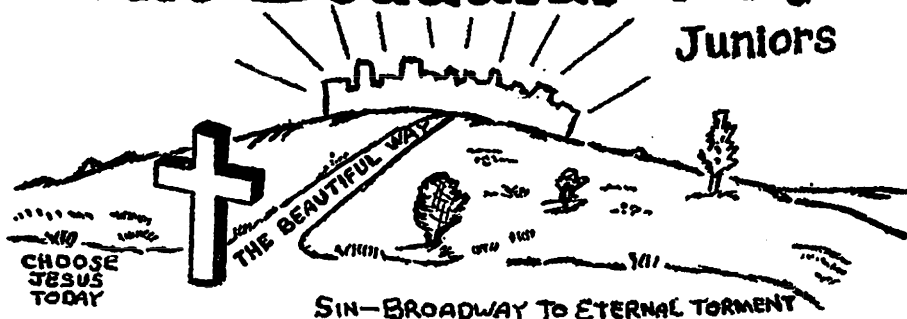


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Part One

July 4

Willie the Orphan

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"Oh, but master, it ain't lies," said Willie eagerly. "'Tis God says it."

"May be so," said the old man. "I don't know nothing about it. Anyway, it's not for me. Bless you, boy my old heart's as hard as a piece of stone. I don't b'lieve I care. And it's well I don't, for it's no use caring. I know I'm too wicked. It's very kind of you, little fellow, to talk like this; you haven't much cause to care about me, sure enough. But then you don't know; that's not the only wicked thing I've done. I've gone on not caring and not fearing for ever so long. And I don't care now."

"When my mother was dying," said Willie, after a pause, with a far away look in his eyes, and a sweet peaceful smile coming over his face, "there was a text she used to be always looking at and thinking on; it hung up above the chimney-piece, just where she could see it. 'The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.' "

The old cobbler made no answer, and Willie thought that he was not heeding the text of God's word that had spoken such rest and joy to his mother's heart and his own. He did not see that the old man's eyes were resting on his own face with an earnest questioning look.

"Oh, Willie boy," he said at length, "it must be a fine thing to be happy!"

But presently he gave a start, and rose suddenly to his feet. "I'm a fool to-night," he said. "I don't know what's making me talk like this. You'd better go to bed, boy, or you won't be up in time to-morrow morning."

"Master," said Willie, as he came closer to the old man, "I thought you didn't care for anything, and I was dreadful afraid of you; but I ain't afraid now. And oh, master, I wish you was as happy as I am, and as happy as my mother and your little boys are, at least that you will be as happy as they are. I'm going to pray to God for you. And I'm going to help you every way I can, master. And the ladies, they told such beaut-

iful things—things that I couldn't have believed were true, only they must be, 'cause God says so. They said that the Bible tells us that God loves everybody, all the bad people as hates Him, and that He loved us so much as to give His only begotten Son to die. And they said that the Lord Jesus wants every one to come to Him to be made happy. I do think 'twas so kind of Him. I can't think what made Him do it. Master, don't you like to think God loves you?"

The old man said nothing, as Willie turned away; but if he had stayed in the room he would have seen that his master had buried his face in his hands with a deep groan. And that groan meant a great deal.

Everybody in the village had hitherto looked on the old cobbler as one who cared for nobody, and who "feared not God, neither regarded man." And indeed they were right. But they thought that he had no feeling at all, and that it had troubled him very little when his sweet young wife and his baby boys had been taken away for ever. They knew nothing of the deep lonely anguish of that heart which never spoke of its grief to another, and which was too hopeless to think that there would be any use in doing so. The old man had long ago given up any thought that there was any joy anywhere for him and so he had tried to make himself believe that there was none for any body; but his heart had been hardest of all against the good God who had loved him with such a love.

Sometimes people had spoken to him of God and heaven, and he had listened, with his hard, stony face still more hardened and stony, until they had finished, and then he would

say, "Thank you; good morning." Sometimes they had left tracts at his door, which he received, and put up on the shelf until they were called for again, when he would hand them to the giver with a low bow, and say nothing. But he had never opened his heart to any one until this evening—that heart which for so many years had carried its load of sorrow and sin.

When Willie was gone, the old man still sat on, thinking still. Happy! could he ever hope to be happy? Nay, that was a very foolish thought, he said to himself; for surely he did not deserve to be happy. But the child had said that God loved him, and wanted him to be happy.

And now, as he sat in the lone night by himself in the dark room, where even no moon lightened from without, his thoughts were very bitter ones; for the very thought of what, it seemed to him, he might have been, made his present state all the more wretched and miserable; for he said wearily, "Surely now there's no hope for me, whatever there might have been once."

(To be continued)

Sally asked Betty if she could borrow her pencil. Betty said, "No, My pencil is about used up." Grandmother heard it all. "Here Sally is a pencil for you to keep since you do not have one." Betty looked at the nice long red pencil that grandmother gave to Sally and wished she had not been so selfish.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a path with a toothpick girl walking on it. Draw a snake coiled be-

side the path and write the name, "Hate" on the snake. Underneath write, "Hate envy more than a snake."

Dear Boys and Girls:

Did you ever hear one girl remark when she saw another girl with a new dress on, "Doesn't she think she is pretty?" Why does the one girl make such a remark with such a hateful snarl? Can you tell me? I think it is because she is envious of her. She is jealous because the girl has a new dress and she doesn't. Did you see anyone shun another because he or she had been honored in some way? What about a boy who wants to put a scratch on another boy's new bicycle? Boys and girls, never yield to envy. It is just plain torment. It is a sin that only God can deliver you from. Does not God command us to "Rejoice with them that rejoice"? Are you doing that? If not, then why not? You can do it and you will see how happy you really can become. Again, I say that jealousy and envy have torment. Envy and jealousy lead to hatred and other sins. Oh! shun it and ask God to deliver you from it. When you are tempted, do turn to the Lord right away and breathe a prayer for help.

Our lesson is about Joseph. He was a boy who loved God. He loved truth and right. His brothers were very wicked and he felt it his duty to tell his father about their evil doings. This was not just merely tale-bearing. When wickedness is done, it should not be covered up from those it will harm. Joseph told his father about these things out of a sense of duty. He owed it to his father because it affected the whole family.

Joseph was greatly loved by his father because he was the son of Rachel, his dearly beloved wife who had died. Joseph was also the son of Jacob's old age. We are sure Jacob saw in Joseph a deep moral and devout love for God. This endeared him to his father, who loved God and longed for his sons to love Him, also. God gave Joseph two dreams. He told them to his father and brethren, but this made his brethren hate him more. But 23 years later in Egypt we find that his dreams came true when his brethren and the whole family bowed down before him when he was ruler.

Because Joseph loved doing right, his brothers envied him. They let envy become so great that it grew into hatred. How awful! But we have accounts of others who hated until they killed. Remember how Cain became envious of Abel and killed him? God accepted Abel's offering and didn't accept Cain's. Then we read that Pilate said when Jesus was brought before him that the Jews crucified Him because of envy and hate.

Boys and girls, never let envy or hatred creep into your heart. Jesus will help you if you will pray to Him.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 1, July 4, 1971

JOSEPH AND JESUS FACE ENVY AND HATRED

Gen. 37:1-4; John 7:1, 5, 7; 3:35; Gen. 37:5, 7, 8a, 9-11

Gen. 37:1 And Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan.

2 These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his

father's wives; and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.

3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.

4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

John 7:1 After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him.

5 For neither did his brethren believe in him.

7 The world . . . me [Jesus] it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.

3:35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

Gen. 37:5 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.

7 For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.

8a And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us?

9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.

10 And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?

11 And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.

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

QUESTIONS:

1. What does it mean to envy someone?

2. Where did Jacob and his family live?

3. How old is Joseph? What did he do?

4. Should a child report to his parents the wrong-doing by his brothers or sisters when it will affect the family? (An example would be like getting father's gun.)

5. What kind of report did Joseph bring to his father about his brothers?

6. Tell about Jacob's love for Joseph and what he did for him.

7. How was Joseph treated by his brothers?

8. What did Jesus face? Did Jesus' brothers believe in Him?

9. What do verses 7 and 35 tell us about Jesus which caused others to hate Him and be envious of Him?

10. Tell about Joseph's first dream. What did his brothers reply when told about it?

11. What was the second dream Joseph had?

12. What did his father think of it?

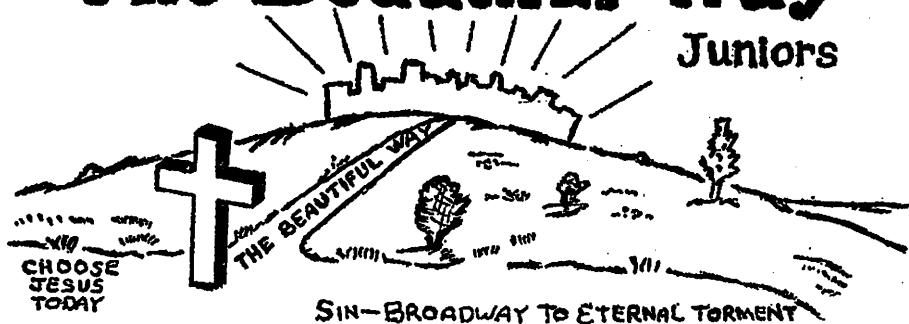
13. What causes boys and girls to be envious of others, which leads to hate?

14. Jesus and Joseph were hated because they loved righteousness. How do evil people feel about us because we love righteousness?

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And it was all so uncertain and unknown! he knew nothing, and he only felt helpless and sinking. And yet, if it should be true what the child said, and that all sin meant even his long years of iniquity and hardness. And even then there came back to his mind, like a voice from a far-off land where he had once been, some blessed words that he had heard, he did not remember where or when, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." And from the depths of that old, weary heart there broke a groan. Bitter indeed it sounded but it would be music in the ears of Him who "waits to be gracious."

CHAPTER V

THE GRAVE-STONE

Very often now, when Willie had a spare hour given him by his master—and this was much more frequently than it had once been, for the old man was much softened towards his

little servant-boy—he would wait outside the village shop, and if Etta was not busy with her lessons or in helping her mother, she would run down the path to meet him, with her smiling face of welcome, and away they went together, sometimes to the woods, sometimes along the green lane, or in a shady spot near the river banks.

"Etta," said Willie, one evening when they had been wandering a long way, and the sinking sun warned them that they had not very long to rest by the roadside, "I've got a wish."

"I've got a great many," said Etta; "but my mother says it's not right to be always wishing. Besides, it's silly."

"Yes; but mine's not a wrong wish, I don't believe," said Willie. "I've got two wishes."

"Two!" said Etta. "Well, what are they?"

"Guess. But I don't expect you'll be able."

"I can't guess," Etta said, after a long time of thinking. Then she said in a lower voice, "Unless it's some-

thing about your mother."

"Well, it is; but not what you think."

"I suppose it can't be anything, except that you want her to come back again."

"No," said Willie, "it's not that. I used to wish that ever so much once. One of my wishes has to do with mother, and the other has to do with master."

"Is it that he may not be so cross? or is it that he may be one of God's children?" asked Etta.

"Yes, that's it. And then, you know too, if he was one of God's children, he wouldn't be so cross. He isn't now like he used to be. So you've guessed right in that. Now guess the other."

"I can't, Willie. I'll give it up," said Etta; "I can't think what it can be."

"Well," Willie said, "I'll tell you this much, I couldn't have it without I had a deal of money."

"Money! Oh, Willie, then indeed I can't tell what it can be. Why whatever do you want a deal of money for?"

"You won't tell anybody?"

"I'll promise not to tell anybody except mother," said Etta; "and I expect I won't tell her, only then I mustn't promise not."

"Well," said Willie, "I want very much that my mother should have a stone over her grave, partly to show somebody cared when she died, and partly for another reason. And this is the other reason: if she had a stone, I'd have the text that she liked so much put on it; and the people would see it and read it, and may be it would do others some good."

"Yes, I see," said Etta thoughtfully. "Oh, Willie, that would be nice! I

do wish you had a lot of money. I wonder how much it would take?"

"Ever so much. Etta, don't you think, if you was rich, and had plenty of money, like the ladies and gentlemen that drives about in carriages, don't you think you'd give away a great deal more'n they do?"

"I don't know," said Etta; "it seems to me as if I should. But p'raps if we had it we shouldn't; we might think we wanted it all ourselves. Anyway God gives us as much as He wants us to have. And then, Willie, you know, some ladies and gentlemen gives away a great deal of money. Think of the ladies at the Villa."

"But if I was a rich lady, I think I should so like to do something like this—to come along the road and see a poor little boy or girl, and then I'd take out my purse, and say, 'Little boy, here's some money for you;' and then, you know, he'd be so surprised, and it would be so nice."

"Well, I think that would be rather silly," said Etta, "because, you see, most little boys and girls would just do no good with it at all: may be they'd waste it, or do harm with it."

"Well, I know I wouldn't."

"It would be nice to know though," said Etta, as they began the walk homewards, "how much it would really cost, and then we could see whether you ever would be able to get it."

"I've got a dime," said Willie. "Uncle gave it to me the day he went away; and I had nothing to do with it. That's a beginning."

(To be continued)

Starting the last of April I hope you will start reading the New Testament through since in the summer

you will be out of school and have more time.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a pit or hole. Draw lines coming up out of the pit and write on them the word, "Help! Help!" Underneath write the words, "Rescue the Perishing." (Perhaps you can sing the song.)

Dear Boys and Girls:

One sin will cause a person to commit another sin. If you take something that does not belong to you, you will have to tell a lie to hide it, if you are asked about it. So it is very wise to do no wrong at any time. But boys and girls, the devil is greater than you are. You need Jesus to help you to do the right. You cannot keep from doing wrong unless you pray and watch. Don't forget to whisper a prayer to Jesus even as you walk along the way to school or any where you might be going. Feel your need of Jesus at all times.

Jacob's sons had gone to feed the flock on the parcel of ground bought from some people by Jacob. Jacob's sons were not careful to do the right and they had committed an evil against some people and no doubt Jacob was concerned about his sons because of the neighbors being enraged against them. He sent Joseph to see how they were doing. Joseph was willing to go, even if he knew that his brothers hated him as we read about in last Sunday's lesson. Joseph did not find them at one place, and he went farther, hunting for them. A man found him wandering in the field, and told him they were at Dothan. That was about 68 miles from his home. This was a long journey, in that day, and they did not have cars to drive as we

do today. We don't know if he went on foot or if he rode a donkey.

At first, when the brothers who hated Joseph, saw him coming, they wanted to kill him. Reuben told them not to shed blood, but to put him in a pit. While Reuben was gone, Judah suggested they sell him to the people who were going to Egypt. Now Judas is a Greek word for Judah. We see some comparison in the life of Joseph and Jesus. Judas is the one who bargained to sell Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. Joseph was sold for 20 pieces of silver. Also they cast lots for Jesus' coat, and the brothers of Joseph took his coat and after putting blood on it, showed it to his father and asked him if it was Joseph's. His father said that it was, and concluded that a wild beast had torn him and devoured him. He mourned his death greatly.

Boys and girls, you can see how envy and hatred lead to evil deeds. It is a terrible crime to sell anyone into slavery. Slavery is an awful thing. To think they would treat their brother like that is awful! But boys and girls, it is an awful thing for an older brother or sister to get younger ones to do wrong. If you do wrong, it will cause others to do wrong and you will be, in a sense, helping them to do wrong. All of us need Jesus to help us to do right so be sure that you pray often and Jesus will help you. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 2, July 11, 1971

RESULTS OF ENVY AND HATRED

Gen. 37:13a, 14b, 17b, 18, 19, 23-25a, 28; Acts 7:9; Matt. 27:3; Gen. 37:31, 32, 34, 35

Gen. 37:13a And Israel said unto Joseph, . . .

14b Go, I pray thee, see whether it

be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again.

17b And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan.

18 And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him.

19 And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh.

23 And it came to pass when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him;

24 And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

25a And they sat down to eat bread:

28 Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

Acts 7:9 And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him,

Matt. 27:3 Then Judas, which had betrayed him, [Jesus] when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

Gen. 37:31 And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood;

32 And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no.

34 And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

35 And all his sons and all his daugh-

ters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.

Memory Verse: I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Psalms 27:13.

QUESTIONS:

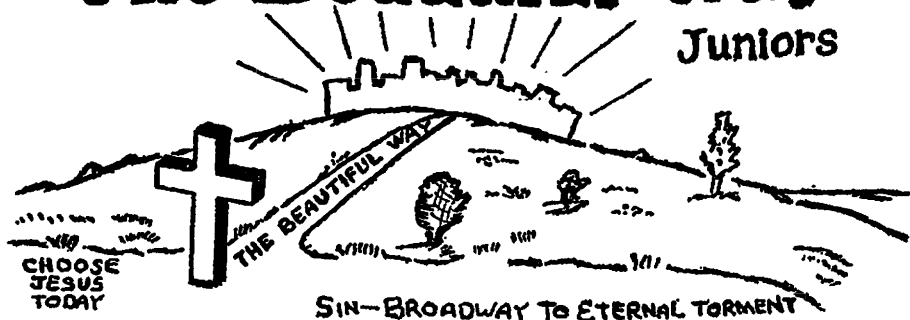
1. Who was Israel?
2. What did Jacob ask Joseph to do?
3. Where did Joseph find the brothers?
4. When they saw him coming, what did they say about Joseph?
5. What did they do with Joseph when he came to them?
6. When they put him in a pit without water, what did they do then?
7. What is your opinion of the brothers and their treatment of Joseph?
8. Did they leave Joseph in the pit?
9. What caused the brothers to sell Joseph?
10. Who was with Joseph in all of his troubles?
11. How much money did Judas get for betraying Jesus?
12. What did the brothers do to try to cover up their selling of Joseph into slavery?
13. Tell of Jacob and his great sorrow over Joseph's disappearance.
14. If we let a little hatred get into our hearts against someone, what might it cause us to do?

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You need Jesus to help you to face life and keep out of trouble.

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"Oh, but a dime is a long way off from enough. I'll tell you what we'll do; we'll be passing Mr. Carter's place, and I know it's about the time that he comes home to lunch. If we could just meet him, we could ask him how much a small stone with a name and a text on it would be. Don't you think that would be the best way, Willie? And p'r'aps it wouldn't be so much."

Willie agreed that this would be the best plan. So the two children hurried on, in order to meet their friend as he should pass. There was a pretty little cottage just outside the village, owned by the man who had built it himself. Building and planning were natural talents with him, and he earned enough in this way, and by masonry and other work amongst the gentlemen's house, and the villagers' cottages near, to enable him to live in his native village, to which he was strongly attached. He had quite enough to do; for most people thought him as clever as the town masons and

builders, and it was a great deal more convenient to employ him than to have so far to send.

Little Etta was a favorite with him; and, indeed, her frank little face and winning ways generally won an entrance for her into most people's hearts. There were no children of his own to brighten the pretty cottage where he and his wife lived, and they both made rather a pet of our little friend Etta. So when the children espied him in the distance, Willie was decidedly the one who wanted courage to ask for information which he so much wished to have.

"Will you ask him, Etta," he said, as the man came closer, his eyes bent on the ground thoughtfully, as he walked slowly on with his basket of tools in his hand.

"Oh, I will, if you like, dear. Are you ever afraid of Mr. Carter, Willie? I'm not. I do b'lieve you're afraid of most everybody."

Soon they met him; but at the sound of the children's footsteps, the mason raised his head, and before he asked, "Well, children, and where

have you been?"

"Well, children, and where have you been?"

"We've been out for a walk, Mr. Carter," said Etta brightly; "and we've been a-thinking about you. We've been wanting to see you ever so much."

"All right then; you do see me now," he said, smiling. "I should like to know what you want with me."

"We want to ask you a question, please—at least Willie does. This is Willie, Mr. Carter; don't you know him?"

"Willie Harris? Oh, yes. Well, what is it you want with me, little fellow?"

"I promised I'd ask, Mr. Carter. Willie didn't like to; but you know I ain't afraid of you. How much would a little stone to put on a person's grave cost, with her name and a text on it?"

"Eh," said Carter, looking rather surprised. "Whatever can you two children want to know that for?"

"Shall I tell, Willie?" asked Etta, in a half whisper. "I think I'd better."

Willie nodded, so Etta continued, in a low voice, and very gravely—

"You know, Mr. Carter, Willie's mother died, and he wants very much that she should have a stone on her grave for more'n one reason."

"And what are the reasons?" asked the mason.

"Well, one is it may seem as if somebody cared when she died. But there's another reason, and that is, because there was a text that Willie's mother was always saying and thinking of before she died. And Willie thought that if people was to see that text when they passed her grave, it might make them as happy as it made his mother."

"And what was the text?" asked the mason again, with great interest.

"The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin," said Etta, in a low, reverent voice.

The man said nothing for some time, but he looked thoughtfully and kindly at Willie and Etta. Presently he said, "Well, come along with me."

They followed him into a little covered shed at the back of the cottage, which was his workshop, and where stones cut and uncut were strewn about the floor. He put down his basket of tools, and seated himself on one of the blocks.

"Well, little boy," he said at length, "I'd like to be able to help you; but, you know, a thing like that would cost some money—a great deal more than you've got, I expect, and more than I could give you just now."

"Please, Mr. Carter," said Willie, "I didn't want to ask you to give it to me. I only wanted to know how much it would be, to see whether I couldn't get it some day, even when I'm a man, if I grow up."

Carter smiled. "Perhaps you won't have to wait so long as all that. I'll tell you what, you come to me again at the end of a month or two; perhaps both of us may have a little more money by that time. Any way, we'll see. People often get money without expecting it."

Willie smiled joyfully; for the kind man's encouraging words sounded very pleasantly to him.

(To be continued)

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw two paths. Label one which will go up toward a circle which has "heaven" written in, "Goodness of God."

Then label the path downward to a circle marked "hell" the "severity of God."

Dear Boys and Girls:

The story of Joseph was interrupted in the Bible by Moses who wrote the book of Genesis to tell us something about Judah. Now Judah was the fourth son of Jacob. The oldest son is generally to have the birthright of the sceptre but because of Judah's older sons committing awful sins Jacob gave the sceptre to Judah and the double portion of the birthright to Joseph. We will study about this later. Jesus was born of the tribe of Judah. The name "Jews" given to His people comes from their being of the tribe of Judah.

The first two verses of our lesson tell about Judah's eldest son being so wicked that the Lord "slew him." In the chapter it also tells about another son named Onan being wicked and the Lord "slew him" also. In our lesson we have brought out how the Bible teaches that God has mercy upon all, but those who will not obey Him, come under His judgments. God does not force people to obey Him, but they know that if they disobey His commandments that they will be punished. He created man in the beginning as a free moral agent. He can choose to obey God and receive His blessings here and eternal home in heaven, or he can disobey and receive eternal damnation in eternity. God wants a willing, loving service unto Him from a choice of each person.

God is long-suffering and is not willing that any be lost. He gave Jezebel "space to repent" of her sins, but she "repented not." All of us had time to repent. Many of us have repented, but sad to say, some have not repented. God will not make you repent. Jesus wept over the sinners who lived in Jerusalem

when he was here. He wanted them to love Him and accept salvation because He knew they would be punished, but he said of them, "ye would not." They "would not" repent, so they were left in a place where they had severe punishment. It is like a person in a burning building who just stays in it and will not come out. Many on the outside beg and plead for him to run for his life out of the building, but he just stays there and is burned to death. People are staying in sin when God is calling for them to come to Him and have salvation and eternal life.

The people in the beginning lived under the law of God. Then when Jesus came, those in that day were under His teachings. Today we are living in the gospel day. The Holy Spirit is dealing with every soul. This is your last day and chance so those who blaspheme against the Holy Spirit are not forgiven. That is a sin unto death. So don't reject God, but come to Him and serve Him. He wants you to be His child.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 3, July 18, 1971

THE GOODNESS AND SEVERITY OF GOD

Gen. 38:6, 7; Prov. 29:1; Rom. 11:22; 2 Peter 3:9; Eccl. 8:11; Matt. 12:32; 1 John 5:16-18; Eccl. 12:13, 14

Gen. 38:6 And Judah [Jacob's fourth son] took a wife for Er his firstborn, whose name was Tamar.

7 And Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the Lord; and the Lord slew him.

Prov. 29:1 He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

Rom. 11:22 Behold therefore the good-

ness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

2 Pet. 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Eccl. 8:11 Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

Matt. 12:32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

1 John 5:16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

Eccl. 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

Memory Verse: My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. Proverbs 1:10.

QUESTIONS:

1. What was the name of Judah's son's wife who was in the lineage of Jesus Christ? (Verse 1, but spelled Tamar in Matt. 1:3.)

2. Why did the Lord slay Judah's son whose name was Er?

3. What happens to those whom God reproves often and they harden their neck (or heart) against God's commandments?

4. The _____ of God is upon those who fell through unbelief, and the _____ of God upon those who continue in His goodness.

5. What was the name of the woman who called herself a prophetess but did evil?

6. When God gave her "space" (or time) to repent, did she?

7. Will others who do not repent be punished with Jezebel?

8. The Lord is not slack, but is longsuffering to all people. Is He willing for people to perish, or be punished, for their sins?

9. Because God does not punish people speedily, or quickly, after they sin, what are the sons of men continuing to do?

10. What will not be forgiven in this life nor in the world to come?

11. Can we pray for a person who commits a sin not unto death, which sin is not against the Holy Ghost?

12. What does verse 17 tell us is sin?

13. If we are "born again" or saved, we do not sin. What will not touch us when we are saved?

14. What is the conclusion of the whole matter?

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Part Four

July 25

Willie the Orphan

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"Now, wouldn't you like to see what kind of stone you'd like to have, if ever you should get one?" asked the mason.

He went out of the shed, and led the way down the long garden, and then by a little path behind some trees, until they came to a low wooden door, which he unlocked, and told the children to come in.

"Oh, Mr. Carter!" said Etta, as they entered, "I don't think I've ever been here before."

"No, little maiden, I don't suppose you have; it's not everybody I let in here, I can tell you."

Etta was soon busy examining the different models and stonework which were placed around in various degrees of progress: there were many ornamental designs there, and amongst them several very well cut tombstones.

"Of course I wouldn't give you anything like all these," said the mason to Willie; "but here's one that might be like one that would do, don't you

think so, little boy?"

He moved away some other things which showed a plain stone, with a name and date in black letters, with room for a text underneath.

"You see there's quite room for the words you want put."

"Etta, isn't it nice?" asked Willie.

Etta was standing in mute admiration before the reclining figure of a white marble lady, which was the principal ornament in Mr. Carter's room.

"I don't want any of them things," said Willie rather bluntly.

"No, of course not. I only wanted you to look at it. Yes, Willie, I think that would do most beautifully. Oh, I hope you'll get some more money by the time you come to Mr. Carter again! And it's ever so kind of Mr. Carter to bring us here, and to say what he said, isn't it, Willie? You mustn't mind Willie, you know, Mr. Carter; he thinks you're ever so kind though he doesn't say so."

"Perhaps he thinks you can be thankful enough for him and you both," said their friend, patting her head kindly.

But it was very gratefully that Willie turned to him and said, "Thank you, sir; I'm very much obliged to you indeed."

CHAPTER VI THE BROKEN BRIDGE

Willie's master had been very silent for the last few weeks; he said but little to him, and only what was necessary, but when he did speak now it was no longer in the sharp gruff tones he had used. His manner was very much softened towards him, and sometimes Willie found the old man's eyes resting on him with a strange expression, which he could not understand. But Willie was very shy, and he said no more after that first evening when the old shoemaker had said so much, but he prayed very earnestly for his master, and he thought of his strange and sad history very often.

One lovely morning, when the early summer was shedding beauty around, and the sweet scents of hay and flowers were breathing, old Spencer rose from his breakfast, and said,

"I want you to mind the shop this morning; I'm going to Winstone. Mr. Stewart's young gentleman is home for holidays, and wants some boots. How they do wear'em out! But that's all the better for me. It'll be a pleasant walk t'other side of the river this fine morning."

"Master, are you going over the bridge?" asked Willie.

"To be sure, boy. What other way could I go?"

"I heard 'em talking about it yesterday," said Willie, "Mr. Stewart's man and Mr. Carter. They said as the wooden bridge here wasn't safe, and nobody's to go over it. They're soon going to put a new one, and we're all

to go by the stepping-stones till it's made."

"Stuff!" said the old man. "I've crossed that bridge times and times afore Carter or Mr. Stewart's man was born. It's borne me well enough, and it's likely it'll not break down afore I do."

"Master, don't go," said Willie entreatingly. "They really meant it. There's a notice up to say so."

"All right; they may put up all the notices they like. There'd be a deal more danger of my falling if I was to go by the stepping-stones."

So Willie saw that there was no use in saying any more. His old master seemed quite determined in his own way, and it would only provoke him to ask any more about it. But after he was gone Willie could not rest. The little bridge was certainly unsafe; Mr. Carter and the squire's man had both said so, and that it would be certain danger to cross it now. What if the poor old man should persist in following his own way and that then the wooden bridge should give way beneath him, and that he should fall into the river, there at its deepest part! What if he should be drowned—he who had said that there was no happy land, who had not taken the Saviour of the world to be his Saviour, and who had a load of unpardoned sin on his conscience!

Oh, it was a very terrible thought, and Willie could not stay quietly at home: knowing that he was in such danger, he felt that he must be near, so as to help, or at least to call for help, if anything should happen.

(To be continued)

"Children obey your parents in the Lord for this is right."

When you feel like crying, and need someone to comfort you, talk to Jesus. Jesus will help you after you have told Him all about it.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a toothpick man and draw a circle beside him and put the word, "Lord" in it. Underneath write these words, "I will never leave thee."

Dear Boys and Girls:

Are you reading the New Testament through? How far have you read? I do hope you can soon let me know that you have finished it. I know that many things you do not understand, but if you have read it, the Lord can help you even when you are older, to remember something that you have read. But if you never have read it, then you can never understand it. I am anxious to know when you have finished.

Our lesson today is something that we all need. Think about poor Joseph, who was treated so cruelly. He was a happy lad at home and was loved dearly by his father. This helped him to bravely bear the cruel treatment of his brothers. There were others in the large family who were dear to him and who loved him. His little brother, Benjamin, I am sure was very dear to him. But now he was taken to Egypt as a slave while feeling that only God had preserved his life as his brothers had first decided to kill him.

Potiphar (Pot-i-far) saw Joseph and bought him as a slave. No doubt he gave a good sum for him because he was fine looking, as was his mother, Rachel. But boys and girls, it is a ter-

rible crime to make a slave out of a person. We are all to be equal and free. Each one has a right to use his talents to take care of himself. Of course some do not want to work, and the Bible says if we don't work, we shall not eat. God does not want anyone to be lazy. But we know that Joseph was not lazy. Even if he was a slave, he worked hard and made money for his master because he asked God to help him to forgive his brothers for their evil to him and he refused to be bitter. He wanted to be the very best slave he knew how to be. This caused his master to love him and he gave all that he had into Joseph's hand to take care of. This was a great trust. Joseph is a good example for us in doing our best under very hard things. Even if we work for someone who is grouchy we need to do our best. It never helps to be hateful to them.

We want to remember that the "eyes of the Lord" are always upon us and His "ear is open" to all of our prayers and cries as it was for Joseph. I am sure, many times he wept and asked God to help him to cheerfully bear the heartache and loneliness that he always carried. The Lord is our helper and by troubles we learn experiences and patience. God wants to fit us for heaven, so let us learn the lessons He teaches us.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 4, July 25, 1971

THE LORD WAS WITH JOSEPH

Gen. 39:1-6; 1 Pet. 3:12; Heb. 13:5, 6;
Rom. 5:3b, 4, 5; 1 Pet. 3:15

Gen. 39:1 And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither.

2 And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

3 And his master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hand.

4 And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand.

5 And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the Lord was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.

6 And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured.

1 Pet. 3:12 For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

Heb. 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Rom. 5:3b But we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope;

5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

1 Pet. 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

Memory Verse: The righteous also shall hold on his way and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger. Job 17:9.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who in Egypt bought Joseph?

2. Explain what it means to be a slave.

3. Who was with Joseph? How did He help him?

4. Who recognized that the Lord was with Joseph?

5. Was Joseph hateful and bitter? How did he act so Potiphar could tell that the Lord was with him?

6. Since Joseph asked the Lord to help him be a good slave and serve his master well, what nice thing happened to him?

7. Later Potiphar made Joseph overseer of all he had. What did the Lord do for Potiphar for being good to Joseph?

8. In his looks and in his manners, what kind of man was Joseph?

9. Who sees us at all times and hears our prayers, but is against those who do evil?

10. Do you think, because Joseph's conduct was good and he was "content with such things" as he had, that this was the reason God was with him?

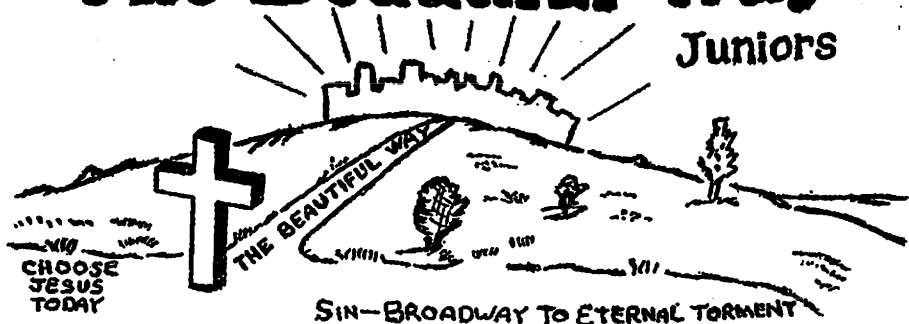
11. Are you content with what you have, knowing the Lord has said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee"?

12. What can we say with boldness?

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Aug. 1

Willie the Orphan

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So without waiting many more moments to think, he went out of the house, and closing the door carefully after him, he sped along the road towards the wooden bridge. His nimble feet would soon overtake the old man, whom he espied at a little distance, walking leisurely along.

Willie's plan was to follow him to the river side, but on no account to let himself be seen, and when the old man should have reached the bridge, he meant to come nearer and hide himself in the thick trees which clustered near; for he knew that nothing would vex his master like the knowledge that he had followed him.

Once the old man turned round, and Willie's heart beat fast, fearing that he would know him. However, no thought that his little servant was on the road then came across his mind, and he went on towards his journey's end.

Soon he reached the water's edge, and Willie hurried closer, very quietly crouching amongst the trees: he

made very little noise, and the old man's attention was not attracted towards him.

Indeed, he seemed in deep thought now that he had come so far. Thoughts of Willie's warning were coming over his mind, and he remembered what the other people had said. Besides that, on looking towards the bridge, his eyes fell on a notice nailed on a black board, so that all who came that way might see it. It was only repeating Willie's words and it seemed like another warning voice to him to stop. He read it, and again he hesitated; but suddenly he started, and Willie thought he heard an exclamation of impatience, as the old man set his foot on the bridge and began crossing. He stepped warily until he reach the opposite bank.

Willie drew a long breath of relief. He was just going to return, beginning to agree with the old man that it was a false alarm, and he thought he might leave him safely to come back the same way, when he saw his master stop, and begin searching in

his black bag for something which he could not find; he seemed to have left something at home, and he would be obliged to retrace his steps over the bridge. This time he stepped confidently on it, leaning heavily on the wooden paling.

He had just reached the middle, when there was a loud cracking noise, and the next thing Willie saw was a broken place in the middle of the bridge, and the form of his old master beneath in the water.

It was a terrible moment for him, and at first he felt as useless there as he would have been at home. The old man was a great deal too far out for him to reach, and he had nothing that he could throw to him to draw him to any safer place.

Then quickly he noticed a pile of strong stakes which had been cut off and left near to be taken away afterwards; if the bridge would bear his weight, the only thing to do would be to crawl along and get as near the old man as possible, and hold to him one of the strong stakes; it might help to bear him up until other help should come. It was the only thing, and he did it, trembling all over with excitement and fear. It took him but a very few seconds, and he had crawled warily along the creaking bridge, and reached the strong stake to the sinking old man, saying in a low, earnest voice, "Catch it, Master; I'm here." The old man afterwards said that he did not know how he did it, or what he did for those few seconds; but "a drowning man will catch at a straw."

The weak place in the bridge was gone now, and there were strong supports to bear up the place where Willie was, and it was to draw the

old man towards this place, where he would have something to hold, that Willie had been trying. But it was a fearful moment before this was done; the poor old man was very weak and exhausted: and even when he had reached the wooden support, it seemed doubtful at first whether he would be able to stay much longer holding on to anything.

Willie raised his voice and shouted loudly for help; but his agony of mind was intense as no one came; and he shouted again and again.

"Oh, master, hold on; do hold on a little longer!" he said, in a still voice of earnest entreaty.

The old man's answer came in a feeble, broken voice,

"I can't hold on much longer, boy."

(To be continued)

There are 27 books in the New Testament.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw an apple tree. Draw some toothpick boys taking the apples off the tree. Draw another boy running away from the tree toward home. Underneath write, "Run from temptation."

Dear Boys and Girls:

Sin is an awful thing. Sin is horrible. Sin will keep a boy or girl out of heaven. I hate sin. I hope you hate sin, too. God hates sin. The devil loves sin. He is evil, dirty, and hateful. The devil wants everyone to sin. When they sin he laughs with such a hideous laugh and then he tries to think of a plan to get that boy or girl to sin again. When a boy or girl sins, he or she feels real bad. The devil loves for boys and girls to feel

bad. But when they want to quit sin because they feel bad, the devil will bring something along that they might like that isn't really sin but is not what will help a boy or girl get to heaven. The devil works sly, like the fox. He is a wise old fellow. He is wiser than you, so you need to have someone on your side who has more wisdom than the devil. That is God.

The devil didn't like it because Joseph loved God. He planned to cause his downfall. He wanted Joseph to sin so he would displease God. He did not want God to help Joseph. So the devil caused Potiphar's wife to want to make love to Joseph. Now boys and girls, this is very wrong. When a man and woman marry, they are not to pay any attention to anyone else. They are to love only each other. But Potiphar's wife tried to make Joseph love her, but he refused her attentions. She continued every day. This was very wicked. Joseph told her that he could not "do this great wickedness, and sin against God." Joseph wanted to do right and he wanted God to love him. He did not want to sin against God. God had been good to him. One day, though, when he was in the house alone, Potiphar's wife tried to make love to him and he ran. She caught his coat and he just slid out of it and ran off. When you are tempted, it is better to run away from temptation. Don't stroke the snake, but run from it. Run from sin. Now Potiphar's wife told a lie to her husband and put all the blame on Joseph. He was angry and he put Joseph in prison, but the Lord was with him.

When one is tempted to take a ten-dollar bill, he is drawn away through his own lust, which means an overwhelming desire to have the money. Enticed

means "to attract by offering hope of reward or pleasure;" in other words, the boy thinks of all he can buy with the money. When it is conceived, means when he "forms it in his mind" to take it. When he reaches and takes the money. "When it is conceived," means finished it brings forth death, or sin separates one from God, which is death to the soul. Boys and girls, you must run from temptation as Joseph did. Hate or abhor evil and love or cleave to good. Watch your thoughts and heart and walk in the right paths and think right thoughts. Refuse to do wrong, even if you never get what the ten-dollar bill would have bought. It is better to have a clear mind and be clear before God and go to heaven. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 5, August 1, 1971

FIRMLY REJECTING SIN

Gen. 39:7a, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 19-21; Matt. 5:10; James 1:14, 15; Rom. 12:9b; Prov. 4:23, 26, 27

Gen. 39:7a And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph;

8 But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand;

9 There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?

10 And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, . . . or to be with her.

11 And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within.

12 And she caught him by his garment, . . . and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.

19 And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled.

20 And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison.

21 But the Lord was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

Matt. 5:10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

James 1:14 But every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Rom. 12:9b Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

Prov. 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left; remove thy foot from evil.

Memory Verse: Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. 1 Peter 4:16.

QUESTIONS:

1. Would it mean that Potiphar's wife loved Joseph when it says she began to

"cast her eyes upon Joseph"?

2. How did Joseph react to the attentions that she gave to him?

3. Potiphar had placed all of his business and the management of his household into Joseph's hands. What did Joseph say he had kept back from him?

4. Did Joseph call loving or returning the attentions of Potiphar's wife a "great wickedness, and sin against God"? Why? Read Prov. 6:24, 27.

5. Did Potiphar's wife let Joseph alone after he talked to her?

6. What did Joseph do when she tried to make love to him and caught his coat?

7. Name some temptations we should run from? What about stealing?

8. What did Potiphar do to Joseph after his wife told a lie about him?

9. Is it better to go to jail than to do wrong?

10. Who was with Joseph in prison? How was he treated?

11. Sometimes today God's children are mistreated because they love to do right. They won't lie for others, etc. What did Jesus say about them? (Matt. 5:10)

12. Use the example in the "Dear Boys and Girls" letter to explain the verses in our lesson in James 1:14, 15.

13. How are we to feel about evil? About good?

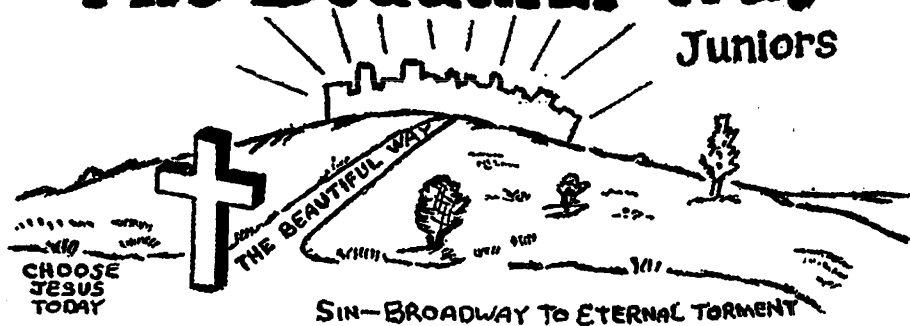
14. Are we to watch and guard our hearts?

15. Would "Ponder the path of thy feet" mean to think about where you go and what you are going to do to see if it is according to what would please Jesus?

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Aug. 8

Willie the Orphan

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But soon help came: some labourers in a field at length heard Willie's cry of agony, and three of them hurried to the spot, imagining from the direction of his voice that some accident had happened in the river.

They did not lose much time. One of them, a strong stout man, threw off his coat, and plunged into the river. He was, happily, a good swimmer, and accustomed to the water; but it was not without both labour and great danger that the old shoemaker was brought, exhausted and half unconscious, to the bank.

"It's old Spencer, isn't it?" asked one of the other. "Well, he's well-nigh finished himself this time. Why, how comes he to be crossing, when he knew 'twas dangerous?"

"He said it wasn't," said Willie.

"Seems he deserved it then," said the other man. "Anyhow we musn't leave the poor old fellow there. You're a brave little chap," he said, turning to Willie. "Be ye anything to him? Show us the way, and we will carry

him home. He'll need lots of nursing."

This was very true. For a long time poor old Spencer lay ill. At one time the woman who had been engaged to attend to him, had given up the hope that he would ever get over this strain on his worn old frame, and the whole shaking of the accident.

But at length he was said to be getting better; and one evening the woman, being called away for some time, told Willie that he might be left in charge of the old man, if he thought he was able.

He had not seen him since that terrible, eventful day. He had not been allowed to go into his room before.

The old man was lying still and quiet in the bed as he entered. Willie looked anxiously at him and noticed his face was very white, and the hands that lay on the coverlet were even thinner than they had been before. But he was sure that his face was not the same: it seemed to him that the hard, stony look was gone, and a much sweeter smile than he had ever seen there before lighted

up his face as he saw the little boy.

"Willie, boy, come here," he said. "Where've you been all this time? I didn't ask for you; I knowed you'd come, if you could."

"Master," said Willie, "I'm right glad you're getting well. Oh, master, 'tis God has done it all! I did so pray to Him."

"Aye, aye," said the old man; "I know that. And 'twas God helped you."

Neither of them spoke for a long time, until at last the old man said,

"I've had a strange time since I've been here in this room."

"You've been very bad, haven't you, master?" asked Willie.

"Aye, but I've had a good time too. I'll tell you about it if I can; only I can't talk. Do you mind telling me as God loved me, and all you said that night? Oh, boy, you don't know how that took hold on me! And about His Son holding out His hand to every one, and saying, 'Take it.' I don't know if 'twas you told me that or whether it was long ago I heard it. But when I've been lying here day after day, I've been thinking all about how I was sinking in the water, and how I caught at the first thing there was to catch, and 'twas only a weak thing as might have broke. And then I thought I was sinking another way, and that I couldn't sink and I wouldn't sink; and I minded about what the text says, 'Whosoever.' And if God's Son holds down His hand, and says, 'Whosoever,' I thought I'd take hold of it. And oh, Willie boy, it's a hand that's strong, and won't never let me go."

"Master," said Willie, drawing closer, and laying his head on the bed, "one of my wishes is come true;

and you'll be in the happy land along with the rest of us."

"Aye," said the old man, "I do b'lieve I will. It do seem too good to be true; only I have took hold of His hand, and He's promised, 'Whosoever.' And it's true, that what I mind my old mother used to say, 'Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool,' because of the other words, you mind them, Will, them as your mother used to be saying, 'The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.'"

This was the first of many happy times which Willie passed by the bedside of the old man, whom he had once so disliked and dreaded, but who had now grown so dear to him.

(To be continued)

Many boys and girls leave this world by death. You do not need to be afraid if you love Jesus and are obeying Him. He will send the angels to take you to heaven and to the arms of Jesus.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a book and write underneath it, "God's Book of Remembrance." Above it write, "Remember to do good." (Mal. 3:16)

Dear Boys and Girls:

We should remember the good things that others do for us. We know that we can't always return every good, but we want to look for opportunities to return as much as we can.

When I was in high school, Bro. and Sis. C. E. Orr were in our home. In

fact, Bro. Orr took sick at camp meeting and my folks had him brought to our home. He stayed with us until he died, as he was up in years at the time. Sis. Orr took care of him, and his daughters came also to help care for him. While they were here, I was going to take a trip, and I needed a new pair of shoes, but my folks did not have the money to buy them for me. Sister Orr bought me the new pair of shoes and I was very thankful for them. I remember even now how they looked, and that has been almost forty years ago. After I was married and living in California, Sister Orr had remarried and was also living there. One day I was visiting her and Bro. Harmon. She mentioned about washing her clothes on the scrub board as she didn't have a washing machine. I thought about how she had helped me, and here was just the opportunity that I needed to return that good deed. I insisted that she let me take her clothes home with me and wash them. Finally they consented, and they brought them over every week for a long time. I was glad to do them without charge, as I could never forget how much I appreciated what she had done for me.

In our lesson, Joseph, even though he was in prison, went to see about the prisoners and he noticed when they were sad. He interpreted the dream of the butler and baker. Joseph wanted to do good to all around him. By doing good, he could forget his troubles for a while. God was with Joseph because Joseph loved God and pleased Him. We never know if we might be taken away from our loved ones and, oh! how much we need God to help us. It pays to live where we can know that God will be with us.

The baker dreamed that he had three

white baskets on his head. The birds ate the baked food out of the top basket that he was to take to the king. Joseph told him that in three days he would be hanged. It was hard for him to tell the baker this, but Joseph always told the truth.

The butler dreamed he saw a vine with three branches on it that budded and bore ripe grapes. He took the juice and pressed it into a cup and gave it to Pharaoh. Joseph told him that God let him know that within three days he would be restored to being butler again to Pharaoh. Joseph told the butler to remember him, but the butler forgot him for two whole years.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 6, August 8, 1971

FORGET NOT TO DO GOOD

Heb. 13:16; Gen. 39:22, 23; Gen. 40:3, 4, 7, 8, 12-15, 20a, 22, 23; James 2:14, 17

Heb. 13:16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Gen. 39:22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it.

23 The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the Lord was with him, and that which he did, the Lord made it to prosper.

40:3 And he [Pharaoh] put them [the baker and the butler] in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph was bound. (confined)

4 And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them: and they continued a season in ward.

7 And he [Joseph] asked Pharaoh's officers that were with him in the ward of his lord's house, saying, Wherefore look ye so sadly to day?

8 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? tell me them, I pray you.

12 And Joseph said unto him, This is the interpretation of it: The three branches are three days:

13 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler.

14 But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house.

15 For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon.

20a And it came to pass the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants:

22 But he hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had interpreted to them.

23 Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him.

James 2:14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

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.

QUESTIONS:

1. "Sacrifices" in our first verse means doing something in the name of the Lord as an offering to Him. What does this verse say is the kind of sacrifices that God is well pleased with?

2. What does the second verse in our lesson tell us that Joseph did? If he had been gloomy and grieved over his fate, would he have been given this job?

3. What does our next verse tell us about how the Lord helped him? What does the word "prosper" mean?

4. Who was put in the same prison with Joseph by King Pharaoh?

5. What was Joseph to do about them?

6. Joseph was doing good to others and was interested in them. What did he ask the butler and baker?

7. Who did Joseph say could reveal dreams?

8. What was the dream of the butler? What do the three branches mean?

9. What does verse 13 tell us would happen to the butler according to what God had revealed to Joseph?

10. What did Joseph request of the butler when he was to be restored to his job?

11. Did Joseph blame his brothers? What did he say had happened to him?

12. What happened to the butler and the baker on Pharaoh's birthday?

13. If we say we have faith in God and are saved, but we never do anything good for anyone or obey God's Word, will it profit us anything?

14. What is dead if it be alone?

15. What is the thought of our "Lesson Illustration"?

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Aug. 15

Willie the Orphan

(Continued from last issue)

And when his master got better, and was able to go about a little more though he never was as hale and strong as before, Willie was no longer a hard-worked servant to him, but a much-loved son. He had no child of his own, and Willie lived to be a comfort and a blessing to him; and though still from habit he called the old man master, it was more as a fond and careful father that he looked on him now.

And his other wish was gratified. Mr. Charles Graham had heard of his conduct at the time that the old man had fallen into the river; and he declared that it was an action which ought not to pass unnoticed; that the little fellow deserved a gold medal, and that he certainly should not be altogether unrewarded. So a few days after, Willie was somewhat surprised when the young gentleman stopped him on the road, told him he was a brave little chap, and then took out his purse and gave him a golden half-sovereign.

What do you think he did with it? I think you can guess, and that it was not very long before he found himself with Etta in the pretty little cottage where the mason had told him to come. And by-and-by there was a stone on the spot where Willie had once planted violets and primroses, and the words that his mother had loved told every one that passed the glad text that had been such a joy and rest to her. They told that the vilest sinner may be made clean, and that there is a way for any one who will to enter that happy land where all is rest, and joy, and love.

—Mary L. Code

CONSCIENCE

One day when Bessie was about eight years old, she said: "Mama, you've often told me that if I'd listen to the voice of conscience it would keep me out of danger. What is conscience? I don't understand."

"My dear child," answered her mother, "your happiness depends upon a pure conscience, one that is

void of offense. By the Lord's help, I will gladly explain. Conscience is that which causes us to feel bad when we do what we've been taught to be wrong. At first it is very tender and active. Then, no matter how enticing the temptation, the conscience will warn one not to yield. You've heard your conscience speaking to you, haven't you, Bessie?"

"Yes, Mama," answered Bessie; "that is why I wanted to know more about it. I thought at first it was some person speaking; but when I remembered you had told me that we each have a conscience to tell us to do right, I knew it must be the voice of conscience."

"When it speaks, you must listen," said Mrs. Worthington. "Give heed to its warnings. This little story will show you how careful we should be to heed the warning voice of conscience."

"Wishing to arise at an early hour each morning, a gentleman purchased an alarm clock. He took it home, and, having set it, went to bed and slept soundly. In the morning, to the gentleman's great delight, the clock aroused him, so that he was able to get to work in time.

"For a time he would spring out of bed as soon as the alarm sounded, and the clock never failed to wake him. One morning, however, on hearing the clock sound its usual alarm, he awoke, but, feeling a little sleepy, he lay back on his pillow, thinking that he would get up in a short time. In a few minutes he fell asleep, and did not wake again until very late. He dressed hastily, and, missing his breakfast, hurried away to his work. He resolved not to be so foolish again, and for a time he did better; but in

a few days he had again overslept. He became more and more neglectful, failing time after time to heed the alarm. At length it only partially aroused him, and he soon slumbered again. Day by day it disturbed him less, until at last it did not arouse him at all, although it sounded as loudly as ever."

"So will it be with your conscience. If you don't heed its voice you'll hear it speaking less loudly each day until its voice will at last cause you no discomfort. You'll then be in a very dangerous moral condition. No one but God can help you out. This is one reason why, Bessie, many people can do things that you cannot."

"Satan aimed his first blow at the conscience; for if he can silence it, then he can lead the soul deeper and deeper into sin."

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

If you can't draw cows, just draw seven round circles for the seven fat cows feeding out by a river. Under the seven fat cows write the word, "plenty." Then draw seven lines for the seven thin cows, and write under them "famine." Under it all write, the word, "Pharaoh's dream."

Dear Boys and Girls:

I am sure that you have some hard problems at school. Perhaps it is some boy or girl who is continually doing you wrong. Maybe they fight you or they continually tell untruths about you, or maybe they trip you nearly every time you pass them. I have even heard some say that boys and girls spit on others. This becomes hard to bear. Then it might be that the teacher does not

seem to like you although you do all you know to do the right. All of these things are hard and bring you many tears and hurts. Maybe, because you want to do right and many do not, that you are made fun of and shunned. Boys and girls, in this life we will not be treated always nice if we love the Lord and want to do right. You might as well expect this to be. Of course many who do not love the Lord have troubles too, but we who love God have the Lord to help us in our troubles. But do be patient. God will help you out. You might be surprised how the Lord will change the teacher or change some pupil if you will just be nice and pray. Look to God with faith to bring about a change.

In our lesson Joseph was in prison because an untruth had been told on him. He had a ray of hope that the butler would remember him, but for two full years he was forgotten. Maybe Joseph had to pray at times that his faith in God would not fail, but he held fast to the fact that God was going to help him out. When the king dreamed a dream the butler said he remembered his faults. The king called for Joseph. He shaved and changed his clothes and stood before him. The king said, "I hear you can tell the meaning of dreams." Notice the answer: "It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace." Joseph wanted God to receive the glory. What would you have said? Maybe you would have said, "Surely, I can. I did it before." How sad to leave God out. All wisdom is given of God. God is the one who can help us to know what is best to do.

We rejoice with Joseph today. We have felt so sorry for him lingering in prison. It was hard enough for him to be away from his family, but we felt

a little better for him to be in Potiphar's house, but prison was so hard for him. Now he is exalted by God. He honored God and God honored him. Boys and girls, remember this. If you will please the Lord in the hard things, God will bring you out and you will be a better boy and girl. Aunt Marie

Lesson 7, August 15, 1971

JOSEPH'S FAITH REWARDED

Lam. 3:26; Gen. 41:1a, 8, 9, 12a, 13a, 14, 15a, 16, 25, 30a, 34, 36-41

Lam. 3:26 It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation [deliverance] of the Lord.

Gen. 41:1a And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed:

8 And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; . . . but there was none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

9 Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my faults this day:

12a And there was there with us a young man, an Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams;

13a And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us,

14 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh.

15a And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it:

16 And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.

25 And Joseph said unto Pharaoh the dream of Pharaoh is one: God hath

shewed Pharaoh what he is about to do.

30a And there shall arise after them [seven years of plenty] seven years of famine;

34 Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years.

36 And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine.

37 And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.

38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?

39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, is none so discreet and wise as thou art:

40 Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

Memory Verse: And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28.

QUESTIONS:

1. How should a man, boy, or girl, wait for God to work out their problems?

2. After the butler had been restored to Pharaoh's house two years passed by.

What happened then that troubled Pharaoh?

3. Could the wise men of his court or the magicians of Egypt tell him what his dream meant?

4. Who then remembered his fault in failing to remember someone who had done good to him?

5. What had the butler dreamed and how did it come to pass?

6. In verse 12 how did the butler refer to Joseph?

7. What did Joseph do when Pharaoh sent for him? How do you think he felt?

8. What was Joseph's answer when Pharaoh asked him if he could interpret his dream?

9. Someone read from the Bible the two dreams that Pharaoh had, or read it from the letter to you in this paper.

10. Who did Joseph say had shown Pharaoh, a heathen king, what he was about to do?

11. What did Joseph tell Pharaoh would happen in the land of Egypt?

12. Then what did Joseph advise the king to do about the seven years of plenty?

13. In verse 36 what did Joseph say should be done with the food that they gathered?

14. How did Pharaoh accept the interpretation of his dreams?

15. What did he say about Joseph in verse 38?

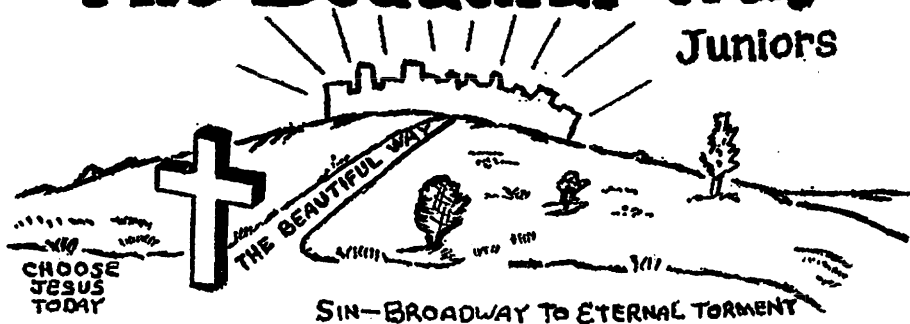
16. In what position did Pharaoh put Joseph?

Jesus has said for children to obey their parents. This is a command. To please Jesus you must do that. He will bless you for obeying.

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A Downward Step

It was late in the afternoon when the Worthington family arrived at their new home to live with their aunt. The greetings over, Bessie was contemplating a ramble where she had noticed some large red apples hanging; but just then her aunt said, "Bessie, you must not pick any of the fruit on the place this summer, as the farm is rented and the fruit does not belong to us." This was such a disappointment to the little girl that she could not restrain her tears.

As the days passed by, she often looked longingly toward the tree where hung the beautiful apples, but she never once thought of pulling one, for her mother had carefully taught her the great evil of stealing. "But, oh!" thought Bessie, "if only one of the apples would fall upon the ground, I could pick it up, and I wouldn't be stealing it." With this wish in her heart, she daily watched the trees in hopes that just one would fall.

At last her hope was realized. Walking through the orchard one day

after a hard windstorm, she spied several large red apples lying in the soft sand. With a fast-beating heart, she hastened to pick them all up, and placing them carefully in her apron, she hurried to the house, oft repeating to herself, "I didn't steal them, for the wind blew them off."

As she entered the house, she began to tell how she came by the apples, but stopped in dismay, for she saw her mother's look of disapproval. Very tenderly Mrs. Worthington took her little daughter aside and, sitting down by her, said: "My dear, you don't understand what you have done: those apples are as truly stolen as if you had picked them from the tree. You must take them to Mrs. S. and explain that you didn't know you were stealing them. Taking little things and trying to ease the conscience by saying, 'It doesn't amount to anything,' causes the conscience to fall asleep and to cease its activity. Thus the evil habit of taking what doesn't belong to us become a part of our nature, and step by step we fall into greater sin."

"So, Bessie, you can see the danger of allowing anything like this; though it does appear a trifle, to pass unnoticed. You may go and return the apples to Mrs. S., who is now in the orchard."

The lesson was severe and lasting; and as Bessie returned the apples to their rightful owner, it settled deep into her heart.

Confide in Mother and Dad

One day after Bessie had started to school, her mother told her, "I am glad, my child, that you love to come to me with things that trouble you; for as you're going to school now, you cannot help hearing and seeing many things that I would rather keep from you until you're older. You'll see and hear many things that you should allow no place in your life; but if you'll always come to me, I'll instruct you so that they'll not be harmful to you. When I was a child, how I longed for some one in whom I could confide! Father understood this desire, and we often had confidential talks.

"I shall never forget my gratitude when he took me upon his knee one day and told me about many dangers young girls must meet and explained how I might avoid them. His words were just in time; for I had often been allowed to spend the evenings at the home of a little friend, who like myself, was not taught how to meet danger. At first our play had been innocent sports, but a short time before my father's talk a cousin had come to board with the family and attend school. He at once encouraged us to play a game of cards with him. As I knew nothing of the

evil of card-playing, I was eager to learn; for he gave me much praise and allowed me to win often, always rewarding me with a pile of candy. The appearance of so much candy in my possession had led to my father's talk. As father unfolded the nature of card playing and gambling, a horror for them that has never left me came into my heart. After this I often sought my father's counsel: his faithful admonitions and tender words of encouragement caused me to have more and more confidence in him."

Remember that Jesus is the same today as He was when He was here on earth as we read about in the Bible.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a loaf of bread. Write on it the word, "Joseph," and underneath it write "Earthly bread." Draw another loaf of bread and write on it the word, "Jesus." Underneath it write "Heavenly bread."

Dear Boys and Girls:

Sometimes people who are Christians are ashamed to mention God when they are with certain people. If you had a chance to talk to the President of the United States, would you mention God as you talked? In our lesson we find that Joseph very quickly let the king know that he asked God about those things he needed to know. This caused the king to know about Joseph's God. In our lesson today we find that Joseph is honored. He was made to ride in a chariot right after the king and others were asked to give him honor. What

a great change came to pass for Joseph within just one hour. He changed his prison clothes for kingly robes. He changed his prison walls for the chariot. He changed prison chains for a gold chain about his neck, which, in Egypt, meant the rank of an officer or a man of greatness. He changed his jail for a palace. A little while ago he was considered a very vile man and was put there because of an untruth, but now he became a man of great honor and the king needed him. Boys and girls, can you learn a lesson by this? It is something you should remember all of your life. Don't become cast down and in tears over untruths about you if you belong to God and are serving Him. Remember God knows all about it and knows your heart. Others can't keep you from going to heaven. God will clear it all in His own time. In the meantime forgive as Joseph did and keep right on doing good as he did while in prison. It will pay and bring forth something good. Another lesson we can learn from Joseph is not to let honor make us feel puffed up. If you make good grades, do not brag about it. Joseph said that it was God who gave him his wisdom. God gives you the mind to make good grades. If you are honored in any way, be humble about it. We find that Joseph saw that with his honor he had a big job to do. Just think how he had to work and manage. He gathered a huge amount of food during the years of plenty. Storehouses had to be built and it stored and kept for seven years. What kind of storehouses do you think he had to build to take care of all that food so the rats, etc., would not ruin it? It took a lot of thought and planning. The experience he had in Potiphar's house and in the prison as the prison keeper were a great help to him

at this time. Then, his love for others and sympathy, which is born of suffering helped him labor diligently. Boys and girls, you will have much to face, so be humble and learn to forgive as Joseph did. He forgot the cruelty of his brothers and forgave them. We must forgive others and live for God.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 8, August 22, 1971

HUMILITY WAITS FOR BLESSINGS

Gen. 41:43, 45, 46a, 49, 50, 51; Phil. 3:13, 14; Gen. 41:52, 55-57; John 6:33, 35, 44

Gen. 41:43 And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt.

45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnathpaaneah; and gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.

46a And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt.

49 And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for it was without number.

50 And unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On bare unto him.

51 And Joseph called the name of his first born, Manasseh: For God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house.

Phil. 3:13 (Paul says) Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Gen. 41:52 And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

55 And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph, what he saith to you do.

56 And the famine was over all the face of the earth: and Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt.

57 And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy corn; because that the famine was so sore in all lands.

John 6:33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

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

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

Memory Verse: Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads: we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place. Psalm 66:12.

QUESTIONS:

1. What honor was Joseph given?
2. Describe the change that took place within an hour as mentioned in the "Dear Boys and Girls" letter.

3. What was the name of Joseph's wife?

4. Joseph was 17 years old when he was sold by his brothers. How old was he when he stood before the king?

5. In our unprinted verse it says Joseph stored the food in cities. What work would be behind this? How much did he gather?

6. Do you want to be great? Jesus said, "He that is greatest among you shall be your servant." In what way was Joseph a servant?

7. How many sons did Joseph have? What were their names?

8. Joseph did not forget his family, as his mention of them proves, but he forgot their cruel treatment and forgave them. Who did he say made him fruitful?

9. What does the Apostle Paul tell us we are to forget, and what are we to press forward to?

10. What did Pharaoh tell the people to do when they cried for bread?

11. What did Joseph do about their need of bread?

12. What did other people in other countries do about their need of bread?

13. Who is the "bread of God" that came down from heaven and how?

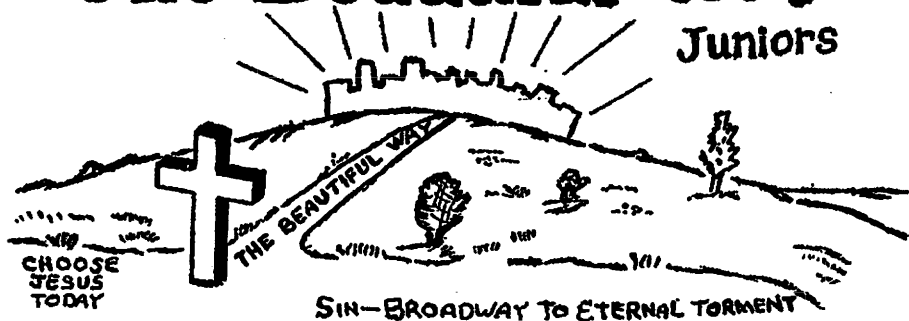
14. Each of you have a soul. This is the place where Jesus is to live. If He is not living there, how do you feel?

15. Who draws you to Jesus and if you come and are saved what will He do for you after you die and the last day comes?

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Aug. 29

Calico Cash

Stephen Bailey sighed as he followed his sister Nancy to the chicken house. He hoped that they would find many eggs and that his mother would make good butter today.

Eggs and butter were important products in 1851. They were used for trading at the store. Cash was scarce, almost unknown. Only the richest people, such as Silas King, had any money. Folks traded for what they needed. Eggs and butter were used like money. At the store Mr. Trotter accepted nothing else in trade for the necessities of the settlers. Eggs and butter and money—for them one could buy sugar, candles, molasses, Bibles, and calico.

Stephen pushed the straw aside in the chicken house, hunting for the precious eggs. He kept thinking of the bright new calico Mr. Trotter had received last week.

Thoughts of the calico brought to mind the barn raising. It was next week and what a wonderful day it would be! All the men of the settle-

ment would gather to help build a new barn for Farmer Scott. The womenfolk would bring food and do their part.

"I just have to get calico for Mother somehow," Stephen declared. "She won't go to the barn raising if she has to wear that old patched dress."

"I know," Nancy nodded. It's patched right on top of the patches. A barn raising, Stephen—oh, I hope we can go."

Stephen shooed a squawking hen to one side. They needed many eggs to trade for other things at Mr. Trotter's store today.

"Mother works so hard," said Stephen. "Life here isn't like at our old home in Pennsylvania. Mother misses her friends and kinfolk from back there. If she could go to the barn raising, she would get acquainted and make new friends."

The eggs were collected now. There were not enough for calico. Stephen counted up. Mother had said they were out of groceries. Eggs brought three cents a dozen in trade.

Then they needed molasses, also sixteen cents a quart. Two and a half pounds of Mom's good butter were needed to pay for that. Still they must get candles at sixteen cents and bacon at eight cents a pound. Stephen only hoped they had enough eggs and butter to get everything.

"Morning, Mr. King," Nancy and Stephen spied the wealthy man as they crossed the yard. "Fine day."

"Fine day, indeed."

Silas King could afford to be jovial. His only discomfort was the weight of his money purse. Yet he was a just and kindly man.

"Stopped by for a cup of water from your spring, Stephen."

"Sure, I'll get it for you, sir."

Stephen put down the eggs and turned to the spring. The water bubbled fresh and cool from the ground.

As Stephen dipped the water, he heard the plop of something dropping at his feet. Silas King was kneeling beside him. The man was taking pleasure in watching the clear, sparkling water.

"You've dropped your money purse, sir."

Nancy picked it up and handed it to the big man as Stephen gave him the brimming tin cup.

"Now I do thank you kindly," chuckled Mr. King. "That purse is getting so heavy that it never stays in place."

"Take care you don't lose it," Stephen cautioned.

"Well, I must get along." The man wiped his lips with his big hand. "We'll all be at the barn raising, I've no doubt."

"Nancy and I have to go to Mr. Trotter's now," Stephen skirted the

question of the barn raising.

"I'm going by there myself," said Mr. King, "but I haven't time to wait. Good day to you both."

(To be continued)

Wee Pretty Kitty

Wee pretty kitty,
With nothing to do,
Only to take
Little naps in a shoe.
You look very nice
While lying in there,
With never a thought
Of sorrow or care.
Yet I am so glad
That I am not you,
For I can love Jesus,
Which you cannot do.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw two squares. Write in one square the word, "Jail," and underneath it write, "Joseph" and then the word, "God." In the second square write the words, "Jail, Joseph's brothers' fears." Underneath write, "God takes away fears."

Dear Boys and Girls:

There are different kinds of fears. Most of you know what it means to be afraid in various ways. Maybe you are afraid when you hear about a storm coming, or afraid of the dark, or afraid of earthquakes, tornadoes, or afraid to ride in an airplane. Then there are fears of being harmed by wicked people. Most of us will jump when a sudden, unexpected noise happens. There also is a fear of people that you do not know or just a fear to stand before a large group. There is one fear that brings torment,

and that is a guilty conscience. When you have done wrong you are always afraid that you will be caught or found out. If you steal something, you fear that someone will know and you will be punished. But of course, if no one knows about it here or finds out about it, you still feel guilty because you know one thing, which is a fact, and that is that God knows all about it and that makes you feel bad. You know also that God keeps a record. He has written down that sin by your name in His Big Book. It will stay there unless you do something about it. If you never confess it and ask God's forgiveness or make it right with the person that you have wronged, that sin will be there when in the judgment you stand before God as every person who has ever lived, will do. That sin will keep you out of heaven and you will be punished as all are who will not accept God's plan for their sins to be forgiven. Jesus came to take our punishment. Oh! we love Him so much for His great love to us. We could not forgive ourselves, but Jesus helped us out. He died on the cross and arose again so we might be saved and be ready for heaven. Oh! how wonderful to have all of our sins forgiven and we do not have any fear of the judgment which the Bible says brings torment.

Joseph's brothers were afraid to go to Egypt. They knew there was food there but they just sat day after day and looked at each other. Jacob had to send them, and all ten of them went. They hated to travel that road their broken-hearted brother had traveled because of their selling him into bondage. Their fears of trouble came to pass when they were treated roughly by the ruler, who was their brother, Joseph, but they did not know him, but he knew them. While

they were in jail they had fears, but how wonderful it was that they were given a ray of hope when Joseph told them that he feared the true God! What! A nobleman in Egypt who feared the true God in whom their fathers trusted! They knew now they would have justice. Joseph told them that he feared God. Oh, boys and girls, it is wonderful to fear God! That means that you love Him so much that you fear to hurt him by doing wrong. Why shouldn't we love God? He has loved us so dearly and saved us from sin. He has prepared a beautiful home in heaven for us after we die if we will love and serve Him here in this life. It is very wise and the beginning of wisdom to fear and love God. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 9, August 29, 1971

GUILT BRINGS UNHOLY FEARS

Matt. 10:28; Gen. 42:1-4, 6, 7, 9, 13, 16, 17; Prov. 1:29b; Gen. 42:18; Prov. 9:10; Gen. 42:19, 20

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

Gen. 42:1 Now when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another?

2 And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die.

3 And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt.

4 And Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren; for he said, Lest peradventure mischief befall him.

6 And Joseph was the governor over

the land, and he it was that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth.

7 And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly unto them and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food.

9 And Joseph remembered the dream which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, Ye are spies; to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.

13 And they said, Thy servants are twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not.

16 Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether there be any truth in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely ye are spies.

17 And he put them all together into ward three days.

Prov. 1:29b They hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord:

Gen. 42:18 And Joseph said unto them the third day, This do, and live; for I fear God.

Prov. 9:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

Gen. 42:19 If ye be true men, let one of your brethren be bound in the house of your prison: go ye, carry corn for the famine of your houses:

20 But bring your youngest brother unto me; so shall your words be veri-

fied, and ye shall not die. And they did so.

Memory Verse: Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. Eccl. 12:13.

QUESTIONS:

1. Whom does our first verse tell us that we should fear? Why?

2. What did Jacob say to his sons?

3. Why do you think that the word, "Egypt" and the road there caused the brothers of Joseph to fear and dread it?

4. How many of Jacob's sons went to Egypt to buy corn? Why did not they all go?

5. What dream was fulfilled in verse 6? (Gen. 37:6-8)

6. Joseph knew his brothers, but they did not know him. How did he test them to see if they were true men and had changed?

7. What was the answer of the brothers when they were accused of being spies?

8. Whom did they mean when they said, "One is not"?

9. What did the ruler (Joseph) tell them he wanted them to do? Why?

10. Where did Joseph put them and for how long?

11. What caused their fears?

12. What did Joseph say to them when he saw them again?

13. What is the beginning of true wisdom that will help you to go to heaven?

14. What did Joseph tell the brothers in verse 19?

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Part Ten

Sept. 5

Calico Cash

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Taking up the bucket once more, Stephen followed Nancy to the cabin. He wondered how Mother's butter had turned out and whether they would get five or six cents a pound for it.

"Now, Son, here's the list of things needed." Mother pushed aside her tattered old Bible as she slid the paper toward him. "Here's the butter, five pounds of it. Carry the eggs careful-like. If you can't get everything, we'll do without the bacon till next week."

"All right, Mother, I'll do the best I can," Stephen nodded reassuringly.

He transferred this morning's eggs to the big weekly bucket.

"Mother, are you going to the barn raising over at Farmer Scott's next week? Everybody else is going, Mother. Maybe you could make some butter cookies to take along. They're as good as any of the hams the other ladies bring."

"Don't be counting on it," Mrs. Bailey warned with a sigh. "Like as

not, with everything so high, we won't have butter for ourselves. Now you go along. We'll talk barn raising when the time comes. But I don't think we'll go."

"We'll be back soon, Mother," said Stephen.

Father was off working five miles away. Having to walk back and forth, he didn't get home until late. Stephen didn't like to leave his mother alone for long. She was lonely enough as it was.

If only she had a brand-new Bible to read! If she weren't worried that the pages would fall apart as in her old Bible, she would feel better.

Stephen and Nancy walked along the narrow dirt road, the boy whistling as he went off. Off in an oak tree, a redbird kept them company and Stephen felt better again. He almost would have skipped as Nancy was doing if the eggs hadn't been so breakable. As it was, he kept his eyes open for rocks in the road. To stumble would be a disaster indeed.

Because he had his eyes on the road, Stephen saw the purse. He would have taken it for a stone and

passed over it if he had not recognized it instantly. It was Silas King's money purse, filled to bursting with silver.

Stephen's heart beat with excitement. "Look, Nancy! Mr. King's purse."

He set down the butter crock and the big bucket of eggs. Then he picked up the purse, but he did not open it. He had to return it, of course. To an honest boy like Stephen, there was nothing else to do.

"It's a long walk to Mr. King's place," he said, handing the purse to Nancy as he took up the butter and eggs once more. "Mother will worry that we don't get back so soon. But Mr. King will worry, too, when he finds his money purse gone. We'll hurry."

The two entered Mr. Trotter's store. They had resolved to say nothing about finding the purse. The excited talk would delay them that much longer. The people there would want to know every detail. This was news. Stephen had placed the purse inside his shirt.

He was glad he could get the bacon. Mr. Trotter gave him six cents a pound for the butter. Everything was going well today. Maybe Mother would even consent to go to the barn raising.

"I'll ask her right when I tell about the six-cent butter," he told Nancy as they left the store with the trade goods in the egg bucket.

Stephen was so full of thoughts of the barn raising that he almost forgot to take another look at the calico there by the door. That blue, with the light blue flowers to match Mother's eyes, that was the piece he wanted for her. But fifteen cents

a yard! Seventy-five cents were needed to get enough for a dress. Nancy took a last, longing look at it before Stephen hurried her out and along the road toward Mr. King's farm.

Halfway there, they spied Mr. King coming slowly toward them. He was peering this way and that.

"I found it, sir," Stephen waved the money purse reassuringly. "It was in the road near our place."

"Well, good boy," the man nodded approvingly. "Bringing it to me, were you?"

"Of course."

(To be continued)

When you were a tiny, helpless baby, your mother and father fed you, carried you around, bathed you, watched over you day and night. Now you are big, and you are able to help your mother and father. Maybe you can, in some small way, repay them for just a little bit of their care for you.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a cross and a toothpick boy and girl kneeling by it praying. Underneath write, "Jesus will forgive your sins."

Dear Boys and Girls:

You just can't do wrong and get by. You might sin, but you will not forget that sin. Joseph's brothers did not heed his pitiful cries and pleadings not to sell him as a slave, but they did it anyway. Now as they lay in the prison they remembered the scene very keenly. They heard afresh those cries of Joseph from the pit. It had been twenty-two years,

but it seemed to them as if it were just yesterday. Maybe they had let some of the details slip from their minds, but now it all came back to them. Their conscience was keenly awakened. Their sin was clearly relived. They saw again their brother taken roughly away by the slave owners. Now those 20 pieces of coins seemed to burn their hands as they thought about them. The tinkle of them pierced loudly as if they were receiving them that day. They walked the floor and they tossed upon their jail beds, but they could not shake the thoughts of remorse and regrets. They cry out, "Oh, we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us." Reuben, at that time tried to get the brothers not to harm Joseph. He told them not to kill him, but to put him in the pit. He intended to come and get him later, but while he was gone they sold him. Now in the prison Reuben reminds them that he told them not to sin against the child, but they would not hear him, so now his blood was required of them. Joseph heard them talk together, although they did not know he was Joseph as he talked to them through an interpreter. His heart was touched at their miseries. He had to leave them and weep. See how different they were? Yet Joseph was glad to see his brothers repenting and feeling sorry for their sins. He had wanted this to be and that was the reason he treated them as he had because only through trouble and sorrow can the conscience be awakened many times.

God deals in love with the sinner today. He does not want the sinner to go to hell. God wants the sinner to repent of his sins and turn to Him for salvation. God wants to take everyone

to heaven. So God deals with each one so they will feel sorry for their sins. It is His great love for the sinner.

When the brothers arrived home they told their father all that had happened. When they opened their sacks all their money had been returned. Oh, the love that Joseph had for them! He was returning good for evil. He longed to see his father and his brother, Benjamin, and he wanted them to come to him. But Jacob said that Benjamin could not leave him. Oh, the great love of a father for his children! —Aunt Marie

Lesson 10, September 5, 1971

MISERIES OF AN AWAKENED CONSCIENCE

Heb. 9:14; Rom. 2:14, 15; Gen. 42:21-29a, 35, 36, 38

Heb. 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Rom. 2:14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;

Gen. 42:21 And they said one to another, We are verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us.

22 And Reuben answered them, saying, Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would

not hear? therefore, behold, also his blood is required.

23 And they knew not that Joseph understood them; for he spake unto them by an interpreter.

24 And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes.

25 Then Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with corn, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus did he unto them.

26 And they laded their asses with the corn, and departed thence.

27 And as one of them opened his sack to give his ass provender in the inn, he espied his money; for, behold, it was in his sack's mouth.

28 And he said unto his brethren, My money is restored; and, lo, it is even in my sack: and their heart failed them, and they were afraid, saying one to another, What is this that God hath done unto us?

29a And they came unto Jacob their father unto the land of Canaan, and told him all that befell unto them;

35 And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack: and when both they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid.

36 And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me.

38 And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he is left alone: if mischief

befall him by the way in the which ye go, then shall ye bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

Memory Verse: And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men. Acts 24:16.

QUESTIONS:

1. Through what can we have our conscience purged or made pure?

2. Gentiles or heathens who do not have the Bible, but by nature they will do what the Bible teaches or the law. Does this become a law to them?

3. This law in them is their conscience. Their conscience or their thoughts will do what to them?

4. Tell about Joseph's brothers' guilty consciences in remembering their evil deed.

5. How did Reuben at the time try to help them? Now what does he tell them?

6. Does it pay to sin? Can you ever forget your sins?

7. Joseph understood what they said but they did not know he was Joseph. How did it touch him?

8. Which one of the brothers did Joseph have bound to stay in prison before their eyes?

9. What did Joseph have put in each man's sack? What did they say about it?

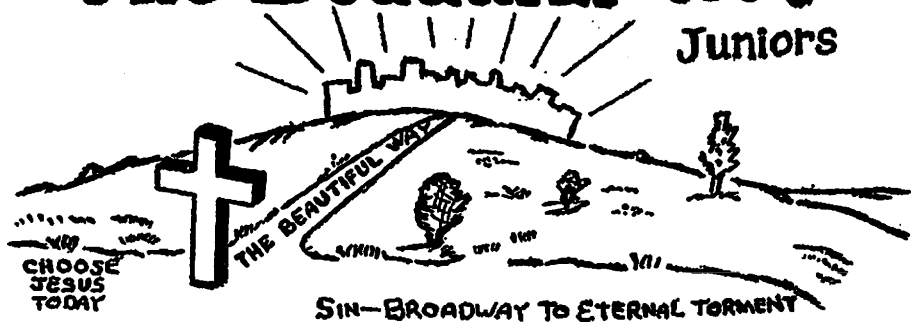
10. What did their father say after they had told him all that had happened and they saw the money in each sack?

11. Did Jacob say he would let Benjamin go back with them?

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Stephen looked his neighbor in the eyes with a proud and honest glance. The man knew he didn't have to count the money or question anything about it.

"You're a good boy, Stephen," Mr. King said firmly, "the kind of man we're going to need in this growing country of ours. I know you don't ask any reward for returning my money, but I want you to have this, anyhow."

Mr. King hurried off, after dropping a coin into Stephen's hand. The boy and girl stared at it unbelievably. A silver dollar! The first money Stephen had ever had. Why, here were Mother's Bible and her calico dress. Here was Farmer Scott's barn raising.

Stephen and Nancy hurried back to Mr. Trotter's store. Now they could tell the story of finding the purse.

"I'll have . . ."

Stephen looked about the store happily. His eyes stopped on some

fresh, new Bibles, which had just come in.

"I'll have one of those twenty-five cent Bibles for Mother and five yards of that blue calico."

At last the two finished telling about the money purse. As Nancy hugged the new purchases, Stephen took up the bucket, and they left the store. As they hurried along the road, Stephen whistled in time to a redbird's call.

Life in this new wilderness wasn't so bad after all—when the hens laid well and the butter was rich, when the family had molasses for morning mush and candles for evening dusk. Yes, they would remain here and build a new frontier, ever widening it into a strong and wonderful America.

—Selected

How To Be A Missionary

"And what do you want to be when you grow up?" asked Miss Carson of her Sunday-school class.

"I want to be a nurse," said Jeanie.

"I want to teach piano," said Mary.

"When I grow up," said Jimmy, "I want to be a fireman."

"I know a lot about farming already," said Danny, "so when I grow up I am going to be a farmer, and have cows and chickens by the hundreds."

"What do you want to be, Edna?" asked Miss Carson.

"I guess I want to be a teacher, because I can't think of anything I'd rather be, right now."

"And you, Timothy?" asked the teacher.

Timothy took a long time to decide. At last he said, "I'm going to be a missionary when I grow up. I'll go to China, or to Africa, maybe."

"These are all very good ideas," said Miss Carson. "We need more Christian nurses, firemen, farmers, teachers, and so on. We also need men and women to go to other countries to tell the people about Jesus."

"But did you notice what Timothy said? He said, 'When I grow up.' I'm going to tell you something that you, perhaps, have not thought about. It's good news for all of us, because it is something important we can be while we are growing up."

"Is it monitors at school?" asked Jimmy, who was in the first grade, and liked being a monitor.

"No, it's something even more important than that," Miss Carson continued. "It's being missionaries right now!"

"You mean to preach, and everything?" asked Timothy, greatly surprised.

"No, I mean to live for Jesus," explained the teacher. "To let everyone know by what we do and say that we love Him. We can be missionaries by bringing friends to Sunday-

school and church, and by taking Sunday-school papers to someone who is sick and cannot go to Sunday-school."

"And by helping Mother with the dishes?" interrupted Jeanie eagerly.

"And by sitting still in church?" Jimmy added quickly.

Miss Carson smiled. "I see you have the right idea. Let us close, now, by praying that God will help us to be missionaries for Him, right now and every day." —Selected

The Stray Sheep

An American bishop was speaking about the need of love and earnestness in Christian work. He told the story of a youth who belonged to a Bible class. This youth decided that he would stop attending the class, and would use his time otherwise. When the class assembled, his place was empty. In vain did the leader look for the familiar face. The leader could not be content to conduct the Bible reading as usual, when he knew nothing of the condition or whereabouts of the missing one. Said he, "Friends, read, sing, and pray. My work is to seek and to find a stray sheep!" Off he started on the search. As the bishop reached this point in the story, he said to his hearers, "The stray sheep is before you. I was the stray sheep. My teacher found me, and I could not resist his gentle entreaty. I could not continue to wander and stray when I was sought so lovingly!" —Selected

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a cross. Underneath it write,

"Not my will, but thine be done." Then draw a throne. Under it write, "Jesus highly exalted."

Dear Boys and Girls:

Remember that Jacob and his brothers did not know that the governor or ruler that they were buying corn from was Joseph. How heavy-hearted Jacob was when the governor demanded that the brothers bring Benjamin with them when they came again to buy corn! Joseph and Benjamin were the sons of Jacob's beloved wife Rachel. They were especially dear to him. Now since Joseph was gone, as Jacob thought he had perished, Benjamin became more dear to him. He wouldn't let Benjamin go with the ten brothers the first time they went to buy corn. Reuben tried to reason with Jacob, his father. He made a rash statement which I think was sinful. He said, "If I do not bring him back, slay my two sons." But Jacob said that Benjamin could not go. The famine was great and their food was about gone. They must go soon and buy or they would starve. But they waited for Jacob to be willing for them to take Benjamin as they knew it would be of no use to go unless they could take him. Judah talked to his father. He said that he would be surety for Benjamin. If anything happened to him he would take the blame forever. Jacob began to talk to God. God talked to him. He saw the great power of God to take care of all things. He submitted his family and himself into God's hands. He said, "If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved." In other words, if all of them are taken away from me, Lord, have your way. "Not my will but thine be done." This is what Jesus said as he faced the cross.

God, you have your way. God let Him go to the cross, but, oh! the glory that He received in being willing to let God have His way and suffer. Jesus was exalted high and His name is even today known over the world. Job had all he possessed taken away from him, but he submitted to God. He said, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." He was willing to suffer and commit everything into God's hands. In time God gave him more riches and blessings than he ever had before. Jacob did not know that God had something wonderful in store for him. He did not know that he would see his beloved Joseph some day face to face. This was hidden from him, but he said for God to have His way, though the way seemed dark.

Boys and girls, if you have problems at school and in other ways, pray to God and tell God that you will live for Him and put them into His hands. Say, "Not my will be done, but thine be done." God will in time work out something beautiful for you. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 11, September 12, 1971

SUBMITTING UNTO GOD

Matt. 26:39; Phil. 2:9; Psa. 37:5; Gen. 43:8, 13, 14, 16, 27, 28-31, 33, 34

Matt. 26:39 And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

Phil. 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

Psa. 37:5 Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

Gen. 43:8 And Judah said unto Israel his father, Send the lad with me,

and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, and also our little ones.

13 Take also your brother, and arise, go again unto the man:

14 And God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Benjamin. If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.

16 And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the ruler of his house, Bring these men home, and slay, and make ready; for these men shall dine with me at noon.

27 And he [Joseph] asked them of their welfare, and said, Is your father well, the old man of whom ye spake? Is he yet alive?

28 And they answered, Thy servant our father is in good health, he is yet alive. And they bowed down their heads, and made obeisance.

29 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, Is this your younger brother, of whom ye spake unto me? And he said, God be gracious unto thee, my son.

30 And Joseph made haste; for his bowels did yearn upon his brother: and he sought where to weep; and he entered into his chamber, and wept there.

31 And he washed his face, and went out, and refrained himself, and said, Set on bread.

33 And they sat before him, the first-born according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth: and the men marvelled one at another.

34 And he took and sent messes unto them from before him: but Benjamin's mess was five times so much as any of

their's. And they drank, and were merry with him.

Memory Verse: Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. 1 Peter 5:6.

QUESTIONS:

1. How did Jesus pray in the Garden of Gethsemane as He faced the cross?

2. After His resurrection where did He go? Is His name exalted today?

3. The word "submit" means to commit or surrender or give over to another power, will, or authority. To whom are we to commit or submit our troubles and our will and ways?

4. What did Judah say to his father?

5. Did Jacob let them take Benjamin? What did he ask God to do for them before the man, who was Joseph? (Jacob did not know it was Joseph.)

6. When Joseph saw Benjamin with his brothers, what did he command to be done?

7. What did Joseph ask the brothers before dinner? (Remember they did not know Joseph.)

8. What did they answer?

9. Tell how Joseph was touched and how he longed to embrace his brothers?

10. How were the brothers seated at the table? What did they think of this?

11. How did Joseph test the brothers to see if they were envious of Benjamin as they had been of him when he was a lad at home?

12. How would you feel if you should go to a place for dinner and one was given much more than you? How are you supposed to feel when others are honored?

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Novel-Reading

As Bessie approached her sixteenth year, Mrs. Worthington became very anxious about her. The mother thought that she could notice a change in her daughter's actions and disposition. Instead of being confident and happy, she seemed listless, forgetful, and nervous. At first the mother could not understand this change; but by close observation she found that her daughter was indulging in light reading.

Some magazines and weekly papers containing continued love-stories had found their way into the Worthington home. At first glance they were not attractive to Bessie. She would merely glance through the pages; but she gradually came to overlook the good, substantial reading and to enjoy the part that stimulated the romantic and imaginative part of her nature. The effect upon her moral and mental powers was much the same as that produced upon the digestive organs by rich and stimulating foods. Her mind was thus weak-

ened and robbed of its relish for wholesome reading. She was ever looking forward for something to excite or satisfy her abnormal desire for the romantic or the dreadful.

As soon as Mrs. Worthington realized her daughter's danger, she sought an opportunity to instruct her on the dangers of novel-reading. "Some effects of novel-reading," she said, "are worse even than those produced by dancing. Many novels are hurtful because of the many false ideas interwoven in the stories. Some novels attract the pure-minded by their morality; but it is unsafe to read them, for the reason I have already given you, and because, as with any bad habit, the exciting influences must be constantly increased. In this way some persons are deceived and drawn into many of Satan's snares.

"In most novels there is much that is good and true; but the immoral, the worldly, and the untrue are so interwoven with it that the reader unconsciously finds himself taking pleasure in thoughts which, before he began reading novels, would have

been disgusting. In this way the reader's sense of right is lowered and an appetite created—an appetite that cannot be satisfied; the more it is fed, the more depraved and exacting it becomes. Gradually the desire for the romantic increases until the novel reader longs to have a romance of her own. Her sense of duty is so blunted and her better judgment so blinded that she often agrees to a secret marriage with some one who is wholly unfit to be her life companion. It is in this way that many a girl has been deceived and led into sin. Many times, too, habits have been formed, from which nothing but the grace of God could deliver. In looking back over a wasted life, many a person can see that his or her downfall had its origin in the first novel.

"My dear child, there are many good books that you will find both helpful and interesting, but the Bible should be the pattern of your life. Let it be the principal food for your mind and soul. Your time all belongs to God, and you should waste none of it in reading unwholesome literature."

As Mrs. Worthington finished speaking, she was glad to see a changed look in Bessie's face. She knew that God was talking to her daughter; and as she arose to go, she said: "Bessie, do not forget from whom you may expect strength. I am praying that God will entirely take away the unnatural appetite which you have been fostering."

It was not long until Bessie rejoiced in full deliverance from her taste for novel-reading, and her interest in her mother's talks returned. As they read the Bible together and praised God for the precious truths it contained, cherishing them within their

hearts as priceless treasures, Bessie's understanding seemed to open, and she was able to comprehend many of the deep truths of God's Word. The reading of God's Word gave her such unbounding joy, such complete spiritual happiness, that nothing could compare with it. Its truths, so simple and yet so grand, were at once a guide and a reproof to keep her feet from straying from the narrow way.

One Little Light

In the Los Angeles Coliseum one evening 100,000 people were gathered. The master of ceremonies had the huge spotlights turned off. He struck a match and what a beauty that little light made in the total darkness; It seemed it reached so far and was appreciated by so many.

Boys and girls, I am sure you have sung the song, "This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine . . ." Jesus has said, "Ye are the light of the world." Don't despise the light that God has given you. You really count when you do the right, even if you might sometimes feel that you are the only one that wants to do right. You are needed and appreciated by many if no one takes the time to tell you. —M. Miles

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a small cup. Write on it "Falsely Accused." Draw a big cup and write on it, "God's Help." Underneath write, "God helps you when falsely accused."

Dear Boys and Girls:

If you have not been accused falsely

yet, it will come to you if you live to be very old. One time one boy accused another of stealing his bicycle. He told the boy that he and some others were going to beat him up when he got to the woods. The boy told the school principal who took him home, but the boys came over to his house, anyway. Another neighbor boy, who was bigger than they, talked to them and then called the boy who was accused to come outside. The big boy told him to open his garage door and let the boys see that the bicycle was not there; which he did. After some talking by others the matter was cleared up. But this was very unpleasant, and it had been going on for days. Boys and girls, you will meet this in life many times. But we can live so that those who accuse us will be ashamed when they find out that they are wrong. Jesus was falsely accused and He knows how to help us in times like these. We can be glad that we can suffer the same things Jesus did and some day we will be with Him and enjoy the beauties of heaven forever. It will be wonderful over there. We will never have any troubles, and there will be nothing but love and all the glorious things that we may ever desire.

The brothers left the city for home. They had feasted and been treated royally. Everything was well with them. The skies were beautiful as they thought of soon being home with their father and how they could rejoice together that God had been merciful to them. Benjamin was safe and Simeon was with them. But suddenly a dark cloud arose. Calamity fell upon them. They had been falsely accused of stealing the governor's silver cup. They all were so sure that it was not true that they said the one in whose sack the cup was found must die, and the rest would be the governor's

servants. The search was made. The cup was in Benjamin's sack. Horror-struck, they tore their clothes, and all returned to the city.

Joseph, the governor, wanted to bring his brethren to deep repentance, which later was truly accomplished. He wanted to know if they would defend Benjamin or treat him as they had treated him when he was a lad. Would they forgive Benjamin of the supposed theft and help him? Through great love Joseph put them to a final test. He had forgiven them, but he wanted them to be truly repentant and become changed men. They were to be heads of the tribes of Israel and they needed to be true men. God used Joseph to help bring this to pass. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 12, September 19, 1971

FALSELY ACCUSED

1 Pet. 3:16; 4:12, 13; Gen. 44:1-14

1 Pet. 3:16 Having a good conscience that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

Gen. 44:1 And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in his sack's mouth.

2 And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, and his corn money. And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken.

3 And soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their asses.

4 And when they were gone out of the city, and not yet far off, Joseph said unto his steward, Up, follow after the men, and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good?

5 Is not this it in which my lord drinketh, and whereby indeed he divineth? ye have done evil in so doing.

6 And he overtook them, and he spake unto them these same words.

7 And they said unto him, Wherefore saith my lord these words? God forbid that thy servants should do according to this thing:

8 Behold, the money, which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought again unto thee out of the land of Canaan: how then should we steal out of thy lord's house silver or gold?

9 With whomsoever of thy servants it be found, both let him die, and we also will be my lord's bondmen.

10 And he said, Now also let it be according unto your words: he with whom it is found shall be my servant; and ye shall be blameless.

11 Then they speedily took down every man his sack to the ground, and opened every man his sack.

12 And he searched, and began at the eldest, and left at the youngest: and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack.

13 Then they rent their clothes, and laded every man his ass, and returned to the city.

14 And Judah and his brethren came to Joseph's house; for he was yet there: and they fell before him on the ground.

Memory Verse: My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. James 1:2, 3.

QUESTIONS:

1. How can others be ashamed when they falsely accuse you?

2. Should we think it unusual or strange that we be falsely accused or have troubles or trials that are hurtful?

3. Jesus suffered. How can we be partakers of His sufferings? What glory will be ours?

4. What did Joseph tell the steward to do?

5. The brothers were happy they could start for home with Benjamin and Simeon with them. What happened before they had gone very far?

6. What was the steward to say to the brothers?

7. What did the brothers say to the Steward when he caught up with them and asked about the governor's silver cup?

8. What punishment did they say could be given to the one in whose sack the cup was found? What punishment for the rest?

9. In verse 10 what did the steward answer them?

10. What did all of the men do speedily?

11. Where was the cup found?

12. What did the brothers do? Why did they not let Benjamin be taken and they go on home?

13. When they all came before Joseph who was the governor, what did they do?

14. Why do you suppose that Joseph wanted to test the brothers this far?

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Part Thirteen

Sept. 26

My Mother

There's only one heart like my mother's,
And that's like the heart of God;
Forgiving, forgetting and loving
One who wrong paths has trod.

No eyes like the eyes of mother
Can see in me all that is best;
Remembering all of my goodness—
Forgetting all of the rest.

No feet like the feet of mother,
That hasten to my side,
To comfort my hour of suffering,
To share in the joys that betide.

No hand like the hand of mother,
So gentle to soothe and so kind;
When God gave to me my mother,
'Twas the best earth gift He could find.

When you pray, believe that God
has heard you and then act like it.

One little boy got the umbrella
to take along when they went to the
store. When his mother asked him

why he was taking it, he said, "Did
we not pray for rain?"

God Brought A Change

Upon a ship sailing along the
shores of France were a man and his
wife on their way to join a band of
villainous people in India. Being on
a secret mission, they traveled slowly
and carefully. It was a tedious and
dangerous journey. One stormy day,
on the Bay of Biscay, a child was
born to them.

No loving welcome from the lips
of a prayerful parent awaited this
poor little innocent child; but by the
order of his mother, he was cast
aside in a pile of rubbish to die. By
chance the father passed that way
and, finding his child's poor little per-
ishing form, picked it up, took it to
his wife, and commanded her to see
that it was cared for.

As the child grew and developed in
this atmosphere of sin and degrada-
tion, is it strange that he partook of
his parents' nature and developed
even worse habits than they?

When this child became a man, he knew nothing of virtue and honesty. His life was enveloped in a shroud of darkest crimes. Leaving India, he went to Europe and from there sailed to America. Each year found him better acquainted with court proceedings and prison walls.

Now, he is a changed man. He had not been too vile for God to find. Jesus has cleansed his heart from all desire to do evil. Having confessed his crimes and given himself up to be punished, he had been sent to prison, but because of good behaviour had been soon pardoned. He is now spending his life among the lower class, whom he understands so well and pities so much, trying to show them the way to salvation.

A Praying Mother

Every day in her cozy sitting-room Mrs. Worthington talked with her little girls, Bessie and Louise. In times of trouble and perplexity she bowed with them in prayer. How much the children enjoyed their mother's comradeship and counsel! The mother realized the importance of these early impressions made on a child's mind. She had promised God to do all in her power to train her children for heaven. She had commenced early, even from the time she had first looked into the depths of their innocent eyes.

She had taught them that when any trouble arose between them they were to kneel in prayer and ask God to help the one who had done wrong. Once Bessie said, "Louise, I have prayed for you three times, and I believe I shall have to pray for you again." Louise was not a bad child;

she had as sweet and happy a disposition as Bessie; but at times little difficulties arose between them.

One time when they were having a difficulty, Bessie quietly took her little sister's hand, lead her aside, and knelt with her in prayer. Then with all earnestness she prayed, "O Lord, help Louise to be good, for Jesus' sake. Amen." The prayer, though short, was effectual; for both went back to their play with happy faces, and they had no more trouble that day.

Bears Help Each Other

A man was once making inquiries in Russia about the method of catching bears in that country. He was told that to entrap them a pit was dug and covered over with turf, leaves, etc.; then some food was placed on the top. The bears, if tempted by the bait, easily fell into the snare.

"But," he added, "if four or five happen to get together, they all manage to get out again."

"How is that?" asked the man.

"They form a sort of ladder by stepping on each other's shoulders, and thus make their escape."

"But how does the bottom one get out?"

"Ah! these bears, though not possessing a mind and soul such as God has given us, yet can feel gratitude; and they won't forget the one who has been the chief means of their liberty. Scampering off, they fetch the branches of a tree, which they let down to their poor brother, enabling him speedily to join them in the freedom in which they rejoice."

Sensible bears, we should say, and

a great deal better than some people that we hear about, who never help anybody but themselves.

One little girl heard the preacher say that it was wrong not to obey your parents as that was a command from God. This little girl thought about how many times she had disobeyed her parents. She went to the altar and wanted to ask God to forgive her. She was real happy after she had prayed and Jesus had forgiven her.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a throne. On the throne write the word, "God." Then underneath write, "Jesus is pleading for us."

Dear Boys and Girls:

I am sure that many of you have been asked to go home with your friend and you were afraid that your mother or daddy would not let you go. So you asked your friend to come and ask them for you. Maybe your mother would nicely say that she thought you would cause more trouble for your friend's mother. Your friend would assure your mother that all would be all right. Maybe there would be some pleadings from your friend. Well, you then can call your friend an intercessor. Your friend is asking for you in your stead. Your friend would be a mediator. He would be someone that was going between you and your mother.

In our lesson we find that Judah was an intercessor or a mediator for Benjamin. He pled with the governor to have mercy upon Benjamin. Judah even offered himself as a bondman, but he wanted Benjamin to be able to go

back to his father who was old and he feared this would be the cause of his death. In the last Scriptures of our lesson they bring out the fact that Jesus is our intercessor. Jesus is at the right hand of God making intercession for us. When we come to Jesus and confess our sins and with godly sorrow repent of them, then Jesus pleads to the Father, God, to forgive us and let us be in favor with Him. Oh how wonderful it is to know that Jesus once lived here in the body of flesh and He knows all about us. He knows how to ask and plead with the Father to help us. We have a wonderful intercessor and a wonderful Saviour. I love Him with all of my heart. I know that you love Jesus, too. He is worthy of all of our love and we want to please Him. He has done so much for us.

The silver cup of Joseph's was put in Benjamin's sack. Joseph asked that it be put there. We know not if Joseph thought that he would have Benjamin to himself for a while or not, but when the brothers would not leave without him, it changed things. Then when Judah pled so earnestly for Benjamin, this broke Joseph down. He could not hold back any longer. He told them that he was their brother, Joseph, and he wept for joy of seeing them and because he saw they were different men than when they had sold him into slavery. He saw that they had changed. But this was a shock to the brothers and they were afraid. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 13, September 26, 1971

INTERCESSION

Gen. 44:15a, 16, 17, 18. (Read from the Bible Gen. 44:19-34, the touching plea of Judah to the governor) Gen. 45:1-3, Rom. 8:34b; Heb. 7:25; 2 Cor. 5:1

Gen. 44:15a And Joseph said unto them, What deed is this that ye have done?

16 And Judah said, What shall we say unto my lord? what shall we speak? or how shall we clear ourselves? God hath found out the iniquity of thy servants: behold, we are my lord's servants, both we, and he also with whom the cup is found.

17 And he said, God forbid that I should do so: but the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant; and as for you, get you up in peace unto your father.

18 Then Judah came near unto him, and said, Oh my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant: for thou art even as Pharaoh.

(Read from the Bible Gen. 44:19-34 the touching plea of Judah to the governor.)

Gen. 45:1 Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren.

2 And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard.

3 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence.

Rom. 8:34b It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Heb. 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come

unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

2 Cor. 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Memory Verse: For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. Titus 2:11.

QUESTIONS:

1. The answer of the question in the first verse of our lesson is in last Sunday's lesson. Do you remember?

2. Judah, in saying, "my lord," was referring to Joseph who was the governor of Egypt, but they did not know he was Joseph. What questions did he ask Joseph and what did he mean when he spoke of God finding out their sin or iniquity?

3. What did Judah say they would be of Joseph's?

4. What did Joseph answer Judah?

5. Verse 18 is the first verse of Judah's plea or intercession to the governor, so read from the Bible the pleadings of Judah, which is so touching.

6. Are the brothers different now from what they were when they sold Joseph into slavery?

7. How did Judah's plea touch Joseph?

8. What did he say to the brothers and how did they take the shocking news that the governor was Joseph?

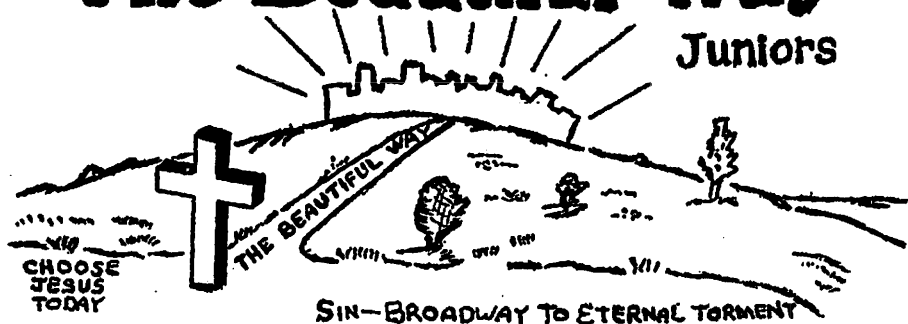
9. Where is Christ who arose from the grave today and what is He doing?

10. What can Christ do for us today?

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Part One

Oct. 3

The Soldier And The New Testament

"For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword." Heb. 4:12.

During the Crimean war (1855), it happened that a French regiment was ordered to Toulon in order to embark in a few days from that place for the scene of war. At the same time there happened to be an agent of the Paris Bible Society in that seaport, disposing of Bibles and New Testaments among the citizens. When he heard of the arrival of the regiment, the thought awoke in his mind, that many of these young soldiers would very likely never see home again; yes, that the most of them, in view of the bloody character of the war, would certainly meet their death, for which, no doubt, the smallest number was prepared. Whereupon he betook himself to the colonel of the regiment, with the request that he be permitted to speak to the men before they embarked, and to offer

them the New Testament. The request was willingly granted.

One morning he pointed out the way of salvation to a group of soldiers who had gathered about him in the camp-ground. He reminded them how that they could find light and counsel and comfort in God's Word, if they would but ask the Lord Jesus with an earnest heart, to open their eyes. One stepped up to him, a young man with an expressive, intelligent countenance, and said: "I am deeply moved by your kind, earnest admonition. I see the necessity of providing myself with the Word of God, but, alas, I haven't a penny wherewith to purchase the costly treasure."

"Well," replied the agent, "that can be remedied. If you heartily wish to have the New Testament, my Christian duty requires me not to let you go away unsatisfied. I will freely give you a copy, although I must pay for it myself." Then he took a small Testament out of his leather pouch and handed it to the soldier, accompanying it with a prayer for the divine blessing. But how astonished and

pained he was when the young man broke out in a loud laugh, saying: "I have caught you nicely, my good man! You ought to know that I am the chief clown of the regiment, and you can see for yourself, how well I succeeded in leading you around by the nose."

"Give back the book," cried the agent.

"Oh, no, no; good friend," said the soldier. "I would be ashamed to commit such an outrage upon you in the presence of all these respectable witnesses. What would they think of you should they see you taking back with the left hand the present just bestowed with the right? No, we don't do such things in the French army. A present is a present, and so I will keep the book. Besides, it can be of good service to me, and without doubt that is what you wish. One does not always have paper on hand in camp, and this little book will be of excellent service in lighting my pipe."

Thereupon he saluted the agent after military style, but in the most comical manner, and went away laughing. He did not go, however, without hearing a warning voice; for the agent called after him in a solemn tone: "Young man, beware what you do, for 'It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.' " Heb. 10:31.

When the agent perceived that the others, in consequence of this sad scene, were likewise inclined to scoff, he hastened away, sorely grieved. Amid many tears he poured forth his heart in intercession for the young soldier: "O Lord," he sighed, "forgive him, for he knows not what he does. O my God, let some word

upon which his eye may chance to fall when he opens Thy Holy Book, with its bone and marrow piercing power, penetrate the deepest depths of his conscience, and change his heart. Lord, Lord, enlighten his mind, convert him, save him!"

Soon after, the regiment sailed for the Crimea, and the agent also left Toulon to pursue his calling in other parts of France.

One evening, fifteen months after the above incident, the Bible agent arrived at a small village more than a hundred miles from Toulon. Weary with the trying labors of the day, he sought nourishment and rest in an humble inn. Scarcely had he crossed the threshold, however, when he observed that some sorrowful occurrence must have recently taken place there. In the dining-room ten persons sat at supper, but their expression betokened deep sorrow. In the kitchen, a still sadder scene met his gaze. The members of the family and the servants went about their work in silence. At the fire-place sat an aged woman with bowed head, and evidently in the greatest grief. The agent approached her and inquired with sincere sympathy of the cause of their grief, adding some words of comfort.

(To be continued)

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw some barns. Draw a circle and write in it "eternal life." Under all write, "Joseph and Jesus were preservers of life."

Dear Boys and Girls:

God might want you to be a missionary when you grow up or a worker for

God somehow. But if you had everything going easy while you are young then you could not endure the hard things that a worker for God has to endure. That would be true with all the things that you will face when you are old enough to leave your parents home. Your parents are kind and treat you justly but people of a wicked nature will not. Maybe you are saying that your parents aren't kind because they punish you. Now let us think about that one moment. If you never learned to keep rules and obey your parents you would grow up and get into trouble. There are always rules you will have to obey in this world of living with others. Wouldn't it be a terrible thing to drive down a street where no one had any rules to obey. Why, your car would be wrecked in a little while. I am thankful for those rules that are set for us to obey. They preserve our lives. Well, your parents know this, so it's a kind thing for them to punish you for disobeying now while you are young and then you will grow up learning to obey rules. They do not want you to end up in jail or in trouble of that kind because you did not learn to regard others and the law.

Now God wants those who love Him to learn to endure hard things so He can use them. Think of Joseph. God wanted him to sit on a throne. He was to be a ruler. He could not have got to Egypt unless he was sold into Egypt. He would not have had the experience of being a ruler unless he had been a slave to Potiphar and learned to take care of all of his possessions as he was a wealthy man. He needed to learn to show care for those in trouble and in prison he went about and helped the prisoners. He needed to be humble and submissive to God. Finally he was ready for the place God had purposed for him.

He was ruler of Egypt. He was a preserver of life. People would have died but God sent Joseph to save the food in the years of plenty so they would have it in the seven years of famine. God has a purpose in your life. When things happen, try to see God in it. See if God wants you to be more kind, more thoughtful, more patient, more obedient, more happy. There is something in everything that God permits to come your way, that is if you are truly a "born again" child of God. Wicked people are not included in this. They will not let God teach them but the devil gets them into all kinds of troubles. I am glad I love Jesus and know that He will not let one thing come against me unless it is for good somehow.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 1, October 3, 1971

IS GOD IN EVERYTHING?

Gen. 45:4-11a; Job 5:19-20; Job 16:11-12, 17; Dan. 12:10a; Rom. 8:28

Gen. 45:4 And Joseph said unto his brethren, come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.

5 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither; for God did send me before you to preserve life.

6 For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be bearing nor harvest.

7 And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

8 So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me

father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

9 Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not:

10 And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast:

11a And there will I nourish thee;

Job 5:19 He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

20 In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword.

Job 16:11 God hath delivered me to the ungodly, and turned me over into the hands of the wicked.

12 I was at ease, but he hath broken me asunder: he hath also taken me by my neck, and shaken me to pieces, and set me up for his mark.

17 Not for any injustice in mine hands: also my prayer is pure.

Dan. 12:10a Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried;

Rom. 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Memory Verse: The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: 2 Pet. 2:9

Central Thought: Joseph went through slavery and prison to prepare him to be next to the king of Egypt and one

to preserve life. Jesus went to the cross to bring eternal life to us.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Joseph have to ask the brothers to come near to him and what did he tell them?

2. Why were they grieved and angry with themselves for selling Joseph?

3. Whom did Joseph say sent him to Egypt and what for?

4. Did Joseph now see God in everything that had happened in his life? Can we see God in things that come our way?

5. How long had the famine been going on and how much longer would it be?

6. In verse 8 what did Joseph say again?

7. What did Joseph tell the brothers to do in haste?

8. How do you think his father would feel when he heard this?

9. Where were they all to dwell?

10. What was Joseph going to do for his brothers who had sold him? Are we to return good for evil?

11. Job had lost his herds, flocks etc. and his children had been killed by a wind storm but what does he say about this in our lesson?

12. What had Job been before he was "broken" up by God?

13. Had Job done injustices to others or were his prayers pure to God?

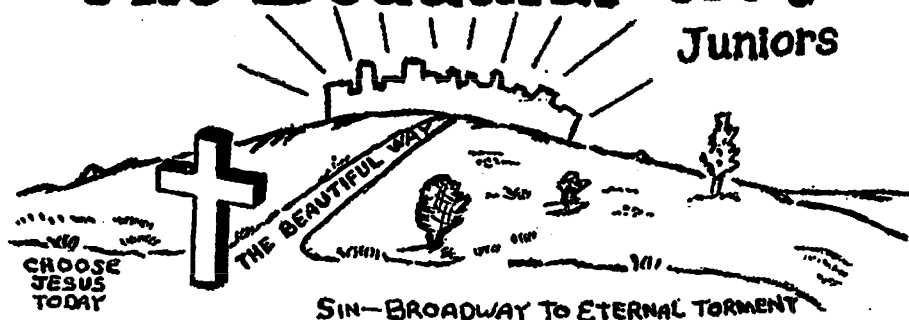
14. God knows that being tried will make us purified and what?

15. The working together of what will bring good to us if we will let God have His way in our lives and be willing to endure some hard things?

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Part Two

Oct. 10

The Soldier and the New Testament

(Continued from last issue)

"Yes, I am in trouble, in deep, deep trouble," cried the woman, while the tears coursed down her cheeks. "I thank you for the kind words you have just spoken. They have done me good here," and she laid her hand on her heart. "You ask the cause of my grief," she continued. "Alas, but a few hours ago, the joy, I may say, the pride of my life—my son—was consigned to the grave. And what a son!" Here her voice was choked with the deep emotion of her heart. "Do not grieve so sorely, dear woman," said the agent, himself deeply moved. "Let me read a few words out of a Book which I never open without finding something which fits exactly to every condition in which I find myself." Then he drew a small New Testament out of his pouch, and read the words: "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the

peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them, which are exercised thereby." Heb. 12:11.

Scarcely had he read the passage when the woman arose from her chair, with a look of the greatest astonishment. But the young man, who did not seem to notice it, turned back a few pages and continued to read: "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. 4:14-16.

After hearing these words the woman hastened out of the kitchen, but immediately returned with a small book in her hand. It was the legacy that her son had left; "the most precious," as he said, "that he could bestow upon them." The agent took the little book in order to see what

it was. It was a New Testament of the same size and style as the one out of which he had just read. But it was badly soiled and much worn, and many leaves had been torn out. On the inside of the cover was the following inscription in large letters:

"Received at Toulon, — 23, 1855. I at first despised and badly used it, but afterwards read it, believed it, and found in it the salvation of my soul. J. L. Fusillier, company 4, of Linien's regiment."

Judging from the condition of the little book, evidently the young soldier had torn out leaves for the purpose of lighting his pipe, as he had boasted on receiving it at Toulon.

But this work of destruction, as his mother related, came to a close one evening before a battle in which his regiment was to take the dangerous position of advance-guard. On that evening, he did not know why, solemn thoughts arose in his mind. Suddenly the words of the man of whom he had received the book fell upon his conscience like a thunder bolt. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." "What if I should now fall into His hands," he cried in the anxiety of his soul. This thought haunted him, as he said, throughout the night. As soon as the morning dawned, he took the book, which now seemed to have become his accuser, out of his knapsack.

He drew it out in the expectation of finding nothing in it but fearful threats. How astonished he was, while leafing along, to run against such passages as the following: "For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the

world through Him might be saved." John 3:17.

"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." 1 John 5:12.

"And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world." 1 John 2:2.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Eph. 2:8.

"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Matt. 11:28, 29.

Especially did the last passage make a deep impression upon him. He revolved the words over and over in his mind, trying to discover their meaning, until the drum awoke him from his meditations.

He quickly put his Testament into the knapsack, took his place and rank in his regiment, and marched to meet the enemy. The engagement did not last long, but it was one of the bloodiest of the campaign. Our young Fusillier was among the many wounded that covered the field of battle. He was taken to a hospital where, for several weeks, he hovered between life and death. But these weeks were not lost to him. The Bible passages which he had read by twilight on the morning of the battle were, through the operation of the Holy Spirit, active and powerful in his heart. A new light broke upon his soul, and he was soon able to testify, by his own experience, to the truth of the words, Jno. 5:24: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that

sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

(To be continued)

One time you could not feed yourself nor walk. Your parents took care of you. Now you can do a lot of things. Won't you show them that you appreciate their love to you when you were helpless?

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a wagon and a hand with a nail print in it. Write underneath, "Jesus said, Blessed are those who believe before they see."

Dear Boys and Girls:

We have often heard the remark that "seeing is believing." But God wants us to think in a different way. Faith is believing before you see. In other words faith is "believing and seeing." You must believe God's Word is true and that God will do what He has promised even before you see it come to pass. Yesterday I visited a sister who was sick. When I came in, she was suffering and was glad someone had come to pray for her. We knelt in prayer and asked God to take the pain and suffering. If we had not believed that God was going to do that we would not have knelt before God and asked Him to do it but we had faith before we saw it done. The Lord touched her and took it away. We were there almost an hour and she did not mention anymore about her suffering and was not groaning anymore. She said the Lord had touched her. So boys and girls, faith is believing before you see. But many people are like those in our lesson, but always remember what

Jesus said, "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

Joseph had made himself known to his brothers and had told them God had sent him to Egypt to preserve life. It wasn't right that the brothers treat him that way and they had sinned but God brought good to Joseph through it. The brothers were afraid when they knew that the governor was Joseph but after he talked to them, wept and kissed them they were no longer afraid. They knew he had forgiven them. They had been sorry many times for their sins and suffered much as all people do when they sin. Sin is terrible so boys and girls never yield to sin. Pharaoh was glad when he heard that Joseph's brothers had come so he told Joseph to send wagons back with them and move their father and families to Egypt. Joseph did as Pharaoh had commanded and sent provisions with them to use until they reached Egypt. Jacob was shocked when he heard about Joseph being the ruler and was alive. He could not believe it but when he saw all the wagons that were sent to move him back he believed. Thomas did not believe that Jesus had arisen from the grave when he was told by the disciples that they had seen their Lord but when he saw Jesus Himself and the nail prints he said, "My Lord and My God." God is pleased when we believe before we see. When you pray to God believe and you will receive if you will pray with faith. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 2, October 10, 1971

FAITH IS BELIEVING BEFORE SEEING

Gen. 45:21b-28; John 20:25, 27, 28, 29

Gen. 45:21b Joseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of

Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way.

22 To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver, and five changes of raiment.

23 And to his father he sent after this manner; ten asses laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten she asses laden with corn and bread and meat for his father by the way.

24 So he sent his brethren away, and they departed: and he said unto them, See that he fall not out by the way.

25 And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father,

26 And told him, saying, Joseph is yet alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. And Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not.

27 And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived:

28 And Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive. I will go and see him before I die.

John 20:25 The other disciples therefore said unto him (Thomas), We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

27 (Jesus appears to the eleven) Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

Memory Verse: For we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7.

Central Thought: God cannot lie so we can have faith in His Word, the Bible.

QUESTIONS:

1. What caused Joseph's brothers to talk with him?

2. In the unprinted part of our lesson did Pharaoh tell Joseph to have his father to come to Egypt?

3. What did Joseph give to his brothers and to Benjamin?

4. What did he send to his father?

5. What advice did he give to his brothers before they left and what did he mean?

6. What did they tell their father as soon as they saw him?

7. What did Jacob have to see before he could believe his sons?

8. What does the 28th verse tell us Jacob said?

9. What did the disciples say to Thomas and what was his answer?

10. The doors were shut but the second time Jesus appeared unto the eleven and what did he say to Thomas?

11. What was Thomas' overwhelming answer?

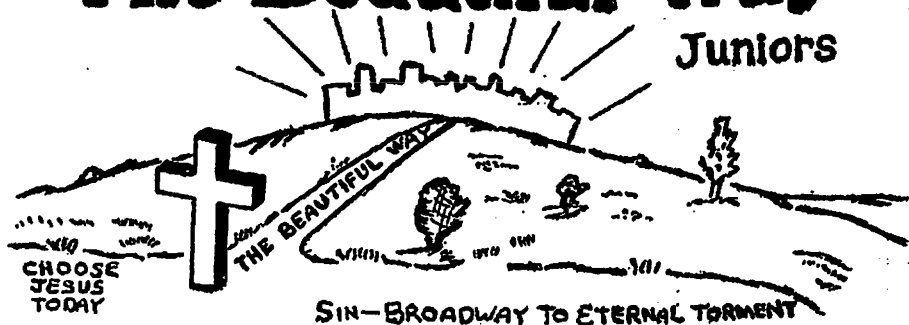
12. Jesus told Thomas that because he had seen he believed but who are blessed by Jesus?

13. Tell about God answering prayer for you.

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Oct. 17

The Soldier and the New Testament

(Continued from last issue)

On being removed to another hospital further east, he suffered a relapse, in consequence of which he was permitted to return to France. He arrived home about six weeks before the agent's visit. The well-soiled Testament was seldom out of his hand during his sickness. His mouth overflowed with earnest appeals to his mother and his friends, that they, too, might accept Christ and His salvation.

Even to his last gasp, he did not grow weary in exhorting all to accept the free grace of God offered us in Christ Jesus, and thus avoid falling into the hands of the living God.

While the agent listened to these words of the sorrowing mother, he could but lift his heart in prayerful thanks to the Lord, that his prayer for this young soldier had been so graciously heard, and so wonderfully answered.

And so he could comfort the sad mother in the joy of his heart, over the salvation of this soul, and entertain the fond hope that she would accept the same salvation—the salvation in which her son had found the forgiveness of sins, righteousness, peace, and the hope of everlasting life.

—Pleasant Hours

The Wood-Chopper

In a city of North-Germany there once lived an aged wood-chopper, Troppman by name, with his wife, also far up in years.

He was nearly 30 years old when he first met his wife. He had learned the trade of baking, and thought he would try and set up for himself before he married. However, he lacked money, having but 25 dollars which he laid by out of his earnings. As neither he nor his intended wife were contented in living apart, and as no baker would keep a married workman, Hans gave up his trade. They hoped that they could get along if each did his part, Troppman as a

day-laborer, and Eva by washing, ironing, and spinning. Each would receive a bed, some furniture, linen, clothes, and other necessities from home. Eva had 25 dollars which would aid them in starting out. So they were married. All who knew how poor they were, feared that they would have trouble in earning a living. But during the first year all went better than expected. They had enough, and were contented and happy with their small income. Both put their trust in God, and were certain that he who cared for the birds of the air would not let them go hungry.

But stormy times came. Children were born, and they hindered Eva in her work, and increased the expense. Sickness sometimes visited them, and then the outlay was greater than ever. Often it went so far with the poor people that they were compelled to pawn all they could spare to secure bread.

The wood-chopper did not lose heart; he worked on, earning money as he could, and as soon as he had a little money he would redeem the articles pawned.

In the meantime the children grew up: the boys would help their father to cut wood, and the girls would help the mother to wash. Thus the work went faster, and the income was increased. In the winter evenings, when they came home hungry and cold, a big fire was made in the stove. Often the mother would get home from her work first, and then the rest would find a warm room awaiting them when they arrived. The pleasing odor of roasted potatoes would usually greet them, a large dish full of which had been prepared for the hungry.

On Sunday and holidays meat was added.

Thus the greater part of their life-time passed in a constant change from days of joy to those of suffering; from days of sweet comfort to those of bitter want.

The grown-up sons each learned a trade, and then went out into the world to do for themselves. The girls worked out, and in course of time were married to poor men. The parents were then left alone in their old age, as formerly. But they were not as rugged as when young, and sometimes it went hard enough with them. The children, who had little enough themselves, could not help them—not even nurse them when sick, as none lived near.

So it was often quite discouraging for them in their old age, and only the thought of God's loving care could give them comfort.

One time when Eva was just getting up from a long sick spell, they were so poor that they scarcely knew what to do. All that they could spare was pawned, and no one would lend them anything without a pawn. They were hungry and did not know where they would get bread for the morrow. They were cold, and they had not a splinter of wood. In this pressing need they consulted what they might yet spare to pawn or sell in order to get some money. They had nothing left but a miserable bed, a make-shift of a table, two chairs and an old cupboard. Of the five pieces, the cupboard was the easiest to spare.

(To be continued)

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw two trees. Put fruit on one and at its roots write Christ. Leave the other tree barren and at its roots write Satan.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Have you ever been away from home and become homesick? I remember when I was about eleven years old and I went with a girl friend to spend a week with her and her sister. Before the week was over I was homesick. I didn't even want to eat. Oh I was so happy to get home.

In our lesson two sons were homesick and they wept as they met their fathers.

We want to think about the lives of each son. Joseph had been taught to love God. He never forgot God and his laws. He refused to do wrong although he had many chances to do so. Joseph went through hard things, which God knew it would take to get him ready to sit on a throne. When you face a decision as to whether you will do wrong or just face sneers and be called, "chicken" and you choose to do right, you are made stronger. If you will continue to do right you will find, as time goes on, God will have an important place for you to fill. God will bless you. I believe Joseph wept tears of joy when he met his father.

The other son wept tears of sorrow when he met his father because he had done wrong. Yet we are glad he was willing to ask forgiveness for his wrongs. It is a wonderful thing to correct your wrongs. You are regarded as being honest and humble. But how much better it would have been if he had been like Joseph.

It pays for boys and girls to listen

to those who have passed over the road ahead of them. They can tell you of the pitfalls and how they learned by bitter experience that it does not pay to do wrong.

Remember that there were 70 people in Jacob's family who went down to Egypt. Notice that God said he would make of them a great nation and bring them again to Canaan. We read that 430 years later when Moses brought them out that there were 600,000 men besides women and children and a "mixed multitude." (Exodus 12:37, 38). God did as He promised.

When we sin and we "will" to be saved we can come to God as the son did and find forgiveness. But we are to live according to God's laws after that. He will help us.

Be careful with your thoughts. Dirty thoughts will cause you to tell dirty jokes. Reading immoral stories will lead to immoral acts. Resist all wrong thoughts and keep your mind pure.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 3, October 17, 1971

FRUITFUL AND WASTED YEARS COMPARED

Gen. 46:1, 3, 4, 26-30; Luke 15:13,
17, 18a, 20, 22a, 24

Gen. 46:1 And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac.

3 And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation:

4 I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.

26 All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, which came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls were threescore and six;

27 And the sons of Joseph, which were born him in Egypt, were two souls: all the souls of the house of Jacob, which came into Egypt, were threescore and ten.

28 And he sent Judah before him unto Joseph, to direct his face unto Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen.

29 And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen, and presented himself unto him; and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while.

30 And Israel said unto Joseph, now let me die, since I have seen thy face, because thou art yet alive.

Luke 15:13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

17 And when he came to himself, he said, how many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

18a I will arise and go to my father,

20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

22a But the father said to his servants, bring forth the best robe,

24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

Memory Verse: It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, be-

cause his compassions fail not. Lam. 3:22

Central Thought: Wasting precious moments in sin brings wasted years here and eternal torments.

QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Jacob, who is called Israel stop and what did he do on his way to Egypt?

2. What did God tell Jacob in visions in the night?

3. How many were in Jacob's family?

4. Who did Jacob send to Joseph to tell him the way to Goshen in Egypt?

5. What did Joseph do when he saw Jacob?

6. What did Jacob say when he saw Joseph?

7. Tell what kind of a life Joseph had lived? (evil or good)

8. What kind of a life does the son live that Jesus tells about?

9. Name three things a young person would do to live riotously after your teacher reads Rom. 1:28-32.

10. A famine arose in the country where the son lived and he was hungry. He ate the food he fed the hogs. What does Verse 17 tell us?

11. When people are in sin they need to do what? Read Verse 18.

12. Who was looking for the wayward son to return?

13. Who is looking for the sinner to repent of his sins and what kind of robe is put on him? Rev. 3:5.

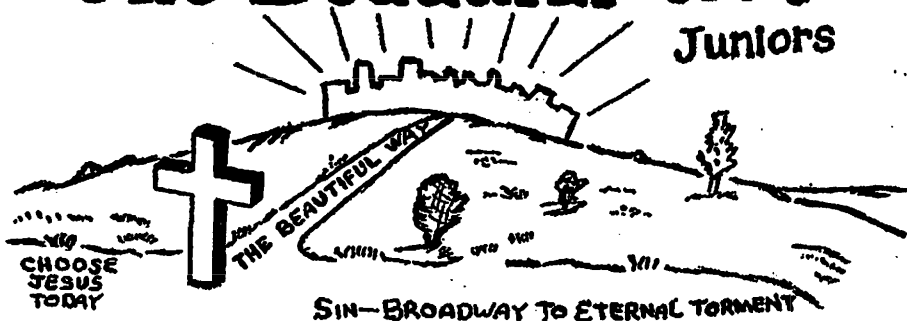
14. Eph 2:1 Explains about the son being dead and becoming alive.

15. Doesn't it pay to be like Joseph and obey God's laws?

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Part Four

Oct. 24

The Wood-Chopper

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Old Hans was loath to give up the old cupboard, for he had inherited it from his great-grandfather, and his great-grandfather had also inherited it from his great-grandfather. It was not without a few tears that the old man shouldered it and carried it off to the dealer.

However, his trip was for nothing. The dealer offered him such a small sum, that poor Hans could not think of giving up the dear old piece of furniture at such a price. He thought the lock and iron bands could be sold for more than the heartless man offered him for the entire cupboard.

"Well, I am bringing the old friend back again," said he, as he entered the house. "They offered me only two dollars for it."

"Why, dear Hans," said Eva, "I think you had better have taken that. Just think, we are starving and freezing."

"You will not be cold much longer," exclaimed Hans. "I will cut up the cupboard and build a fire with the

wood, and sell the iron bands and lock." As he said this he seized his hatchet and began to make kindling out of the shelves. He found the wood to be good and strong. When he got to the bottom shelf he found difficulty in getting it out. The shelf was double, and the two parts securely fastened together. Hans became impatient and gave it a blow with the ax, and out it flew. But, lo! out rolled a great many pieces of money.

"What is that?" cried Hans. "Eva, Eva, where are you? Come, quick; a treasure, a treasure!"

Eva, who was busy making a fire out of the splintered shelves, came out as fast as she could. Her surprise, at seeing so much money lying about in the yard, can not be described. "Where did all this money come from?" she said in a whisper, just as though she was afraid of disclosing a secret.

"It was sticking in the cupboard," said Hans. "But how it ever got there, God only knows. The cupboard is an heir-loom, and my forefathers must have been richer than

I am. Perhaps at the time of the Swedish war, some one put it there for safekeeping, and died in the war. However, that is no matter of ours. God be thanked a thousand, thousand times for blessing us in our old age, in such an unexpected way. I have always said that He would never forsake us."

They received it as a gift from God, and were very happy. They gathered up the pieces of money and found that there were over a thousand dollars. After Eva had kindled up the fire, they consulted what they should do with so much money. They agreed to rent a better house, to purchase a better bed, and other necessities for the house, to lay in a stock of wood for the winter, and to get some substantial food, of which they stood in great need. They had no notion of spending their days in idleness, but resolved to work while God gave them strength.

Eva took one piece of money and went to the butcher's to get a roast of beef, so that they might celebrate the happy day with a good meal. It was so seldom that she was seen out, and money was such a stranger with them, that everybody looked upon her with suspicion. Eva became alarmed.

"See here, Hans," she said on her return, "we must be careful how we use our money, or we will be looked upon as thieves, and cast into prison. For no one will believe it if we tell them that you found the money in the cupboard."

Hans remembered several instances in which honorable people had been dealt with in that way, and the thought made him uneasy. To lose both his money and his freedom, and

to be thrown into jail, was not pleasant to think about. However, he thought of a good plan by which he could avoid any trouble. He went to his pastor, a very worthy man, and told him how that, in an unexpected way, God had gladdened his heart now in his old age with a discovery of some money. He asked advice as to how he might use it and not run any risk, because of his well-known poverty, of being held to account for his money.

The pastor rejoiced with him over his good fortune, and offered to take his money and put it on interest, advising him to keep by him only what he needed.

Hans took his pastor's advice. The money was placed in good hands, and Hans and Eva were well cared for in the evening of their life. Besides, they left more than three-fourths of their money for the children, who also were thus placed in comfortable circumstances.

Jesus loves you. Don't ever forget that He will be your Friend if you will be His friend. You show Him you want Him for a Friend by obeying Him.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Jesus referred to the separation of sinners and saints to separating the goats from the sheep. (Matt. 25:31-33). Draw a goat and a sheep. If you can't, just draw two squares and write goat and sheep in each one.

Dear Boys and Girls:

If you are with boys and girls who want to always tell dirty jokes or who are always using God's Name in swear-

ing, or who want to steal or destroy someone else's property or tear up someone's nice things, or any of those things which are displeasing to the Lord you do not feel comfortable around them. Why? Because you can't do those kind of things. You want to do the right things. You want to do things that please the Lord. You do not want to harm anyone. You do not want to destroy other boys' and girls' or peoples' things. You would never want to take the name of your precious God and Jesus in vain or use it as a slang or by-word. God is so wonderful and Jesus is so great. Jesus took our punishment for us because sin had to be punished and we had sinned. Jesus loves us dearly and has proved it. So if you can't be with that kind of boys and girls, then you are separate from them. They have different desires than you do. They have different wishes and want to do different things. It would be better to be by yourself than to be with that kind of boys and girls. But of course you want to be nice to them. You want to love them but not love their ways. You do not want to ever be unkind to anyone, do you?

God chose the family of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to be a separate people. He did not want them to worship idols, animals nor the stars or moon as some of the other nations in the world did. He wanted them to worship Him. So he had a plan when they went down to Egypt to live. He gave Joseph wisdom and told them to ask Pharaoh if they could live in the land of Goshen. This land was separate from other cities and peoples who lived in Egypt. It had plenty of land for them to take care of their herds, flocks, etc. In this way they would be separate. Then the Egyptians held the oxen and sheep as being

sacred. They did not like it because the Israelites killed the sheep, as a type of Jesus who was to come, and offered it as a sacrifice. For that reason they did not want to be with or marry into the Israelites' families.

Jesus is the good shepherd. We come into the church or sheepfold through the door, which is Christ. We go into the sheepfold and go on into it and find pasture or find out what good things that the Lord has for us or that He wants us to do. We are His sheep if we obey Him and He gives us "eternal life." But if we quit following Him we lose Him and "eternal life." There is the "thief" which comes "to steal, to kill, and to destroy." Jesus came to give us eternal life. We want to follow Jesus and His words. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 4, October 24, 1971

GOD SEPARATES HIS PEOPLE

Gen. 46:31a, 33, 34; Gen. 47:11, 12;
2 Cor. 6:17; John 10:7-10, 14, 15, 26-28

Gen. 46:31a And Joseph said unto his brethren, and unto his father's house, I will go up, and shew Pharaoh, and say unto him, My brethren,

33 And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What is your occupation?

34 That ye shall say, Thy servants' trade hath been about cattle from our youth even until now, both we, and also our fathers: that ye may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians.

Gen. 47:11 And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded.

12 And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread, according to their families.

2 Cor. 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

Memory Verse: I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. St. John 17:14

Central Thought: What is in our hearts will grow. If we have evil and worldly desires we will not have good and spiritual fruits in our lives.

QUESTIONS:

1. What did Joseph tell his brothers to tell Pharaoh when he asked them what their work or occupation was?

2. Where did Joseph place his brothers and their families after they had talked to Pharaoh? (Goshen is in Rameses.)

3. How did Joseph treat his brothers and father after they arrived in Egypt? Did he prove that he had forgiven them?

4. Who did Jesus say was the "door" of the sheepfold?

5. Did the sheep (Ezek. 34:1), who were people, follow the false shepherds who were thieves and robbers?

6. How are we to be saved and where do we go after that?

7. What does the thief or false shepherd (minister) come to do?

8. What kind and how much of "life" will Jesus give to us?

9. Do the sheep know the voice of the "good shepherd"?

10. What did the good shepherd do for us, His sheep?

11. Who is it that does not believe in Jesus?

12. What do the sheep do?

13. What does Jesus give to those who give Him their hearts?

14. If Jesus goes out of our hearts because we refuse to obey Him then does "eternal life" leave us also?

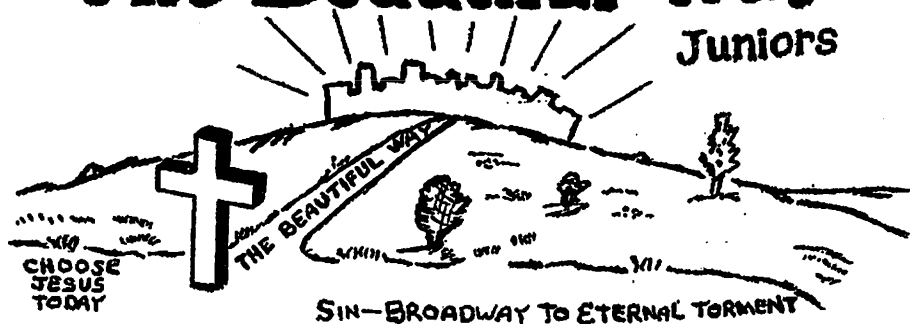
15. If we obey and love Jesus then can anyone "pluck" or cause us to perish?

Happy is the boy or girl who loves God. They have the God of all creation on their side against the devil.

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Oct. 31

The Miner's Child

Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. Ps. 73:24.

It was Saturday evening. A number of men and women left the work-shops for their homes. It was quitting time for the miners, also, who were pursuing their humble calling in one of England's shafts. They left their dark working place and hastened to their homes.

"On Monday we will receive a new worker," was the talk among them. "We will see what kind of a fellow he is."

Monday came, and so did the worker. But the miners made big eyes, and about their mouths played unpleasant smiles, as they glanced at him.

He was a man of middle life, of a strong, powerful build, and with a calm, bright countenance. He led his daughter by the hand—a child of six or seven years, with black hair and cheerful eyes.

She did not shrink, and exchanged the miner's greeting with her father;

on the contrary, she looked confidently upon the sooty workmen, and did not think of fear. But the miners grinned and said: "What do you want with the child? Do you expect her to help break coal?"

"I will tell you," said the man in a mild, solemn voice. "She is the only one left to me, and I am used to having her with me; besides, she will not bother you." His wife had died.

Then the men went their way, and none ventured to say anything more. He took Sarah by the arm and led her into the mine. He found a lump of coal in a safe place for her to sit on, and he began the day's work in God's name.

The child was not a stranger in the underground. She gazed about at the black, glossy walls of coal, which the Father's good hand had piled here, that His children might have whereby to warm themselves in cold weather. She tripped around, looked at the tools, and then began to talk, asking the miners various questions.

When evening came and the tone of the bell for prayer resounded feebly through the mine, Sarah listened

a moment, then she folded her little hands and in clear, childish voice began to sing:

Abide with us, Lord Jesus!
Thy grace sustain our hearts,
That Satan may not harm us
With his malignant arts.

Abide, and let Thy blessing,
Lord, rest on us always,
All needful strength and graces
Grant thou us day by day.

It was a solemn moment. Was it, perhaps, the first time that a sacred song had echoed through the mine? The men were perplexed, and the hammering ceased. The Lord Jesus passed through the dark region, and blessing and grace went forth from Him.

After that evening there was no more laughing at Sarah. No, she became dearer to the miners, and when she was absent they asked, "Where is our child?" They knew, also, how to make her happy. One would bring a shining stone, another a picture, another something else for Sarah, and when she would place her little hand in their black palms, and sincerely thank them, the old miners would laugh heartily, and go to work in good cheer.

There was something strange about the father, too. Everybody was glad to work in his company. "He don't swear," said one of the miners to another, one day, "and yet he gets along all right. He works from morning till night, and is never out of humor! He gets tired limbs as well as we, and, besides, has no one to help him."

The men looked upon the father and child with a sort of reverence, and

it seemed lighter in the dark mine when they were present.

Thus matters went on for some years. Then came a day of sorrow. However, faith says: "Shall there be evil in the city, and the Lord hath not done it?"

Sarah was at home, preparing supper for her beloved father. At the same time, the father having come up on some errand, was about to descend again, when the rope broke, and he fell to the bottom of the shaft. He died immediately. The Lord had called him, and his day of rest had come.

(To be continued)

Remember sin had to be punished. Jesus took your punishment on the cross so you could be in favor with God. I know you love Jesus dearly for all He has done.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Jacob told his son he was "unstable as water." Draw two long pans. Tip one to the left and the other one to the right. If one boy or girl comes along and asks you to do wrong, and you do it, you are like the pan tipped to the left. If another boy or girl comes along and asks you to do another wrong, and you do it, you are then like the pan tipped to the right. You are always letting someone get you to do wrong. You can never be like a pan that does not have water in it and sits flat on its bottom. You need to stand firm for right and resist all wrong.

Dear Boys and Girls:

I do trust that you who are saved are keeping encouraged to live for God. If

you are not saved I do want you to give your heart to the Lord. Some might think they are living alright and do not commit any sins but just the fact that you have not given your heart and life to Jesus is enough sin to keep you out of heaven. When we know that Jesus is asking us, "Son give me thine heart" and we do not give Him our hearts, then we sin. Just bow on your knees and ask Jesus to forgive you for any sins you may have done and for not letting Jesus have your heart, mind, soul, and body. Ask Him to help you to obey your parents. If we disobey our parents that is sin because the Bible says, "Children obey your parents." God will help you if you will pray to Him.

Jacob and his family had moved to Egypt and lived in the land of Goshen. There they were given food by Joseph to eat during the famine. Then when the famine was over they continued to live in Goshen. They began to become a large nation. They had many possessions. Jacob lived to see them grow and multiply. Jacob lived 12 years after the famine. But after he lived in Egypt 17 years the time came for him to die. When Joseph heard he was sick, he brought his two sons to see him. Manasseh and Ephraim were blessed by Jacob. Remember that there were 12 tribes of Israelites that had land in the land of Canaan. There was not a tribe by the name of Joseph. But Jacob gave Joseph "one portion above thy (his) brethren." He named two of the tribes by the names of Joseph's sons. Levi's tribe was scattered among the people and did not possess land. They took care of offering sacrifices for the people unto God for their sins.

Jacob called his sons before him as he knew his time had come to die. Reuben was the firstborn and should have been

the leader of the brothers but he had sinned. He was "unstable as water." Boys and girls you know how you can take a pan of water and you tip it one way and the water runs down and then tip it another way and it runs that way. That was the way Reuben was. Someone would get him to do this and then another person would come along and get him to do something just the opposite to what he had done. Did you ever see a boy or girl who agreed with everyone they were with? That is a very weak person. We should believe in what is right and have backbone and courage to stand by what is right. Reuben, Levi and Simeon lost their blessings because of sins they had committed. It pays to live right. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 5, October 31, 1971

ISRAEL'S PREPARATION FOR DEATH

Gen. 47:27, 28, 29a; Gen. 48:1, 11, 15, 16, 22; Gen. 49:1, 3-7

Gen. 47:27 And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly.

28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so the whole age of Jacob was an hundred forty and seven years.

29a And the time drew nigh that Israel must die:

Gen. 48:1 And it came to pass after these things, that one told Joseph, Behold, thy father is sick: and he took with him two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.

11 And Israel said unto Joseph, I had not thought to see thy face: and, lo, God hath shewed me also thy seed.

15 And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day,

16 The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

22 Moreover I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.

Gen. 49:1 And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.

3 Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:

4 Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch.

5 Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations.

6 O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they digged down a wall.

7 Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

Memory Verse: Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace. Psalms 37:37

Central Thought: We should live as if every day is our last day, knowing that "after death is the judgment."

QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Israel or Jacob live?
2. Were they very poor people and few in number?
3. How long did Jacob live in Egypt and what was his age?
4. Who went to see him when he heard he was sick?
5. What did Jacob say unto Joseph?
6. Before whom did Jacob's fathers walk and who fed Jacob all his life?
7. Who redeemed Jacob from evil and what was the blessing Jacob gave to Joseph's sons?
8. What did Jacob mean when he said that he gave Joseph "one portion above thy brethren?"
9. Whom did Jacob call when he knew he was going to die?
10. What did Jacob say to Reuben his eldest son?
11. What does it mean to be "unstable as water?"
12. Did Jacob tell him (Reuben) he would not be great or excel because of a great sin he committed?
13. Can we commit sins and get by with doing it before God?
14. We read that Simeon and Levi killed all the people in a city because they harmed their sister. What did Jacob say about them?
15. Could the honor and soul of Jacob be united with the evil of Simeon and Levi?
16. What did he say would happen to their families in the future?

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Nov. 7

The Miner's Child

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But Sarah? Father dead! Mother dead! The men laid the dead body upon a bier and slowly bore it up the hill, to the dwelling. Sarah saw them coming and wondered what they were carrying that seemed so heavy. Joyfully she ran out and asked, "Is father coming?" One of the men said "Yes," another "No," and a third, "Not yet." The fourth, an old miner, looked a moment at the sweet child, then broke into tears, took her in his arms, and carried her into the house. Then he said, "Trust in God, Sarah; your father is dead, but we will all be a father to you."

The child looked a moment at the man to see if he was really in earnest. Then she began to weep, and the old man wept with her.

She loved no one in all the world as she loved her father. Thus far, in her short life, she had been one in heart and soul with him. She had been joyful in her father and in her

God. But God was not yet dead. "May I see my father?" asked Sarah. The miner led her out to the bier upon which reposed the remains of her father, covered with a cloth. The men stepped back when Sarah came. It seemed like a sacred spot to them. They left the child alone with her God and her dead father. Sarah knelt down. Her trembling hands can not lift the cloth—she must first fold them in prayer.

For the moment, however, the heart could find no words of prayer. Sarah's tears and the wailing of her soul came before the Lord, and did not return empty. She received strength and received words also. Out of the depths of her heart she prayed: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done—Thy will be done! She finished the Lord's Prayer, and then arose, lifted the cloth and looked upon the beloved face. It was pale and cold, and had no loving look for her, nor one cheering word. Sarah embraced the dear form with both arms; then for a moment her heart seemed to cease beating. She became

unconscious. The old miner hastened forward and carried the pale faced child into the house, and placed her upon a bed, thinking she was dead.

But she was not dead. She awakened soon, but only to realize anew her sorrow. But the Lord heals those who are of a broken heart, and binds up their wounds. And thus did He for Sarah.

The old miner did not leave her bedside, and as soon as her eyes were unburdened of their tears, took her to his home and adopted her as his child.

From that time, Sarah had again both father and mother. At the side of the old miner, accompanied by all the workmen of the shaft, she followed the coffin of the father, and cast the last flowers of autumn into the grave.

As during her father's life time, so also now, Sarah went along to the shaft. The miners would not have it otherwise. She was a common treasure—the child of each one.

When she entered for the first time after the sad occurrence, all the hammering ceased. Tenderly, and even reverently they surrounded the child and offered her the right hand. She greeted all of them, and had a grateful look and word for each.

They soon noticed that her heart was comforted and supported from on high. Sarah was not disconsolate like the world, that has no hope. She was full of faith, and therefore consoled and joyful even in her mourning garbs, and of cheerful countenance in spite of her tears. And when grief and loneliness would darken her heart, she sought the place where her father used to work, there to

kneel and pray for a quiet, submissive heart.

All this made a deep impression upon the usually rough miners. If formerly, in her happy days, Sarah was dear to them, she was far more so now, in her affliction. A strange power spoke out of the child. They had regard to their words. The dear Lord was taking up His abode in the dark mine, but as yet the men knew it not.

Sarah tried to help the miners in every way she could. She knit, patched, and sewed for them, and was happy when she could do just what they wanted without first telling them.

(To be continued)

Joseph had many tears, but he trusted in God and worked hard to be kind, trustworthy and to gain the confidence of others. You can do the same things even if you have troubles to endure.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a colt with Jesus riding on it down the street. You can draw some palm leaves being thrown down before Him and people praising Him. If you can't draw a colt, just make a square and write His name in it. Then make lines for people along the street.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Our lesson today is so important. God is so wonderful. He knew that we would need a Saviour. Adam and Eve sinned and through that sin all who are born into the world have a bent toward sin. Without Jesus living in your heart by His Spirit it is easier for boys and girls to sin than to do the right. That is the reason you need Jesus to help you to

do the right. Without Him you can't do right all the time. Boys and girls, pray often to Jesus. Ask Him to help you to do right. He will hear your cries. Watch your thoughts. Watch how you feel toward others. If you feel like they are mean or hateful, you want to change those feelings. Maybe they did something that was mean and hateful. But did you know that the devil caused them to do that? You want to still love them, but don't love their ways. You must never love evil. But you want to always love everybody. Jesus loves everybody, but He doesn't love evil or sin. So watch your feelings about others and then you will be able to treat them nice.

In our lesson today we are studying about what Jacob said to his son Judah before he died. He foretold things that were to come to pass years and years later in his family. His family would be named the tribe of Judah. They would years later leave the land of Egypt when Moses would lead them out of the land. Joshua would then lead them into the land of Canaan. Caleb was of the tribe of Judah. In his old age he asked Joshua if he and his large tribe of Judah could conquer some warlike people in Canaan and take that country. Joshua told him he could. They were referred to as lions. This also was their emblem. Lion means strength and power. Then later Jesus, who also came from the tribe of Judah, was called "the Lion of the tribe of Judah." He conquered the devil and brought salvation to us.

Jacob also referred to Jesus as Shiloh. He is the Prince of Peace. The sceptre means the civil government. There was always a group of people or tribe of Judah until Jesus came, and then later they lost their ruling power.

Jacob also seems to see Jesus years later riding on the colt. So we have that prophecy fulfilled when Jesus rode on the colt into the city of Jerusalem. The people praised Him, and He was like judges, prophets and kings of old who did the same. Then in the book of St. John, Jesus is referred to as the true vine. He said, "I am the vine, ye are the branches." So it is wonderful how this prophecy was fulfilled years and years later.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 6, November 7, 1971

PROPHECY AND FULFILLMENT OF JUDAH

Gen. 49:8, 9; Josh. 14:12, 14; Rev. 5:5, 9, 10; Gen. 49:10-12; Matt. 21:7, 9-11.

Gen. 49:8 Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee.

9 Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he crouched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

Josh. 14:12 Now therefore give me [Caleb, tribe of Judah, in Canaan, years later] this mountain, whereof the Lord spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the Lord will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the Lord said.

14 Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb because that he wholly followed the Lord God of Israel.

Rev. 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Gen. 49:10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

11 Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:

12 His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

Matt. 21:7 And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.

9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

10 And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?

11 And the multitude said, This is Jesus the phophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

Memory Verse: And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Matt. 1:21.

Central Thought: The whole theme of the Bible from the very beginning points to the Saviour, Jesus Christ, whom

God sent to redeem to Him a special treasure from the world.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who would praise Judah?

2. Lions are warlike or fierce. What did Jacob say about Judah's family as they became large in number and a big tribe?

3. Years later in Canaan what did Caleb, who was a leader in the tribe of Judah, want Joshua to give him and his tribe?

4. What kind of people were in this place and who did Caleb say would be with him?

5. What became his inheritance and why?

6. In Revelation, the last book in the New Testament, what did John see in a vision about Jesus and what was He called?

7. Whom did they sing a song about and what did they sing?

8. We are to be what by Jesus, and where will we reign over the devil through Jesus since, He being the Lion of the tribe of Judah, conquered the devil when He arose from the grave?

9. Shiloh means Jesus Christ who was to come. What would not depart from the tribe of Judah until after Jesus came?

10. A foal is a young horse, mule or filly. Jesus referred to Himself in John 15:1 as being a vine. What does our lesson say about the ass's colt and a vine?

11. Jesus' disciples brought what for Jesus to ride on down the streets of Jerusalem?

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She wanted to take her father's Bible with her to the shaft, and at certain times to read it. The most of the workmen could not read. One day Sarah said: "May I read to you out of my father's Bible?" One after another drew near and listened to God's holy word coming from the mouth of a child. It soon came to pass that the miners gathered around Sarah every evening at an appointed time, when by the light of a lamp she would read them a chapter from the Bible. Those were holy, blessed hours in which the Lord Jesus descended into the shaft of their hearts, and with much patience and long-suffering sought and found amidst the stones and rubbish, a place for Himself. Yes, God be praised, He did not descend in vain. There was no more swearing heard, and there was a change, a great change, in the mine as well as in their hearts.

When the sooty men sat so quietly and attentively around the child, and

heard the Word of God, of course; one could not know what was going on in their hearts. But the Word fell upon well-prepared ground and worked in secret until it brought precious fruit to light.

Four years had passed. There was not an oath heard now at the place formerly covered with darkness and the shadow of death. The day's work was begun and closed in God's name. There was no more drinking. One miner after the other sought the house of God instead of the tavern. After the six days' work their souls were refreshed with the sweet Gospel, and lost in the depths of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God. With a joyful heart, and not as formerly with dispute and wrangle, the work was resumed on Monday morning. They had prayed for the blessing of the Lord—for His preservation and favor, and all went well with them. The rays of the eternal Christ reached now even into the womb of the earth, transforming and consecrating the work of the six days.

Sarah beheld what the Lord had brought about with heartfelt joy and

gratitude, and continued to do that which God had given her to do.

It was Sunday evening. Sarah sat in the arbor with her foster-father, reading to him about the raising of the daughter of Jairus. When she came to the place where the Lord Jesus said, "Damsel, I say unto thee, arise," Sarah gazed at the old man with an earnest expression and said: "I believe the Lord Jesus Christ will soon speak thus to me." As she said this her face flushed into a deep red, and she looked like a flower from the rose-beds of heaven. Surprised and frightened, the miner looked up and said: "What do you mean, dear child?" "I believe the Lord Jesus will soon say to me, Arise, Sarah, and come to me in heaven."

The foster-father understood the damsel's words, and they pierced his heart like a sharp knife. He seized her hand, and looking earnestly at her, saw what he had long tried not to see, that her life was fading away. It was so. Sarah did not live long after that—her day's work was done. After a short sickness, she hastened to her reward.

"Greet the miners," she said in a feeble tone; "I thank all of you." Then she closed her eyes and entered upon her eternal rest.

—Pleasant Hours

"All For Me"

There was once a very terrible fire, and when it was at its fiercest it was discovered that a little girl was trapped in the burning building. A man standing by saw the pathetic little figure at a window, and immediately rushed into the blazing house to try to save her. He suc-

ceeded in reaching her, and in bringing her to safety, but in doing so his hands were most terribly burned. To his dying day the scars remained, and whenever she saw the dreadful marks, little Dorothy would take the scarred hands into her own, and kiss them all over, saying as she did so, "All for me; all for me!"

ELOISE

Eloise had gone away from home for a short visit. Her family did not know exactly when she would get back. One night her father came home from office, tired and downhearted. The first thing he saw as he came into the living room was his armchair drawn close to the fireplace and his newspaper lying near.

Going to his room, he found everything he needed ready. "Eloise must be home," he thought. "Only Eloise thinks about doing these things for me."

Called to dinner, he noticed one of his favorite dishes and said to his wife: "Eloise must be home. Is she?"

Before his wife could answer, Eloise slipped in from the kitchen and put her hands over her father's eyes. "Guess who," she said.

"Eloise," answered her father.

If you are kind to others you will be missed and loved. Sel.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a wall and a rose bush climbing up on it. Make circles for roses and write in each circle one of the fruits of the Spirit named in Gal. 5: 22, 23.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Did you ever see a rose bush that had climbed up on the fence or wall in a garden and its branches went on over on the other side of the wall? A red rose bush, when in bloom, is a beautiful sight to behold. It brings such a sense of pleasantness as one beholds its beauty. It seems to touch the deep finer senses of a person and brings a smile and sweetness that nothing else can bring.

Jacob was touched deeply when he came to his son, Joseph, as he one by one blessed his boys according to their ages. He had blessed Zebulun, Issachar, Dan, Gad, Asher and Naphtali, after he had blessed Judah, about whom we studied last Sunday. We can read about each of the tribes in the Bible and see what their father had said did come to pass. But now he looked at his beloved Joseph, the one who had been taken away from his loving arms when he was only seventeen. How thankful he was that Joseph had remembered what his father had taught him about the one and only true God. God had been with him and he had become a "fruitful bough by a well." God was his source of help just as the vine or the rose bush gets help or strength from water. Joseph had been hated by his brethren first, and then later he was lied on and put in prison. Jacob refers to this as archers, or those who use a bow and arrow, shooting at him and hating him. If you shoot an arrow into a rose bush full of roses it will bruise them, but do you know that a bruised rose smells so sweet? So when others hated Joseph he looked to God and loved them just the same. God blessed him and it became a sweetness that flowed out in his life. He could help others when the

famine was on because he had a pity in his heart for those in distress.

God is the husbandman of a vineyard. (John 1:1). Jesus is the vine and those who are God's children or who are saved from sin and in His church are the branches. They can bring forth good fruit. Notice that the fruit of the Spirit is love. Joy is love bubbling over. Peace is love resting or at ease. Long-suffering is love enduring hard things that others do to them but loving them just the same. Gentleness is love being kind and nice to others. Goodness is love in action. Faith is love on the battlefield. Meekness is love in school. Temperance is love in training or learning self-control. We want to bear these kinds of fruits in our lives. God will help us if we will pray to Him.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 7, November 14, 1971

THE FRUITFUL BOUGH

Gen. 49:22; John 15:1, 5, 6, 7; Gal. 5:22-24; Gen. 49:23-26.

Gen. 49:22. Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall;

John 15:1 I [Christ] am the vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

5 I [Christ] am the vine, ye [children of God, or church] are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

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

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

Gal. 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

Gen. 49:23 The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him;

24. But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)

25 Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings . . . of the womb:

26 The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.

Memory Verse: Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. John 15:8.

Central Thought: If we blossom out with the beautiful graces of love, humility, etc. here, we will be ready to bloom in the Glory world.

QUESTIONS:

1. What did Jacob say first about Joseph as he came to him after bless-

ing six of his brothers just older than he?

2. How does a well of water or just water affect any rose bush that is climbing over the wall in a garden?

3. Who is the vine and who is the husbandman of God's vineyard?

4. Who are the branches in God's vineyard?

5. Abiding in the vine would mean you are saved and have become a child of God, which makes you abiding in Christ Jesus who said, "Without me ye can do nothing." What did He mean?

6. What happens to a man, boy or girl who does not abide in Christ or Jesus?

7. God gives you a choice of serving Him or not serving Him. Those who love and serve Him go to heaven. What other place is there for those who do not love Him?

8. If we abide in Christ, what kind of fruit will we bring forth? Name four of them?

9. Name four more of the fruits that you bring forth by Christ helping you?

10. Explain how these fruits can be showing our lives?

11. Speaking of Joseph and all the troubles he had, his father referred to archers, who are those who use a bow and arrow. They shot at him and hated him. Can you name something that happened to him that hurt him just like an arrow hitting him?

12. If an arrow would be shot into a bunch of roses on the vine, there would be a sweet smell come forth from the bruised roses. How can this be compared to keeping sweet and forgiving others in our lives?

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Part Eight

Nov. 21

A LOST THANKSGIVING DAY

Johnny thought he kept Thanksgiving,
but he didn't—not at all,
Though he had the finest chestnuts that
the old tree bore that fall,
Though the turkey on the table was the
biggest one in town.
Tender, juicy, stuffed with oysters,
roasted to a splendid brown.

There was jelly—cranberry jelly—tart,
yet melting on the tongue;
Sweet potatoes and rich gravy, celery
white and crisp and young;
Pies of mince and pies of pumpkin, cake
of every kind and sort;
'Twas a most complete Thanksgiving—
or at least so Johnny thought.

But that's where he was mistaken; any
day will do to eat,
And Thanksgiving—real Thanksgiving—
is not made of bread or meat;
So it never came to Johnny, never even
passed his way,
For he left out thanks and worship—and
thus lost Thanksgiving Day.

—Selected

Deaf and Blind Fanny

"Surely He hath borne our griefs,
and carried our sorrows." —Isa. 53:4

A lady who had remained a long
while at a sea-bath, was very glad
to notice that her health improved,
but rejoiced also in the prospect of
performing deeds of mercy, for which
a special opportunity was offered her.
"I learned," she wrote, "that one by
the name of Fanny, who was deprived
of both sight and hearing, lived near
us. I had formerly practiced in read-
ing the raised letters for the blind,
and longed to serve the girl with my
gift. It was with sincere sorrow that
I heard the history of the poor crea-
ture."

Fanny W. was the child of a rather
well-to-do mechanic. At the proper
age she was sent to school and had
just learned to write, when she was
taken with a severe fever. When fin-
ally the fever was broken, it was dis-
covered that the patient was deaf
and blind.

Eighteen years later she told me
of her anguish and horror on realizing

her condition. The recollection of those days of mental suffering still made her tremble.

She had just awoke from the heat and derangement of the fever, and again had the use of her mind. But all was so dark and quiet about her, that she supposed it was night, and concluded patiently to await the morning. How long that night seemed, undisturbed by the slightest noise, and unbroken by the smallest ray of light! She listened for the striking of the clock, certainly more than an hour had passed, and yet the clock struck not. She waited and listened a long while. At length she grew tired waiting, and decided to get up and slip over to her mother's room. However, she was much perplexed at not being able to find her sister, who always slept with her. So she concluded to get up at once, but on attempting to do so, felt a hand upon her shoulder, but could hear no word, not even a sound. The fright from this ghost-like touch, was too much for her, and with a shrill cry she sank helpless upon the bed. When she came to herself again, she was in the arms of her mother. Poor child! Although she could not see, she knew that she was with her mother, and throwing her arms about the mother's neck cried: "Mamma, please get a light." The mother kissed her, without answering. Again she plead: "Please, mamma, get a light." Again she received a kiss, but no answer. The child was greatly alarmed, and, calling her sister, said: "Oh, Mary, mamma cannot move, she cannot speak; come, come!" The sister came and pressed the hand of the little patient, who still fervently plead for a light. As the mother

again kissed the sufferer, her hot tears fell upon the little girl's cheek. This served to increase the child's fright. She feared that something dreadful had happened, on account of which no light or noise was permitted. That she was blind and deaf never occurred to her. So she very softly whispered: "Mamma, tell me what is the matter; whisper it in my ear." But again no answer, no sound. She could see no one, and hear nothing. Fearful misgivings stole into her heart. She put her ear to the mother's lips, but could not hear her breathing. Then in a heartrending tone she asked: "Oh, mother, mother, am I really deaf?" The mother drew her close to her heart. "If I am deaf, then press my hand." This was done, and Fanny lay quiet and motionless for nearly an hour.

She was thinking; the recollection of her long sickness dawned upon her, and she was gradually realizing her sore affliction of deafness. That she was also blind, did not enter her mind.

Finally she said: "Oh, Mary, do get a light, it is so lonely here, since I cannot hear you." No light came, but the weeping mother pressed the child closer to her heart.

(To be continued)

Don't forget to pray every night and morning to Jesus. You need Him.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a path. At the end of the path make a turn upward and a turn downward. Put a cross like Jesus died on at the cross roads. At the end of the path going upward make a circle and write the word, "Heaven." At the end

of the road going down make a circle and write the word, "Hell." Underneath write, "Choose where you will live in eternity."

Dear Boys and Girls:

We might not like to think of death, but dear ones, it will come to you and me. Some times death comes to boys and girls through accidents. We need not fear death if we have given our hearts to Jesus. Maybe you are thinking that you do not know how to be ready for death or to give your heart to Jesus. Maybe I could say it this way. Did you ever tell a lie? Did you ever disobey your parents? Well, then, that is sin. There comes a time when you are real troubled about being ready to die. Right then, you feel something making you know you ought to do something about it. That is the Spirit of God drawing you unto Himself. This might come to you in church services or upon your bed at night. Right then, you need to find a place where you can pray. Pour out your heart to the Lord. Tell Him how sorry you are that you have sinned. Tell Him you want Him to come into your heart. With tears, ask Him to make you ready to die. Tell Jesus you love Him for dying on the cross and taking your punishment for your sins. Oh, Jesus will forgive you. Yes, Jesus will bless you. You then can know you are His child. You can know that if you will pray every day and watch to see that you obey what He tells you to do and do the right, you will be ready to die.

Jacob was sitting on the side of his bed, leaning on his staff and talking to each of his sons. His mind went to his deliverance from this body or house of clay. He knew that his soul would

leave this body. He said, "I have waited for thy salvation, O Lord." He meant by saying salvation, deliverance. He would be delivered or taken out of this world of trouble and be taken to the Glory world where its peace and rest is so beautiful that we couldn't describe it. He wanted also to be buried with Abraham, Sarah and Leah. He knew that he also would be in Glory with them. His soul would go where they were with God in heaven. His sons buried him as he had asked.

It is sad for those who are not ready. How awful to go to a place where there are anguish, torment, wrath, troubles upon troubles, and such horrible terrible hurts continually! It is so terrible in hell that it can't be described. There will not be one bit of love there, nor kindness, nor sunshine, nor peace. It will be torment and torment upon torment. I don't want to go there. We do not have to go there. In this life we can prepare to go to heaven and miss hell, so boys and girls, love Jesus and obey Him daily, so you will be ready.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 8, November 21, 1971

JACOB WAS GATHERED UNTO HIS PEOPLE

Gen. 49:18; Rom. 2:6-9a, 10a; Gen. 49:29, 31, 33; Gen. 50:1-3, 7, 8a, 12.

Gen. 49:18 Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward.

Rom. 2:6 [Paul says:] Who [God] will render to every man according to his deeds:

7 To them 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,

10a But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good.

Gen. 49:29 And he charged them, and said unto them, I am to be gathered unto my people: bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite.

31 There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah.

33 And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people.

Gen. 50:1 And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him.

2 And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Israel.

3 And forty days were fulfilled for him; for so are fulfilled the days of those which are embalmed: and the Egyptians mourned for him threescore and ten days.

7 And Joseph went up to bury his father: and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt,

8a And all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father's house.

12 And his sons did unto him according as he commanded them.

Memory Verse: For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 Cor. 5:1.

Central Thought: God has a family in heaven and one on earth. Death is the gateway to join the family in heaven. (Gal. 3:14, 15).

QUESTIONS:

1. What was Jacob waiting for in this life?

2. What was he wanting salvation or deliverance from?

3. God will render or give in the Judgment day according to what?

4. To them who by continuance in seek for and and, eternal

5. What will be given to those who want their own way and will not obey the truth?

6. Where did Jacob say he would be gathered unto?

7. Abraham and Isaac were in heaven but their bodies were buried in the field of Ephron. Where did Jacob mean he would go?

8. What did Jacob do when he had made an end of commanding his sons?

9. What did he mean when it said he gave up the ghost?

10. What did Joseph do when he saw that his father had died?

11. What did he command that the doctors or physicians do?

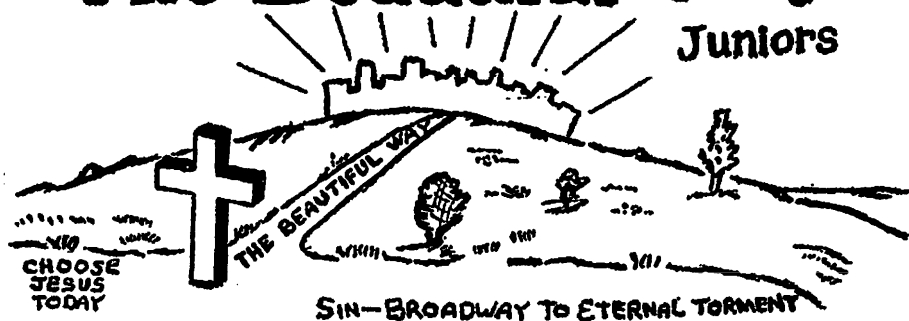
12. After mourning for him 70 days, who went up with Joseph to bury his father?

13. Did Jacob's sons do as he had asked them to do concerning his body?

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Part Nine

Nov. 28

Deaf and Blind Fanny

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"Can it be that I am also blind? Oh, mother, am I really blind?" and she felt the thumping of the mother's heart convulsed with sobs. "Can I not see? Is there light in the room? tell me, tell me!" And then, as she again realized that she could not hear, she pled: "Take my hand and press it if I am blind."

Reluctantly the mother did so; then the sorely-tried child laid her weary little head upon her mother's breast and wept herself to sleep.

Poor child! It was a mercy that she did not realize her misfortune all at once. She was just six years old. But we, who can use our eyes and ears, cannot comprehend what it is neither to see nor hear. It seems like a living death; but Fanny had to accustom herself to it.

With every day, with every hour, her lot appeared more dreadful. The thought of her misfortune often rushed upon her, filling her with amazement and horror. Her only wish was

to sleep as much as possible. She could see no reason why she should be urged daily to get up. Her poor mother was not able to make her understand that this was necessary for her health. She could not hear, nor could she read. If we imagine ourselves in such a condition, how it challenges us to gratitude for our five senses.

When I first saw Fanny, she had grown into a right pretty girl. She had beautiful eyes, and her countenance was by no means dull and expressionless, as one would naturally expect to find in a person not only deprived of all mental culture, but of the most common knowledge and experience. One could well say of her: She has lived weeks, months, years—soon 18 years—without seeing or hearing anything, and without being stimulated by one new thought.

She told me, it often seemed to her as though she had been thrown into a cold, dark trunk, and that she would often faint, if her sister or some one else did not hasten to help her, and hold her hand. All about her seemed

to be dead, since she could see no life, not even hear, or smell, or taste anything—she could only feel. Thus she sat year after year without comfort, unable to work, or do anything with which to pass the time.

At last a little star arose for her. For many days she had not felt her father's hand in hers and now she feared that something had happened to him—perhaps he was dead. She asked again and again about him, but received no answer. Then for the first time a happy thought suggested itself to her. She asked Mary to write the answer upon her hand. She had, when a child, learned to read and write a little. The sister wrote a word but Fanny could not make it out. Each letter was then written by itself. Soon it went better, and to her great joy she learned that her father had only gone on a journey.

This new mode of talking was a great joy to her. Her sister was patient and spared no pains. By and by a system of short-hand writing was hit upon, and the poor girl learned more and more of what was going on about her. Yet this was little enough, for her sister was a dress maker, and worked away from home most of the time. Besides, the writing, in spite of all abbreviation, took up a great deal of time. Each letter was written by itself, and then spoken aloud by Fanny, so that it took a great while to get her to understand a large word, to say nothing of a long sentence.

When I heard of Fanny I longed to teach her to read. A friend, who lived near me, also desired to aid in the good work. We entreated God for strength, grace, and wisdom, to instruct the poor girl, and He richly

blessed us far above our prayers and hopes.

Mary led Fanny in and gave her a chair. I stepped up to her and grasped her hand. Instantly she realized that it was a different person, felt my pulse and wrist, and shook her head to indicate that she did not know me. Her sister then wrote in her hand: "Strange lady."

I watched her and then also wrote something. But she did not understand my writing, and said: "Please write the A B C in their order." I did so, and she corrected me, and showed her own short method of writing. For example, instead of A, she made a straight line in the middle of the palm; instead of T, she made a line slanting to the right; a dot was sufficient for the I, and a touch on the shoulder meant U. In spite of this abbreviation, it took a long time to write a sentence. Fanny repeated each letter and each word aloud. In this she was very patient, and appeared active and cheerful. When I told her that my parents were dead, tears filled her eyes, and in sincerest sympathy she exclaimed again and again: "Poor thing! poor thing!" I found in her a very loving heart. She could readily forget her own great misfortune and weep for an orphan. When she learned that I had a blind sister her interest arose to the highest point; she desired to know all about her. Thus we passed the first evening. She could scarcely wait until I might come again.

(To be continued)

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw the sun and then draw a tooth-pick boy walking on a path. Make a

shadow from the sun on the path of the toothpick boy. Write underneath, "Shadows are not the real thing."

Dear Boys and Girls:

We have a wonderful lesson today with many good thoughts in it that I do trust that you will never forget. Joseph's brothers sold him as a slave into Egypt. This was a wicked deed, but Joseph did not blame God. Of all times he surely needed a true Friend. He needed God. If you have some troubles come to you or maybe God does not see it best to answer your prayer as you desire, are you going to lose faith in God? Joseph didn't. He loved God just the same. Now Jacob, the father of the brothers, had died. The brothers were afraid that Joseph would surely now do harm to them for their wicked deed. Now they did not have reason to feel this way. Joseph had been good to them all these years. He gave them good land to live on with their herds. He fed them many, many years during the famine and many, many other kind things he did for them, yet they felt that maybe he still had some buried hatred for them and they would receive it since their father was gone. This hurt Joseph deeply. Did you ever do good to someone and they got angry because you said something that they took wrong? You didn't mean it at all like they took it. This does hurt you when you mean to do good. Well, Joseph wept because his brothers thought he would now do them harm. Notice how he answered them. He didn't say to them that they should never have sold him and treated him so mean, but he spent his time in trying to comfort them and to assure them that they thought to do him evil but God had meant it all for good. That was the only way

God could have gotten him to Egypt so he would be there to help save the peoples' lives during the famine. His brothers were truly sorry and fell on their faces before him with tears. Oh, that people would be sorry for their sins today and fall upon their faces before God and repent.

Boys and girls, do be careful that you do not cast a shadow of suspicion or imagine that someone meant to do wrong when they did not. This is very hurtful. Think good thoughts about others. Take their words and actions like they mean them and not as if they meant wrong. If a boy or girl loves Jesus, he or she will treat others right. They will not want to do wrong. Believe that they want to live this way. Take them more for what they mean than what they say.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 9, November 28, 1971

THE PAINFUL SHADOW OF SUSPICION

Gen. 50:15-19; Rom. 12:19; Gen. 50:20-26

Gen. 50:15 And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.

16 And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying,

17 So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil; and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him.

18 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants.

19 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God?

Rom. 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

Gen. 50:20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

21 Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.

22 And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house: and Joseph lived an hundred and ten years.

23 And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation: the children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were brought up upon Joseph's knees.

24 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

25 And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence.

26 So Joseph died, being an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

Memory Verse: Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. Rom. 12:21.

Central Thought: We must still forgive and do good, even though we are clear, yet live under the shadow of sus-

picion, but woe unto those who cast those shadows.

QUESTIONS:

1. After Jacob had been buried what did the brothers now think Joseph might do to them?

2. What evil had Joseph's brothers done to him?

3. What advice had Jacob given to his sons when they told him about their fears?

4. For whose sake did they want forgiveness? Whose servants were they?

5. How did Joseph feel about this shadow of suspicion cast upon him?

6. When a person has a pure motive and desires to please God, how do they feel when they are falsely accused?

7. What did his brothers do when they saw Joseph weeping?

8. When we sin should we not fall upon our faces before God and seek His forgiveness and promise to be His servants and serve Him all our days?

9. Joseph said, "Fear not: for am in the of?"

10. Who is it that takes vengeance upon those who do wrong to God's children?

11. The brothers thought evil against Joseph but who turned it around and brought good out of it?

12. How did Joseph save many peoples' lives?

13. How did Joseph comfort them?

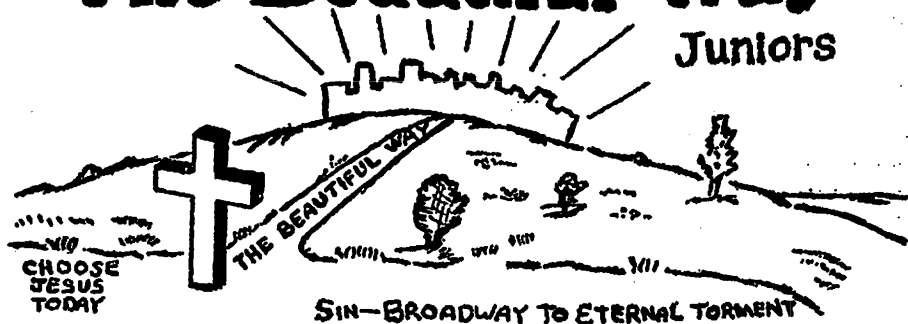
14. Joseph was 110 years old and how many of his family did he live to see?

15. What did he say to his brothers when he came to die?

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Part Ten

Dec. 5

Deaf and Blind Fanny

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Poor Fanny! We had thought of her, spoken of her, and prayed for her. But how were we now to instruct her, who for 18 years had learned nothing, and had contact with but one very busy person! The better we learned to know Fanny, the more were we astonished both at her ignorance and at her knowledge. Many of the simplest words were strange and meaningless to her, while she well understood many unusual words. She made use of very few adverbs, and it was often difficult for her to make herself understood. Of the five senses, she only had one, feeling; however, this was well cultivated. Her voice had suffered from her deafness; sometimes it was deep and soft, then, again, it was suddenly shrill, but always sounded cheerful and contented.

To my question whether she would like to learn to read, she answered that she feared it would be impossible for her to learn. But when she was informed that my sister had learned

to read, she was ready to undertake the task. "However," said I, "we must first ask God's help." She shook her head to indicate that she did not understand me, and reached me her hand, but it did not help the matter. The poor girl had never learned to pray, and did not know what it meant. We could scarcely realize it. True, she had gone to school when a small child, but it was a school in which there was no Bible-reading and prayer, and her parents were worldly-minded people. The quiet, loving, patient sister was likewise ignorant in all things pertaining to religion; really more ignorant than the youngest of our small school children.

With as few words as possible, I told the poor Fanny that there is a God who had created her, and to whom she must pray for all things. That there is a God, she was soon fully convinced, and believed on Him. Then I spoke, or rather wrote, of His love to sinners, of His Son and His sacrifice, and how we, through faith in Him, can be set free from our sins.

Each evening I wrote a plain, short passage on her hand, which she was

to repeat to me the next day. In teaching her to read, we always chose one of those verses which she had already learned by heart.

Before we had rightly begun, it seemed to us to be a hopeless, fruitless work, to teach her the letters in the Bible for the blind. But it turned out quite differently. I put her finger upon a G, and at the same time wrote it on her hand after her own way; then came an O, then a D. Then I had her pronounce the word formed by the three letters. When she learned that they formed the word God, she cried out with joy over the discovery. Thus she proceeded with much effort and great patience until she could read one passage after another, and finally the entire Bible.

Thus the empty heart found nourishment, and the weary, and hitherto idle mind, was never without work. Yes, the Lord had heard our prayer and hers. Indeed, He had become her Friend. Long before we could instruct her concerning the Holy Ghost and His work, He had begun His work in her heart, and borne the precious fruit: love, joy, peace, patience, meekness, and humility. Her parents soon noticed the great change, although they knew not the reason for it. They wondered not a little that their daughter had become so patient, so loving, and so concerned about heaven.

She could not readily grasp anything new to her, but when she had once learned a thing, she did not soon lose it. Thus it was with her Bible passages; very much so, also, with persons. Once when Fanny was with me, I was visited by Dr. M— who had treated her for the fever 18 years before, since which time she had never

met him. He gave her the hand, she felt it, and cried out astonished, "Ay, this is Dr. M—!"

By feeling my pulse she once discovered that I was not very well. She felt it, shook her head, and said sorrowfully: "Rather unwell." What one told her she believed it as a child. She knew that the Savior was always near her, and often communed aloud with Him without the least reserve. She could now not only easily endure her loneliness, but really no longer felt alone. With the Bible on her knee she would read a verse, and then speak about it to God, whether anyone was present or not.

One morning as I came to her she was just reading out of the 15th chapter of John: "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." Then she raised her eyes as though the Lord stood beside her and said: "Oh, how gladly I hear that! Thou hast heretofore only said that Thou art my friend—the sinner's friend; I knew not that Thou dost look upon me as Thy friend." Then she prayed: "Teach me to do what Thou commandest."

Such prayer could not remain unanswered. The Lord kept His promise indeed, and His grace wrought wonders in her. He had revealed Himself to her, and now drew her towards the heavenly mansions, where all darkness is changed into light.

We left the watering place and received several letters from Mary, which Fanny had in part dictated. They were full of expressions of love and thanks towards us, but much more toward the Lord, who had sent us to her. Above all else she put her trust in the Savior, looking away

from men. His merits and His righteousness were all in all to her.

(To be continued)

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a little basket among the tall reeds on the water. Underneath write, "God took care of Moses."

Dear Boys and Girls:

Sometimes you have troubles. It seems everything goes wrong. It goes wrong at home and at school and in the neighborhood. You feel pretty blue. Maybe you wish you could run away or maybe you wish you lived with someone else. But, boys and girls, running away won't help. You will just add to your troubles. What you need to do is to look at someone else's troubles. Maybe you don't know any other boy or girl who has a lot of troubles. Did you know that there are many, many places where there are large families of children and all of them have to live in just one room? In the morning the mother makes all of them go out on the street to get them out of the house. There they roam around with a lot of other children from the same kind of homes. Many times juniors form gangs and they fight each other and get into stealing, taking dope, running around and doing a lot of evil things. No one seems to care. Many times they have very little to eat and no one to care for them.

Now what if you lived in the days of our lesson? The king that came after the one that knew Joseph felt afraid of the Israelites, his relatives. They had grown to be a large nation. They became greater and mightier than the Egyptians. This Pharaoh, which is the name given to the kings of Egypt, de-

sired to make the Israelites weak, and so he made them work hard. He put taskmasters over them that watched to see that they worked hard. It is said by the historian, Josephus, that they built the Pyramids that are still there today. They are a masterpiece of work. But under this hard labor and severe treatment the Israelites became stronger and mightier. The king decided that all the boy babies were to be killed as soon as they were born. Oh, how awful! Your troubles would have been great if you had lived in that day. When you look around, your troubles are not so bad after all.

Amram married Jochebed and they had a daughter, whom they named Miriam. Then they had a baby boy. Oh, how sad his mother was! She hid him because she was afraid the king would find out. Finally, he became too big to hide so she made a basket out of the Egyptian reed called papyrus. This plant grew on the banks of the Nile River and became of great use even in making boats. But Pharaoh's daughter found the little basket. Miriam was right there to get a nurse for the baby and she was his mother. God had taken care of Moses. God will also take care of you if you will love Him.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 10, December 5, 1971

GOD'S PEOPLE SEVERELY AFFLICTED

Ex. 1:8, 9, 11a, 22; Ex. 2:1, 2b, 3-5, 7-10

Ex. 1:8 Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.

9 And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we:

11a Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them.

22 And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.

Ex. 2:1 And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi.

2b And bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months.

3 And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink.

4 And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him.

5 And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it.

7 Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?

8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother.

9 And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it.

10 And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

Memory Verse: It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for

the salvation of the Lord. Lam. 3:26.

Central Thought: Through afflictions our hearts are tendered toward God and we are led to pray, which makes God more real to us and heaven nearer.

QUESTIONS:

1. What about the new king which was another Pharaoh that ruled Egypt, and what did he say?

2. What did he decide to do?

3. What did this Pharaoh say to do about all the baby boys who were born?

4. If you think you have troubles, would you have wanted to live in that day?

5. Remember God had said He would bring all the Israelites out of Egypt to Canaan land. If all had gone well there, would they have wanted to leave?

6. What was Moses' mother, father and sister's names?

7. Was Jochebed's son a healthy child and what did she do and why?

8. What did she do when he was three months old?

9. What was Miriam's duty now?

10. Who found the little basket?

11. After Pharaoh's daughter opened the little basket and saw the baby, did she love it? What did Miriam say to the princess?

12. Whom did Miriam call to take care of baby Moses?

13. What did the princess say to the baby's mother?

14. Why did the princess give the baby the name, Moses?

15. Whose son did Moses become?

There is not a Friend like Jesus because He knows our every need.

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Part Eleven

Dec. 12

Deaf and Blind Fanny

(Continued from last issue)

Her sickness was short; death came quite unexpected. We had just received a kind and affectionate letter from Mary, whereupon quickly followed the news of Fanny's blessed departure. As the animating power of the early spring sun called the cold flowers of frost and winter's night to new life and fresh growth, so the Sun of Righteousness entered her retired life and awoke her to a new and joyful life, and called forth the fruits of the Spirit.

As long as she could yet read, she had her Bible constantly before her, and passed nearly the entire day with it, speaking with her Savior, and reading His Word. Mary told me that her sister was very happy. When anyone came to her, she would say: "Oh, please listen a little!" and would read one of her favorite passages. Her Bible was returned to me. A precious keep-sake! One can trace the places at which she longest linger-

ed, and over which she oftenest prayed.

When she was no longer able to hold the book, she continued to commune diligently with the Lord, whose nearness was a great comfort to her. She often prayed for her parents, and for Mary, and believed that the Lord would certainly draw them to Himself. She would often say: "Has He not said: 'If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you?' " To this promise she firmly clung.

Fanny has now gone to her rest. The blind eyes see, and the deaf ears hear. She is with her Lord, and beholds Him face to face, who already on earth was her chief joy. He remained true to His Word and His promise, "And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them." Isa. 42:16.

—Pleasant Hours

Jesus was born of a virgin woman. God was His Father and Mary was His mother.

Little Mary's Prayer

The 23rd of December had come, bringing deep snows and cold winds. Like wanton boys, the wind cut all manner of capers. Once it would come storming through the streets, shaking at the shutters and doors; then, again, it would sing a doleful song, as though it were trying to coax some one to open a door or window to let it in. The innocent-looking snow could also not keep altogether out of pranks. It did seem that, out of pity for the poor cold ground, it had fallen down to make a light and feathery cover, under which the flowers and grass and wheat could sleep sweetly. But, for all that, when the boisterous wind would rush along, some of the snow would jump up and rush along also. Being frozen hard and sharp, it would fly into people's faces and almost blind them, so that they could scarcely see where they were going.

Such weather teaches one to appreciate a warm, snug room, with a blazing fire. It also teaches one to walk rapidly in order to do the necessary errands.

While the wind and snow were thus engaged, an old woman, mother Marten, was sitting in her small room, little heeding what was going on without. Her eyes were old and weak, therefore she wore glasses. Before her, on a stand, stood an old fashioned lamp, shedding its dim light upon the Bible which she was reading. One hand held the precious Book, while

the other was rocking a cradle in which lay a sweetly sleeping child about six months of age. At the side of the cradle, on the floor, sat a little girl, aged about three years. She was playing ball with her kitten. Taking it altogether, that little room presented a most beautiful picture. Was this not the home of comfort and of undisturbed pleasure? Had grief ever entered here? Yes, indeed. Mother Marten had tasted of bitter sorrows. To-day she needed more than ever the comfort which she had so often already drawn from her Bible. It was to-day two months since her only son, who was a brick-layer, went to work as usual. While upon a high scaffold at work, he was seized with dizziness, and, falling to the ground, was instantly killed. Instead of being greeted by the kind and cheerful voice of her dutiful son at evening, when his work would have been done, his mangled, lifeless body was carried into the house of Mother Marten.

(To be continued)

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a path. At the end of the path draw a path going one way and a path going another way. On the path going one way write, "God's way." On the path going the other way write, "Self's Way." Underneath write, "It pays to go God's way."

Dear Boys and Girls:

Oh, it is so important that you learn the secret of prayer and then stay on your knees for a while and let God talk to you. God will make you know just what is the right thing to do if you

will only wait a while. Many times we get in a hurry. We speak too quickly. We act too quickly and then we are sorry. God has a time clock. There is a time for you to speak and there is a time for you to keep quiet. There is a time for you to move and do something, but there is a time to be still. There is a time for you to have special boy or girl friends, but then there is a time that girls should have only special girl friends and boys to have special boy friends. Wait until it is the right time. Your life will be much happier if you will wait for the right time to do things. Don't get in too big of a hurry.

We all need a vision of working for God. For instance, it comes to you about how happy a dear elderly man or woman would be to have a nice bouquet of flowers or some fruit. You can almost see how their faces light up and almost hear their words of love and thanks to you before you take it to them. Well, that is a vision of doing something good.

Moses had a vision. He wanted to take his people out of the land from that wicked king who made them work so hard. How sorry he was for them! He felt that surely God had permitted him to be put in the palace and had prepared him to use His power to help them. But Moses did not wait on God's time. He went out and killed an Egyptian that was beating a Hebrew man, one of his people. He knew it was wrong, so he hid the man in the sand. The king found it out and Moses had to run for his life. Now he was down in Midian far from his people, and maybe he wondered if he ever could help them again. He sat down by the well. The past came to him and the future seemed to be a mist. He had left luxury, wealth and an Egyptian princess who was his mother. He had incurred the anger of

the king of Egypt. What would he do now and where would he go? No doubt he prayed to God and sought His help. God will help those who look to Him. Soon Moses saw the daughters of Reuel, the priest of Midian, needing help. He arose and helped them. He again could not sit by and see someone being mistreated. This time it worked for good to him. God had some schooling for him to get him ready to work for Him in the future. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 11, December 12, 1971

WORK BY GOD'S TIME-CLOCK

Eccl. 3:1; Eph. 5:17; Prov. 29:18; Hab. 2:3, 4a; Exodus 2:11, 12; Acts 7:25; Ex. 2:13-17, 20, 21, 22.

Eccl. 3:1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

Eph. 5:17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

Prov. 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Habakkuk 2:3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

4a Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him:

Exodus 2:11 And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren.

12 And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.

Acts 7:25 [Stephen said:] For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not.

Exod. 2:13 And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow?

14 And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedest the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.

15 Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well.

16 Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters: and they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock.

17 And the shepherds came and drove them away: but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.

20 And he [Reuel] said unto his daughters, And where is he [that helped you]? why is it that ye have left the man? call him, that he may eat bread.

21 And Moses was content to dwell with the man: and he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter.

22 And she bare him a son, and he called his name Gershom: for he said, I have been a stranger in a strange land.

Memory Verse: The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. Psalms 37:23.

Central Thought: It is well sometimes to exchange the excitement of a royal court for a quiet place by the well.

"In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." (Isa. 30:15b).

QUESTIONS:

1. Is there a season, or a time to every purpose or aim in everything under heaven?

2. Is it wise to understand or know what God's will is for us in life?

3. A vision is an imaginary object in the mind's eye to do. What does the Bible say about it if we do not have a vision of people being brought to Christ?

4. Our Scripture in Habakkuk says that a vision is an appointed time. What are we to do about that vision? Hurry and get it in action or wait on the Lord?

5. A person who is proud and lifted up is not upright. What do the just live by?

6. What did Moses see when he was grown and went to see his people, the Israelites?

7. After looking around to see if anyone was watching him, then what did he do?

8. What happened the second day that he visited his people?

9. What did he do the second day?

10. What does verse 14 tell us?

11. Did the Israelites understand that God through Moses would deliver them?

12. Where did Moses go when he knew that Pharaoh sought to kill him?

13. Tell how Moses helped the seven daughters of Reuel, the priest of Midian.

14. Did Moses dwell with Reuel? And whom did he marry?

15. What did he name his first son and what did that name mean?

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Part Twelve

Dec. 19

She Could Have Stopped

"I could stop by Mrs. Lowe's, and tell her that they have some fresh eggs at the store. I heard her say that she wanted some." Betty Lee was talking to herself as she walked along the hot dusty road.

"But I just don't want to take time to run down there. Mrs. Lowe's house is so far back from the road."

And so Betty Lee didn't stop. That night at family prayers, her daddy read from the Bible: "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it."

And Betty Lee remembered, with shame, that it had been in her power to do something good for Mrs. Lowe that morning—and she hadn't done it!

When the family knelt to pray, Betty Lee asked the Lord to help her to go out of her way to do a thoughtful deed whenever she had a chance. And He did help her, too! Have you asked Him to help you? —Sel.

Little Mary's Prayer

(Continued from last issue)

Her son's wife who had been ailing for some time, could not stand this shock. Scarcely three weeks later she, too, was laid to sleep in the cool, narrow bed, whence Christ's voice shall call us at the last day.

Thus poor old mother Marten was left all alone with the two orphans. She could look to no one in this wide world for help. All her help must come from our Almighty Father in heaven, who is the God of the widow and the orphans, and who has numbered our every hair, so that none can fall to the ground without His will.

In the two months which had passed since she was so sorely chastened, mother Marten experienced much anguish of heart. Not only did her heart bleed, as is natural, on account of her loss, but soon other cares were also added. These were the cares for the necessities of life. She was old and feeble. Besides this, how could she undertake to do any work for other people? Who would take care of the children while she

was gone? Kind people would, indeed, occasionally give her a little help, but this would not suffice. She had already spent the few dollars which she had saved and laid by to pay her funeral-expenses. To-day she had spent her last cent. She did not know how she could get something to eat for the children and herself during the holidays. Much less did she know where to get money to pay her rent, which the land-lord demanded without delay. Day and night she had troubled herself about this matter, but, in spite of every effort, she could see no way out of her difficulties. In her great perplexity, she once more took down her Bible. Here the Lord answered her. Her eye fell upon the passage, Matt. 6:26: "Behold the fowls of the air; for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?" Having read and re-read these words, and while wiping the tears from her eyes, she repeated to herself the beautiful hymn:

"Why should sorrow ever grieve me?

Christ is near,

What can here

E'er of Him deprive me?

Who can rob me of my heaven

That God's Son,

As mine own,

To my faith hath given?"

"God oft gave me days of gladness,

Shall I grieve

If He give

Seasons too of sadness?

God is good, and tempers ever

Every hurt;

Me desert

Wholly can He never."

While yet thus engaged, she stooped over to little Mary, who had for a long while tried to attract her grandmother's attention. "Grandmother," said Mary, "tell me something about Jesus." Gladly did grandmother do this. While Mary sat still with folded hands, she told her of Christ's birth at Bethlehem; of the angel's coming from heaven to tell the shepherds; of the shepherd's fear, and of the angel's Christmas song; of Joseph and Mary;—of everything which the good Lord did for us when He, in the fulness of time, sent us His only begotten Son.

"Grandmother," said Mary, "is it not true that the Christ-child sends His angels every night to pious children who do not neglect to pray? Will we not have gifts for Christmas?"

Mother Marten could not answer. The tears flowed down her furrowed cheeks. She said within herself: "Poor child, who knows whether we shall have bread on Christmas?" Mary, however, took her dimpled hands and softly wiped the tears from the aged face. "You must not weep," she said, "perhaps gifts will come to-night yet."

This was the second time for to-day that she had been reprov'd for her littleness of faith, and had received comfort unexpectedly. This time it was not in vain. Her troubled soul became quiet. With peace and resignation speaking from her eyes, she heard Mary repeat her prattling to the Christ-child for the visit and gifts then she tucked her away in her little bed. When this was done she also went to bed, leaving the room dark and quiet.

(To be continued)

Kindly deeds and thoughts and words
Bless the world like songs of birds.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a burning bush. Write underneath, "Turn aside and see God in those things He has made."

Dear Boys and Girls:

God speaks and it comes to pass. God has all power. We can't disobey God's laws and get by. He might wait to let his punishment fall, but it will fall. God said the children of Israel would go down to Egypt and be there 400 years, and "afterward" He would bring them back to the land of Canaan as a great nation. Now that time had come. God's clock of time was striking. God had Moses prepared now, and He could work for Him. Moses had been down in Midian for 40 years. He was now 80 years old. He was a more humble man than when he left Egypt and fled for his life. God can only lead those who are humble and willing to obey His orders.

Moses was a shepherd and had time to pray and think about God. No doubt many times he thought about his people down in Egypt suffering. No doubt his heart was heavy and he longed to help them.

It was a strange sight when he saw the bush burning and it did not burn up. He "turned aside" to see it. What if he had been so busy and rushed on by? He would not have heard the voice of God.

Boys and girls, we need to take time to know about God. You go to school to learn many things, but you need to be glad to go to Sunday school and learn about God's Word. Be deeply interested in the Bible. It is the most important

book in the world. You should study it and see how God made Himself known to the people in that day and you can know that God is the same today. Take time to study and to pray. Take time to think about God. When you look at the flowers, think about God making them. When you look at the trees and the birds, also the animals, think about the God who created them. You should take time to "turn aside" and see God in those things around you that He has made. God can speak to you through them. You will know just how great God is. Just think about it—there are no two grains of sand alike. Not two leaves alike. Just "turn aside" from your doings and think about God. Moses "turned aside" and he heard God speaking to him to go down and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt. They were in the fires of trouble but were not destroyed. God wanted Moses to lead them out to that same mountain on which the bush was burning.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 12, December 19, 1971

STRIKING OF GOD'S TIME CLOCK

Exodus 3:1-12.

Ex. 3:1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.

2 And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

4 And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him

out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

6 Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

7 And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;

8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

11 And Moses said unto God, Who am I that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out

of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

Memory Verse: The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein. Psalms 111:2.

Central Thought: If we will "turn aside" from the busy cares of life, God will make His will plain to us and will lead us.

QUESTIONS:

1. Whose flocks did Moses keep in the land of Midian?

2. Where did he lead the flocks?

3. Who appeared unto him in a flame of fire?

4. Did the bush burn up? Will we be deeply harmed in troubles which might be like fire to us?

5. When Moses "turned aside," what did he answer when he was called?

6. How can we know about God when we "turn aside" and see God's handiwork?

7. What did God tell Moses to do about his shoes? When we come to meeting with God's people should we not also know we are in a holy place?

8. What did God tell Moses in verse seven?

9. In verse eight what did God tell Moses?

10. Does God see people when they suffer and pray to Him?

11. Whom did God want to send to bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?

12. Did Moses feel he could go and face Pharaoh and bring them out?

13. What did God tell him and where did He tell him to bring them?

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Part Thirteen

Dec. 26

Christmas Morn

The angels told the shepherds
That Christ the Lord was born;
And that's the way the world found out
That it was Christmas morn.

Little Mary's Prayer

(Continued from last issue)

In the afternoon of the same day the mayor of the town in which Mother Marten lived, received a letter. He held it in his hand, looking at it again and again in wonder and surprise. The address was a curious one. The stamp of the mailing-office was Washington, D. C. On the end of the envelope, written crosswise, were the words: "This letter contains three hundred dollars." Having looked and wondered long enough, the good mayor finally opened the envelope. As he proceeded with reading, his face grew brighter and brighter. There were good reasons for this; for the letter assured him that, although gratitude and benevolence are very

rare things, they are still not altogether wanting among men. The letter read as follows:

Washington D.C., Dec. 2, 18—.

My Dear Sir:

It is now almost 46 years since a poor widow died in your town. She left an only child in destitute circumstances. The woman had moved to your town only a short time before her death. She had no relatives or friends at the place. Therefore the orphan boy stood all alone in this wide, wide world. The Lord, however, did not overlook the little one, but awakened sympathy in some Christian hearts. There lived near by an old couple who had no children. They adopted the ten-year-old boy, and brought him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. When the boy left school, they had him learn a good trade. I was that little boy. After the death of my foster-parents, my home had no charms for me. Thinking that I might find an easier fortune there, I sailed for America.

The Lord blessed my labors. After many cares and privations, I am to-

day in possession of a good farm. Yesterday my dear wife and I celebrated our silver wedding, and at the same time our only and beloved daughter was given in marriage to a Christian young man. Our hearts overflowed with thanks and praise for the goodness which the Lord had bestowed upon us without any merit or worthiness on our part.

We also resolved to bring a small thank-offering. I accordingly send you the enclosed \$300, kindly requesting you to apply them to the rearing and educating of two orphan children. If, however, there should be no orphans in your town, please give the money to some honest, Christian family that needs it in bringing up their children. We hope and wish that this small gift may reach you in time to be given as a gladdening Christmas gift to some poor persons. May the good Lord add His richest blessing to this mite, and may He look with favor upon our thank-offering.

Sending our hearty greetings and well-wishes to you and the whole dear old town,

I remain yours respectfully,
George Frenkel.

The kind-hearted mayor wiped a tear of emotion from his eyes, and immediately hurried off to his pastor. The pastor was not a little surprised to see the usually calm and collected mayor in such an excitement. The mayor entered and handed the letter to the pastor. Having read it hurriedly the pastor exclaimed: "Surely, such gratitude is seldom found in Israel." After a few moment's deliberation, he continued: "There is no one more in need of this money than the poor and pious widow Marten. You know, through the death of her children the

Lord has entrusted to her the care of her grand-children. I do believe that bitter want often pinches her."

Soon the two had agreed that mother Marten should have the money, and that they would take it to her in the morning.

No pen can describe the joy which the patient bearer of the cross experienced when she received this generous gift. There she sat. She could not utter a word. The tears of gratitude streamed down her careworn cheeks. After a few moment's silence she exclaimed: "I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth, which Thou hast showed unto Thy servant." Gen. 32:10.

The next morning gifts were found beside little Mary's bed. "Mary, did not God send you these gifts?" said grandmother.

The two orphans grew up under the care of their grandmother. They did not, however, only increase in stature, but also in favor with God and man. They never forgot to pray for their distant benefactors. Their prayers were also heard, for the Lord caused His stream of mercy to descend upon the thankful hearts dwelling beyond the roaring ocean. Indeed, every offering of thanks is like a sweet-smelling savor ascending upwards only to return, laden with a freight of new blessings. Reader, go and try it. —Pleasant Hours

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Draw a baby in a stable, and write underneath, "God's Gift to us."

Dear Boys and Girls:

I know that this morning that most

of you are very excited over the things that you may have received, but I do trust that you will not forget the most important Gift that has ever been given. Do you know who it is? I know that many of you know the verse by memory which says, "For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever [meaning you, me and everyone in the whole world] believeth on him shall not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16). Did you ever think about Jesus being a Gift to this world? Yes, He is the most precious Gift that could be received. But sad to say, not many want God's Gift. Of course, they know that sin has to be punished. They know that Jesus is God's Gift to us. He took our punishment. If we will come to Him, repenting and turning away from our sins, and with tears and godly sorrow ask Jesus to forgive us of our sins, He will save us. God looks down upon us, and instead of seeing our sins He sees Jesus' atoning sacrifice. How wonderful! We have accepted His gift for our sins. What a trade! God takes our sins and we take Jesus, the precious One who is our best Friend. He will help us in this life and then give us a beautiful home in heaven when we die. One writer in the Bible said it this way, that we got "beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning." (Isa. 61:3). So we get the best when God gives us a gift.

We remember how the Israelites were under hard taskmasters, were in deep sorrow and needed a deliverer. God sent Moses to deliver them. In our lesson we read how the people of Israel were in sin and were in trouble. They needed a deliverer again. This time God sent them Jesus Christ as their Deliverer. He would deliver them from sin and the power of the devil. How wonderful that

was! Today we need a deliverer if we are in sin. Thank God, He sent Jesus. All of us who have come to Him and asked Him to deliver us from sin and the devil, He has done just that and we have the "oil of joy for mourning," the mourning which sin brought. People who drink and under dope, etc., need a deliverance. They need Jesus. Oh, how sad to know that some do not seem to know that Jesus will be their Deliverer, so we need to tell them about it.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 13, December 26, 1971

GOD'S TIME FOR A SECOND DELIVERER

Luke 2:10-14, 16; Luke 1:68, 73-77;
Luke 4:18, 19, 21.

Luke 2:10 And the angel said unto them, [shepherds] Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Luke 1:68 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited and redeemed his people.

73 The oath which he sware to our father Abraham,

74 That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of

our enemies might serve him without fear,

75 In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

76 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways.

77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins.

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

Memory Verse: And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. Matt. 1:21.

Central Thought: God sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from the devil who is a hard taskmaster.

QUESTIONS:

1. What did the angel tell the shepherds one night as they kept their flocks by night?

2. Then suddenly there was a great multitude of heavenly host praising God and they said what?

3. The shepherds went into Bethlehem and who did they find?

4. Zacharias, who was the father of John the Baptist, rejoiced when he tho't

about Jesus to be born and he blessed the Lord God of Israel because of what?

5. Zacharias remembered the promise or oath that God gave to Abraham that through him all the nations would be blessed and what would He grant to us?

6. We can serve the Lord through Jesus saving us from our sins "in holiness and before him, the of our"

7. What was Zacharias' son, John the Baptist, to be called?

8. Whom was he to go before, and prepare what?

9. Salvation means deliverance or to be saved from something. John was to go before Jesus and give knowledge of what? And give remission or forgiveness of what?

10. In Luke 4:18 are words that Jesus read from the book of Isaiah when He was in the synagogue. What did He read that the prophet had written about Him?

11. Moses brought deliverance to the children of Israel from Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. Now who brought deliverance from sin and the devil for us today?

12. What time did Jesus preach was the acceptable year or time of the Lord when people could be saved?

13. Did Jesus heal the brokenhearted, open blind eyes and bring help to all who came to Him?

14. Did Jesus say that the Scriptures that He read in Isaiah, which foretold of Him, had been fulfilled?

God teaches us to "Ask and it shall be given unto you." If you don't ask, you won't receive.

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