will stumble on and down into deeper darkness.

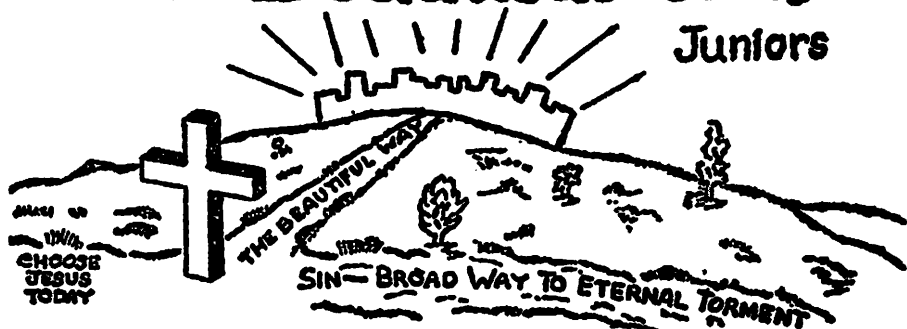
QUESTIONS:

1. Who sent for Paul?
2. What did they want to tell him?
3. What does righteousness mean?
4. What is temperance?
5. What is the meaning of judgment? Will anyone escape the great Judgment Day?
6. How did Paul's message affect Felix?
7. Is there a better time to get saved than when God speaks to you?
8. When did Felix say he would call for Paul again?
9. After Felix rejected God's call, what did he try to get Paul to do so he could release him?
10. How long did Felix leave Paul in bonds?
11. Who was governor after Felix?
12. Did Festus hear Paul's case?
13. Who brought complaints against Paul?

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Part Three

Oct. 18

I Know A Boy

I know a boy who has a watch
But never thinks to wind it,
And when he ought to be on time
He's always just behind it.

And when he has a task to do,
He says, "Wait 'til tomorrow."
And when he cannot find his things
He simply says, "I'll borrow."

That boy may make a business man,
I know he wants to do it,
But he must mend his careless ways
Or he will live to rue it.

That boy must do his work today,
And plan work for tomorrow.
Good habits, everyone knows,
Are something boys can't borrow.

The boys who do their tasks each day
With faithful care and sweetness,
Are cultivating habits that
Will help them shine for Jesus.

—Sel.

The Magic Clothes Rack

"I had the queerest dream, Bess," said Bobbie at breakfast. "I dreamed we gave Mother a magic clothes rack that picked up things all by itself. It was fun to see the sweater you flung on the couch and the cap I threw on a chair being pulled up by the funny rack!"

"I guess it worked something like the horseshoe magnet Grandpa gave us, didn't it?" asked Bess.

"Yes—it picked up hats, caps, and coats just like the magnet picked up pins and nails."

"It'd be a great help to Mother," said Bess. "It's too bad our clothes rack does not work like the rack that you dreamed about."

"I've been thinking that we could make a magic clothes rack out of this one if we always remember to hang our things up. The rack isn't to blame for not being like the one in my dream—but we are to blame for making Mother pick up our things after us."

"You're right! We can do it, and we will do it after this," said Bess. "If I ever forget to pick up my things, Bobbie, you must remind me of it."

"And you must do the same thing for me, Bess," replied Bobbie, "'cause we're going to see to it that a good Mother like ours has as fine a clothes rack as was ever dreamed about."

—Selected

God's Rice

(Continued from last week)

Ming was very perplexed and sorrowful, for he had learned to love his father's God, and they had all rejoiced together when the idol shrine was torn down, and the "luck almanack" had been consumed in their "cleansing fire." Most of all, he loathed hearing the heathen around speaking ill of his father, whom Ming knew to be so good and unselfish, and whose one aim and desire was to do God's will. Had the journey been all a mistake? Had he gone without being sent? Oh, how perplexing it all seemed to the lad! Yet he remembered a favorite Sunday-school hymn—"Take it to the Lord in prayer," and Ming, in spite of his trouble, struggled bravely to do so. Lifting his head he noticed the sun was beginning to set, so he hurried home. Somehow his prayer in the bamboo grove made him feel uplifted in the most wonderful way. As he reached home he was surprised to see a stranger outside the door carrying a heavy load—two large sacks, marked "rice" on his shoulder yoke. He looked at the boy about to enter the house, and said in a strange dialect to Ming, "I seek the honorable abode of one Dao, a laborer in this

village. The good people sent me here."

"There is the poor pig-sty of his residence," said Ming politely, "but he is away in the Silver mountains, exhorting the dwellers up there."

"So! So!" said the stranger. "This load of rice is for his family. It is a free gift—nothing at all to pay."

Ming opened his eyes in glad surprise. "But who sent it to us?" he exclaimed. "Is it from our honorable father?"

"Not the excellent one that abides on earth, but thy Father who is in heaven."

Then lifting his carrying yoke he suddenly vanished so quickly that Ming stood for a moment wondering if he had seen a vision. The sacks of rice in front of his eyes brought him back to the real present. With child-like faith and simplicity he accepted the gift, and thanking God for His wonderful provision, he ran indoors to tell his mother and granny.

Oh! what joy and rejoicing filled their hearts and home! for the rice was what the sick one needed, and she soon became stronger on a more nourishing diet. "God's rice" lasted them till the father returned, with the joyful news of much blessing on his journey. "But who sent the rice to us?" was a question he could not answer save in the way his family accepted. It had come from the Father in heaven, who never forgets nor neglects His children. Some of Dao's converts had secretly sent the rice as a thank-offering for the good news they had received. —Sel.

Remember that Jesus healed sick boys and girls when He was here on the earth and He can heal you today.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a throne with a king sitting on it. Put a toothpick man in front and label him Paul. Underneath write the words, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ."

Dear Boys and Girls:

I am sure that you do not find very many children at school who want to please the Lord, but I do trust you are convinced that it is the best way to live. When you choose God's ways and live for Him, you have the King of kings on your side. You have a power behind you others at school know nothing about unless they know Jesus as their personal Saviour. You can whisper a prayer and then feel the blessings of the Lord and the grace as you resist the devil with all of his evil thoughts. Don't ever let the devil out-talk you. Jesus loves you and cares for you if you will just let Him. Keep looking to Jesus every day with faith. Pray often to Him. You can pray as you walk to school or sit at your desk. Ask Jesus often for help to please Him and obey Him. A peace will be in your heart that no one will know about. Praise and thank Him silently even in school for His blessings and His goodness to you. Don't ever feel ashamed of God's ways. If you feel any shame coming to you in the least, just ask Jesus to take it away. Be bold for Jesus.

Our lesson is about Paul preaching Jesus to the governor and the king. He was not ashamed of Jesus. He knew without a shadow of a doubt that Jesus was real and that though He was dead, He is now alive. He knew the power of Jesus to help those who will look to Him. The Jews tried to put Paul to

death, but the governor, Festus, could not find any cause in him for death. Paul then asked to have his case taken before the Roman emperor, Caesar, the ruler of the then-known world. He was not afraid to talk to him about Jesus.

In our lesson today Festus wanted King Agrippa to try Paul's case. Paul was telling him about Jesus who was dead, but now is alive.

Agrippa and Bernice were brother and sister. Their sister was Drusilla who was in our lesson some time ago. Their father was the Herod you read about in the twelfth chapter of Acts who killed the Apostle James and put Peter in prison. Later this Herod was visited by the angel of the Lord and he died, being eaten up with worms. So King Agrippa knew about Jesus and His teachings and the Christians to a certain extent. That is the reason Paul mentioned in our lesson that King Agrippa was an expert in all the questions and customs of the Jews.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 3, October 18, 1970

PAUL PREACHES TO KING AGRIPPA

Acts 25:13, 14, 18, 19, 25, 26; Acts 26:1-8

Acts 25:13 And after certain days king Agrippa and Bernice came unto Caesarea to salute Festus.

14 And when they had been there many days, Festus declared Paul's cause unto the king, saying, There is a certain man left in bonds by Felix:

18 Against whom when the accusers stood up, they brought none accusation of such things as I supposed:

19 But had certain questions against him of their own superstition, and of one Jesus, which was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive.

25 But when I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death, and that he himself hath appealed to Augustus, I have determined to send him.

26 Of whom I have no certain thing to write unto my lord. Wherefore I have brought him forth before you, and specially before thee, O king Agrippa, that, after examination had, I might have somewhat to write.

Acts 26:1 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself:

2 I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews:

3 Especially because I know thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews: wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently.

4 My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews;

5 Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.

6 And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers:

7 Unto which promise our twelve tribes, instantly serving God day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews.

8 Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?

Memory Verse: 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. Acts 9:15.

Central Thought: Jesus Christ, the hope of the world, was dead, but now is alive forevermore.

QUESTIONS:

1. According to history, what relation were King Agrippa and Bernice?

2. What do we learn about King Agrippa's father, Herod, in the twelfth chapter of Acts?

3. Whom did the governor, Festus, want King Agrippa to see and hear?

4. What did Festus tell King Agrippa that Paul's accusers had against him?

5. Who was against Paul, according to what Festus told King Agrippa? (See verse 24.)

6. Did Festus find anything in Paul worthy of death?

7. Did Festus want to send Paul to appear before Augustus Caesar?

8. Why did Festus want King Agrippa to hear Paul?

9. Was Paul glad to talk to King Agrippa?

10. Why did Paul say that King Agrippa was an "expert" in all the customs and questions of the Jews?

11. Did Paul think his life had not been known about by the Jews?

12. Do you remember why Jesus first spoke to Paul? Where was Paul going? (chapter 9)

13. Did Paul live a strict life as the Jew until he met Jesus that day?

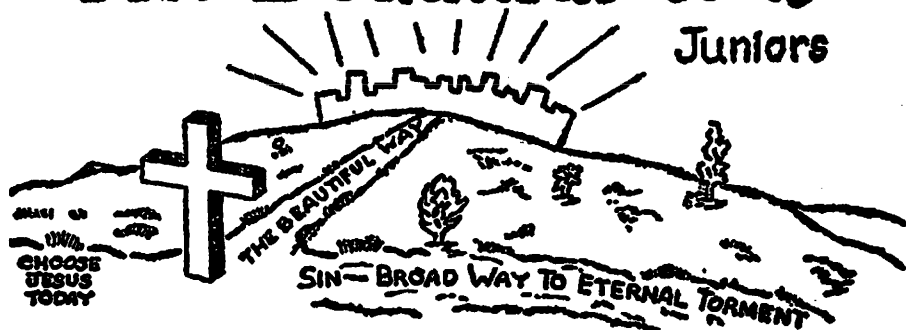
14. What is the "hope of the promise made by God" to the Israelites or Jews?

15. Can you answer the question Paul asked in the last verse of our lesson?

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Oct. 25

Billy's Marbles

Everybody was bringing something to put into the missionary box. A missionary in far-off Africa had once been a worker in this Sunday-school in England. Since he had gone to Africa, the children had sent him a big box of useful presents each year.

Billy had heard that others were sacrificing some of their most prized possessions to put into the box.

Thought Billy, "What could a boy like me send to Africa?" He ran home as fast as he could go, and got out his box of toys. He loved them all.

"Which of all these toys do I like best?" Billy asked himself, picking up one after another. Then he came to his bag of marbles—marbles of all colors. There were clear, colored glass ones, and big ones with patterns like twisted ribbons.

"Ah," said Billy, "wouldn't the missionary like these? And I would love to give them to him because Jesus has done so much for me."

Running to his mother, Billy told her that he had decided his beautiful marbles should go into the missionary box for Africa.

Billy's mother hardly knew what to say. She wondered what the people who were packing the box would think of such a gift. But she knew that Billy's heart was full of love, and that giving his precious marbles meant a real sacrifice. So she took the bag of marbles, and put a note in the top explaining that they were Billy's gift of sacrifice.

The man who was packing the box was perplexed when he saw the marbles. But when he read the note, he, too, decided that the marbles should go to Africa. And so the little boy's gift found a corner in the missionary box.

The box was sent away and finally carried aboard a big ship to start its journey to Africa.

About this time the missionary was having a hard time. His message was not being received by the natives, although he had prayed much and worked hard. Then one day he

heard that the headman of the village was coming to tell him he must go away.

Just then the box arrived from England. How happy the lonely missionary was to know that the children of the Sunday-school back home were still thinking of him! One by one he lifted the gifts from the box. Then he came to Billy's bag of marbles.

"Marbles!" he exclaimed aloud. "What do they think I want with marbles?" But in the top of the marble bag he found the note Billy's mother had written.

"Little Billy wanted to send you his marbles," he read, "because he prized them above all his other toys and wanted to give his best to Jesus Who had done so much for him."

"Well, well," exclaimed the missionary, "God bless little Billy for sending me his precious marbles! Surely God has not forgotten . . ."

What was that? Footsteps outside the missionary's little house. Then someone banged noisily on the door. "Who's there?" called the missionary.

"The headman," came the angry reply.

"Lord, help me," prayed the missionary quickly as he went to the door.

"I've come to tell you that you are to get out of my village. We will not have your teaching any more," threatened the headman. "You must go at once."

Just then a voice seemed to say to the missionary, "Show him the marbles." So hurrying back into the house, he brought out the little bag.

"Look what I got this morning, all the way from England," he said.

The Africans had never seen marbles before. The headman took them in his hand and rolled them across his palms.

"Wait," he said suddenly, "I will come back." And off he dashed.

In a few minutes he was back, with several other village men. Before long there were thirty men in the missionary's house, all eager to see Billy's marbles.

"Now," said the missionary, "let me tell you a story about these marbles." And he told about the little boy in England who loved Jesus so much that he wanted to give the very best he had because Jesus had done so much for him.

The men listened with wide-open eyes.

"Tell us more about your God," they said.

So then and there the missionary did. After that he had a chance to teach them more and more about God. As the people heard the story about Jesus Who had done so much for them, the ugly idols were taken down from the shelves in their houses.

One day they made a big bonfire of all the idols in the village, and after that they worshipped only the true God. And all this happened because one little boy loved Jesus so much that he gave his very best to Him.

—Selected

CHANGED

An Italian woman, whose husband had accepted the Gospel and became a Christian, was asked, "Is it true that your husband has changed his religion?"

"No," she replied, "but his religion has changed him! Now he has Christ

and Christ has certainly changed him! You must have noticed yourself that he doesn't get drunk any more, and that he does not swear and scold as he used to." —Sel.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw two hearts. Make one an evil heart and make the other one a pure heart. Under the evil heart write, "Paul's old heart," and under the pure heart write, "Paul's new heart."

Dear Boys and Girls:

Did some of your playmates ever say it did not make them feel bad at all when they told a lie or took an apple off the neighbor's tree, or pulled some flowers when the neighbor was gone? They might tell you that if it were wrong, they would feel bad about it. Did you ever think about the fact that a person can keep doing something that is wrong and soon will not feel bad about it? That something within you will soon quit warning you that you are doing wrong. It is like a person who might get a new alarm clock. At first it awakens him and he turns it off and goes right back to sleep. After doing this a few times the alarm won't awaken him. Why? Because he is used to it. Or, if time after time you let your mother call before you finally go, you will not even stop to listen to her first call. Only when she gets real loud or threatens you, will you move. Any of us can do that to our conscience. God lets us do as we want to do when it comes to doing right or wrong. You can choose for yourself if you want to go to heaven or hell. Just because you do wrong again and again and soon don't feel bad, doesn't make it right. It is

still wrong to lie and to steal or take things without asking. You can't do wrong and get by. Boys and girls, do watch and be real careful that you live according to God's Word. Don't excuse yourself when you do wrong. Face it. Say it is wrong. Correct it and do right.

In our lesson we read about Paul. He thought it was right for him to cause trouble for everyone who loved Jesus Christ and accepted Him to be the Saviour of the world, the Son of God. Our lesson tells all the evil things he did, thinking all the time he was doing a service for God. Nevertheless, he was wrong. He was guilty before God. What an awakening he had when the glorified Redeemer, Jesus Christ, first appeared to him in a flash of light, unlike what he had ever known. Jesus knew him by name and all about what he had been doing, every detail. Paul knew what Jesus was talking about and in that instant he knew he had been wrong. It was a great awakening to his mind and he clearly saw that he was wrong. He was so sorry and troubled about his soul that he cried out, "Lord, what will you have me do?" Paul knew he was wrong and he wanted to be right. Paul was willing to be different and willing to quit doing wrong and to obey Jesus. God forgave Paul. He wanted him to preach the gospel. He was a different man from that day. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 4, October 25, 1970

SINCERITY ACCORDING TO TRUTH

Acts 26:9-15; Acts 9:6a; Acts 26:16-18

Acts 26:9 I [Paul] verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

10 Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them.

11 And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities.

12 Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,

13 At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

Acts 9:6a And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?

Acts 26:16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of thees things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

17 Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee.

18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from

the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Memory Verse: Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen. Eph. 6:24.

QUESTIONS:

1. What did Paul think he ought to do?
2. What authority did Paul receive from the chief priests?
3. Whom was Paul "exceedingly mad against" when he was a sinner?
4. What happened in the middle of the day as Paul traveled to Damascus to bring the saints to trial?
5. How did Paul and those who traveled with him act when the light from heaven came upon them?
6. What did the voice say to Paul?
7. How was Paul persecuting the Lord by harming the saints?
8. What did Jesus mean when he told Paul that it was hard for him to kick against the pricks? Does a person feel pricks within when he does wrong?
9. What should we do when God halts us on our way to eternal damnation?
10. What purpose did God want to work out in Paul's life? (ver. 6)
11. What did God mean when He told Paul He would deliver him from the people and the Gentiles?
12. What does it mean to be turned from "darkness to light"?
13. Does God have more power than Satan? Can He help souls to turn from Satan to God?
14. God will help people who turn to Him to "receive _____ of sins."

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Part Five

Nov. 1

Cappy's Masterpiece

He was the third of seven children. They called him "Cappy" because he was a captain, a natural-born leader.

His home was anything but Christian. Money was very scarce, and the children were not well cared for, but Cappy took command of most situations. His gang of kids looked up to him.

In addition to being a leader, he was very curious, especially about machinery. He had to know how it worked.

When Cappy was ten, he was pulled into a giant monster of wheels and gears. His body was seriously mangled.

There were only a few who clung to any hope of recovery.

But Cappy was not a giver-inner. He fought to live. It took eight months before he was well enough to go home. One shoulder and one leg were still in casts. At home he had to stay in bed. The old gang came tramping through the house to his bedroom.

Cappy had returned to be a leader astride a white-sheeted bed, with a cast for a suit of armor and a pair of pale, drawn lips for a smile of victory.

The doctors issued warnings that no improvements were permanent. He would probably never walk again.

The afterschool hours were bright and happy for Cappy, but he complained about the long hours when he had nothing to do.

Then he remembered an old radio that didn't work any more, and it was salvaged from under a pile of junk in the basement and carted to his room. Cappy worked on it while seated in a chair.

He occasionally endured long delays in fixing this old squealer because of a lack of parts, but he finally got it all in good shape, and then the radio played from five o'clock in the morning until he went to sleep at night.

Radio did a strange thing for Cappy: it took him to church.

He had never been inside a church in all his life, but an early morning

program of gospel songs gained his interest. He started to sing these songs. He taught them to his gang when they came in the afternoon. He listened to sermons, and he repeated them to his afternoon visitors.

At first Cappy didn't understand much about all this, but as he told his small brother, Dick, "It was easier to understand when I made up my mind to understand it."

One day he told the whole gang, "Look, I belong to Jesus now. God's my Captain. I want to be a good soldier."

Cappy was a wonderful soldier for one year. He led his brothers and almost all his gang to Christ.

Then the doctors told his folks, "Cappy has tuberculosis of the bone, and he can't get better." One week later Cappy was dead.

It was plain that the gang had loved him. The boys kept a guard of honor by his casket every hour of the day. Once in a while one of them would look as though he might cry, but the others would say, "Cappy said not to cry. We're supposed to sing." And then they would sing a gospel chorus he had taught them during the past year.

The last night before the funeral, little brother Dick said, "You know, I forgot all about 'Cappy's Masterpiece.' He told me to be sure to get it and read it when—when this happened."

Dick rushed up the stairs to Cappy's room. He brought back a paper from the dresser drawer, put it in his mother's hand, and said, "Read it to all of us."

Everyone was quiet while she read "Cappy's Masterpiece":

It makes no difference how bad you've been,

How mean and dirty and full of sin. But did you open your heart or keep it locked

When Jesus passed by and at the door knocked?

I lied and cheated and fought and swore;

But when Jesus knocked, I opened my heart's door.

He made me different outside and in; If I die tomorrow, I'll be in heaven with Him.

And that night Cappy's mother and dad and those of Cappy's gang who did not already know Him all came to know Jesus when they heard the poem called "Cappy's Masterpiece."

A Wonderful Clock

In Iceland it is stated there is a geyser which throws up a spout of boiling water every hour. It never fails to be right on time. For ten minutes before the hour there is a gurgling sound, but right on the minute a column of water is thrown into the air some twenty feet. The people of the neighborhood check their clocks by this geyser as it is always so accurate.

Isn't it wonderful that God can create such things? The more we learn of His creation the more wonderful we will see that He is—the more we will love Him and praise Him that He is our heavenly Father, and trust Him to supply our needs.

When the devil comes knocking at the door of your heart, send Jesus to answer the door.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a toothpick man at the cross-roads of life. By a circle above him indicate the voice of Jesus saying, "Come unto me." Below draw another circle and the words of Satan, "Don't go." Underneath all write, "Choose this day whom you will serve."

Dear Boys and Girls:

I thank the Lord for boys and girls who love and serve Him. How sweet it is to hear them pray! Your prayers are heard by God. God sees you at all times and He wants you to take time from your play or affairs and pray to Him and read the Bible. That makes the great, loving heart of God rejoice. Boys and girls, think often of heaven. This is not your home for always. You are going to leave this place. God has a beautiful home prepared over there for you that is so much greater than this that we do not want to become attached to this world. Think often about Jesus and God and their great love for you. Help others to love Jesus and think about Him. If you mention Jesus to other boys and girls, that will cause them to think about Him. Of course, some do not know much about Jesus and might not want to talk about Him. How sad that they do not know about how great God is and about heaven! They need to know about hell, too, as they do not want to go to that place. It is terrible! But God will take you to heaven if you want to go there. But you must want to go there. God never makes anyone go to heaven against his will. Think about the way to live so you can go to that pure, holy, clean, and beautiful place.

Our lesson contains more of Paul's sermon to King Agrippa, Bernice, his

sister, and others. He told them that he obeyed God when He told him to tell others about Jesus arising from the grave and is the Saviour of the world. Those who believe on Him will be saved. Paul went about telling the "small and great." He talked to the poor and the rich, the kings, governors, and religious leaders who were teaching others against Jesus as the Christ that was to come. His message was that they should repent of their sins and become different. People who are saved do not live as they did before. As Festus listened to Paul he cried out that much learning had made Paul mad. Paul did not resent his words, but called him "most noble Festus." He asked King Agrippa if he believed the prophets, then answered it for him. King Agrippa was touched and said, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." It is a wonderful thing for God to touch one's heart. Everyone should yield to God then as that is the time for them to be saved. It is dangerous to let the opportunity pass. But Agrippa did not yield. How sad! Boys and girls, you want to give the Lord your heart and be saved. If you have not, why not do that today? Jesus is calling for you to come to Him and be His child.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 5, November 1, 1970

ALMOST PERSUADED

Acts 26:19-32

Acts 26:19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I [Paul] was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision;

20 But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

21 For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill me.

22 Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:

23 That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

24 And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad.

25 But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness.

26 For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner.

27 King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.

28 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

29 And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.

30 And when he had thus spoken, the king rose up, and the governor, and Bernice, and they that sat with them:

31 And when they were gone aside, they talked between themselves, saying, This man doeth nothing worthy of death or of bonds.

32 Then said Agrippa unto Festus, This man might have been set at liberty if he had not appealed unto Caesar.

Memory Verse: Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian. Acts 26:28.

Central Thought: There is danger in one being satisfied with "almost" without becoming "altogether" a Christian.

QUESTIONS:

1. Was Paul disobedient to the voice of God that spoke to him?

2. Name the three places mentioned where Paul preached the gospel.

3. What did he tell the people to do?

4. What reason did the Jews have for wanting to kill Paul?

5. "Having obtained _____ of _____ I continue unto this day, _____ both to _____ and great."

6. Did Paul tell the people anything besides what Moses and the prophets said would come to pass?

7. "Christ _____, and that he _____ be the _____ that should _____ from the _____."

8. What did Festus cry out?

9. What did Paul answer him?

10. What did Paul mean when he said "none of these things were done in a corner"?

11. What was the question Paul asked King Agrippa?

12. What was King Agrippa's answer?

13. What did Paul mean when he said he wished all were as he was except for his bonds?

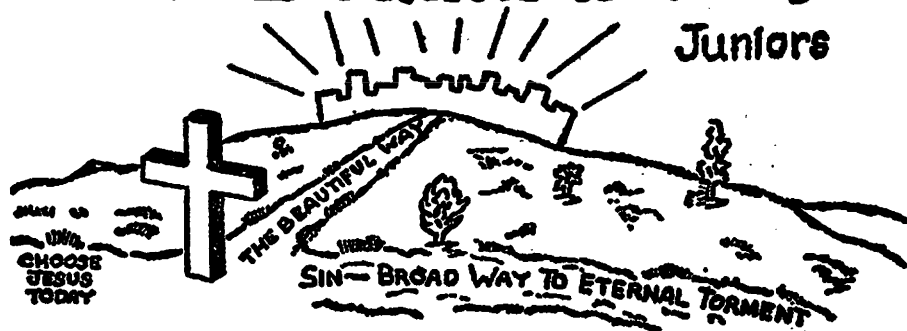
14. Did the council decide Paul was guilty or innocent?

15. Why was Paul not set at liberty?

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Part Six

Nov. 8

The Arctic Fox

In Alaska, the arctic fox is pure white and his habits are different from other foxes. However, he is as clever as can be.

Sometimes, instead of hunting his own food, he will follow a polar bear around and eat the food the bear kills. Among the foods arctic foxes eat are seals, fish, birds, and smaller animals, and fish frozen in the ice.

The polar bear does not have good eyesight. Although he does not like the fox, he finds it hard to catch him because the fox is fast and he knows the bear cannot see him well.

The fox will follow a bear all day until the big animal pounces on a seal and, with one blow, strikes him dead. The bear will gobble up much of the fat from the seal, then he will wander off to go to sleep. Then the fox would lunch from the seal.

Sometimes the fox has to find his own food. If there are low flying gulls, he will leap into the air and snatch them. Sometimes he digs in the ice to get small wildlife frozen

there. His claws are as sharp as thorns and he loves to scratch up the shrimp and other tasty tidbits from the ice.

The white fox has many enemies and we can understand why if he annoys the polar bears and birds that way. One of his worst enemies is the wolf because the wolf can catch him if the snow is fresh and deep. The wolf has longer legs. If the footing beneath them is hard, the fox can outrun the wolf.

The fox must be very careful to not jump too far or too hard because his legs are thin and break easily. A crippled fox would not last long with bears and wolves out to get him.

Some people are like arctic foxes—they expect other people to look after them. A boy who never has a pencil in school is one who is too lazy to bring one for himself. The girl who depends on someone else to hang up her clothes is not being fair. We are reminded of a well-known proverb, "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise" (Prov. 6:6.)

—Selected

When The Idols Failed

Mr. Chen was fortunate the day he went out of the city of Hokiang for a walk, for it was while he was away that the Japanese planes came over and dropped their bombs. He heard the successive explosions from afar, and when he reached a hilltop, he looked down to see the city covered with smoke.

Fear came to his heart. Had his home escaped the bombing? Was his shop safe? Would he find his parents when he returned to the city? He tried to reassure himself. Had he not been faithful in offering sacrifices to his gods? Had he not that morning burned incense to the idols in his home? In return would they not protect his home and shop? Fear and anxiety gave speed to his feet, as he hurried homeward to learn the truth.

With a sick heart he stood before the still smoking ruins of his home. There was no sign of his parents. Everything, everything had gone up in smoke! Even the idols were gone. They could not even protect themselves! He had been misled, and now he was a poor man. Mr. Chen gazed about him bitterly, sore at heart, and feeling that he had nothing to hold him any longer in Hokiang. It would be better if he went away from his old haunts, and tried to forget. He had lost faith in the power of his idols.

I felt light at heart as I held forth the old-fashioned Gospel in the street chapel at Suyung, Szechwan, that evening. God was surely working in human hearts. At the close of the message an invitation was given to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour. Three

or four came forward. One was a young man of about twenty years or so.

"What is your honorable name?" I asked.

"My name is Chen," was the speaker.

"Why do you want to repent of your sins, and trust in the Lord Jesus?"

"I have come to see that the idols are false!" he said in a bitter voice. "I want to trust in a God that is alive, and that can save me and keep me. He must be the One you preached about tonight."

His conversion was real. He had to suffer persecution because of the Cross, in Suyung City, but he was true to his decision to follow Christ. Pray for him. We do not know where he went, but God knows and cares for him. He will be a target for the devil's arrows, but we must guard him with believing prayer. Will you help to do that? —Selected

We have written in our Bibles the things Jesus said and He tells us how to live to be ready for heaven.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a ship on the sea of life. Put a toothpick boy and girl on the ship. In front of the ship write "Port of heaven." Down below the water write, "Port of hell." Underneath all write, "Let Jesus be your captain."

Dear Boys and Girls:

It is wonderful that you have your mother and father to watch over you now. They were your age one time and they know the road you will be walking

on in the next few years. They have been over it. It is important that you take their advice and let them help you choose the right way to go. They want the very best for you. You might not understand why they do not want you to go certain places or do certain things, but you must trust them. They know things you do not know. Take their counsel and advice. I was young once and I know how disappointed you can be when you planned something with the group or even to do something that to you seemed perfectly harmless, and then for Mother and Daddy to tell you that you can't do it. I know that you might cry because you can't understand. I did that once, but now that I am older I understand they did the right thing and knew best. When I realized that they knew more than I did, it was easier to give up the pleasure I had planned. I appreciated my parents because they loved me and cared what I did.

One time a person asked a group of boys and girls what they thought when Mother or Daddy called them from their play as it began to get dark at night. Many answers were given, but one girl said she felt so left out and unloved because every night different parents called their children to come in, but her mother never called her. She just went in when she got ready. Boys and girls, it does show love when someone cares enough about you not to let you do everything you might think is best. Remember your parents, teachers, ministers, and Sunday-school teachers, as well as older saints, want the best for you and it would be wise to listen to their advice.

Our lesson tells about Paul on his trip to Rome. He was put into the care of a centurion named Julius to take

him to Rome with some other prisoners. Luke, who wrote the book of Acts, was going along on the journey with Paul. Notice that after fasting, Paul felt it unwise to leave that port, but his advice was not heeded. As you read the rest of the story you will find they got into a terrible storm. It would have been wise to have listened to the man of God, wouldn't it?

Undergirding a ship is done by putting stout ropes under the prow and then wrapping around any part of the ship to keep it from breaking apart.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 6, November 8, 1970

RESULTS OF REJECTED COUNSEL

Acts 27:1, 2, 7b-11; Rom. 2:7, 8, 9a;
Acts 27:12-17

Acts 27:1 And when it was determined that we should sail into Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners unto one named Julius, a centurion of Augustus' band.

2 And entering into a ship of Adramyitium, [Ad-ra-mit-i-um] we launched, meaning to sail by the coasts of Asia; one Aristarchus, [Ar-is-tarkus] a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being with us.

7b We sailed under Crete, over against Salmone;

8 And, hardly passing it, came unto a place which is called The Fair Havens; nigh whereunto was the city of Lasea.

9 Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, Paul admonished them,

10 And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.

11 Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than those things which were spoken by Paul.

Rom. 2:7 To them [who obey God's counsel] who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,

9a Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil,

Acts 27:12 And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, the more part advised to depart thence also, if by any means they might attain to Phenice, and there to winter; which is a haven of Crete, and lieth toward the south west and north west.

13 And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, loosing thence, they sailed close by Crete.

14 But not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon.

15 And when the ship was caught, and could not bear up into the wind, we let her drive.

16 And running under a certain island which is called Claudia, we had much work to come by the boat;

177 Which when they had taken up, they used helps, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should fall into quicksands, strake sail, and so were driven.

Memory Verse: Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly. Psalm 1:1a.

Central Thought: It is better to learn from the experiences of others and listen to advice than to learn by personal experience. The price is too high.

QUESTIONS:

1. Where was Paul to be taken? Who was the centurion who was to take care of him?

2. Read Acts 19:29 and Col. 4:10 and tell who Aristarchus was.

3. How did they first find the weather for sailing?

4. What place did they finally stop?

5. After spending some time in Fair Havens and Paul had fasted and prayed, what did he tell the company he was with?

6. Did the centurion take Paul's advice or the advice of the master of the ship?

7. Whose counsel is best, according to our memory verse?

8. What will be the reward of those who "obey the truth" and take the advice that God's Word gives us?

9. What will happen to those who are contentious or unrighteous?

10. Why did the centurion and others want to go to another port instead of staying at Fair Havens?

11. How did the wind begin to blow? Then what happened?

12. What did they do to try to keep the ship from being wrecked in the storm?

13. Why should they have taken the advice Paul, a godly man, gave them?

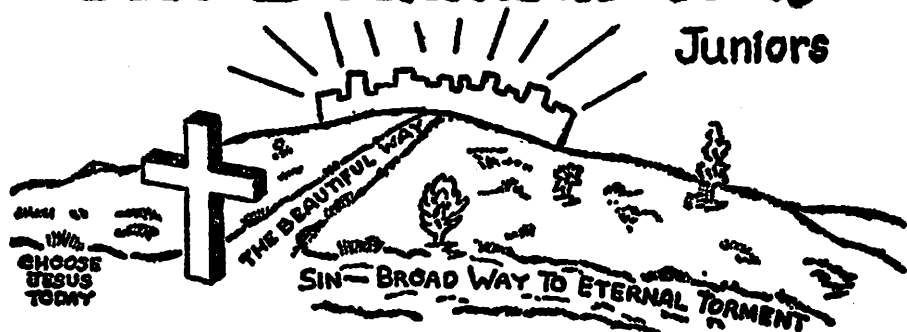
14. Which is better—to learn by the mistakes of others, or by making mistakes yourself?

15. Whose advice should you listen to?

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Nov. 15

The Traffic Officer

The front door banged open and in rushed a troop of muddy feet.

"Stop!" cried Mother, waxing mop in hand, "don't run over my floor just yet; go around by the side door into the dining room."

Molly and Ben turned obediently, but Newton came right on, scowling and protesting:

"Why can't we come in our own front door?" he fussed, "what's the use of having old shiny floors anyway?"

It was not the first time that Newton had disobeyed his mother, and Mrs. Fenwick put her hand firmly on the little boy's shoulder and made him look down at the ugly marks his feet had made on her polished floor.

"You don't have to see the reason why, Sonny—I'm doing the seeing in this house today; all you have to do is obey. And because you have not done so you will have to go over into the library by yourself for half an hour, while the others get their lunch and go out and play."

Off marched Newton, angry as a hornet. He banged the library door behind him, but that didn't shut out the good smell of hot Brunswick stew which Molly and Ben were enjoying in the dining room.

It was a bleak day, and presently he stationed himself at the window overlooking the Third Avenue and Pendleton street corner. Automobiles were flying up and down, street cars and people thronging every thoroughfare.

Right in the center of the busy cross street, stood Captain Moore, traffic officer. He waved his arms and clicked his high sign board which said "Go" or "Stop," without a moment's pause, and for the most part, things moved smoothly.

But presently an impatient delivery boy, driving a truck, darted past the "Stop" sign, tried to slip in ahead of a string of people boarding a car—skidded on the slippery pavement—and—

"Hi, there!" yelled the watching boy, "what'd you knock that little girl down for?"

He peered out excitedly, while the usual crowd gathered like flies about the startled child, who—fortunately was not badly hurt.

"Who does he think he is?" grumbled Newton, "barging ahead that way when the man said to stop!"—

"Just like you did a while ago!" his mother's voice put in, and wheeling around Newton grinned to find her standing silently overlooking the street from behind his shoulder.

"Are you our traffic officer?" he demanded.

"That's just what I am," Mrs. Fenwick laughed, "and though I don't wear a uniform and turn a sign, if you don't want to avoid collisions, you'd better 'go' or 'stop' when I say."

"Say 'go' now, then, Mother," coaxed the prisoner—and off he ran.

—Selected

The Twins Give Thanks

The twins were singing the little chorus which they called their Thanksgiving song as they worked in the library.

"Won't we have fun at Grandmother's house tomorrow!" Jean said happily.

"I'll say we will," agreed her twin. "Only I don't see where Grandmother is going to put all of us."

Father and Mother came into the room and began to smile.

"I guess there will be plenty of room at the table for everyone," Father said.

"And plenty of turkey, too," Mother added.

"Do you think everyone will like these things we are making?" Jimmy asked his parents.

The twins had been making very special place cards for the Thanksgiving table. Grandmother had sent the list of all those who would be present so Jean and Jimmy would know just how many to make.

"The place card is really a little book," Jean explained to her mother and father.

The backs of the books had been made from half a sheet of light tan colored paper, folded in the middle. (When the twins ran out of paper they used some ceiling wall paper Mother had left over from her room). For the title of the book the twins had printed, "GIVE THANKS." In the center of the cover they had drawn and colored a shock of corn and a little pumpkin. On the lower right corner they had printed the guest's name.

"That will make an appropriate place card," Mother agreed, "but what are the two pages of white paper for inside?"

The twins showed their mother the inside of the booklet place card. On the first page they had printed the One Hundredth Psalm.

"Grandfather says everyone should learn this for Thanksgiving, so Jean and I are going to memorize it. But he asked us to copy it so the ones who do not know it can repeat it together at the table," Jimmy explained.

"Why, that is fine," Father said. "We will repeat it each day of our Thanksgiving week, and then we will all know it."

"The second page has our little Thanksgiving chorus," Jean said. "We will all sing it together at the table after we give thanks."

"This is a lovely idea for the Thanksgiving place card booklets," Mother stated. "It will remind us that Thanksgiving is not a day merely for feasting, but a day for giving thanks for all the gifts which our Father in heaven has given us."

The twins smiled and began to sing their Thanksgiving chorus and Mother and Father, also, joined in singing, "Thank You, Lord."

There is no friend like Jesus. Love Him and count Him as your very best friend.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Make some footprints. Underneath them write these words, "Just one step at a time toward evil will bind a habit upon you."

Dear Boys and Girls:

Paul and his companions in the ship were in trouble. They were tossed just like a piece of wood on the waves. I have been told that the waves in the ocean sometimes reach a height of 112 feet. I am sure the men were sorely afraid and thought that any time their ship would be dashed to pieces. They had not seen the sun nor the stars for many days. Their ship had drifted here and there.

In thinking about drifting, I thought how easy it is for boys and girls to drift into bad habits. You might not intend to be one who is always saying sharp things and grumbling about everything you are asked to do around the house, but little by little you let yourself drift into that habit. It is a habit that is hard to break. Then in our day and time there are many habits that boys and

girls get into—for instance smoking, cigarettes, sniffing glue, taking dope of various kinds, etc. Perhaps you just meant to try it and see for yourself what it was like, but little by little you drifted into doing it more and more. That is the way habits fasten themselves upon people. It will be a shock when that one tries to break those habits. It is hard to do and one finds a need for a higher power to help. Sometimes boys and girls who would not think of doing any of the mentioned things have drifted into the habit of thinking wrong thoughts. They might think evil of others or be critical of them. Soon they are speaking evil of others or being unkind in their remarks. Many tears flow because of unkind remarks. The boy or girl might not see the tears, but they are shed when the person is alone. There is too much heartache in the world without you causing more. Ask God to help you always to be kind and forgiving of others. Don't falsely accuse anyone. In fact, it is better to take a wrong than do a wrong.

If you see you need help on any of these lines, God is speaking to you. Listen for His voice. He speaks to you from the Bible and from those who are messengers of God. You are in trouble and headed for greater trouble just like those in the ship in our lesson, if you fail to heed God's voice. Paul was a man of God and he listened when God spoke to him. He told them to be of good cheer for God would spare their lives. Even if the ship was being tossed, Paul did not look at the waves, but looked at the power of God. Just so, if you are in the grip of a bad habit, don't look at it, but look at God's power to break it and set you free. He loves you and will help you if you will obey His voice.

—Aunt Marie

**LISTEN FOR GOD'S VOICE IN THE
STORM**

Acts 27:18, 19-26; Psa. 107:23-31, 26-30

Acts 27:18 And we being exceedingly tossed with a tempest, the next day they lightened the ship;

19 And the third day we cast out with our own hands the tackling of the ship.

20 And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away.

21 But after long abstinence, Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.

22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship.

23 For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,

24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

25 Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

26 Howbeit we must be cast upon a certain island.

Psa. 107:23a They that go down to the sea in ships,

26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths; their soul is melted because of trouble.

27 They reel to and fro, and stagger

like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end.

28 Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

29 He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

30 Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

Memory Verse: In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began. Titus 1:2.

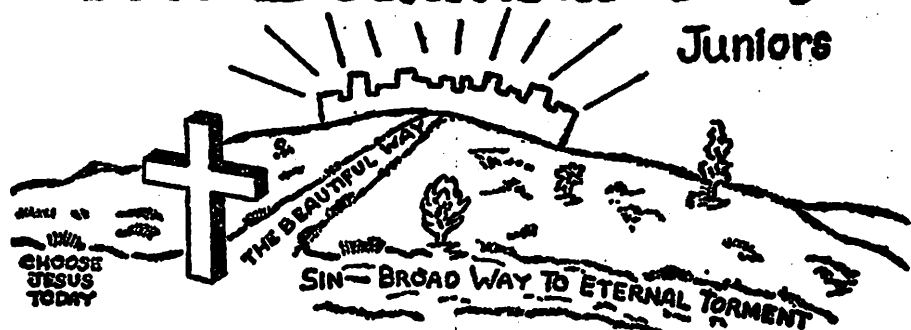
Central Thought: If man will listen, God will speak to him when he comes to his wit's end.

QUESTIONS:

1. How did the storm affect the ship?
2. How long had it been since they had seen the sunshine?
3. "All _____ that we should be _____ was then _____ away."
4. After fasting, what did Paul tell them? (verse 21)
5. "Now I exhort you to _____ of _____; for there shall no _____ of _____ life _____ you, but of the _____."
6. Who stood by Paul in the night?
7. What did the angel say to Paul?
8. "Wherefore sirs, _____ of good _____; for I _____ that it shall _____ as even as it was _____ me."
9. Does God lie? (Memory Verse.)
10. Where did Paul tell them they would finally land?
11. What kind of man does our lesson say a ship in a storm is like?
12. What do people do when they get to their wit's end? What do you do?
13. Who helps those who cry?

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Part Eight

Nov. 22

Thankfulest Thanksgiving

Buddy's grandmother popped the steaming chickens back into the oven and stepped to the table to turn the trembling cranberry jelly onto a glass dish. Buddy grew sober as he watched the ruby red mass shimmer in the ray of sunlight streaming in the window.

He could barely remember Thanksgiving Day five years ago when the telegraph boy had brought a yellow envelope to their door. His mother had read it, then had cried and cried. When he had begged her to tell him what it said, she finally explained to him that his daddy had died over in Europe and would never come home again.

Now this was Thanksgiving Day again. He never had like them—his mother always cried and never would fix a big dinner like the other children's Moms fixed. But this year things were different—different in several ways. For the past four months he had been staying with his grandmother while his mother was

working in the city. But the main difference was way down inside of him. Since he had been staying with his grandmother, he had given his heart to Jesus. Now more than anything else he was praying for his mother to be saved.

"Grandmother," Buddy asked as he perched up on the kitchen stool to sniff the spicy pumpkin pies lined on the shelf, "how long do we have to pray before God answers prayer?"

"It all depends, Buddy. Sometimes God answers right away, and sometimes we have to be patient and wait awhile."

"You know that ever since Dad's plane was shot down over Germany, Mom doesn't like Thanksgiving Days. If we can get her to go to meeting with us tonight, maybe she will get saved; then she'll feel differently about Thanksgiving. At least I'm hoping and doing some praying."

Just then the doorbell rang, and Buddy ran to answer it. "That's probably Mom and the rest now," he shouted.

But in a moment he came running in alone, "Grandma, it was the postman with a Special Delivery letter from Mom. Let's read it quickly."

They hastily tore it open and quickly read the short note.

"Dear Bud and all, I'm sorry to disappoint you, but I'm going to have to work on Thanksgiving after all, and won't be able to come home. Roy and Elsie said to tell you that Jim and Fran broke out with the chicken pox yesterday, so they will have to stay in the city, too. Just another one of those disappointing Thanksgiving days. Oh well, I should get accustomed to them after awhile. Don't eat too much, Buddy. Love, Mother."

Buddy's face fell. "Grandmother, no company on Thanksgiving. And Mom won't be here to go to service with us. I won't have anything to be thankful for today," Bud said.

"I know you are disappointed, Buddy," his grandmother said, "but the Bible says, 'In everything give thanks.' That means even when things go wrong on Thanksgiving Day. We have a good meal prepared, and we have Jesus in our hearts. Those are two things for which to be thankful."

"Yes, I guess so," Buddy answered, but he still looked pretty glum. "I'm going to ride my bike until dinner time," he said as he pulled on his cap and coat.

He wasn't gone long until he came racing back into the house again, "Say, Grandma, I saw Tom Lyons down by the store and you know what he said? He said his dad was drunk again last night, and they did not have any money for turkey or chicken, or anything. He said his

mom was home frying potatoes for their Thanksgiving dinner, and that was all they had. Isn't that awful?"

"That's pretty bad, I'll agree, Bud. I've just been wondering how you and your granddad and I would ever get rid of this big dinner all by ourselves. Would you like to invite the Lyons family over to eat with us?"

"Would I! That would be great, Grandma. Wouldn't they like that! I'll hop my bike and tell them to come right away."

When they came home from church that night, Buddy said, "It's been a good Thanksgiving after all. I am sure glad we had the Lyonses over for dinner. I wish Mom had been here, but maybe Mr. Lyons never would have gone to church with us and been saved if things hadn't turned out as they did."

"That's right," Granddad replied. "God doesn't always work everything out the way we think it should be done."

Buddy was jumping into bed when the telephone rang sharply. He heard his grandmother speak, then she called him, "Buddy! It's your mother. She wants to speak with you."

He ran to the phone and listened breathlessly—"Buddy, I couldn't wait longer to tell you. Some friends persuaded me to go with them to special church services tonight, and I gave my heart to the Lord. It is wonderful! I'm so happy! I'll always remember this Thanksgiving as one of the happiest days of my life. I do thank you for praying, Buddy."

Buddy turned away from the phone a few minutes later. "This is my thankfulest Thanksgiving after all," he said joyfully. God didn't answer

my prayer the way I thought He would, but it is better this way!"

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LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Make a list of the five things you are most thankful for. How often do you thank God for them?

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Dear Boys and Girls:

This is the week that the nation has set aside to have a day of Thanksgiving to God for His many blessings. We know that every day should be Thanksgiving day. We have many things to be thankful for. God is good to all of us. He loves us and cares for us. There are so many things that He does for us that we never thank Him for. Just think of the many things you have that you use, eat, or wear, and never thank the Lord for. Think of that good drink of cold water that you enjoyed on a hot day last summer. Did you thank the Lord for it? What about the clothing you have to wear? Those shoes you are wearing in this cold weather—did you thank the Lord for them? Boys and girls, I feel we should be thankful for all God gives us. Why not be sure that you tell the Lord you are thankful for everything He gives you to wear and everything He gives you to eat or use? That will take in all, won't it?

We have a lesson about Paul talking to those who are on the ship while they are still in the storm. Oh, how fearful they must have been! Paul was one who had heard from heaven, however. He was a man of God. Paul knew that God would bring all of them to shore and spare their lives. He acted like he believed God. While they were still in the storm, he told them it was time to quit fasting and to eat. He broke

bread in front of all of those wicked men and thanked the Lord for it and ate and told the others to eat. He said not one hair of their heads would be lost. Just think about that! God protected them so well that even as they swam to shore with their heads all wet, not one hair was lost. Oh yes, God does care for us! God has all our hairs numbered. Jesus told us that in Luke 12:7. Experts tell us that the number varies from 120,000 to about 180,000 hairs that people have on their heads. The average person has about 140,000. But just think that God cares enough about us to number them all! That makes us know that He is taking note of us. If he takes note of our hairs, He will surely take note of our thoughts, our deeds, and all that concerns us. We should be careful how we live before Him because we will have to give an account of all the deeds done one of these days. Now Paul thanked the Lord before they escaped to shore. We need to have faith to believe when we pray and then thank the Lord for hearing and for the answer He will give.

—Aunt Marie

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Lesson 8, November 22, 1970

DELIVERANCE FOLLOWS THANKSGIVING

Acts 27:27, 29, 30a-37, 39, 41-44

Acts 27:27 But when the fourteenth night was come, as we were driven up and down in Adria, about midnight the shipmen deemed that they drew near to some country;

29 Then fearing lest we should have fallen upon rocks, they cast four anchors out of the stern, and wished for the day.

30a And as the shipmen were about to flee out of the ship, when they had let down the boat into the sea,

31 Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved.

32 Then the soldiers cut off the ropes of the boat, and let her fall off.

33 And while the day was coming on, Paul besought them all to take meat, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that ye have tarried and continued fasting, having taken nothing.

34 Wherefore I pray you to take some meat: for this is for your health: for there shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you.

35 And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all: and when he had broken it, he began to eat.

36 Then were they all of good cheer, and they also took some meat.

37 And we were in all in the ship two hundred three-score and sixteen souls.

39 And when it was day, they knew not the land: but they discovered a certain creek with a shore, into the which they were minded, if it were possible, to thrust in the ship.

41 And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck fast, and remained unmoveable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves.

42 And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape.

43 But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea and get to land:

44 And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.

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

Central Thought: Praising God in the storms of life shows faith and trust.

QUESTIONS:

1. Where did the crewmen think they were the 14th night of the storm?

2. Why did they cast out the anchors of the ship and wish for day?

3. What did Paul tell the centurion when the shipmen let down the life boat to leave the ship?

4. What did the soldiers do to the ropes that held the boat?

5. How long had they gone without eating?

6. Why did Paul say what he did in verse 34, knowing they were still in the storm?

7. What does Jesus say about the hairs of our head? (Matt. 10:30)

8. What did Paul do in the "presence of them all"? Do we have any reason to be ashamed of Jesus, even before our enemies?

9. When we pray, are we to thank the Lord for the answer before it comes? (Read memory verse.)

10. How many were in the ship?

11. What did they try to do to save the ship when day came?

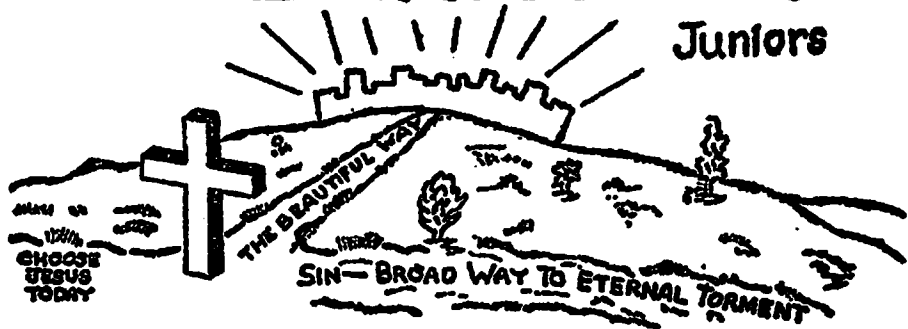
12. Tell what happened to the ship.

13. What did they want to do with the prisoners? Who stopped them?

14. How did everyone get to land?

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Part Nine

Nov. 29

A Thanksgiving Prayer

At a table richly laden,
Bounteous on Thanksgiving Day,
Sat a small and winsome maiden
Just a-learning how to pray.

"God," she said, "the turkey's most-
est

Done just to the nicest brown,
And Grandma's mince pies are the
bestest,
Bestest pies in this whole town.

"And we all are just the gladdest—
That I don't know what to say.
Won't You, God, be sure to make us
Feel most thankful every day?"

The Missing Goldfish

Floyd was the first one to arrive at school one morning. There was no one on the school ground so he went quietly into his room to talk with Miss Rowe, his teacher. He always liked to talk with her, for she always

had something interesting to tell him or show him.

He was not disappointed this morning, for on a table close to her desk was a bowl of goldfish. "I have brought my pets to school today," Miss Rowe said, looking at the goldfish. Together she and Floyd fed them. While they stood watching them come to the top of the water, snatch the food, then dart away, Miss Rowe was called out of the room.

After she was gone Floyd stood watching them alone, "I wonder what fish feel like?" Floyd said to himself. Then carefully he put his hand into the bowl and lifted the biggest and prettiest one out of the water. He intended to look at it only a minute then put it back into the water. But before he had time even to look it gave a flop and was gone. Floyd looked and looked, but the fish was nowhere to be seen. How he hated for Miss Rowe to know what he had done.

"I'll wait for her to come back. Then I'll tell her," he thought.

But just then Floyd heard voices on the playground, and he hurried out and tried to forget all about the fish which was lost.

Soon the bell rang. For some reason Floyd did not feel very anxious to go in. But he went in with the other children and they took their seats. Floyd had just about made up his mind to go up and whisper to Miss Rowe what he had done, when she began to speak.

"I brought my goldfish this morning for you children to enjoy with me. I had one which was especially interesting. But something has happened to it while I was out of the room. I fear that Bobby's cat must have caught it. I saw her in the hall this morning."

Now Bobby was a boy in one of the lower grades. He lived just across the street from the school. Often his big yellow cat came to school with him. She had never been known to bother anything, and was a great pet among all the children.

"I'm glad she thinks the cat did it," thought Floyd. "She'll never think about me. I'll never need to tell."

Something inside of Floyd seemed to say, "You're a coward. You will not tell the truth. You are not pleasing God."

"I've just kept still. I've not told anything untrue," thought Floyd in self-defense.

"But you have let Miss Rowe think something which is untrue," something seemed to reply.

Floyd was very unhappy. He did not like even to look toward Miss Rowe just then, because of that ashamed feeling he had.

At recess time Floyd heard some of the children telling Bobby that his cat had caught Miss Rowe's fish. Floyd felt mean on the inside. "You're a coward," he heard the voice again.

When Bobby came back from lunch Floyd heard him tell the children that his mother said that they would have to find a new home for the big yellow cat. They could not keep a cat which bothered things at school.

All day Floyd was very unhappy. He did not want to look toward the fish bowl. He did not want to go near Miss Rowe.

Just before time to go home, Floyd could stand it no longer. When he returned the library book to Miss Rowe, he said, "Please don't let Bobby give his cat away. She didn't catch the fish. I did. I'm sorry. I'll save my money and buy you another one."

Then he told her all about it.

Miss Rowe looked so happy that Floyd was surprised. She said, "At noon I found the fish dead in the drawer of my desk. I had left the drawer open a little way this morning. I knew then the cat had not caught the fish." Then Miss Rowe patted him on the shoulder and said, "You're a brave boy, Floyd, to stay and tell me about it. It takes courage sometimes to tell the truth."

Floyd was happy as he ran home. Something inside him seemed to say, "You were brave to tell the truth. You have pleased your heavenly Father."

—Selected

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a camp fire. Discuss the company one should keep. Tell why it is a good thing to have God with us when

we are forced, like Paul, to be in the company with unbelievers. Discuss how Peter denied Jesus as he warmed by the fire of those who did not believe. (Mark 14:66-72) What kind of company was he in? What difference do you think there would be at the camp fire when Jesus told His disciples to "feed my sheep"?

Dear Boys and Girls:

Kindness is a great virtue. It is something that a person needs to cultivate. Don't you appreciate those who have been kind to you at different times? What about the time you fell and hurt yourself? Or perhaps you were burned. What about the time it was raining and you needed a ride to school or the store? Remember the person who gave you some candy or other nice treat? Perhaps you were invited to eat a meal with someone. Or it could be there were other kindnesses that even meant the saving of your life. I read about a girl and younger boy who got caught in a tide on the ocean and how she held the boy up until a rescue ship arrived. All these kindnesses accepted are wonderful. Now let us think about you showing kindness to others. Do you ever remember to do that? Why not look around you all the time to see if there is some kind deed you can do for someone else? It makes you feel good to do something for someone. I am remembering one Mother's Day when I asked different ones to make a cake for their mothers and bring them to my house where we would honor the mothers with cake and ice cream and nice words to each. At the same time my son and one of the other mother's sons were singing a song for mothers over the radio and we listened to them. I made a cake for my step-mother and my

son made a cake for me. We took pictures of the cakes. I still have a nice thought when I think of doing that for them. I was blessed by it. The others were, also. Can you think of some kindness you showed to others that made you glad you did?

Our lesson brings out how the people on the island showed kindness to the poor water-soaked people from the ship that had been wrecked in the storm. There were 276 people. It was late October and it surely was cold by then. The islanders built a fire and showed many kindnesses and honor to them. Many of them were sick and God rewarded them and healed them. Even the governor was sick and he was healed. Before the ship-wrecked people left, the islanders gave them such things as were necessary for their trip on the ship.

Boys and girls, begin now to think about being kind and polite. I enjoy seeing a girl or boy who is kind to those who are older. You could see that they have a chair. You can sit on the floor better than they. See that you pick up anything they may have accidentally dropped. Help others and you will find that God will help you.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 9, November 29, 1970

GOD REWARDS KINDNESS

Acts 28:1-12

Acts 28:1 And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita.

2 And the barbarous people shewed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.

3 And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the

fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

4 And when the barbarians saw the venous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.

5 And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.

6 Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

7 In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously.

8 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

9 So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:

10 Who also honoured us with many honours; and when we departed, they laded us with such things as were necessary.

11 And after three months we departed in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was Castor and Pollux.

12 And landing at Syracuse, we tarried there three days.

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

Central Thought: "If we serve the Lord He will serve us."

QUESTIONS:

1. What was the name of the island where Paul and the 276 others landed?

2. How were they received by those people? (They were called barbarous because they spoke a different language from those on the ship. (1 Cor. 14:11)

3. On that late October day, did Paul feel since he was a minister he should not gather sticks to put on the fire?

4. What happened when he laid the sticks on the fire?

5. What did the people of the island say when they saw the serpent on Paul?

6. What happened to Paul? What did the people expect to happen?

7. Did they change their minds about Paul when he did not die?

8. People can change their minds about what they think of us, but can they change God's mind about us? Why not?

9. What was the name of the man who was chief of the island? How did he treat them?

10. As time passed, what happened to this chief man?

11. Was he healed? Was anyone else healed?

12. How were those who had been ship wrecked honored? What were they given when they were ready to leave?

13. Do you think God rewarded the islanders for their kindness to the 276 people?

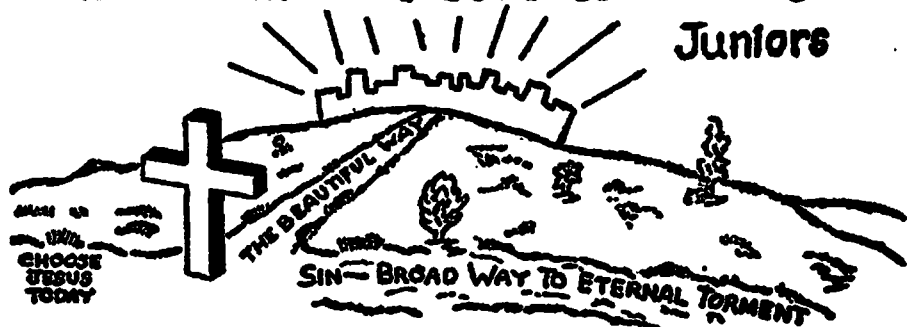
14. What does the Scripture mean which says, "Give, and it shall be given unto you"?

15. Read the memory verse and explain it.

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Better to Help Than Hurt

"Look at that!" laughed Tom, as he and Jim trudged along the street on their way home from the hill where they had been coasting all afternoon. "Did you ever see such a funny-looking dog? Just look at its long ears and tail!"

Jim laughed, too, as he followed Tom's pointing finger. A lean, little white mongrel was running gaily along on the other side of the road. Just then he noticed a couple of tin cans in the back yard they were passing. He picked up one of these and shouted, "Come on, let's have some fun."

Tom picked up the other can and followed Jim, who was running down the street after the little white dog. Soon the boys caught up to him and while Tom held the little fellow, Jim tied the cans to his funny, long, white tail. Then they set the dog free and he bolted down the road, terrified by the clatter of the tin cans bumping along behind him. One can was tied with a short cord and its sharp

edge cut a large gash in the little fellow's hind leg. Jim and Tom howled with glee at the dog's antics, as he tried to free himself from this crashing, terrifying thing behind him.

Then he saw a boy running toward him, and a kind voice calling, "Poor old fellow, I'll help you." It was Bob Jones who had heard the dog's frightened yelps, and had run out of his yard to see what the trouble was. As soon as he saw the boys laughing and the poor, frightened dog, he understood. He picked up the quivering pup and gently unfastened the cans. He noticed the gash in the dog's leg, and carried him into the house. He put the dog down on an old rug and running to the kitchen, got a dish of warm water and some clean coths. Then he came back and bathed and bound up the poor sore leg. "All right, old fellow," said Bob, as the little white dog gratefully licked his hand.

The next Sunday at Sunday-school Bob learned how Jesus healed the sick, comforted and restored people to good health and spirits. He

thought of Snowball, as he had named the little white dog who refused to leave him, and of the look of trust and love in his brown, doggy eyes, and of the fast-healing cut. What did he care if Tom and Jim did call him "Sissy"? It was more fun helping people than hurting them.

—Selected

Personal Work of a Little Girl

A young girl nine years of age came from her bedroom to her mother. She was radiant with joy as she said, "Mother, God has forgiven my sins! May I run across the street and tell the old shoemaker?"

"It will do no good, my child, for he is a confirmed and outspoken infidel," said the mother.

"But it will do me good to tell him, and it may do him good, too. May I go?" the girl pleaded.

"Yes, if your heart is that set on it," the mother responded.

She went and told in artless simplicity of her sense of sin and guilt. She spoke of her repentant tears and prayers and of her trust in the Lord Jesus Christ who died to become her Saviour. She testified of the light and joy which had come into her heart, of the feeling of love toward God, and of a voice sounding within, saying, "Father, Father." She said that she no longer thought of God as a policeman to arrest her, but as a Person more tender and loving than her own mother.

Before she finished the account of her joyful conversion, her solitary hearer was in tears, which did not cease to flow until they were wiped

away by the hand of divine mercy writing forgiveness on his believing heart. "A little child shall lead them."

—Selected

HOLD TO GOD

"There was a little girl out in a terrible wind. She was just six years old and someone told her to go into the house before she was blown away. The little girl answered saucily, 'Oh, I'm all right! I'm holding onto myself real tight!' " Bob and Betty laughed at Mother's story of the little girl, but Mother looked sober. "Many people today try to hold onto themselves. When a storm of trouble comes, there is nothing to hold on to. People curse God, blame God, and have nervous breakdowns, or sin in some dreadful way because they don't know God or they won't trust Him. Yet many times people, when in physical danger, pray to God and He helps them but they forget Him afterward."

"I am glad I know God and can hold on to Someone greater than I am," Bob said soberly.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a chain with nine links in it. In the links write G-O-D'S P-O-W-E-R a letter to each link. Underneath write, "Paul had God's Power to be willing to be in bonds."

Dear Boys and Girls:

It pays to live for God and have Jesus to help you. Today as I am writing to you, I thank God for how He does help us when we are sick. My son and his family were going camping for a week's vacation, but their daughter became ill

with a high fever. They hated to leave her, but they were all packed and ready to go so they left her with me. She was real sick all day and that evening her fever seemed very high. I checked her temperature and it was 104 degrees. That caused me to be alarmed and I knew she needed a definite touch from God. I called earnestly on the Lord in prayer and asked some of the saints to agree with me. The Lord wonderfully undertook and within two hours I checked her temperature again and it had dropped to 102½ degrees. Oh, how thankful I was that Jesus helped us when we needed Him so much.

In the unprinted part of our lesson Paul was met by some of the saints from Rome. The Bible says that he "thanked the Lord and took courage." He arrived in Rome about 61 A. D. in March. Paul was allowed to live in a rented house but was chained and a guard stayed with him. For two years he was able to have others come to him and he preached the gospel to them. Even the king's servants and others of his household were saved through Paul's ministry. I am sure those guards that stood with him became convinced that truly Jesus was the Saviour sent by God to die for our sins and redeem us from Satan's hold.

The church at Philippi remembered Paul at this time. Do you remember when we studied about Paul going to Philippi? Some women there were having services down by the river. Paul and Silas were put in prison there, but as they prayed God sent an earthquake and opened the doors. Just as the keeper of the prison started to take his own life, Paul told him the prisoners were all there. The keeper got saved. Many believed on Jesus at that place. (Acts 16:12-40- This church sent a love of-

fering to Paul at Rome by Epaphroditus (E-paf-ro-di-tus) who stayed awhile and helped Paul. When he left Paul wrote the letter that we have printed in our New Testament to the church at Philippi.

Paul told them he was in bonds for Christ. He felt this gave some of the others more boldness to preach the Word of God, knowing that God would stand by them. Paul said that live or die, he was the Lord's. He loved his own people, the Jews, and also the Gentiles. He was willing to suffer that they might know about Jesus. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 10, December 6, 1970

PAUL'S BONDS FOR CHRIST

Acts 28:16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31; Phil. 1:12-14; 4:11-13, 17, 18, 22

Acts 28:16 And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.

17 And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the chief of the Jews together: and when they were come together, he said unto them, Men and brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.

23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging: to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

24 And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.

30 And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him.

31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

Phil. 1:12 But I would that ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;

13 So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places;

14 And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

17 Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.

18 But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God.

22 All the saints salute you, chiefly they that are of Caesar's household.

Memory Verse: For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Phil. 2:13.

Central Thought: Those who glow for God do not themselves recognize the fact nor talk about it.

QUESTIONS:

1. What happened to Paul when they arrived in Rome?

2. What did Paul do after he had been there three days?

3. What did Paul tell the people?

4. When they came together on the appointed day, Paul used what Scriptures to persuade them that Jesus truly was the Christ?

5. After listening to Paul from morning until evening, how did the Jews take it?

6. How long did Paul live as a prisoner in his own hired house?

7. What did he do all this time?

8. What book in the New Testament was the letter written to the church at Philippi?

9. Paul said, "The things which ——— unto me have ——— rather unto the furtherance ——— the ———."

10. Of what benefit was it to others to know that Paul was willing to be in bonds for Christ?

11. How did it help many of the brethren?

12. "In whatever ——— I am ——— to be ———."

13. What did Paul mean when he said he knew how to be abased and how to abound?

14. What is the memory verse?

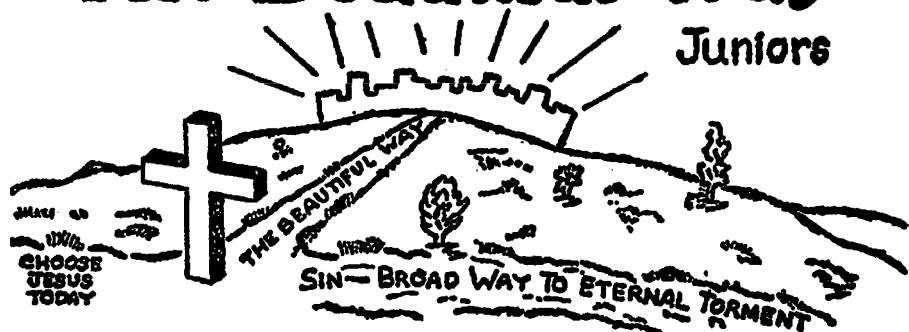
15. What did Paul mean when he said he wanted fruit to abound to their account?

16. Who brought the gift from the Philippian church? What was it unto God?

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Dec. 13

Billy's Home-Going

Billy was just an ordinary boy, full of pranks and mischief, and sometimes naughty, the same as most all little eight-year-old boys and girls. He was born in a home with a family altar, and was accustomed to the daily reading of the Bible and the voice of prayer. But not until the last few months of his life did he seem to grasp the truth of God's Word, and the plan of salvation begin to unfold itself to his mind. The Holy Spirit was then working on Billy's heart, making him see his need of a definite work of grace.

One Sunday morning, after the usual "sweet hour of prayer," his mother was led by the Spirit to speak to Billy about his need of the Saviour. She whispered in his ear, "Billy dear, when are you going to give your heart to Jesus?"

"Now!" answered Billy promptly.

"That is right. Now if you mean that," said his mother, "go tell Daddy and ask him to pray for you."

Accordingly Billy went straight to his father, threw his arms about his neck, and bursting into tears, sobbed out, "Pray for me, Daddy, I want to be saved." And we prayed and Billy prayed and was soon happily saved. At once he went after his two older sisters who had been saved before but had wandered away from Jesus. Before this day ended, he had the joy of seeing them reclaimed and rejoicing in the Lord.

From this time on, Billy was a different boy. He loved the Word of God and prayer. In his play, some days before, he had injured his foot. We cared for it as we always did minor hurts, and it seemed to become well again, but the wound had only healed at the surface, and it made him very ill. But throughout his illness, though Billy had formerly been a very impatient boy, he was so patient and loving that we knew Jesus was in his heart. He would often call us to prayer, leading out and calling on others to pray, and would then lead us all in repeating the Lord's prayer.

We prayed earnestly, and many of the Lord's people prayed for Billy's healing, and God would bless us and the others, also, that we were all sure God would heal our boy. However, he grew steadily worse, but no matter how ill, he never failed to call us to prayer. While he prayed for everyone, he would never pray for himself, unless he was reminded to do so, and then his only desire seemed to be to get well that he might "go to meeting and tell the folks and get them all to come to Christ and be saved."

It was heavenly to be in the room where Billy was, because Jesus was right there. One man, who heard Billy pray for him and for his family, said he would rather have heard that prayer than anything he could name.

When Billy was well he was very fond of getting up surprises on people, particularly his father and mother. The last morning of Billy's little life on earth, he planned and, with his father's help, carried out a little surprise for his mother. All this time he was suffering intensely.

As the last day drew to a close, he called us around him for prayer, and his burden was that his little brother, Malcolm, might be saved. After calling on each one to pray, he prayed fervently that we might all be kept in the narrow way.

No one said anything to Billy about death, but he knew he was dying, and mentioned it to a lady who was present. Later he seemed to feel that he must try in a gentle way to prepare his mother. He said, "Mother dear, please let me go to bed and rest. Get my bed ready and help me undress. I am tired, Mother, so

tired, and I want to rest. He called for his toys and his little savings of pennies and nickels, and when they were brought to him, he merely glanced at them and said, "I do not want them now. Give them all to Malcolm. He may have my school bag, too."

As he drew near the valley of the shadow his faith was tested, and the enemy was there to make him afraid. He began to plead, "Daddy, I don't want to go into the hole. Don't let them put me down into the hole." The Bible was brought, and his father read John's vision of the Holy City, the place prepared for him in heaven. Billy's little face was rapt as he listened, and as Daddy finished and said, "That is where you are going, Billy—not into any hole in the ground, but to this wonderful city to be with Jesus," the victory was won. Billy's faith triumphed, and he praised God with all his might. Then he prayed again, not only for members of his family, but for all the friends present, and as he finished his prayer, his little hand was raised and he pointed upward, exclaiming, "Look, Daddy! Jesus!" As he pointed upward, his oldest sister raised her eyes and saw a wonderful light impossible to describe. Others saw a flash but not the light.

(To be continued)

When you feel angry with someone, pray and ask Jesus to help you and to take away that feeling. He will do that for you. Then pray for God to help you not to feel that way.

Jesus loves you more than your own parents are able to love you.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Make two lists, one for the things you are to "put off" and one for the things you are to "put on."

Dear Boys and Girls:

Isn't the snow beautiful? Of course, sometimes it causes many problems to those who have to be out in it. When it starts coming down, the flakes are so pretty. I like the light fluffy snow that piles up high on every little twig and limb on the tree. It always reminds me of the precious blood of Jesus that washes away every sin in the heart. The prophet Isaiah must have been thinking of that when he said, "Though your sins be as scarlet (red), they shall be as white as the snow." (1:18) Our lesson lists a number of sins that are in peoples' lives. Not all of them are in one person's life, but some of them are in the hearts of boys and girls who are not saved. Jesus wants to cleanse us from every sin. Thank the Lord for making a way for us to be rid of sin. We couldn't do it by ourselves. Jesus is the only one who can forgive us. How wonderful it is to know that all our sins are gone.

Our lesson brings it out like changing garments or clothing. When you have been playing out in the snow on your sled, or doing farm chores such as feeding the cows, chickens, and other animals, you might get dirty and wet. It feels real good to come in and take a good bath and put on clean clothes that are dry and warm. When we come to Jesus and repent of our sins, we put off the sins we have committed and put on new ways. When a person gets saved he will live differently.

The word mortify means to destroy the strength of, which in our lesson refers to the sin in our life. Evil concupiscence means any kind of wrong desire. Blasphemy means speaking evil of sacred things. We are also to put off anger, wrath, and all evil things. We put on a new garment which is white as the snow. It is beautiful. Boys and girls who are kind, humble, meek, long-suffering with others, forgiving, and filled with love, are beautiful to watch. Their inward beauty shows in their faces. I know Jesus loves each one who has these virtues.

Paul wrote the letter from which our lesson was taken to the church at Colosse. He had helped establish it before he was sent to Rome as a prisoner. The parts of our lesson found in Philemon are part of a letter written to him from Paul. He sent the letter to Philemon by Onesimus, a slave who had run off. The slave went to Rome and there met Paul and got saved. After he got saved, he wanted to retrace his steps to clear up his life. Paul asked Philemon to treat him as a brother in Christ. That is the way we are to treat all those who are saved. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 11, December 13, 1970

GARMENTS OF THE RENEWED SOUL

Col. 3:1, 5-13; Philemon 9-11, 16

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

5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

6 For which things' sake the wrath

of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

8 But now ye also put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision, nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

Phil. 9 Yet for love's sake I rather beseech thee, being such an one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ.

10 I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds:

11 Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me:

16 Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord?

Memory Verse: And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. Col. 3:14.

Central Thought: There is a definite

change in one's life when he has been made a "new creature in Christ Jesus."

QUESTIONS:

1. What does it mean to "seek those things above"?

2. Where is Christ sitting now? What does He do for us?

3. Name some of the things that Jesus will break the power of in your members (body).

4. Inordinate means unnatural. Would an example be of boys or girls not loving their parents, but loving a neighbor best?

5. Evil concupiscence means a strong desire for evil. Name some examples.

6. Name some of the other things mentioned in verse 5 and give an example of each.

7. Upon whom will the wrath of God fall?

8. Name some more things to be put off in verse eight.

9. Explain verse 9.

10. Adam and Eve were created pure and holy. They sinned. We are to come to Jesus and put on the new man and be brought back to purity. Then what image do we have?

11. Does Christ make any difference because of color, nationality, bond or free?

12. Name some of the things we are to put on to make our life like Jesus?

13. Was Paul again a prisoner in Rome? What does he say about his age?

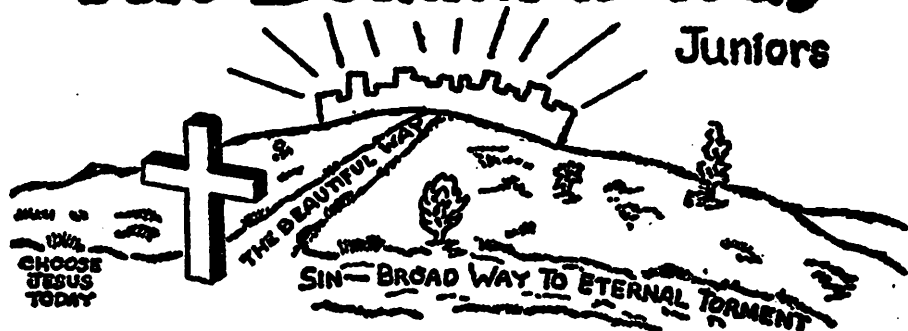
14. What did Paul mean by saying "in time past" Onesimus was unprofitable? Could he have meant that once he was a sinner, but now a Christian?

15. Read and explain verse 16.

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Christmas Gifts

There is much poverty in all the mission stations in Baja California, Mexico. Those who love the Lord have a desire to give of that which they have, as well as to receive what we have for them. This is an admirable trait. Only those who have been touched by the Gospel experience it to any degree.

One of the girls in the congregation at El Alamo, Margarita, by name, had very little of this world's goods. She was the oldest of ten children. The father didn't live at home. We often marvelled at the way the mother was able to keep food in the mouths of all her little ones.

Ruby Marken and I had been preparing treats for the children at Christmas time. We had sacks for distribution among the children. On Christmas morning there was a tap on our door. There, Margarita delivered one of our most memorable Christmas gifts—a Hershey candy bar for each of us. We could not suppress the tears as we thought of

the sacrifice she must have made to be able to give “the sisters” a gift for Christmas. It was a gift which will long be remembered.

We were reminded of the widow's mite.

“And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury; and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury; For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.” Mark 12:41-44.

“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. 8:2.

—Opal Kelly

The devil becomes angry when he sees a child of God upon his knees.

Billy's Home-Going

(Continued from last week.)

He then began to plead with us to give him permission to go with Jesus. "Let me go now, won't you? May I go, Daddy? I want to go to heaven now. Please let me go," and he objected when we wished to do anything in an effort to relieve his suffering. He said, "You are holding me back, I want to go." Soon he had another look into heaven and saw his two little brothers who preceded him a number of years ago. His oldest brother died when Billy was only six weeks old, yet Billy recognized him and called him by name. A brother younger than he, with whom he romped and played, but who passed away when Billy was about 3½ years old, he also knew. He called out in such a joyous tone, "There's Wilbur. Oh, hello, Melvin." He then seemed to be listening to something not for mortal ears, for he presently called out to the brother he was leaving behind, "Malcolm, come here. Melvin wants to see you." When told Malcolm was sleeping and could not be aroused, he seemed much disappointed and said in a sorrowful tone, "Malcolm can't come now, Melvin. He will see you in the morning."

This is the way Billy left us for the home beyond the skies. After he saw Jesus, earthly ties meant nothing to him, he so longed for heaven. His precious little face glowed with the light never seen on land or sea, as he pleaded with us for permission to go. It was so hard for us to give that permission, but Jesus strengthened us and has held our hands and comforted us through the lonely days since then.

No one, young or old, knows when he may be called upon to leave this world, and it is as urgent and necessary that children be prepared for that call as for grown-ups. How wonderful must heaven be when one glimpse makes a little one eager to leave all he has held dear to go there. How beautiful the face of the Saviour will be when we see Him as He is!

Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believes in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die." John 11:25, 26. Oh, dear soul, repent and trust Him now! —Sel.

DOG HERO

One day our dog dropped his ball into the lake and went in to get it. The water was very cold. He kept dropping it in and getting it out.

Just then we looked over to our neighbor's house, just in time to see their little girl drop her ball into the water and start in after it, as she had seen our dog do. Our dog saw her and swam over to her. He pulled her out by her dress tail, and went and got her ball for her.

The neighbors praised our dog, and sent over two big bones with a little meat on them for the dog. He liked them.

—Our Dumb Animals

When you pray, believe God hears you and then act like you know He hears and will answer.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a shield. Write on it "faith." Underneath write, "Above all, taking the shield of faith."

Dear Boys and Girls:

I am sure you have seen soldiers with guns marching in the army. They are following a captain who gives the orders. When he says turn, they all turn at once. They are trained so that he only speaks once and they obey instantly. He thinks for them, you might say, because they do not always know where or what they are going to do. He might say turn to the left and then they march for a while and he suddenly says turn to the right. It is not what they want to do, but what the captain wants them to do. They obey him. This is very important. When they are out on the battlefield the captain must have obedience so they can fight as a team. If they did not, they could not conquer the enemy. When the captain tells them to fire, they all fire at once and that makes their bullets more effective.

Now we are in God's army if we are saved. We have on an armour, but it is different from that of the soldiers because it is a spiritual armour. We do not see our enemy because he is not flesh and blood, but he is real. Our enemy is the devil. We can't fight him in our own strength. We must have on the Christian armour. First, we must have our sins forgiven and be saved. We must have our hearts and lives clean. When this is done, we have on the "breastplate of righteousness." Then we need to have the shield of faith to use. We must get this faith from God. We must believe that God will help us in times of need. When the devil tries to get us to do wrong, we pray with faith to God and God will be our shield. He will stand between us and the devil. Now we need a sword and that is the "Sword of the Spirit" which is the Word of God. We should learn Bible verses so we can use them against the devil.

Jesus used Bible verses when He fought the devil. We are told about it in the fourth chapter of Matthew. Our ways of fighting are different from those who are not saved. One Bible verse tells us to do good to them who spitefully use us. That is another part of the spiritual Christian armour in use. The good you do will be like a sword. It will cut deeply into their hearts and they will know you are different from others. Only God can help you to do good to those who do you wrong.

Be sure to think about the other pieces of this Christian armour and have them on, ready to use as Jesus is our Captain in our army and He wants us to obey Him when He speaks. Then we can be overcomers and be ready for heaven.

Paul wrote the letter, parts of which are in our lesson, to the Ephesians. It was delivered by Tychimus to them. Later Paul was tried by Nero in Rome and released. He was to stay that winter in Necropolis, Macedonia.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 12, December 20, 1970

WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD

Eph. 6:10-20; Titus 1:5; 3:12

Eph. 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18 Praying always with all prayer watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: [prisoner in Rome] that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

(Paul wrote a letter to Titus after being tried and released from prison in Rome.)

Titus 1:5 For this cause left I thee [Paul left Titus] in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:

3:12 When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.

Memory Verse: Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 2 Tim. 2:3.

Central Thought: Carnal weapons and spiritual weapons are never used together. Only those with the spiritual armour on will be able to stand against the enemy.

QUESTIONS:

1. Where was the letter (called the book of Ephesians in the New Testament) written and by whom?

2. How can a person be strong in the Lord? Does it take a new birth?

3. Why should a Christian have on the whole armour of God?

4. Wiles means deceit or a sly trick. Who is it that tries to trick us into doing evil?

5. Is the devil flesh and blood? Can we see him?

6. "Spiritual wickedness in high places" means people who claim to be saved and live wickedly. Can you point out some examples of such?

7. Wrestling against "powers, rulers of the darkness of this world" would not be like using your fists, but what kind of armour? Name a piece of the Christian armour.

8. To stand against evil in this world we must put on the whole armour and having _____ all, _____ stand."

9. What part of the Christian armour are you to have about your loins?

10. What are you to put on after the breastplate of righteousness?

11. What do we use the shield of faith for?

12. After you put on the helmet of salvation, what are you to take next to fight the enemy with? (After you answer, read Heb. 4:12.)

13. How often are you to pray?

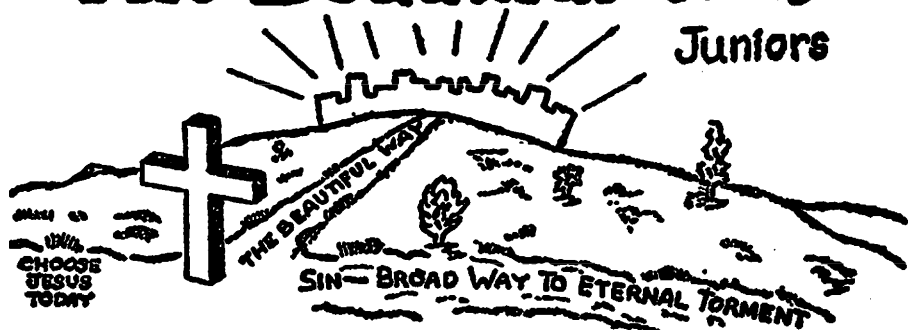
14. What is Paul asking for in verse 19?

15. In verse 20 Paul was still in bonds, but in the verses in Titus Paul had been tried in Rome and released. Where had Paul left Titus? What was he to do?

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His Name at the Top

I had the nicest Christmas list,
The longest one in town,
Till Daddy looked at it and said,
"You'll have to cut it down."

I knew what he said was true
Beyond the faintest doubt,
But was annoyed to hear him say,
"You've left your best friend out."

And so I scanned my list again
And said, "Oh, that's not true,
But Daddy said, "His name's not
there,
That friend who died for you."

And then I clearly understood,
'Twas Jesus that he meant;
For He who should come first of all
I hadn't planned a cent!

I'd made a Christmas birthday list
And left the Saviour out!
But oh, it didn't take me long
To change the list about.

And though I've had to drop some
names

Of folks I like a lot,
My Lord must have the most because,
His name is at the top!

—Author Unknown

When God Managed

It was the night before Christmas.
The children were all sleeping, and
poor, tired Mrs. Scott sat down by
the fire, holding her three-months old
baby in her arms. As she rocked
back and forth she could not restrain
the tears. "I haven't one thing for
the children and they will be so dis-
appointed. Oh, what shall I do? I
can't ask anyone for help and I am
not strong enough to earn any mon-
ey." She tried to pray and trust
God, but the world looked cold and
dark that stormy Christmas Eve.

Last year it had all been different,
but there was no father in the home
now to bring nice things for dinner,
or to buy toys and candy. Mrs.
Scott tried to look on the bright side.
How glad she was that they were

all well. They had not suffered any real need. There was coal for fire and the children had warm clothes even if they were not beautiful. She was thankful for all this, but she had not been able to lay by one cent for anything for Christmas time.

Soon the baby went to sleep; and as Mrs. Scott sat and looked into the face of the little sleeping child in her arms, she thought of the beautiful baby who came on that first Christmas so long ago. He came to bring "Peace." It was a message of peace that the angels brought, and gently, as she thought of Him, His peace stole into her heart. "Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His Name shall be called Wonderful . . ." Yes, she had heard this verse many times before, but the Holy Spirit brought it to her again—"And the government shall be upon His shoulder."

She tucked the sleeping babe in its cradle and dropped on her knees. "O God, forgive me," she cried, "and help me to trust Thee. Thy Word says, 'The government shall be upon His shoulder,' and, Lord, I am going to leave it there. Please take care of these five little children and me."

There was a rap at the door and then it opened. There was her mother. "I waited till I thought the children would all be in bed because I couldn't come twice. Here, you fix the candy and nuts so they will all get some, and I'll get the presents out of this basket." She worked as she talked, putting things into the right places. "You are all to come down for dinner tomorrow. I've been so busy today that I didn't have any chance to send you word, but

if you have things fixed, you can keep them for the next day." Mrs. Scott did not tell her that there was nothing "fixed" because there was little more than enough for breakfast in the house.

There was another rap at the door. This time it was dear old Brother Brown. "No thank you, I won't sit down. I can't stay, but my Father told me to stop and wish you a merry Christmas, and He also sent this to you." He slipped two silver dollars into her hand. "Now let's talk to Father." So they knelt down and he prayed for God's richest blessing to rest upon that home. Then he hurried away.

How different everything looked now! The government was upon His shoulder and God knew how to manage. The next day surely was a happy Christmas. —Selected

DOUBTS

If you were building a house and had the foundation in, then began to doubt if it was fixed right and you tore it up to see, you would have to rebuilt it again. Soon another doubt comes and you tear it up again. If you keep doubting, you will never get the house built, will you? That is the way it is if you doubt that you are saved. You doubt that Jesus really did forgive you, or you doubt that your name is written in the Book of Life. You doubt that He hears your prayers. If you continue to do this, you will never grow in the Lord. You must believe, when you ask, that God is faithful to do as He has promised, and not doubt Him. —M. Miles

The Bible says, "God is love."

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a box wrapped and tied to indicate a gift. Beside the box draw a bundle to indicate a baby in a blanket. Write, "Jesus, God's greatest gift."

Dear Boys and Girls:

The angels were joyful as they came to earth with the glad cry, "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth and good will toward man." The shepherds were afraid, but the angels assured them that it was a time to rejoice. As soon as the angels disappeared, the shepherds went to see this wonderful babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. (See Luke 2.) That was a wonderful bundle from heaven. In that bundle lay the salvation of mankind from the devil. Satan had a hold on every boy, girl, man, and woman, but through that bundle everyone who would accept Jesus as their Saviour would be freed from Satan. Praise the Lord for His great love to all of us. We should love Him and serve Him all the days of our lives. Boys and girls, if Jesus is speaking to your heart, why don't you pray and ask Jesus to come into your heart? Then live for Him. One girl said her brother laughed at her because she knelt and prayed before she went to bed, but she said she was going to do it anyway. That is what God is calling for. He wants us to love Him whether others love Him or not. I am sure all heaven is glad when boys and girls kneel by their beds at night and thank the Lord for helping them through the day and then ask Him to care for them through the night.

Paul writes in our lesson today about Jesus being made a little lower than the angels. He came to this world as all boys and girls come, but His Father was

God and His mother was Mary. Joseph was His foster-father. By God being His Father, He was without sin. He was God in the flesh. He felt pain just as you and I do. If He got cut or hurt, it hurt Him just as it does you and me. He loved people like we do, and He was made sad when He was mistreated and others rejected Him, just as we are. That is the reason boys and girls can tell Jesus all about their problems and He will understand and can help them. He was tempted, yet without sin.

The last part of our lesson are the last words of Paul, the apostle, whom we have studied about this year. He was a wonderful man of God, but he had been arrested again and was in Rome. The time had come when he knew he was going to die. He said that his departure was near at hand. But as he looked back, he said he had fought a good fight and kept the faith. He knew there was a crown laid up for him. He said there would be a crown for everyone who would serve and love the Lord.

History tells us that Nero, who was a wicked man, killed many Christians, among whom were Paul and Peter. Paul was beheaded, but he was ushered into heaven in peaceful bliss. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 13, December 27, 1970

PREPARATIONS MADE FOR A CROWN

Heb. 2:9; 16-18; 2 Tim. 1:8, 12, 13;
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 22

Heb. 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

17 Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

18 For in that he [Jesus] himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

(Paul's last words while in his second imprisonment in Rome, just before he was beheaded.)

2 Tim. 1:8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

12 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.

13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

4:6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

22 The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.

Memory Verse: I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. 2 Tim. 4:7.

Central Thought: The gospel makes the noblest heroes.

QUESTIONS:

1. Was Jesus an angel? How was He different from angels?

2. Who was the mother of Jesus? Who was His Father? (Joseph was his foster father.)

3. Jesus was born without sin since God was His Father. This makes Him able to offer Himself for our sins. True or false.

4. Jesus was "merciful and _____ high _____ in things pertaining to _____."

5. Jesus was tempted and suffered. Can He help us when we are tempted?

6. Our lesson in II Tim. was written while Paul was a prisoner in Rome for the second time. What is he asking Timothy to do in verse 8?

7. "For I know _____ I have believed, and am _____ that _____ is _____ to keep that _____ I have committed unto _____ against _____ day."

8. What kind of words are we to hold fast to? Where would we get those commands?

9. What does Paul tell us in vs. 6?

10. As Paul looked back over his life before being beheaded, what does he say about it?

11. What is laid up for Paul who loved Jesus Christ, that bundle from heaven?

12. Who will give Paul his crown?

13. Can anyone else gain a crown in heaven? How?

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