

# The Beautiful Way

Juniors



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Part One

July 2

## Jesus Calls, "Follow Me"

When Jesus was here upon this earth He saw two men fishing and called to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Those men were Simon Peter and Andrew. They obeyed Jesus and followed Him. Then Jesus found Matthew and said to him, "Follow me." "And he arose and followed him." Also He said to Levi: "Follow me," and he left all and followed Jesus. Later Jesus called nine others to follow Him and be His helpers. So they left their homes and their families and went with Jesus. They learned to preach, which means telling the people about God and His love and His laws, and how to repent of their sins and get saved, and to be baptized and how to live for Jesus every day. As Jesus went about healing the sick and suffering, they learned to do that, too, in Jesus' name. And other things they learned to do for Jesus.

Dear children, today God is calling each one of you and every man and woman to follow Him, to love and obey Him. We can't hear His audible voice like those disciples did, but He had some of those who helped Him, to write some books that are in our Bibles today, telling us

the things He said. So if we read our Bibles, that is like listening to His voice.

I want to tell you a story about a little mother hen we had when I was a little girl. My father owned a cotton gin, and on one side of the gin was a high roof under which the big wagons drove to unload their cotton. High up under one corner of the roof were some boards and some sacks of cotton were thrown up there. A little narrow board was nailed from that corner to the other side that was near the steps that went down to the ground. Now this little yellow mother hen thought that corner would be a safe place for a nest, so she laid about 12 eggs in the nest. She sat on those eggs for three weeks to keep them warm, and God caused baby chickens to grow in those eggs. One by one every eggshell cracked open, and the baby chicks came out. That mother hen was so happy and proud of her babies, and they kept under her feathers until they became soft and fluffy.

One day my father heard her making quite a fuss as she talked to her babies, and she began to move about saying, "Cluck, cluck, cluck"—which meant, "follow me." So she started across the narrow board, saying as she went, "Cluck, cluck," and every one of those babies

obeyed their mama and followed her across the narrow board, and across another board to the steps, then down each step to the ground where they soon learned to run and play. Wasn't that wonderful!

What if one of those chicks had not listened to its mother's voice when she said, "Cluck, cluck," and had turned to one side? He would have fallen down, down, down to the ground and been killed. So we are glad they all obeyed their mother's voice.

In one of the books of our Bible that the Holy Spirit helped Peter to write, he tells us of many things we must do to be real good children of God. And then he says, "If ye do these things, ye shall never fall."

The baby chicks walked a narrow board to safety. In the book that Matthew wrote, he tells us that Jesus said, "Narrow is the way which leadeth unto life." (Heaven). So children, we MUST walk the narrow way, always listening to God's voice, the Bible, so we can go to Heaven to be with Jesus where we will always be happy and safe from all harm. And besides going to heaven, we will be happy down here in this life as we walk the narrow way each day, loving Jesus and obeying His voice. Aunt Vera Forbes

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## Getting Even

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"I'll get even with him. You see if I don't."

Uncle John looked up from the article he was writing. "Who is it you are going to get even with?" He smiled into Fred's frowning face.

"It's Frank Lane. He's always playing some low-down trick on us because we won't let him play on our nine. We were playing with my ball today - it was a dollar ball, too - and Harry batted it clear over the fence. Frank got it and threw it as far as he could out into the lake." Fred's eyes were flashing.

"And you want to get even with such a low-down trick, as you rightly call it?" Uncle John said slowly.

"I will, too. I know what I can do."

Uncle John's pencil had moved swiftly over the paper as they talked. Now he motioned to Fred to step nearer. A few lines had marked out a high road and near it a low marshy ground. "If a fellow does a low-down trick, he lowers himself. He must be down here." Uncle John explained, making a mark for a figure down on the marshy ground. "Now if you are up here, what will you have to do to get even with him?"

Fred's face grew thoughtful as he studied the sketch. "I suppose I'd have to get down as low as he is," he said slowly.

"Exactly. Now tell me, wasn't that just what you intended to do—to do something just as mean to him as he had done to you; in other words, to lower yourself to his level?"

"Yes, it was," Fred admitted.

Uncle John said no more. He had a way of leaving a fellow to think things out for himself.

Two days later Fred came in, his eyes dancing. "Well, Uncle John, I got even with Frank," he announced.

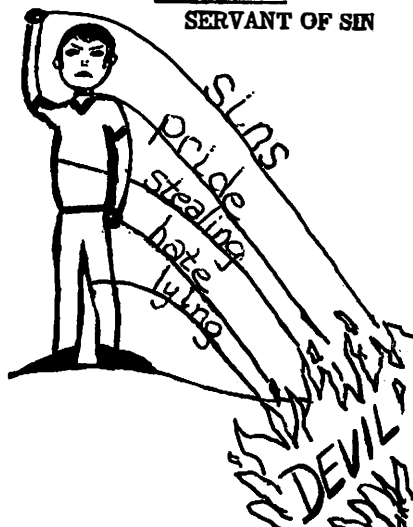
Uncle John looked surprised. He turned sharp eyes on a laughing face.

"It was just this way, you see: I got to thinking how I'd feel if the boys wouldn't let me play on the nine, and I made up my mind I'd feel just as Frank did. And, likely as not, I'd throw their old ball away too. So day before yesterday I told Frank he could play in my place. He wasn't going to do it at first; he seemed to think it was some kind of trick. Then he went into it, and say but he can play ball! He made more home runs than anybody else. Frank came and brought me a new ball tonight. He went out into Mr. Nelson's field and pulled mustard in the hot sun to get the money to pay

for it. So it seems to me, he is up on the level again, and we're even up there. And I tell you, it feels better than getting even the other way."

# LESSON ILLUSTRATION:

## SERVANT OF SIN



## CHRIST WILL MAKE YOU FREE

Dear Boys and Girls:

Did you ever see what is called a freedom march? It seems everyone has their pet idea and they want freedom to follow it. Maybe you are wanting freedom from the bondage of going to school every day. Well we might as well face it because it is a fact that we will have to bow to some kind of rule while in this world. There is one thing we must remember, though, and that is that we must not bow to any kind of rule that will bind our souls. Jesus has told us, "Fear not them which kill the body; but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him, (God) which is able to destroy both soul and body." Matt. 10:28. It will not hurt us to go to school and improve our minds but when they try to take away our belief in God then we must refuse to be-

lieve or accept that teaching. You can hear something without believing it. You have a freedom in your soul, if you are God's child and are saved, that no one can take away from you. They may say that if you still believe in God we will kill you. Well they can kill you but they still can't take away our belief in God. Your soul will be taken to be with God in that glorious place prepared for those who love God. It is a better place than this world.

Boys and girls who obey the devil and steal, lie and commit other sins are the servants of sin and of the devil. Jesus came to free you from the devil and sin. We can be freed by coming to Jesus and asking him to forgive us of our sins and then "continue" in obeying His words. You are then His disciple. You will not lie, steal and do other sins. You will have power and be free from the devil's power. You will not be his servant. This will be the marks upon your life of being a true disciple of Jesus.

Our lesson took place while Jesus sat in the court of the women in the great temple of the Jews. Let us picture where Jesus was. In this court there were thirteen chests where people put their offerings. The people gathered there. Jesus spoke these words to them. Some of the Jews did not believe his words and talked against him. Others believed them.

Aunt Marie

Lesson 1, July 2, 1977

FREEDOM FROM SIN

John 8:20-23; 28-36.

John 8:20 These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come.

21 Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and

shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come.

22 Then said the Jews, Will he kill himself? because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come.

23 And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world.

28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

30 As he spake these words, many believed on him.

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.

36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Memory Verse: If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. John 8:36.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Jesus speak the words of our lesson?

2. The Jews would not accept Jesus. What did he tell them they would do and what would happen unto them?

3. People who die in their sins go to torment. Jesus was going to heaven. What did the Jews think he was going to do which would cause him to be a sinner? Remember they thought they were going to heaven but they were in sin.

4. Jesus said he was from above which was from heaven and he was righteous as we are when we are saved. Where did he say the Jews, who were talking to him, were from?

5. When Jesus said he was going to be lifted up, he referred to his death on the cross. What did Jesus say they would then know?

6. Whom did Jesus always please?

7. What did many do when they heard these words?

8. What did Jesus tell those Jews that believed on Him?

9. Do we change our lives when we are saved?

10. Jesus is called the Truth. What does verse 32 tell us when we say the word Jesus instead of truth?

11. The Jews said they had never been under bondage to anyone which was an ~~un~~truth. They were one time slaves in Egypt. What did Jesus mean he would free them from instead of man?

12. Who is a servant of sin and the devil?

13. A son in the house is a part of the family and will receive some inheritance. Jesus compares this to Himself. Can the Son, Jesus, make a servant free from sin and give him a blessing?

14. If we have Jesus in our hearts can we have help to not sin?

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Part Two

July 9

## The Shoemaker and the Little White Shoes

One morning during the crusade a drunkard's wife came to my door. She carried in her arms, a baby six weeks old. Her pale, pinched face was sad to see, and she told me this sad story: "My husband is drinking himself to death; he is lost to all human feelings; our rent is unpaid, and we are liable to be put out into the streets; and there is no food in the house for me and the children. He has a good trade, but his earnings all go into the saloon on the corner near us. He is becoming more and more abusive. We seem to be on the verge of ruin. How can I, feeble as I am, with a babe in my arms, earn bread for myself and children?"

Quick as a thought the question came to me, and I asked it, "Why not have this husband of yours converted?"

"But," she answered, hopelessly, "oh, there is no hope of such a thing! He cares for nothing but strong drink."

"I'll come and see him this afternoon," said I.

"He'll insult you," she replied.

"No matter," said I, "my Saviour was insulted, and the servant is not above his Lord."

That very afternoon I called at the little tenement house. The husband was at work at his trade in a back room, and his little girl was sent to tell him that a lady wished to see him. The child, however, soon returned with the message, "My Pa says he won't see anyone."

But I sent him a message proving that I was in earnest. I said, "Go back and tell your Pa that a lady wishes to see him on very important business, and she must see him, if she has to stay till after supper."

I knew very well there was nothing in the house to eat. A moment afterward a poor, bloated, besotted wreck of a man stood before me.

"What do you want?" he demanded as he came shuffling into the room.

"Please be seated," I answered, pointing to a vacant chair at the other end of the table where I was sitting, and proceeded to make known my errand.

He listened attentively for a moment, then broke out violently: "Do you think I am a fool? I drink when I please, and I let it alone when I please. I'm not going to resign my personal liberty."

"Do you think you can stop drinking?"

"Yes, I could if I wanted to."

"On the contrary, I think you are a slave to the rum-shop down on the corner."

"No I ain't any such thing."

"I think, too, that you love the saloon-keeper's daughter better than your own little girl."

"No, I don't either."

"Well, let us see about that. When I passed the saloon-keeper's house, I saw his little girl coming down the steps, and she had on white shoes, and a white dress, and a blue sash. Your money helps to buy them. I came here, and your little girl, more beautiful than she, has on a faded, ragged dress, and her feet are bare."

"That's so, madam."

"And you love the saloon-keeper's wife better than you do your own wife. When I passed the saloon-keeper's house, I saw his wife come out with the little girl, and she was dressed in silks and laces, and a carriage waited for her. Your money helped to buy the silks and laces, and the horses and carriage. I came here, and I find your wife in a faded calico gown, doing her work. If she goes anywhere, she must walk."

"You speak the truth, madam."

"You love the saloon-keeper better than you do yourself. You say you can keep from drinking if you choose, but you helped the saloon-keeper to build himself a fine brick house, and you live in this poor, tumble-down old house yourself."

"I never saw it in that light before."

Then holding out his hand, that shook like an aspen leaf, he continued: "You speak the truth, madam; I am a slave."

"Do you see that hand? I've got a piece of work to finish, and I must have a mug of beer to steady my nerves, or I cannot do it, but tomorrow, if you call, I will comply with your request."

"That's a temptation of the devil."

You are a slave and cannot help it. But I do want to tell you this: there is One who can break your chains and set you free. Christ can make you free, if you submit to Him, and let Him break the chains of sin and appetite that bind you."

"It's been many a long year since I prayed."

"No matter; the sooner you begin the better for you."

He threw himself at once upon his knees, and while I prayed, I heard him sobbing out his cry to God.

His wife knelt beside me and followed me in earnest prayer. The words were simple and broken with sobs, but somehow they went straight up from a crushed heart to God, and the poor man cried in earnest for mercy.

"O God! Break these chains that are burning into my soul! Pity me, and pity my wife and children, and break the chains that are dragging me down to hell. O God! be merciful to me a sinner."

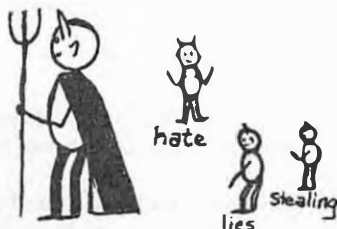
And thus, out of the depths, he cried to God, and He heard him, and had compassion upon him, and broke every chain, and lifted every burden; and he arose a free and redeemed man.

A family altar was established; the comforts of life were soon secured—for he had a good trade—and two weeks after this scene his little girl came to my husband's Sunday school with white shoes, and a white dress, and a blue sash on, as a token that her father's money no longer went into the saloon-keeper's till.

But what struck me most of all was that it took less than two hours of my time to be an ambassador for Christ in declaring the terms of heaven's great treaty, whereby a soul was saved from death, a multitude of sins were covered, and a home restored to purity and peace."

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." 1 Timothy 1:15.

## LESSON ILLUSTRATION:



## Devil - Sins

### THE DEVIL IS THE FATHER OF SIN!

Dear Boys and Girls:

In our lesson we read about Jesus talking about two fathers. Jesus spoke of His Father, who is God. He told the wicked Jews who were hating him that the devil was their father. There is something within you that draws you to it. Because Adam and Eve sinned we were all prone to sin. That is the one hold that the devil has upon us. Then when we obey that drawing to do wrong we then become servants to the devil. When someone does you wrong and a feeling rises up within you to hate that boy or girl and you yield to that feeling then you are obeying the devil. As you continue to give in to wrong feeling then you are obeying the devil. As you continue to give in to wrong feelings you more and more do wrong. But if you come to Jesus, confess your sins and be "born again" you are taken out of the devil's power and you are God's child. You are born into the family of God. God becomes your Father. When someone does you wrong then you yield to that feeling within you to pray for them and not to try to do them wrong or hate them. You are obeying your Father who is God.

The Jews in our lesson proved that they were obeying their father. They had

seen Jesus heal the sick and do many miracles, yet they would not accept him as being sent from God. They tried to turn the people against Jesus. When all failed they picked up stones that were lying around the temple, which were being used to rebuild it, and threw them at Jesus. They were obeying their father, the devil.

Our lesson said the devil was a liar from the beginning. We do not know where the devil came from just as we do not know where God came from. The Bible does not tell us. We know that the devil has always been evil and does not abide in truth. The devil has never been in heaven as some false teachers want to teach. I would not want to go to a place I thought the devil had ever been, would you? We will be safe from all evil when we get to heaven. Jesus will save all who will come to him with faith from the clutches of the devil. You will not have to yield to evil or the evil thoughts the devil might bring to you.

Aunt Marie

### Note for Teachers

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Lesson 2, July 9, 1972

### WHO IS YOUR FATHER?

John 8:38, 41, 42, 44; 1 John 2:22; Rev. 21:8; Rom. 8:14, 15; John 8:48, 49, 50-59.

John 8:38 (Jesus said) I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. (the devil).

41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.

42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

I John 2:22 (John said) Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is anti-Christ, that denieth the Father and the Son.

Rev. 21:8 (John heard a voice, saying) But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Rom. 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

John 8:48 Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil?

49 Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me.

56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.

57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?

58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am,

59 Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

Memory Verse: The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: Romans 8:16.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. What are the names of the two fathers spoken of in the first verse of our lesson?

2. When Jesus told the wicked Jews that they did the deeds of their father whom did they claim was their father?

3. What did Jesus tell the Jews they would do if God were their father?

4. Whom did Jesus tell the Jews was their father and how were they like their father?

5. What has the devil been from the beginning and what is he the father of?

6. Has the devil, who had been a murderer from the beginning, ever been in God's holy heaven?

7. Who is a liar and an anti-Christ?

8. Who shall have their part in the lake of fire and brimstone?

9. History says that Samaritans were taught witchcraft. What did the Jews say of Jesus?

10. What did Jesus answer them?

11. Abraham who had lived thousands of years before was told that God would send a Saviour to the world. How did Jesus say how Abraham felt about him?

12. Jesus at this time was almost 33 years old. What did the Jews say about his age?

13. Where was Jesus before Abraham was born?

14. How did the Jews prove that they were of their father the devil by their actions?

15. What did Jesus do?

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July 16

## Anecdote of the Song-sparrow

In that season of the year when spring is warming up into summer, and the feathered inhabitants of our forests are busy rearing their young, a little sparrow was seen to enter the kitchen of a country home, and perch upon the window-sill in evident distress. Its feathers were ruffled, and its head ever and anon turned curiously round and up, as if looking at something out of the house and above the window. In and out it continued to hop, without intermission, regardless of all offers of food, until the shutters were closed at twilight; and various were the surmises as to the cause of its strange conduct. Through the course of the following day, the same scene was enacted, without any clue appearing as to the cause of its distress.

At length on the third morning the mute petition for aid still continuing, one of the family, bethinking herself of the bird's curious upturning of the head, caught a new idea from it. Perhaps she might have a nest in the ivy that encircled the window, and something might be amiss with its little household. Going to the second story and looking

down the cause of the trouble was at once manifest.

A thick limb of the ivy had become loosened by the wind and fallen directly across the petitioner's nest. It was too heavy for the bird to remove, and offered an insuperable difficulty in the way of her getting in to feed her young, now almost apparently lifeless.

The branch was quickly removed, when the mother-bird, pausing only for a brief inspection of her brood, was on the wing in search of food. Her mate soon joined her, and both were busy as quick wings worked by hearty good will could make them. Once only did the happy parent pause in its work, and as if desirous to give expression to its gratitude reappeared upon the window-seat, and poured forth a sweet and touching song, as of thankfulness to its benefactors; returning three successive seasons, to be noticed and fed at the same spot, where the acquaintance and familiarity with man first commenced.

In the days of Jesus the old Jewish law permitted stoning to death. The Romans cut off the heads of citizens. Jesus came to show them that if they looked up to Him they would be saved.

## The New Hinge

Old Joe went slowly to answer the knock at his cottage door. He opened it two or three inches and looked out. He saw the bright happy faces of two boys and a girl.

Joe grunted, "Well, what do you want?"

The little girl spoke. She said, "We have come to invite you to our Sunday School. Next Sunday we are going to have a special Sunday School rally. Will you come to the chapel?"



Old Joe shouted, "Be off with you! I won't go to the chapel. No fear of that." Then Old Joe banged the door shut.

Years ago, Old Joe had gone to the chapel with Mary, his wife. Then Mary had died and he had stopped going. As he grew older, he began to condemn the people who went to the chapel. That was his excuse for not going himself.

As Joe grew older, he also grew meaner. He hated everything and everybody.

Now old Joe crept to the window. He peeped out to see if those children were hurting anything.

When the three children reached the gate, the taller boy closed it. As he did so, one of the hinges on the gate gave way. Joe could see the frightened look on the children's faces. He kept watching. He said, "If they are up to any tricks, I will say something to their parents."

The smaller boy ran away while the other two waited at the gate. In a few moments, he returned with a hammer, a screw driver, a new hinge, and some screws.

The older boy began to work on the gate. Ten minutes later a new hinge was in place. The children were now smiling. The smaller boy said, "That's a good job, Tom!"

Then Joe heard Tom, the big boy, say, "Mary, let me wipe my hands on your handkerchief." Old Joe's heart was touched. He said to himself, "So her name is Mary. That was the name of my wife. She is a nice child."

All day old Joe kept going to the window to look at the new hinge on the gate. When it grew dark he could still see it. It was shining in the light of the moon. The next morning, when old Joe woke up, he had a happy feeling. He wondered why. Then he remembered, "Oh, yes, the new hinge!" He hurried to the window to look at it again.

When Sunday came, the chapel was filled with people. Mary had to sing a

song alone. When she stood up she saw an old man just entering the chapel. It was old Joe!

Mary sang the song from her heart. She sang, "Will you love the Saviour, too?"

Old Joe got up from his seat and slipped out as soon as the service ended. He went home. He knelt down by an old chair. He prayed and asked God to forgive him for his sin and hardness of heart.

From that time on, old Joe went to the chapel every Sunday. He and the three children became the best of friends. The new hinge on the old gate meant new life for old Joe!

Sisters, do not turn away your younger brothers as if they were always in your way, and any service which they might ask of you were a burden. Perhaps the hour may come, when, over a coffin that looks strangely longer than you thought, and over a pale brow where often, half unwilling and perhaps with a petulant push, you parted the hair, you will bend with blinding tears and sobs that shake your very soul, while remorseful memory is busy with the by-gone hours. You will wish, then, that when he came and asked you to help him in his play, or to lift him on your lap because he was tired, or, to take him out because he wanted to see, you had laid aside your book, and made his little heart glad.

#### LESSON ILLUSTRATION:



WENT, WASHED,  
CAME SEEING!

Dear Boys and Girls:

I am sure that you are thankful that you can see. Do you know anyone that is blind? It does make you feel sad because they miss so much in this world. I knew a dear person who lost her eyesight but she had the Lord to help her. I would buy her groceries for her. She would ask me what each bill was that I gave her. She would fold her one dollar bills one way and her five dollar bills another way. The hardest for her to feel the difference was in the pennies and the dimes. She also learned to read Braille. If you have never seen Braille it is little raised dots placed in such a way to mean words and letters. Sometimes today I will get a letter from her that she has typed. She will put some braille on the back of it. She has told me that means that she loves me. She uses a certain punch to make the braille.

Jesus felt sorry for the many who had been born blind. Isn't it wonderful to know that we are serving the same wonderful Saviour? He looked at the man who had seen many hard things in this life. He could not read nor write. He knew very little that went on around him. But one thing he had heard about Jesus. What do you think the man had heard about Jesus?

Jesus made clay out of the spittle and told him to go and wash in the pool of Siloam. The man did not laugh at such an idea nor did he refuse to go. Why? He knew that what Jesus said was true. Jesus had blessed many others and he knew if he obeyed him he would be blessed. The man went and washed and came seeing. Isn't that wonderful?

Boys and girls today if we will obey Jesus we too will be blessed. But how sad it is today that many are like the unbelieving Pharisees. They would not even believe the blind man was healed and he stood right before them. They called

Jesus a sinner. How sad for them it will be when in the judgment they will meet this awful sin of unbelief.

Aunt Marie

### Lesson 3, July 16, 1972

## A MAN BORN BLIND IS HEALED

John 9:1-13, 16.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged?

9 Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he.

10 Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened?

11 He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the

pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.

12 Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not.

13 They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind.

16 Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them.

Memory Verse: For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. Luke 1:49.

### QUESTIONS:

1. Whom did Jesus and his disciples see and what were the questions asked about him?

2. Whom had sinned?

3. What did Jesus say was the time for him to work and what did he mean?

4. Who was the light of the world at that time and who is now? (Matt. 5:14).

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

6. What did he tell the man to do?

7. What did the neighbors say about the blind man who could see now?

8. What did they ask the man?

9. What did the man tell them?

10. Did the man know where Jesus was?

11. Where did the neighbors take the man who had been blind?

12. The man was healed on the sabbath day. What did the Pharisees say about this?

13. What did others say about Jesus?

14. What was said among them about Jesus?

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July 23

## The Temptation

It was years ago. I was a very little child. I stood beneath the apple-tree with my blue eyed brother, Eddie. He held one of my hands in both of his, trying to tie my fingers together, all the while prattling in innocent glee; but I scarcely heard a word he said. My eyes were rivetted on the blushing fruit of a strawberry bed, and I was endeavoring to persuade myself that it would be no very great harm to take just a few, even if mother did not wish me to eat them.

"Oh, your fingers are so short they won't tie!" exclaimed Eddie, throwing down my hand. "Sister, do look at your kitten; she is up in the tree to catch a bird!"

"Hush! leave the kitten alone; I am going to get some strawberries," I said pettishly.

Eddie turned his bright eyes, full of wonder, upon me, "But, sister, ma told us not to eat them until they got better ripe."

"Ma will never know it, without you tell; I know I will not; not even if she whips me;" and I turned from him and went toward the bed of strawberries.

Eddie stood for a moment irresolute, and then he joined me, and soon our fingers and lips were stained with the juicy berries. I did not enjoy them, for I knew I was doing wrong. I had not only disobeyed my mother, but I had caused my little brother to do the same. And I kept thinking of the prayer I had repeated at my mother's knee the night before—of the part, "Lead me not into temptation."

Neither Eddie nor I saw the face of an older brother thrust through the garden fence, intently regarding us. The remainder of the day passed wretchedly; nothing could amuse me. I quarrelled with Eddie, flew into a passion with Cora, my wax baby, and slapped her off my lap; her face struck a stone, and she was completely ruined. With joy I hailed the night. I wanted to forget my troubles in sleep.

Eddie and I stood by mother in our night clothes, ready to say our prayers and go to bed.

"Daughter," and my mother laid her hand on my head, "have you disobeyed me to-day?"

I struggled a moment with temptations; they conquered, and I answered boldly, "No, ma'am." She gave me a grieved look, and took Eddie up in her arms and asked the same question. He

hesitated, looked at me, burst into tears and confessed all. My mother praised him for his moral courage, and soon his tear-stained cheeks were dimpling with smiles. I stood still, with a sulky brow, but proudly erect head. How I yearned for forgiveness! yet I would not ask it, neither would I show any signs of repentance.

My mother talked to me of my sin, and successfully did she strive to set before me the enormity of the crimes of disobedience and deception. My stubborn heart was touched, but I would not yield. I received the chastisement I so richly merited; but I received it in dogged silence. Again she talked with me of the great God I had offended. My hard heart gave way, and I wept. I was conquered—I was saved. That incident was forcibly stamped on my memory. Forever after, I dared not disobey my mother, or tell a falsehood.

## An Indian Version of the Twenty-third Psalm

The Great Father above a Shepherd Chief is. I am His and with Him I want not. He throws out to me a rope and the name of the rope is love and He draws me to where the grass is green and the water not dangerous, and I eat and lie down and am satisfied. Sometimes my heart is very weak and falls down but he lifts me up again and draws me into a good road. His name is WONDERFUL.

Sometime, it may be very soon, it may be a long, long time, He will draw me into a valley. It is dark there, but I'll be afraid not, for it is in between those mountains that the Shepherd Chief will meet me and the hunger that I have in my heart all through this life will be satisfied.

Sometimes He makes the love rope into a whip, but afterwards he gives me a staff to lean upon. He spreads a table

before me with all kinds of foods. He puts His hand upon my head and all the "tired" is gone. My cup He fills till it runs over. What I tell is true. I lie not. These roads that are "away ahead" will stay with me through this life and after; and afterwards I will go to live in the Big Teepee and sit down with the SHEPHERD CHIEF forever.

## THE STORY BEHIND THE INDIAN VERSION OF THE 23rd PSALM

Many years ago, the Indians of the plains heard the 23rd Psalm and were much intrigued by it. They wanted to share its beauty with the neighboring tribes but could not because of language differences. It was suggested they put it into the universal Indian sign language, which was done. Many tribes shared its inspiration and loveliness.

A white missionary, Isabel Crawford, understood the Indian sign language so well that she could use it to portray the Psalm. Thinking it would be interesting to translate the sign language version back into literal English she did so, and the Indian version of the 23rd Psalm is the result.

—Sel.

## Atanzas

"Not mighty deeds make up the sum  
Of happiness below,  
But little acts of kindness,  
That any child can show.

A cup of water timely brought,  
An offered easy chair,  
A turning of the window blind,  
That all may feel the air.

An early flower unasked bestowed,  
A light and cautious tread,  
A voice to softest whispers hushed,  
To spare an aching head.

Oh, things like these, though little things,  
The purest love disclose—  
As fragrant atoms in the air  
Reveal the hidden rose.”

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Nothing makes your mother and father happier than to see you growing up to love Jesus.

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Paul wrote, “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in truth.”

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Since we can hear and see, let us thank God and be happy. God has given our eyes and ears to us.

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#### LESSON ILLUSTRATION:



JESUS LOVES YOU

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Dear Boys and Girls:

If you lived in the days of Jesus and went to the temple to worship, you would find it to be a very different way of worshipping than we do today. If they could not go to the temple they worshipped in a place called the synagogues. There were certain men who ruled in these synagogues. If you did not obey their teachings of the law of Moses you would be cast out of their synagogue. This did not mean you just couldn't go to meeting but you were looked down upon by the people and your friends and family. It was a terrible

thing in that day for someone to have this happen to them. Many feared this and therefore they tried to please the rulers.

Jesus came to teach them a better way. But they refused to accept His teachings or to admit that He came from God. He came to help them to know that God could take out of their hearts that thing that caused them to sin and disobey the law God gave to Moses. He wanted to help them to know he could give them Sabbath rest in their souls. One of the proofs that Jesus was the promised Saviour was that he would open blind eyes. But even when he did, the people refused to believe that He was the Christ. They called the blind man's parents for proof that he was born blind. The neighbors knew that he was the same man. But still they refused to believe that he was healed and that Jesus had done it. People today know that God has done great things but they won't say that God did it. Scientists admit they come to a point that they don't understand why or how some things are here but they do not want to say God did it.

Notice the love of Jesus to the man who was “cast out” of the synagogue because he believed in Jesus. This was an awful thing to happen to him in the day that he lived in. No doubt he was hurt and wondered where to go. He did not know where Jesus was nor how to find him. Oh! what great love Jesus has for those who are in trouble. Today Jesus has that same love for us. When we are in trouble we can call upon Him and He comforts our hearts. He hears our cries. The man was comforted and he worshipped the Lord.

Aunt Marie

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Lesson 4, July 23, 1972

#### JESUS FINDS THE HEALED MAN

John 9:22, 23, 26-28, 31-38.

John 9:22 These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the

Jews had agreed already that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.

23 Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him.

26 Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes?

27 He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples?

28 Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples.

31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

32 Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind.

33 If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.

34 They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.

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

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

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

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

Memory Verse: Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. Hebrews 3:12.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. What did the Jews decide to do to those who confessed Christ?

2. What did the parents of the blind man tell the Jews, when they asked them if he was their son and if he had been born blind?

3. What questions did they ask the man who had been healed of blindness?

4. What did the man answer them?

5. When the man asked if they would be his disciples what did the man answer them?

6. In verse 31 what did the blind man say?

7. Does God hear sinners who are repenting of their sins?

8. It was foretold that one of the signs of Jesus being the Son of God would be that he opened blind eyes. What did the blind man say about this?

9. "If this — were not of — he could — nothing."

10. What did the Jews say to the blind man and do to him?

11. What did it mean for a person to be "cast out"?

12. The poor man was cast out of the presence of those he had known all of his life. No doubt he didn't know what to do and was sad. Who thought about him and found him? What did he ask him?

13. What did the man answer Jesus?

14. Jesus said, "You have seen — and it is — that is — with you."

15. What did the happy man do now?

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Part Five

July 30

## Ballad of the Tempest

We were crowded in the cabin,  
Not a soul would dare to sleep—  
It was midnight on the waters,  
And a storm was on the deep.

'Tis a fearful thing in winter  
To be shattered in the blast,  
And to hear the rattling trumpet  
Thunder, "Cut away the mast!"

So we shuddered there in silence—  
For the stoutest held his breath,  
While the hungry sea was roaring,  
And the breakers talked with Death.

As thus we sat in darkness,  
Each one busy in his prayers—  
"We are lost!" the Captain shouted,  
As he staggered down the stairs.

But his little daughter whispered,  
As she took his icy hand,  
"Isn't God upon the ocean,  
Just the same as on the land?"

Then he kissed the little maiden,  
And we spoke in better cheer,  
And we anchored safe in harbor  
When the morn was shining clear.

## Agnes' Lost Money

Little Agnes felt very rich one morning, when she set out with two dollars in her pocket, and permission to spend them as she liked. She had earned the money picking strawberries, and had counted over the many things it would buy. But she made no note of the articles she wished to get, and her mind was much like a sieve.

She was not much used to shopping, and the many tempting trifles she saw quite ran away with her judgment. She bought one little thing after another, thinking, "That is not much. I can certainly afford that." But all at once her money seemed to be gone. She was thrown into quite a flutter, and searched nervously through her handkerchief; but no money appeared. She was sure she had lost the most of it; and so went home in a very sorrowful mood. She told over her sad tale to her mother, who listened quietly, though she shrewdly suspected how the money had been lost.

"Let me see what you have bought with the part you did not lose," said she at length.

Rather reluctantly Aggie drew forth the bottle of cologne, gay neck-ribbon,

("only thirty cents,") paper of pins, flimsy handkerchief with cheap lace edge, "only fifty cents," and then that ten-cent paper of candies, was everything she bought. Where the rest of the money went, she could not tell. She had just seven cents left in her pocket, when she had decided to get herself a pretty white apron, but found to her dismay that she had "lost her money."

"Just take your pencil, Aggie, and set down the several articles you have bought, with the prices, and then add them together; then you can see just how much is missing. Add in the seven cents also."

Aggie figured away a few minutes, and then looked up with much surprise.

"Why, mother, I have added it twice over, and it comes to just two dollars."

"I thought so," said mother.

"Why, mother, it can't be possible that all these little things came to two dollars. I did not suppose I had spent one."

"I am very glad of the lesson, my dear, as nothing but experience would ever convince you how fast money runs away in little sums. Now, if you will begin a system of even penny accounts, I will give you a neat little book in which to set them down. Write down the article honestly for which you spend your money, even if it is only a stick of candy. It may often serve as a check to wastefulness, and it will certainly keep you from suspecting your money is lost or stolen, when it is only spent."

If all young people would keep an accurate account of all the money they spend, even to the pennies, they would find it of great advantage in after life. Just such habits in boyhood have made millionaires of many who had only a pair of hands for capital, to start with. The want of such habits has brought to bankruptcy and poverty, if not to dishonor, many who once seemed special favorites of fortune. Remember Poor Richard's maxim about "taking care of the pence."

## The Leaf and the Drowning Fly

As I stood the other day on a little bridge, gazing on a brook which flowed gently onward, its surface slightly rippled by the breeze, I observed here and there, swarms of fish, that every now and then came to the surface, either for air or for anything floating on the water, which suited their appetites. While bending over the iron rail of the light bridge, I saw a poor heedless fly fall into the water where he struggled hard to prolong his life. "Ah!" thought I, "the hours of thy little day are numbered; for, if the waters do not drown thee, the fish are sure to devour thee! Thine is not only a hapless, but a hopeless case!" We are short-sighted creatures: no wonder that we should fall into many errors. Just when the poor fly seemed in extremity, there came a light, dry, sere leaf, fluttering in the air from the bough of a distant high tree and it fell on the surface of the brook, about the distance of a foot from the drowning fly. Wafted by the breeze, and carried gently on by the current, it floated close up to the struggling insect, which succeeded in crawling upon it, and was thereby conveyed safe to land.

"How weak, nay, how wicked, it is for a man to despair!" thought I, walking onward. He who sustained the green leaf so long on the tree, and at last sent it when withered, on the wings of the wind to rescue a drowning fly from destruction, is "a very present help in time of trouble," and will never fail those who trust in his goodness and mercy.

Though thickly spread around my head

The darts of death may fly;

I'll look in love to God above,

And trust Him till I die.

There is not a friend like Jesus.

## LESSON ILLUSTRATION:



## The Lord is my Shepherd.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Did you ever see a flock of sheep and their shepherd? Sheep need protection. A wolf can race in among them and separate a few and kill them quickly. The shepherd has to be very watchful that this does not happen. The shepherd grows to love his sheep after spending day after day watching over them. The sheep learn to love him and eagerly listen for his call. He knows each one by name and they follow him. When the shepherd sees that they have eaten the grass in one place he leads them to another place. When they need water he leads them "down beside the still waters" as the Psalmist David tells us in the 23rd Psalm. I am sure most of you know that Psalm by memory. If not, you need to learn it.

The Bible tells us that sheep represent people and that God is their God.

Ezekiel 34:31. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Jesus is also the door to the sheepfold. The sheepfold is the Church of God. To be saved and be in God's church you have to come in at the door, which is Christ. In other words you can't be saved from your sins which makes you a member of the Church of God unless you come to Jesus, bow before Him and with godly sorrow, confess your sins and forsake them. When Jesus forgives you then you go into the church of God. You don't have to join a church. You are in it when you are saved. There you find pasture or find food for your soul, which is by reading the Bible and obeying it.

It's so wonderful to have Jesus as your Shepherd and be in his sheepfold. Just think of the thousands who belong to Jesus here in this world and are saved. But Jesus knows each one by their name. He knows your name and mine.

Now the devil hates God's people who are his sheep. He is the wolf that wants to kill, destroy, and steal the sheep. The hireling and the stranger are false preachers in the world today. There are many of them. They do not care for the sheep. They come in wolves' clothing. They act like sheep but they are obeying the devil and have wolf like nature. They tell people a false way to live. They like to divide the people. We are thankful for preachers who are God's preachers. They tell us the truth.

Aunt Marie

The Bible tells us how we were made.

Lesson 5, July 30, 1972

## THE GOOD SHEPHERD

John 10:1-6, 9-16.

John 10:1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. QUESTIONS:

3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

6 This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

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

1. Who did Jesus say was a "thief and robber"?

2. What are "the some other way" that people try to live and they think they will go to heaven? (sinning, telling white lies, following false preachers.)

3. Does the shepherd go in the door of the sheepfold?

4. The porter opens the door when the true shepherd comes with his sheep. Does the sheep hear his voice and does he call them by their names?

5. Does Jesus know each of us by our names and does His sheep obey His words in the Bible?

6. Who leads the sheep? Who follows?

7. Tell about strangers who come among sheep?

8. Did the people understand this parable that Jesus spoke to them?

9. Jesus said, "I am the —: by me if any — enter in, he — be —."

10. What does the thief or the false preacher do to the flock or those who meet together to worship the Lord?

11. Jesus came to give eternal life in our souls and not just barely give us salvation or eternal life but to give it how?

12. What does the Good Shepherd, who is Jesus, do for the sheep?

13. A hireling or false preacher does what when the wolf or the devil comes among the sheep?

14. How can we keep the wolf from catching us? (praying, watching etc.)

15. Does the hireling or false prophet care for the sheep?

16. Does the sheep know Jesus and does he know them?

17. Jesus laid down his life for the sheep but the other sheep or Gentiles in that day were to be brought where?

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Part Six

Aug. 6

## **A Brave Girl**

There are not many brave girls about in these days, let the girls say what they please to the contrary. We have been watching to see how they manoeuvre, and this is the conclusion to which we have come. Many of them are real cowards—they are afraid to keep on the right side of truth. They may not be afraid of the dark, of dogs and spiders, but they are afraid to do what they think is right.

There was Hattie Stone, a bright-eyed, intelligent, sprightly, lovable creature, sitting by her mother, who was trimming her winter bonnet with gay ribbons and beautiful feathers, when Nellie Larkin, one of her playmates, called.

"Is that your bonnet?" inquired Nellie.

"Yes," replied Hattie, "Isn't it pretty?"

"It is very pretty indeed, I think," answered Nellie; "mine is a poor-looking thing beside that."

"Are you not going to have a new one?"

"No; mother says my old one must answer this summer with a little repairing, and I think it will, myself."

"You will be the only girl in church with an old bonnet on," continued Hattie; "and that will make you feel badly."

"No, it will not make me feel badly, at all," said Nellie. I like your new bonnet very much, and at the same time I am contented with my old one."

"Well, I should be afraid that people would laugh at me when everybody else had new bonnets," responded Hattie. "I want to look as the rest."

"Mother says it is cowardly to be afraid of what people will say about us, if we are doing what we think is right."

"Then there are a good many cowards in the world," said Hattie, "and I suppose I am one. But you mean to be brave and wear your old bonnet," Hattie smiled as she said it, for she evidently meant to ridicule Nellie's idea of bravery."

"I don't think it is necessary to be very brave to wear last year's bonnet," replied Nellie. "I'm sure it's not a great cross to me, although I don't like to be laughed at any better than you do. Mother says she can't afford a better one, and that is enough for me to know, to be satisfied with what I have."

Now Nellie really did not know that she was a brave girl in deciding to wear the bonnet she had worn for a year. But

she was the bravest girl in the neighborhood. Hattie, poor little mincing coward, was afraid somebody would laugh at her if she did not have a bonnet as gay as a peacock's tail, and be in the height of fashion. She had not courage to say, "Let others think as they please, I shall do what mother thinks best." Poor weak thing! Suppose everybody else should take it into their heads to go without bonnets; she, of course, would not dare do otherwise, and so she would go bareheaded. How much nobler is Nellie, who dares to follow her mother's counsels, though she may not appear quite so fashionable? Yes, she is the genuine brave girl, unlike thousands who always stop to ask: "What will be thought of this or that? What will Mrs. A. or Jemima B. say about me if I do thus and so?" not having courage to do right even, lest some one laugh or sneer.

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## Shutting Doors

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"Don't look so cross, Edward, when I call you back to shut the doors; grandmother feels the cold, wintry wind; and besides, you have got to spend your life shutting doors, and might as well begin now."

"Do forgive, grandmother, I ought to be ashamed to be cross to you. But what do you mean? I am going to college; and then I am going to be a lawyer."

"Well, admitting all that; I imagine 'Squire Edward C—— will have a good many doors to shut, if ever he makes much of a man."

"What kind of doors? do tell me, grandmother."

"Sit down a minute, and I will give you a list. In the first place, the door of your EARS must be closed against bad language and evil counsel of the boys and young men you will meet with at school and college, or you will be undone. Let them once get possession of that door, and

I would not give much for Edward C——'s future prospects.

"The doors of your EYES must be shut too, against bad books, idle novels, and low, wicked newspapers, or your studies will be neglected, and you will grow up a useless, ignorant man; you will have to close them sometimes against the fine things exposed for sale in the shop windows, or you will never learn to save your money, or have any left to give away.

"The door of your LIPS will need special care, for they guard an unruly member, which makes great use of the bad company let in at the doors of the eyes and ears. That door is very apt to blow open, and if not constantly watched, will let out angry, trifling, or vulgar words. It will backbite sometimes, worse than the winter's wind, if it is left open too long. I would advise you to keep it shut much of the time, till you have laid up a store of knowledge; or, at least, till you have something valuable to say.

"The inner door of your HEART must be kept well shut against temptation; for conscience, the door-keeper, grows very indifferent, if you disregard his call; and sometimes drops asleep at his post; and when you may think you are doing very well, you are fast going down to ruin.

"If you carefully guard the outside doors of the EYES, EARS, and LIPS, you will keep out many cold blasts of sin, which get in before you think.

"This 'shutting doors,' you see, Eddy, will be a serious business; one on which your well-doing in this life and the next depends."

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## Two To See

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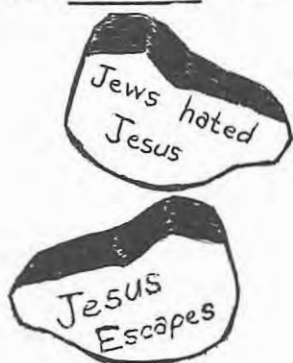
"Why did you not pocket some of those pears," said one boy to another, "nobody was there to see." "Yes there was; I was there to see myself, and I don't ever mean to see myself do such things." I looked

at the boy who made this noble answer; he was poorly clad, but he had a noble face, and I thought how there were always two to see your sins, yourself and your God; one accuses and the other judges.

How then can we ever escape from the consequences of our sins? We have a friend in Jesus Christ. He says: "Come to me; cast your sins at my feet; I have died to save you. Trust in me and I will plead for you and befriend you." Will you not prize such a friend, and feel that he is indeed "One above all others?" Jesus is "a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

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LESSON ILLUSTRATION:



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Dear Boys and Girls:

There is a teaching in the world to-day that if a person one time is saved they will always be saved. Even if they sin they will be saved. This is a false teaching. I want you to remember the words in our lesson so you will never believe this. It's so important because one girl came to a false minister and asked him if a person was ever saved once would he go to heaven. He assured her that he would. She went out and committed suicide. How terrible and sad for a false preacher to tell a person such an awful thing. But many teach such lies. But I want you to remember the memory

verse. "My sheep (those who are saved) hear my voice; and I know them, and they follow me." Verse 27. If a saved person is following Jesus he is not committing sin. Jesus never sinned and he never leads anyone into sin. If a person sins he is not following Jesus and therefore he is not his sheep. But it is precious to be saved and follow Jesus. We have a wonderful promise. Neither devil nor man can pluck you out of his hands. If you are obeying and serving Jesus you are secure and safe in God's hands. Eternal life is in Jesus. When you have Jesus you have eternal life. When you sin and leave Jesus you lose eternal life. The Bible says, "He that hath the Son hath (eternal) life." 1 John 5:11, 12.

The feast of dedication was called "lights," from a later custom of lighting up the city and temple. They had a lot of festivities which lasted about 8 days. Our lesson is at this time and Jesus was speaking to the people who crowded the city of Jerusalem at this time. It was winter time and was about Dec. 20th. Jesus walked on the porch of Solomon. It was an enclosed walk or porch which lead to the sanctuary.

Notice that it is said that John did not do any miracles but Jesus always gave great honor to John. Boys and girls, we do not have to do miracles to get to heaven. The Bible says a "meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." 1 Pet. 3:4.

The people wanted to stone Jesus because they said he blasphemed which was telling a lie and claiming to be the Son of God or the Christ that was to come. Jesus pointed to his works such as healing the blind man and others but they still would not believe. Many wanted to stone him but he escaped out of their hands. He was not ready to give his life for our sins. He still had some more work to do.

Aunt Marie

**Lesson 6, August 6, 1972**

**JESUS ESCAPED FROM THE  
JEWS**

**John 10:22-33, 39-42.**

John 10:22 And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter.

23 And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.

24 Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.

25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

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.

29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

30 I and my Father are one.

31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

39 Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand,

40 And went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John at first baptized; and there he abode.

41 And many resorted unto him, and said, John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true.

42 And many believed on him there.

Memory Verse: My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: John 10:27.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. When did our lesson take place and what time of the year was it?

2. Where did Jesus walk to get into the temple?

3. What did the Jews say to Him?

4. Jesus had told them he was the Christ but they did not believe him so what did he point them to?

5. What were some of Jesus' works?

6. Why did Jesus say that they were not his sheep?

7. There are two things that Jesus said that his sheep did. What are they?

8. What does it mean to follow Jesus? Can you sin and follow Jesus?

9. If we follow Jesus and obey him then he gives us eternal life. Will we perish or can any man pluck us out of God's hands?

10. Is God the Father of Jesus greater than man?

11. Whom did Jesus say was one?

12. What did the Jews do when Jesus was speaking?

13. What did Jesus ask them when they started to stone him?

14. What did the Jews answer?

15. Did the Jews stone Jesus?

16. Where did Jesus go?

17. What was said about John the Baptist?

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Aug. 13

## The Sheriff of London

About thirty years ago a poor, half-starved looking youth entered a large shop in — street, not many yards from the bank of England, and asked for employment. The master of the shop was not a hard-hearted man, but had some sympathy for the sufferings of others. He inquired of the youth if he could refer to any one for a character. The poor fellow could not do this. He had wandered up to the great metropolis, with but a few shillings in his pocket, hoping to get employment, and he did not know a single person. He was friendless and forlorn. He had therefore to leave the shop with an aching heart, on being told that a character must be given. The sharp pangs of hunger, and the inability to pay for proper lodgings, well-nigh drove him to despair. He, however, would not beg, "I'll starve before I'll beg," he many times said to himself. All hope was now nearly gone. He, however, resolved to make another trial. He called again upon the same shopkeeper. There was something in the anxious inquiry of the youth which, providentially induced the master to give him a trial. Oh! the joy he felt when he was told to

be at No. — at a certain time. He conducted himself in his humble post so well that he gained the confidence of his employer. He sought the guidance of God in all that he did, and his way was made prosperous. His diligence, honesty, and respectful behavior raised him step by step in the house, until he at length became a partner. A few years more saw him the sole proprietor of the concern, and in the year 18— he was made the Sheriff of London.

## The Cast-away Pipe

A youth was recently walking in Camden Town, disgracing both himself and his sister, who was with him, and also annoying the passers-by, with puffing a dirty pipe.

"I should be ashamed to walk with him," said a lady who was passing. The young man heard the remark. He took the pipe from his mouth and dashed it to the ground, no doubt determining to be a slave to it no longer. His sister looked up affectionately into his face, and apparently said, "Thank you brother—I love you all the better."

Thousands alas, are enslaved by the pipe, and cannot cast it away!

## The Boy Who Conquered

Some few years ago, a lad who was left without father or mother, of good natural abilities, went to New York, alone and friendless, to get a situation in a store as errand-boy or otherwise, till he could command a higher position; but this boy had been in bad company, and acquired the habit of calling for his strong drinks such as beer, because he thought it looked manly. He smoked cheap cigars also.

He had a pretty good education, and on looking over the papers he noticed that a merchant in Pearl street wanted a lad of his age, and he called there and made his business known.

"Walk into the office, my lad," said the merchant; "I'll attend to you soon."

When he had waited on his customer, he took a seat near the lad, and he espied a cigar in his hat. This was enough. "My boy," said he, "I want a smart, honest, faithful lad; but I see that you smoke cigars, and in my experience of many years, I have ever found cigar-smoking lads to be connected with various other evil habits, and if I am not mistaken, your breath is evidence that you are not an exception. You can leave, you will not suit me."

John—for this was his name—hung his head down, and left the store; and as he walked along the street, a stranger and friendless, the counsel of his poor mother came forcibly to his mind, who upon her death-bed called him to her side, and placing her emaciated hand upon his head, said: "Johnny, my dear boy, I'm going to leave you. You know what disgrace and misery your father brought on us before his death, and I want you to promise me before I die that you will never taste one drop of the accursed poison that killed your

father. Promise me this and be a good boy, Johnny, and I shall die in peace."

The scalding tears trickled down Johnny's cheeks, and he promised ever to remember the dying words of his mother, and never to drink spirituous liquors; but he soon forgot his promise; and when he received the rebuke from the merchant he remembered what his mother said, and what he had promised her, and he cried aloud, and people gazed at him as he passed along, and the boys railed at him. He went to his lodgings, and throwing himself upon the bed, gave vent to his feelings in sobs that were heard all over the house.

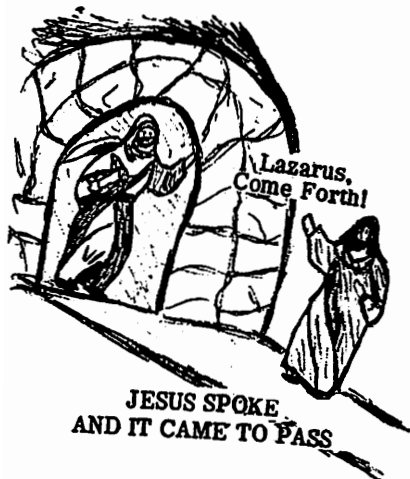
But John had moral courage. He had energy and determination, and ere an hour had passed he made up his mind never to taste a drop of liquor or smoke another cigar as long as he lived. He went straight back to the merchant, said he: "Sir, you very properly sent me away this morning for habits that I have been guilty of; but, sir, I have neither father nor mother, and though I have occasionally done what I ought not to do, and have not followed the good advice of my poor mother on her death-bed nor done as I promised her I would do, yet I have now made a solemn vow never to drink another drop of liquor, nor smoke another cigar; and if you, sir, will only try me, it is all I ask."

The merchant was struck with the decision and energy of the boy, and at once employed him. At the expiration of five years this lad was a partner in the business, and is now worth two thousand pounds. He had faithfully kept his pledge, to which he owes his elevation. Boys, think of this circumstance as you enter upon the duties of life, and remember upon what points of character your destiny for good or evil depends.

Note—A pound is equal to: \$2.80.

God has asked us to give our all. if he had been there Lazarus would not have died. Mary sat still in the house. Then we can ask God to give us blessing. Many of the Jews came even from Jerusalem which was two miles away to comfort them. Jesus told Martha that if she would believe, her brother would arise again. She said that she knew he would arise in the last day but Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." Jesus asked Martha if she believed this. Martha said, "Yes, Lord: I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world." Then Martha left and secretly told Mary saying, "The Master is come, and calleth for thee." Mary arose quickly and went to meet Jesus as he came to the house. The Jews thought she was going to the grave to weep. They followed her. Note the love and sympathy that Jesus had for them. The shortest verse in the Bible tells us so much about Jesus. He is touched when we are in trouble as he was touched when Lazarus died and the sisters were so sad. He wept. They had meant so much to him. In their home he had found love and comfort many times. We read where Martha fixed him a good meal when he came. Mary loved him so much that she could only sit at his feet and learn of him about the wonderful things of heaven and how to live to get there. No wonder he felt sad at their sadness.

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION:



Dear Boys and Girls:

Jesus went beyond Jordan because the Jews wanted to stone him to death. While there, he got a message from Martha and Mary, who lived in Bethany, that Lazarus, whom he loved was sick. Jesus said that this sickness was not unto death but for the glory of God. Jesus loved them very much and this made him feel sad. But he did not go at once but waited for two days. Then he told his disciples that Lazarus sleepeth and they thought there was no need to go but he plainly told them that Lazarus was dead. The disciples did not want him to go as they feared that the Jews would kill him but when he insisted, Thomas said, "Let us go also, that we may die with him." His faith was weak at that time.

When they arrived Lazarus had been dead and had lain in the grave for four days. When Jesus came close to the city of Bethany someone told Martha and she went out to meet him. She told him that

if he had been there Lazarus would not have died. Mary sat still in the house. Many of the Jews came even from Jerusalem which was two miles away to comfort them. Jesus told Martha that if she would believe, her brother would arise again. She said that she knew he would arise in the last day but Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." Jesus asked Martha if she believed this. Martha said, "Yes, Lord: I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world." Then Martha left and secretly told Mary saying, "The Master is come, and calleth for thee." Mary arose quickly and went to meet Jesus as he came to the house. The Jews thought she was going to the grave to weep. They followed her. Note the love and sympathy that Jesus had for them. The shortest verse in the Bible tells us so much about Jesus. He is touched when we are in trouble as he was touched when Lazarus died and the sisters were so sad. He wept. They had meant so much to him. In their home he had found love and comfort many times. We read where Martha fixed him a good meal when he came. Mary loved him so much that she could only sit at his feet and learn of him about the wonderful things of heaven and how to live to get there. No wonder he felt sad at their sadness.

But thank God he brought Lazarus out of the grave. He could not stay in the grave when Jesus called his name and told him to come forth.

Aunt Marie

Lesson 7, August 13, 1972

## LAZARUS IS RAISED FROM THE DEAD

John 11:28b, 32-45.

John 11:28b She (Martha) went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly,

saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee.

32 Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,

34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

35 Jesus wept.

36 Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!

37 And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

45 Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

Memory Verse: Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. John 10:25.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. Jesus came after Lazarus had died. Martha met him and talked with him. What did she tell Mary after leaving Jesus?

2. What did Mary do when she saw Jesus?

3. What did Jesus do when he saw her weeping and the Jews weeping?

4. What question did Jesus ask them?

5. What is the shortest verse in the Bible and what does it mean to us today?

6. What did the Jews say when they saw Jesus weeping?

7. What more did the Jews say in verse 37?

8. Was Lazarus buried in a grave like we have today?

9. What did Martha say when Jesus told them to take away the stone of the grave?

10. What did Jesus answer her?

11. What did Jesus say first in his prayer when they took away the stone?

12. What else did he say in verse 42?

13. Did Jesus long for the people to believe that God was his Father and God had sent him?

14. What did Jesus say with a loud voice?

15. How did Lazarus look and what did Jesus tell them to do?

16. Did many of them believe on Jesus when they saw this miracle?

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Aug. 20

## Mind the Door

Did you ever observe how strong a street door is? how thick the wood is? how heavy the chain is? what large bolts it has? and what a lock? If there were nothing of value in the house, or no thieves outside, this would not be needed; but as there are precious things within, and bad men without, there is need that the door be strong, and we must mind the door.

We have a house. Our heart and mind is that house. Bad things are forever trying to come in and go out of our mind and heart. I will describe some of these bad things to you. Who is that at the door? Ah! I know him; it is **ANGER**. What a frown there is on his face! How his lips quiver! How fierce he looks! I will hold the door, and not let him in, or he will do me harm and perhaps some one else.

Who is that? It is **PRIDE**. How haughty he seems! He looks down on everything as if it were too mean for his notice. Ah, wicked pride! I will hold the door fast, and try to keep him out.

Here is some one else. I am sure from his sour look, his name is **ILL-TEMPER**. It will never do to let him in,

for if he can only sit down in the house, he makes every one unhappy, and it will be hard to get him out again. No, we shall not let you in, so you may go away.

Who is this? It must be **VANITY**, with his flaunting strut and gay clothes. He is never so well-pleased as when he has a fine dress to wear, and is admired. You will not come in, my fine fellow; we have too much to do to attend to such folks as you. Mind the door!

Here comes a stranger. By his sleepy look and slow pace, I think I know him. It is **SLOTH**. He would like nothing better than to live in my house, and sleep or yawn the hours away, and bring me to rags and ruin. No, no, you idle drone; work is pleasure, and I have much to do. Go away, you shall not come in.

But who is this? What a sweet smile; what a kind face! She looks like an angel. It is **LOVE**. How happy she will make us, if we ask her in. Come in; we must open the door for you.

Others are coming; good and bad are crowding up. Oh! if men kept the door of their heart, bad thoughts and bad words would not come in and go out as they do. Welcome to all things good, war with all

things bad. We must mark well who comes in; we must be watchful and in earnest. Keep the guard! Mind the door! Mind the door! "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

And would you know how to keep it? Let Jesus in, and He will give you of His Spirit. "Behold," He says, "I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

## Only One Brick Upon Another

Edwin was looking at a large building which they were putting up just opposite to his father's house. He watched the workmen from day to day as they carried up the bricks and mortar, and then placed them in their proper order.

His father said to him: "My son, you seem to be very much taken up with the bricklayers; pray what might you be thinking about? Have you any notion of learning the trade?"

"No father," said Edwin; "but I was just thinking what a little thing a brick is, and yet that great house is built by laying one brick on another."

"Very true my son. Never forget it. Just so it is in all great works. All your learning is only one little lesson added to another. If a man could walk all around the world, it would be by putting one foot before the other. Your whole life is made up of one little moment after another. Drop added to drop makes the ocean."

Learn from this not to despise the little things. Learn also not to be discouraged by great labors. The greatest labor becomes easy, if divided into parts. You could not jump over a mountain, but step by step takes you to the other side.

Do not fear, therefore, to attempt great things. Always remember that the whole of yonder edifice is only one brick upon another.

## A Warning to Smokers

Sir Benjamin Brodie, states:

"From cases which have fallen under my own observation and from a consideration of all the circumstances, I cannot entertain a doubt that, if we could obtain accurate statistics on the subject, we should find that the value of life in inveterate smokers, is considerably below the average."

Boys! this statement is made by one of the most celebrated men in the world. Do not forget it. If you desire to prolong your life, never smoke.

I love my Bible. It is letters from God.

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION:

"AS YE DO IT UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE MY LITTLE ONES YE DO IT UNTO ME."



Give the contents  
of this box to  
others

Dear Boys and Girls:

Many were believing on Jesus after Lazarus had been raised from the dead. But some of them told the Pharisees what Jesus had done. This troubled the Pharisees. They called a council and said, "What shall we do? for this man Jesus is doing many miracles. If we let him alone, all men will believe on him and the Romans will come and take away our place and nation. They will not feel that we can rule the people because of the trouble that this man is causing."

That year the high priest was named Caiaphas. (Pronounced, K-~~fe~~-a-us). Under the law of Moses the high priest was supposed to be one of Aaron's sons but the Romans and Herod put in the man that they wanted. Caiaphas was the son-in-law of Annas. Annas is the one that the officers took Jesus to later when they captured him to put him to death. John 18:12, 13. Caiaphas was an evil, wicked man. He did not care for justice nor had any regard for others. When they were discussing what they should do in the council, Caiaphas spoke up and said, "It is better that one man die than for the whole nation to perish." We read in the next verse in our lesson what John said about this statement. He called it a prophesy of Jesus dying for the nation and not only that nation but that all of God's children be gathered into one. Caiaphas did not see to know he was giving this prophesy which was in God's plan. Even though he was wicked, God used him to speak words that were true. Unless Jesus died on the cross the whole nation would perish in hell. But because he died some were saved.

In that council that day they agreed to put Jesus to death. They gave a commandment that if any man knew where Jesus was he was to tell them so they could take him. Jesus did not walk openly among them after that. It was two months after Lazarus was raised from the dead.

that Jesus appeared and was invited to the supper in Bethany. When Mary saw him her heart was filled with love and devotion to him. He sat at the table with her brother, Lazarus who was in health and vigor. She wanted to show her love. Should she give him a gift? No that was not the answer. Words were so empty she felt. She had a very expensive box of ointment of perfume. She poured it upon his head and on his feet and with deep love she wiped his feet with her hair. What a beautiful way to show her love to one whom she loved. It brought honor to him as the perfume filled the room. She kept a custom in the east of "an ordinary mark of honor." Psalms 23:5. She anointed the King of Kings and Priest.

We can show our love to Jesus today and the perfume from our good deeds and a heart filled with love will arise up to Him in heaven.

Aunt Marie

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Lesson 8, August 20, 1972

### MARY ANOINTS JESUS

John 11:49, 50-52; John 12:1-11.

John 11:49 And one of them, (Chief priests and Pharisees in council) named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all,

50 Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.

51 And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation;

52 And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.

John 12:1 Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.

2 There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.

3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

4 Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him,

5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

7 Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.

8 For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.

9 Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead.

10 But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death;

11 Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus.

Memory Verse: Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matt. 25:40b.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. What did the Pharisees and the rulers think about Jesus after he had raised Lazarus from the dead?

2. Who was Caiaphas (pronounced K-fe-a-us) and what kind of a man was he?

3. What did he say in the council?

4. In verses 51 and 52 what did John say about what Caiaphas had spoken?

7. Mary had not seen Jesus for some time. How did she show her love to him?

5. Jesus left that part of the country for two months and walked no more openly because the rulers decided to put him to death. When did he come to Bethany again?

6. Who served at the supper and who was there?

8. It was a custom in that country to anoint a person's head with oil when they wanted to honor him. But how did Mary go farther and show her love?

9. When we do good deeds we do it unto the Lord also. Are there some who appreciate seeing you do good and some who do not?

10. Who at that supper did not like what Mary did?

11. Three hundred pence would be about \$51.00. Why did John say that Judas wanted that money?

12. Later Judas brought the officers to Jesus and they took him and put him on the cross. What makes you know Judas started out doing little evil things which led to bigger bad deeds? What lesson is in this for us?

13. What did Jesus say in verse 7?

14. Who did Jesus say would be with us always? If they are, what are we to do for them and will the fragrance from it go up to God in heaven?

15. Why did a lot of people come and stand around at the place where Jesus was at supper?

16. What does verse 10 tell us?

17. What did many of the Jews do as they went away from the house?

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Aug. 27

## The Child and the Skeptic

A little girl was sitting beside a cottage door,  
And with the Bible on her knee she conned  
its pages o'er.

When by there passed a traveller, that  
sultry summer day,  
And begged some water and a seat to  
cheer him on his way.

"Come in sir, pray, and rest awhile,"  
the little maiden cried;

"To house a weary traveller is mother's  
joy and pride."

And while he drank the welcome draught,  
and chatted merrily,  
She sought again the cottage door, the  
Bible on her knee.

At length, refreshed, the traveller—a  
skeptical he—uprose,

"What, reading still the Bible, child? your  
lesson, I suppose?"

"No lesson, sir," the girl replied; "I  
have no task to learn;  
But often to these stories here with joy  
and love I turn."

"And wherefore do you love that book,  
my little maid, I pray,

And turn its pages o'er and o'er the  
livelong summer day?"

"Why love the Bible, did you ask? how  
angry, sir, you look!

I thought that everybody loved this holy,  
precious book."

The skeptic smiled, made no reply, and,  
pondering, travelled on,  
But in his mind her answer still rose  
ever and anon!

"I thought all loved the holy book." It  
was a strange reply;

"Why do not I then love it too?" he  
whispered with a sigh.

He mused, resolved, examined, prayed,  
he looked within, above;

He read, acknowledged it the truth, and  
worshipped Him, with Love;

A nobler life from that same hour, the  
skeptical proud, began,

And loved and labored many a year,  
a Bible-loving man.

## Led By The Spirit

Near the close of a religious meeting,  
which was held in New York, in the year  
1870, at my request, a person arose with

the words, "Mind thy soul," and proceeded as follows: "Recently, an infidel was at one of our large hotels in New York, staying for a few days, and the morning of his departure, whilst gathering his baggage together carefully, a little girl stepped gently up to him and said: 'Mind thy soul'—passing quickly out of sight. He left the hotel—took the train. Again and again those words sounded in his ears. He became uncomfortable, thinking, 'Who did say to me, Mind thy soul?—could it have been an angel?'" After travelling twenty miles on his journey, he concluded to retrace his way to the hotel and endeavor to find the individual who had spoken to him. Upon his arrival, calling for the proprietor of the house, he queried whither there were any Christians in the hotel? He replied: 'I do not know of any,' but after a pause, added: 'there is a little girl in the house; for anything I know she may be a Christian.' The infidel said: 'I would like to see her.' The little lamb of Christ's fold came in, and timidly advanced toward the gentleman. He said: 'Did you say to me, Mind thy soul?' She replied: 'Yes, I did.' He quickly inquired: 'Who sent you to say it?' She lovingly replied: 'The Lord Jesus Christ.' The infidel was so convicted for his sins and unbelief, and so broken in spirit, that he asked her to kneel down and pray for him. The dear child did so, and prayed most touchingly for his conversion to Christ. Now he is a Christian. Through the instrumentality and faithfulness of this little child to the voice of the Lord in her heart, his eyes were opened to see, and his ears to hear the glad tidings of salvation by Christ, the friend of sinners."

## An Unruly Spirit Subdued

One kind word, one act of kindness, will often effect what blows and bruises never can accomplish.

While one of the visitors was at the Ragged school at ———, a boy of about thirteen was seen to be extremely violent and refractory, and a teacher endeavored to lead him to the bottom of the class, for inattention. He obstinately resisted, and stamped with rage. The master observing the conflict, patted him gently on the head and cheek, and begged him to be a good boy. In a minute after the master had quieted him, it came again his turn to be asked by the teacher one of the arithmetical questions of the lesson, when he cheerfully and promptly cried out "48," the proper answer. The crimson flush of anger had left his face; his countenance was as bright and placid as if the last few moments had not witnessed the storm that agitated his passions, and he became at once quiet and docile. The visitor asked the master about him. He replied, "That boy is the most unmanageable one in the school; he is clever, but very passionate; he has kicked my legs (happily for me he has no shoes,) he has pelted me with mud in the streets. I have dismissed him from the school, but allowed him to come again on his earnest entreaty and promise of good conduct. If I had struck that lad when he was so irritated, or spoken harshly to him, his fury would have been ungovernable, but he can't stand a word of kindness."

The Bible says, "Put on . . . Kindness . . . longsuffering;" We must all be like the teacher in our story, we must be kind and loving, gentle and easily entreated. Let us practice this in our every day life.

## Good Advice

Remember that thou art not more indebted to thy parents for thy nature, than for their love and care.

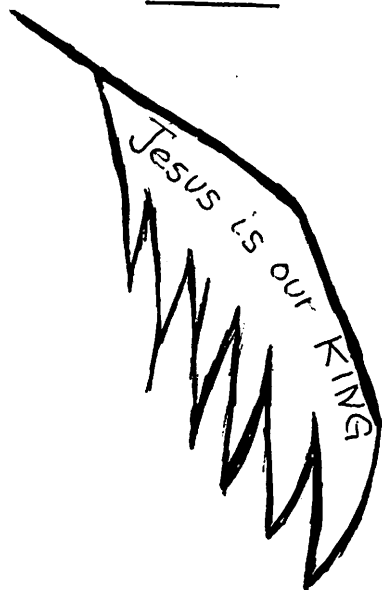
Rebellion, therefore in children, was made death by God's law, and, the next sin to Idolatry, in the people, which is re-

nouncing of God, the great Parent of all. Obedience to Parents is not only our duty, but our interest.

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LESSON ILLUSTRATION:

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Years before Jesus was born it was foretold by the prophet that Jesus would ride to Zion, "meek and lowly sitting on an ass." Zech. 9:9. This was fulfilled that day as Jesus rode into the city, as the people shouted and threw down their garments before him. They cut down branches from the trees and strewed them along the way. It was a great day for the people. They called him the King of Israel and praised the Lord. You can read in Matt. 21:11; Mark 11:1-11; and Luke 19:29-44 about the same account which is in more detail.

But what was Jesus' thoughts that day. He knew that he was their King but he was not to be their earthly king. Jesus knew that the people needed a Saviour.

They must have someone to take punishment for their sins. No one could do that but Jesus who was innocent. He knew that the cross was ahead of him. Jesus also knew that the rulers were at that very time plotting to take his life and put him on the cross. He was sad because the people as a whole rejected him. Because they rejected him and put him to death they would be punished. He looked at the city as he came over the brow of the hill and he wept. He longed for the people to love him and accept him as their Saviour. He knew that they would not. He knew that soon they would put him on the cross.

Jesus said unless a grain of corn fall into the ground and die it cannot bring forth. The seed loses its wrappings as it lays in the ground. The living portion of the seed swells and pushes its way up through the ground. The sunshine and rain causes it to bring forth a harvest. Jesus died and was put in the tomb but he was changed and arose from the grave. Millions have believed on him because he died and arose again for our sins. It works in your soul to believe. Today if we are Christians and have that spiritual seed in us we can have the graces from the Lord in our life. We can help others find Christ and be ready for heaven.

Aunt Marie

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Lesson 9, August 27, 1972

**HONORED, WHILE FACING  
DEATH**

**John 12:12-15, 19, 20-28, 32, 33.**

John 12:12 On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

13 Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.

14 And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written,

15 Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.

19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.

20 And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:

21 The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.

22 Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.

23 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

27 Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

33 This he said, signifying what death he should die.

Memory Verse: He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. John 12:25.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. How come many people went to the feast at Jerusalem?

2. What things did Jesus do that caused many people to want to see him?

3. What did the people take with them when they went to meet Jesus and what did they say?

4. Jesus came riding into Jerusalem on an ass. In the old Bible it was written that he would ride on an ass. Verse 15 tells what the old Bible foretold about him? (Read Zech. 9:9).

5. What did the Pharisees say about Jesus when the people shouted and praised Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem?

6. What did the Greeks say to Philip?

7. Whom did Philip tell and then whom did they tell?

8. This touched Jesus and what did he say?

9. Glorified meant that Jesus would have to die on the cross and then arise. In his resurrection he would be glorified. What did he compare this to?

10. Tell how the seed dies and grows. When we are saved what do we have to die to in this world which would mean that we — our life?

11. "If any — serve — let him — me." How can we do this?

12. Why was Jesus troubled?

13. What hour was he talking about?

14. What was Jesus' prayer?

15. "And I, if — — lifted up — the — I will — all — unto me."

16. What did he mean when he said he would be lifted up?

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## The Shop Boy

Our Willie is a gentle lad,  
With manners so polite.  
He will oblige a customer,  
At morning, noon or night.

A message if he has to take,  
He's off with skip and hop;  
A handy boy I'm sure he'd make,  
In warehouse, store or shop.

And when he takes a parcel out,  
Think you he stops to chat,  
Or loiter, play, or stand about,  
With this boy or with that?

No, if I ken the lad aright,  
He's not the one to tarry,  
Because he thinks he's out of sight,  
When sent to bring or carry.

At morn he'd have the shutters down,  
The floor and counter swept;  
No window-panes in all the town  
Would be more neatly kept.

At eve he'd have the shutters up,  
And see all safe and right;  
Then with a lightsome heart he'd sup,  
And sleep through all the night.

I hope he'll get a master kind,  
Good lads are such a treasure!  
Then Willie I am sure you'll find  
If he but knows his master's mind,  
None do it with more pleasure.

## The Daisy

Not worlds on worlds, in phalanx deep,  
Need we to prove that God is here—  
The daisy fresh from winter's sleep,  
Tells of His hand in lines as clear.

For who but He who arched the skies,  
And pours the day-spring's living flood,  
Wondrous alike in all He tries,  
Could rear the daisy's purple bud?

Mould its green cup, its wiry stem,  
Its fringed border nicely spin,  
And cut the gold embossed gem,  
That, set in silver, gleams within?

And fling it, unrestrained and free,  
O'er hill and dale and desert sod,  
That man, where'er he walks may see,  
In every step the stamp of God?

## The Way of Eminence

Many years ago a little boy entered Harrow School. He was put into a class beyond his years, and where all the scholars had the advantage of private instruction, which was denied to him. His master chid him for his dullness, and all his efforts could not raise him from the lowest place on the form. The little fellow resolved that he would try with all his might to learn.

Nothing daunted, he then procured the grammars and other elementary books, which his class-fellows had gone through in previous terms. He devoted many of the hours of play, and not a few of the hours of sleep to the mastering of these. In a few months he began gradually to rise, and it was not long before he shot far ahead of all his companions, and became not only leader of that division but ultimately the pride of Harrow! You may see the statue of that boy in St. Paul's Cathedral, for he lived to be the greatest Oriental scholar of modern Europe—the celebrated Sir William Jones! Try! boys, try! Never forget that whatever is worth doing, is worth doing well.

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### MISCHIEVOUS SPORT

There is no fault more common among boys than the love of mischievous sport. If the instances that daily occur of terrible accidents arising from wanton folly were written down, they would make such a list, at which we should shudder! The writer feels constrained to relate a very sad accident. The Harrow Road, extends from the Edgware road to Harrow. Just before it reaches the bridge, over the canal, called "The Lock Bridge," there is a short, steep hill. On one evening a baker's cart was standing at the door of a house on the hill. The horse was very quiet, and of course was used to his driver alighting to deliver bread to his custo-

mers. A boy of about nine years old was sauntering along the pavement on the opposite side of the way, with a stone in his hand. Most likely this boy had a habit of picking up stones and "shying" them, as he called it, at any object that he passed. Suddenly, it seemed a mischievous thought came into his head, and he threw the stone at the horse, striking it a sharp blow in the eye. The poor animal took flight, instantly turned short round, and ran off at full speed down the hill. Just as the boy threw the stone, a woman, with a child in her arms, was crossing the road, and before she could see her danger, the sudden turn of the horse knocked her down, its hind foot kicking her heavily on the temple, while the wheel of the cart went over her chest.

The child rolled out of her arms to some distance, and was picked up stunned but not much hurt. The terrified bystanders rushed to the assistance of the poor woman, they carried her into a neighboring doctor's shop, but she never spoke, or gave any signs of animation, except a few gasps, and almost immediately breathed her last.

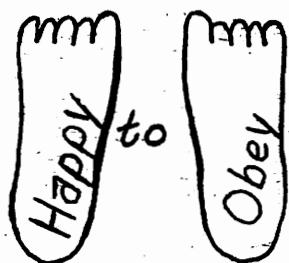
Now let every boy who reads this try to think of all the consequences that followed the throwing of that stone. The poor woman had left her home well in health, little dreaming that in a few minutes she would perish by a dreadful death. Her family and friends, how terrible would be their grief?—They were injured as a family for life—the cart nearly destroyed—and all through a wicked urchin throwing a stone. Mischievousness does not pay.

Many good boys who read this will think, "What must be the state of mind of that mischievous boy?"

Will not his conscience tell him that his wanton folly caused the death of a fellow-creature? Can he ever be happy any more? There is no good boy but would far rather have died himself, than have been the cause of such a calamity.

Throwing stones, even in the fields, or on the sea-shore, is not a safe sport, and on no account ought such a habit to be permitted near houses, or in a public thoroughfare. If any of my readers feel tempted to throw stones, let them remember the death of the woman in the Harrow road, and avoid such cruel sport.

#### LESSON ILLUSTRATION:



Dear Boys and Girls:

There are some people who will not keep this ordinance. The word Ordinance means an established rite or ceremony. Jesus started this ordinance the night before they ate the Lord's Supper. We notice that he then told them that he had given them an example and that they should do as he had done. What is an example? If your teacher works a problem on the board and shows you how to work it, and then she gives you some to work, you will go by the example. You will work those problems just like she worked the one on the blackboard.

There is a game that you play also called, "Follow the Leader." You do just like the leader. Jesus is our Leader and Master. He has showed us what He wants us to do and we should do that. Jesus goes a little farther and makes it a command. He said, "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet: ye also ought to wash one another's feet." The word ought means duty-bound or must. So we must or are duty-bound to keep this ordinance.

Some do not want to keep this ordinance by saying it was the custom for the people in that day to wash their feet because they wore sandals. A missionary writes the following, who was engaged in missionary work in those countries. (Orient). "I find the custom of sandal-wearing still in existence; but I do not find that it is a custom for the natives to 'wash one another's feet.'" Furthermore, I have observed that those religious people who in America claim that Christ washed the disciples' feet because their wearing sandals made cleansing necessary, do not obey this command, "wash one another's feet," when engaged in missionary work among the sandal-wearing native. . . They are not humble enough. And they also know that the theory of sandal-wearing is not an explanation, but only an excuse."

This is a love ordinance. It is to prove that all brothers and sisters in the church are all on the same level. It shows humility. There are no big "I's" and little "you's" in the Church. Our Lord and Master humbled himself and we should also.

Of course the Bible teaches that "everything be done decently and in order." 1 Cor. 14:40. The brethren wash one another's feet and the sisters wash one another's feet. This brings a blessing to our souls when we obey the command of our Lord.

Aunt Marie

Lesson 10, Sept. 3, 1972

### THE ORDINANCE OF FEET- WASHING

John 13:2, 4-17.

John 13:2 And supper (preparation) being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

17 If ye know these things happy are ye if ye do them.

Memory Verse: If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. John 13:14.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. Jesus and his disciples had the supper all prepared. What New Testament ordinance did Jesus start?

2. Before eating the supper Jesus arose and what did he do?

3. What did he pour into a basin or pan and what did he do?

4. When he came to Peter what did Peter say to Jesus?

5. What did Jesus answer Peter?

6. In verse 8 what did Peter say to Jesus?

7. What did Jesus answer Peter?

8. Do you want to have a part with Jesus? Then what do you have to do?

9. Did Peter want a part with Jesus? What did he tell Jesus to do?

10. "Ye are clean, but not all," Jesus said. Did he mean they were all clean in their hearts but one person? Who was that?

11. What did Jesus say after he had put on his outer garments and sat down?

12. What did Jesus say they called him and how did he feel about it?

13. If I ——— have washed your ——— ye also ——— to wash ——— another's feet."

14. What does the word ought mean? What command did Jesus give?

15. What example did Jesus give them?

16. What did Jesus say about the servant?

17. What will make us happy?

18. What lesson are we to learn from feet-washing?



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## Profanity

Hush! little Christian child  
Speak not that holy name;  
Not with a laughing lip,  
Not in thy playful game;  
For the great God of all  
Hearth each word we say!  
He will remember it  
In the great judgment day.

Hush! for his hosts unseen  
Are watching over thee;  
His angels spread their wings,  
Thy shelter kind to be.  
Wilt thou, with words profane,  
Scatter thine angel-guards,  
Glorious and beautiful?

Honor God's holy name:  
Speak it with thought and care:  
Sing, holly, in hymns;  
Breathe it in earnest prayer.  
But not with sudden cry  
In thy light joy or pain;  
God will hold guilty, all  
Who take His name in vain!

## Lessons From Flowers

A gentleman being invited by an honorable personage to see a stately building erected by Sir Christopher Hatton, desired to be excused. Looking on a flower, which he held in his hand, he said, "For I see more of God in this flower, than in all the beautiful edifices in the world."

## Conscience

Thy heart keeps knocking all the day,  
What does it mean? what does it say?  
Thy heart keeps knocking all the night,  
Child, hast thou thought of it aright?  
So long has it knocked, now loud, now low,  
Hast asked what it means by knocking so?  
My child, 'tis a lively little bell,  
The dear God's gift who loves thee well;  
In the door of thy soul, by Him 'twas hung,  
And by His hand it still is rung,  
And He stands without to wait and see  
Whether within He shall welcome be;  
And stands without and hopes to win  
The welcome answer, "Come in, Come in."  
So knocks the heart now, day by day,  
But at length the last stroke will die away;  
And when its knockings on earth are o'er,  
It will knock itself at Heaven's door,

And stand without to wait and see  
Whether within it shall welcome be;  
And stand without and hope to win  
The Father's welcome, "Come in, Come  
in."

## The Deaf Workhouse Boy

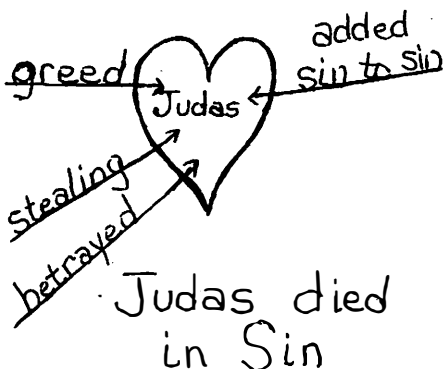
Years ago there was born at Plymouth, a little boy who was named John. His father was a jobbing mason; and in this business little John's help was required when very young. One day while thus occupied, when only twelve years of age, he fell from the top of a house. It was a sad fall, for it totally destroyed his sense of hearing: from that day, John never again heard the happy sound of human voice. He had previously received a little education, and acquired the love of reading, and this now became the solace of his loneliness and the foundation of his attainments. When he was fourteen years old, his parents were unable to maintain, or find suitable employment for him, and he was placed in the workhouse. In his seventeenth year, John was removed from the workhouse to be apprenticed to a shoemaker. His master was cruel, and the poor boy appealed to the magistrates. His written statement was marked by great propriety of thought and expression. The indentures were cancelled and he returned to the workhouse, to him a welcome refuge. John was not idle there; in two years after he was enabled, by the kindness of two gentlemen in the neighborhood, to publish a small volume of essays and letters, and was placed in a position more favorable for self-improvement.

The next ten years of his life were spent in travelling over a large part of Europe and Asia; where he acquired that familiarity with the scenery and customs of the East, which was afterward of such signal service to him in illustrating the sacred Scriptures, to which his labors were chiefly devoted. In 1833 he returned

to England, and commenced a course of literary labor, which was continued without interruption till within a few months of his decease. His exertions seem to have been prompted from an early age, by a strong sense of duty; the duty of self-improvement, and of doing some service to the world. And his laborious diligence was probably stimulated, by the claims of an aged mother and an increasing family. It is feared that he fell a victim to hard work and overpowering anxiety. The life and labor of the Deaf Workhouse Boy ended; but the well-known, and highly valued writings of John Kitto will remain to instruct and edify for ages to come. And his memory will stimulate and encourage many a deserving youth in "the pursuit of knowledge under difficulties."

Jesus came to earth. Prophets in the Old Bible said he would die. He came as a baby, lived about thirty years; then He spent about three years teaching and helping people to accept His death for them. All this time He knew He had come to die. Why? So you and I might go to heaven. Oh, we love Jesus so much for dying for our sins. Jesus knew he would die but he knew he would arise again.

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION:



Dear Boys and Girls:

If we could talk to Judas we would say, "O Judas, Judas! how sad thy fate. How happy it would be if there were only one of your kind. But your brethren, even in this present time, number to billions. The same devil is working today as in your day. No doubt in your youth you had zeal and wanted to join the little band of Jesus' followers. You saw possibilities in Jesus' future, as you thought, here in this world. You wanted to get in on the ground foundation of his literal kingdom here in the earth, which of course was a false thought. We don't know how you came to carry the bag, from which the needs of Jesus and his disciples were paid, but probably Jesus felt you had the ability. But the temptation became too great as time went on. Your love for gold, gold and more gold led you to steal from the bag. John 12:6. Maybe at first you took just a little and meant to replace it but that was put off and later you took more and more. Probably the devil told you that no one knew about it or that you had taken too much and now you can't replace it. The devil's business is to lead one gently, surely and definitely deeper and deeper into pits of sin. You did not know that this would lead to suicide because that was hid from you. So you continued to follow the devil's suggestions.

"A chance was granted for you to get money. The rulers wanted Jesus. You dealt with them. For 30 pieces of silver you promised to deliver him to them. From that time you sought opportunity to betray your Lord and Saviour. (Matt. 26:14-16), the One that loves you dearly, the One through whom you had seen great miracles performed, the One who had trusted you to be one of His close companions, the One who had confided in you. Now you are betraying Him."

Judas sat at the table with the other disciples. Jesus was "troubled in spirit." He did not want the little group to not

know who had betrayed Him. So he exposed Judas, yet when he mentioned someone would betray him, Judas with the others said, "Is it I?" Mark 14:18-21. He tried to cover up to the last. No word of rebuke fell from Jesus' lips. Judas had given himself over to the power of the devil. ("Satan entered into him") He had chosen the evil, and must abide in his choice. But that heart rending cry in his end of "I have sinned in that I betrayed," came from his small beginning. The 30 pieces of silver was cast away and he filled a suicide's grave. Matt. 27:3-10. But notice the grief this brought to Jesus as he was "troubled in spirit." It is not His will that any perish but that all come to repentance.

Aunt Marie

Lesson 11, Sept. 10, 1972

## JESUS' LOVE BETRAYED

John 13:21-27, 29-31, 33-38.

John 13:21 When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

22 Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake.

23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.

24 Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake.

25 He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it?

26 Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

27 And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, Thou doest, do quickly.

29 For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said

unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor.

30 He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night.

31 Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him.

33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you.

34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

36 Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards.

37 Peter said unto him, Lord why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake.

38 Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.

Memory Verse: A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. John 13:34.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. Why was Jesus troubled in spirit?
2. How would you feel if someone said they would tell some people, who wanted to kill you, that for 30 pieces of silver he would lead them to you?
3. Betray means to fail, prove unfaithful or to deliver to an enemy by fraud.

How did the disciples react to Jesus' words?

4. In verse 23 John, who wrote this event, left out his name. But how did he say Jesus felt about him?

5. What did Peter ask John to do?

6. In those days they had couches that they would lie upon around a table to eat. "Lying on Jesus' breast" meant that he was next to Jesus on the couch. What did John ask Jesus?

7. What did Jesus answer? (Dipping the sop would be like dipping bread into a pot of soup.) Whom did he give the sop to?

8. Read from your Bible John 13:2. How can we keep Satan from putting evil thoughts into our heart?

9. In our lesson, verse 27 who entered into Judas? What did Jesus tell him to do?

10. Read Matt. 26:14-16. How much did Judas agree to receive to bring them to Jesus?

11. What did some of the disciples think Jesus meant when he spoke to Judas and he went out?

12. It was night when Judas left. What did Jesus say to the disciples?

13. What did Jesus tell his disciples whom he so tenderly called "little children?"

14. What new commandment did Jesus give to them and us?

15. If we love one another what will people know about us?

16. What did Peter ask Jesus and what did he answer?

17. Peter assured Jesus he would lay down his life for his sake but what did Jesus tell him?

18. Read Matt. 27:3-10 which tells of Judas' end. He never intended to end up that way. He first stole from the bag and this led to more and more sins.

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# The Beautiful Way

Juniors



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## Birds

The birds! the birds of summer hours!  
They bring a gush of glee,  
To the child among the fragrant flowers.  
To the sailor on the sea.

We hear their thrilling voices  
In their swift and airy flight,  
And the inmost heart rejoices  
With a calm and pure delight.

Amid the morning's fragrant dew,  
Amidst the mists of even,  
They warble on, as if they drew  
Their music down from heaven.

And when their holy anthems  
Come pealing through the air,  
Our hearts leap forth to meet them  
With a blessing and a prayer.

Inward, inward to the heart,  
Kindly Nature, take me;  
Lovely even as thou art,  
Full of loving make me;

Thou knowest naught of dead-cold forms,  
Knowest naught of littleness;  
Lifelike truth thy being warms;  
Majesty and earnestness.

In the joyous song they sing;  
In the liquid air they cleave;  
In the sunshine; in the shower;  
In the nests they weave.

## "God Is Love"

1. What does the Bible say? Why it says that God is love. Well, then, it must be true that God is love, for the Bible is God's Book and cannot lie. His giving us the Bible is a proof of His love.

2. What do the Heavens say? That God is love, for the sun and the moon and the stars of heaven were hung up to light us, and the clouds of heaven defend us from too much heat and give us rain.

3. What do the Seasons say? They say that God is love, for God gave the green leaves to the Spring, the flowers to the Summer, the grain and fruit to Autumn, and the healthy frost and snow to Winter.

4. What does the Earth say? It says that God is love, for He has clothed it with beauty, and made it fruitful. He has watered it with rivers, made it fair with hills and valleys, and woods and falls of water, and enriched it with coal, iron, copper, silver, and gold.

5. What does the Sea say? It says that God is love, for God has filled it with life, and made it useful to man, and adorned it with many shells, and coral, and pearls.

6. What do the Beasts and Birds and Fishes say? They say, that God is love. He has given the birds wings, the fish fins, and the beast strength and swiftness. Did you never see the lambs skip about in the field; the honeybee and the butterfly roving from flower to flower, and the gnat sporting in the sun? You have seen them all, and they all say that God is love.

7. Let us all, then, say the same thing with our tongue and our heart. God is Love! and let us love Him and obey Him forever.

## Honesty

Boys, do you want to learn to keep a job in this world? The Bible says, "if any would not work, neither should he eat." 2 Thess. 3:10. Then take a friend's advice, and always be honest and helpful to others. I knew a cabman who complained, even when paid more than his right fare. A friend of mine who was desirous of frequently employing him, became so grieved with him, that at length he looked out for a driver with an "honest tongue," and the complainer lost much money because of it. The "honest man" prospered, and became proprietor of his own cab. The Bible says, "Let no corrupt communication (or words) proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying (or helpful)." Eph. 4:29.

A gentleman recently wanted a youth to wait on customers in his store. Several were recommended to him, but one of them had an excellent character, and in addition was "very honest and helpful." This youth immediately got the good situation, and he is likely to prosper in life.

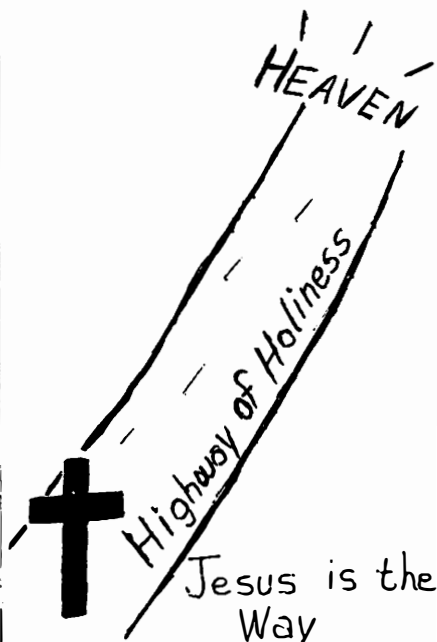
A wealthy Liverpool merchant, who died some years ago, and who started in life as a poor boy, was once asked, "How is it that you have been so successful?" "By one word," replied the great merchant,—"By Honesty."

Kindness is such a wonderful virtue. Being kind to others brings kindness to you. Even being kind to a pet will make that pet be kind to you. The Bible tells us to be kind. Jesus is pleased when we are kind.

Under the old law and old Bible times the priest offered a lamb's blood for the cleansing of sins. Jesus, the Lamb of God, died so that His blood might cleanse the sins of the people. Heb. 7:22-24.

## Be Kind

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION:



## God Loves You

"You aren't suppose to do that," said Lillie to her little brother Jack. "When you do that, you are naughty, and God doesn't love bad people."

Was Lillie right or wrong?

Lillie was wrong. Everybody sometimes has done wrong things. God loved them even if they did bad things. But remember God does not love the naughty things that we do or have done.

The Bible tells us that God loved the whole world. God loved the people so much that He sent His Son to die on the cross for the bad people. When God sent His Son as a present it was because He wanted them to know that He loved them. We must ask God to forgive us for the bad things we do.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

The little child will ask, "Where is God?" Many an earnest boy or girl, man and woman will ask, "Oh, I wish I knew how to find Him?" They might look at the starry sky and think, "Oh, He is so far away!" They might look at the ocean and think of the boundless body of water. They might look at the air and think of how much there is of it. They see the trees that leaf out in the spring and shed them in the fall. Why? Who causes that to be? But where is God who is behind all of these great wonders? How can I come to Him? There is something inside of me that longs for God. Jesus has the answer. He said, "No man cometh unto the Father but by me." Christ is the way to God.

Jesus was talking to his disciples about his going to the cross. He said he would be with them just a little while longer. They were deeply troubled. Jesus comforted them by saying that he would go and prepare a way for them to

get to heaven and live in those mansions that he had over there for them. There, they could be with him in eternity. There is no time in eternity. He promised them that after he went to the cross and died and arose again that he would come again for them. He said, "That where I am there ye may be also." What a great comfort that is to us today. Jesus will come someday and take us to be with him in that beautiful place called heaven. Thomas asked, "How can we know the way to heaven?" Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life." To get upon the highway of holiness we must come to Jesus, confess and forsake our sins. Only the clean and holy can walk on it. Those who have a lion-like nature can't be there. You can't growl and roar around in your homes and be hateful and be on the highway of holiness. You have to be changed. How wonderful to have Jesus in our hearts. He only dwells in the broken and contrite heart. He dwells in the humble heart. But when we are on the highway of holiness we love our God and keep his commandments. We can ask anything in the name of Jesus and he will do it. We don't want to do anything to hurt or grieve our Lord and Saviour. He bridged the gulf that was between us and God. Sin separated us from God. Jesus took our punishment for sin and that brought us and God together. As God looks at us and sees that we have let Jesus come into our hearts to live, he sees his blood covering our sins and we are accepted. We do love Jesus and we don't want to displease him, do we?

Aunt Marie

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Lesson 12, Sept. 17, 1972  
**CHRIST OPENS HEAVEN'S  
HIGHWAY**

John 14:1-6; Isaiah 35:8-10;

John 14:13, 14.

John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Isa. 35:8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

9 No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall goup thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there:

10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

John 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

Memory Verse: Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. John 14:12.

## QUESTIONS:

1. "Let — your — be —."

2. If we believe in God, who else are we to believe in?

3. How many mansions are there in heaven or the "Father's house?"

4. Are they houses like we live in today or are they "a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens?" (2 Cor. 5:1, 8; 1 Cor. 15:54.)

5. Did Jesus go to heaven to "prepare a place" or a way for us or did he go to the cross?

6. Jesus promised to come again and receive us unto himself. When will that be? (1 Cor. 15:51, 52.)

7. What question did Thomas ask Jesus?

8. What did Jesus answer Thomas?

9. Is Jesus the way to the highway of holiness?

10. Will the unclean person be on the highway of holiness? Who is an unclean person?

11. Did the prophet Isaiah mean animal, the lion or ravenous beast would not be on the highway of holiness or did he mean boys and girls that acted like those animals? Compare the actions of each?

12. The redeemed by the blood of Jesus and the ransomed or those whom Jesus paid their penalty for sin will come to Zion or walk on the highway of holiness. How will they be walking? In sorrow and sighing?

13. If we are on the highway of holiness what can we ask in Jesus' name of the Father and he will do it?

14. If we are on the highway of holiness will we love the Lord? Then what will we keep or obey?

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Juniors



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## The Prayer and the Life

Do I mean the prayers I offer—  
do I feel the words I say,  
When before our Heavenly Father,  
I kneel down from day to day,  
When at morning and at evening  
I incline to seek His face,  
And my voice goes up in pleading,  
to His glorious throne of grace?

When my voice goes up in pleading,  
does my heart go with it too?  
There are many things I ask Him  
that His might and grace may do;  
Petition on petition  
goes up to meet his ear,  
Oh! are they such petitions  
as our Father loves to hear?

I tell Him of my wants—my needs;  
but when I turn away,  
Do I think of what I asked for?—  
Do I watch as well as pray?  
Do I strive against temptation?  
Do I seek like Christ to live?  
Do I use aright the blessings  
that so freely He doth give?

My prayers are with much speaking—  
yet when I leave the spot,  
How quickly are its memories fled—  
how soon those prayers forgot;

Oh! if the thought that gave them birth  
so lightly treasured be,  
How can I think God's mercy  
will remember them for me?  
Yet one petition further, Lord!  
Wilt thou not deign to hear?  
Oh! let Thy Spirit breathe anew  
through all my daily prayer.  
Then help me, as I pray, to live,  
kept by Thy grace divine—  
And the glory of the prayer and life,  
alike O Lord! be Thine.

## An Interesting Sight

H. Venn once told his children  
that he would take them to see one of  
the most interesting sights in the world.  
He would not tell what it was, but in  
the evening led them to a miserable  
hovel, whose ruinous walls and broken  
windows showed an extreme degree of  
poverty and want.

"Now," said he, "my dear children,  
can any one that lives in such a place  
as this be happy? Yet this is not all:  
a poor young man lies there on a  
miserable straw bed, dying of disease,  
at the age of nineteen, consumed with  
fever, and afflicted with nine painful  
ulcers."

"How wretched!" they all exclaimed. He then led them into the cottage, and addressing the young man, said: "Abraham Millwood, I have brought my children here to show them that it is possible to be happy in a state of disease and poverty and want; now, tell them if it is not so." The dying youth, with a sweet smile, replied: "O, yes, Sir! I would not change my state with that of the richest person upon earth, who has not those views that I have. Blessed be God; I have a good hope through Christ, of being admitted into those blessed regions where Lazarus now dwells, have long forgotten all his sorrows and miseries. Sir, this is nothing to bear while the presence of God cheers my soul, and while I can have access to Him by constant prayer through faith in Jesus. Indeed, Sir, I am truly happy; and I trust to be happy through eternity; and I every hour thank God, who has brought me from a state of darkness into marvellous light, and has given me to enjoy the unsearchable riches of his grace."

## Jesus Forgives

"Create in me a clean heart, O Lord," prayed Minnie. She had talked naughty to her mother. She felt so badly. She was in her bedroom to be punished. She was so sorry that she had talked naughty. She remembered her memory verse for Sunday School. Her mother had told her last Sunday that it meant that if she had a clean heart she would be happy. Jesus would be pleased too. After Minnie prayed she felt happy in her heart. Jesus had forgiven her.

### G IDE FOR TALKING

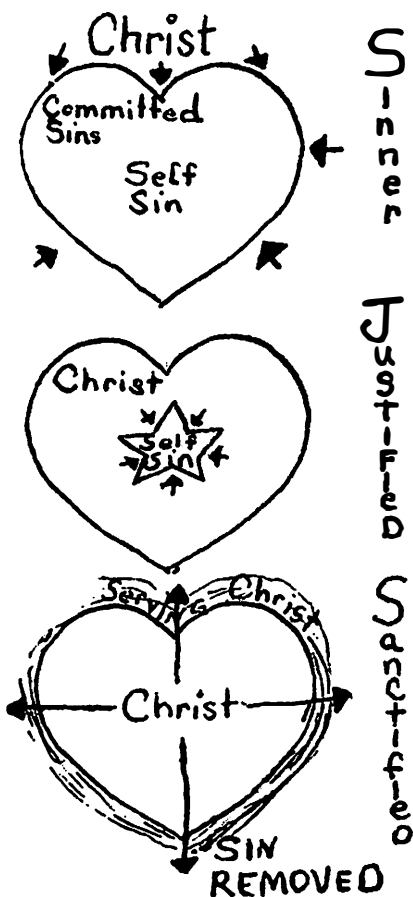
wo ears and but a single tongue,  
By nature's laws to man belong;  
The lesson she would teach is clear,  
Repeat but half of what you hear.

## Is Your Room Clean?

Did you make your bed this morning? Did you hang up your pajamas? Did you make your room look nice? If you did your mother was real happy. Boys and girls, should always help mother and themselves by taking care of their clothes and room.

The Bible tells us what God wants us to know.

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION:



## A Soft Answer

"Why did you hit me for?" asked Alice.

"You made me mad," Joe answered. "You stepped on my road. Now I have to make it again."

"Oh, I am sorry," Alice said. "I didn't see your roads."

Joe was ashamed that he had got mad and hit Alice. That night he asked Jesus to help him not to get mad so quickly. The next day he told Alice he was sorry he had hit her. So boys and girls, we want to always remember that, "a soft answer turns away wrath." That is what the Bible tells us.

"Oh, Grandma," Dora said. "I didn't know that Jesus was dead." Dora was sitting on her grandmother's lap at meeting. The preacher had just said that Jesus had died.

"Oh, but Dora Jesus came alive again," Grandmother said quickly. "Listen don't you hear the preacher telling us that He is alive now and wants us to pray to him and give Jesus our hearts."

Dora smiled as she heard that Jesus was alive.

Dear Boys and Girls:

If there was someone that you loved very much and you were with all the time, they told you they had to go and you would not see them again you would be very sad. But if that person could come back in spirit to be with you, and even though you did not see them, they would be with you that would be a comfort to you. Now this is not possible, with just people we know, but this was possible with Jesus and his disciples. Jesus was God living in a human body. Jesus took on the form of flesh and dwelt here in this world to conquer sin, death and the devil for us. When he did this he had to leave this world. But as the disciples sorrowed and questioned

him he made them a great promise. It was a wonderful promise. He told them that He would send them a comforter or the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a person. He would dwell right inside of their hearts. Jesus could only be with them part of the time and then he could only be with just a few. When he died on the cross and took on his glorified body he arose right up into the skies and went back to heaven to live with God, His Father. But He did not forget the disciples. He sent them the Comforter, the Holy Spirit. Now He could be with them all the time. Wasn't that wonderful? And the great thing about it all, we today can have the Holy Spirit. First you come to Jesus and confess your sins. Then you need the Holy Spirit. You ask God to give you the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit comes into your heart you then have power to live without sinning. You have power to obey God. The Holy Spirit cleanses your heart of the sin that passed upon you from the fall of Adam. The Holy Spirit is a comforter; a guide to you in this life. He will teach you all things and help you to know what God wants you to do. We need the Holy Spirit to be with us.

Jesus was not going to leave the disciples comfortless or as orphans. He would be with them through the spirit.

Aunt Marie

Lesson 13, Sept. 24, 1972

### HOLY SPIRIT, OUR COMFORTER

John 14:16-18, 26, 27; John 16:7-14;

Acts 1:8a; Acts 15:8, 9.

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

17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye

know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

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

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

27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;

10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

Acts 1:8a But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses . . .

Acts 15:8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them (Gentiles) witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;

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

Memory Verse: Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Hebrews 13:12.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. What was Jesus going to pray to the Father to do?

2. Can the world receive the Spirit of truth or the Comforter?

3. The Holy Spirit is a person. When he comes he will be where?

4. Was Jesus going to leave the disciples as orphans?

5. When would the Holy Spirit, who is the Comforter, come? What would he do?

6. How did Jesus act that made you know he had peace? What was he giving to the disciples?

7. If Jesus stayed would the Comforter come?

8. When he came what would he do or reprove the world of?

9. He will reprove or convict them of sin because they believed not on whom?

10. He will reprove the world of unrighteousness and of judgment because the what of this world is judged?

11. What will the Spirit of truth guide one into?

12. Whom will the Holy Spirit glorify or lift up?

13. After Jesus died on the cross and arose from the grave he talked to his disciples, just before he arose up into the sky and out of sight. He told them that they would receive what when the Holy Spirit came upon them and what would they do?

14. God knows every heart. What did he give to the Gentiles?

15. What did the Holy Spirit do to their hearts?

# The Beautiful Way

## Juniors



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Part One

Oct. 1

## An Awakening Inquiry

It is narrated that a young man of good natural talents, and very ambitious to become of eminence and distinction in the world, had, after long craving, obtained permission of his parents to study law, by which he hoped and expected to win fame and fortune. Flushed with enthusiasm, and eager to commence the studies which were the necessary stepping stones in the path he had determined to tread, he entered one of the Italian Universities, at which at that time, resided Filippo Neri, a man noted for his piety and wisdom.

The young man had, when a boy, known Filippo, and he now eagerly sought an opportunity of telling him his hopes and expectations. He spoke of his intentions to spare no pains or labor in his studies, that he might thoroughly qualify himself for becoming an eminent lawyer. The old man listened with kindly interest, as the young one poured out his thoughts and intentions, and when the fluent, buoyant hearted harangue was ended, quietly inquired what he intended to do after his studies were finished.

"Then I shall take my doctor's degree."

"And then?"

"Why then, there cannot be a question I shall be promoted to some high office or other; besides I shall make money and grow rich."

"And then?"

"Then I shall live comfortably and honorably, in health and dignity, and shall be able to look forward quietly to a happy old age."

"And then?"

"Then," said the young man, "why, then, — then, — then, I shall die."

Once more the old man uttered the query, "And then?"

The youthful aspirant after earthly honor and riches, cast down his eyes, and made no answer. The question sent home to his heart by the awakening visitations of the Holy Spirit, produced a great change there. The pomp and glories of this fleeting world lost their lustre and attractive force to him. Soon he forsook the study of the law, and sought by devoting himself to the Lord's service, to become humble and useful, rather than exalted and popular. He wished to be a faithful servant of Christ, and of his church, rather than through riches, qualifications, and station, to be a ruler, a commander, and controller of mankind.

How many of us there are, who, if we would follow out the query, "and then?" to the end, would find, if we allowed the unflattering witness to speak, that our pursuits and intentions are not such as would be desirable in the prospect of a certain and speedy death.

God wants children to grow up learning to work. God does not bless lazy people.

## Two Grapevines

Proverbs 24:30 "I went by the field of the slothful and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; and, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down."

John 15:8 "Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples."

Peter and Tom, the two Thompson boys, lived on a farm. Though they both knew all about the duties and chores of farmlife, only Peter was naturally dutiful. Tom had to be reminded over and over to get his chores done, and if it weren't for the fact that the welfare of the family was dependent upon everyone doing his duty well, he would take off for the fishing hole every time he had a notion. On the other hand, Peter seemed to be a natural born farmer, who enjoyed working to see how much he could get done, and how well he could do it.

Now it happened that Mr. Thompson encouraged his boys to consider raising prize grapes. Both boys caught his enthusiasm, and set about cultivating the few vines that their father had in the arbor. Peter chose the vines on one side of the arbor and Tom chose the other side.

The next year, several important looking judges were admiring the beauty

and color, size, taste and sweetness of some clusters of luscious table grapes. "Whose are these?" said one. The label says "Peter Thompson." "And such beautiful clusters, so plump and sweet," said another. "Why these are the most perfect grapes I've ever seen, and I've been judging for sixteen years. I wonder who Peter Thompson is?"

Upon meeting Peter, the judges and spectators crowded around to hear his story. He told how he had dug around his vines, and pulled all weeds from around them, and fertilized them, and gave plenty of water, and protected them from insects, cold, and disease. "But," he said. "The secret is in the pruning. I cut those vines back so far, that Tom thought I had killed them. But when the growth began to come back, it was luscious. Then every part of the vine that bore no grapes, I cut off, so that it would not take life from those that did bear. And those branches that bore fruit, I kept trimmed so that they would have better and fuller grapes."

But what had happened to Tom? After a few months, he grew tired. He decided to work on his vines when he thought they needed it, but otherwise they could care for themselves. Weeds grew, insects took over, the ground became hard and dry. And the grapes? The grapes could hardly be called grapes. Tom decided not to enter his grapes. Why he'd be ashamed to say that those were the grapes he had raised!

Peter received a first prize ribbon and a money reward of \$50.00. He was so pleased, his grapes testified to him as a master vinekeeper.

Just so, we as the branches on the vine, Christ Jesus, are to bring forth such fruit as will glorify God, the husbandman. As we stay on the vine by obeying Christ's commandments (this is abiding in Him) then we can bear more and better fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, humility, faith,

etc. in our lives. Though we be purged, cleansed, and purified through the Word, through sanctification, through trial and persecution, it will cause us to bear even greater fruit. God will be glorified as we bear much fruit, and in this way we shall be Christ's disciples.

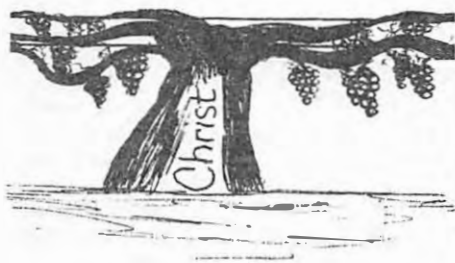
But if we bear no fruit, if we do not obey the word and cultivate his graces in our lives, and do not submit our will for sanctification, then the Husbandman, who will not have fruitless branches, must cut us off the vine. We are good for nothing then, and must be gathered and burned. So don't be careless and slothful as Tom was about his vines. Be dutiful to please the Lord and bring forth much fruit. This is how God is glorified.

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LESSON ILLUSTRATION

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Did you ever see a vineyard? It is a beautiful sight when the vines have grown and are laden with huge bunches of grapes. But soon the harvest is over and the vines begin to wither. The vine-dresser comes along and cuts off the branches and prunes the vine back. The branches that are cut off are gathered up and burned.

We do not know if Jesus was looking at a vineyard, when He spoke the words of our lesson, but these words are to portray to us, or give us a picture of how closely

connected we are to Christ. When you look at a branch and the stem, to which it is connected, you see that it's a part of that stem. It is a close union. The branch and the stem have grown together. You can cut off the branch and it will wither but the stem will live on. So Jesus says, "I am the vine." The vine will live on. Then Jesus said, "Ye are the branches." The branch can be cut off or something can get wrong with it and it will wither, yet the vine will live on. Christ will always be a "true vine." He came from heaven. He is the Word. "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." Jesus came and dwelt among us. How wonderful that we can be one with Christ just as the branch is one with the vine.

Notice the fruit, that the one who is saved and connected with Christ, brings forth. What about the girl or boy who is selfish and always thinks of himself? Is this showing love? You can see what kind of fruit that one brings forth, can't you? It's not the fruit of love. What about the boy or girl who is always hateful and wearing a frown? You know that he is not bearing the fruit of love. What about the girl or boy who brags about himself and the things he has. What kind of fruit does he bear? I am afraid that these kinds of boys and girls will be withered branches. Men gather them and burn them. When they stand before Jesus in the judgment day they will not be ready to meet the Lord. They will be cast into the eternal fires of hell. How sad! But you do not need to be among that number. If you are not living right come to Jesus. Tell him how sorry you are that you have displeased Him. Confess your sins. Repent and Jesus will save you. You can be a branch connected up with Jesus and live for God.

Aunt Marie

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Lesson 1, Oct. 1, 1972

**THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES**

**John 15:1-5; Galatians 5:22, 23;  
John 15:6-8, 10, 11, 16**

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

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

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

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

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

Gal. 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance against such there is no law.

John 15:6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

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

8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that

your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Memory Verse: Matthew 7:19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. Who is the vine and the husbandman?  
2. What happens to the branch that does not bear fruit?

3. What does God do to the branches that bear fruit?

4. Purge means to cleanse from sin. What cleanses us from the sin that passed upon us from Adam? (Read Acts 15:9,10)

5. After we have been filled with the Holy Spirit and are purged, then how much fruit can we bring forth?

6. Abide would mean to stay on the vine and draw help from Christ through prayer, reading, and obeying the Bible. Can you bear fruit without abiding in Christ?

7. Name the fruit that we will bring forth when we are in Christ.

8. "For without me ye can do —" (verse 5) Who is the "me" in this verse?

9. What happens to a man who does not abide in Christ or stay with Him?

10. Withered branches are burned. Those who do not live for Christ nor obey Him are cast into what kind of a fire?

11. Verse 7 is a good verse to memorize. Read it all together.

12. If we bear much fruit who will we be disciples of?

13. Jesus said He kept his Father's commandments. If we abide in the love of Jesus, what will we do?

14. If we have the joy of the Lord in us then "your — might be —"

15. "I have — you and ordained you — — should — and bring — fruit."



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Part Two

Oct. 8

## An Unconscious Sermon

Mr. Harvey was riding slowly along the dusty road, looking in all directions for a stream, or even a house, where he might refresh his tired, thirsty horse with a good drink of water. While he was thinking and wondering he turned an abrupt bend in the road, and saw before him a comfortable looking farmhouse, and at the same time a boy ten or twelve years old came out into the road with a small pail, and stood before him.

"What do you wish, my boy?" said Mr. Harvey, stopping his horse.

"Would your horse like a drink, sir?" said the boy, respectfully.

"Indeed he would, and I was wondering where I could obtain it."

Mr. Harvey thought little of it, supposing, of course, that the boy earned a few pennies in this manner; and therefore, he offered him a bit of silver, and was astonished to see him refuse it.

"I would like you to take it," he said, looking earnestly at the child, and observing for the first time that he limped slightly.

"Indeed, sir, I don't want it. It is little enough I can do for myself or any one; I am lame, and my back is bad, sir;

and my mother says no matter how small a favor may seem, if it is all we are capable of, God loves it as much as He does a very large favor, and this is the most I can do for others. You see, sir, the distance from Painsville is eight miles to this spot, and I happen to know there is no stream crossing the road that distance, and the houses are at some distance from the road; and so, sir, almost everyone passing here from that place is sure to have a thirsty horse."

Mr. Harvey looked down into the gray eyes that were kindling and glowing with the thought of doing good to others, and a moment later he jogged off, pondering deeply upon the quaint little sermon that had been delivered so innocently and unexpectedly.

## Children Are An Heritage of the Lord

A pious mother related, that on one occasion, when in company with two of her children — a son of seven years, and a daughter four years old — she requested them to remain silent while she was engaged in reading a religious book, and, as an inducement to them, proposed that

they should think for half an hour, and, then tell her their thoughts. After a pause, the little boy replied that, "It was impossible to tell his thoughts; they were the same that had been in his mind more than one year; and, that they were so delightful, the more he thought, the more he wished to continue in that sweet meditation; and if all the world would get into the same feeling, it would be impossible for any to be damned."

The mother, startled at such an unexpected reply from so young a child, inquired of him if he could recollect the first time he felt these serious impressions. He said, "They came on by degrees, from a desire to be good, and serve God." He was then asked, if he was willing to die, and go to heaven. He said, he "had heaven already in his own heart; therefore he believed, if he should be called from this world, his spirit would unite with God his Father; but he wanted to live to pray for those who were wicked; and that many times he burst into tears for the sins of the world, and wished it was in his power to bring them into the same feeling with himself." He also said to his mother, "He could not speak of these things to his companions at school, knowing he should be ridiculed; and if she knew all he suffered in mind among such a set of wicked boys, she would weep for him often." He further said, that he grieved for them, "lest they should continue hardened in wickedness — sorry that they should offend so good a God; and distressed for himself in struggling against the temptations before him, and afraid he should do something wrong; but that these thoughts, which were continually before him were his comfort." On inquiry from his mother, if he knew whence these thoughts proceeded, he answered, "Yes, from God; and that it was God's Spirit in him, and that he sometimes enjoyed heaven without waiting for death."

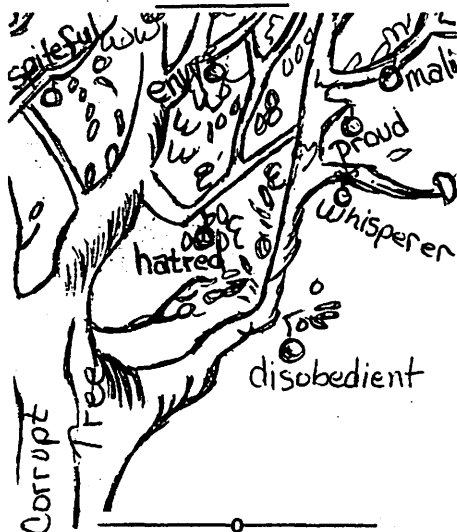
After the child had left the room, the eldest daughter, aged twelve years, who

was present, burst into tears, and said, "What but the Spirit of God could make a child like this speak in this manner?"

## Mice Money

I will tell you how one lad who lived years ago, earned his paper. The rats and mice were very plenty about the house and barn where he lived; and his father set a bounty of a half a cent a head upon them. Ned set all the traps he could get, and soon made a very good beginning on the fifty cents he wished to raise. But by-and-by he thinned out the supply, to his great regret; and the last fifteen pennies seemed very long in coming. His father and mother seeing how eager he was to secure his little paper, gave him the pennies needful to make up the sum; and then such a happy boy you will seldom see. He bounded off to the home of a schoolmate, and laid the matter before him so well that he was induced also to subscribe for it. He was not obliged to catch mice for his money. So they sent off their dollar immediately. Such an interest as they took now in watching the post-office, when the time came about for their papers to come. It was something to look forward to continually, and a great source of delight and improvement when it did come. Their papers were read from beginning to end, and talked and thought over. That is the only way to get good from what we read. I dare say the boy who worked the hardest to earn his paper prized it the most. Now there are so many ways for children to "turn a penny," scarcely any one need go without a children's paper. I knew a little poor girl who caught up all the rats and mice about the house, and earned several dimes. But she spent all her pennies for narrow ribbons to tie around her neck. Which do you think was the most useful to purchase? Which do you think will give the most pleasure and profit five years from now?

## LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

It's wonderful to have a friend. A friend is one who understands you, and even if they do not understand what you say, they know it is meant well. A friend is one that helps you in time of need, and one you feel free to tell your problems to. Jesus has assured us in our lesson that He is our Friend. There is no friend like Jesus. Then He tells us that we are going to need a friend because the world, or people who do not love God, will hate those who love Him. The devil hates Jesus and all that love Him. The devil works through people to get them to do evil to those who love Jesus. People who obey the devil feel guilty when they see someone living for God. To cover that guilt many times they will show their hatred to God's people. How sad, but we must not be alarmed. Just look at Jesus, your dearest Friend, and he will comfort you and help you to live for Him in this world. We are not going to be here very long. Eternity never ends. So we want to be wise and live so we can live

with Jesus, our Friend, in heaven.

People who do wrong are said to be corrupt trees, while those who do good are good trees. Trees bear fruit. You can look at an apple tree and know it's an apple tree by its apples. So, if a boy or girl bears bad fruit or does evil things they are not of God. God helps boys and girls bear good fruit and do right things.

Some things are named in our lesson that are evil fruit in the lives of boys and girls who do not love Jesus. They want to be like so many others in the world who do evil. So they are proud, spiteful, disobedient to their parents, and just invent or think of evil things to do. Do you know any boys or girls like the ones named? Sometimes you will find boys and girls today that say they hate God. How sad it will be for them, if they do not change, when they meet God in the judgment. They will be cast into the fire that burneth forever. Hell is real and Heaven is real. I want to go to heaven, don't you? Jesus our Friend will forgive those who will be sorry for their sins and quit doing them. Jesus will save you and make you ready for heaven. If you have not come to Him, won't you do so today? -Aunt Marie

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Lesson 2, Oct. 8, 1972

## THE WORLD HATES CHRIST'S DISCIPLES

John 15:13, 14, 19, 20; John 16:2;  
Matt. 7:15-17; Romans 1:29-32

John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep your's also.

John 16:2 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.

Matt. 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

Rom. 1:29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

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

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

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

Memory Verse: I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. John 17:15.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. What is the greatest love anyone can have for others?

2. How do we prove that we are Christ's friends?

3. Why doesn't the world love those who love and obey Christ?

4. Persecute means to cause others to suffer for their religious beliefs. The people in the days of Jesus persecuted him and who will they cause to suffer today?

5. The synagogue was the place that the Jews under the law of Moses worshipped in. Jesus came to teach them to love Him, but those in the synagogue did not love Jesus. What did Jesus say those Jews would do to those who loved Him, and what else would they do, thinking it would be doing God's service?

6. False Prophets are those who say they love God but teach others that they do not have to obey all of His words. What did Jesus say they were like?

7. What helps you to know the kinds of trees?

8. What kind of a tree brings forth good fruit? Corrupt fruit is the evil things done by those boys and girls who do not love Jesus nor obey His words.

9. Boys and girls who do wrong are filled with unrighteous or wrong deeds and thoughts. Maliciousness means to have ill will which causes a boy or girl to do wrong through spite. Name some hateful deeds done through spite.

10. Envy would be to covet something another person has. How can you do this? Are we to "rejoice with those who rejoice?"

11. How can a boy or girl be a "whisperer?"

12. What kind of fruit is shown in a person who is proud?

13. What does one who is a boaster do?

14. Did you ever know of a boy or girl who was an "inventor of evil things?"

15. "Disobedient to parents" is an evil fruit. Name some ways of doing this.

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Oct. 15

## Only A Pin

Only two or three days ago, an overseer in the mills found a pin which cost the company about three hundred dollars.

"Was it stolen?" asked Susie. "I suppose it must have been very handsome. Was it a diamond pin?"

"Oh! no, my dear, not by any means. It was just such a pin as people buy every day, and use without stint. Here is one upon my dress."

"Such a pin as that cost three hundred dollars!" exclaimed John. "I don't believe it."

"But mammy says it's a true story," interposed Susie.

"Yes, I know it to be true; and this is the way the pin happened to cost so much: You know that calicoes, after they are printed and washed, are dried and smoothed by being passed over heated rollers. Well, by some mischance, a pin dropped so as to lie upon the principal roller, and indeed, became wedged into it, the head standing out a little way from the surface.

"Over and over went the roller, round and round went the cloth, winding at length upon still another roller, until

the piece was measured off. Then another piece began to be dried and wound; and so on, until a hundred pieces had been counted off. These were not examined immediately, but removed from the machinery and laid aside.

"When, at length, they came to be inspected, it was found that there were holes in every piece throughout the web, and only three quarters of a yard apart. Now, in each piece there were from thirty-five to forty-five yards; and at twelve cents a yard, that would count up to about five hundred dollars.

"Of course, the goods could not be classed as perfect goods; so they were sold as remnants, at less than half the price they would have brought had it not been for that hidden pin.

"Now it seems to me that when a boy takes for his companion a profane swearer, a thief, or a lad who is untruthful, and a little girl has for her playmate one who is unkind or disobedient, or in any way a wicked child, they are like the roller which took to its bosom the pin. Without their being able to help it, often the evil influence clings to them, and leaves its mark upon everybody with whom they come in contact.

"That pin damaged irreparably four

thousand yards of new print; but bad company has ruined thousands of souls for whom Christ died. Remember, 'one sinner destroyeth much good;' therefore avoid evil companions."

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## A Warning To Swearers

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In the latter part of the month of March, 1851, the sun rose with majestic splendor upon the town of Moulmein, and the river (at the edge of which the town is situated), upon whose breast, peacefully and majestically, rode vessels from all parts of the globe. Perhaps the largest of all that group was the old "Coromandel." Her crew were awakened at six o'clock, to commence again the labors of another day; they all arose, refreshed and invigorated by sleep, with light hearts, and joy beaming upon their countenances. Little did they think, that before the setting of the sun, one of their number would be ushered into eternity, to appear before his God.

The day passed away as usual in getting in timber, until 3:00 P.M., when one of the cross-pieces, to which the logs were attached, went astray. Two of the midshipmen immediately got into a boat, and rowed after it, and having secured it, pulled for the ship, which they reached in safety and made the boat fast. One of the sailors, W.P., got on to the companion ladder, and on taking hold of the piece of wood swore at his comrade for letting the boat "sheer off." The words had scarcely passed his lips, when the weight of the piece of wood overbalanced him, and he fell into the river. Before his companion could call for assistance, the tide had carried him a considerable distance down the stream. The several boats went immediately after him, but although surrounded by friends and assistance, he sank to rise no more.

Neither his body nor any portion of it could be found; it is supposed that it was

devoured by the alligators, which abound in that river.

Dear children! Mark God's vengeance upon the swearer. He has said: "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord."

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## Total Abstinence

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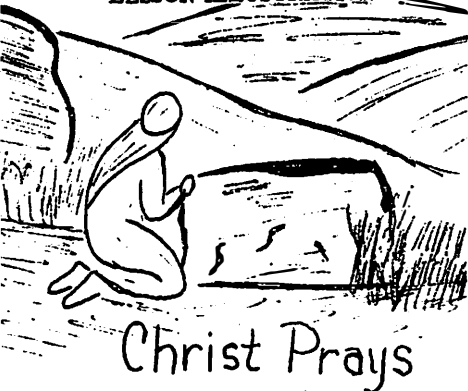
A mother, on the green hills of Vermont, stood at her garden gate holding by her right hand a son of sixteen years, mad with love of the sea. "Edward," said she, "they tell me that the great temptation of the seaman's life is drink; promise me, before you quit your mother's hand, that you will never drink." Said he - for he told me the story - I gave her the promise. I went the broad globe over - Calcutta, the Mediterranean, San Francisco, the Cape of Good Hope, and for forty years, whenever I saw a glass filled with sparkling liquor, my mother's form, by the garden gate on the hillside of Vermont, rose up before me, and today at sixty, my lips are innocent of the taste of liquor." Was that not evidence of the power of a single word? And yet it was but half; for, said he, "Yesterday there came into my countingroom a young man of forty, and asked me, 'Do you know me?' 'No' said I. 'I was brought once,' said he, 'drunk into your presence on shipboard; you were a passenger; the captain kicked me aside; you took me into your berth, kept me there until I had slept off the intoxication, and then you asked me if I had a mother. I said, never that I knew of; I never had heard a mother's voice. You told me of yours at the garden gate and today, twenty years later, I am master of one of the finest packets in New York, and I came to ask you to come and see me.'"

Be willing to share what you have. Jesus shared.

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, says the Lord." Isaiah 55:8. God has much better thoughts than we. He doesn't always do what we want but His ways are best.

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### LESSON ILLUSTRATION




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Dear Boys and Girls:

Prayer is talking to one's Heavenly Father. Some think they have to say a lot of impressive words in prayer. It's like talking to your mother or father, and telling them all about your troubles or joys, only you are asking your Heavenly Father to help you to keep your heart right. Your heart needs to always be clean and free from any wrong thoughts or wrong ideas, or desires. Then you need to ask God to comfort you when you are sad. He will do that. You need to ask Him to give you power to do right. Jesus will do that. Tell him all about your joys and thank Him for helping you. Ask Him to bless others and save them from sin. It's wonderful to pray.

Jesus prayed often when he was here in a fleshly body and faced the devil. The devil worked hard against Him just as he does you and me. Our lesson is part of a prayer Jesus prayed. The whole

chapter of John 17 is the prayer of Jesus. First he prayed to God for Himself. He asked God to take him back to be with him as he was before he came to this world. Then he prayed for the disciples. He prayed that they be kept from evil and not be alarmed if the world hated them. He told God He had kept them all in His name. That is the reason the believers are called the Church of God. The church is kept in God's name. And last in this 17th chapter, Jesus prayed for us. He prayed for all that would believe on Jesus through the word of His disciples. He prayed that the church all be one and love one another so the world would know that God had sent Christ.

Jesus knew that the cross was ahead of him. He took Peter, James and John and went farther in the garden of Gethsemane. He begged for grace and help to go to the cross. He asked the Father if it were possible for the world to be saved without him going to the cross, to let the cup pass, but if not, he was willing. This was a bitter cup for him to drink but he drank it for you and me. Oh, we ought to love Jesus dearly for His great love for you and me.

Aunt Marie

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Lesson 3, Oct. 15, 1972

### CHRIST'S PRAYER

John 17:1, 5, 12, 20, 21;

Matt. 26:37-46; Matt. 26:41

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

5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

12 While I was with them in the world I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

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

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

Matt. 26:37 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

38 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.

38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

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.

40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

43 And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.

44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

45 Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

46 Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

Memory Verse: Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. John 26:41.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. What are the first words that Jesus said as he lifted up his eyes to heaven in prayer?

2. What glory did Jesus have with his Father before He came to this world?

3. In whose name did Jesus keep his disciples that God gave him? Are we kept in God's name and is that the reason we are in the Church of God? Eph. 3:14,15.

4. Jesus prayed for his disciples, but he did not pray for them alone. Who else did he pray for?

5. What are God's children to be so that the people of the world will know that God had sent Christ?

6. Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane and took His disciples. How many did he take a little farther with him to pray? How did Jesus begin to feel?

7. What did he tell them?

8. He went a little farther and what did he pray?

9. What did he mean by asking for the cup to pass from him?

10. What did he say to Peter when he came back?

11. "Watch and — that ye — into temptation."

12. What did he pray the second time?

13. Did he wake them the second time and what did he pray the third time he left them?

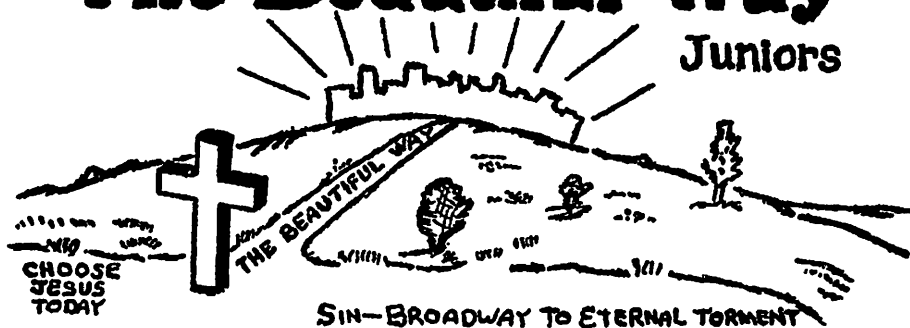
14. Was Jesus in the flesh and felt the need of human companionship?

15. What did Jesus say the third time he returned?



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Part Four

Oct. 22

## Which Did The Most Good?

Charles, Edward, and Henry, were three cousins of about the same age, and residing in the same village. They were about ten years of age, when a rich old uncle who had returned from India, a few weeks before, came to reside in the same place with them, declaring his intention of making one of his three nephews his heir. One day he invited the boys to eat with him. On going home he gave them a half crown each to spend, and as it may be supposed, the cousins were much delighted. Each laid it by with care till fair-day, which was very near.

Fair-day came, and the three cousins went together. About half way, they were accosted by a pale-looking boy, about their own age, who begged of them. "I can't afford anything," said Charles. "Nor can I," said Edward. Henry did not speak, and they went on together. Once in the fair the boys were soon separated from each other. We will follow Charles first. His half crown was soon gone in nuts, oranges, gingerbread, tarts, etc.; besides that, he went into most of the shows, and bought a great many marbles. The next day he

arose with a sick headache. Such was the end of Charles's half crown. On separating from his companions, Edward fell into the company of some of his school-fellows; presently another boy came running to tell them there was a balloon to be seen at one end of the fair, so away they all ran to see it. Edward declared it was going to descend. One of the boys, named Peter, said he was sure it was not. "I'll bet you anything it will drop in Gray's field," said Edward, confidently. "What have you got to bet?" inquired Peter. "I have a half crown," replied Edward. "Well, I will bet you that half crown, that it will not fall in Gray's field." "Agreed," said Edward, and they eagerly followed the balloon's flight; it did not drop, but passed over the field, and Edward lost his half crown.

We must now see what became of the third half crown. On leaving his cousins, Henry hastened back to hunt for the little beggar boy; he found him sitting on the bank, and crying bitterly. Henry inquired what was the matter. "I am very hungry," replied the boy, "but I would not care so much for that, if my poor mother was not ill, and my little sisters crying for bread." The tears came into Henry's eyes. "And what would you do if you had

some money?" he inquired. The boy paused a moment, and then replied: "I would trade, and try to make more of it." Henry started, he did not expect such an answer; he put his hand into his pocket, and taking out the half crown, gave it to the poor boy, saying, "Go and do as you wish." He then turned and ran off to the fair, leaving him lost in astonishment. An hour afterward, Henry saw him in the fair with a basket, containing oranges, pears, apples, nuts, etc. Henry wished to avoid the boy's thanks, and so he kept out of the way, though he saw him very often selling his things. Henry never said a word about it at home, but he felt quite as happy as if he had spent his half crown on himself.

A month afterward, Uncle William invited the three boys to eat with him again. Henry was running towards his uncle's house, when, on turning a corner he came up against the little boy to whom he had given the half crown. He nodded to him, and was running on, when the boy exclaimed: "Please, sir, wait." Henry stopped. The boy took a half crown from his pocket and put it into Henry's hand, saying: "I have been very blessed, sir, and mother and I both sell now, so we saved up the half crown to pay you back again; and we pray to God every night to bless and reward you, sir, for saving us from starvation." "But," said Henry, "I gave you the half crown to keep." "Yes, sir, but mother said now we could manage to get an honest living, we would pay you back again." "Well, if you can afford it," said Henry.

"Good-bye, I can't stop," and Henry ran away to avoid his thanks, inwardly resolving to buy the little orange boy a pair of thick shoes with the half crown, and give him. He soon reached his uncle's where Charles and Edward had arrived before him. They had a delightful evening; and were having some fruit before going home, when Uncle William said, "My boys

I want to ask you each a question: What became of those half crowns I gave you a month ago?" Edward colored and said: "I lost mine," and then related how. Charles declared he had such delicious things for his, that he only wished he had another. Henry was silent, but he was astonished when his uncle told his cousins all about the little orange boy, and finished by saying, "Now, my boys, I am going to give you a little advice. Edward, avoid gambling as you would avoid a viper—the one may destroy your body, but the other will most certainly destroy every moral principle. Charles, leave off your greedy, selfish habits, it will corrupt your character completely, and prove your ruin. Henry, my boy, to you I would say, continue in the path you have begun to follow; always have your eyes, your ears, your heart, hands and your pockets open to the wants of your fellow creatures, and remember God loves a cheerful giver. Give to the poor, you lend to the Lord, and He will repay it. To all you boys, I would say one thing; never forget which did the most good of the three half crowns. Now, goodnight, go home and tell your parents that Uncle William has chosen his nephew Henry to be his heir. Goodbye, and never forget about the three half crowns."

## The Great Secret

"Why have you prospered while so many around you have failed?" inquired a man of a rich merchant one day. The merchant turned to the Bible and read the words, "Acknowledge Him in all thy ways, and he shall direct thy steps." Then closing the Bible, he added solemnly, "This is the grand secret of my prosperity in the world."

When you are tempted to be afraid, think about the angels that camp all around you. Jesus will take care of you and the angels are there.

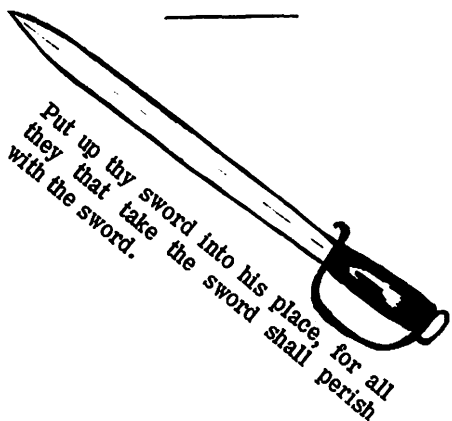
## Youthful Piety

A person converted in youth, is like the sun rising on a summer's morning, to shine through the long, bright day; but a person converted late in life, is like the evening star, a lovely object of Christian contemplation, but not appearing till the day is closing, and then but for a little while.

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### LESSON ILLUSTRATION

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Jesus is still in the Garden of Gethsemane in the beginning of our lesson today. Last Sunday we talked about the battle he had with Satan and how he was willing, after he prayed, for God to have His way in his life. Let us think about another scene in another garden, the Garden of Eden. There the devil came to Eve and told her lies, and she did just as he told her. She ate of the forbidden fruit. She disobeyed God. She gave some of the fruit to Adam, and they both were punished. Not only they, but also all of us have felt the sting from that punishment. When we do wrong it affects others also. The Bible calls Jesus the Second Adam. When

the first Adam and Eve were cast out of the Garden of Eden, God gave them a promise that the seed of the woman, or a child of a woman, would bruise the serpent's (devil's) head. In our lesson today, Jesus, who was the Son of God and the son of Mary, which makes him the seed or child of a woman fought a battle in the Garden of Gethsemane. There the devil tried to overcome him but finally had to leave him and the Bible says the angels came to strengthen and comfort him. This time the devil met someone in a garden who was able to overcome him. The devil did not know that Jesus would bruise his head in the end but Jesus surely did! Since Christ overcame him that day, the devil no longer has power over us, if we have Jesus in our hearts and lives, to get us to do wrong as he did Adam and Eve. If we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we can overcome. Now I have tried to make this plain and simple. The devil tried to keep Jesus from obeying God and going to the cross to die for our sins and take our punishment. Jesus did not yield to the devil. He obeyed God. We too can obey God if we will ask Jesus to be with us.

Judas told the officers that for thirty pieces of silver he would bring them to Jesus. We find in reading in Matthew 26:49 that he came to Jesus, leading the officers and soldiers, and kissed him, thus betraying Jesus. What an awful thing to do. Are we betraying Jesus today? Are we making fun of His followers and of His Word? We want to love Him for His great love for us.

Aunt Marie

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Lesson 4, Oct. 22, 1972

### JESUS IS BETRAYED

John 18:3-11; Romans 8:32;

2 Timothy 2:12; John 18:12-15

John 18:3 Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.

4 Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye?

5 They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them.

6 As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground.

7 Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth.

8 Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way:

9 That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none.

10 Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

11 Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?

Rom. 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

2 Tim. 2:12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us.

John 18:12 Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him,

13 And led him away to Annas first; for he was father in law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year.

14 Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

15 And Simon Peter followed Jesus,

and so did another disciple: that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest.

Memory Verse: For ye have need of patience, that after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. Hebrews 10:36.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane and had finished praying. Whom did he hear coming and what did they have?

2. What did verse 4 say about Jesus knowing things? Does he still know all things today?

3. What did Jesus say to the men who came to take him? Was he afraid? Why not?

4. What did Jesus say when they said they were seeking for him?

5. Our lesson said Judas betrayed Jesus. In Matthew 26:49,50 it tells us what he did.

6. What did the officers and soldiers do when Jesus said, "I am he."

7. Jesus asked them the second time whom they were seeking. When he again told them that he was "Jesus of Nazareth," what did he tell them to do to the disciples?

8. What scripture was to be fulfilled in verse nine? (John 17:12)

9. What did Peter do?

10. What did Jesus tell Peter? What did Jesus do for Malchus?

11. Whose son was Jesus and what was the cup his Father gave Him to drink?

12. What will we do if we suffer in this life for Jesus?

13. What did the Jews do to Jesus?

14. To whom did they take him?

15. What did Caiaphas, the Jewish high priest, say that one man should do for the people?

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Part Five

Oct. 29

## Peter Receives Forgiveness

Today's lesson shows the merciful forgiveness of the Lord. Though Peter denied Him and cursed and swore, when he repented, Christ forgave him and restored him.

There is another story about forgiveness I would like to bring to your attention. It happened in the days when it was not uncommon to sell a man, his family, and all he had to pay for the debt that he owed, if he was unable to pay it.

A certain king brought his servants before him to find out how much each of them owed him. One servant owed the king close to \$294 million dollars! What a debt! He could never pay that much if he worked the rest of his life. Since the servant didn't have this money to pay, the king, his lord, had a right to sell him, his wife, his children, and all that he had in order to pay this debt, and this is what the king ordered to be done.

What an awful way to pay a debt! To see those you love dearest separated and sold to others, to be sold yourself to work and be enslaved to serve another. The servant was so moved with the terrible-

ness of the price he would have to pay for the debt that he owed, that he fell down humbly before the lord and begged him to have patience with him and he would try to pay him all he owed.

This plea for patience, this humble bowing down and worship, touched the heart of the king, for he knew this debt was too great to ever pay, and he recognized the humble willingness of the servant to pay all he owed. With compassion and what a compassion the lord forgave the servant of all that debt, and freed him.

Now how do you think that servant felt? Happy, grateful, appreciative of what the king had done for him? Let's see.

This same servant, being without money you remember, saw someone who owed him some money, about 18 cents. Here was just the one he was looking for! He grabbed the man by the throat, and demanded him to pay him the money he owed. This man did not have the 18 cents, being a poor servant himself, so he fell down before him, and begged the servant to give him time, have patience, and he would pay all of the 18 cents.

Don't you think the servant would have gladly forgiven the man of 18 cents, and just let him go, after having been forgiven

of \$294 million dollars himself? Well, he didn't. Instead, he put the poor man into prison, until he could pay the 18 cents.

Now, other servants of the king saw what was done, and they told the king what they had seen. The king was very displeased when he heard what had happened, and he called that servant before him again.

And he said, "O thou wicked servant (for he HAD done a great wrong) I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: should not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow servant, even as I had pity on thee?" The lord was very angry and cast the servant into prison to be tormented till he should pay all his debt, which really could never be paid.

"So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses." Matthew 18:22-35.

Children, this teaches us how we are to forgive. The debt that we owe God for our sins could never be paid. It is a debt which would cost us torment forever. But Christ, by shedding His blood, paid for our sins, and if we will repent and humble ourselves before God, just as the servant did before the king, and believe in Christ, He will have mercy and forgive us of all our debt, our sins. Then when someone hurts us, or does something to us that they shouldn't, we are to have mercy and forgive them, too. What others do to us, however bad it may seem, is like the 18 cents the man owed the servant, compared to the \$294 million dollars the servant owed to the king.

Because God is so loving and merciful to forgive us through Christ, of all our sins, surely we ought to be merciful enough to forgive others of what little things (trespasses) they might do to us. If we do not forgive others, then God will not forgive us our great debt, and we will be required to pay for our sins, which is death. The wages (or reward) of sin is

death. So when you feel that you can't forgive someone of what they've done to you, remember how God forgave you, for Christ's sake. Be merciful as your heavenly Father is merciful. B.L.M.

## TRUE OR FALSE?

Circle the "T" if it is true.  
Circle the "F" if it is false.

1. The enemies of Jesus took Him to the house of the high priest. T F
2. Peter followed Jesus a far off. T F
3. At the house, Peter sat near a fire to warm himself. T F
4. A maid saw Peter, and knew that he was a follower of the high priest. T F
5. Three people accused Peter of being a follower of Jesus. T F
6. Three times Peter denied that he was a follower of Jesus. T F
7. Peter was very sorry that he denied Jesus. T F

If the Lord Jesus lives in our heart, we will not kick the kitty or puppy when they happen to get in our way.

Did you ever see chickens scratching around in the ground. They are hunting for food. God has many blessings for us but we must seek for them. He said, "Seek and ye shall find."

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LESSON ILLUSTRATION



THE COCK CREW

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Dear Boys and Girls:

I am sure that you want to please the Lord. I am sure that you are sorry when you fail to please the Lord. You meant to do the right but it seemed that it was hard to do it at the time. You now are so sorry about it. You know that you have done wrong. What shall you do about it? Shall you just keep on doing wrong? Shall you just add sin to sin? Shall you give up and say that it's no use to try? All of these thoughts the devil will bring to you. But you must not listen to the devil. Go to Jesus and with tears and a godly sorrow ask Him to forgive you. Be more careful to pray and watch next time. Shun the wrong crowd. Don't be in places where you can't resist strong temptations to do wrong. God will forgive you when you ask Him and make your wrongs right.

In our lesson Peter was sure he would not displease the Lord. He didn't feel that he needed to pray when Jesus warned him about it in the Garden of Gethsemane. This was just before they came to take Jesus. He made a sad mistake by not praying and watching. He was all troubled and confused when they took Jesus. He loved Jesus but he was afraid. He stood by the fire in the court yard with the

wrong crowd. Boys and girls we need to be careful what company we keep. Peter could not stand up for Jesus before that crowd. He had not been filled with the Holy Spirit at that time and lacked boldness. He failed Jesus and denied Him. But Jesus looked at him just as He is looking at you and me today. He knows when we do wrong or right. I am sure He was grieved when He looked at him. The cock crew and Peter remembered. He was sorry. He didn't just continue sinning, but wept bitterly and repented. Later we see Peter preaching boldly on the day of Pentecost. Jesus had died on the cross and went back to heaven. He sent the Holy Spirit to fill the disciples who were saved. Peter now boldly declared before all that he was Jesus' disciple. Many also believed his word and were saved. It pays to get clear before God when we fail and to be filled with the Holy Spirit so we can help others be saved like Peter did.

Aunt Marie

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Lesson 5, Oct. 29, 1972

**PETER RECEIVED FORGIVENESS**

**Luke 22:31-34; John 18:16-18, 26b, 27; Luke 22:61, 62; Mark 16:7; Acts 2:32, 41**

Luke 22:31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:  
32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

33 And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death.

34 And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

John 18:16 But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple which was known unto the high priest,

and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter.

17 Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also one of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not.

18 And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals; for it was cold: and they warmed themselves: and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself.

26 One of the servants of the high priest, being his kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him?

27 Peter then denied again: and immediately the cock crew.

Luke 22:61 And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

62 And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.

Mark 16:7 But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

Acts 2:32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

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

Memory Verse: Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. I Peter 5:8.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. Peter's name was Simon Peter. What did Jesus tell Simon Peter that Satan wanted to do to him? (Sift means to separate fine from the coarse. Satan wanted to take the good out of Peter.)

2. What did Jesus tell Peter he had done for him and what was he to do when he was converted or saved?

3. What was Peter's answer?

4. What did Jesus say about the cock or rooster crowing?

5. Peter was at the door of the palace where they took Jesus bound. What did the "other disciple" who was John, do?

6. What did the damsel or girl say to Peter, and what did Peter answer?

7. Who were warming themselves around the fire? Can we be in the wrong company warming ourselves around a fire? What could bring us trouble?

8. What did someone else say to Peter and what was his answer?

9. Last Sunday we read about Peter cutting off Malchus' ear. What did his kinsman or relative say to Peter?

10. When Peter denied Jesus the third time, what happened, and what did he do when Jesus looked at him?

11. When we do wrong what are we to do? Should we keep doing wrong and keep repenting?

12. Does Jesus see us when we do wrong or good?

13. After Jesus was crucified and arose from the grave the angels gave a message to the woman from Jesus. What was it?

14. Jesus had forgiven Peter and he was with the 120 on the day of Pentecost and received the Holy Spirit. What did Peter boldly declare in his sermon to the people?

15. Peter was not ashamed of Jesus and told them about Him dying for their sins. What were the results?

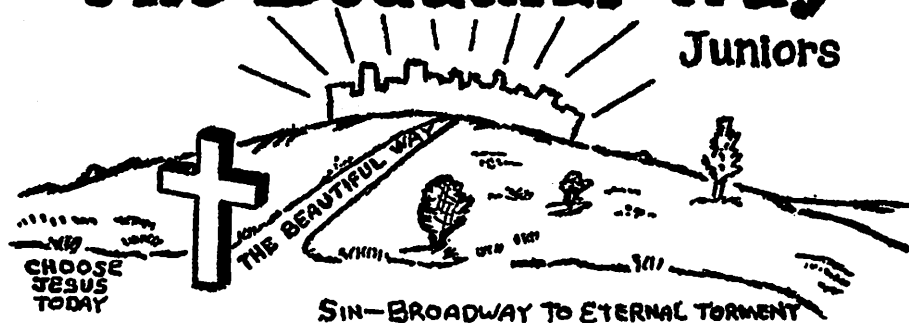
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The Lord is my Shepherd  
He loves me I know;  
Wherever He leads me  
I gladly will go.



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Part Six

Nov. 5

## The Race

Jim was very excited when his school announced the special events to be held on the last day of school. There would be games and all kinds of contests with prizes going to the winners. He was very sure he would be able to easily win the running contest. He had always been the fastest runner in the school and he knew of no one else who even had a chance to win.

As he walked home from school, he dreamed about winning the race and how much he would enjoy getting a prize. But, besides winning a prize, he wanted everyone to know just how fast he could run.

When his family sat down to eat that evening, he began to tell his Mother and Dad and his older brother, John, all about the race and that he was sure he would win. His Dad looked a little bit troubled—he hated to see his son so sure of himself and told him someone else might be better. His brother asked him when he planned to start practicing for the race. Jim must start practicing for the race. Jim just laughed and said, "Oh, I'm not going to practice. I'm already faster than anyone else and can win without even trying very

hard." "Maybe so, Jim, but if I were you I'd get in a little practice just to make sure," said John.

The last day of school finally arrived, and Jim eagerly took his place with a group of boys who were going to run in the race. He looked over the group and felt more confident than ever. The whistle blew and the boys started running. Jim couldn't believe it, he was running as fast as he could and he was not winning. It was soon over and Jim had come in third. It was bad enough to lose, but it was especially hard since the boy who won was two years younger and wasn't even considered a good runner. He watched sadly as the prizes went to his friends and he received none.

Jim didn't have much to say to his family that evening and he hoped no one would mention the race. "Well son, how did you do in the race today?" asked his Dad. "I lost," said Jim very quietly. "Sam Burke and Tim Roberts both ran faster than I did." His Dad said, "I'm not surprised — I saw them running in the park every evening practicing while you were so sure you could win without it. I could have told you, but felt you could learn a valuable lesson by losing."

"It is like when people say they are sure they will go to Heaven and then live

a careless life and do nothing to earn a reward. When the race is over (or their life is done), the Master will tell them they did not run a good race and the prize will not be theirs. God expects us to live so that we will be worthy of Heaven. So, Jim, I hope you have learned to put forth all your effort in whatever you do", said his Dad.

Jim was quiet for a minute, then said, "Dad, I felt so bad when I lost the race, but now I can see that it was for the best. I am going to be a better Christian and live so that God will never have to be disappointed in me."

—Dixie Hann

## A Mother's Faith

A young girl, whose name I cannot call, had a serious problem. She was often bothered in mind and spirit. She had great fears and worries, and many times she would do things which she herself could not understand. It seems like she heard voices in her head, telling her to do unseemly things, making her afraid, tormenting her and giving her no rest.

Her mother was so concerned. She desperately wanted help for her daughter. But who could help her? Who could she turn to? There was one answer.

The hopeful mother hurried along the beach, thinking, praying, realizing that this was the last hope for her daughter. Would she be helped? Was she to return home without ever finding peace for her daughter? Many thoughts passed through that mother's mind, but she determined within herself that if there was any help at all, she would find it and not be turned away.

Now there was in that part of the coast, a large crowd of people. They were standing around someone who was talking. The mother hesitated. Dare she approach them? Would they accept her, a woman not well received by these peo-

ple, since she was from a different country? If she could just get the attention of the one who was talking. As she hesitated, she thought of her daughter, and the untold suffering and torment that she went through. For her daughter's sake, she must risk being rejected by her last hope. And with a fervency and determination not to be denied, she cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David, my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil."

But the one talking paid no attention! How embarrassing! And the men around him asked him to send her away. They did not want her crying after them. And He said, for it was Jesus, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." His mission was not to help such as she, only those to whom he was sent. This she knew. But if only...

So she humbled herself before him. Perhaps he would be kindly favored toward her. He was her last and only hope. She said again, as she worshipped him, "Lord, help me."

But he said, "It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs." What a rebuff! Surely it was enough to turn away the faint hearted. But her daughter...

She humbled further and said, "Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their master's table." I confess that I am as a dog, utterly worthless, outcast, and without merit, but I will gladly accept what little you would be pleased to give.

Then Jesus answered and said unto her, "O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt." And her daughter was made well from that very hour!

A mother's unrelenting, persevering, yet humble faith, in our Almighty Lord, brought healing and deliverance to her sorely tormented daughter. Matt. 15:21-28.

B.L.M.

## A Hymn

Hitherto thy hand hath led me,  
And hath brought me on my way;  
Thou hast clothed me, Thou hast fed me,  
Thou hast blest me every day.

Lord, it is thy loving kindness  
That thy gospel I have known,  
Else I might have sat in blindness  
Bowing down to wood and stone.

Thou who gav'st thy Son to save me,  
Send thy Holy Spirit down;  
Make me do as Thou would'st have me,  
Make me more and more thine own.

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### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Barabbas  
(devil)



Jesus

Choose whom you want to serve

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Dear Boys and Girls:

I do trust that you are loving Jesus and seeking to know how Jesus wants you to live. You are on the sea of life. Sometimes the waves roll high on a sea. If a boat would be on the sea and those in it did not have oars they would be tossed here and there. They could not reach the shore. Just so, in life if you do not have something to help you to know how to live you will be tossed here and there by many other boys and girls' ideas. But if you know Jesus and what Jesus has

said in the Bible you will know just how to live and what to do that will bring happiness to your life and heart. You will feel secure. Even in trouble you will have some One who is greater than the trouble to help you. It pays to love Jesus and obey Him.

Our lesson proves that Jesus loves you. He was innocent. The Jews hated Him because He wanted to help them to know God better and to worship Him in the right way. They brought false witness to say false things about Him. Jesus did not try to defend Himself because He knew He was to die on the cross as punishment for our sins. He was willing to die, because He loved you and me.

They took Him before the high priest and then took Him to Pilate. Pilate was a Roman ruler. He was a wicked man but he did not find fault in Jesus and tried to get them to let Him go but they wanted Pilate to have Him put to death. Pilate's wife had a dream and told Pilate to have nothing to do with Jesus. This troubled Pilate very much. Pilate feared that they would cause him a lot of trouble if he did not try to please them. So he was hated by all of them. It was a custom for the ruler to release a prisoner at the passover. Pilate said he would release to them the King of the Jews, Jesus. They cried for him to release the robber, Barabbas instead of Jesus. This showed what was in their hearts.

Aunt Marie

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Lesson 6, Nov. 5, 1972

### JESUS FACES PILATE

John 18:24, 19-23, 33-40

John 18:24 Now Annas had sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest.

19 The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine.

20 Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the syna-

gogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing.

21 Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said.

22 And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so?

23 Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me?

33 Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?

34 Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?

35 Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done?

36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth hearest my voice.

38 Pilate saith unto him. What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all.

39 But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews?

40 Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barrabas. Now Barabbas was a robber.

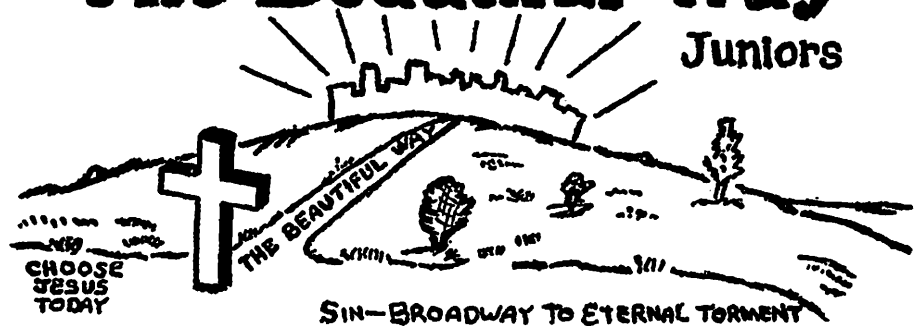
Memory Verse: Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. To whom did Annas send Jesus?
2. What did the high priest ask Jesus?
3. What did Jesus answer him?
4. Did Jesus say that they knew His doctrine or what He had said?
5. What did one of the officers who stood by Jesus do to Him?
6. Was this legal to do to one who was not proved guilty?
7. What did Jesus tell him?
8. Jesus was sent from the high priest to Pilate in the judgment hall. Pilate was their Roman ruler. What did Pilate ask Jesus?
9. What did Jesus answer him?
10. What did Pilate plainly ask Jesus?
11. Jesus has a kingdom. It's a spiritual kingdom and is not of this world. When we are saved we are in this kingdom. If Jesus' kingdom was of this world, whom did Jesus say would fight for Him?
12. Did Jesus tell Pilate that He was a king?
13. "Everyone --- is of --- heareth --- voice."
14. What question did Pilate ask Jesus before he went out to the Jews again?
15. Pilate did not want to put Jesus to death as he did not find any fault in Him. He wanted to release to them Jesus or Barabbas, a robber. Whom did they cry to be released to them?

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## The Little Girl and Her Copy

A little girl went to a writing school. When she saw her copy, with every line so perfect, "I can never write like that," she said.

She looked steadfastly at the straight round lines, so slim and graceful. Then she took up her pen and timidly put it on the paper. Her hand trembled; she drew it back; she stopped, studied the copy, and began again. "I can but try," said the little girl; "I will do as well as I can."

She wrote half a page. The letters were crooked. What more could we expect from a first effort? The next scholar stretched across her desk, "What scraggy things you make!" Tears filled the little girl's eyes. She dreaded to have the teacher see her book. "He will be angry with me and scold," she said to herself.

But when the teacher came and looked he smiled. "I see you are trying, my little girl," he said kindly, "and that is enough for me."

She took courage. Again and again she studied the beautiful copy. She wanted to know how every line went, how every letter

was rounded and made. Then she took up her pen and began to write.

She wrote carefully, with the copy always before her. But Oh! what slow work it was! Her letters straggled here, they crowded there, and some of them looked every way.

The little girl trembled at the step of the teacher. "I am afraid you will find fault with me," she said, "my letters are not fit to be seen on the same page with the copy."

"I do not find fault with you," said the teacher, "because I do not look so much at what you do, as at what you aim and have the heart to do. By really trying, you make a little improvement every day; and a little improvement every day will enable you to reach excellence by and by."

And thus encouraged, she took up her pen with a greater spirit of application than before.

And so it is with the dear children who are trying to become like Jesus. God has given us a heavenly copy. He has given us His dear Son "for an example, that we should follow His steps." He "did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth." "He is altogether lovely," and full of grace and truth. And when you study His character, "I can never, never

reach that," you say, "I can never be like Jesus."

God does not expect you to become like his dear Son in a minute, or a day, or a year; but what pleases him is that you should love Him, and try to follow His example. It is that temper which helps you to grow, day by day, little by little, into His likeness, which God desires to see. God sees you try. God loves you for trying, and He will give His Holy Spirit to help you.

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## Somebody's Mother

The woman was old, and ragged, and gray  
And bent with the chill of the winter's day  
The street was wet with the winter's snow  
And the woman's feet were aged and slow.

She stood at a crossing and waited long  
Alone, uncared for, amid the throng  
Of human beings that passed her by,  
Nor heeded the glance of her anxious eye.

Down the street with a laugh and a shout  
Glad in the freedom of "school let out"  
Come the boys like a flock of sheep  
Hailing the snow, piled white and deep.

Past the old woman, so old and gray,  
Hastened the children on their way;  
Nor offered a helping hand to her,  
So meek, so timid, afraid to stir,

Lest the carriage wheels, or the horses' feet  
Should crowd her down in the slippery street.

At last came out of the merry troop,  
The gayest laddie of the group.

He paused beside her, and whispered low,  
"I'll help you across, if you want to go."  
Her aged hand on his strong young arm  
She placed, and so, without hurt or harm,

He guided the trembling feet along,  
Proud that his own were firm and strong;  
Then back again to his friends he went.  
His young heart happy and well content.

"She's somebody's mother, boys, you know,

For all she is aged, and poor, and slow;  
And I hope some fellow will lend a hand  
To help my mother, you understand,  
If ever she is poor, and old, and gray,  
When her own dear boy is far away."

And "Somebody's Mother" bowed her head

In her home that night, and the prayer she said

Was "God, be kind to the noble boy,  
Who is somebody's son, and pride and joy."

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## Finger Marks

A man was employed to thin-whiten the walls of a chamber. The fluid used was colorless till dried. Being alone in the room, he opened a drawer, examined a pocket-book and handled the papers, but finding no money, placed all things as they were, forgetting that twelve hours' drying would show the marks of his wet fingers. But these telltale fingermarks, which he little thought any one would ever see, exposed his guilt.

Children, beware of evil thoughts and evil deeds. They have all finger-marks which will be revealed at some time. If you disobey your parents, or tell a falsehood, or take what is not your own, you make sad finger-marks on your character. And so it is with any, and all sin. It defiles the character. It betrays those who engage in it by the marks it makes on them. The marks may be almost if not quite colorless at first. But even if they should not be seen during any of your days on earth — which is not at all likely — yet there is a day coming in which all

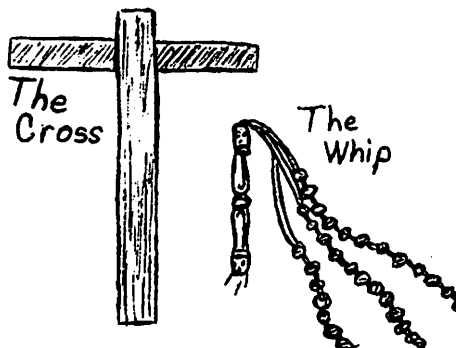
fingermarks or sin-stains on the character will be made manifest.

Never suppose that you can do what is wrong without having a stain on your character. It is impossible. If you injure another, you, by that very deed injure your ownself. If you disregard the law of God, the injury is sadly your own. Think of it, ever bear it in mind, children that every sin you commit leaves a sure mark upon yourselves.

Your character should be a coating of pure truth. Let truthfulness ever be made manifest.

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#### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Jesus suffered and died for you and me.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

We have the account of Jesus' trial in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Some tell one part of the scene and others tell another part. John tells us more briefly about the trial, yet enough that we know that our blessed Lord suffered greatly.

Pilate was in trouble. He was a Roman ruler. The Jews brought Jesus to him because he was the one who had the last say in Him being put to death. Pilate tried to release Jesus but he knew that the multitudes needed to be pleased or he would have trouble. Pilate said, "Behold the man." Pilate did not know

all that he said in this statement but surely we need to behold or look at Jesus. Really Jesus was Pilate's Judge. Pilate and the Jews were on trial. I believe Pilate felt the force of this truth when he looked at this innocent man. I don't believe he could look Jesus straight in the eye. He thought he would try to get rid of him by having Him scourged and by so doing please the Jews and he would not have to put Him to death. Do you know what "scourging" means? Have any among us ever seen a criminal sentenced and flogged? Have any among us ever seen a boy flogged? It would be a very painful thing to witness. Scourging is worse than a severe flogging or whipping. This was a Roman practice. The man was bent over and the skin was stretched thin. The blows were given by whips that had pieces of bone or lead on the end of them. With the first blow the blood flowed. Had he been a wicked criminal or brutal man, it might have been some different but this was our Lord and Saviour. "Behold the Man," says Pilate. Jesus was kind, good and innocent. Jesus had not done any sin. Jesus was the Son of God and the Son of man. He had only done good while here. This scourging was done in that day. Under good laws this could not have happened. But Jesus was brave. He bore it all. It was your sins that brought Him to this terrible scourging. He loved you and was willing to take your punishment. Oh how we ought to love Him. Will you never forget His great love? When He is asking you to do something for Him will you ask Him to help you to do it?

Aunt Marie

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Lesson 7, Nov. 12, 1972

#### BEHOLD THE MAN!

John 19:1-11, 14, 16-18

John 19:1 Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him.

2 And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe.

3 And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands.

4 Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him.

5 Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man!

6 When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him.

7 The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

8 When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid:

9 And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer.

10 Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?

11 Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

14 And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!

16 Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away.

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

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

Memory Verse: Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: Galatians 3:13.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. What did Pilate do to Jesus? What does scourging mean?

2. What else did they do to our lovely Jesus?

3. What did Pilate tell the Jews about Jesus?

4. When Jesus came out before them wearing the crown of thorns and purple robe what did Pilate say?

5. What do you see in Jesus when you "Behold the man."

6. What did the chief priests and officers say when they saw Him?

7. What did Pilate say to them?

8. What does verse 7 tell us that the Jews said?

9. Pilate was afraid. Jesus was really his Judge. He tried to release Him. Pilate surely felt this. What did he say to Jesus now?

10. When Jesus did not answer him what did he say?

11. Read verse 11 and tell what it means even to us today?

12. The sixth hour was at noon. This was Friday. What did Pilate say to the Jews?

13. What did the Jews do to Jesus now after Pilate gave his permission for Him to be crucified?

14. Where did they take Him and who was crucified with Him?

15. Should we love Jesus for His dying on the cross and taking our punishment for our sins?

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Nov. 19

### LuAnn's Flowers

LuAnn was glad school was out for the summer. She was looking forward to taking care of her flower garden and was so eager for her flowers to bloom. She had planted them with care weeks before and had kept them watered when the soil got too dry. It was hard work to keep out the weeds and grass, but she knew it was important to keep them out of her flowers.

Each morning after breakfast she would go out and look at her flowers to see how much they had grown. One morning she noticed a new plant growing in among the flowers and several days later she noticed there were many of them. She wondered if it could be a weed, but decided it was just another flower. The flowers were starting to bloom now and she could hardly wait to pick her first bouquet.

One day her Mother came out to look at her flowers. "LuAnn, your flowers are very pretty, but I notice that you have left some weeds among them," she said. "Oh no, I've been very careful to keep out all the weeds and grass. Where are the weeds you see?" asked LuAnn. Her Mother

pointed out the strange new flowers LuAnn had noticed several weeks ago. She thought their deep purple blossoms made them one of her prettiest flowers.

"Mother, I'm sure those are not weeds; they are too pretty," said LuAnn. Her Mother answered her quietly, "My dear, many things which look pretty are not good...you should pull them up now." LuAnn was sure the pretty flowers were not weeds and left them in her garden.

When it was time for the family to go on vacation, LuAnn asked a friend to take care of her flowers. She got back home several weeks later and hurried out to see her flowers. She soon ran back to the house and said, "Mother, come and look at my flowers. Something terrible has happened. My garden is full of thistles that are so ugly. I tried to pull them up and they stuck my fingers and got on my clothes."

Her Mother went out to the flower garden with her and said, "These thistles are the weeds I told you to pull up earlier in the summer. Remember, you left them because you thought they were so pretty. Let us put on some heavy gloves and I'll help you pull them up now."

The day was hot and it was hard work pulling up the thistles. LuAnn was

thinking how she wished she had pulled them up when they first came among her flowers. She said, "I'm sorry I didn't obey you, Mother, but I was so sure they were not weeds."

Her Mother said, "These histles are like many things you will meet in life... at first they look pretty then later turn into something ugly. It is always best to obey your parents and the Word of God even though you may not agree." LuAnn looked up at her Mother with tears in her eyes. She said, "I really will try to always be obedient. I don't want any weeds in my garden or bad things in my life."

Dixie Hann

Sometime ago, James Armstrong preached at Harmony, near the Wabash, when a doctor of that place, a profess-ed deist, or infidel, called on his asso-ciates to accompany him when he at-tacked the Methodists, as he said. At first, he asked Mr. Armstrong: "If he followed preaching to save souls?" He said, "Yes." He then asked Mr. Arm-strong: "If he ever saw a soul?" "No." "If he ever heard a soul?" "No." "If he ever tasted a soul?" "No." "If he ever smelled a soul?" "No." "If he ever felt a soul?" "Yes, thank God," said Mr. Armstrong. "Well," said the doctor, "there are four senses against one that there is no soul." Mr. Arm-strong then asked the gentleman if he was a doctor of medicine, and he also answered, "Yes." He then asked the doctor: "If he ever saw a pain?" "No." "If he ever heard a pain?" "No." "If he ever tasted a pain?" "No." "If he ever smelled a pain?" "No." "If he ever felt a pain?" "Yes." Mr. Arm-strong then said: "There are also four senses against one that there is no pain; yet, sir, you know that there is a pain, and I know that there is a soul." The doctor appeared confounded, and walked off.

## I Like To Help People

A woman was walking along a street one windy day when the rain began to come down. She had an umbrella, but her hands were full of parcels, and it was difficult for her to raise it in the wind.

"Let me, ma'am; let me, please," said a bright faced boy, taking the um-brella in his hands.

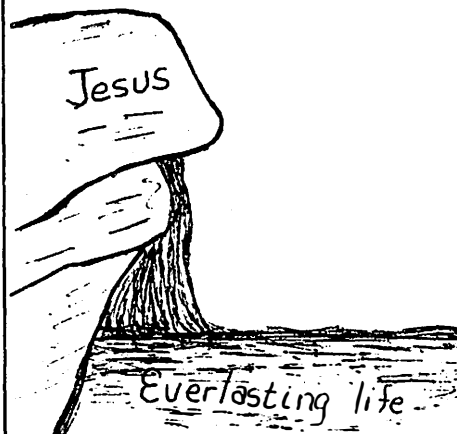
The astonished woman looked on with satisfaction, while he managed to raise the rather obstinate umbrella. Then, tak-ing out one of those ever-handy strings which boys carry, he tied all the parcels snugly into one bundle, and politely hand-ed it back to her.

"Thank you very much," she said. "You are very polite to do so much for a stranger."

"Oh it is no trouble, ma'am," he said, with a smile; "I like to help people."

Both went their ways with a happy feeling in the heart, for such little deeds of kindness are like fragrant roses blos-soming along the path of life.

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



"In that day there shall be a fountain opened...for sin and uncleanness."

**Dear Boys and Girls:**

Our precious Lord and Saviour did not have to die but the Bible says that He willingly laid down His life for our sins. We ought to love Him greatly. If you were promised a hard whipping for doing wrong and someone else willingly took it for you, I am sure that you would be grateful to that person. We ought to love Jesus because sin had to be punished. Jesus took your punishment. If we believe that He died for us and shed His blood we ought to love and serve Him with all of our hearts.

Our lesson begins with the title that they put over Jesus. The Jews wanted it changed to 'He said He was the king of the Jews', but Pilate would not change it. The soldiers that put Him on the cross parted His outer garment among them. Since there were four parts we suppose that four soldiers put Jesus on the cross. The soldiers did not know it but the Old Bible foretold that they would part His garments.

How wonderful it was for Jesus to think of His mother before He died. There in His suffering on the cross He asked John to take His mother and care for her. Boys and Girls, you have a responsibility to your mother and father to see about them. Don't ever forget it. Be kind and considerate to your parents. They will grow old someday and need care. Even now they are not as strong as they used to be. Don't forget that Jesus set you an example. We know that John was the only one of the disciples that died a natural death. No doubt it was because he was to take care of Jesus' mother.

How sad it was that Jesus could not have a good cold drink when He cried out that He was thirsty. All this He suffered for you and me. Finally, He cried out, "It is finished," and died. He had finished the plan of salvation. He died that we might be saved. He died

that we might be sanctified or filled with the Holy Spirit. He died that we might have a home in heaven when we die. We do love Him and adore His precious and holy Name, do we not?

You remember that Nicodemus was the one that came to Jesus by night and Jesus taught him that he must be born again or saved, to be ready to enter heaven. He and Joseph came and begged for the body of Jesus. They tenderly cared for it after the manner of the Jews and Joseph put it in his own new tomb. This was not Joseph who was the husband of Mary but another man named Joseph. There were many in that day called Joseph.

I trust that you will never forget all Jesus suffered for you so you could enter heaven. We should make Him know we love Him by obeying His words.

Aunt Marie

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**Lesson 8, Nov. 19, 1972**

## **JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS**

**John 19:19, 25-34, 38-42**

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

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

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

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

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

29 Now there was set a vessel full of

vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth.

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

31 The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

32 Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him.

33 But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:

34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

38 And after this Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus.

39 And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight.

40 Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.

41 Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid.

42 There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was near at hand.

Memory Verse: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. Luke 24:47.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. What title did Pilate write over the cross of Jesus?

2. Who stood by the cross? (Remember that mothers will stand by their children and suffer if they are in trouble.)

3. What did Jesus say to His mother who was standing by the disciple John?

4. What did Jesus say to John and what did John do?

5. After Jesus took care of His mother and her future what did He say?

6. What did they give Him instead of water?

7. I am sure Jesus supposed it was water but only took some and then what did He say?

8. What does "gave up the ghost" mean?

9. It was almost three o'clock on Friday. The Jews were preparing for their Sabbath which was Saturday. What did they ask of Pilate?

10. What did the soldiers do and whose legs did they break?

11. Since Jesus' was already dead what did a soldier do?

12. What verse in the lesson illustration makes us know that it was important for blood and water to flow out from our precious Lord's body?

13. We have an unprinted verse that tells us that John saw all of this happen and he said he wrote it so we would believe on Jesus. What happens when we believe from our hearts that Jesus died for us?

14. Who took the body of Jesus?

15. What did they do with it?

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Part Nine

Nov. 26

## My Father Does Not Wish Me To Play Cards

Noble answer, prophetic of a noble career.

Five boys, pupils in the boarding-school, were in the room. Four of them, contrary to the express rules, engaged in a game of cards. The fifth was not standing and looking on to see how the game would go, but engaged in some work of his own. One of the boys was called out.

"Come," said the others to their companion; "it is too bad to have the game stop in the middle. Come and take his place."

"I do not know one card from another."

"That makes no difference. We will teach you. Come. Do not let our sport be spoiled."

The boy perceived that this was the decisive moment. Ah! just such are the critical points, sometimes the turning points of life. His resolution was instantly taken. He made no more excuses, but at once planted himself square upon principle.

"My father does not wish me to play cards, and I shall not act contrary to his wishes."

This ended the matter. It did more. It established his position among his companions. It compelled their respect, and preserved him from temptation for the future.

Such a boy inspires confidence. The incident may seem small in itself, but it gives promise of the future, better than thousands of gold. Three sterling qualities are manifested: a conscientious regard to the wishes of parents, superiority to the fear of the ridicule of his companions, and decision. These qualities form a shield and a buckler in regard to all temptation. Happy the boy who possesses them. You would expect that his career would be honorable and successful.

Years have passed. That boy has become a man. Various and trying have been the scenes through which he has been called. Severe have been the temptations to which he has been exposed. But he has come forth as gold. No parent weeps, no friend blushes for him.

As parents we may not only teach our children, but teach in hope. Implant truth in the heart. Incessantly impress

correct principles. By-and-by the fruit will appear, and perhaps at that very critical moment on which his life may hinge. Happy that parent whose wise and affectionate counsels keep the steps of his child from sliding.

Are you a son, rich in youth, rich in hope, rich in good conscience? Always regard the wishes of your parents. Say to the tempter, "Away, away! I know that bitter shame, sorrow, remorse, await those who yield to thy deceitful voice. I will stand steadfast, that I may find peace, joy, honor, eternal life."

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## When the Dark Comes

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A little girl sat at twilight in her sick mother's room thinking. All day she had been full of fun and noise, and many times worried her poor, tired mother.

"Mother," said the little girl, "what do you suppose makes me get over my mischief and begin to act good just about this time every night?"

"I do not know, dear. Can you tell why?"

"Well, I guess it's because this is when the dark comes. You know I am afraid of that. And then, Mother, I begin to think of all the naughty things I've done to grieve you, and that perhaps you might die before morning and so I begin to be good."

"Oh," thought I, "how many of us wait till the dark comes, in the form of sickness or sorrow, or trouble of some kind before we begin to act good! How much better to be good while we are enjoying life's bright sunshine, and then, 'when the dark comes'—as it will, in a measure, to all—we shall be ready to meet it without fear."

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God wants us to know more about Him but we must want to know, too. So ask about God and read the Bible.

## Fine Clothes and the Death-bed

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A young lady, about twenty years of age, had been born to a rich inheritance, and was the only child of parents who were exceedingly fond of her. Nothing was spared to complete her education as a lady of fashion. As she grew up, she answered all her mother's hopes in making a display in the fashionable world; but the hour of sickness came — it was a dreadful hour, for it was the termination of all hopes.

The minister was called in; he talked of death, judgment, and eternity; she had never heard such language addressed to her, and she trembled. In her dying hour, she called for some of her fine clothes; when they were brought, she looked up to her mother, and said: "These have ruined me. You never told me I must die. You taught me that my errand into this world was to be gay and dressy, and to enjoy the vanities of life. What could you mean? You knew I must die and go to judgment. You never told me to read the Bible, nor to go to church, unless to display some new finery. Mother! Mother! you have ruined me. Take them away and keep them as a remembrance of your sin and my sad end!" She died a few moments afterward.

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Care about others. Be quick to help when they are hurt.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

We have so much to be thankful for. But we are studying today about one of the greatest days the world has ever known. Many great things have happened on other days but if Jesus had not arisen we would not have salvation. We would be lost in our sins. We would not have power to live right and be ready for

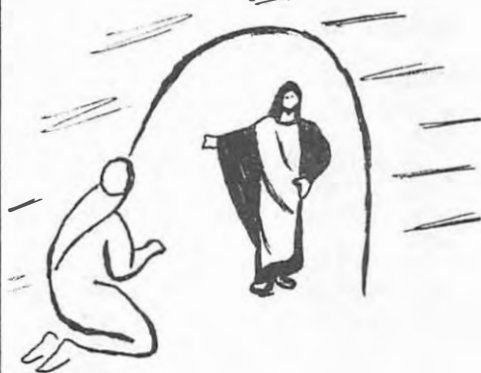
heaven. We would not have hope of arising from the grave when we died. Oh, what a wonderful Saviour we are serving. We have studied how He was dispised by the world. We read about the wicked men taking Him, binding Him and whipping Him. He seemed helpless in their hands. They took Him and crucified Him. Oh, how He suffered. They put His body in the tomb. They put soldiers around that tomb. They put a seal upon the tomb that if anyone broke it, they would be punished by death. It would seem that He was done for and they would never be bothered with Him any more. But boys and girls, look at His great power. The Bible says, He had power to lay down his life. It took power to go through all of this suffering in this world. He did not have to do it. He could have called 12 legions of angels to help Him but He refused to let them help Him. Why would He suffer all of this? Why? Do you know why? I know why. He loved us. Only through His dying on the cross could we have forgiveness of sins. He was innocent and without sin. Everyone else in the world had sinned. No one could die for us but the Son of God who was innocent. He took on Him the flesh of man. He suffered as we suffer in the flesh. He did this so He could take our punishment for sins. But the Bible not only tells us that He had power to lay down His life, but He had power to take it again. John 10:18. In our lesson, he took it up again. Man had to stand back. The guards fell down as dead men. The Roman seal was broken and Jesus came forth. What a glorious day that was!

That day the disciples looked in the tomb and went on back to their homes. They were sad. Mary was grief-stricken too, but she stayed. She sought for Jesus. She talked to the angels as if they were common men. She only thought of her Lord and Saviour. She searched the garden. She cried and looked. Jesus

will come to those who seek Him. He spoke to her. She cried, "Master." That was the first resurrection cry. She loved him and wanted to serve Him. Boys and girls, seek for Jesus through prayer and tears. He will speak to your soul. You will be made to know that He loves you and cares if you are sad. Believe Him and love Him.

Aunt Marie

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



## Mary talks to Jesus

Lesson 9, Nov. 26, 1972

### MARY SEEKS AND FINDS JESUS

John 20:1-4, 6, 8-18

John 20: 1 The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

2 Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.

3 Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.

4 So they ran both together; and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.

6 Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie,

8 Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.

9 For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.

10 Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

11 But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,

12 And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

Memory Verse: He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. Matthew 28:6.

# QUESTIONS:

1. On what day did Mary come to the sepulchre or tomb of Jesus?

2. When Mary saw that the stone was taken away from the tomb who did she run and tell that Jesus had been taken from the grave?

3. Peter and John ran to the tomb. Who was the fastest runner?

4. What did Peter do when he arrived?

5. Did they see that Jesus' body was gone and believe He had been taken away?

6. Jesus had told them He would arise from the grave but they did not understand the Scripture which said what?

7. Where did the disciples go after looking into the tomb?

8. What did Mary do?

9. What did she see in the tomb as she looked?

10. What did they say to her?

11. She began to look for Him in the garden. Whom did she see and not know who it was?

12. What did Jesus say to her?

13. She supposed Him to be the gardener so she said what to Him?

14. Then Jesus spoke her name. What did she do?

15. Was she rewarded for looking and seeking for Jesus? Will we be?

16. Jesus had not ascended to his Father yet so He told her not to touch Him but what message did He give to her to give to "my brethren" or disciples?



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## The Runaway Knock

"Teacher," said a bright, earnest-faced boy. "Why is it that so many prayers are unanswered? I do not understand. The Bible says: 'Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you;' but it seems to me a great many knock and are not admitted."

"Did you never sit by your cheerful parlor fire," said the teacher, "on some dark evening, and hear a loud knocking at the door? Going to answer the door, have you not sometimes looked out into the darkness, seeing nothing, but hearing the pattering feet of some mischievous boy, who knocked but did not wish to enter, and therefore ran away? Thus it is often with us. We ask for blessings, but we do not really expect them; we knock, but do not wish to enter; we fear that Jesus will not hear us, will not fulfil His promises, will not admit us, and so we go away."

"Ah, I see," said the earnest-faced boy, his eyes shining with the new light dawning in his soul, "Jesus cannot be expected to answer runaway knocks. He has never promised it. I mean to keep knock-

ing, knocking, until He cannot help opening the door."

Trembling and weakly doubting,

I knocked at Mercy's gate,

Listening yet unexpected,

I did not even wait!

But stepping quickly backward,

I watched that I might see,

Whether the gracious keeper

Would open unto me.

He came not, then I murmured;

I murmur not to-day;

I'm knocking now at Mercy's gate,

I will not go away.

## General Harrison and Total Abstinence

When General Harrison was running for the Presidency, he stopped at the old Washington House in Chester for dinner. After dinner was served, it was noticed that the General pledged his toast in water, and one of the gentlemen from New York, in offering another said, "General, will you not favor me by drinking a glass of wine?" The General refused in a very gentlemanly manner. Again he was urged to join in a glass of wine. This was too

much. He rose from the table, his tall form erect, and in the most dignified manner replied: Gentleman, I have refused twice to partake of the wine cup. That should have been sufficient. Though you press the cup to my lips, not a drop shall pass the portals. I made a resolve when I started in life that I would avoid strong drink, and I have never broken it. I am one of a class of seventeen young men who graduated, and the other sixteen fill drunkard's graves - through the pernicious habit of wine-drinking. I owe all my health, happiness, and prosperity to that resolution. Will you urge me now?

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## Reverence For Age

How beautiful it is to see the young reverence old age!

Some of you may remember the conduct of the irreverent children to the prophet of God, and their awful death. Although bears may not be sent to punish the irreverent, now, nevertheless, God will always punish them one way or another. "Reverence is always due to aged people. God, nature, and a proper education, say to the young, reverence old age. Gray hairs are crowns of glory, when found in the way of righteousness."

"The promptings of a kindly nature teach us to respect the aged, to rise up before the hoary head. The dim eye, the furrowed brow, and temples thinly clad, who would not respect, reverence, and love them?"

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## Evil Friendships

There is nothing in which the young need more caution, than in the formation of their friendships. If you form an evil acquaintance, you will surely get a snare to your soul. It is so much easier to go wrong than to go right, that he will drag you downward instead of your being able

to lift him up. A friendship founded on anything but sound, virtuous principles, is not stronger than tow in the flames. It will not survive self-interest. As soon as the rulers had made Judas their miserable tool in betraying Christ, they cared no more for him. "What is that to us? See thou to that," was their sneering reply, when he came back, tortured with remorse at the consequence of his deed. Those who have been your foremost flatterers in the sunshine, utterly desert you when the dark hours come, no matter what benefits you have heaped upon them.

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## God Counts

A brother and sister were playing in the dining-room, when their mother set a basket of cakes on the tea-table and went out.

"How nice they look!" said the boy, reaching to take one. His sister earnestly objected, and even drew back his hand, repeating that it was against their mother's direction.

"She did not count," said he.

"But perhaps God did," answered the sister.

So he withdrew from the temptation, and sitting down, seemed to meditate. "You are right," replied he, looking at her with a cheerful yet serious air, "God does count, for the Bible says the hairs of our head are all numbered."

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"Mother, I am tired of forgiving him," Martha said after being told she should forgive Ronnie for calling her a cat.

"Do you remember that Peter even thought that seven times would be enough to forgive but Jesus said for him to forgive seventy times seven. And remember we want Jesus to forgive us."

After Martha thought a while she said, "I'll forgive him. I want Jesus to forgive me."

Pray without ceasing.

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LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Peace  
—  
Jesus

Trouble  
—  
Devil

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Dear Boys and Girls:

On Sunday evening of the day of Jesus' resurrection, we find the disciples together in an upper room. They were very troubled. They did not know what to think of all that had happened the last few days. Just a few days before this they were with their blessed Lord and rejoiced to be in his presence. They had seen him do many mighty miracles. They saw him open blind eyes, raise the dead, heal the crippled, and teach about the coming kingdom of God. But many things happened and oh so quickly. They saw their mighty Lord taken and seemingly was so helpless in the hands of wicked men. They saw him given an unjust trial and put on a cross and saw him die. They saw him buried. It was a great puzzle to them why he was taken from them. But the greatest mystery was that he was not in the tomb. Many stories had been told to them. But some of them heard what the angels had said and they believed he had arisen. But, oh they wondered about it all. But all of a sudden Jesus stood in their midst. The doors were shut but there he stood and what do you think he said? Just the thing they

needed most. They needed peace. Jesus said, "Peace be unto you." Oh how glad they were to see him. His coming was like a light that is turned on and causes the darkness to flee. Now they saw his nail-scarred hands and feet. They knew it was their Lord. Jesus wants to bless us when we are troubled. But many times he has to come to us through the closed doors of doubts and fears. But at the time he sees a spark of faith he will come through that open door. It's best to hold our faith in God regardless of what we may think or see.

Thomas was not there that first Sunday. No doubt he shook his head and said that no man who had been crucified, died and buried would arise. But maybe someone helped him to feel a little different because we find him meeting with them the next Sunday evening. He missed the first blessing by not being there. The doors were shut again and Jesus appeared to them. Again, he brought peace to them. He turned to Thomas and asked him to see the prints in his feet and hands. Thomas cried out, "My Lord and My God." He knew it was his Lord. Jesus told him that those who did not see, but still believed, were blessed. We cannot see him with our eyes but we are blessed by believing.

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Lesson 10, Dec. 3, 1972

### DOUBTING THOMAS BELIEVES

John 20:19-29

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

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

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

22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, 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.

26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

27 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: Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. John 20:29.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. On the evening of the resurrection day or Sunday where were the disciples, how did they feel, and what happened?

2. Jesus always brings peace and comfort. How did he make the disciples glad?

3. The Father had sent Jesus here to this world and now who was Jesus sending out to tell the world that there was peace for them through Christ?

4. What did he say when he breathed upon them?

5. Remit would mean to take away. Retain means to keep. When the disciples preached the gospel and prayed for those who wanted their sins remitted or taken away, what would happen? If people don't believe, what happens?

6. We always miss a blessing when we miss meetings. Who missed that Sunday night meeting when Jesus appeared?

7. What did the disciples tell him about the wonderful meeting?

8. Poor doubting Thomas. What did he say about it?

9. The disciples meet together the next Sunday night. Don't you think Thomas had a little faith left? Who appeared and what did he say? Does Jesus meet with us today when we meet together? Read Matthew 18:20.

10. What did he turn to Thomas and tell him to do?

11. How was Thomas faithless? What does believing bring?

12. What did Thomas say?

13. Thomas saw Jesus with his natural eye. Who is blessed that believes even though they have not seen Jesus with the natural eye?

14. Did Jesus do many other signs in the presences of his disciples that are not written in this book of John?

15. Why did John write this book?

16. What life did John talk about that we will have if we believe on Jesus?

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## Means Possessed by the Young For Doing Good

When our hearts are first touched with sympathy for any person or thing, the question which naturally arises, in one's breast is "What can I do?" but too often we rest satisfied with merely making the inquiry without attempting to do what is in our power.

Whether rich or poor, we each have a work to do, and there is scarcely a case of distress or misery in which, even children may not be of some service. It would be well for us to remember the Saviour's parable of the talents. (Matt. 25:28-30) If but only one talent be entrusted to us, it should be used and improved, or we shall, before the assembled world, be denounced as wicked and slothful servants.

It is the object of this essay to show to children that they are not too young to help in works of Christian usefulness.

By suggesting to them plans in which all may assist in alleviating the evils existing in the world.

By showing them that it is their duty to assist when they can.

By showing them the benefits arising therefrom.

1. I would suggest to my young friends that they avoid evil companions, bad habits, (Proverbs 4:14-15) and never frequent those places where God's name is taken in vain. To show by their conduct and habits that their great desire is to love and know Jesus Christ. Persuade others to do so too. Remind them of the little captive maid in Syria (II Kings 5) by whose instrumentality Naaman was cured of his leprosy. Many a soul in heaven can trace deliverance from the most dreadful and deep-rooted leprosy of sin, to the help from children. I need scarcely to remind you that there are no drunkards in heaven, and God has pronounced a judgment against the man who entices another to become a drunkard. See Habakkuk 2:15. Therefore avoid intemperance.

In order that you may do much good, it becomes you to be very careful with your money, and the use to which you put it. I remember reading of a little girl, who, the first time she had pocket-money given her was sorely tempted to buy many pretty things; she, however, remembered that she did not NEED them, and by this little thought she saved her money from being spent in trifles. She adopted this as her motto, "I can do without it," so she always had money to spare to give to her

poor neighbors, and to apply to some useful purpose. On one occasion she practiced some self-denial and bought a Bible worth 3s. 6d. to give away instead of buying something for herself.

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## The Moral Effects of Tobacco

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The use of tobacco tends to vitiate the sense of taste and to create unnatural and morbid thirst, which craves some other means of gratification than the pure and wholesome beverage provided by the Creator. In this way it leads to the use of strong drink, and becomes the stepping-stone to intemperance.

It has been contended that tobacco is in some degree a substitute for alcohol, and tends to protect from intemperate drinking. But such is not the experience of mankind. Bad habits do not go singly; they are gregarious. One brings another of its kind. The man who loses his self-control in one respect is less his own master in everything. There is no slavery more relentless than that of tobacco, no chain harder to break. Even the appetite of the drunkard is often more easily overcome.

Besides, tobacco leads away from good company, and into bad company. The path of abstinence leads in the direction of sobriety, domestic enjoyment, chastity, and religion. The path of indulgence, to idleness, drinking, profanity and licentiousness.

Dr. J. H. Griscom asserts, "Cancer of the lips frequently occurs among smokers, especially on the side on which the cigar or pipe is held."

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God wants us to trust Him. Do not worry about tomorrow, but trust God to take care of all the problems for tomorrow.

## Do They Understand It?

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An old schoolmaster said one day to a clergyman, who came to examine his school: "I believe the children know their Bible lessons word for word."

"But do they understand it? That is the question," said the clergyman.

The schoolmaster only bowed respectfully, and the examination began. A little boy had repeated the fifth commandment, "Honor thy father and thy mother," and he was desired to explain it. Instead of trying to do so, the little boy, with his face covered with blushes, said almost in a whisper: "Yesterday I showed some strange gentlemen over the mountain. The sharp stones cut my feet, and the gentlemen saw that they were bleeding, and they gave me some money to buy shoes. I gave it to my mother, for she had no shoes either, and I thought I could go barefoot better than she could."

The clergyman smiled, and complimented the old schoolmaster for this good practical explanation given by a poor mountain boy, who evidently not only knew, but understood the spirit of the commandment.

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Little drops of water,  
Little grains of sand  
Make the mighty ocean,  
And the pleasant land.

Little deeds of kindness  
Little words of love,  
Help to make earth happy  
Like the heaven above.

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"The fear of the Lord is to hate evil." Proverbs 8:13. To hate evil helps us to do right. If we love the Lord we will hate evil and wrong and not do it.

Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right. Proverbs 20:11.

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LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Choose Jesus

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Jesus wants all of our love. It delights God for us to love Him. Did you ever wonder why you were placed here? Well, it's because God wanted someone to love. But He can't love us unless we let Him. The more we love Him the greater will be our joy. God wants us to not love the things in the world. Things of the world are dirty talk, undress among the people, lying, stealing, going to picture shows and other things like that. When we get saved we want to leave those things behind.

One time Cortez, the explorer that you might have studied about in history, landed on the shores of Mexico. His men were homesick and wanted to go back home. Cortez ordered the boats burned. He wanted to explore some more of this new land he had discovered.

Peter had been called away from fishing. You remember when Jesus first called him He said that He would make him "fishers of men." Peter now had gone back to fishing. Not only had he gone back but he took others with him. Jesus

no doubt looked at the 153 fishes in the net and said, "Lovest thou me more than these? Do you love Me more than the thing I called you away from?" Jesus wanted Peter to help others know about salvation and God's great love. He wanted him to cast out the gospel net and catch men. But Peter had gone back. Now he needed to "burn the boats." Peter needed to not look back to the things God had called him away from. If he cut every tie or every way he would not be tempted to look back.

Three times Peter had denied Jesus. Now, three times, Jesus tested him and asked him if he loved Him. Peter proved that he loved Jesus. He faithfully told others about Jesus and His love. After he was filled with the Holy Spirit he and the other disciples preached and 3000 souls were added to the church in one day.

Peter was put to death on the cross for Christ's sake. He asked to be crucified with his head down as he felt unworthy to die like His Lord. Peter's entrance into heaven was abundantly given. Someday we will be with him if we are faithful.

Aunt Marie

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Lesson 11, Dec. 10, 1972

**PETER IS TESTED**

**John 21:1, 3-6, 11, 14, 15, 17-22, 25**

John 21:1 After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he himself.

3 Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.

4 But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus.

5 Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No.

6 And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

11 Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.

14 This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

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

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

18 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, when thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not.

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

20 Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee?

21 Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do?

22 Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.

25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

Memory Verse: And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. Matthew 4:19.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Jesus show Himself to the disciples?

2. What did Peter say to the seven disciples that were mentioned in the unprinted verse of our lesson?

3. Who stood on the bank of the sea after not catching anything all night?

4. What did Jesus ask them?

5. When they said they had not caught anything what did Jesus tell them to do?

6. Did they obey? What happened? Does it pay to obey Jesus?

7. How many fish did they catch?

8. How many times had Jesus shown Himself to them since He had risen?

9. After they had eaten what did Jesus say to Peter who had denied Him three times?

10. After asking Peter the same question three times, how did Peter feel and what did he say?

11. Peter was told by Jesus that when he was young he could go about on his own but when he was old and ready to die what would happen to him?

12. After telling him this what did he say to Him?

13. When Peter saw John, the disciple, what did he ask Jesus about him?

14. What was Jesus' answer?

15. What does the last verse in the book of John say which is in our lesson?



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## The Captain Turned Preacher

A lady, who was actively engaged in the distribution of the Holy Scriptures and religious tracts, went, on one occasion, to the bay at Plymouth, and requested permission of a captain to go on board of a man-of-war, in which were about eight hundred men, chiefly wicked men.

The captain said: "Madam, it will be of no use; you will only meet with abuse."

She answered: "With your leave I'll go."

"Certainly, madam," he replied, and she went. Something occurred during her visit, which irritated the captain, who swore a most dreadful oath.

The lady said: "Sir, as you have granted me one favor, I hope you will confer another."

"Certainly, madam," was the reply.

"It is, then, sir, that you will please to keep from swearing, while I am in your ship." This he complied with.

After the lady had gone round the ship, and given away some tracts, (and to the honor of the British seamen be it spoken, they treated her with the greatest

respect,) she returned to the captain, who was standing at the entrance of the vessel.

She thanked him kindly, and said: "I have yet one more favor to ask you, sir, which I hope you will comply with."

"Yes, certainly, madam," was the reply.

"It is this," she said, presenting him with the New Testament; "I desire you will read it through twice."

He replied: "I will, madam, for my word's sake."

Some few years afterward, when on a visit to a place about five miles from Plymouth, on the Lord's day, she went to the church, where she heard an excellent sermon.

As she was returning through the churchyard, a gentleman accosted her, and said: "Do you remember, madam, giving a New Testament to a captain, after distributing some tracts on board a man-of-war, and desiring him to read it twice?"

"Yes, sir," she replied.

He added: "I am the man to whom you gave it, and I have been preaching to you to-day. Through your work, God has brought me to love that book which once I despised."

## The Sailor Boy and His Mother

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Not long ago I heard a letter to the youth of a Sunday school read, in which the writer told of a good boy who went to sea, perhaps he was the cabin-boy. One of the counsels which his godly mother gave him when he left home was, "Never drink a drop of rum."

The sailors used strong drink several times every day. When it stormed, they thought they must use it more freely to keep from taking cold. So they offered it to the boy, for the same reason they drank it themselves, but he refused to drink.

During a severe storm, when they were all very wet, they urged the lad very hard to drink. They were afraid that he would take cold and die. But he believed that he would not. Finally, one of the sailors, who had never tried to make the little hero drink, said that he knew he could make him take a drink. So he went to the brave lad, and did his best to make him to take a little, but he would not touch a drop. He told the old sailor of his mother's counsel, "Never drink a drop of rum", and he quoted Scripture to show that he was doing right, for he had been a good Sunday school scholar. The sailor never heard so much of the Bible in his life, as the little fellow poured into his ear. All he could reply was: "Your mother never stood watch on deck." He gave it up, however, as a bad job, and went back to his post. On being asked how he succeeded, "Oh!" said he, "you can't do anything with him, for he is chuck full of the Bible!"

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To be real brave and happy we must know that Jesus is with us all the time. He will be if we ask him and love him.

## A Word In Season

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A venerable minister of Christ said, on an occasion of his daughter being too late for worship:

"My child! Take care that you are not too late at the last great day!"

These few words which were uttered with melting tenderness, yet with holy firmness, made a never-to-be-forgotten impression on the daughter's heart, which ended in her seeking to have her name written in the Lamb's Book of Life, and give to Christ who redeemed her, the best end of her days.

A flower, when offered in the bud,  
Is no vain sacrifice.

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"What made you give your apple away, Bobby?" asked his playmate.

"Because I had two, and Ted didn't have any," replied Bobby.

"But you gave your best one."

"That's because Jesus gave His best for me, and I want to be like Him."

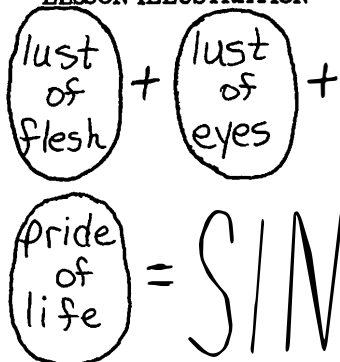
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## The Child's Reproof

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A man who was in the habit of going into his neighbor's corn-field to steal the ears, one day took his son with him, a boy of eight years of age. The father told him to hold the bag, while he looked to see if any one was near to observe him. After standing on the fence, and peeping through all the rows of corn, he returned and took the bag from the child, and began his guilty work. "Father," said the boy, "you forgot to look somewhere else." The man dropped the bag in fright, and said, "which way, child?" supposing he had seen someone. "You forgot to look up to the sky, to see if God was noticing you." The father felt the reproof so much, that he left the corn, returned home, and never again went to steal.

# LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Forgiveness follows confession and forsaking of sin.

Dear Boys and Girls:

We have had a wonderful study in the book of St. John. But today's lesson will be in First John. This book was written a number of years after Jesus had gone back to heaven. The disciples stood and watched Him rise up from the ground and go up out of sight into the clouds. Oh, how wonderful that must have been. Because He arose, we too will arise one of these days from the grave.

John was telling us in our lesson that they saw Jesus, handled Him and knew that He was real. They knew He was in the flesh like we, yet He was divine. He was the Son of God. All have sinned, so all need to repent and confess our sins to Jesus. We do not confess our sins to man unless we have wronged some person. Boys and girls when you tell an untruth you want to confess it to your mother or the one you told it to and then confess it to God. Pray and ask Jesus to forgive you. God keeps a record and you do not want that lie on that record. So keep your record clean before God. If you confess it, God will erase it, but if you don't confess it and ask His forgiveness, it will be there when you meet God.

We are not to love the world. The Apostle John tells us the three ways we may sin are "the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride of life. Eve, in the garden, sinned through this way. "And when the woman saw that the tree (that she was forbidden to eat of) was good for food (lust of the flesh) and it was pleasant to the eyes, (lust of the eyes) and a tree to be desired to make one wise (pride of life) she took of the fruit thereof." Gen. 3:6a. She and Adam sinned and all who are born into this world are prone to sin therefore we all need to repent of sin.

Jesus was tempted, too, in the same ways. Satan tried to get Him to turn the stone into bread. This was the lust of the flesh. Matt. 4:1-11. Then he tried to get Him to jump from the temple to obtain miraculous glory. This was the pride of life. He said he would give Him all He could see from the mountain if He would tempt God by falling down and worshipping him. This would be lust of the eyes. But Jesus refused to obey him and therefore He was victorious. We can overcome through Christ, too, so boys and girls live for Jesus and love Him.

Aunt Marie

Lesson 12, Dec. 17, 1972

## CONFESS AND FORSAKE SIN

1 John 1:1, 5-10; 1 John 2:1, 2, 12, 1 John 2:14-17

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

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth;

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with

another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not, and if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

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

12 I write unto you, little children, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

12 I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.

14 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Memory Verse: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9.

QUESTIONS:

1. Jesus was from the beginning. Did John tell us that he had heard Jesus, seen Him and touched Him? What did he then call Him?

2. What message did they receive from Jesus and declare to us?

3. Darkness means sin and evil or away from the Light which is God. Now if we think we love Him or have fellowship with Him and walk or live in sin or darkness then what do we do?

4. What happens if we walk in light or in the right way?

5. What happens if we say we do not have sin?

6. What happens when we confess our sins to God and ask Him to forgive us of our sins?

7. What happens if we say we do not have sin before we have confessed them and had forgiveness?

8. Does John tell us, whom he calls little children, to not sin? What are we to do if we sin? Who then is our advocate or who will plead for us to the Father?

9. Jesus took our punishment. Did He take just ours or how many?

10. What does John write to little children?

11. What does he write to fathers?

12. What does he write to young men?

13. Are we to love the world or worldly things?

14. What way does the devil work to get us to sin?

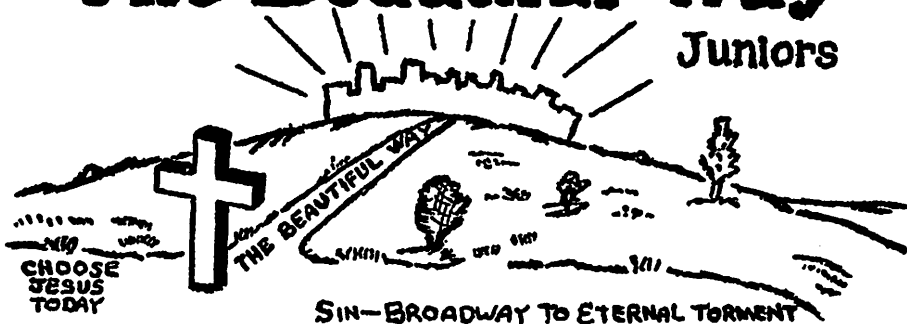
15. Did he work this way to get Eve to sin?

16. The world will pass away. If we are of the world will we be punished?

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Juniors



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## Work For It

Boys want to be rich, great or good without working for it. They think that learned, wealthy, and influential men are very fortunate — that they have easily slipped into their respective spheres. They scarcely ever think that by hard work, and dint of perseverance most of these men have risen to their present positions. Idlers never rise in the world. God does not reward laziness by "riches and honor." God did not make man to be useless, and to live at ease and reap without sowing. When farmers can sow and reap on the same day, and trees blossom and yield fruit in a single week, then, and not until then, can boys hope to become men of marked influence and acquisition without working for it.

A splendid car rolls along the street. Its owner is a millionaire. Boys look on him, and say to themselves. "He's a fortunate man; what an easy time he has! Some day we may have a windfall, and not be obliged to work for a living." They scarcely dream that the occupant of that costly vehicle was probably once a poor boy, who worked hard for many years, winning the confidence of all around him

by his industry, integrity and noble bearing. Had he been idle, lazy and loose as many boys are, he would not have owned his car nor have been a millionaire. Many years of earnest toil, struggling to overcome obstacles, practicing the most rigid economy, and bravely holding out against great discouragements, is the secret of his success.

Daniel Webster could make a great speech. Boys heard him, and said, "What a gift! How fortunate he is to possess such talents!" The thought hardly entered their minds that hard work enabled him to do it. The first time that he tried to speak in a school-room he broke down. But persevering industry overcame all obstacles. By hard study, year after year, and equally diligent practice, he became the distinguished orator. Take away a quarter of a century from his life, in which he carefully qualified himself for his profession, having no idle hours, and no bed of down, and the world would not have known Daniel Webster. Boys should not forget this. He could make a great speech because he worked for it.

Boys, it is God's rule, that nothing valuable in this world can be had without working for it. And the time to begin work is now.

## Work

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The great doctrine to teach a child, is that he must labor for what he wants. Is it riches? Let him stop envying those who have made money, and go to work and make it himself. Is it the position which character gives? Let him build up a good reputation for himself. Is it talent? Let him study to improve his mind. Possibly he may come honestly by somebody else's money, without working for it, but he cannot inherit an education. Knowledge requires brain-work, and there is no getting over it. A man may die and leave his money, but he cannot leave his education.

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## Never "Put Off"

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Whenever a work's to be begun  
With sober judgment view it,  
And never idly wish it done,  
Begin at once and do it.  
For Sloth says falsely: "Next day's hours  
Will better pull thee through it."  
For present strength is surest strength,  
Begin at once and do it.  
Delay's dull path's a dangerous one,  
For bleaching relics strew it,  
Of work intended to be done,  
By those not brave to do it.  
Procrastinate — some good will slip,  
And Time may ne'er renew it;  
Then, while the good is in thy power,  
Begin at once, and do it.  
Say not: "A lion's in the way;"  
Nor faint, though thorns bestrew it,  
But boldly try, and strength will come,  
For God will help thee do it.

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Isn't it wonderful to be a child of God?  
We have the greatest Heavenly Father  
that anyone can have.

## A Pious Mother's Advice

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That great and good woman, the late Mary Winslow, one of the best of mothers, whose memoir should be read by every parent in the land, in writing to one of her sons (now a distinguished minister of the Gospel), said: "I earnestly hope nothing will induce you to relinquish your habits of temperance. How earnestly and constantly I pray, that God may keep you from everything that by slow and insidious steps might lead you to certain ruin.

"I have, in the course of my life, witnessed such sad, such awful effects resulting from moderate drinking, that my heart sickens at the very remembrance of it. Place nothing to your lips stronger than water. No one but God can know how anxious I am, that all my professing children may be kept walking in the fear of God and in the love of the Spirit. Remember Him, who loved you unto death; live to Him and for Him, and resolve rather to die than do aught dishonoring to His dear name who in so remarkable a manner, called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Dear child, bear with a fond and anxious mother; for you know not how my heart goes out after you. The Lord has wonderfully kept me twenty-eight years in His blessed way, and has never permitted me to bring dishonor upon His dear cause. And yet I feel that I as much require His upholding hand, and His restraining grace at this moment, as I did at the first. 'Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall.' Jesus is very precious to my soul. I feel I cannot live without him. He is my all in all. The world, and all its glory and riches, are as dross to me in comparison of Him whom my soul loveth and yet I find the Christian life to be one of constant warfare, and feel at times, as though a host were encamped against me."

If all mothers would train up their children as she did, few parents would be "brought down in sorrow to the grave."

## On War

My principles — I know not whether they agree with yours; they may be derided; they may be unfashionable; but, I hope they are spreading far and wide — my principles are contained in the words which a great man used to express in secret, and which I now express in public: "Peace! Peace! Peace!" I abominate war as unchristian. I hold it to be the greatest of human crimes. I deem it to include all others; violence, blood, fraud, everything which can deform the character, alter the nature, and debase the name of man.

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

I do trust that while you are thinking about new gifts at this time of the year, that you will not forget the greatest Gift that has ever been given to this world. Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem and if He had not come we would be a very unhappy people. Jesus came to bring us peace and joy.

Our lesson in Isaiah is a prophecy of Jesus' coming. Just think about how wonderful it was that God let Isaiah get a glimpse of what He would do for us when He came. When we get saved we are "new

creatures" or people. You don't growl around like a bear. You won't fight like a lion but you will be like a lamb. Isaiah used those animals to describe how people are when they are not saved. One time Jesus talked about Herod, the wicked king, and called him a fox. It wasn't because he was a fox but he was sly and deceitful like the fox. Luke 13:32.

Some little children are afraid of big brothers and sisters who are always hitting them and teasing them. But when big brothers and sisters get saved they are nice to their little brothers and sisters as well as to everyone.

The wise men went to Herod because they had seen the star in the east. They wanted to know where the King was born. He was deceitful. He told them to find the child and let him know and he would worship Him. Now this was a lie. He wanted to kill the baby Jesus. We read later in the same chapter that because the wise men did not come back that he had all the baby boys under two years old killed.

We are thankful that the wise men did not go back to Herod but they gave wonderful gifts to the baby Jesus and His parents. They worshipped Him. Today we worship our Lord and Saviour because He will make us new in our hearts and if we will love and obey Him we will be able to get along with others.

Aunt Marie

Lesson 13, Dec. 24, 1972

### THE GLORIOUS REST-GIVER ARRIVES

Isaiah 11:1, 2, 6-10; Matthew 1:7-11

Isa. 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

2 And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and under-

standing, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord:

6. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 And the suckling child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

Matt. 2:7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Memory Verse: Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. II Corinthians 5:17.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. Jesse was the father of David. What did the prophet call Jesus who would be born in the family of Jesse and David years and years later?

2. The Spirit of the Lord would be upon Him and He would have what great blessings?

3. When a person is saved or born again are they changed?

4. What did Jesus one time call Herod? Luke 13:32.

5. The prophet Isaiah speaks of the time when people would get saved after Jesus came. How would those who had a wolf-like nature be changed?

6. How would those who had a leopard or lion-like nature be changed and what would they do?

7. A little child is very timid and is easily hurt. How can they lead the wolf and lion-like people?

8. Discuss verse 7 and 8 in the same way.

9. God's "holy mountain" is His church. Will people hurt others who are in God's church?

10. Herod was the king and he was troubled when the wise men told him there was another king born. What did he tell the wise men to do?

11. Wasn't he deceitful? Did he want to worship the baby? Matt. 2:16.

12. After they left the king they went to Bethlehem and what stood in the sky over the young child?

13. What did they see when they came into the house?

14. What did they do?

15. What can we give to Jesus today?



# The Beautiful Way

## Juniors



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### Profitable Politeness

The Boston Traveller, in commenting on the prevalence of rudeness, tells the following incident that happened some years ago: There was a very plainly dressed elderly lady who was a frequent customer at the then leading dry-goods store in Boston. No one in the store knew her even by name. All the clerks but one avoided her, and gave their attention to those who were better dressed and more pretentious. The exception was a young man who had a conscientious regard for duty and system. He never left another customer to wait on the lady, but when at liberty he waited on her with as much attention as though she had been a princess. This continued a year or two, until the young man became of age. One morning the lady approached the young man, when the following conversation took place:

"Young man, do you wish to go into business for yourself?"

"Yes ma'am," he responded, "but I have neither money, credit, nor friends, nor will anyone trust me."

"Well," continued the lady, "you go and find a good situation, ask what the rent is, and report to me," handing the young man her address. The young man went, found a capital location, a good store, but the landlord required security, which he could not give. Mindful of the lady's request, he at once went to her and reported.

"Well," she replied, "you go and tell Mr. —, that I will be responsible."

He went, and the landlord or agent was surprised, but the bargain was closed. The next day the lady called to ascertain the result. The young man told her, but added, "What am I to do for goods? No one will trust me."

"You may go and see Mr. —, and Mr. —, and Mr. —, and tell them to call on me."

He did, and his store was soon stocked with the best goods in the market. There are many in this city who remember the circumstances and the man. He died many years later, and left a fortune of \$300,000.00. So much for politeness, so much for treating one's elders with the deference due to age, in whatever garb they are clothed.

Forgive quickly even as God forgives you.

## The Door Test

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A correspondent of the "Scientific American" gives the following novel manner for measuring men's characters:

"During the last ten years, in the Winter season, according to our daily record, we have noticed the manner in which one thousand persons who called for work have opened, shut, or not shut the store-door. This, you may say, is a futile and useless undertaking; but we entertain a very different opinion. What are the facts, and what are the deductions?

"1. Out of one thousand persons recorded, three hundred and thirty-five opened the door and shut it carefully, when they came in and when they went out, without much noise.

"2. Two hundred and twenty-six opened it in a hurry, and made an attempt to shut it but did not, and merely pulled it to when they went out.

"3. Three hundred and two did not attempt to shut it at all, either on coming in or going out.

"4. Ninety-six left it open when they came in, but, when reminded of the fact, made ample apology, and shut it when they went out.

"5. One hundred and two opened it in a great hurry, and then slammed it too violently, but left it open when they went out.

"6. Twenty came in with 'How do you do, sir?' or, 'Good morning!' or, 'Good evening, sir!' and all of these went through the operation of wiping their feet on the mat, but did not shut the door when they came in nor when they went out.

"Remarks — we have employed men out of all the above classes, and during that time have had an opportunity of judging of their merits, etc. The first class, of three hundred and thirty-five, were those who knew their trade, and commenced

ed and finished their work in a methodical manner; were quiet, and had little to say in their working hours, and were well approved by those for whom they did the work. They were punctual to time, and left nothing undone which they were ordered to do. They did not complain about trifles, and in all respects they were reliable men, and were kind and obliging in their general conduct."

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## A Child's Faith

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In the highlands of Scotland, there is a mountain gorge twenty feet in width, and two hundred feet in depth. Its perpendicular walls are bare of vegetation, save in the crevices, in which grow numerous wild flowers of rare beauty. Desirous of obtaining specimens of these mountain beauties, some scientific tourists once offered a Highland boy a handsome gift, if he would consent to be lowered down the cliff by a rope, and would gather a little basketful of them. The boy looked wistfully at the money, for his parents were poor, but when he gazed at the yawning chasm, he shuddered, shrunk back, and declined. But filial love was strong within him, and after another glance at the gift, and at the terrible fissure, his heart grew strong, and his eye flashed, and he said: "I will go if my FATHER will hold the rope."

And then, with unshrinking nerves, and heart firmly strong, he suffered his father to put the rope about him, lower him into the wild abyss, and to suspend him there, while he filled his basket with the coveted flowers. It was a daring deed, but his faith in the strength of his father's arm, and the love of his father's heart, gave him courage and power to perform it. We want to have the same faith in Jesus Christ.

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Unselfish, loving service pleases God and makes people love us.

# The Value of One Page

There was once a caravan crossing the north of India, and numbering in its company a devoted missionary.

As it passed along, a poor old man was overcome by the heat and labors of the journey, and sinking down, was left to perish on the road.

The missionary saw him, and kneeling down at his side, when the rest had passed along, whispered into his ear: "Brother, what is your hope?"

The dying man raised himself a little to reply, and, with great effort, succeeded in answering: "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son, cleanseth us from all sin," and immediately expired with the effort.

The missionary was greatly astonished at the answer; and from the calm and peaceful appearance of the man, felt assured he had died in Christ.

"How or where," he thought, "could this man, seemingly a heathen, have got this hope?" And as he thought of it, he observed a piece of paper grasped tightly in the hand of the corpse, which he succeeded in getting out.

What do you suppose was his surprise and delight, when he found it was a single page of the Bible, containing the first chapter of the first epistle of John, in which these words occur?

## LESSON ILLUSTRATION



God made us special from all his creatures. We can choose to do right or wrong.

## Dear Boys and Girls:

Sometimes one brother or sister will do something to the other. Then later they will do something else. Finally a lot of things have been done. A feeling of dislike will spring up in one boy or girl's heart. Then something else is done and that bad feeling grows. Soon hatred is in the heart. Hurtful words and actions are done and both are miserable. Boys and girls this should not be. When you see that you have teased your brother or sister too much or have said things that have hurt, it would pay you to humble yourself and tell them you are sorry and get the thing out of the way. Start doing good to each other and don't let the devil plant evil things in your heart.

Cain and Abel were offering sacrifices to the Lord. God had made them know the sacrifice must be from the shedding of blood. Abel offered the right kind of a sacrifice but Cain offered the "fruit of the ground" to the Lord. God was displeased with his offering. Because God accepted Abel's offering and not his, Cain was jealous of Abel. The jealousy and envy grew. Finally it grew into hatred and then into murder. How sad. The devil hated the brother because of his righteous deeds. The devil worked on Cain. Cain did what the devil told him to do. It pays to listen to God. All of us will have to stand before God in the judgment day and the books will be opened. God is keeping a record. He knows all about us and all that we do or say. We must be careful to obey God.

If you do wrong or tell a lie don't let that pass. Fix it right away. Make it right. Then pray to God and ask him to forgive you and take it off of his record. If you do not you will meet it again some day. And, oh, how sad to miss heaven.

But don't be troubled about missing heaven when you have asked Jesus to forgive you of all of your sins, and you are doing the right thing. Jesus loves you and will help you if you will pray to him every day.

Aunt Marie

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Lesson 14, Dec. 31, 1972

## THE BOOKS WERE OPENED

### 1 John 3:11-15; Revelation 20:11-15

1 John 3:11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

Rev. 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened and another book was opened which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Memory Verse: For the Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works. Matt. 16:27.  
QUESTIONS:

1. What message have we heard from the beginning of time?

2. Who was Cain obeying and what did he do?

3. Why did he kill his brother? Gen. 4: 3-5,8.

4. Are we to be surprised if the world hates us because we do right things or tell the truth?

5. If we have passed from death to life or in other words we are saved then we can know for sure if we do what?

6. If we hate our brother or anyone, what are we?

7. How will ill-feelings grow?

8. John was on the Isle of Patmos. There the Lord showed him about things to come. What did he see?

9. Did not Jesus tell us that heaven and earth would pass away but his word would not pass away? Matt. 24:35.

10. Who was standing before God and what was God looking at?

11. Who is judged out of the things written in the books?

12. What gave up the dead to stand before God?

13. How was everyone judged?

14. Where were those who were dead in trespasses and sins and had been placed like the rich man in hell, sent?

15. Who else was cast into the lake of fire?

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